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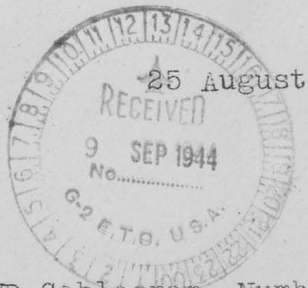
GIBRALTAR



25 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....40)

1. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the officers named below, having reported at this station on 25 August 1944, are placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty they will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where they will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses a payment of a flat per diem of $5.00 exclusive of transportation charges is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN 88-116 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

1st Lt.	FERRALL K. GOODRICH	0-755324	91st Bm.Grp.
1st Lt.	JOHN P. SMITH	0-809748	91st Bm.Grp.
2nd Lt.	ROBERT C. DISBROW	0-815102	381st Bm.Grp.
2nd Lt.	STANLEY T.J. SPENCER	0-818770	91st Bm.Grp.
2nd Lt.	ABRAHAM WISEMAN	0-757861	384th Bm.Grp.
F/O	FRANK A.J. CHAMP	T-123005	381st Bm.Grp.
F/O	HAROLD R. KURRUS	T-2078	91st Bm.Grp.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in WD Cablegram, Number 45, dated 4 February 1943, the enlisted men named below, having reported at this station on 25 August 1944, are placed on temporary duty at this station. Upon completion of this temporary duty they will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND, where they will report to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S.Army. They will be entitled to monetary allowances in lieu of quarters and subsistence furnished, according to Executive Order No.9386, dated 15 October 1943, for subsistence at the rate of three ($3.00) dollars per day and for quarters at the rate of two ($2.00) dollars per day, while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty at this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN 88-116 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Tech. Sgt.	GEORGE SOLOMON	16150721	385th Bm.Grp.
Staff Sgt.	RALPH F. CRAWFORD	37473383	379th Bm.Grp.
Staff Sgt.	WILLIAM A. FANN	18117515	91st Bm.Grp.
Sergeant	EDWIN G. BRAUN	32842826	91st Bm.Grp.
Sergeant	JOHN F. CALLAGHAN	12159275	91st Bm.Grp.
Sergeant	ALFRED M. CAMPBELL	15171172	381st Bm.Grp.
Sergeant	JESSE J. CRAGHEAD	17057789	91st Bm.Grp.
Sergeant	WILLIAM V. ZURA	6150104	91st Bm.Grp.

Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Mil. Lia. Officer.

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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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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) ABRAHAM WISEMAN

Rank 2nd Lt. A. S. N. 0-757861

Unit 384th BOMB GROUP

Signed Abraham Wiseman

Dated August 28, 1944

Witness

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Wildman

Before target pilot gave bail out order. I left ship + landed 3 kms. S. of VOVES. Frnch waiting for me. They hid me in field for an hr. Then + brought Artier clothes to me came back with clothes. Moved by bicycles to 3 kms — VERVILLE. Stayed in house + moved us to S of VOVES (M. CAVDAL who took me to his mother's house. Madeleine FLEURY + her brother also helped.

another [redacted] village. There resistance men came + took us as far as CLOYES + then to the camp in the forest. [redacted] Stayed here until 29 July. Sgt. George Solomon + 3 took off on our own for Spain. We [redacted] went by bike + walked down R.N. 10 through TOURS. Just before BORDEAUX, circled BORDEAUX, crossed the Garonne + met friend. M. GUICHENEY at LE TOURNE (12 km E. of BORDEAUX) took us across the Garonne by boat.

(Helped also by man who runs garage in [redacted] ST AMANDE de VENDINE gave us tires + food; a garage man at VILLE NEUVE on RN 10 near Poitiers [Garage is first bldg on left coming into town from North] gave us food + 600 francs; at Ruffec at [redacted] a bistro

the proprietor's son fixed our bikes + the proprietor gave us name of hotel proprietor in MANSLE.
RIRI JAULIN [8 Rue de Condé in JARNAC) helped us in MANSLE]). From Bordeaux we walked down RN 132. Two farmers N. of MAGES on 132 (first name of one farmer is RAYMOND) gave us food + a bed. His wife is DENISE → a charcoal burner in or near MAGESC?
We stayed with Raymond + Denise for a day. We then went over to the other farm where a resistance man in his 'mitties (had been in French Navy) came + took us in a truck thru Bayonne. S of Bayonne ~~he turned us over to~~ we stayed 3 days at farmer (ALEC CAPDEVILLE in HALSOU PYR. BASSES). Then 2 men of resistance (name in GIB envelope) on 12 August took us across the border near Mt. Idusquimendi. Next morning they led us to donkey trail, gave us food francs, + left us. We walked to Arizcon. Here Civil guards took us + locked us to ELIZONDO + from here to Pamplona to hotel. Next day got in touch with consul 3 days in Pamplona. Then to ALHAMA. 6 days there. Then W.O. came + took us to Madrid + then to Gib £25. Left Gibraltar 26 Aug. + arrived U.K. 27 Aug.

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- 0-757861 2nd Lt. ABRAHAM WISEMAN

Unit:- 384th BOMB GRP.

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? 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".

Horlicks tablets. ATE THEM WHEN I FELT HUNGRY.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. NONE IN KIT

Milk (tube). NONE IN KIT.

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). USED FOR TRIP OVER PYRENEES.

Halazone tablets (water purifier). NOT USED

Matches. USED FOR CIGARETTES.

Adhesive tape. NOT USED

Chewing gum. USED IN PLACE OF CIGARETTES.

Water bottle. NOT USED

Compass. LOST.

Sewing kit. USED FOR MENDING

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? BENZADRINE,

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? LEFT BOX AND REMAINING CONTENTS IN GIBRALTAR

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?

NONE

2. PURSE

a. Did you carry a purse? YES
State color of stripes and letters.
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? NINE

Compass. NONE

File (hacksaw). NONE

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRENCH 2000 FRANCS
How did you spend the money?
USED MAINLY TO BUY TOBACCO DURING TRIP THROUGH FRANCE.

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. GAVE THEM TO FRENCH AS SOUVENIRS

Compass. LOST THEM.

File (hacksaw). GAVE AWAY AS SOUVENIR

Surplus currency. KEPT SOME FOR SOUVENIR, AND THE REMAINING WAS GIVEN TO FARMER AS LAST PLACE I STOPPED.

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES.
If so, how many? FULL SET.

b. Did you use them? NO.

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape? YES.
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD. MAY, 1944, S-2.

b. Did you find the lectures of value? NO.

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

AT PRESENT, NO.

SECRET

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

ABRAHAM WISEMAN 2nd Lt. O-759861 — AUG 28, 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

384th BOMB GRP
(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, 1944 APP. 0730 APP 25 Kms SOUTHEAST OF CHARTRES.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
SHIP WAS ON FIRE, AND EXPLODED IN FLIGHT.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 19 500 FT.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
TAIL GUNNER, WAS WOUNDED, CO PILOT DIDN'T LEAVE SHIP.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
BOMB, NAV, TOP TURRET, BALL TURRET, PILOT, RADIO, WAIST, TAIL,

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?
YES.

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.
I WAS INFORMED THE PILOT & COPILOT WERE DEAD. IASKED THEM TO CHECK ON THE DOGTAGS & THE NAMES WERE GIVEN TO ME BY THE FRENCH. (OVER)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
THE ONLY PART I SAW WAS THE TAIL SECTION AND IT WAS PRETTY WELL MANGLED

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?
I HAVE NO IDEA.

THE TAIL GUNNER HAD BEEN TAKEN TO A FRENCH HOSPITAL IN CHARTRES. I WAS TOLD THAT DUE TO BEING WOUNDED SEVERLY IN ONE KNEE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO AMPUTATE THE LEG JUST ABOVE THE KNEE.

THE RADIO MAN WAS INJURED WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND AND WAS WITH THE FRENCH GENDARMES AT JOUES.

THE TOP TURRET MAN WAS WITH ME, AND WE WERE BEING KEPT BY THE FRENCH AND THEN TAKEN TAKEN TO A CAMP IN THE WOODS, FROM WHICH I MADE MY WAY TO SPAIN.

THE BOMBARDIER, BALL TURRET, & WRIST GUNNER, WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE FRENCH.

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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: PARIS

A. WISEMAN 2nd Lt. 0-755861
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date mission in action: 6-14-44 (returned)

4 (No. of missions)

Date arrived in UK: 8-27-44

544 (Squadron) 384 (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT ROBERT SOMMERVILLE — DEAD - PARACHUTE CAUGHT ON FIRE INFO RECEIVED FROM FRENCH PEOPLE.

CO-PILOT JEAN VOGT — DEAD - DID NOT GET OUT OF SHIP IN TIME

NAVIGATOR ABRAHAM WISEMAN — EVADED AND RETURNED TO U.K.

BOMBARDIER — LAST REPORT I RECEIVED, HE WAS IN HANDS OF FRENCH R's. WITH FRENCH GENDARMES IN VOUES.

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER ALFRED HOLT — RETURNED TO U.K.

BALL TURRET GUNNER — — WITH BOMBARDIER

WAIST GUNNER — — WITH BOMBARDIER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER — IN FRENCH HOSPITAL IN CHARTRES ONE LEG HAD BEEN AMPUTATED.

Decorations: NONE

Date of Birth: JUNE 15, 1917

Private Address: 1888 - 54th ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Length of Service: 5 yrs 3 mos

Job as Civilian: LATHE OPERATER

From what field did you take off? Take off time. GRAFTON - UNDERWOOD APPROXIMATELY 0500 hrs.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? I ASSUME THEY WERE.

Were you wounded? Give details. NO.

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? NO. THEY GAVE ME 1000 FRANCS.

Do you speak FRENCH? A LITTLE SPANISH? NO GERMAN? NO ITALIAN? NO OTHER LANGUAGE? —

Did you have identity papers? NO

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?
AMERICAN CONSUL - PAMPLONA, SPAIN BRITISH INTELLIGENCE, GIBRALTAR
MILITARY ATTACHE' - MADRID, SPAIN

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?

NO.

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

ALAHMA, SPAIN
GIBRALTAR

Date of arrival in Spain: AUG, 13, 1944

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: AUG 25, 1944

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air. GIBRALTAR, AUG 26, 1944 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 - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encarpments, 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.,.....)

NOTICED A CAMOUFLAGED AIRFIELD 10 KMS NORTH OF TOURS ON HIGHWAY N.10. 3 GERMAN AIRCRAFT, VERY SKILLFULLY CAMOUFLAGED IN FARM YARD.

SUST NORTH OF BORDEAUX, ENEMY HAD OCCUPIED SMALL TOWNS, DUE TO MAQUIS ACTION.

IN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE, THE ENEMY HAD BEEN MOVING OUT SLOWLY.

ENEMY MORALE WAS REPORTED AS BEING VERY LOW.

CIVILIAN MORALE AT THE TIME WAS VERY GOOD, DUE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE INVASION FORCES.