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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 16189552 Rank STAFF SERGEANT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ANGOTT THOMAS VERNON

Unit 457 th. Bomb Gr. 749 th Bomb Sqd 8th U.S.A.A.F.

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 16 May 1945

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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



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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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office, Washington

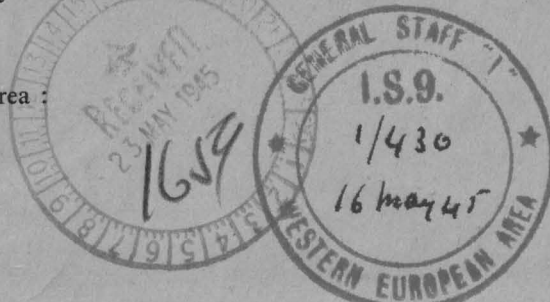
AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

6 August 1943

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

**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.

### CERTIFICATE

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) ANGOTT THOMAS VERNON Signed Thomas Vernon Angott  
Rank STAFF SGT. A. S. N. 16189552 Dated May 16th 1945  
Unit 457th Bomb Gp. 749th Bomb Spt. Witness P. J. [unclear]  
8th AIR FORCE U.S.A.F.

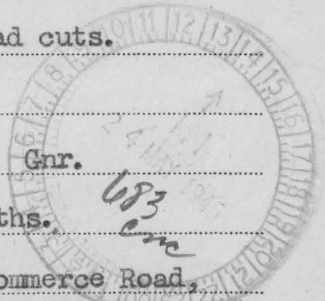
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(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/~~ESCAPED FROM~~ (Name of Country) Holland.

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 16189552 Rank S/Sgt Name ANGOTT Thomas Vernon.  
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal. 8 Missions.
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Severe concussion of brain and head cuts.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 749 B Sqn, 8 USAAF.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 B. Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Gnr.
- 7. Date of Birth 10 SEP 1925 8. Length of Service 19 months.
- 9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address 6730, Commerce Road,  
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN, USA.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes. PW Photos.
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Yes. Dutch.



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.....
- 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 .....
- CO-PILOT .....
- NAVIGATOR ..... For details
- BOMBARDIER ..... see Report:
- RADIO OPERATOR .....
- TOP TURRET GUNNER ..... No: IS9WEA/1/429.
- BALL TURRET GUNNER.....
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) .....
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) .....
- TAIL GUNNER .....
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure.....
- 18. Where and when did you come down?.....
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....

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EVASION CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) Holland

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 1618955 Rank 2/SGT Name ALBERT THOMAS VERNON
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) Air Medal. 8 Missions.
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details Severe concussion of brain and head cuts.
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 749 B Sqn. 8 USAAR.
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gr. (Air Force) 157 B. Gr.
- 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rtn., etc.) Gr.
- 7. Date of Birth 10 SEP 1925
- 8. Length of Service 19 months.
- 9. Peace time occupation Student
- 10. Private address 6730 Commerce Road, Pontiac, Michigan, USA.
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes. EW Photos.
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Yes. Dutch.

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

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  - 14. No. and location of Conversion Unit
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- PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR for details
- BOMBARDIER see Report:
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER No: 13974/450
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure

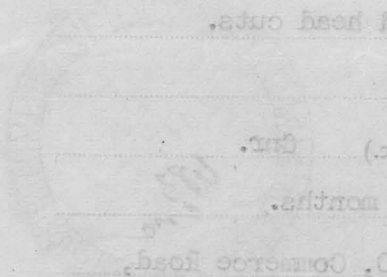
18. Where and when did you get interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA) Date 16 May 45.

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

Briefly interrogated.

Disposal: PW-X, Transit Camp, First Cdn Army.

Major GS.

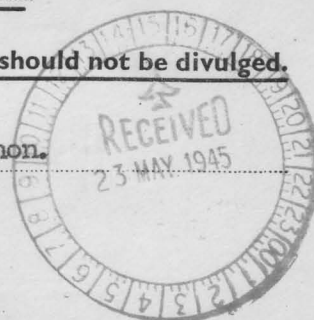
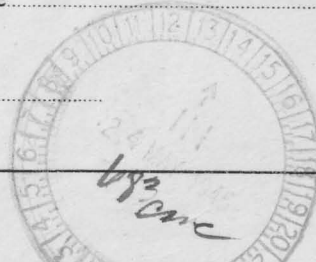


APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. IS9WEA/1/430.

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

No. 16189552 Rank s/Sgt Name ANGOTT Thomas Vernon.

Date of Interview 16 MAY 45.



- A. 26 Sep 44, I came by Mr and Mrs DE VRIES, Sailmaker, at Den KAAG, HARLEM MEER, HOLLAND. Gave me civilian clothes, sandwiches and turned me over to:
- B. Mr Willian RITTMAN, who sailed me way from German hands to his home in VARMOND, South Holland, the house boat "ALPHA" Slept there one night and ate one meal. At the time he had no trade. On the morning of the 27 SEP 44 he brought me to:
- C. The family Cornelius STARKENBURG in RIJNSBURG, South Holland. He (STARKENBURG) was a farmer. I lived there till 29 OCT 44 and had only board and room.
- D. OCT 29, 1944, I went to Mr and Mrs Dick SPOOR, JOHAN DE WITT STREET 16, LEIDEN, Holland. I lived there till 14 MAY 45. He gave me from his own capital and resources : the best food, many fine clothes, cigarettes, money, room, and a very good identification paper. Mr SPOOR was Commander of a Group of the Underground fro some time. His house was attacked twice by the Germans. The first time his wife got me away, and the second time I was caught by the Duch LANDWACHT and Mr SPOOR talked them out of taking me away, but it cost him very much in good tobacco. The man and wife were absolutely wonderful to me.