

attacked by jets on way to the target - Méry sur Oise - Seine & Oise -
before target - at 1130 - got out of run - in 2 position - difficulty flying front
green pilot - pilot on left side - 2 w. of 2 also of 1. 5 - every alt hit us
after engine out - fire in cockpit - Sgt Tyler & Capt. & pilot. B.D. - no signal given -
I saw them going out - thought I put parachute went out - he just - I out
at 19,000 ft - about 5,000 ft - then saw pilot chute go by me (unexploded) - opened -
I saw 4 chutes - one below + 3 above - saw 1/2 crash & burn -
no chutes out but think I was out. ~~thought~~ thought convinced of capture of ground
saw I was landing in the village - busy trying to avoid roofs - no wind -
circled by fog or rice - nothing dry - I saw a courtyard surrounded
by houses - about 50 women boys greeted me - got off chute if they
stripped me of pilot's old pants of ~~the~~ jacket - still had on G.I. shoes like G.I. -
they took dog tags - I got them back - took escape kit of Purse & I got back
purse - last saw of egg and clothes were lying in city - similar given me
this took 5 mins - Duken river I had to - Eng dictionary - everybody
helping - few men - one man in yard mixing cement never took eyes off work -
women were saying 'alle alle' they gave me much with food - pointed to
a hill to aid alle - to get to hill walked thru main part of town - took cut
thru woods - people in streets ignored me - cut thru woods on path - came out
on path by Oise river + started down river to give 1/2 mile I am at large
crowd of people looking up in tree & in tree was chute - got by river -
I thought that of chute there then the Germans were around & they were - saw them
in woods looking for chutes - I strolled down river with idea of
getting seaward - down side of road by river & I strolled up road

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and ran to him following - may have followed from tree - as soon
as turned up road he whistled & I went to him & kept going near - he
pointed to it & I went in & he told me by sign language to wait for him -
I waited & some boys (about 8) came abt 10 min later - one spoke Eng -
they had swimming suit & cap - they took my clothes & put on trunks &
said I've strolled down to river & went to a picnic - we were casual
because search around - a lot - once they saw a man coming along
river & they got nervous & told me to go into river - 2 boys jumped up
rolling & dove into river & I followed them in - beautiful acting -
We played around checking each other & hollering - in 30 minutes - 2 other boys
came in river with kayak & 2 swimming with me & I ducked
the kayak - righted kayak & 2 fr. boys got in and I - one in
front & I in back - paddled by Tyler's parachute to see what was
going on - still crowd around - turned back & paddled down river a mile -
While at picnic I was shown by old man parachute pack ticket & berry of me until
I saw Tyler's name on harness strap & described (him) - paddled to shore
& sat there ten minutes - they pointed along edge of woods & I saw 2
trenchmen with Tyler & we joined = a fellow in the best clothes & left
1st bunch & I went with Tyler & his friends -

==== Tyler: I had 2 ex plms in cockpit & during that time
I managed to get an fw - saw it crash - when fell ex plms I quit firing &
out of that & picked up chute & cover was on fire - oxygen shooting
over it - rushed into bombers catwalk & pulled escape hatch
wouldn't open - finally kicked with all wt & got open -

then got back out of pilot's way & swapped on chute & went out
head first - I saw pilot & co-pilot - all engines running -
oxygent flare fire - all cloth around tent & roof & hydraulic system
was on fire - there was no signal given - I folded over & out
head first - a few seconds later pulled ripcord - crown
of chute was smoldering & I beat at it on way down - Chute all right -
harness was not working right - bad jerk - opened close to 19000 ft -
lit cig - looked for other chutes - 2 below - 2 above - think one
was on ground & can't tell - near crash - saw group going
thru barrage at Paris - good view of Paris - lit second cig - &
saw SW coming towards me - same height - just under me & no change of
course - at starting speed - just after that, few hundred yds off ground
I saw SW crash in forest - I saw I would land in one of
4 places - 2 forests, river or village - saw it would be river
or forest - tried to land in river & hit the biggest tree in the forest -
didn't know about using shroud lines - had violent swing down to
all way down - off to m - couldn't see much activity going on as I came
down - I knew if I got into the forest I had a chance to get away -
I landed in tree & hit me & that was out for a moment -
didn't think of crossing legs - came to when chute slipped about 6 ft & I was
in position so that I couldn't touch any of tree - crowd of trees &
dogs below me - I tried to keep quiet because dogs were
barking a lot - well over 100 people from village there - a roads
village - near was a bridge about 1/2 mile & village on one end

One old Frenchman yelled up in tree - Are you America?
Are you wounded? Stereotyped language - I called
back but they didn't understand - if I said yes or no they did
understand - if I said slightly they did not understand -
Are you hungry? - Was in tree 30 mins while they were trying to
figure what to do - no limbs for 30 ft. - 5 ft diameter -
A kid (24) Andre picked 3 tall men who stood on
shoulders against tree & he climbed up carrying a short
rope - stripped to shorts & Andre barfooted & he made
dearest cage, tying & tossed end of rope to me - I
took it round waist & he took other end & made 2 vertical
loops over limb - below me were jagged rocks - signalled
me to cut shrouds & drop at first but I wouldn't -
after rope around tree would pull in average & finally
worked me to limb & I dropped flying boots - to get
grip - he cut shrouds with my hunting knife on belt -
had me drop ^{BT} those 6 rocks - easy to climb - removed harness & dropped
it - cut one strap & I got out - & Andre prac carried me down
tree on shoulders of men - had to kiss men both cheeks first - alone
space limbs too far apart - he would get to next limb & creep his
hands & I stepped in them - at last limb - a Frenchman had
idea of tying rope in top of small tree & it was pulled over
a big tree & I used limbs of small tree as ladder -

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at base of tree - hissed all people - some twice - bullhorns, girls & old people - put on shoes - Andre & old man came up & said 'alle' - I ran into woods & a Marquessa followed me - she wanted to see where I hid - I hid about 20 yds from edge of forest near an estate belonging to her - had travelled 1/2 mile - I climbed on mound & lay down among rocks - 10 min. 16 yr old boy & (18-19 yr) old girl came with food - They & across Marquessa wanted me to stay til 6 pm - had some clothes with them - put them on at once - little boy saw 3-diamond ring & obvious & he told me to in swamp - I gave it to girl instead - had on clothes & was eating when Andre came up - he whistled an am turn & I called to him - Just after 12 & 12:5 & he said go quickly that Henris patrolling forest & he put a piece of straw in my mouth & we scurried thru the patrol - they didn't see me but I saw 2 far off - Andre put my clothes in bush - Crossed a paved road with bridge 1/2 miles into another forest - passed a few people - at other forest - old fellow met us again - I waited in forest with Andre while old man went off to look for other crew - Andre's fiancée came to join us - we had a wrestling match - Old man came back & said found blonde comrade - I hit that 1 - he guided Andre & self out to bank & found H. Boyfe in shorts & funny cap (leak hands with 14 knits)

Boyle & Tyler:

back into woods with Andre - we stayed that night by a haystack & stayed in it til 11 pm & Andre came for us - people would walk by with food to drop it without speaking -

1 night Took us to brother-in-law house & slept in attic of the house
Andre & mother & local residents - got sleep in attic before daylight went to prehistoric cave - told Denise afraid of it - stayed all day - food best - that night

2 night back to house with Andre - he seemed to be leaving off fully
land - due to go to work camp - spent night ~~at~~ next a.m.

at house & suddenly - m.g. fire went off - several times - scared us - Andre slept thru it all - in a.m. we were on way to cave & flames shot up & more fire we fell to ground then went into cave & Andre said nothing just

manoeuvre - stayed til left - then blonde boy came with Andre & 17 yr old girl - they had bot a serge suit made out of G. army uniform - kept G. shoes - suit lasted all way thru - gave Boyle bad fitting suit - gave Andre like a ring & cronometre - kept watch - Girl was escort into Paris - walked thru village to station & bot ticket - The young blonde boy had said I speak English - "I am the chief de Restourer the region de Paris - then he know no more Engl - Girl spoke some Engl - she was picture of nonchalance - into Paris - no trouble Girl with Tyler & blond with Boyle - ~~Boyle~~ pretended to read songs in - books furnished - in Paris 6 p.m.

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18 August in Paris - had 2 hrs to wait in cap across from
Gare du Nord - to wait for big shot of Day - drank beer til
8:30 started cloning print - blonde went out to ~~not~~ contacts
Andre with her - walked around block til 9:30 or 10 pm
I was worried about curfew - people had curfew 10 - at
9:30 or 10 went into station because Andre back + gone again +
went into station + slp'd on bench - while sitting there a French
sitting on bench near asked for cig - a few minutes later she
pulled out pack (lit one) + 3 German soldiers walking by
parked for me - just ignored her + he went on - + 2 German
soldiers trying to talk to her - about 12-1230 Andre + blonde
came back + had couple phd for tickets + took us to a
train sitting in station + we piled in + kept there +
we kept waiting for train to leave - at 5:30 am
we went to opening coffee shop across street
Then girl called Aunt who lived in Paris + by
metro we went there (St. Denis) - bathed + slept
that night there - asked if wanted Souche - we laughed - girl +
Andre worked all day + night next day til 1 pm trying to
find an Day - I had given Andre my chronometer to wear to
keep time + said we were to meet people 3 blocks away +
that we would follow them - I forgot back for watch -
as we did this - one man + lady joined us + another man we had seen
in Mery nodded at us - we managed to shake hands with Andre + go home

had been in

main coman - Mme Julienne + led to friend's house - Mme Madeleine
 & we stayed there for 2 days & there met an English woman,
~~Mme~~ blonde, 25-30, well dressed, worked in with Brit. Ind. & gave us 2000 francs
 & she said would make arr. for us to go by air in few nights - then news
 was to late & we were set to leave ~~from~~ ^{Paris} ~~at~~ 8 p.m. 22 & Sat
 a.m. early while still in bed note under door - "we are
 open funds - come to help - call at 6 pm. in German car to
 help + 3 people in Gen. uniform & will take you to
 airfield & fly you to England" in french. A man in house -
 courtesy of Madeleine translated it - In aft. of 3 the
 Eng. lady came back & showed her note - she said
 she knew no Commandant John who signed note - she
 went out & made arr. with 2 Fr boys to take us to Champagne
 there stayed at home Mrs. Andre Perolle, 50 Rue Jeanne
 in Champagne sur Seine - Tyler at 106 Rue Charles Bonfroit
 in C. on S. - Andre Renard wife - During time saw 2
 raids - Andre claimed to have sketches maps sent to Brit. Ind. -
 & targets missed - killed Lichen played up in papers - disorganizing - heard
 our names on B.B.C. - Jean & Abel in good hands - Left Sat 4th
 Mme Jeanne - & nephew we met in Vincennes & got Metro & went to
 Bellevue - on service across from Renault factory & - home of Mme
 Jeanne ~~the~~ Jougla, & her husband Arli of Lumiere Film Co -
 We stayed from 4 Sept - 20 Sept - During that time was for Hq for
 Restines & abtoys Hq -

Lt. Boy John T.

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seize
Citroen annex or warehouse
C. Renault
Renault
House

MOST SECRET

APPENDIX "B"
M.I. 9.(b)/S/P.G.

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in enemy/enemy occupied territory.

*no transportation even for officers, carry all on own backs
horse drawn Pers. 20 Sept*

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it is important not to divulge any particulars of source.

Officers & Soldiers in Transit (Tank & Luftwaffe) looked at line

Nov 16 1945
Statement of information covering period from *Aug. 16, 43*

to *Oct. 26, 43*

arrogant
When I first arrived in Paris, I was
impressed by the sorry condition of the
German uniform. In my opinion I believe
one need not fear detection by anyone in
uniform. *Pay no attention to anyone.*

While staying in Champagne, I was shown
a map of targets in & about Paris. I
memorized their positions & what they
were. On the first of Sept. I had the
displeasure of seeing three of the targets
bombed & *badly* messed. I need not
mention my embarrassment before the
French people. Some of the targets
were slightly hit. We heard that
50 German Wars were killed.

M.I. 9.
/ /42.

Lieut. Colonel, G.S.

over.

On the 15, Sept I was given the honor of seeing the four targets, which I had studied, bombed. The results were very excellent. One which I was 50 yds from when it was bombed, was completely knocked out. The other three, I watched burn all night. I was told the next day that the other three were completely destroyed also. I witnessed three B17s explode in mid-air from direct hits by anti-aircraft fire. I believe the forts came over at about 15,000 feet. I might say, that that raid did a great deal to raise the already high moral of the French people.

On Sept 17, we saw a B17 ^{possibly downed} cruising around Paris. We could not see the markings. We did make out the star but could not tell if it was the new insignia or not.

The first station south of Toulouse we saw a training field & barracks, ^{west side of tracks near station} that is larger than any thing we have in the states. The size & amount of personnel was stupendous. In my opinion it would ^{make an excellent} target.

Order -
Parade
of the
works
No of Paris
Fort
W of Paris

Pierre, pilot
to court
Paulo Ferraris, Belg
agent

Mrs. Paul - head of org



Anan Casvillier,
9 Rue des Ecoles
Mery. C. de Semit
OFE

In Audouze ¹⁰⁻¹¹⁻ to 12th left for Spain by bus - the
old man & lady made arrangements for ^{Mr. & Mrs.} Fuchs Fonger
owner & dir of Royal Mail Co - he spent money on taxis etc -
across frontier all right by showing fr. papers -
Bus took us to Seo de Urgel - went to police - back
next day because police holiday - hotel -
met Fonger there - from there went by auto to
Barcelona with Antonio - Belgien came with us - we
insisted - wrote paper saying Antonio would be paid
Pierre with us - fr. pistol & mech. & fingers &
Lt Kneale - 13th Barcelona - 16th Madrid -
saw Maj. Clark (had fine - cigar money etc - stayed Hotel Utra
in Madrid) arr. Oct 22 - left Oct 25 - arr. 26

- Lt Kneale in bike
- Sgt. Elliott in Madrid
- Sgt. Wagon & Fuchs in Barcelona
- Sgt. Seo. (Bosnyak)
- Sgt. Frank Butcher - 3 mos - near Villacoublay

From Urgel we learned Audouze in hands of Gumar & Hotel Quivita
told us that 1 week before we were there Gestapo came to hotel one
a.m. to by point of gun took 8 (5 Bullets & 3 Amm) back to home -
1 hotel in Orleans still guarded - Hotel Lady in Barcelona
said Gestapo had been making weekly raids into hotel - understood
that an & Brit correspondents were raided but escaped -

Pierre spent 2000 francs on us - } from Audouze
Paulo - 750 pesetas on us } Spain -

In Paris at Bellou house ~~was~~ a boy went into Normandy & got back
radio & no was R53 - 13762
K 13.930
R57.232.09



20 Sept with Romu de Ruetto - Patmaing - & Pierre Cornet, to field,
took us to hexos across L of D - had 2 cards - used all night -
arr. 21st - walked 13 kms to St. Antonin - local chf of org -
& doctor here - put us in car & took us to hexos thru thru
into la Guappie - to a farmhouse to meet mayors &
Coll. priest work irrigation of above hexos under sunsch -
Same night taken to home of Mlle Juliette Orozquez
Les Palmiers, St Martin, la Guappie - Stayed 22-23-24
& 25th in apt. for Foix - arr. 9 pm. & went to house
across ^{from} police station - boy we met there took us to house
outside city & stayed thru 25th night 26th & left 27th
to cross pyrenees - 2 Spanish guides to party of 17 &
walked 4 days to top of Pyrenees to Roman
went back from Foix & Pierre crossed with us -
On 4th night all top of peak waiting til dark to cross -
snow & blizzards - snowed in & couldn't cross -
out of food & back to Foix in 3 days - Boyle's shoes
out - Pierre gave aid & had to be carried 2 days &
went to village & Back in Foix Sunday 3 Oct -
& stayed at same house - 2m Foix guides
ran out on us with money - Stayed til train
8th & with 32 party & 3 guides & arranged by bike
along owner in Foix - walked ^{to} 10th & on descent
(H. Kneale joined us in Foix) legs gone out & H. Boyle & Palzian
boy carried me as far as could - party would wait - In. stayed
with us - invited met - we stopped at 5, man & lady & Boyle,
Bilham & Pierre built fire - in Andorra - stayed til
a.m. - went to farmhouse at end of road which goes into
Andorra & Breale & I rode on back of horse - singing
country songs & rolling hips - Shoes important to go -
arr. Andorra - hotel? - in Ordino, met several people who
demanded we go with them - one threatened by pistol - sneaked
out at night - One Antonio, said connected with British, 5, 10"
fat, dark complexion, baby face, rilly Jewish, nervous, Cham sunburn -
Cing hat with slow broad accent -

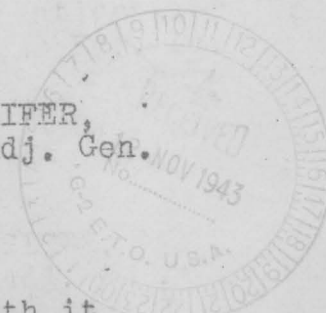
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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(signed) RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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Name(Print) John T. Boyle Signed John T. Boyle
 Rank 2nd Lt. A.S.N. 0-733269 Date Oct. 22, 1943
 Unit 379th Cp. 524th Sq. Witness Grady Lewis
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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

HEADQUARTERS
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank and Serial No. *John T. Boyle - 2nd Lt. 0-733269*
2. Decorations. *Purple Heart*
3. Unit or Squadron. *524th B. Sq. 524th B. Sq.*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *379th B.G.P.*
5. Date of Birth. *Jan. 3, 1920*
6. Length of Service. *21 Mo.*
7. Private Address. *2933-77th Ave. Elmwood Park, Ill.*
8. If in A.F., on what operation were you engaged? State place, date, and time of departure. Where and when did you come down?
Were aircraft and all instruments and papers destroyed?
Le Bourget, France - Aug. 16, 43
1130 a.t. Mery, sur Oise, Seine et Oise, France. Aircraft crashed, & burned.
9. What was your position in aircraft? *Bombardier*
10. Were you wounded? *No*
11. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *Gave to friend*
12. Do you speak French? Spanish? *No*
13. Did you have Identity Papers? *No. Had dog tags & French papers*
14. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?
Yes - Barcelona - British, Madrid - British & American
Gibraltar - British & American - Major Clark
15. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?
No
16. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when?
Yes - Barcelona - Oct. 14, 43 - Madrid Oct. 16, 43 - Gib. Oct. 22
17. Date of arrival in Spain. *Oct. 13, 43*
18. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *Oct. 22, 43*
19. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *Gibraltar, Oct. 25 - Air*
20. Place and date of arrival in U.K. *Port Reith, Oct. 26, 43*

JAMES L. WAGNER.

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SECRET
EQUALS BRITISH

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Statement of information covering period from
to

- 1-GERMAN JU-88 AIRDROME NEAR RIVESALTES,
FRANCE - AVERAGE SIZE -
OCT-10/2, 1943. REPORTED BY CIVILIANS
TO BE INACTIVE 1 PLANES AND BLACK IN
CONOR.
- 2-GERMAN TROOPS SEEN IN RIVESALTES ON SEPT.
28-29- CIVILIAN REPORTS THEY WERE THE
AFRICA CORPS. ON A BEST FURLOUGH. SOME
SMALL CANNONS DRUGED BEHIND CARS, TRUCKS
ABOUT 15 OR 16 TRUCKS - 10 HORSE TEAMS
WERE SEEN FROM OUR WINDOW, 25 OR 26 YEARS
WERE THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE SOLDIERS.
- 3- SAW 3 FORTRESSES BLOW UP IN AIR OVER PARIS
ON SEPT-16. ~~no chutes observed~~
- 4- SAW TROOP TRAIN IN RIVESALTES ON OCT, 1, 1943
MADE UP OF GERMAN YOUTHS - 15-16 YEARS OLD.
GOING NORTH.

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MIS(X).

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P/W and X Detachment
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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

27 Oct. 1943
(Date)

John T. BOYLE 2d Lt O-733269
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

524 379
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 23 Yrs.
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 21 Months
HOME ADDRESS: 2933 - 77th Ave.
Elmhurst Park, Illinois

MIA: 16 August 1943
Arrived in Spain: 13 Oct. 1943
Arrived in Gibraltar: 22 Oct. 1943
Arrived in UK: 26 Oct. 1943

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official	Narrators	Disposition	Disposition
PILOT	<u>558</u> O-736081	2d Lt Charles R. BIGLER		Wounded P.W.
CO-PILOT	O-677197	2d Lt Vern P. DEEHR		?
NAVIGATOR	O-794092	2d Lt John W. BRADLEY		wounded P.W.
BOMBARDIER	NARRATOR			
RADIO OPERATOR	35402140	T/Sgt Benjamin B. JOHNSON		
TOP TURRET GUNNER	19080965	T/Sgt Albert P. TYLER		
BALL TURRET GUNNER	16084957	Sgt Charles J. KUKAWSKI		
WAIST GUNNER	18041327	S/Sgt James A. DYSON		
WAIST GUNNER	31159520	S/Sgt John A. STACHURA		
TAIL GUNNER	35488678	S/Sgt Paul V. MATHEW		

4 Sergeants
Free in France
as of Aug. 16th

MATHEWS

Were you wounded?
No

Safe House
Crossed by ...

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E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN FRANCE

27 Oct '43
(Date)

Albert P Tyler T/sgt 19080965
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

524th 379th Bomb
(Squadron) (Group)

AGE: 29
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 yr 8 months
HOME ADDRESS: 916 Manning St
Burbank, Calif

MIA: Aug 16
Arrived in Spain: 13 Oct
Arrived in Gibraltar: 22 Oct
Arrived in UK: 26 Oct

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

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CO-PILOT		
NAVIGATOR		
BOMBARDIER		
RADIO OPERATOR		
TOP TURRET GUNNER		
BALL TURRET GUNNER		
WAIST GUNNER		
WAIST GUNNER		
TAIL GUNNER		

See Lt. Boyles Folder:

Were you wounded?

Yes.
12 or 13 shrapnel holes
left leg 7 high
1 in hand

LT BOYLES'S STORY:

LE BOURGET
16 AUG 1943

On the way to LE BOURGET, 16 August 1943, we were attacked by fighters near MERY SUR OISE. We were in the second element of the right squadron and wing. All attacks hit us; ~~and~~ ^{the} our oxygen syst^{em} was shot out and the cockpit was on fire. ~~There was no signal given to~~ I did not hear a signal

ATTACKED BY
FIGHTERS -
PLANE ON FIRE

to bale out but when the navigator and I saw the engineer, copilot and pilot bale out we followed them.

I jumped at 19000 feet and fell ~~about~~ 5000 feet before pulling the ripcord. There was one chute below me and three above. The aircraft crashed and burned before I got to the ground. ~~There were no more chutes out it but~~ I think I was the last man to bale out. There was no drift to my chute and when I saw I

LANDS IN
VILLAGE

was going to land in a village I felt that capture was inevitable. By working with the shroud lines I avoided ~~and~~ a roof and landed in a courtyard surrounded by houses.

LEARNED
LATER

About fifty French women and an equal number of barking dogs greeted me. They were all over me trying to help with the chute. Finally I managed to get it ~~off~~ unbuckled ^{it} by myself, ~~and then~~ ^{I was being} I thought ~~they were~~ attacked because they began

GIVEN
CIVILIAN
CLOTHES
IMMEDIATELY

^{tearing} ^{General} jerking my clothes off me. I was undressed before I could stop them but I got the idea when they shoved a civilian suit at me. It was a pair of old pants and a jacket. I kept my English boots which are like G.I. shoes and I ^{persuaded} managed to get ~~back from~~ ^{To return} the women my dog-tags, Aids Box and Purse. There were very few men

WENT
FOR
DICTIONARY

in my crowd of helpers. ~~and~~ One woman handed ~~me~~ a French-English dictionary; another gave me a musette bag of food, and, after looking in the dictionary to see what the 'Allez vite' ^{what the women} ~~they~~ were screaming at me meant, I ran out of the courtyard into a village street. All this had happened in less than ten minutes.

LEAVES VILLAGE
WITHOUT
FURTHER AID

I sauntered down the village street ~~among~~ ^{men} passing many French who either chose to take no notice of me or didn't recognise me. On the outskirts I left the road for a path ~~which~~ along the river bank. This path looked like a short cut to a hill which had been pointed out by one of the women in the courtyard

as I started to leave.

After walking about half-a-mile ~~along~~ ^{along} the side of the river, the path ran into

~~the~~ ^{in the middle} curved and ~~in~~ without warning I, a large ~~crowd~~ number of people ~~blocking~~ ^{of the path,} the way.

I looked up, as they were doing, and saw a parachute in the top branches, ^{of a tree,} fifty or sixty feet from the ground. There was no parachutist in sight and from

the discussion ^{sounded to me as though} I thought they were planning how ~~it~~ ^{the chute} could be ~~retrieved,~~ ^{retrieved,} When

it occurred to me that there were probably German soldiers about I examined the crowd more closely and ^{saw} about five ~~or six~~. Like every one ~~else~~ they were

staring up at the chute. Then I happened to look into the wood and saw several Germans searching in pairs. I edged ~~my~~ through the crowd and continued my walk

down ~~along~~ the path.

A mile further along the river I left the path for a road that ^{would still} ~~still~~ was

leading ~~me~~ ^{my objective - The hill.} toward ~~the hill.~~ Then I noticed that a Frenchman ~~was~~ following me.

He whistled at me when I looked back at him and I turned around to see what ~~he~~ wanted. I started to make ~~some~~ gestures but he motioned me to follow him quietly.

We walked ~~short~~ ^{alone} distance to a nearby building and I was left there, while the

man went to get another person. ^{We} I used sign language and my dictionary to understand each other.

He was back in ten minutes with four young boys. One of them spoke ^{who were dressed in swimming} trunks.

English. They had brought a pair of swimming trunks and a bathing cap which

they asked me to put on. Then we strolled casually down to the river and joined

a group of ~~pickn~~ picnickers. I could see German soldiers searching the wood.

No one in the ~~party~~ ^{displayed} picnicking party ~~showed~~ any curiosity about me and ~~except~~

they all acted as if I were an old friend. While we were eating we saw a man

^{approaching} ~~coming~~ along the path toward ~~us~~ and one of the boys nudged me, then ran down to

the river and dived in. I followed him, with another of my companions, and we

swam ^{to middle of} ~~out in~~ the river and played at ducking each other, making a great racket

while doing it. The man turned out to be a friend but the boys decided we were

safer in the river. After thirty minutes of play, ~~two~~ ^{other} the two ~~other~~ boys paddled up to us in a ^{two boys} ~~kyak~~ ^{it} ~~kyak~~ and while ~~they~~ ^{two boys} ~~swam~~ ^{swam} to shore

WALKS INTO
GERMANS
SEARCHING
FOR CREW-
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FRENCHMAN

JOINS
PICNICKING
PARTY

USES
SWIMMING
AS EVASION
RUSE

the two left with me
we righted ~~it~~ ^{the chute} and paddled upstream to ~~the~~ Sgt TYLER'S parachute. I had learned
that it was Sgt TYLER's parachute because one of the boys had shown me ^{the sergeant's} ~~his~~ name
on a piece of chute harness
and the ~~packing~~ chute's packing-ticket. The Germans were still trying to get ~~at~~
the chute ~~down~~ ^{were} and having very little success.

~~passed~~
We paddled back down the river, ~~beyond our picnicking party~~ about a mile
below our picnicking party. ~~Thereovergot~~ We went in to the river bank and after
waiting ten minutes I saw a Frenchman coming through the wood with Sgt TYLER.

At the same time another Frenchman rode up on a bicycle with my clothes and I
left the river bank with Sgt TYLER and his friend. From here my journey was
arranged.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

SGT TYBER'S STORY Before joining Lt Boyle:

I heard two explosions in the cockpit. I had been firing my guns and had shot down one FW which I saw crash. This was confirmed later by Lt BOYLE and a French source. After the explosions I came out of the turret to get my chute and found the cover on fire. I went into the nose and tried to open the escape hatch. It

AIRCRAFT ON FIRE

was jammed but finally ~~opened~~ ^{fell away} when I jumped on it with all my weight. I stepped back out of the pilot and co-pilot's way, ~~and~~ snapped on my chute and went out head-first. A few seconds later I pulled the ripcord. The chute ~~was not~~ had not

been burned but I had to beat out the fire on the cover. I was jerked badly when the chute opened because I had not tightened the harness. When I was satisfied about the burning cover I ~~lighted~~ ^{lit} a cigarette and looked for other chutes. There were two above me and two below. I had a good view of PARIS and saw our Group

going through the flak barrage over PARIS. At intervals on the way down my chute swung violently from side to side and I didn't know how to work the shroud lines to control the swing. An FW came at me, passed beneath me at stalling speed and I watched it crash in a forest. I could see that I was going to land either in

a forest, a river or a village. Feeling that I would have a better chance if got into the forest I ~~worked~~ ^{tried to guide chute} the shroud lines but when ~~when~~ I saw that I was falling into what appeared to be the largest tree in the ~~wood~~ ^{forest} I tried to land in the river. My efforts failed and the chute caught on the top branch of the large tree.

CAUGHT IN TALL TREE

I was suspended about 60 feet above the ground. I think I was knocked out for a few minutes ~~but~~ ^{lost} ~~and~~ ^{consciousness} recovered when the chute slipped about six feet from one branch to another. My position was such that I could not touch any of the

CAUGHT IN TREE

tree and ~~there~~ the chute was not hung up tightly enough for me to risk swinging it. A crowd of Frenchmen and many dogs had gathered below me. The dogs were not barking and I was afraid that if I made any noise I would set them off. In a few

minutes over a hundred Frenchmen had arrived from the village.

One old Frenchman yelled up at me, ~~"American?"~~ in a dictionary English, "Are you American? - Are you wounded?" I called down to ~~them~~ him that I was an American and that I was wounded but he could not understand me unless I answered, ~~x~~ "yes," or "no," ~~x~~ to his questions. They also asked if I were hungry.

I think I was in the tree about thirty minutes before they got me down. The first ten minutes the Frenchmen seemed to be discussing ~~thex~~ how they would get me down. I thought of releasing myself from the chute and falling but ~~beneath~~ ~~me~~ directly beneath me there were jagged rocks which were a part of the river bank. The tree was about 5 feet ~~thick~~ in diameter at the base and the first limb was about 30 feet ~~x~~ from the ground.

At the end of the first ten minutes a young French ~~man~~ arrived and took charge immediately. He chose three tall men from the crowd, had them strip to the waist and take off their shoes. One man stood face-first ~~x~~ leaning against the tree-trunk while the second climbed to the first one's shoulders. Then the third man climbed to the shoulders of the second man and the leader, bare-footed ~~x~~ to prevent slipping, climbed to the shoulders of the third man. He ~~xxxxxxx~~ had tied a length of rope to his waist and by throwing it over the lowest limb managed to scramble onto that limb. From there he tossed the rope to me and gestured that I was to tie it around my waist. He took the other end of the rope and tied it to the tree-trunk. By some careful manuevering he worked ~~me~~ over to a limb which I clung to while he cut the shroud of ~~my~~ chute with my hunting knife. I dropped my flying boots and then the Frenchman insisted I take off my shoes and socks so that I could climb down more easily. Actually, the Frenchman carried me down ~~the~~ on his shoulders except where the gaps between limbs were too great ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~lowest~~ ~~limb~~ and then he would get to next limb and cup his hands to make a step. At the lowest limb on the tree the rope was tied around the top of a small tree near to us and that tree was pulled over to where we could make use of its limbs to get to the ground. Before I put on my shoes I had to be

IN TREE
THIRTY
MINUTES

FRENCHMEN
FORM PYRAMID
TO ~~RELEASE~~ LOWER
EVADER
FROM TREE

Then
kissed on both cheeks by most every one in the crowd. ~~After that~~ the boy who had
been my principal helper waved me into the wood, calling after me, "Allez, allez".

A woman followed me to see where I ~~would hide~~ hid. I ran through the wood
~~and crawled into a crevice and the opposite~~ until I came upon open fields.
There, at the edge of the wood, I crawled into a rock crevice, pulling brush over
the opening of the crevice. About ten minutes later, a young girl, sent by the
woman who had followed me, brought food. The girl, using sign language, got me
to understand that the woman wanted me to stay there until evening. I assured
her I would. After the girl had departed I put on some civilian clothes which
she had brought with the food.

The girl was hardly out of sight when I heard someone ~~approaching~~
who was whistling an American tune approaching me from the forest side. When
I saw that it was the Frenchman who had helped me out of the tree I called to him.
He gestured ~~that~~ that the Germans were searching the wood and motioned me to
follow him. As we started ~~moving~~ he handed me a straw to chew on and we
strolled nonchalantly through the German patrol. They were not close enough to
see us but my friend pointed out two of them ~~on the edge~~ standing on the edge
of the wood.

about a mile
Leaving one wood we walked to another. ~~about a mile~~ An elderly man joined
us for a few minutes but went away to look for other members of the crew.
My friend and I waited in the forest most of the afternoon. When the old man
returned he ~~said that~~ told me he had found a blond comrade of mine. My friend
and I followed the old man to the river where we picked up Lt BOYLE who was
well disguised in swimming trunks and an odd looking swimming cap. From here
our journey was arranged.

WARNED TO
RUN

WOMAN
FOLLOWS
TO GIVE
AID

CIVILIAN
CLOTHES

GUIDED
W THROUGH
GERMAN
PATROL

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

Appendix B:

- a. A target ~~2~~ (troop-carrying camions or half-track trucks) near the Pershing Hippodrome in PARIS was bombed on 1 or 2 September 1943 and missed entirely. On 4 September the Camions were still in the truck-park. (obs)
~~xxx~~ During the same raid an apartment building near the Montparnasse station was demolsihed.
- b. Observed raids on C-----Renault and Citroen plants. The Renault plant was destroyed and ~~the~~ part of the Citroen factory was destroyed 16 September. On the following day these two targets were still burning. Three Forts were seen to ~~blow~~ explode in mid-air over PARIS on these raids. The day after the Renault and Cordron Renault factories were destroyed (17 September) a Flying Fortress was seen flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over PARIS. It flew between barrage balloons. Even with good binoculars the number, though still on the tail fin, was not distinguishable. The Star ^{american} was the only insignia on the plane. The plane flew directly over anti-aircraft batteries in BELLEVUE.
- c. Near La GUIPPE, north of TOULOUSE, some jugoslav officers refused to go to the Russian Front and shot several German officers. The Jugoslavs were executed. (hearsay)
- d. When new of ITALIAN surrender came over BBC the Germans immediately started a check on all railway stations to 'freeze' any movement toward ITALY. (hearsy)
- e. At the first ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ railway station south of TOULOUSE a very large training field was seen. It is located on the west side of the tracks when travelling ^{to FOIX} ~~west~~ and is near the station ~~xx~~ of this small town. The number of personnel seemed unusually large. obs.

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(Lt. John T. Boyle)
(T. Sgt. Albert P. Tyler)
Appendix C

Lt. Boyle came down in the courtyard of a house in MERY-SUR-OISE on 16 August 1943. A large group of women surrounded him at once, put him into civilian clothes, gave him a bag of food and a dictionary, and told him to hurry away. He walked through the town and, a mile down the road where a Frenchman picked him up, and took him to a picnic party near the river. From there two boys took him across the river and turned him over to some other men who had ~~the~~ Sgt. Tyler with them.

(near MERY-SUR-OISE)
Sgt. Tyler landed in tall tree around which a group of Frenchmen ~~was~~ had gathered. ANDRE, a young man of 24 years, climbed up and ~~was~~ got Tyler out of the tree. Tyler was then hidden in a wood at the edge of the estate of a Marquise who sent a boy and a girl (both 16-18 years old) to bring him ^{and civilian clothes} food and tell him to wait there until evening. Presently ANDRE came to him and told him that they'd have to move because the Germans were

ANDRE COVILLIER, 9 RUE DES ETOILES, MERY-SUR-OISE

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searching the forest. They walked into another wood, were joined by ANDRE'S FIANCEE and an old man who had been in the group which had met Tyler in the morning, and were guided by the old man to the spot where he

Boyle was.

~~ANDRE~~ ^{ANDRE} took Boyle and Tyler to the house of his brother-in-law. They slept in this house two nights and ~~were taken to a cave~~

during the day were hidden in a cave. On the second day ANDRE brought a blonde young man and a 17 year old girl to the cave, and ~~these two took~~ ^{the three of them took} Boyle and Tyler to Paris by train. In Paris ~~they~~ they went to the apartment of the girl's aunt in ST DENIS while ANDRE and the other young man tried to get in touch with an organization. Finally ~~the~~ Boyle and Tyler were put into the hands of ~~ROMU DE RIETTE~~ and a man and woman (Mme. JULIENNE) who took them to Mme. MADELEINE'S

home. There they stayed for two days, during which time they met an Englishwoman (25-30 years old, blonde, claimed to be with British Intelligence) who gave them 2000 francs and brought two French boys who took them to CHAMPIGNY. In CHAMPIGNY-SUR-SEINE Boyle stayed at the home of ANDRE PEROLLE (50 RUE JEANNE D'ARC) and Tyler with M. and Mme ANDRE RINGARD (106 RUE CHARLES ENFROIT).

After staying some ten days here Boyle and Tyler were taken to BELLEVUE-SUR-SEINE where they stayed in the home of Mme. JEANNE JOUGLA and her husband,

who is a director of LUMIERE FILM CO. (The JOUGLA house is across from the RENAULT factory.) They stayed here from 4 September until 20 September. (During this time the JOUGLA house was HQ for a resistance organization, a boy went to Normandie and brought back a radio set for the house a radio set with the number: RS 3 - 13762

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On 20 September ROMU DE RUETTE and PIERRE CORNET took Boyle and Tyler to the line of demarcation. They walked across at ST. ANTONIN where the chief of the local organization and a doctor took the four of them through LEXOS to a farmhouse near LAGUEPIE where they met the mayor of LAGUEPIE and a priest who wore the uniform of horraire under his frock. That night Boyle and Tyler were taken to the home of Mlle. JULIETTE OROQUES (LES PALMIERS, ST. MARTIN, LAGUEPIE) where they remained three days and on the fourth were taken to FOIX. There in a house across from the police station they were met by a boy who took them to a house outside of the city where they stayed for two nights. At FOIX ROMU left but PIERRE

was going to cross the mountains with the party. The Spanish guides led them to the peak of the mountains but a blizzard forced them to return to FOIX to the house from which they had started. The guides then deserted the party. The owner of a bicycle shop in FOIX got three new guides for the party in which there were 32. On the climb Tyler gave out and Boyle, Lt. Kneale, PIERRE, M. and Mme. FOUGER, and Paul Ferrari, a Belgian, waited for him while the rest went on. This ~~smaller~~ smaller party finally reached Andorra ~~and~~ where a guide, ANTONIO, who claimed to be connected with the British, attached ~~himself~~ himself to them. From Andorra they went to ~~code~~^{SFO} de Urgel, SPAIN by bus (M. FOUGER making the arrangements). Antonio took them from there to BARCELONA by automobile.

On 16 October they arrived in Madrid and saw Major CLARK; on 22 October they reached Gibraltar which they left on 25 October for U.K. where they arrived the next day.

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WALKS INTO
GERMANS
SEARCHING FOR
CREW MEMBER

After walking about half-a-mile along the side of the river, the path curved and without warning I ran into a large number of people in the middle of the path. I looked up, as they were doing, and saw a parachute in the top branches of a tree, fifty or sixty feet from the ground. There was no parachutist in sight and the discussion sounded to me as though they were planning how the chute could be retrieved. When it occurred to me that there were probably German soldiers about I examined the crowd more closely and saw about five. Like every one they were staring up at the chute. Then I happened to look into the wood and saw several Germans searching in pairs. I edged through the crowd and continued my walk down the path.

FOLLOWED BY
FRENCHMAN

A mile further along the river I left the path for a road that would still lead me toward my objective - the hill. Then I noticed ~~that~~ a Frenchman ~~was~~ following me. He whistled at me when I looked back at him and I turned ^{waited} around to see what he wanted. I started to gesture but he motioned me to follow him quietly. We walked to a nearby building and I was left there alone while the man went to get another person. We used sign language and my dictionary to understand each other.

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USES SWIMMING
AS EVASION RUSE

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

We paddled back down the river about a mile below our picnicking party. We went in to the river bank and after waiting ten minutes I saw a Frenchman coming through the wood with Sgt TYLER. At the same time another Frenchman rode up on a bicycle with my clothes and I left the river bank with Sgt TYLER and his friend. From here my journey was arranged.

SGT TYLER'S STORY BEFORE JOINING LT BOYLE:

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LANDS IN
TALL TREE

I was suspended about 60 feet above the ground. I think I was knocked out for a few minutes but recovered consciousness when the chute slipped about six feet from one branch to another. My position was such that I could not touch any of the tree and the chute was not hung up tightly enough for me to risk swinging it. A crowd of Frenchmen and many dogs had gathered below me. The dogs were not barking and I was afraid that if I made any noise I would set them off. In a few minutes over a hundred Frenchmen had arrived from the village.

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One old Frenchman yelled up at me, in dictionary English, "Are you American? - Are you wounded?" I called down to him that I was an American and that I was wounded but he could not understand me unless I answered, "yes" or "no" to his questions. They also asked if I were hungry.

IN TREE THIRTY
MINUTES

I think I was in the tree about thirty minutes before they got me down. The first ten minutes the Frenchmen seemed to be discussing how they would get me down. I thought of releasing myself from the chute and falling but directly beneath me there were jagged rocks which were a part of the river bank. The tree was about 5 feet in diameter at the base and the first limb was about 30 feet from the ground.

At the end of the first ten minutes a young Frenchman arrived and took charge immediately. He chose three tall men from the crowd, had

FRENCHMEN FORM
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them strip to the waist and take off their shoes. One man stood face-first leaning against the tree-trunk while the second climbed to the first one's shoulders. Then the third man climbed to the shoulders of the second man and the leader, bare-footed to prevent slipping, climbed to the shoulders of the third man. He had tied a length of rope to his waist and by throwing it over the lowest limb managed to scramble onto that limb. From there he tossed the rope to me and gestured that I was to tie it around my waist. He took the other end of the rope and tied it to the tree-trunk. By some careful ^{maneuvering} he worked me over to a limb which I clung to while he cut the shroud ^{lines} of the chute with my hunting knife. I dropped my flying boots and then the Frenchman insisted I take off my shoes and socks so that I could climb down more easily. Actually, the Frenchman carried me down on his shoulders except where ~~the~~ gaps between limbs were too great; and then he would get to next limb and cup his hands to make a step. At the lowest limb on the tree the rope was tied around the top of a small tree near to us and that tree ~~was~~ pulled over to where we could make use of its ^{branches} ~~limbs~~ to get to the ground. Before I put on my shoes I had to be kissed on both cheeks by most every one in the crowd. Then the boy who had been my principal helper waved me into the wood, calling after me, "Allez, allez".

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A woman followed me to see where I hid. I ran through the wood until I came upon open fields. There, at the edge of the wood, I crawled into a rock crevice, pulling brush over the opening of the crevice. About ten minutes later, a young girl, sent by the woman who had followed me, brought food. The girl, using sign language, got me to understand that the woman wanted me to stay there until evening. I assured her I would. After the girl had departed I put on some civilian clothes which she had brought with the food.

CIVILIAN
CLOTHES

The girl was hardly out of sight when I heard someone ~~who was~~ whistling an American tune ^{as he} approached me from the forest side. When I saw that it was the Frenchman who had helped me out of the tree I called to him. He gestured that the Germans were searching the wood and motioned me to follow him. As we started, ^{he} handed me straw to chew on and we strolled nonchalantly through the German patrol. They were not close enough to see us but my friend pointed out two of them standing on the edge of the wood.

GUIDED THROUGH
GERMAN PATROL

Leaving one wood we walked about a mile to another. An elderly man joined us for a few minutes but went away to look for other members of the crew. My friend and I waited in the forest most of the afternoon. When the old man returned he told me he had found a blond comrade of mine. My friend and I followed the old man to the river where we picked up Lt BOYLE who was well disguised in swimming trunks and an odd looking swimming cap. From here our journey was arranged.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

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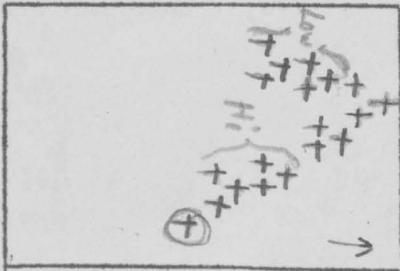
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"C"

NAME Albert P. Tyler RANK 1/1st ASN 19080965 REPORT NO. 139
SQ 524 GROUP 379 A/C NO. 229666 Letter L Load 16 300/16 Date 16 August 1943
Aug 16



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

Observed results of Bombing: Did not drop bombs.

Enemy Fighter Tactics: Nose and tail attacks. Attacked ^{from} out of the sun.
Markings: Nose attacks + tail attacks. ^{Sun} attacks.
Silver-grey wing + yellow-nose.

Our Tactics: None visible.

Our Fighter Support: invisible.
Did not see any.

Flak
None Time Place Quality

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous: Oxygen System + Flares ^{on} fire
in cockpit. Believe controls shot ^{out}.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Co-pilots first mission - Pilots first mission
as 1st pilot. Diamond position was not flown
due to prop wash ^{and cartridge cases} cart. cases. Pilot flew on
right wing of ship in front; felt co-pilot inexperienced
in formation flying. I felt same. Enemy fighters picked
us off after many attacks.

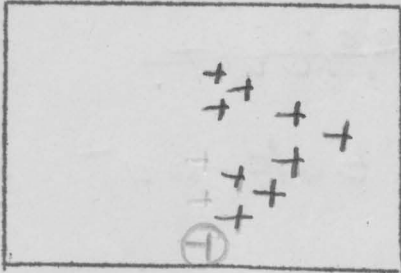
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My Chest-type chute ~~of mine~~ was ~~sitting~~^{lying} below
on floor ~~at~~^{below my} turret. Flaming oxygen had set chute
cover on fire so did not make delayed jump.
Bail out bottle was not used; - ~~never able to get~~^{could never get them}
them issued after many requests. Blacked out
momentarily; came to and snuffed out smouldering
chute cover on way down. Suggest these covers be
made fire-proof.



NAME John T. Boyle RANK 2nd Lt. ASN 0-753269 REPORT NO. 138

SQ 524 GROUP 379 A/C NO. 289866 Letter L Load 16-30066 Date Aug. 16, 45



Position in formation.
Make Diagram

High Squadron

Observed results of Bombing:

Did not reach target.

Did not release bombs

Enemy Fighter Tactics:

Markings:

Sun attacks

Nose & tail attacks

Silver-grey & yellow-nose

Our Tactics:

None

Our Fighter Support:

Invisible Not Seen

Flak

Time

Place

Quality

None

Technical Failures

Motors:

Armor:

Armament:

Miscellaneous:

Oxygen & Flares burning

Pilot wounded. Controls shot away.

Comments and Suggestions on any of the above:

Pilot's was just made from a co-pilot. The co-pilot's hours in a Fort were practically none. We were given diamond position. Our pilots couldn't hold that position because of prop-wash & cartridge cases from other ships. ~~TAKING EVERYTHING INTO CONSIDERATION~~ With all conditions together we flew (over)

nothing that could be called a position. We therefore received the brunt of the attack.

The time of attack was bad, because the sun was high, & most of the attacks came from the sun. To see was very difficult.

I did not use bale-out pottle; we didn't have any.

I did not black out. I find a man is very conscience while falling.

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
PW and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

27 October 1943

APPENDIX "B" TO E & E REPORT NOS. 138 & 139

1. The following information has been obtained after an interview with an Officer and a Sergeant who evaded capture by the enemy after being in enemy-occupied territory.

2. Further circulation of this information may be made, but when doing so, no information as to the source may be divulged.

Statement of information covering period from 16 August 1943
to 26 October 1943

a. A target (troop-carrying ^{Camions} ~~Camions~~ or half-track trucks) near the Pershing Hippodrome in PARIS was bombed on 1 or 2 September 1943 and missed entirely. On 4 September the ~~Camions~~ were still in the truck-park. ~~(obs.)~~ During the same raid an apartment building near the Montparnasse station was demolished. ~~(observation)~~ CAUDRON

CAUDRON
b. Observed raids on ~~Caudron~~ Renault and Citroen plants. The Renault plant was destroyed and part of the Citroen factory was destroyed 16 September. On the following day these two targets were still burning. Three Forts were seen to explode in mid-air over PARIS on these raids. The day after the Renault and ~~Caudron~~ Renault factories were destroyed (17 September) a Flying Fortress was seen flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over PARIS. It flew between barrage balloons. Even with good binoculars the number, though still on the tail fin, was not distinguishable. The American Star was the only insignia on the plane. The plane flew directly over anti-aircraft batteries in BELLEVUE.

LAGUEPPE
c. Near ~~La CUIPPE~~ LAGUEPPE, north of TOULOUSE, some Yugoslav officers refused to go to the Russian Front and shot several German officers. The Yugoslavs were executed. (hearsay)

d. When news of the ITALIAN surrender came over BBC the Germans immediately started a check on all railway stations to 'freeze' any movement toward ITALY. (hearsay)

e. At the first railway station south of TOULOUSE a very large training field was seen. It is located on the west side of the tracks when travelling to FOIX and is near the station of this small town. The number of personnel seemed unusually large. (obs.)

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 139

No., Rank, Name :- 19080965 - T/Sgt Albert P. Tyler
 Unit :- 379th Bomb Grp - 524th Bomb Sqn.

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? No
- (b) If not, had you one on you? No
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? lost during jump
fell out on jumping
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use?
 Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g. "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
- (i) Horlicks tablets.
- (ii) Chocolate.
- (iii) Milk (tube).
- (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).
- (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
- (vi) Matches.
- (vii) Adhesive tape.
- (viii) Chewing gum.
- (ix) Water bottle.
- (x) Compass.
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory?
 If so, in what respect?
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box.
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger? Yes - furnish straps attached to ~~Aids Box~~ so that it could be strapped on.

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes
 If so, state COLOR. Brown
 If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?
 Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
- (i) Maps. Which ones? No
- (ii) Compass. No

(iii) File (hacksaw). *No*

(iv) Foreign Currency. State countries and amounts. *Yes 2,000 frs.*
How did you spend the money. *Gave to helpers*

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps.

Compass.

File (hacksaw).

Surplus currency.

All hidden by first helper.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS*)

(* Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?
If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE.

(i) Round compass. *no*

(ii) Stud compass. *no*

(iii) Swinger compass. *no*

(iv) Fly-button compass. *no*

(v) Pencil clip compass. *no*

(vi) Tunic button compass. *no*

(vii) Pipe compass. *no*

(viii) Pouch. *no*

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife). *knife (hunting); aided helper ^{used it} to cut meat from tree and my parachute.*

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

Black shoes should be worn, preferably G.I.

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs? *Fell ^{lost} out in jump*
If so, how many?

(b) Did you use them?
State how.

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape? *Yes - Bovington in State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM. April & May this year; By A.A.F personnel that have escaped. At Kimbolton also, by six escaped USA.A.F men.*

(b) Did you find the lectures of value? *Yes - very valuable.*

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 138.

No., Rank, Name:- John D Boyle 2d Lt. 0-735 269
Unit:- 524 Bomb Sq 379 Bomb Sq

Please answer carefully the questions below. Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training must come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- (a) Did you use your aids box? No
- (b) If not, had you one on you? Yes
- (c) If not, why had you no aids box? No ~~Not needed~~ ~~occasional~~
- (d) If you used it, which of the following items did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances, e.g., "Lying up for 2 nights", etc.
 - (i) Horlicks tablets.
 - (ii) Chocolate
 - (iii) Milk (tube).
 - (iv) Benzadrine tablets (fatigue)
 - (v) Halazone tablets (water purifier).
 - (vi) Matches.
 - (vii) Adhesive tape.
 - (viii) Chewing gum.
 - (ix) Water bottle.
 - (x) Compass FOR PERSONAL CHECK ON COURSE OVER PYRENEES
- (e) Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? If so, in what respect? No
- (f) How did you finally dispose of the box? Yes ~~GIVEN TO~~ ^{helpers} ~~FRENCH~~ UNOPENED
- (g) Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- (a) Did you carry a purse? Yes
If so, state COLOR. Brown
If NOT, state why not.
- (b) Did you use the purse? Yes
- (c) If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use? Put a dash (-) against each item used and state briefly the circumstances.
 - (i) Maps. Which ones? France. to check location where I was when I landed where I landed.
 - (ii) Compass. To check directions when I landed. To check course thru Pyrenees.

(iii) File (hacksaw). *no*

(iv) Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2000 French francs*
How did you spend the money. *Gave to organization*

This amount 2000 FRs

(d) How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *Gave away*

Compass. *lost*

File (hacksaw). *Gave away*

Surplus currency. *Gave away*

2000
helpless
difficulties of organization
has in acquiring sufficient money
to cover our travelling
expenses.

3. AIDS TO ESCAPE - (GADGETS+)

(+Issued separately from aids boxes and purses.)

Black shoes

(a) Did you carry or wear any of the following?

If you used any of them, state briefly WHEN and WHERE

(i) Round compass.

(ii) Stud compass.

(iii) Swinger compass.

(iv) Fly-button compass.

(v) Pencil clip compass.

(vi) Tunic button compass.

(vii) Pipe compass.

(viii) Pouch

(ix) Special flying boots (and knife).

BLACK SHOES (GI)
would be a
valuable escape
aid.

(b) Were they satisfactory?

(c) Can you suggest any improvements, additions, or substitutions which would improve the above equipment?

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

(a) Did you carry passport-size photographs?

If so, how many?

No - Mine were not proper size;

(b) Did you use them?

State how.

was told before mission they were no
good as did not carry them

5. LECTURES

(a) Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

U.S.A. - Boringdon - April by ~~escapists~~ evaders
Kimbelton - August - ~~EVADERS~~ sts

(b) Did you find the lectures of value?

Yes; In fact they were of the
utmost value.

would be
real escape aid