

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

1903

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 36048381 Rank S1SGT.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) WILBURN HAMPTON

Unit 451 Sqn, 322 B GP.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)
on 10 Sept 1944 and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

R. A. De
2nd Cdr
Major

IMPORTANT:

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE ~~RETAINED~~ AND HANDED TO (BRITISH) AN OFFICER OF M.I.9
OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

If E & E is returned to the United Kingdom, he will report to 63 Brooks
Street, London.

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

EVASION CAPTURED/~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Name of Country) France

For all Personnel.

1. No. 36048381 Rank S/Sgt. Name Wilburn HAMPTON
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 46 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 451 Bomb. Sqn.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 322 Bomb. Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd. Dfn., etc.) Gunner
7. Date of Birth 6 Feb 1920 8. Length of Service 3 yrs.
9. Peace time occupation Truck driver 10. Private address 530 West Water St. Elmira, N.Y.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? No
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

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	<u>1st Lt. E. Canfield</u>	<u>0793229</u>	<u>Down with ship</u>	<u>MIA</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Col. Winstead or Simpson</u>	<u>John G</u>	<u>Down with ship</u>	<u>0022869 MIA</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>1st Lt. Conforti</u>	<u>Dugo</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>0802642 MIA</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>1st Lt. Burns</u>	<u>Graham</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>0673217 MIA</u>
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>T/Sgt. Hoffmeister</u>	<u>Hamilton</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>16041470 MIA</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>S/Sgt. J.H. Chidiester</u>	<u>ack</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>39843984 MIA</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>None</u>			
WAIST GUNNER (R.)	<u>? W.H.H. Rapp</u>	<u>35650495</u>	<u>I was two chutes besides my own. French say both were captured.</u>	<u>MIA</u>
WAIST GUNNER (L.)	<u>None</u>			
TAIL GUNNER	<u>Narrator</u>	<u>Hampton</u>		

17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-26, Andrew Field, 19 July 1944, 1500 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? Nantes, 19 July 1944, 1700 hrs.
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date 10 Sep 1944

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- Appendix "C"
- Appendix "D"

I grade this evasion No. 5.

Richard H. Dana
RICHARD H. DANA
2nd Lt., CAC
Major

Disposal: Returned to unit.

DISTRIBUTION:

- Hq. I.S. 9 (WEA) 2
- 12th Army Group 2 (less C)
- 9 AF 1

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/6/133/856

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

No. 36048381 Rank S/Sgt. Name Wilburn HAMPTON

Date of Interview 10 Sep 1944

I was helped by the following

M. Vinch
La Ford sur Sevre
Beux-sevre
La Foret (near Cholet)

1. Because disclosures of information regarding evasion from capture, escape, details of imprisonment, release from internment, and repatriation have been made, the lives and services of fellow soldiers and those who help them have been lost or endangered. All information which you possess on these subjects, including the experiences of others as well as your own, briefings and equipment for evasion and escape, and preparations and other activities in connection therewith, constitutes MILITARY INFORMATION which is classified SECRET by the War Department.

2. You will therefore disclose no information whatever, beyond the fact of your return to duty from "missing in action" or "prisoner of war" or "internment", to anyone except the following military officials:

- a. The first Military Attache to whom you report;
- b. An officer designated by the Commanding General of an overseas Theatre of Operations;
- c. The Prisoner of War Branch, MIS, Washington, D.C., the interrogating agency designated by the A/C of S, G-2, War Department General Staff;
- d. Certain other officers holding written authority from the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, to interrogate you.

3. You will particularly guard against disclosure of SECRET information to relatives, friends, representatives of the press and radio, and military officials, except as noted in a, b, c and d above.

4. In order to protect yourself against disciplinary action, any question involving publicity must be referred BY YOU PERSONALLY to the A/C of S, G-2, WDGS, Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the foregoing and the Directive of the Secretary of War, 6 Aug 43 (on the reverse side), and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that all information concerning escape, evasion from capture, activities and equipment in connection therewith, and details of imprisonment or release from internment, is SECRET and must not be disclosed to anyone except the military officials specifically designated. I further understand that disclosure to any other person will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that publicity concerning my experiences, by word of mouth or otherwise, will endanger the lives of many persons and therefore it is my duty to take all possible precautions to prevent it.

I further certify that I have received a copy of the foregoing.

Name (Print) HAMPTON, W. L. BURN..... Signed.....

Rank S/SGT..... A.S.N. 36048381..... Dated..... Place.....

Unit 451st B. Sq. 922 B. Sq...... Witness.....

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I. S. 9 (WEA) PERSONNEL

Sept. 11, 1944
(Date)

HAMPTON WILBURN S/SGT 36048381
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

NAUTES 46
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: 7-19-44

Returned to UK: 9-10-44

322 Bomb. Sq. 457 Bomb. Sq.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT W. E. CANFIELD 1st Lt.
CO-PILOT Col. SIMPSON
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. CONFORTI
BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. BURNS
RADIO OPERATOR T/SGT H. C. HOFFMIESTER
TOP TURRET GUNNER S/SGT J. H. CHIDESTER
BALL TURRET GUNNER NONE
W/ST GUNNER ?
W/ST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER S/SGT W. W. HAMPTON

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. 7-19-44 17:00

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

PLANE ON FIRE Right engine hit by flak.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 7,000 ft.

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

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

Three bailed out ok.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Yes

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

No

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.

No

(over)

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

Burned.

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?

Three bailed out of five went down with plane.

Were you wounded?

Burned

Were you in German hands?

No.

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

No.

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

YES.

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

*M. Virel
La Touz. Low - severe.
 Dent severe.*

What security briefing were you given?

Same.

What souvenirs do you still possess?

NONE.

Home address.

530 West Water St., Elmira, N.Y.

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.