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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-44889-1 Rank 1ST LT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) SMITH Earl O. Jr

Unit 79th F Tro Sqdn. 20th + Tro Grp. 8th A.F.

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 5.9 - 19 44

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

[Signature]

Major.

[Signature]

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

M.I.2. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

AN OFFICER OF M.I.2 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X. DET.
THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)

IMPORTANT.

He should/should not/be re-interrogated.

and has signed a Security Certificate.

has been fully/partially/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.2.2 (WEA) on 19-02-54

Unit

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
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AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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6 August 1943

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;
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.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.
2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
 - c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
 - d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
 - e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) Edw. J. Smith Jr.
Rank 1st Lt A. S. N. 0-448994
Unit 79th Ftp Gdn 7th AF.

Signed Edw. J. Smith Jr.
Dated 7 Sept 1944
Witness Charles A. Brown

14 U. A. C.

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

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S.9(WEA) PERSONNEL

7 Sept. 1944
(Date)

Smith Earl O. Jr. 1st Lt 0-448894
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Leferre Fr. 26
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 17 June 1944

Returned to UK: 7 Sept. 1944

79th F Tgr. Sqdn. 8th A.F.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT Smith Earl O. Jr. bailed

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

REAR TURRET GUNNER

WAIIST GUNNER

WAIIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

None

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 14:00, 17 June 1944
2 miles No. of Araines, Fr.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
ON Fire - complete destruction.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 600 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? None

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Pilot - yes

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No - burned.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

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Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

None

(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

on Land

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Fighter

Were you wounded? No

Were you in German hands? No

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? Fired on Two ~~German~~ Germans chasing
Me but did not stay to check for kills.

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

Yes

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

No other Names

What security briefing were you given? Regular briefing

What souvenirs do you still possess? None

Home address. 28 weeks Ave Santa Cruz Calif.

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 seen