

B 194
2738

C

I jumped after the take-out order, at 24,000 ft and landed on the edge of the forêt de Chantilly. A woman took me into a house 100 yds away and gave me a civilian jacket. It was then 0830 hrs. I hid in the woods until 1600 hrs when I met some woodcutters, who took me to a cafe.

An English-speaking man was contacted, who took me to another cafe, where I was met by a man named Maurice. I was here one week. An American girl from San Francisco, married to a Frenchman, brought me food and civilian clothes. She cycled with me to the home of Mme Desvignes at Conle Forest. I stayed here 5 weeks.

Mine's husband works on the
Paris RR.

On 23 July 44 a man took
me to Charlevoix to spend the
night with a couple with
whom Lt. Wilbur Colvard #
had previously stayed.

Then a girl took me to
Paris and I spent one night
in her flat. The next morning
~~we went~~ ^{we were} ~~ready~~ ^{going} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~visit~~ ^{visit} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~place~~ ^{place}
of St. Mille Diximes on a street
corner and I spent the next
week in her flat. ^{For me then} ~~she~~ ^{she} gave me
my I card. Lt. Spinks #
was here too.

Two girls took me
to Charlevoix by train and
I spent the night in a hotel
in another town 28 km from
Charlevoix. The next day
a man took us 30 km to a
dairy farm from which we

went to a farm outside Boniville,
 as the French blew up the electric
 plant that night, the Germans
 patrolled the area and we
 had to stay in hiding here for
 5 days. There were two
 other Americans and a Canadian
 here, but I do not know their
 names.

Wednesday Chateaudun

but stayed in an evaders
 camp for one week. A British
 man was in charge and
 he contacted the Americans.
 The Americans sent in buses
 with armed guards and
 took us to Le Mans, where we
 joined a convoy for the coast. The
 Tuesday I was interned over
 and I was taken to the hospital.
 The hospital discharged
 me to my group and I reached
 Brooke St on 5 October 44

RESTRICTED

WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-989 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 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) Joshua D. Lane, Jr. Signed Joshua D. Lane Jr.
Rank T/sgt. A. S. N. 33192985 Dated Oct 5 1943
Unit 457th Bomb Gp 750th Sgdn. Witness Duty Officer Capt. [Signature]

RESTRICTED

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.No., Rank, Name:- 33192985 *T/Sgt. Joshua R. Lane, Jr.*Unit:- *457th B.G. 450th B. Sqn.*

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *No pockets and large enough kept loose in A/C*
- b. If not, why? *It was lost when I bailed out*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box?
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *with aids box*
State color of stripes and letters.
If NOT, State why not.
- b. Did you use the purse?

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones?

Compass,

File (hacksaw).

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts.
How did you spend the money?

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *yes*
If so, how many? *4*

b. Did you use them? *yes*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *yes*
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers? *No*

jumped on the bail-out
order at 24000 ft. Landed
on the edge of the forêt de Montilly
Machete I kept in the tree
& I left it there. There were
4 men waiting 100 yds from
a house. A woman told
me she gave me a jacket. 0830. Then
back to woods till 1600 hrs
& patrolled woods but avoided
woods. Met some woodcutters
who took me to a cafe
Got a man who spoke Eng
Took me to a house in the
forest which is also a restaurant
for one week. Given times
here Maurice owned the
restaurant had a wife
I met an American girl from
San Francisco she brought food
& gave me who gave me my
clothes. Married a Frenchman.
Then to Log de forêt
I stay with mine Desvoies
here 3 weeks. Her husband
works on Paris R.R. San Francisco
girl called me here.
On 23 July 44 a man took me to

Chantilly for a night } Collard
in a house a couple, } had stayed
Then on to Paris a girl } her
told me there. One night in her } previously
flat next a.m. met another
girl on street corner. ^{she gave me my} ^{I heard} ^{Dixewer}
I went to her apt. for a week.
70th year Morris. It Spinks Mustard
pilot
was here too. Then took
a train Chartres into 2 girls
who then walked us to another
town 28 km away. Here one night
- in hotel they knew. Then a man
took us to 30 km to another
town, spent night in a dairy farm
100th of farmhouse outside
Boynerville. That night for
law of electric plant. G
Knew of a guard if we were
stuck here 5 days. There
men in a car picked up 5 of us
(had 15 others at the farmhouse no names
24.3 + 1 Canadian) Drove us to a forest
a Chateaufort. Here an evaders
camp to be joined it. Here one week
Got in touch with ^{the} Butcher in charge
American ^{the}

2

Americans sent busses with
armed guards in for us & took
us to the main that off G.I.
for the coast. Truck
was turned over
to a 32nd over bus
for the night. Flown next day
to a base in the area
to 111 to General's base. Then
to Group there about two weeks
Wednesday morning they were
having trouble getting orders
for me to get to Bangkok &
Bangkok & get
broken scapulars cuts
of busses.

When I went to CP I went
of personnel. They told me to
wait or not to go to Su

S E C R E T

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

TARGET: Airport outside Paris

Date mission in action: 6-14-44

Date arrived in UK: 8-15-44

Joshua D. Lane Jr. 1st Lt. 33192945
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
29 (No. of missions)
750 (Squadron) 457 (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT William F. Rogers U.K.

CO-PILOT Stanley J. Wolezanski U.K.

NAVIGATOR Wilbur J. Collard U.K.

BOMBARDIER ? don't know name U.K.

RADIO OPERATOR John Chumas ~~U.K.~~

TOP TURRET GUNNER Joshua D. Lane Jr. NARRATOR

BALL TURRET GUNNER David H. Quick

WAIST GUNNER Orion H. Shumby U.K.

~~WAIST GUNNER~~

TAIL GUNNER Ray Jones U.K.

Decorations: Air Medal 3 Clusters

Date of Birth: July 23, 1921

Private Address: Stonewall, North Carolina

Length of Service: 2 yrs. 3 mo.

Job as Civilian: Clerk

From what field did you take off? Take off time. Slaton Air Base

~~Approx~~ takeoff around 4 A.M.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details. Wounded coming through the lines.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

Do you speak FRENCH? no. SPANISH? no GERMAN? no ITALIAN? no OTHER LANGUAGE? no

Did you have identity papers? No. Only Dog tags

(over)

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

No

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

No

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

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

No

Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

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

8-15-44

By Air

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.

SECRET

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Joshua D. Long
(Name)

1st Lt.
(Rank)

33192985
(ASN)

10-5-44
(Date)

457th B.G. 150th B.G.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

June 14, 44 about 8:45 a.m.

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

Surface shot up bad and burning

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 24,000 ft.

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 bailed out

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

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 crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

No
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.

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

Six have partial for U.S.

SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E 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.,.....)

*Territory which I was in is now allied
territory*