

HQ, ETOUSA
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E & E REPORT NO. 89
EVASION IN FRANCE

SEPT 9, 1943
(Date)

RALPH D. MCKEE, 1ST LT, D-729637

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

366 SQDN 305 BOMB GP
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 21

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 19 MO

HOME ADDRESS: SOUTHARD, OKLA
BOX 52

MIA: JAN 4, 1943

Arrived in Spain:

AUG 10, 1943

Arrived in Gibraltar:

SEPT 4, 1943

Arrived in UK:

SEPT 8, 1943

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB) 4 SEPT

Official Narrators
Disposition Disposition

PILOT	O-663974	1st Lt	William C. WETZEL	MIA	NAR
CO-PILOT	T-86	F/O	Charles T. COCKRELL	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	O-729637	1st Lt	Ralph D. MCKEE	NARRATOR	
BOMBARDIER	O-734774	2d Lt	Charles E. ALLEN	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	13080370	T/Sgt	Earl L. SELL		
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34352224	S/Sgt	Doya C. GARRETT		
BALL TURRET GUNNER	13052256	S/Sgt	Peter (NMI) HENATWICK		
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	17032523	S/Sgt	William O. HULETT		
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	13039596	S/Sgt	Bernard C. MCKNIGHT JR		
TAIL GUNNER	10600115	S/Sgt	William F. MOONEY		

Were you wounded? YES, SLIGHT FRAGMENT WOUND
LEFT HAND, PALM

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *RALPH DALE McKEE, 1ST LT, O-729437*
2. Decorations. *AIR MEDAL, 3 CLUSTERS TO AIR MEDAL, PURPLE HEART*
3. Unit or Squadron. *366 SQDN. 3-22-43*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *305 BOMB GP.*
5. Date of Birth. *SEPT 19, 1921*
6. Length of Service. *19 MO.*
7. Private Address. *BOX 52, SOUTHARD, OKLA.*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?
Were Aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
*NANTES; JULY 4, 1943; T.O. 0945 JULY 4, 1943;
CAME DOWN 1320 TWO KM. FROM ST. PHILBERT DE GRANBLIEU*
- X 9. If in AF, give names of other members of crew and what happened to them.
- X 10. Give details and full story of your trip on attached sheets.
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *NO*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *NO*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *YES*
14. 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 experience? Where and when? *YES. MAJ. CLYDE CLARK, MAJ. GRADY LEWIS
WRITTEN REPORT - GIBRALTAR SEPT. 4, 1943*
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
SPAIN, MAJ. CLYDE CLARK
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *YES, GIBRALTAR
SEPT 4, 1943*
17. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air.
GIBRALTAR, SEPT 4, 1943 BY AIR
18. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
PREST WICK, SCOTLAND SEPT 8, 1943

Wounded

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 89

No., Rank, Name:- Ralph D. McKEE, 1st Lt, O-729637

Unit:- 366 Bomb Squadron, 305 Bomb Group

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must 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
- (b) If not, had you one on you? Yes. The kit fell from my pocket during the jump
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box?
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets.
 - (ii) Chocolate
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches.
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum.
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box?
- (g) 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? Yes
If so, state COLOR. Khaki
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones?
 - (ii) Compass.

- (iii) File (hacksaw).
- (iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. France
How did you spend the money. 1000 Francs for guide - 350 Francs for food - 650 Francs taken by Spanish Government
- (d) How did you dispose of:-
 - Maps. Given to Frenchman who aided me, who destroyed them.
 - Compass. }
 - File (hacksaw). } Taken by authorities at Pimplona Prison, Spain
 - Surplus currency. Taken by Spanish Government

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(*Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

- (a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE No
 - (i) Round compass.
 - (ii) Stud compass.
 - (iii) Swinger compass.
 - (iv) Fly-button compass.
 - (v) Pencil clip compass.
 - (vi) Tunic button compass.
 - (vii) Pipe compass.
 - (viii) Pouch
 - (ix) Special flying boots (and knife).
- (b) Were they satisfactory?
- (c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS Pockets of flying coveralls should be fitted with zippers to prevent loss of kits, cigarettes, etc.

- (a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? Yes.
If so, how many? One
- (b) Did you use them? Given to a Frenchman who promised to get a passport.
State how. In the meantime, however, I contacted other helpers.

5. LECTURES

- (a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? Yes
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.
Bovingdon, March 1943, Instructors
- (b) Did you find the lectures of value? Yes

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APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORTS NOS. 88 and 89

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with two officers who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 4 July 1943
to 10 August 1943

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2. Observed around CLISSON - Panzer troops in approximately two hundred armored cars and tanks. 8 July 1943
3. Observed flying over NANTES - a JU 52 with a large ring around fuselage.
4. Hearsay - The Germans now have the greater part of the TODT organization working on fortifications northeast of PARIS. These fortifications extend in a line from LILLE to AMIENS and then in a southeasterly direction. The line is similar to one of the lines of the last war. 26 July 1943
5. High-ranking French Army officer stated that the submarine pens at ST NAZAIRE should be bombed by low-altitude torpedo bombers in conjunction with protective smoke screen. 8 July 1943
6. Large numbers of armored cars mounting guns with two sets of dual wheels in the rear were observed in small villages between ST PHILBERT LE GRAND-LIEU and NANTES. 11 July 1943
7. All main streets in NANTES have smoke screen apparatus at intervals of 50 feet. This type of apparatus is located along the road between LA BASSE INDRE and NANTES, parallel to the LOIRE. 21 July 1943
8. Observed German troops entraining to the north from PEYREHORADE 7 August 1943. French source stated that large numbers of German troops have been withdrawn from Spanish frontier. French source said that thousands of German troops with horses had arrived in COMPIEGNE. In this town a large complete bridge mounted on wheels was seen, according to source. 26 July 1943
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10. French source stated that German occasionally ran troop trains on regular passenger schedules and sent civilian trains on irregular schedules in an effort to combat sabotage.

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MIS Detachment

12 September 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO M & R REPORTS NOS. 28 and 29

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2. Observed around ELISSEN - Panzer troops in approximately two hundred armored cars and tanks. 8 July 1943
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WETZEL, VC
KITCHEN, W. WETZEL

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH

SECRET
W. WETZEL
A. S. WETZEL

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366 Bomb Squadron, 305 Bomb Group

MIA: 4 July 1943

Arrived in Spain:

10 August 1943

Arrived in Gibraltar:

4 September 1943

Arrived in UK:

8 September 1943

AGE: 27 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 8/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: 926 W. Morton Street
DENISON, Texas

Ralph D. McKEE, 1st Lt, O-729637
366 Bomb Squadron, 305 Bomb Group

AGE: 21 years
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 7/12 years
HOME ADDRESS: Box 52
SOUTHARD, Oklahoma

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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4 July 1943

We left CHELVESTON at 0945 hours 4 July 1943 to bomb NANTES. On the way to the target the high squadron of our Group was stacked low instead of high and we flew in 'prop' wash all the way. We encountered light flak but no fighters before dropping our bombs. As soon as our bomb-bay doors were closed four FW 190's attacked high at 5 to 7 o'clock. We shot down the first three of the fighters but the fourth one sprayed us with machine gun bullets and 20 mm shells. The right bomb support was cut through about a foot above the catwalk. The radio room caught many hits and the inter-phone was shot out. Fire spread from the bomb-bay to between the two outside engines.

The alarm bell was switched on although Lt McKEE states it failed to work in the navigator's compartment. The order to bale out was given over the 'inter-com' and the nose of the plane was dipped several times. After the co-pilot and engineer had left the ship I tried but did not succeed

DELAYED JUMP
24,000 TO
10,000 FEET

NANTES

IMMEDIATE
AID

GERMAN SEARCH

feathering the number two engine which was running away. I climbed back to the radio room but not seeing anyone I went to the escape hatch in the nose and baled out. There was a fighter about 75 yards from the plane, so I delayed my jump to about 10000 feet. At 5000 feet I noticed gun fire from the ground and received a flesh wound behind my left ear. Later, while hiding my parachute I counted five bullet holes in the silk.

I landed in a plowed field about ten miles north of NANTES. While I was hiding my chute two French boys came up to me. We put my chute under a brush pile and then ran about 4000 yards to a farmhouse. I was hidden in a barn under a pile of straw. Early the next morning one of the boys led me into a field and left me in a bramble patch. I was there all day but went back into the barn to sleep at night. At noon Germans came to the house but after fifteen minutes left without searching the fields. I spent that night in the barn and returned to the field early the next morning. That afternoon a Doctor came to see me. I had three pieces of flak in my right cheek.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

My subsequent journey was arranged while I was at this farmhouse, and on 7 July I was taken away. Before leaving I changed into civilian clothes, leaving all my army clothes behind. My escape Aids Box was useless because the milk tube had broken and spread over all the contents. I left it with my helpers along with 1000 Francs taken from my escape Purse. Several days later I joined Lt McKEE of my crew and from there we travelled together.

LT McKEE'S STORY BEFORE JOINING LT WETZEL:

INJURED
LEAVING
PLANE

I saw the engineer and co-pilot bale out. After letting the bombardier know that we were baling out I followed the co-pilot, feet-first. In leaving the plane my back hit something and I passed out but revived when the chute opened. I saw three chutes. Before reaching the ground I saw our plane crash in a road and burn. A part of it had fallen away and was burning in a field.

SECURES
IMMEDIATE
HELP

I landed in a wheat field. My only injury was a shell-fragment in the palm of my left hand. Feeling stunned I lay down to rest but two boys rode up on bicycles and helped me unbuckle my chute. One of the boys hid my chute and Max West while the other took me, on the bicycles, to a farmhouse about four kilometers away. I was hidden in a hayloft after being given civilian clothing and food. The next day a Frenchman, who spoke a little English, came to see me. He examined my escape Aids Box and took with him one of my escape photographs. I did not see him again.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

The morning of 6 July 1943 one of my helpers put me in a cart under burlap bags and drove me to a field where I spent the night. The next day two Frenchmen collected and took me to another farmhouse. After a night in a barn I moved to still another farm where I was kept in a chicken house until 10 July. Two Frenchmen came on bicycles to take me away and after joining Lt WETZEL my subsequent journey was arranged.

Compiled By:

Approved By:

RICHARD R. NELSON
Major, AC

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BROCKEL - WERTICOM

W. S. HOLT
Lt Col, AC
Commanding

4 August

Col Brunet

Jean Brunet

Helen

Martha

Doctor

asked questions

for purposes of
identification

Lt Greene & Sgt Templeton were met at history

~~Trip - Guantánamo - Legenday.~~

Sept 9th 1943.

We left Chiberton 9:45 AM July 4th to bomb
Harter, France. The formation on the way had
the high squabber stocked low instead of high
and we had continual prop wash all the way.
No fighters little flock up to target. Drop
bombs at 12:47 ~~and~~ just as we got bomb
bay door closed we were hit by fighters. 4 or 5

F.W. came in 5 or 7 o'clock high. We shot down 3 or
4. The fourth one got us. Whole plane sprayed with
machine gun bullets and 6 or 7 20 mikes. The
right bomb support was cut through 8 or 12 in
above exhaust. The radio room had many hits.
Inter plane out. Fire bomb bay and spread oil
burning between two outside engines.

LT Wetzel. I switched on alarm bell
" MEKEE states it failed to function in navigation
compartment.

I also called over radio to bail out + bailed nose
several times. The co-pilot + engine bailed out
I turned ship + attempted to feather No 2 but
could not. I went back to radio room did not see
anyone so went back + out escape hatch. I saw a

fighter about 75 yds away so made a delayed pull
25 to about 10,000 ft. At about 5,000 ft noticed gun fire
from ground + received a crease behind left ear.

Landed in a plowed field was attempting to hit
my chute when 2 fresh bombs came. We hid chute
under a bush pile noticed 5 bullet holes
in it. Threw Mac West + oxygen bottles with chute.

Then ran 400 yds to a farm house where I was
hidden in a barn. They gave me food + wine. I

spent night in barn in the hay. Next morning early
I was told to go out in a field + hide in some bush.

I could speak a little French. I hid all day back

6th - long that night. (St. Philbert)
Back to field that afternoon. Later came + saw me

I saw 4 chutes from on plane about 1000 yds away. They crashed in woods + I saw one went fall 500 yds away. I saw one went fall 500 yds away.

Now of the fifth German came and searched for 15 min but did not come out in field where I was.

(4)

6th That evening a Frenchman (TOK) came but the people being he would not turn round as they did not know him.

7th That evening 3 Frenchmen arrived (JEAN LIEONDAY ^{PHARMACEUT AT BASSE} TOK + 1 other). The people who had hidden me gave me clothing + I left all my clothes. I gave them my escape kit it was worthless as something had broken + spread over everything. I had opened my purse + taken money out. Left purse also. I gave the farmer 1000 francs. We left in a car belonging to TOK went to ELISSON here to a French General home (AUBERIERE) code name of Alexander. Stayed here until July 11th. That evening 4 French arrived TOK + wife JEAN L. + ^{EUGENE} 1 other. Left in car + went to Basle. Lohr on way stopped on bridge going through Nants by 2 German + 2 French police. They checked car but not papers. I had been given identity card by General using my photograph. At Basle Lohr went to Jean L's house and has met Lt McKee.

12 to 27 Stayed in Basle Lohr then left by truck to of us + 5 French to apt in Nants. Mr. Mrs. Maurice Jan 16 Harroughs St. across st from Conservatory of Music. Stayed until night of 29th then to a house ~~in Nants~~ distinct (Mrs. Clements) stayed until evening of Aug 2nd. That night to Dr. home in Nants then met Lena H. She took Russ bought tickets + took train 3rd class on train met a man - civilian clothes a French gentleman who worked with Lena he said he was Surin's brother (small black hair the fore hair bent no English) Arrived Paris Aug 3rd subway to apt of Dr. Andre Lwoff. Afternoon of 4th interrogated by Col. + Jean Brunet + 2 girls Helen + Martha Lena called me other Dr. asked me what C.O. gave us just before starting on raid

TUE
5:40 6 P.M.

Now, mark S.N. any identification station in
England target by departure. How all these
in M.S.

That night left & met St. Gene & Sgt
Templeton at the 2nd Div house. Back that
night next night left.

LT. MEKEE. STORY UP TO EVENING OF JULY 11TH

I saw a gun & Co Pilot go out. Bombardier was sitting
still I made him understand we were fairly out. I followed
Co Pilot I went out feet first hit my back on
something and forward came too & had chute open.
I saw 3 chutes. A.F.W. flew fast did not chute. I saw
one plane burning & heard also a plane out in field burning
I landed in a small wheat field. I was stunned & lay down
& boys came & bikes helped me out of chute & Mac West.
I hid then the other took me down hedge row to wood.
1 boy & I rode 4 or 5 kls to farm house where there small
village. 2 boy left over barn gave me shirt & trousers
wine & cognac food. Spent night. Next day boy who had
been in French Market & Maine spoke a little English
came. I opened & showed him maps kit & photos. He took
photo but I never saw him again. Stayed night of 5th.
Morning of 6th farm put me under burlap & bag in coat.
drove to a field & hid me. 2 fresh boys came (Jean Chataigner
told me could contact Org). Spent night in grass rain.
7th morning taken to farm house & to bag left gave me a
army blanket and men suit. He took me in cart to
another farm where an old lady & son kept me in a
cheaper house stayed until evening of 10th. Jean Legendre
and Eugene also Felix came & bikes brought me for me.
Morning of 11th rode to Baris. I rode to Jean Legendre
house. Evening of 12th St. Nitel arrived.

In party 3 U.S. officers 1 M.S. Sgt.
2 Poles, for Brunet, 1 Frenchman. 1 Guide.
at house picked up ^{1st night} into picked up 2 Germans & 1 woman
Crossed border into Spain morning of Aug 10th, walked
about 5 Km stopped at farm house gave wine & meat to eat
for about 4 hrs then coffee and wine then slept until
dinner time. During day Brunet who had a pistol
showed gun to Spanish and the wife of house who we
were called police. They took us after much argument
about 5 kilometers and after taking gun turned us loose.
We walked on to Evraque. then about 7 Kilos from
Elizondo car came almost caught. Then picked up
by 2 police about 2 Kilos from Elizondo. Taken to
prison stayed 4 days then to Pamplona ten days
then to Alhama.

MESSAGE TO FOL GEORGE RATAN POLISH
FIGHTER Sq Hg LONDON W1

Both Leon & Nantier well but mother, father
& sister and 1 brother killed by German.

APP. L.

LT WETZEL.
LT MCKEE.

JULY 7th. In the evening three Frenchmen (JEAN LIGONDAY, JOCK + one other) took me (LT. WETZEL) in a car to LISSEON to the home of a French General named ANDERBIERE he used the code name of ALEXANDER.

July 11th Jock and his wife, Jean L and Eugene took me by car to Basse Indre on the way went through Nantes and car was stopped and searched at a bridge by 2 Germans and 2 French policemen. I did not have to show the identity card that had been given to me by the French General. We stopped at Jean L's house in Basse Indre and here I met Lt McKee.

July 22nd we were taken by truck to Nantes where we stayed in apartment of Mr & Mrs Maurice You 16 Harroughe St until the night of July 29th then we went to Mrs Clements home located in the poorer district of town. We stayed until Aug 2nd and then met Lena H. and she and a man who said he was Louise's brother took us on the train to Paris. We went to the apartment of Dr Andre Livoff. Aug 4th we were questioned by Col and Jean Brunet also Lena, Helen or Martha and one other doctor. They asked us what our C. O. gave us just before we started on a raid. Our name, rank, serial number, our station in England, target, the hour of departure and our home address. Two nights later we left for the Spanish border with Lt Green, Sgt Templeton, two Poles, John Brunet a Frenchman and one guide. The first night we started walking we picked up 2 Frenchmen, 1 French woman, 7 French boys and 2 German deserters. We arrived in Spain Aug 10th walked on

and were arrested ~~about~~ near Ellizondo.
We spent two days in prison in Pamplona
and ten days in Albana. We then went to
Madrid and on to G. B.

MOST SECRET.

APPENDIX "B".
M.I. 9.(b)/S/P.G.

The following information has been obtained from our interview with
..... (.....) who escaped
after capture by the enemy/evaded capture by the enemy after being
in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

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Statement of information covering period from
to

1. Great number of cars with guns mounted (2 the cars are armoured and have two sets of dual wheels in rear.) Observed about 15 kms N.E. of St. Philbert de Grandlieu in small villages. July 11, 1943
2. All principal streets in Nantes have smoke screen apparatus located at intervals of about 50 ft. These devices are also numerous on the road between Basses Indres and Nantes, parallel to the Loire River. July 21, 1943
3. Observed German troops leave by train from Peureuxhorde, France on Aug. 7, 1943. Rumors heard from Frenchmen stated that large numbers of German troops have been withdrawn from the frontier between France and Spain
4. July 26. A French lady who spoke English told me she had observed thousands of German troops with large numbers of horses arrive in Compienne. She also observed a large complete bridge mounted on wheels at this town.
5. Rumors from Frenchmen. The Germans are running their troop trains on the regular passenger schedules and allow the civilian trains to run at odd times, in an effort to combat sabotage.

M.I. 9.
/ /42.

Lieut.-Colonel, G.S.

9 April 1943

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 ANDREWS:

Ralph Pulsifer
RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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) RALPH D. MCKEE Signed Ralph D. McKeeRank 1ST LT ASN 0-729637 Date SEPT 9, 1943Unit 366 SQDN, 305 BOMB GP. Witness Richard R. Nelson
Major A.C.

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4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Personnel named below.

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2nd.Lieut. JOHN L. DUNBAR, O-730774, 100th Bn.Grp.
2nd.Lieut. ROSCOE F. GREENE, O-734357, 332nd Sqdn., 94th Grp.

having reported at this station on 4 September 1943, you are placed on temporary duty this office. Upon completion of this temporary duty you will proceed by first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND; where you will report without delay to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U.S.Army. Under authority of WD Cablegram Number 45, 4 February 1943, in lieu of subsistence, a flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling on official business (except by belligerent or government vessel) and while on temporary duty this station, in accordance with existing law and regulations. TDN FSA 1-5600 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

By order of Colonel FORSTER:

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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, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name(Print) RALPH D. McKEE Signed Ralph D. McKee

Rank 1st Lt. A.S.N. D-729637 Date SEPT 4, 1943

Unit 366 SQDN, 305 BOMB. GR. Witness Horace W. Forster

HORACE W. FORSTER,
Colonel, G.S.C.