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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND, ASF, Atlanta 3, Ga., 11 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Attention: Director, Security and Intelligence Division.

Forwarded for compliance with basic communication at the earliest practicable date pursuant to instructions contained in letter, Headquarters, Army Service Forces, file SFK 000,5 (28 May 45) CB-S-SPIIB-M, subject: "Interviews with Repatriates from Enemy Territory re War Crimes," dated 2 June 1945, and 1st indorsement thereto, this headquarters, dated 9 June 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BROGGS:

Lucius L. Beck

LUCIUS L. BECK,
Major, Infantry,
Chief, Intelligence Branch,
Security & Intelligence Division.

Incl. n/c

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2d Ind.

ASF, Fourth Service Command, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, 16 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, ASF, Atlant 3, Ga.
ATTENTION: Dir, Security and Intelligence Div.

In view of preceding indorsement and basic communication, correspondence is returned herewith, with the following information: Second Lieutenant Gerald E. Mitchell O-699 945 is now at home, Box 605 Rome, La., on a sixty (60) day leave, and is to report to AAF Redistribution Station, No. 2, Miami Beach, Fla. on 9 August 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

James P. Dale

JAMES P. DALE
Captain, M.I.
Chief, Intelligence Branch

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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SUBJECT: Interrogation of 2d Lt. Gerald E. Mitchell
TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Old Post Office
Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia
ATTENTION: Director, Security and Intelligence Division

1. It is requested that Second Lieutenant Gerald E. Mitchell, O-699948, 1473 Service Command Unit, Reception Station, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, be interviewed and that his testimony regarding war crimes be taken under oath in question and answer form, as indicated in paragraphs 5, 7, and 8 of the letter dated 2 June 1945 from the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, on the subject of "Interviews with Repatriates from Enemy Territory re War Crimes".

2. The attention of Lieutenant Mitchell should be directed particularly to the alleged execution of a number of American and British air force officers who were at Camp Buchenwald and who were removed therefrom on or about 19 October 1944. Extracts from a letter prepared by Walter S. Joy, Special Agent, CIG, and a forwarding letter from the Staff Judge Advocate, HTO, are inclosed to assist the examiner.

3. In view of the apparent importance of this matter, it is requested that the interrogation be expedited as much as possible.

4. If Lieutenant Mitchell has left your area, this request should be forwarded to the headquarters of the service command in which he is located, directed to the attention of the Director, Security and Intelligence Division, and information regarding the reference should be communicated to this office.

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

Martin G. White

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MARTIN G. WHITE
Colonel, JAGD
Deputy Director
War Crimes Office

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(6 Jul 45)
Headquarters, Eighth Service Command, ASF, Dallas 2, Texas, 3 August 1945
TO: Director, War Crimes Office, 4732 Munitions Bldg., Washington 25, D.C.

1. Subject has been interviewed in accordance with request contained in basic communication.
2. Inclosed is memorandum report of 2d Lt. Gerald E. MITCHELL, ASN O-699945, in which he gives information regarding War Crimes.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. O. Mattfeldt
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Colonel, GSC
Director, Intelligence Div, S & I

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(6 July 45)
HQ FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND, ASF, Atlanta 3, Georgia, 18 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas.
Attention: Director, Security and Intelligence Division.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your headquarters in compliance with instructions contained in paragraph 4, basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Willis M. Everett, Jr.
WILLIS M. EVERETT, JR.,
Colonel, GSO,
Acting Director,
Security & Intelligence Division.

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GERALD E MITCHELL

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Headquarters, Eighth Service Command, ASF, Dallas 2, Texas, 3 August 1945
TO: Director, War Crimes Office, 4732 Munitions Bldg., Washington 25, D.C.

1. Subject has been interviewed in accordance with request contained in basic communication.
2. Inclosed is memorandum report of 2d Lt. Gerald E. MITCHELL, ASN C-699945, in which he gives information regarding War Crimes.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Gerald E. MITCHELL
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31 July 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 31 July 1945 this agent interviewed End Lt. MITCHELL concerning war crimes, especially directing his attention to the alleged execution of a large number of American and British air force officers who were at Camp Buchenwald and who were removed from there on 19 October 1944. Lt. MITCHELL stated that he was one of 156 American and British air force officers who left Buchenwald on the date mentioned but stated that all 156 officers were taken to Stalag Luft 3, Sagan, Germany; that none of that group were executed or mistreated so far as he knows. Lt. MITCHELL stated that he was taken to Buchenwald, which was a civilian concentration camp, due to the fact that he was apprehended by the Gestapo while he was wearing civilian clothes during his attempt to get back to Allied territory through help from the French underground after he had been shot down over enemy territory; that he was held at Buchenwald until the Germans could verify through Geneva that he was a bona-fide American officer as he claimed; that when verification was received, he was sent to Stalag Luft 3. He stated that he was not mistreated in any way while he was at Buchenwald or at Stalag Luft 3 and witnessed no mistreatment of others and heard of no specific instances of mistreatment; that he was fed the daily ration which Germany afforded all prisoners of war; that there was a doctor at Buchenwald to give the prisoners medical attention; that for the first two weeks he was at Buchenwald his group had to sleep on the ground but later were housed in barracks; that one man, Lt. Beck, died of pneumonia, perhaps due in part to sleeping on the ground, but Beck was given medical attention and was hospitalized.

2. Lt. MITCHELL wanted to report that he believes that he was betrayed by people posing as members of the French underground. When his plane was shot down, he was taken into the home of Lucifer Chaurin, whose house is under the town water tower at Ogres, France. He remained there ten days and then was turned over to a man and woman who took him to Paris and placed him in the hands of a man who first attempted to secure information from his relative to his organization and its activities, then placed him in a truck which drove straight to the Gestapo Headquarters and delivered him into the hands of the Nazis. Madame Chaurin has since written a letter to Lt. MITCHELL's mother expressing sorrow over his capture. She enclosed a picture of herself. She is about 50 years old, about 5'8" tall, weighs about 150 pounds, has black hair. Lucifer Chaurin is about 37 or 38 years old, about 5'6" tall, weighs about 140 pounds, has black hair and a bushy mustache. They have two children, a boy named Jacques, age 17, and a girl named Monique, age 14. Monique could speak a little English. The others of the family could not. Madame Chaurin placed him in the hands of a man and woman for transportation to Paris. The man was about 30 years old, about 5'9" tall, weighed about 150 pounds, had dark hair, and the woman was about 23 years old, 5'6" tall, weighed about 135 pounds and had red hair. John Chelot, End Lt., O-222068, was another who was betrayed by this underground system and he stated to Lt. MITCHELL that this couple were Belgians. The man at Paris who attempted to interrogate Lt. MITCHELL was about 23 years old, about 5'7" tall, weighed about 140 pounds, had dark hair and a small mustache and lived in a large mansion, but Lt. MITCHELL does not know in what part of Paris this mansion is located. Lt. MITCHELL stated that a number of other men who were prisoners at Buchenwald had been betrayed by this same system of underground.

Winston C. Galbraith, Agent, SIO, 890

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