

HEADQUARTERS
Military Intelligence Service
Prisoner of War Branch

January 13, 1943

Subject: Statement on Safeguarding P/W Information.

To: Personnel concerned.

1. The Germans have been assisted in this war by their knowledge of the sources of information of the methods of securing information used by the Allies during the 1914-1918 war. This knowledge was revealed to them by persons in the Intelligence or Secret Service who, after the war, wrote articles and books about their work, or in some other way, disclosed the facts.

2. The lesson from this experience is obvious. Nothing concerning methods or sources should be revealed during or after this war for the benefit of present or future enemies of the United States.

3. Future enemies of Great Britain must also be considered. Many of the methods of obtaining information developed by the British, and many of their sources of information have been freely shared with us to aid in the common cause. Consequently an obligation rests on all members of the United States Forces who have knowledge of these facts to maintain such secrecy that the British Government and people will never suffer because of disclosure by Americans.

4. During the war the basic principle is that the smallest number of officers and men, compatible with efficiency, are given knowledge of sources and methods. Each officer, enlisted man, and civil employee must realize his personal responsibility for preserving the most rigid secrecy and for avoiding any discussion or reference to the source of the information or the methods by which it was acquired. The much larger number of officers who utilize the information need only know the degree of its reliability.

5. The same rules and the same responsibility apply with equal force after the war.

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CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY OFFICERS, ENLISTED
MEN, AND CIVIL EMPLOYEES.

I certify that I have read the foregoing statement on
safeguarding P/W information, dated January 13, 1943.

I also fully understand that I shall be bound by these
orders and this certificate after the war, and I undertake to
maintain complete secrecy and to refrain from publishing any
article or book violating these orders, nor will I give to
others any information which might be used by them for such
purpose.

Date	Rank	Name (printed)	Signature
1/20/43	M. Sgt	John McC. Young	John McC. Young
1/20/43	TT Sgt.	Ernest M. Loew	Ernest M. Loew
1/21/43	S. Sgt.	Wesley C. Smith	Wesley C. Smith
1/28/43	S. Sgt.	Arthur L. Wheelchel	Arthur L. Wheelchel
1/20/43	S. Sgt.	Hugh Whitney, Jr.	Hugh Whitney, Jr.
1/20/43	Sgtt	George L. Frenkel	George L. Frenkel
1/20/43	Sgt.	Alphonse E. Gioielli	Alphonse E. Gioielli
1/21/43	Sgt.	Andrew Kux	Andrew Kux
1/20/43	Sgt.	Werner Moritz	Werner Moritz
1/20/43	Sgt.	Clarence A.L. Ost	Clarence A.L. Ost
1/20/43	Sgt.	Lawrence H. Schuette	Lawrence H. Schuette
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