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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

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 supercedes 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.

### GERTIFIGATE

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) Stanley J. Wolczanski  
Rank 1st Lt. A. S. N. 6-751977  
Unit 750th G. 457th B. G. P.

Signed Stanley J. Wolczanski  
Dated Sept 1 1944  
Witness Stanley J. Wolczanski Capt W. E.

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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

Sept-1-44  
(Date)

Stanley J. Wolezanski 0-751977  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

le Bourget 27  
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: June 14-1944

Returned to UK: yes

700th Sq. 457th Bomb Grp  
(Unit)

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

PILOT	<u>Rogers, William F.</u>	<u>safe in France.</u>
CO-PILOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
NAVIGATOR	<u>Collard, Wilbert</u>	<u>safe in France from hearsay</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>together - first mission - name unknown - whereabouts unknown</u>	
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>Chomis, John</u>	<u>whereabouts unknown</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>Lane, Josh.</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Quick</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WAIIST GUNNER	<u>Schumway</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WAIIST GUNNER		
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Jones</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. June 14-44 - 0830

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
about 1 km. from Iverny - Seine et Marne  
Plane on fire - No 3 engine torn from wing.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 8,000 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?  
All of crew bailed out - couldn't see all the crew as they left plane

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No - only the right side + wing burned completely

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
saw pilot + together land in some neighborhood as I did.

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.  
only pilot Rogers - stayed at some home only day later. Then organization told me of his safety.

(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.

*No.*

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

*I believe all should be safe or at least alive. we had the time to bail out properly.*

Were you wounded?

*No.*

Were you in German hands?

*No.*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

*No.*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

*Yes.*

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

What security briefing were you given?

*at P.W.F. in France*

What souvenirs do you still possess?

*just few trinkets - money -*

Home address.

*Ellic Ave New Hartford New York*

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.

*Collard, Wilbert - evading.  
Rogers, W. F. evading.*

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

DISTRIBUTION:

I.S. 9 (WEA)...

P/W & X Det.

G-2 Div., SF

(Less App.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-751977 Rank 1ST. LT.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) STANLEY J. WOLCZANSKI

Unit 750 sq. 457 BOMB SQ. (H)

has been fully/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on aug 30 1944  
and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not/be re-interrogated. upon return to UK he must report to 63 Brook St. London

*Stan Christopher*  
*1st Lt*

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.

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

EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) France

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-751977 Rank 1st Lt Name Stanley J. Wolczanski  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air medal, 3 clusters
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 750 Bomb Sqn (H)
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 Bomb Sqn 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) CO-pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 25 Aug 1918 8. Length of Service 2 1/2 yrs
- 9. Peace time occupation Clerk 10. Private address Elie Ave, New Hartford, N.Y.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, photos
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Polish

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- 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
- 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 1st Lt William Rogers - safe, last heard of near Meaux
- CO-PILOT Narrator
- NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Wilbert Collard, heard safe in France.
- BOMBARDIER don't know his name, saw him land in his chute.
- RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt John Shumas (don't know)
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt Lane - don't know
- BALL TURRET GUNNER S/Sgt Orin Schumway - don't know
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt Avick - don't know
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER T/Sgt Jones - don't know
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-17, 0830 hrs
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Le Bourget, Paris, June 14, 1944
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? The French took it
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? The French took everything out of the ship

MAPS USED: OSGS 4042, sheet 8

We took off 0530 hrs June 14, from Glattor airdrome, U.K. Target was Le Bourget airdrome. We were the lead ship. As soon as we had dropped the bombs we were hit by flak. The order was given to jump. The crew began jumping. I was the 8th man to jump. I pulled the rip cord at 5000 feet. I observed two chutes on the way down. In one was the pilot, in the other the bombardier. I landed near the town of Tveeny in a field (S-4057). Some French saw me. They motioned me to lay down. Here some French children took all my equipment. A Polish farmer walked by. He was looking for me, told me to stay in nearby woods. The next day I saw this farmer again. He took me into town where I was taken to a house, given food and clothing. Same evening taken to a French home to sleep. In the morning of the 16th taken to Charny (S-3654), taken into a store, stayed here until 17th of June. From here my journey was arranged.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ, IS9 (WEA) ..... 2 ✓
- Capt ARNOLD, 9 AF ..... 1
- G-2, FUSA ..... 1 (less "C")
- G-2, TUSA ..... 1 ( " " )
- 12th Army Group ..... 2 ( " " )
- File ..... 1

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- 18. Where and when did you come down? Le Bourget, Paris, June 14, 1944
- 19. How did you grade this report? No. Y
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment accounted for?  
 Disposal: Returned to unit through Replacement channels  
 Major

STONE CHRISTOPHER  
1st Lt., AC



APPENDIX "B" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)7/110/564

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

No. 0-751977 Rank 1st Lt Name Stanley J. Wolczanski

Date of interview 30 Aug 44

N.B.—It is of the utmost importance that when giving information on the above subjects you state clearly:—

- (1) Date, time and place where you obtained the information.
- (2) Was it the result of personal observation or a report by someone else ?
- (3) If not from personal observation who was the source (i.e., waiter, farm labourer, hearsay, cafe rumour, etc.), and how accurate do you estimate the source to be?

1. I observed ammunition trucks and tanks covered with red cross flags

Evaluation of informant's credibility.

Key.

- 1.—Reliable. **X**
- 2.—Credible.
- 3.—Questionable.
- 4.—Undetermined.

Personal Observation

With the exception of items.....above, information herein has been given verbally by E. & E. to.....

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)7/110/564

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

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The name of the farmer that helped me at Tveeny is Halas. In the store at Charny a Belgian boy by the name of Andre came and took me to the town of Livry-Gargon, and I stayed here with Monsieur Nicolai. I stayed here 3 weeks, then taken to the home of Madame Gendame.

On the 11th of July I was moved to Monsieur and Madam A. Lassaille, also at Livry-Gargon. When the Americans came in on Sunday 27, I joined up with them and acted as an interpreter between the FFI and U.S. Army. I contacted IS9(WEA) at Hotel Windsor, Paris, taken from there to First Army PWE.

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BALL TURRET GUNNER	S/Sgt Orin Zimmerman - don't know
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	S/Sgt Avick - don't know
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt Jones - don't know

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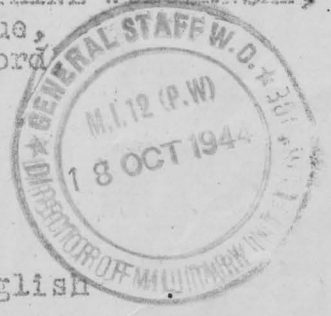
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		Date : 17.10.44.		
Reg. No.		Taken off S.S. at (port)	on (date)	
FROM : "STAN" (WOLCZANSKI), France.		To : MISS JOSEPHINE WOLCZANSKI, Elli Avenue, New Hartford New York, U.S.A.		
Date of letter (or postmark). 31st July, 1944 London W.1. 7.10.44.		Language : English		
ORIGINAL LETTER :  Submitted		SUBMITTED TO : Original to M.I.12 (P/W) Copies to I.R.B.		
Seen by : Naval Adviser		Air Adviser		M.I.12KA for DV
Operating Unit Liv.	Section Pri. 15	Examiner 3871	D.A.C. M.C.	Date 16.10.44.
No enclosures.				
An Allied serviceman, who is apparently being concealed by French civilians, writes to his family in U.S.A.				
The cover has presumably been carried to the U.K. for posting.				
Copy of letter:				
"If this letter reaches you as I hope it does you will know that I'm safe at the moment from the enemy (sic). I'm feeling fine and am in good health and hope that you are all the same. If you get this letter it will be good news to what you have received in the past.				
The French are treating me swell and I hope that after the war we can help them.				
Give my love to everyone, Dad and Mom for your sake I hope this goes thru. Please give my love to Wanda.				
In closing I ask you to keep this a secret only with the immediate family and Wand as its knowledge to anyone else can mean my capture. Please don't tell anyone.				
Again I, send all my love				
Son and brother Stan.				



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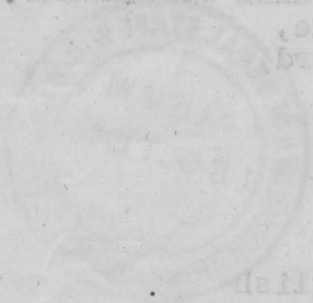
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I've been thinking of all of you. Don't tell anyone, please -  
for I'm safe now but it can happen any moment that I can be  
caught.

Ref. No. (date) (in part) (on date)

To: MISS JOSEPHINE WOLSKEL  
8111 Avenue  
New Hartford  
New York  
U.S.A.

From: "SPARK" (WOLSKEL)  
France.



Date of letter: 21st July, 1944  
(or postmark) London N.E. V.I.C. 44.  
Language: English

Original letter submitted to:  
Original to M.I. 12 (S/W)  
Copied to I.R.D.  
Submitted

Seen by Naval Adviser  
Operating Unit Section  
Examiner  
M.I. 12  
M.O. 10.10.44

The cover has presumably been certified to the U.K. for  
posting.  
As Allied servicemen, who is apparently being concealed  
by French civilians, wishes to his family in U.S.A.  
This letter reaches you as I hope it does. I will  
try to get the letter to you as soon as possible. I  
hope you will be able to get it. I will be glad to hear  
from you. I hope you are well and I hope that you  
are all well.

FOR MINISTRIES ONLY. Recommendation for Disposal of Letter and Reason.

FOR CENSORSHIP INTERNAL ACTION.

Letter Condemned      Return to Sender      Released