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Captured: PARIS, 7 Aug 44 Liberated: LUBECK 2 May 45

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1. EVASION AND CAPTURE.

We were detailed to attack NANTES on the night 6/7 May 44. Three minutes after bombing the target the aircraft was set on fire from an attack by an enemy aircraft. After the second attack the order was given to abandon.

I landed by parachute at 0230 hrs about 15 kms W. of NANTES. After disposing of flying kit I walked for half a mile and hid up in a dense wood until dawn.

I walked south and finding a small village I requested help at a house. I was given food and a bed. When I awoke at mid-day there was a civvy suit and identity card ready for me. I was taken to the small village of IVRY where I stayed with a man.

On 8 May 44 I moved to the next village ROUVRE where I stayed with another man for two weeks. During the stay here a message was received from the pilot and engineer bringing news of their safety.

On 23 May 44 I moved to BONCOURT to live with a family, a member of whom was teaching me French. I stayed here for nine weeks. I met two RAF aircrew F/O Frank SALT (18, Winchester Road, BEDFORD) and F/Sgt JAMES (Howmill, CARSLISLE) who were anxious to get up to our lines. I decided to go with them.

On 24 Jul we walked South, intending to be handed on to further members of the organisation, but some dislocation followed and we remained for eight days in an unused house.

The Maquis arrived and wanted the house. We moved to the next village and on 2 Aug were taken by car to PARIS.

On 7 Aug 44 a car came to take us to an aerodrome, but instead we were taken to Gestapo H.Q.

I was transferred to a civilian prison for eight days and then taken to BUCHENWALDE.

2. CAMPS IN WHICH IMPRISONED.

BUCHENWALDE  
STALAG LUFT III  
MARLAG/MILAG NORD

20 Aug - 19 Oct 44  
20 Oct 44 - 27 Jan 45.  
4 Feb - 10 Apr 45.

/3 ATTEMPTED ESCAPES.....

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3. ATTEMPTED ESCAPES.

Nil.

4. LIBERATION.

2 May 45. I was liberated by the British 2nd Army near LUBECK on the



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

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DATE OF INTERVIEW:- 27 Jun 45.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1) 8 May 44	Ernst ARMAND (Butcher) ROUVRE, France.	Food and shelter for two weeks.
2) 23 May 44	Georges WYATT BONCOURT, France	Food and shelter for nine weeks
3) 27 May 44	Francois FREMENTINE BONCOURT, France.	As Above.
4) 7 May 45	Dentist at IVRY, Nr. NANTES, France.	Hospitality for one night.

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