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COMNAVFE INSTRUCTION 003461.1From: Commander Naval Forces, Far East  
To: DISTRIBUTION LIST

Subj: Recovered United States Naval and Marine Corps Personnel

Encl: (1) GHQ Circ. No. 43 dated 31 Oct 1951  
(2) UNC Circ. No. 1 dated 31 Oct 1951  
(3) Cross reference sheet

1. Basis. This instruction is based on GHQ, FEC ltr. AG 3836, (29 Nov 1951) which establishes the procedure for the handling of recovered United States military personnel in the Far East Command.
2. Purpose. To establish a procedure for the handling and intelligence processing of United States Naval and Marine Corps Personnel who are evaders, escapers, or released prisoners of war as herein defined.
3. Definitions.
  - a. Evader: An individual who has been cut off from his organization or shot down and is isolated behind enemy lines or in territory controlled or dominated by the enemy, who through his own devices or with organized or unorganized assistance while so cut off or isolated, eludes capture and returns to friendly military control. Should his avoidance of capture and return to military control be due entirely to rescue by conventional military forces he is not an evader.
  - b. Escaper: An individual who has been captured and gains freedom from enemy custody.
  - c. Released Prisoner of War: An individual who, having been captured by the enemy forces, is released voluntarily by the enemy, or liberated through force by friendly troops.
4. Medical and Administrative Processing
  - a. Medical: Emphasis will be placed on the proper and prompt medical treatment of the subject personnel in accordance with their physical condition in order to expedite their evacuation to Japan. Particular precautions shall be taken to ensure that recovered personnel are treated as malnutrition cases depending on the time spent behind enemy lines and that they are put under proper dietary control immediately after receipt by a naval unit.

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b. Administrative: Administrative processing of the subject personnel will be held at a minimum by receiving and evacuation units in order to ensure the prompt evacuation of the recovered personnel to Japan. Administrative requirements relative to records, personal effects, finger printing, etc. will be accomplished by the naval receiving activity in Japan upon receipt of the subject personnel and in accordance with instructions outlined in the BuPers Manual and such supplementary directives as may be currently in effect.

5. Procedure. In order to ensure overall security and the maximum dissemination of information obtained from recovered U.S. Naval and Marine Corps personnel the following procedure for the handling and intelligence processing of the subject personnel is established.

a. The commanding officer of the naval unit first receiving the subject personnel will ensure the execution of a security certificate (copies of which will be made from enclosure (1)) by the subject personnel, physical condition permitting, and will report the following by dispatch to Commander Naval Forces, Far East (information - former duty station and appropriate administrative commander):

- A. Name, rank or rate, file or serial number.
- B. Organization (prior to capture for POW and escaper and prior to separation from parent unit for evader).
- C. Present physical condition.
- D. Date and place of return to naval control.
- F. Evacuation channel to Japan (administrative or medical).

b. GHQ Circ. No. 43 (See enclosure (1): will be thoroughly explained to the individual before he signs the security certificate at the end of the circular. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of not giving out information which might be of value to the enemy or which might endanger the lives or safety of friendly persons who are still in the hands of the enemy. The certificate is to be accomplished in four copies for the following disposition:

- (1) 3 (3) copies - COMNAVFE for disposition as follows:
  - (1 cy - forwarded for individuals qualification jacket or service record).
  - (1 cy - G-2, FEC/LG)
  - (1 cy - COMNAVFE file)
- (2) 1 (1) copy - individual concerned.

c. As soon as possible and subsequent to necessary preliminary administrative and medical processing the subject personnel will be evacuated to Japan. Those personnel who are evacuated to Japan other than under medical control will be reported by the naval receiving activity in Japan (priority dispatch) to COMNAVFE who will issue necessary TAD orders in connection with intelligence debriefing. Those personnel who are evacuated to Japan via medical channels will be reported to COMNAVFE upon their arrival at a medical facility in Japan. COMNAVFE in coordination with the proper medical authorities will

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arrange for the execution of the security certificate mentioned above if not already signed and for the intelligence debriefing of the subject personnel who are medical cases.

d. Attention is invited to paragraph 4 of enclosure (1) which states that the subject personnel shall not be interrogated concerning the circumstances of their experience in escape, evasion, release, or internment except by authorized agencies. Normally such interrogation will take place at a joint debriefing center to which the subject personnel will be directed upon reporting to Commander Naval Forces, Far East. All intelligence debriefing of recovered personnel will be conducted by specifically designated personnel at the debriefing center. In the event certain circumstances such as physical condition prevent the recovered personnel from reporting as specified, Commander Naval Forces, Far East will direct specifically designated personnel to report to the appropriate location to conduct the intelligence debriefing of the subject personnel.

e. Upon completion of the temporary additional duty in connection with intelligence debriefing COMNAVFE will report the recovered personnel who have been evacuated to Japan other than under medical control to the appropriate administrative command for further assignment (including their former duty stations as information addressee). Those personnel who have been evacuated to Japan under medical control will be handled in accordance with current directives. In no case will an evader, escaper, or released prisoner of war, be returned to the Korean theatre of operations if he has received aid of a covert or overt nature from a Chinese or Korean family, community, or individual while in enemy territory.

6. Application. This directive is not intended to apply to any prisoner of war exchange program. Enclosure (2) which pertains to U.N. personnel other than U.S., is forwarded for retention. Instructions pertaining to this form will be issued at a later date.

7. Information of this form is to be kept in strict confidence to prevent future releases, escapes or evasions.

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Chief of Staff

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PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH ESCAPED, LIBERATED,  
OR REPATRIATED PRISONERS OF WAR, TO INCLUDE  
EVADERS OF CAPTURE IN ENEMY OR ENEMY-OCCUPIED TERRITORY

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape, release, or evasion from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, activities or equipment in connection therewith, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment, furnished useful information to the enemy. This jeopardizes future escapes, evasions, and releases, and must not be disclosed to anyone except to military officials specifically designated below.

2. It is recognized that individual returnees cannot be denied the right to relate generalized stories of their experiences. Such stories, however, must be cleared with the appropriate agency as designated by either the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, General Staff, United States Army, Director of Intelligence, United States Air Force, or Chief of Naval Operations. The disclosure to unauthorized persons of specific information of the following types is strictly prohibited:

a. Information which may be of military value either to the enemy or to us.

b. Information which may endanger the lives or security of friendly persons remaining in enemy territory.

c. Information which would tend to make it more difficult to arrange future releases, escapes or evasions.

3. The following topics are listed specifically (but not exclusively) as items which will not be discussed except with those persons as authorized by paragraph 4 below:

a. Methods and equipment employed by friendly personnel in assisting escape and evasion.

b. Identities of persons assisting in escape and evasion.

c. Traitorous acts by United Nations personnel.

d. Criminal acts against United Nations personnel.

e. Acts of espionage against the enemy

f. Methods used by enemy interrogators for political indoctrination and to gain intelligence with types of questions asked by them.

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4. Subject personnel shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion, release, or internment, except by authorized agencies. Personnel authorized to receive types of information covered by this circular will be designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Far East Command, or equivalent United States Naval Forces, Far East, or Far East Air Forces authorities. Only such authorized personnel will conduct formal interrogations. Interrogees have the right to demand identifications and authorizations for conducting these interrogations, and will not allow themselves to be questioned by any person who cannot produce such documents.

5. It will be the responsibility of the officer in charge of the Phase I interrogations of the returnees to insure the execution of the following certificate by all personnel covered by the provisions of this circular:

"C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E"

I certify that I have read and fully understand all the provisions of Circular 43, General Headquarters, Far East Command, 1951, and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that disclosure of military information to unauthorized persons will make me liable to disciplinary action.

I realize that it is my duty during my military service, and later as a civilian, to take all possible precautions to prevent disclosure, by word of mouth or otherwise, of military information of this nature.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ SN \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

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