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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
F/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL,
EVADERS OR ESCAPERS FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

REINHER (Name) CAPT O-129034 (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: PRAXINOVIC

Date mission in action: 4 AUG

Date arrived in UK: 17.2.45

80 (No. of missions)

77th SWR 20th (Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: NO OTHERS (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT REINHER

CO-PILOT -

NAVIGATOR -

BOMBARDIER -

RADIO OPERATOR -

TOP TURRET GUNNER -

MID TURRET GUNNER -

WING GUNNER -

WING GUNNER -

TAIL GUNNER -

Decorations: DFC-1942, PURPLE HEART, AIRMEDAL-3 OLC

Date of Birth: 25 JAN 1920

Private Address: 124 MITCHELL AVE - ERIAHURST, ILL

Length of Service:

Job as Civilian: COLLEGE STUDENT

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? F367 1124

Were you wounded? YES Give details.

NET WOUNDED BUT SLIGHTLY INJURED AS RESULT OF BOILING OIL

Did you pay your guides? NO If so, how much?

Do you speak FRENCH? SLIGHTLY SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE? SWEDISH SLIGHTLY

Did you have identity papers? NO

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

YES - STOCKHOLM - AIR ATTACHE

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

YES - STOCKHOLM - 10 AUG.

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

YES - STOCKHOLM - AIR ATTACHE

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

YES - STOCKHOLM - 10 AUG

Date of arrival in Spain: -

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: -

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

STOCKHOLM 16 AUG AIR

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

NONE

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

NONE

SECRET - AMERICAN
REST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E. NO 2 REPORT NO.

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

Straffed airfield near Fischland
Kern. Damaging 1 ~~HE III~~ ^{HE III} of 270 10,000 field. ^{883 + 42 1113 04}
just south of field on my straffing pass there
was a small river or inlet ^{with} there were some
boats ~~packed~~ ^{packed} very close together ~~about 100~~
I gave them a long burst at about 300 yards
damaging 4 of them. 2 were E or R boats + the
rest were patrol boats about 75 ft long
Was in dinghy about 5 miles north of Bäder, on the
morning of the second day saw some sort of
camp but was too far away to ascertain
size or type.

On first night saw either an He III or a Ju 88
become airborne in the vicinity of ^{any mark,} the ~~dealing~~
flew south to Bäder area, then east + disappeared
in the Rostock area. another ~~He~~ ^{T/E} He
flew locally at about 1500 ~~ft~~ for an hour
probably from the airport we straffed.

on the 5th I saw a single jet propelled
plane flying in the ^{Lichtenberg} ~~Lichtenberg~~ area at about
15,000 feet about 8 to 10 miles away. It made

crew. The canal is heavily guarded by troops. The captain said that most of these people are strongly against Hitler.

The German people know little about military operations & know nothing about the flying bomb. The captain had a Sunday paper having a picture of the bomb. He showed it to a civilian at Lubek. The civilian wanted it to show a ^{German} captain since the capt. had stated in conversation that the bomb went over to the UK the way it was with no wings or tail. They think that England is a mass of ruins.

^{well} Many German civilians argue with the Capt about Allied bombing. Some see its necessity while the great majority don't care just so it will cease. There aren't sufficient shelters for the civilians during raids.

The people in Germany say they hope the Allies come ^{now} - they are afraid that the Russians will come first. That is their greatest fear, even greater than that caused by allied bombing.

The captain was in Hamburg once during a raid. The dock area was hit pretty hard but his ship was undamaged. He said that the Germans made black paint out the Swedish markings on his ship and use the insignia only

75 miles. All the light & coastal ships are German in International waters. I saw ^{a coastal boat} ~~one~~ about 400 yards away. It was a motor cruiser about 75 feet long. There were about 8 men on deck. On the foredeck there was a ^{40mm} gun that could probably fire up as well as forward.

The Swedish coastal boat I saw was about 50-75 feet in length & had a gun firing forwards and firing aft.

After we had picked up the Swedish Maritime pilot & were proceeding inland toward Stockholm I saw two Swedish subs heading out toward the open sea. This was about 2200 on the 7th.

The ship's captain said that Swedish coastal waters & inland waterways are mined heavily. These mines are electrically controlled from the shore. The inland waterways are covered by search lights from the shore - at night.

I asked the captain about military shipping in Germany. He said that there is very little if any in Lubeck but a lot in Kiel, Bremen, Kiel canal. ^{He} has been in Kiel canal several times. They put several Germans on board the ships to prevent sabotage by the ship's

a 150° turn to the right ending up heading East. The turn was of wide radius. He suddenly swung ~~west~~ 70° to the right. This turn was so sharp I could see a definite apex in the contrail at the point of turn. It would seem logical ~~he~~ had a jolt on the top of the ship. When he made this sudden turn he kicked his left wing up & gave the thing a squirt which swooshed the tail around suddenly. ~~this is quite~~
I can't be sure of this but ~~it is quite~~
since I was so far away but the conclusion

I believe is quite logical. after about 12-15 min the engine stopped - due to very poor performance in these glides.

I heard firing which I think was a 4 gun flat battery in the evening of the 4th & ~~it~~ intermittently all day the 5th. I could see no smoke or flash from these guns but the sound came from the Meschenhof area.

About 30 to 75 ships passed me while I was in the water. These were Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian, as well as German. Several German patrol boats around 100 to 155 feet long. These were heading West.

All shipping to ^{from} Germany from the North is guided by buoys placed about every 10 miles & by German light ships about every 20 to

for identification purposes. They didn't tell him why but presumably it was so the allies wouldn't discriminate between belligerent and neutral vessels while attacking shipping in German ports.

He said that Swedish merchant people have more or less blackballed the Swede captain who turned the two British boys back to the German authorities. He said that no one even talks to the man.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. G. OF S., G-2

DATE: 18 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I. JOSEPH T. MURKIN, Capt., AG, O-428402

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

DONALD A. WEDDER, Capt., AG, O-639434

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Donald A. Wedder, Capt. AG

Joseph T. Murkin Capt. AG

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as _____

DONALD A. WEDDER, Capt., AG, O-639434, 20 Fighter Sq., 77 Sq.

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

P. S. VERIFY
P. S. VERIFY, SPECIAL AGENT, U.S.A.

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Case # 1037 North Sea.
EVASION IN ~~COMMON TERRITORY~~ WATERS

Donald A. REIMER, Capt, C-659484
57 Ftr Sq, 20 Ftr Group

MIA: 4 August 1944
Arrived DE 17 August 1944

1037

name? Mark
by

While we were strafing

→ I

On the 4 August 1944 I was escorting heavy bombers ~~and was shot down~~ by flak. ~~my plane was hit~~
~~at an aerodrome near FJERLAND (50 miles NE of BOSTON). It was hit while we were strafing it.~~ Three minutes later Because of engine trouble I bailed out at 1000 ft. over the BALFID SEA. My chute opened at 700 ft. I stayed in the water from 1215 hrs on August until 1300 hrs on the 5 August. I was then picked by a Swedish merchant vessel at the exact location of: longitude 11°26' E, Latitude 54°12' N. The name of the Swedish vessel was the SEARSBORG and her skipper was Captain SWANSTROM. ~~It was~~ ~~300~~ was headed for STOCKHOLM. On board ship I talked to the Captain who was very pro allied and he gave such information.

We arrived in STOCKHOLM on the 8 August at 0245 hrs. I was turned over to the Swedish State Police who tried to interrogate me. I was then taken to the Assistant Commissioner of the Stockholm state police, and he called the MI. I was put under parole until Monday 15 August and released on Wednesday 17 August. I flew back to the U K by ATC and landed in Boston ~~and~~ on the 17 August at 2030 hrs. I then reported to 63 Brook Street.

M B The military information I have, was given to me by the ship's Captain: Capt SWANSTROM.

Today the 18 August I gave to Air Ministry all the information I had on the Jet propelled plane.

~~On 4 August 1944~~ I was escorting heavy bombers. While we were strafing an aerodrome near FISCHLAND (50 miles NE of ROSTOCK) I was hit by flak. ^{and} Because of engine trouble I bailed out three minutes later at 1000 feet over the Baltic Sea. My chute opened at about 700 feet. I was in the water from 1515 hours on 4 August until 1300 hours on 5 August when a Swedish merchant vessel picked me up. The ~~pre-ally~~ captain gave me a great deal of information.

I arrived in STOCKHOLM on 8 August and was turned over to the Swedish state police who tried to interrogate me. The police finally turned me over to the American MA.

Compiled by

Approved by

XXXXXXXXXX
C A BYRON
1st Lt, AC

W SELL HOLT
Lt Col AC
Commanding

Appendix D

1. I ate one Horlicks tablet every seven or eight hours. I ate the peanut bar on the second day. I used the compass.
2. I was lectured ~~42 times in 11 months~~ ^{frequently on E & E} by Squad Gp S-2.
3. In the Baltic Sea a dinghy the wind is always unfavorable so it is best to use ^{two or three} ~~one~~ buoys until a ship passes, which will pick you up. All shipping passes within 1/2 mile of these buoys.

APPENDIX B

1. On the 4 August informant straffed an air field near Fischland, damaging 1 HE 111 out of 8 to 10 JU 88 and HE 111 on the field.
2. On the 4 August informant saw just south of the ^{Fischland} air field an inlet where 5 or 6 boats were docked close together. He believed 2 to be E or R boats and the rest patrol boats about 75 feet long. Informant believes ~~to have~~ ^{to have} damaged four of the boats.
3. Informant saw ^{from} a dingy in the water ⁸ miles north of Bader, on the 4 August, a camp but it was too far away ~~for~~ ^{for} informant to ascertain the type or size.
4. On the night of ⁴ August ~~the~~ informant saw ~~from the water~~ an HE 111 or a JU 88 become airborne in the vicinity of Godesby, Denmark. It flew south to the Bader area then E and disappeared, flying towards Rostock. Another T/S A/C earlier that same evening at about 1800 hrs flew locally for an hour and then back, probably to the air field near Fischland.
5. On the evening of the 4 August, informant ~~saw from the water~~ ^{heard} 8 miles north of Bader what he thought to be a 4 gun flack battery; it fired most of the evening and intermittently all day on the 5 August. Informant could see no ~~smoke or flash~~ ^{smoke or flash} from these guns but believes that the sound came from the Meschen area.
6. On the 5 August ~~from his position in the water~~ ^{informant saw} a single unit jet-propelled plane flying in the Lichtenhagen area at about 10,000 feet about 8 or 10 miles away. It made a 180 turn to the right ending up heading E. ~~The turn was of wide radius. It then made another turn~~ ^{radius} suddenly 20° to the right. This turn was so definite sharp ^{that} he could see a definite apex in the contrail at the point of turn. Informant believes that it would seem logical that the plane had a jet on its top. While making this sudden turn, it kicked its left wing up and gave ~~a~~ ^a squirt which swooshed the tail around suddenly. ~~Even~~ ^{Even} informant was not sure of this ~~because~~ ^{because} he was so far away, but believes the conclusion is quite logical. After about 15 to 20 minutes the squirt stopped. Due to informant's poor perspective he is not sure of this either but it appeared to him that the ship lost altitude slowly in its glide.
7. Informant saw ~~from the water~~ 8 miles north of Bader, between the 4 August at 1600 hrs and the 5 August 2300 hrs, about 50 to 75 ~~German~~ ^{Swedish, Finnish, Danish, Norwegian,} ~~whales~~ ^{whales} as well as German. There were also several German patrol boats ~~about 100 to 125 feet long heading west.~~ ^{heading west.}
8. Informant was told that all shipping to and from Germany from the North is guided by bunys placed about every 10 miles, and by German light ships about every 20 to 25 miles. Informant was also told that in that ~~area~~ ^{area} of International waters all the light and control ships are German.

9. On the 5 August, ~~from the water~~ 8 miles north of Söder, informant saw a control boat about 400 yards away from him. It was a motor cruiser about 75 feet long. There were about 8 men on deck. On the foredeck there was a 40 mm gun that could probably fire up as well as forward. Informant saw also a Swedish control boat. It was about 50 to 75 feet long and had ~~one~~ *one* forward gun and one ~~firing aft as well.~~ *gun forward and one aft.*
10. On the 7 August around 2200 hrs informant saw in Swedish territorial waters two Swedish submarines heading towards open sea.
11. Informant was told ~~by a reliable~~ on the 7 August that Swedish coastal waters and inland waterways are ~~mined~~ *heavily*. These mines are electrically controlled from the shore ~~at night.~~
12. Informant was told on the 7 August that there was very little ^{if any} military shipping ~~if any~~ in Lübeck but much in Kiel, Bremen, Kiel Canal, and ~~the~~ Hamburg. Informant's Swedish source ~~said to have told~~ in Kiel canal several times. ~~See~~ Germans were placed on board his ship to prevent sabotage by the ship's crew. The canal is heavily guarded by troops. The source also told informant that most of these people are strongly against Hitler.
13. The same source told informant on the 7 August that the German people know ~~nothing~~ nothing about the flying bomb ~~operations~~. The source had a news paper showing a picture of the flying bomb. He showed it to a civilian in Lübeck. The civilian wanted to take it and show it to a Navy army captain since the Navy officer had stated that the bomb ~~would~~ *was* ~~over to the U.K. with no wings or tail.~~ The source added that Germans think the U.K. is ~~in~~ *in* a state of ruins.
14. Many German civilians argue with informant's source about Allied bombing. Some see its necessity while the great majority do not care, just so it will cease. There are not sufficient shelters for civilians during air raids.
15. The same source told informant that the people in Germany say they hope the Allies ^{would} come soon; they are afraid that the Russians will come first. That is their greatest fear, even greater than that caused by allied bombing.
16. Informant's same source was in Hamburg once during a raid. The dock ~~area~~ was hit quite hard but his ship was undamaged. He said that the Germans made him paint ~~out~~ the Swedish markings on his ships and use only the ensign for identification purposes. They did not tell him why, but presumably it was so the Allies would not discriminate between belligerent and neutral vessels while attacking shipping in German ports.
17. Informant ~~was~~ *was* told that the Swedish merchant marine has ~~more or less~~ *more or less* black listed the Swedish cryptanalysts toward the two British escapers back to the Germans. Source said that no one even talks to the G.M.

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

8 August 1944.

Subject: Orders.

To: Capt. DONALD A. REINHER 0659484 AC.

SECRET
: OCS, MID, GS, :
: :
: :
: 8 Aug 44 :

1. Capt DONALD A. REINHER 0659484 AC, having reported to this sta 8 Aug 44, is placed on temp dy this sta. Upon completion of this temp dy he will proceed by first available transportation to United Kingdom and report to U.S. Army Special Reception Center, 63 Brook St., London, W.1.

2. In lieu of subsistence a flat per diem of \$6.00 is stated while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temp dy this sta, in accordance with existing law and regulations.

TDM 88-133 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

(auth: cable instructions, MIS, 7 Feb 43)

By order of Colonel Rayens:

ROBERT W. WOOD,
Major, Inf.,
Asst. Military Attache.

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT W. WOOD,
Major, Inf.,
Asst. Military Attache.



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18 Aug 1944

1 to 41. Published in extract form.

42. O, OIF, listed below, are held from agmt to Western Base Sec, Guard-house, are agmt to Hq Base Sec #2 for dy w/FM Sec:

1st Lt DAVID A. DAVILAS, 0461792 2d Lt CHARLES E. MASGROVE, 01557646
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atd. TDM. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

43. O, Signal Depot 8-800, APO 559, listed below, are trfd in gr to 3110th Signal Sv Bn, APO 206:

1st Lt ARTHUR BAIL, 39542112 Pvt WILLIAM FOMBERG, 39835297
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on travel status is atd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 431-02 A 212/50425.

44. WOOD, 17 Aug 1944, assigning O, AG, listed below, to Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

Capt ROBERT J. GIBSON, 025613 1st Lt FRED L. SHANTZ, 0745197
Capt DONALD A. RATHBUN, 0659484 2d Lt LEONARD J. SCHALLER, 0818032
Capt WILLIAM K. DAVIS, 0789387 2d Lt EDWARD J. TRISLEY, 0912907
1st Lt ALFRED H. RICHTER, 0744355 2d Lt HERMAN P. BUNSON, 0758151
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement not to exceed \$4.00 per day is atd if govt qrs or billets are not available at temp dy sta, and alws of \$1.25 per day is atd if govt messing facilities are not available. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

45. WOOD, 17 Aug 1944, assigning AG, listed below, to Hq & Hq Sq, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe:

S Sgt HAROLD C. BROOKS JR, 16038594 Sgt RALPH J. WORMAN, 16038167
TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

46. WOOD, 17 Aug 1944, assigning AG listed below to orgn as indicated, and placing them on temp dy w/Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. Upon completion of this temp dy they will report to proper sta:

	<u>Asst to</u>
Pfc STANLEY B. CLEVER, 13092670	Hq Co, 101st AB Div
Pvt ROBERT A. BURNS, 19097942	Hq Co, 101st AB Div
Pvt MICHAEL GERWIN, 33151121	Hq Co, 82d AB Div
Pvt NECK B. DALLAS, 36660020	Hq Co, 101st AB Div
Pvt ROCCO J. MORSA, 39302815	Hq Co, 82d AB Div

TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for qrs and rat while on temp dy is atd in accordance w/Cir 63, this hq, cs, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

47. O, Ord, listed below, now on temp dy w/Ord Depot O-617, are held from agmt to this hq, APO 871, (Ord Sec) are agmt to orgn as indicated but will remain on temp dy w/Ord Depot O-617:

	<u>Asst to</u>
Capt ALFRED P. HEINZ, 0371029	264th Ord Sv Composite Bn, APO 871

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(SO 231, European T of Opns USA, 1d Aug 1944, contd)
(Par 47, contd)

1st Lt ROBERT A. HOWELL, 01548078	Asgd to 3051st Ord Sv Composite Co, APO 871
2d Lt CLARK E. CUMMINGS, 01573831	228th Ord Sv Composite Platoon, APO 871

48. VOOG, ordering 2d Lts, AUS, listed below, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Op, Eighth Air Force, to SAD, DP, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning them to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. They will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WLR 70587, 26 Jul 1944:

ROBERT MARLE HARTENSTEIN, 0557204 GEORGE ROBERT LEE, 0557051

49. VOOG, ordering 2d Lt ROBERT DEAN KOHLER, 0557799, AUS, now at 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, to SAD, DP, effective 14 Aug 1944, and assigning him to 3d Combat Crew Replacement Center Gp, Eighth Air Force, for dy w/AC, are made of record, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance. He will rank from 14 Aug 1944. Auth: WD Cable WLR 72772, 29 Jul 1944.

50. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of 1st Lt WILLIAM YOUNG, 01287807, Inf, 82d AB Div, to the gr of Capt, AUS, w/rank from date of this order.

51. 2d, Hq Det, Hq Comd, European T of Opns USA, APO 887 (G-2 Sec), listed below, are placed on DS w/Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA:
Tec 4 NICHOLAS R. BOLLIN, 32420332 Spl LOUIS S. LOLLU, 33344259

52. Civilians, listed below, are attached to Hq MI Sv, European T of Opns USA, for dy:

Mr GERALD L. REATSON Mr CHEL F. FLISIG

53. 2d Lt CLYDE W. TOMMLEY, 01285141, Inf, is rel'd from asgmt to HF Platoon, Hq VII Corps, from temp dy w/European T of Opns Reclassification Center #1, APO 871, is atchd unassgd to 16th Replacement Depot for reasgmt. TC will furnish necessary T. Reimbursement for grs not to exceed \$4.00 and \$1.25 per day for subs is atchd. TDM. 60-136 P 431-02 & 212/50426.

54. O, Hq & Hq Det, O of Strategic Sv, European T of Opns USA, listed below, are temporarily promoted to the gr indicated in AUS w/rank from date of this order:

1st Lt to Capt

OWEN D. JOHNSON, 02044809, AUS ROBERT F. FLORES, 02044516, AUS
VICTOR J. LANTON, 01144613, CE

55 and 56. Secret.

By command of General WISNIEWSKI:

R. B. LORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

R. E. SWEET,

Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 42) OB-S-B-M

KIS/el-28-939 Pentagon

6 August 1942

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground Forces;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only FURNISHES USEFUL INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY but also JEOPARDIZES FUTURE ESCAPES, EVASIONS AND RELEASES.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J.A. ULIO
J.A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGR, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGR, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) DONALD A. REHMER Signed Donald A. Rehmer
 Rank CAPT A.S.N. 0-65984 Dated 10/18/44 Place Stockholm
 Unit 77th FIGHTER SQDN 20th FTR GRP Witness Prisoner J. Alb. 14/19/44

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