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I.S.9 (WEA)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REPATRIATED PERSONNEL

- 1. No. 15331170 Rank Pvt. Name Robert L. Vaughn
- 2. Decorations
- 3. Ship, unit or squadron 501st Precht. Inf.
- 4. Division (Army) or Command (R.A.F.) 101st A/B
- 5. Date of Birth 22 May 1922 6. Length of service 2 yrs
- 7. Peace-time Profession Sailor
- 8. Private address 603 Grant St., Newell, W Va.
- 9. Names, numbers and locations of camps 3 wks. Stalag 123; then Stalag 221, Rennes.
in which you have been imprisoned and
dates of stay in each
- 10. Names of S.B.O.(s) in camp(s) Capt. Lester N. Colman.
- 11. Names of Camp Committee(s)
- 12. Information received
- 13. Maps and gadgets (including identity
papers) received
- 14. Attempted escapes (names, camps, dates)
- 15. Had P/W any outside contacts ?
- 16. Do you know of any stool pigeons in the camps ?
- 17. Did you hear of any discrimination being Discrimination was shown against
shown by the Germans to P/W of Allied Jews.
Nations captured while serving in
- 18. Names of Prisoners of War whose work during
captivity is worthy of special recognition, with
details of such work.
- 19. Names of Prisoners of War guilty of improper
fraternisation with Germans, with details
- 20. Names of German officers, guards, etc., who have S/Sgt. Curick guilty of bad treatment
been guilty of brutal treatment of Prisoners of to Capt. Greenberg, USA.
War, with details.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 10 Aug 44

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Irvin E. Litten
IRVIN E. LITTEN
Major, Inf.

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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 supercedes 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.

GERTIFICATE

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) Robert L. Vaughn

Signed Robert L. Vaughn

Rank Pvt. A. S. N. 15331170

Dated Aug. 16, 1943

Unit 501st Parachute Inf.

Witness _____

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dropped near Creutan on 6 June. Landed
near MG nest, crawled down road + met
Sgt Dawson. Holed up in briar patch. At
daybreak moved down hedgerow + stopped
to look at map. A German patrol sneaked
upon us shot Dawson, missed me; but
I was surrounded. They threatened to
shoot me because they couldn't find Dawson's
weapon. Sgt took me to other prisoners into
farmhouse where a German officer
spoke to us. Then to a pit where
they had Capt. Mitchell + Sgt.
Spangler + Pfc. John Carroll + Pvt. White,
Westerholm from 501. At night put us in
underground noons. A guard told me
they had shot Mitchell + Spangler.
Took us to a schoolhouse between
Creutan + St. Lo. They moved us through
St. Lo to Notre Dame School for Blind.
First 7 days they gave us no food at
all + prevented French from feeding us.
At Notre Dame interrogated by officer
who seemed to know everything about our
unit who got angry when I refused to
answer. Then to Vine (strapped twice
more) but turned off to Stalay 123 in
Rennes. Here a little food. Two weeks

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Then I got a job cooking at the hospital
where I was ~~thwarted~~ with Gibson
on the way back.

Most mistreatment from front
line troops. They looted everything we
had including our shoes.

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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

R.L. VAUGHN Pvt 15331170
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET:

Date mission in action: 6 June 44

Date arrived in UK: 16 Aug 44

_____ (No. of missions)

501 Pch Inf. 101AB
(Squadron) (Group)

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

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

RADIO OPERATOR

TOP TURRET GUNNER

BALL TURRET GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

WAIST GUNNER

TAIL GUNNER

Decorations:

Date of Birth: 26 May 1922

Private Address: 603 Grant St., Newell, W. Va.

Length of Service: 2 years.

Job as Civilian: Merchant Marine Sailor.

From what field did you take off? Take off time.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?

Were you wounded? Give details. No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much?

Do you speak FRENCH? No SPANISH? No GERMAN? No ITALIAN? No OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers?

(over)

✓ Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

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✓ Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

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Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

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

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Date of arrival in Spain:

Date of arrival at Gibraltar:

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

Spanish Beach, 15 Aug
44 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.

Briefed: No.

DISTRIBUTION:

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P/W & X Det. MIS ✓

G-2 Div., SHAEF

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If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S.9 (WEA) G-2 Div S.H.A.E.F. giving the ~~E and E~~ Report No.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

MIA 6 June
UK 15 August

CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 15331170 Rank PLT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) R. L. VAUGHN

Unit 101 Pct 1 Inf. 101 A/B

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 10 Aug 1944

and has signed a Security Certificate.

*Frank A Wrench
1st Lt. MIS*

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

*Upon arrival in U.K.
must report to PW-X Unit MIS
63 Brook St. London.*

Major.

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.

1.2.9 (WEA) RSP/123

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REPATRIATED PERSONNEL

1. No. 1533170 Rank Pvt. Name Robert L. Vaughn

2. Decorations

3. Division (Army) or Command (R.A.F.)
Captured 6 June near Garentan, 501st Procht. Inf. then to PW Hospital at St. Lo

4. Date of Birth
Members of British Army who were taken to St. Lo at the end of June.

5. Peace-time Profession Sailor
6. Private address
Pvt. Steve Bykowski, W Va., 603 Grant St., Newell, W Va.

7. Names, numbers and locations of camps
3 wks. Stalag 133; then Stalag 134
Sgt. Thomas Jenkins

8. Names of 2 B.O. (s) in camp(s)
Pvt. Westerholm
Capt. Hall
Capt. A.W. Mitchell

9. Names of 2 B.O. (s) in camp(s)
Capt. Lester M. Coleman
Sgt. Spangler
Known dead from 501st Procht. Inf.

10. Names of Camp Committee(s)
Sgt. Richard P. Dawson
Cpl John A. Clapper - buried near Garentan 6 June
T/4 Kirby - buried near Garentan 6 June

11. Information received

12. Maps and gadgets (including identity papers) received

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14. Had P/W any outside contacts?

15. Do you know of any stool pigeons in the camps?

16. Did you hear of any discrimination being shown by the Germans to P/W of Allied Nations captured while serving in British Armed Forces?

17. Names of Prisoners of War whose work during captivity is worthy of special recognition, with details of such work.

18. Names of Prisoners of War guilty of improper fraternization with Germans, with details

19. Names of German officers, guards, etc., who have been guilty of brutal treatment of Prisoners of War, with details.

20. Names of German officers, guards, etc., who have been guilty of bad treatment of Prisoners of War, with details.

Discrimination was shown against Jews.

Sgt. Quick guilty of bad treatment to Capt. Grempert, USA.

Major R. D. ...
I.R.V. ...
Inf.