

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France.

**For All Personnel.**

- 1. No. 0-801416 Rank Lst/Lt. Name COLLARD, W.J.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air medal, 4 clusters.
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details ankle, back, chest hurt in jump.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 457 Gp. 750 Sqn.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Navigator.
- 7. Date of Birth 10 July, 1919 8. Length of Service 3 1/2 years.
- 9. Peace time occupation clerk. 10. Private address 1026 Osburn Ave.,  
Springfield, Ill.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? dogtags and escape photos.
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? no.

**FOR R.A.F. ONLY.**

- 13. No. and location of O.T.U. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS**  
**WHO BALE OUT**

- 15. Post in Crew Navigator.
- 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.  
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.

PILOT	<u>Lst/Lt. W.F. ROGERS—in plane when I baled out.</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Lst/Lt. STANLEY WAZANSKI—unknown.</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>NARRATOR.</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>?</u>
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>T/SGT CHUMAS</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>T/SGT LANE</u> <u>French report 4 captured</u> <u>1 escaped in civilian clothes.</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>T/SGT. QUICK</u>
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	<u>S/SGT SHUMWAY</u>
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	<u>Lst/Lt. THOMAS</u>
TAIL GUNNER	<u>S/SGT JONES.</u>

- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17G from Iatton, 0530, 14 June, 1944
- 18. Where and when did you come down? near CHANTILLY, 1730, 14 June.
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? hid.
- Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? yes.

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EVASION REPORT NO. 181/8 (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

I came down near CHANTILLY at 1730, 14 June. I was right on a German airfield. I hid for 14 hours at a German airfield. Once a German got his hands on me, but I broke loose and fled. A boy on a bicycle brought me into CHANTILLY, where I stayed for a week. I then went on to NEUILLY-EN-THELLE for 2 weeks, then on to AUBREVILLIERS, No. of PARIS. I hid there and in the PARIS area until the morning of the 27th August, when I joined the Americans.

- 1. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)
- 2. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force)
- 3. Date of Birth
- 4. Peace time occupation
- 5. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.)
- 6. Length of Service
- 7. Private address

Secret

- 8. Did you carry any form of identification or photograph?
- 9. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

- 10. No. and location of O.T.U.
- 11. No. and location of Conversion Unit

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALE OUT

- 12. Post in Crew
- 13. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
- 14. N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- 15. PILOT
- 16. CO-PILOT
- 17. NAVIGATOR
- 18. BOMBARDIER
- 19. RADIO OPERATOR
- 20. TOP TURRET GUNNER
- 21. BALL TURRET GUNNER
- 22. WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- 23. WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- 24. TAIL GUNNER
- 25. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 27 August, 1944

- Attached:
- Appendix "B"
- "C"
- "D"

I grade this evasion 5.

Richard H Dana

RICHARD H. DANA  
2nd/Lt., CAC

Disposal: returned to unit.

Major



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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 388.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

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 supercedes letter, AG 388.6 (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) Wilbert J. Collard

Signed Wilbert J. Collard

Rank 1st Lt. A. S. N. 0-80116

Dated 31 August 1944

Unit 457 Bomb Gp 750 Sgd

Witness Charles G. Brown  
1st Lt. U.A.C.

AG P BR HQ SOS

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

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

9-31-44  
(Date)

W. J. COLLARD 1st Lt 0-801116  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

La Bourget 26  
(Target) (Number of missions)

457 Gp 750 Sqd.  
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: MAY 14, 1944

Returned to UK: AUG. 30, 1944

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

PILOT	W. F. ROGERS	ESCAPE (W.K)
CO-PILOT	S. WOLCZANSKI	EVADING
NAVIGATOR	W. J. COLLARD	ESCAPE (myself)
BOMBARDIER		
RADIO OPERATOR	CHUMAS	?
TOP TURRET GUNNER	LANE	?
BALL TURRET GUNNER	QUICK	?
WAIST GUNNER		
WAIST GUNNER		
TAIL GUNNER	JONES	?

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 40 mi. NO PARIS

MAY 14, 1944 0800

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

FIRE 2 ENGINE OUT FIRE IN WING

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

22,000

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

NO

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

ALL ?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

NO

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

NO

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.

QUESTIONABLE FRENCH SAID 4 CAPTURE  
2 ESCAPE

(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.

LAND

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

Were you wounded?

No

Were you in German hands?

5 minutes

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

Possibly one

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

No

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

KNOW NO NAMES EXCEPT FIRST NAMES

What security briefing were you given?

S-2 FORM & WORD

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE

Home address. ~~315~~ 1026 OSBORN AVE, SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

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

?

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

J. WOLCZANSKI

If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

I.S. 9 (WEA) Hq.....3  
P/W & X Det. MIS  
G-2 Div., SHAEF  
(Less App. "C" & "D")  
File

CONFIDENTIAL.

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-801176 Rank 1<sup>st</sup> Lt  
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) Wilbert James COLLARD  
Unit 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force 457<sup>th</sup> Gp. 750 Sgd

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 28 Aug - 1944  
and has signed a Security Certificate.

He should/~~should not~~/be re-interrogated.

*Dr. 1. Dore*  
*2/17, CAC*  
Major.

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.



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CERTIFIED THAT:

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

*Memo.*

*If returned to the U.K., this officer should report to 63 Bond St, London.*

*P.H.D.*

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

IMPORTANT

Major

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BILLETING OFFICE  
CENTRAL BASE SECTION 30-8-44  
COM Z., ETOUSA

SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

TO : COLLARD WJ LT O-801116

(Name, rank, branch and ASN)

1. You are assigned the following government billet:

ROOM 9A LURGAN HOTEL 115 CROMWELL ROAD S W 7

(Room No., hotel and address)

2. You are responsible for extras which you incur; for example; Laundry, cleaning, food, etc.

3. You will check in and out of the hotel in the usual manner.

4. Officers leaving this station must leave billet and clear with the Billeting Office before 1000 hours on date of departure. This is accomplished by obtaining Hotel Cashier's signature on the space allotted on reverse side and presenting this chit to the Billeting Office. Failure to comply with this directive will be reported to your Headquarters for disciplinary action.

Assignment of Billet.

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5. Officers leaving this station on Temporary Duty or Leave will notify the Billeting Office. Failure to comply will result in termination of billet.

For the Commanding General:

*Donald E. Wentzel*  
DONALD E. WENTZEL  
Captain, AC  
Billeting Officer

This is to certify that the officer named hereon has paid all bills for extras as outlined in paragraph 2 on reverse side.

Date

31.8.44

P. Vanbergen  
(Hotel Cashier)