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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. I Rank 1st Lt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ROLLAND E. LEVEY

Unit 474 Fighter Gp. 479th Fighter Sq

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 9 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

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

Edward Parnell
Capt, ac. Major.
I.S. 9(WEA)

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.

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NINTH AIR FORCE

*est Levey
2262*

APO 696, US Army
4 September 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

✓ 1ST LT HOLLAND E LEVEY, 0736262, AC
TO : 2ND LT WILLIAM R PATTERSON, 0758217, AC
P/O JOHN H GREAVES, T 2234, AC
S/Sgt Calvin M Seiler, 37704444, 322nd Bomb Sq
Sgt Gerald E Hart, 17169842, 670th Bomb Sq.

You will proceed on or about 4 September 1944 from Headquarters, Ninth Air Force to the United States Special Reception Center, 63 Brook Street, London London, W-1, England. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212750425.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen, USA,
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OFFICIAL:

C R BIRBARI
Lt Col, A.C.,
Asst Adj Gen

Certified true copy:

David I. Colwell
DAVID I. COLWELL
Capt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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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.

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.

GERTIFIGATE

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) Rolland E. Hevey Signed Rolland E. Hevey
Rank Capt. A. S. N. 0-736262 Dated Sept. 23, 1944
Unit 429th Ft. Sqdn 474th Ft. Grp. Witness _____

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

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

Sept. 23, 1944
(Date)

Levey, Rolland E. Capt. 0-736262
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Bridge - Ancenis 27
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: July 5, 1944

Returned to UK: Aug. 15, 1944

429th Ft. Sqdr'n 474th Ft. Grp.
(Unit)

23 Sept

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

PILOT Levey, Rolland E. — uninjured

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

W.AIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing. July 5, 1944 2100 N-W. of Ancenis Fr.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Loss of coolant and oil due to damage by own bomb blast.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? — Belly landing

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? No

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

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?

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.

(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? - *No*

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?

Were you wounded?

No.

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.

What security briefing were you given?

ISW9A

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Carte D'Identité

Home address. *409 East Hermosa, Santa Maria, Calif. U.S.A.*

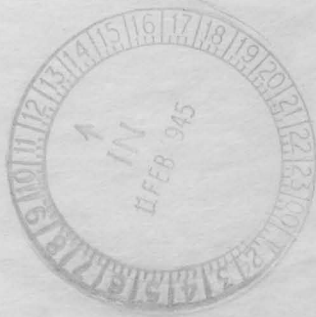
List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

My mission was to strafe bridges. I was knocked down by my own bomb blast. I received help very soon and was put in touch with the resistance at LAQUERCHE, from where I was taken by automobile to POMMERIEUX, 5 km E of CRAON. Then I went to CRAON where I stayed a week, and then another week in COSSE-LE-VIVIEN, 15 km to the N. Here they promised me an airplane ride back. I met a person from PARIS who took me to his family's house in GESNES where I stayed until I was over-run.

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

EVASION CAPTURE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Name of Country) **France**.....

For all Personnel

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- 1. No. **0-736262** Rank **1st Lt** Name **LEVEY, Roland E.**
(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).....
- 5. Div. (Army) or Sq. (Air Force) **474. Btr. Grp** Job (Pl. Cmd., Rfn., etc) **Pilot**.....
- 7. Date of Birth..... 8. Length of Service.....
- 9. Peace time occupation..... 10. Private Address.....
- 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 **Pilot**.....
- 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..... **Narrator**.....
CO-PILOT.....
NAVIGATOR.....
BOMBARDIER.....
RADIO OPERATOR.....
TOP TURRET GUNNER.....
BALL TURRET GUNNER.....
WAIST GUNNER (R.).....
WAIST GUNNER (L.).....
TAIL GUNNER.....
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure.....
- 18. Where and when did you come down? **Near CRAON, MAYENNE, 5. July 1944.**.....
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west?.....
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?.....

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date **9 August 1944**.....

I grade this evasion No. **5.**

Edward P. Arnold
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EDWARD P. ARNOLD
Capt., AC

Major X

Attached:

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

Disposal: **Returned to unit.**.....

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