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HELPERS AND BETRAYERS

1. Many American prisoners of war, particularly airmen, have evaded capture in enemy occupied territory for varying periods prior to their apprehension. During this evasion they were in many cases aided by underground organizations, resistance movements, and friendly civilians. In order that these helpers may be suitably rewarded, it is desired that prisoners of war who have received such aid list herewith the names of such persons together with a brief explanation of the assistance provided. Example:

Pierre Durand, 19 Rue
Duret, Lyon, France

Provided food and shelter for
three weeks. Furnished civil-
ian clothes, 18 Mar 44.

2. Where full names and address are not known, give any information contributing to the identification of helpers.
Example:

Georges, Farmhouse 3
miles east of Jouy,
France. House built
of white stone.

Hid me for two days and put
me in contact with underground,
6 Jun 44. 5' 10", 155 lbs.

3. Some Americans are now prisoners of war because civilians in German occupied areas betrayed them. All possible information leading to the identity of such persons is desired in order that retributive action may be taken. Example:

Unknown, Brussels,
Belgium

Hid me and left, supposedly
to contact aid, but returned
with Gestapo, 15 May 44. 5' 8",
150 lbs., black hair, dark eyes,
extremely coarse voice, dressed
in what appeared to be an air
force leather flying jacket.

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HELPERS (Cont'd)

~~M. and Mme. Portier (Christian names unknown). Fed and housed me for five days. M. Portier~~

M. and Mme. PORTIER
AUVERS SOUS MONTFAUCON,
SARTHE, FRANCE

FED AND HOUSED ME FOR FIVE DAYS. AIDED IN FINDING OTHER HELPERS. M. PORTIER WAS CAPTURED WITH ME, BEATEN, AND SENT TO KONZENTRATION LAGER BUCHENWALD WITH ME. I SAW HIM LAST AT BUCHENWALD EARLY IN OCTOBER. DUE TO CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT BUCHENWALD I THINK HE IS DEAD. MME. PORTIER PROBABLY DOES NOT KNOW OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

M. and Mme. BENOIST
LE MANS, FRANCE.

FRIENDS OF PORTIER. CONTACTED HELPERS. M. BENOIST WAS CAPTURED, BEATEN, AND TAKEN TO BUCHENWALD. PRESUMED DEAD.

MARTIN RUIZ
LOUE', SARTHE,
FRANCE.

SPANISH. SMALL, DARK, APPROXIMATELY 30 YRS. AIDED ME IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING. HID PARACHUTE, FURNISHED CIVILIAN CLOTHES, FED AND HOUSED ME. HE CONTACTED ALL OTHER HELPERS. AFTER MY CAPTURE THE GESTAPO LEARNED OF HIM BY TORTURING PORTIER AND BENOIST, BUT I THINK HE EVADED CAPTURE.

BETRAYERS

Mme. HELENE' LE Bihan
Fille', SARTHE
FRANCE.

PORTIER AND BENOIST WERE CONVINCED THAT MME. LE Bihan BETRAYED US. I AM NOT CERTAIN. SHE HAD FED AND HOUSED ME FOR A MONTH. AT AUVERS THE HOUSED SURROUNDED AT 0400 HRS, SO BETRAYAL WAS OBVIOUS. PORTIER AND BENOIST WERE CONVINCED, BUT I AM DOUBTFUL.

Name (Print) PEDERSEN Joseph W. Signed Joseph W. Pedersen
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Date May 10, 1945

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