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1. NUMBER... XX 1994 ..... RANK (ACTG) Dvr ..... NATIONALITY... AUS. .....  
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SURNAME... Nett ..... CHRISTIAN NAMES... Cecil George .....

UNIT 2/15 Btn. A.I.F. ..... DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE... 7.4.41. Near Derna, Libya. .....

DATE AND PLACE OF FINAL ESCAPE... 11.9.43. Camp No. 106/- Gervatto, Verchelli. ..... DATE OF ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND... 7.10.43 .....

2. BRIEF CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE

I was captured with the H.Q. Company of 2/15 Battalion. We were surrounded in the morning by a column which the officers assumed to be our own brigade.

WHERE IMPRISONED			HOW EMPLOYED
CAMP NO AND PLACE	PERIOD		
	FROM	TO	
Sundry African Camps	7.4.41	6.5.41	-
66 Capua	9.5.41	15.6.41	Walking.
<del>70</del> Sulmona	15.6.41	1.7.41	-
<del>93</del> Bolzano	1.7.41	26.10.41	Lectures, walks.
57 Gruppignano	26.10.41	25.4.43.	Sport, reading, lectures, concerts.
112/3 Veneria	25.4.43	24.7.43.	Working --- agricultural.
106/ Gervatto	24.7.43	11.9.43.	-

ATTEMPTED ESCAPES

WHERE FROM	DATE	BRIEF DETAILS

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5. DETAILS OF FINAL ESCAPE and SUBSEQUENT JOURNEY UNTIL TAKEN OVER BY ORGANISATION. (Names and addresses of helpers must be entered on Appendix A and not mentioned in this report) (Escape plans and other information which would jeopardise security or identification of organisations or helpers must be entered in Appendix C and not mentioned in this report.)

The guards allowed us to leave on the armistice. A few days after getting out, an Italian told us to remain hidden on the banks of the river near his house, and he would feed us. There were eleven of us, we remained there for twenty-three days.

DATE... 2/8/44 .....

PLACE... Courx .....

*[Signature]*  
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INTERROGATING OFFICER

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SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	ADDRESS (Give Province)	TYPE OF HELP GIVEN (Give dates and Period)
	Names unknown, but reported when I arrived at Wald in Oct., 1943.	San Nazarra Verchelli Province.	Fed us on their farm for 23 days. Party of eleven.

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ESCAPE INFORMATION

- To include :
- (a) Last part of journey to Switzerland which is not mentioned in main report
  - (b) Information of organisation.
  - (c) Escape plans in or outside camps during capitulation (This will only be given by camp leaders and the senior officer or N.C.O. present in area from each camp)

(a) An Italian came for us after we had been hiding on a farm for twenty-three days. He took us in relays in his car, to a small village outside Novarra. We slept there that night. The next day he accompanied eleven of us by train as far as Domodossola. There we spent the day on the river, and at eight o'clock that night left with a guide provided by the Italian. We climbed until eleven that night, then rested until 6 o'clock next morning when we started with a new guide. We arrived at Gondo at 6.30 that evening.

(b) The organization was run by two reporters on the Italian newspaper "La Stampa", and the pedrone of the farm <sup>where</sup> ~~which~~ we were sheltered. I dont know any of their names now, but when I arrived at Wald detachment ( Zurich ) in October 1943 the names of these men and details, were reported by us.

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