

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of P/W Information.

TO: Personnel concerned.

1. It is the duty of all Americans to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. It is an offense, carrying heavy penalties, to publish or to communicate to any unauthorized person any information which might be useful to the enemy.
3. 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.
4. 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:
  - (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. 4a.
- e. No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of the War or Navy Department.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,  
Colonel, AGC, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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 American Military Attache to whom I first report, or an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name(Print) Earl E. Woodard Signed Earl E. Woodard  
 Rank 1st Lt. A.S.N. 0-678659 Date June 26, 1944  
 Unit 457 Bomb. Gp. Witness Horace W. Furbush

HORACE W. FURBUSH,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
U. S. Mil. Lia. Off.

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Earl E. Woodard 1st Lt. O-678657

June 28, 1944

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

(Date)

457 Bomb Group  
(Unit)

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

April 25, 1944 11:00 near Gace.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? On fire - plane crashed and burned up.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

22000'

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

Not to my knowledge.

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

All bailed out, as far as I know.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Exploded.

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

Yes - 4 member alive - escaped with them.

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

Received information about 2 whom I think were on our crew and were taken prisoner - Capt. Bender + a Lt. whose name I do not know.

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

No.

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

Not in water.

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

I believe 6 are prisoners of war and the other 5, including myself, I believe all bailed out safely and assume that they were taken prisoner.

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

E & E REPORT NO 808  
EVASION IN

June 28, 1944  
(Date)

Earl E. Woodard 0-678659

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
12 (No of Missions)  
750 457  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: Airfield at NANCY

Date Missing in Action: April 25,

Date Arrived in UK: June 28, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWLB)

Indicate what happened to  
each man  
and how you know

Position	Name	Status
PILOT	Major R. L. Francis	Escaped
CO-PILOT	Capt. E. M. Bender	do not know P/W
NAVIGATOR	M. S. (above)	Escaped
ALS	Capt. A. T. Cavanaugh	Escaped
BOMBARDIER	1st Lt. E. K. Fuller	Unknown P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. L. M. Mahan	Escaped
TOP TURRET GUNNER	T/Sgt. J. Free	Unknown P/W
MID TURRET GUNNER	1st Sgt. Mike Woyurka	Unknown <u>MIA</u>
WING GUNNER	S/Sgt. Leahy	Unknown
WING GUNNER	Unknown SARICO	Unknown P/W
TAIL GUNNER	1st Lt. J. M. Hotaling	Escaped
	SOUTER	P/W

Were you wounded? Injured when hit ground with chute  
— no serious injuries.

I believe that all the crew bailed out of the plane successfully, although I know nothing definite about anyone except the 5 who are known to have escaped.



was DPMO

Left 22,000 - July c 2000 - 4000

Pulled by Lt - but 4 days, took few minutes pull self together  
Big job in just - put equipment. This bit of 10 of  
parents - dark over & back to people call away  
following here - took to house hid in mountains with a dark  
Donk to home - people gave air clothes - took on

Dinner W. Gold

Realize then the water here - by in arm - not  
bottle talk to Glen - gave calling card - left  
4-5 days coming to on the home -

c 2300 - start dinner walk to another house - by that  
has not anybody in it - then to parents / some  
people.

Kept in room all day - to a house of previous - onto  
to place where later - M. Lucien Roger dit Legendre  
At supper / talking in with major / neighboring house  
or somebody else.

Parker came - took us to his barn. Found going  
to stay there.

c next day Roger Boudon (?) came with me a cotter  
on - but Sgt Mahan.

Brook weapons

18-19

The same was but Cloter - going as for Canadian  
P. to P - couldn't speak Eng - came from Quebec.

1st talking was to Boudon with him.

5 days here - to walk out around.

c 4-5 days here - want that meet another comrade -  
Moved to here - Capt. Cavanaugh but on -  
Major Brian but in.

Mixy at Tarlac station

One of college girls act as guide

Jeanne Carn - one of the

Tent not to get - all people portraits

Jean - name Bossifera - proprietors - also bank

One fellow caught - kissing a lady - also his wife  
Smooth skin - in body fellow (who guided Mixy)

Mahan, Ross, Tarlington - Salt together

To Buloyra (2) - to hotel front -

Met proprietors who helped

Man in town very active in resistance - big - very  
big net - c35

Finis - picked up by the & took to others

Off for 2 hrs - walk - met partner

Caliza = Los, Villa, Sant, Larcia, Alhama,  
Madrid, Sib.

Told landed in Normandy (mentioned Base)

Carroll Jackson (G) across mts.

Sib - (G - hand by Anderson - see - Phil and)

Had that is had captured in area near Estafan a cache  
of supplies with 50 miles - near Bonino's outfit

Legend:

Stokland Miss Laura Cooper  
50 E 190 St  
Bronx

Arthur Wynn

34 Prospect Hill Rd

Camberwell

Melbourne, E Victoria,

Australia

No., Rank, Name:-

Unit:-

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 BOXa. Did you use your aids box? *yes*

b. If not, why?

c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

*while hiding first night - and other items used later.*  
 Horlicks tablets.

*no.*  
 Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

*yes.*  
 Milk (tube).

*no.*  
 Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

*no.*  
 Halazone tablets (water purifier).

*yes.*  
 Matches.

*yes.*  
 Adhesive tape.

*yes.*  
 Chewing gum.

*yes.*  
 Water bottle.

*yes.*  
 Compass.

*no.*  
 Sewing kit.

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?

e. How did you finally dispose of the box?

*burned*  
 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?

*no.*

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*  
 State color of stripes and letters. *yellow.*  
 If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? *yes.*

: (over)



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?  
If so, how many?

b. Did you use them?

5. LECTURES

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

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

Suggest an improvement on the maps.  
— Very few towns and villages were listed on the maps — my map kit may have been obsolete at the time.

Suggest to follow speak good to take off in bicycle.  
if seeing with help.

What to do in 1/2 hr.



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## WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (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 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.

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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.
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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) Earl E. Woodard

Signed Earl E. Woodard

Rank 1st Lt. A. S. N. 0-678659

Dated June 28, 1944

Unit 457 Bomb Group, 150 Sqn.

Witness W. L. Merson

AG P BR HQ SCS 2-44/2M/22472

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HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

*808*

DATE: 28 June 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, SOLON J. BOYDSTON, JR., 1st Lt., AC, O-755166

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

EARL E. WOODARD, 1st Lt., AC, O-678659

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

*Earl E. Woodard*

*Solon J. Boydston Jr.*

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



=====  
The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as EARL E. WOODARD,  
1st Lt., AC, O-678659 (750 Bomb Squadron - 457 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

*J. F. Carroll*  
J. F. CARROLL, SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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Woodard

SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 808

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.,.....)

Told no section of <sup>the</sup> base <sup>was</sup> mined - think mounted  
- business section - part area - but got idea that  
dark section <sup>is</sup> not.

A culvert - bridge - <sup>near</sup> station <sup>sw</sup> <sup>direction</sup> -  
ammunition cars there - <sup>very</sup> good T.

Left out <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>base</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>night</sup> <sup>by</sup> <sup>jeeps</sup> - <sup>gave</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>black</sup> -  
lots of oil drums  
Tobacco - <sup>mountain</sup>

Inviting well <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>kept</sup> -



SECRET - AMERICAN  
MOST SECRET - BRITISH  
MIS (X)

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

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No.  
Edwin E. Woodard - 1st Lt. - 0-678659
2. Decorations.  
Air Medal, 2 clusters.
3. Unit or Squadron.  
750 Sqn, 457 Bomb Group.
4. Division (Army) or Group.  
457 Gr.
5. Date of Birth.  
April 12, 1920
6. Length of Service.  
2 1/2 years
7. Private Address.  
101 E. Liberty, Farmington, Missouri.
8. Job as civilian.  
Accountant.
9. From what field did you take off?  
Glatton
10. Take off time.  
0600
11. Date and target.  
April 25 - Airport at Nancy.
12. Where did you land?  
near Gace, l'Orne.
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?  
yes.
14. What was your position in aircraft?  
Nav.
15. Were you wounded?  
no.
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much?  
No.
17. Do you speak French? Spanish?  
~~French~~ ~~little~~ Spak French (un peu)
18. Did you have Identity Papers? DOG TAGS  
No.
19. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?  
Questioned at Gibraltar. No written report.
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?  
No.
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?  
yes - Gibraltar - June 27, 1944
22. Date of arrival in Spain.  
May June 28
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar.  
June 26.
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.  
Gibraltar, June 27, 1944 - sea.
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.  
Whitchurch June 29





