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MAPS USED :- N.W. EUROPE, 1:250,000, Sheet 5.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
(1) 17 Apr 44	X (Name and address unknown), AUTHIE, (N 28) Nr. DOULLENS. (N 18).	Food and contact with (2).
(2) 18 - 28 Apr 44	X Two members of Underground, (Names & addresses unknown), DOULLENS.	Food and shelter. Transferred Source to (3).
(3) 28 Apr - 1 Sep 44	✓ Mme. VIGNON-CELLIER, 137, Rue Vulfram Warne, AMIENS. (N 15)	Food and shelter.

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*E. W. Evans*  
Lieut. Colonel.

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# WARNING AGAINST GIVING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ESCAPE OR HOW YOU EVADED CAPTURE

This applies to Members of all Services and continues even after discharge therefrom.

1. It is the **duty** of all persons to safeguard information which might, either directly or indirectly, be useful to the enemy.
2. The Defence Regulations make it an **offence**, punishable with imprisonment, to **publish** or to **communicate** to any unauthorised person any information or anything which purports to be information on any matter which would or might be directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.
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4. You must not disclose the **names** of those who helped you, the **method or methods** by which you escaped, the **route** you followed or how you reached this country, nor must you even give information of such a general nature as the **names of the countries** through which you travelled. All such information may be of assistance to the enemy and a danger to your friends. Be specially on your guard with persons who may be newspaper representatives.
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  - (a) publication of accounts of your experiences in books, **newspapers** or periodicals (including Regimental Journals), **wireless** broadcasts or lectures :
  - and (b) giving information to friends and acquaintances either male or female, in private letters, in casual conversations or discussions, even if these friends or acquaintances are in H.M.'s or Allied Forces and however "safe" you may consider them to be.
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A.M.C.O. A89-44 } prohibit lecturing by escapers or evaders to any unit without prior permission of the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry.

## TO BE COMPLETED IN THE PERSON'S OWN HANDWRITING.

I have read this document and understand that if I disclose information about my escape, evasion of capture I am liable to disciplinary action.

Signed Alex William Drake Date 2/9/45

Full Name (Block letters) ALEX WILLIAM DRAKE

Rank and Number F/2 135745

Unit 103 Squadron RCAF

Witnessed by [Signature]



## WHAT YOU MAY SAY.

By signing the attached document you have undertaken to maintain a strict secrecy about your experiences. It is realised, however, that your family and friends are certain to ask you questions. Below you will find suggestions for the best way of answering them :—

### ROYAL NAVY.

(In similar terms to those for Army and R.A.F., altered to suit particular circumstances.)

### ARMY (Escapers).

I was captured by the Germans (Italians) and sent to a prison camp in **Germany (Italy)**. I managed to escape and get back to this country, but I cannot tell you how I did that without spoiling the chances of others who are trying to get away. I am sure you will understand that I cannot tell you anything till after the war, and I have orders not to say more than I have already told you.

or

### ARMY (Evaders).

I managed to evade capture and get back to this country. As many others are trying to do the same, you will understand I cannot tell you anything till after the war. In any case, I have orders not to say more than I have already told you.

### R.A.F. (Escapers).

I was shot down by flak during a bombing raid. I baled out, and was captured and sent to **Germany**. I managed to escape from a prison camp and get back to this country. As many others are trying to do the same, you will understand it is not possible for me to tell you anything till the war is over. In any case, I have orders not to say more than I have already told you.

or

### R.A.F. (Evaders).

I was shot down by flak and baled out. I managed to evade capture and get back to this country. As many others are trying to do the same, you will understand it is not possible for me to tell you anything till after the war. In any case, I have orders not to say more than I have already told you.

Full Name (Block letters) ARNO WILLIAM DRABE

Rank and Number F/O 135745

Unit 103 Sq

Signed [Signature]

Date 2/9/45

Witnessed by [Signature]



Statement by F/O A.W. Drage 103 Sqn 2nd September 1944

NWE. 250,000.

From 11.4.44 to 17.4.44, I searched for a contact with underground movement. On 17.4.44, a person, unknown, at AUTHIE, nr DOULLENS, 5 N18 fed me and informed two members of the underground organisation at DOULLENS, who collected me by motor car on 18.4.44 and fed and housed me until 28.4.44, when they transferred me to AMIENS. From then until 1.9.44 I remained hidden. From time to time we were promised removal to PARIS and thence to ENGLAND via SPAIN. This did not materialise and, shortly before "D" Day we were informed that instructions had been received from ENGLAND by radio that we were to remain there and await the liberation of AMIENS.

At DOULLENS, there were with me:-

- (1) F/Sjt A.J. Macauley, Air Bomber of my crew.
- (2) S/Sjt Clarence P. Leibung, U.S.A.A.F. (Fortress) shot down in March 1944.
- (3) F/O Peter N. Johnson (Aust 42/3243) Ludford Magna, and his
- (4) Navigator, name unknown. Both baled out at approx the same place and time as myself.

All the above were moved with me to the same house in AMIENS. There we found:-

- (5) Lt R. Caughman, Capt of Fortress.
- (6) S/Sjt P. Young, one of his gunners.
- (7) His Wireless Operator, name unknown.
- (8) 1697226 Sjt William Johnston, attached to a R.C.A.F. Halifax squadron of 6 Group. Parachute descent at AUTHIE, Somme in Feb 1944. We were joined by:-
- (9) S/Sjt Harold BOYER, U.S.A.A.F. (HAVOCS) on 28.5.44.
- (10) F/O R.T. Bryan, R.C.A.F. Spitfire Sqdn, TANGLERE, SUSSEX on 2.6.44 approx.
- (11) W/Comd Donaldson, (Aust) Lancaster, 5 Group, on 30.6.44 approx

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11 made contact on 1.9.44 with the British Forces who reached AMIENS on 31.8.44. Nos. 4, 7 and 8 were moved to another house outside AMIENS at the end of May.

28.4.44 to 1.9.44. Mme VIGNON-CELLIER, Food and Shelter.  
137, Rue Vulfrom Warne,  
Amiens.

(Sd) A.W. Drage.

(1) 17 Apr 44

<sup>a address</sup>  
Name Unknown,  
Authie,  
nr Doullens.

Food and contact  
with (2).

(2) 18 - 28 Apr 44

<sup>a address</sup>  
Two members of Underground,  
(James unknown).  
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(3) 28 Apr - 1 Sep 44

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137, Rue Vulfrom Warne,  
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