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STATEMENT BY

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Captured: PARIS, 22 Jul 44.

Liberated: LUBECK, 2 May 45.

Date of Birth: 1 Aug 22.

R.A.F. Service: ?

Peacetime Profession: Student.
Private Address: c/o The Manager,
National & Provincial Bank,
Wood Street, SWINDON,
Wilts.

1. EVASION AND CAPTURE.

On 30 Apr 44 I was flying over Northern FRANCE when about 0900 hrs, I was hit by flak over ROMILLY aerodrome (N.W. EUROPE, 1:250,000, Sheet 4 M/22) and forced to land at CHATRES SUR SEINE (Sheet 7, R/3). I left the aircraft and took my flying equipment with me and hid up in some woods nearby all day. In the evening I met an employee of the big house of the district. He went off and got the lady of the house. She took me to her house where I met her husband who spoke English. They fed and kept me for 4 days and then got me in touch with the Maquis at TROYES. The Maquis sent me to a cottage at St. SAVINE (FRANCE, 1:250,000, Sheet 16/ Y.27) nearby owned by market gardeners. I stayed one night at the cottage.

I left the next morning with the Maquis who hid me in a wood near CHAPPELLES VALLON (Sheet 16/ Y 39) for three nights. Later I heard that the cottage where I stayed was raided and the old couple were taken away by the Germans. We had warning that two of the Maquis had been caught.

On the Saturday morning we were attacked by German soldiers but got away successfully. I was taken to a farm at ST. MAURE (Sheet 16/ Y38) where I stayed the night. The following day I went to some people in TROYES who kept me for three days. On the fourth day we re-formed with all the local Maquis and made for the forest of OTHE (Sheet 16/ Y15) near SOULIGNY (Sheet 16/ Y.26). I stayed here for about a month and was joined by F/Lt. T.H. BLACKHAM, R.A.F.

After D-Day we were attacked again and the Maquis split up into small parties. F/Lt. BLACKHAM, myself and a Frenchman made our way to MLLUN (N.W. EUROPE 1:250,000 Sheet 8 / S.20), where we were put in touch with an English woman. We stayed in MLLUN for 4 days when the English woman sent us to a French woman at PRINGY (Sheet 8 / S.10). She put us on a train for PARIS via MLLUN. At MLLUN we met two guides who took us to a hotel in the Porte de Clichy, PARIS. We stayed two weeks in the hotel and were visited by an American lady married to a Frenchman. This woman was trying to find a way to get us back to the U.K. The hotel was raided by the Gestapo,

/they only

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they only took money and jewels but we were warned that we should move so the American woman took us to her flat. We stayed here a week until she left for the country.

Meanwhile she had put us in touch with some French Communists at AUBERVILLIERS (Sheet 7/ S.04). As they had no intention of helping us to get home we returned to PARIS and we stayed with a Countess. She tried all contacts to help us without success.

On 22 Jul 44 we were told to go out and we would be met by a Frenchman who could help us. We met this Frenchman in the street about 1930 hrs. who introduced us to a man who said he was a Canadian British Agent. The so-called Canadian took us to his flat. He told us that he and his friend would put us up for the night and then send us by car to the South of FRANCE.

We left the flat with the two of them at 2200 hrs. and were walking along when we were surrounded by plain clothes Gestapo at the Pont de La Concord. We were taken to the Gestapo H.Q. for interrogation. We were kept in FRESNES Prison for a month and then taken to GERMANY.

2. CAMPS IN WHICH IMPRISONED.

(1) FRESNES Prison.	Jul - Aug 44.
(2) BUCHENWALD Concentration Camp.	Aug - Oct 44.
(3) STALAG LUFT III, (SAGAN)	Oct 44 - Jan 45.
(4) STALAG LUFT III, (TARMSTEDT)	Feb - Apr 45.

3. ATTEMPTED ESCAPES.

Nil.

4. LIBERATION.

I was liberated near LUBECK on 2 May 45 by the British Army and flown to the U.K. on 8 May 45.

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The following information was obtained from BRITISH personnel who have been repatriated.

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DATE OF INTERVIEW:- 1 Oct 45.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
(1) 3 - 7 May 44.	X F. DAOUT, 31, Rue Raymond Poincare, TROYES, AUBE.	Food, shelter for 4 days and clothing. Owned house.
(2) 14 - 18 Jun 44.	X Mrs. HEPBURN, 41, Rue Dajot, MELUN.	English woman, British Agent. Food, shelter and help.
(3) 4 - 11 Jul 44.	Madame Helen COPPINGER, 37, Rue Michel-Ange, PARIS, XVI.	An American married to a French man. Food and shelter for a week.
(4) 14 - 22 Jul 44.	Countess LAGAILLARDE, 77 Avenue Kleber, PARIS, XVI. also her daughter Madame BOUTARD, 27, Rue la Fontaine, PARIS, XVI.	Food and shelter and help for one week.

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PART I.

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GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BRITISH/AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. No. 147751 RANK F/O SURNAME MUTTER

CHRISTIAN NAMES NEVILLE EDWARD STONE

DECORATIONS

2. SHIP (R.N., U.S.N. or MERCHANT NAVY)

UNIT (ARMY)

SQUADRON (R.A.F. or A.A.F.) 65 SQDN (RAF)

3. DIVISION (ARMY), COMMAND (R.A.F. or A.A.F.) FIGHTER COMMAND (RAF)

4. DATE OF BIRTH 1st AUGUST 1922

5. DATE OF ENLISTMENT

6. CIVILIAN TRADE OR PROFESSION STUDENT (CHAFTON COLLEGE, BRISTOL)
(OR EXAMINATIONS PASSED WHILE P/W)

7. PRIVATE ADDRESS c/o THE MANAGER, NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK,
WOOD ST., SWINDON, WILTSHIRE

8. PLACE AND DATE OF ORIGINAL CAPTURE FRESNES PRISON (PARIS) 22nd JULY 1944

9. WERE YOU WOUNDED WHEN CAPTURED? NO

10. MAIN CAMPS OR HOSPITALS IN WHICH IMPRISONED.

Camp No.	Location	From	Till
	FRESNES PRISON (PARIS)	22nd JULY 1944	15th AUG. 1944
	CONCENTRATION CAMP (BUCHENWALD)	20th AUG. 1944	20th OCT 1944
STALAG LUFT (III)	SAGAN	22nd OCT 1944	27th JAN. 1945
STALAG LUFT (III)	TARMSTEOT	4th FEB. 1945	10th APRIL 1945

11. WERE YOU IN A WORKING CAMP?

Location	From	Till	Nature of Work

12. DID YOU SUFFER FROM ANY SERIOUS ILLNESSES WHILE A P/W?

Nature of Illness	Cause	Duration

(b) DID YOU RECEIVE ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT?

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2. LECTURES before Capture :

- (a) Were you lectured in your unit on how to behave in the event of capture?
(State where, when and by whom).

YES 122 AIRFIELD (TAF) SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
(F/LT SAYLARD) AND BY AN INTERROGATION OFFICER (F/LT -)

- (b) Were you lectured on escape and evasion? (State where, when and by whom).

YES 50 T.U. HARWARDEN. BY AN I.O. AND BY AN ESCAPED P.O.W.
122 AIRFIELD (F/LT SAYLARD)

3. INTERROGATION after capture :

Were you specially interrogated by the enemy? (State where, when and methods employed by enemy).

I DID NOT PASS THROUGH THE NORMAL DUAAG INTERROGATION.
I WAS INTERROGATED AT BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMP
BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE

4. ESCAPES attempted :

Did you make any attempted or partly successful escapes? (Give details of each attempt separately, stating where, when, method employed, names of your companions, where and when recaptured and by whom. Were you physically fit? What happened to your companions?)

WHEN SHOT DOWN ON 30TH APRIL 1944 AT ROMILLY-SUR-SEINE, I
EVADDED CAPTURE. I CONTACTED AN FFI ORGANISATION WITH WHOM
I LIVED IN THE MAQUIS. AFTER THE ALLIED INVASION ON 6TH JUNE
I ATTEMPTED TO REACH OUR LINES WITH F/LT BLACKHAM BUT WE WERE
PICKED UP BY THE GESTAPO AND IMPRISONED

5. SABOTAGE :

Did you do any sabotage or destruction of enemy factory plant, war material, communications, etc., when employed on working-parties or during escape? (Give details, places and dates.)

6. COLLABORATION with enemy :

Do you know of any British or American personnel who collaborated with the enemy or in any way helped the enemy against other Allied Prisoners of War? (Give details, names of person(s) concerned, camp(s), dates and nature of collaboration or help given to enemy).

7. WAR CRIMES :

If you have any information or evidence of bad treatment by the enemy to yourself or to others, or knowledge of any enemy violation of Geneva Convention you should ask for a copy of "Form Q" on which to make your statement.

(NOTE: Form Q is a separate form inviting information on "War Crimes" and describes the kinds of offences coming under this title.)

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8. Have you any other matter of any kind you wish to bring to notice?

Refusal of German Authorities (Gertäfo, S.S. and Wehrmacht-)
to recognise the identity discs as proof of service in
H.M. Forces.

SECURITY UNDERTAKING.

I fully realise that all information relating to the matters covered by the questions in Part II. are of a highly secret and official nature.

I have had explained to me and fully understand that under Defence Regulations or U.S.A.R. 380-5 I am forbidden to publish or communicate any information concerning these matters.

Date 3RD MAY 1945

Signature

Neville E. B. White c/o

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