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1. EVASION AND CAPTURE.

We left in a Lancaster bomber on the night of 30 Jul 44 for the target, a railway junction S. of ORLEANS. We got there and bombed it and then started to return. North-West of ORLEANS we were attacked by a fighter, went into evasive action, but, were hit. The aircraft was completely on its back and went into a dive. I could not hear anything over the inter-com. The engineer landed on top of me. I looked round and he pointed to the escape hatch. When half way out of this I got stuck but the engineer pushed me as the aircraft came out of the dive. I came down in a ploughed field, hid my parachute, and found I had injured my back but not seriously. I could see a village nearby and walked away from it and came to an isolated farm where I slept in a barn.

I was admitted into the farm at about 0700 hrs next morning by two women who said they would hide me. They gave me civilian clothes and I stayed there for three days. At the end of this time they contacted an organisation for me and I was taken by a member of it by bicycle to ORGEMS where I stayed for a night with the organisation. There I met F/Lt. LIGHT, R.A.A.F., and Lt. CHALLOT and Sgt JACKSON, U.S.A.A.C. The following day a car arrived from PARIS with a driver accompanied by a red-headed woman. The four of us were taken to PARIS in this car where I stayed first at the Hotel Piccadilly and then at some flats near the racecourse in the hands of an organisation run by the Germans.

On 10 Jul I was taken by car by a member of this organisation and handed over to another car in the street of PARIS and taken to Gestapo H.Q.

I was handcuffed and stood with my hands over my head in a room covered by two men with revolvers for about half an hour. I was questioned by a Gestapo man(All of them were in plain clothes) I gave my name, rank and number and said I was a R.A.F. Officer. They said I was a saboteur and a spy. The questions they asked me were my name, occupation before joining the R.A.F., my home address, but, they didn't question me at all on military secrets or anything like that. During this time I was spat at on the face by this man who was drunk. I was then taken to Fresnes Prison in a very overcrowded van of French prisoners where I was put into solitary confinement for one month. During this time I had no interrogation or anything else.

After this I was put into another cell with two other R.A.F. and an American Air Force man. At the end of a total of six weeks here I was

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moved with 1064 R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F. prisoners, out of the total prison population of 1700. Full particulars of this journey and of my stay in BUCHENWALDE are in the hands of the Judge Advocate General's office, LONDON.

I arrived at Stalag Luft III on 23 Oct 44.

Just before I left BUCHENWALDE I was interrogated by a man in civilian clothes who said he was from DULAG LUFT. I refused to fill in a Red Cross form which he gave me. He said if I did not fill it in I would be kept in BUCHENWALDE. For one night I was kept with thirty-nine others in the condemned cells barracks but was sent back next day to normal barracks. Two weeks later all were moved to SAGAN.

2. CAMPS IN WHICH IMPRISONED.

Fresnes	(PARIS)	Jul - Aug 44
Concentration Camp III	(BUCHENWALDE)	Aug 44 - Oct 44
Stalag Luft III	(SAGAN)	Oct 44 - Jan 45
Stalag III A	(LUCKENWALDE)	Jan - Apr 45

3. ATTEMPTED ESCAPES.

Nil.

4. LIBERATION.

I was liberated while at Stalag III A, LUCKENWALDE on 21 Apr 45.

I do not feel that I could give a picture in sufficient detail as I have already done so both in PARIS and LONDON and have since endeavoured to forget the whole story.