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Escaper.....
Evader..... JAMES N. PHELPS Sgt 34674413
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
Unit 547th Squadron, 384th Bomb Group.....

Missing In Action. 28 Jan 45

Rejoined Allied Forces 18 Apr. 45

At APPEL, HOLLAND

INTERROGATOR

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E & E Report No. 2979

Prepared by PW & X, MIS

HELPERSMAPS USED

GSGS 4042

Sheets 2A & 3B

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Furnished food, clothing, shelter 1-8 Feb 1945.

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Provided shelter and food 8 to 15 Feb 1945.

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Provided food and shelter 16-27 Feb 1945.

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Furnished food and shelter 28 Feb to 18 Mar 1945.

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could not speak English. Had
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2 yrs old. Father had a small
house nearby.

Furnished food and shel-
ter 18 Mar to 18 Apr 45.

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CASUALTY INFORMATION

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CO-PILOT.....	CALKINS, C.....	2nd Lt..	Same as above.
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BOMBARDIER.....	HAIGHT, H.R.....	S/Sgt...	Same as above.
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WAIST GUNNER.....	KELLEY.....	Sgt.....	Dutch said he was evading 4 Feb 1945.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CERTIFIED THAT:

No 34674419 Grade Sgt. NAME (Print) JAMES N. PHELPS

CLAIMS ASSIGNMENT TO FOLLOWING UNIT 547 Sq, 384 Bp.

Security reasons ~~do~~/do not/ exist preventing his return to combat duty.

He was a ~~PW~~/Evader/ for a period of 81 days.

Individual has ~~has not~~ been identified.

Stone Christopher
Capt, AC
Signature

IMPORTANT: THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF MI9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF MIS-X ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

Fully interviewed at Kanan, 22 Apr 45
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APPENDIX C

Maps Used: GSGS 4042, Sheets 2A, 3B.

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CALKINS, C.,	2d Lt.	Co-Pilot	Same as above.
LUCAS,	1st Lt.	Navigator	Same as above.
HAIGHT, H. R.	S/Sgt.	Bombardier	Same as above.
SENUCHUK, P.S.	T/Sgt.	Radio Operator	Was seen evading 17 Apr 1945 by Sgt. PHELPS near APPEL, HOLLAND.
ZINER, A. E.	T/Sgt.	Top Turret P/W Gunner	
CAPPELO, T.	T/Sgt.	Ball/Turret P/W - Had been wounded in plane. Gunner	
KELLEY	Sgt.	Waist Gunner	Dutch said he was evading 4 Feb 1945.

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

EVADED CAPTURE//~~ESCAPED~~ FROM (Name of Country) HOLLANDFor all Personnel

1. No. 34674419 Rank. Sgt. Name JAMES N. PHELPS
(U.K: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions).....
3. Were you wounded? Give details.....
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)..... 547th Sq:.....
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force)..... 384th Grp. 6. Job (Pl.Cmd., Rfn., etc) TAIL GUNNER
7. Date of Birth..... 26 Mar 1924 8. Length of Service..... 22 months
9. Peace time occupation... Farmer..... 10. Private Address..... Box 34, Route
2, Windsor, North Carolina
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?.....
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language?.....

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..... Tail Gunner
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 ... JACKSON, 1st Lt. Dutch advised he was evading 4 Feb 1945
- CO-PILOT. CALKINS, C. 2d Lt. " " " "
- NAVIGATOR. LUCAS, 1st Lt. " " " "
- BOMBARDIER. HAIGHT, H. R. S/Sgt. " " " "
- RADIO OPERATOR. SENCHUK, P. S. T/Sgt. Saw him 17 Apr 1945, evading, APPEL, HOLLAND.
- TOP TURRET GUNNER. ZINER, A. E. T/Sgt. P/W
- BALL TURRET GUNNER. CAPPELO, T. T/Sgt. P/W - Had been wounded.
- WAIST GUNNER (R.)... KELLEY, Sgt. Dutch advised he was evading 4 Feb 1945.
- WAIST GUNNER (L.).....
- TAIL GUNNER.....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure.. B-17, Grafton-Underwood,
England, 28 Jan 1945, 0830 hours.
18. Where and when did you come down? ODEMARKT, HOLLAND, 28 Jan 1945.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?
Met Allied Forces 18 Apr 1945 at APPEL, HOLLAND
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....

G. L. B. H. J. M.

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Certificate

I certify that I have read and fully understand all the provisions of the Directive of the Secretary of War AG 383.6 (24 March 45) OB-S-B-M, 29 March 1945), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that disclosure to unauthorized persons will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard **MILITARY INFORMATION**.

I realize that it is my duty during my military service, and later as a civilian, to take all possible precautions to prevent disclosure, by word of mouth or otherwise, of military information of this nature.

Name (Print) PHELPS, JAMES N. Signed James N. Phelps

Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 34674419 Dated 4-22-45 Place Paris

Unit 384th Bomb Group ~~547th Sq N~~ Witness Stone Christopher
547 Capt, AC

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CONFIDENTIAL.

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 34674419 Rank 1st
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) PHELTS, J. N
Unit 547 sqn. 384 gn 8. U.S.A.A.F

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 19 Apr 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.



Fuller
capt
Major.

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office, Washington

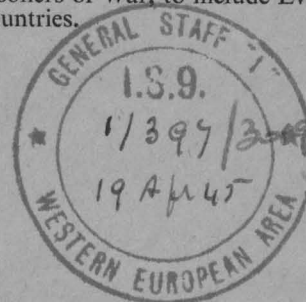
AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

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) JAMES NORMAN PHELPS Signed James N. Phelps

Rank 1st Lt

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) HOLLAND.

For All Personnel.

1. No. 34674419 Rank Sgt Name PHILLIPS James Norman.
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 21 Missions.
3. Were you wounded? Give details No.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 547 B Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 384 B Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Tail Gnr.
7. Date of Birth 26 MAR 45. 8. Length of Service 23 months.
9. Peace time occupation Farmer. 10. Private address WINDSOR, N.C. Route 2.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dog tags.
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? Dutch (Slight)

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 TROOPSWHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Tail Gnr.
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.
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| PILOT | 1/Lt JACKSON. | Evaded. |
| CO-PILOT | 2/Lt CALKINS. | Evading. |
| NAVIGATOR | 1/Lt LUCKOUS. | Evading. |
| BOMBARDIER | S/Sgt HAIGHY. | Evading. |
| RADIO OPERATOR | T/Sgt XXXXX SENDCHUK. | Evading. |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | T/Sgt ZINER. | Captured. |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | S/Sgt CAPPELLO. | Captured. |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | Sgt KELLEY. | Evading. |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | | |
| TAIL GUNNER | Narrator. | |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B 17G. GRAFTON UNDERWOODS. 28 JAN 45. 0830 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? HOLLAND. 28 JAN 45.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hidden in Forest.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes.

Attached:

Appendix

“XIX”

Disposal:

Paris.

Briefly interrogated.

Major GS.