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1. ASN 34265957; Sgt., James Robert Toney,
2. None –
3. 358 B.S.
4. 303 B.G.
5. 19 APRIL 1919 22
6. 1 year – l of s
7. Textile Worker
8. Commerce, Georgia –
9. Molesworth, 12/12/42 1030 hrs.
   Near Paris – (Fontainebleau) – S.W 20? Miles – Noon
   Exploded when hit ground –
10. Pilot – Capt Foost –
11. ———
21. Gib – Anderson – No written report –
22. No
23. Gib – Capt Babcock – Anderson – London 16th
24. Gib – Best – 5 March
25. Glasgow – 15th ARRIVED UK 15 MAR 1943

Tower

Head Capt say "Bale out." Three fighters drove us. We were just below formation. Started to waist + door in waist had been pulled open by Emergency Release. One hinge caught + it wouldn't fall off. Couldn't get out there then. I went back to the tail. To get out. Tryed to get leg straps faster. Looked up thru Bomb bay and saw Capt Frost coming into Bomb Bay. Blacked out before leaving plane + came too later. Then jumped. Pulled rip. When chute opened, looked around, one chute landed - saw it hit ground. Hung up in tree to clutch chute harness to limb. Climbed down tree. Tried to find chute I had seen hit ground. Hid in brush until late afternoon. Hailed a frenchman passing on bicycle. Whistled. Yelled. He came to where I was and motioned me to hide. He took his bike to a small house + came back. He let me know we would get chute after dark. Took me to woods behind home + not whitney. Left. Came back after dark. Took me to house for clothes + food. He stationed several friends on road when we were going to house + he told me they would get chute. Left my clothes there + started walking. South. He pointed way to main road.

1. In Paris was told that a airdrome was destroyed by Allied Bombers the 17th of Dec 1942, 57 fighters were destroyed and 3 airdrome hangers wrecked.

Many airdrome North East of Toulouse. Types of ships seen were Jeu 88 and ME 109. Seen about Dec 24th.

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3.

4. Seen Train cars loaded with German Motor cars and also light Cannons going Toward Toulouse. Dec. 23rd. Every Motor car had two German Soldiers in it.

5.

6. My impression of the German Soldiers in France was that they were having a good time there. Also they seemed contented. The older men are in the Northern part of France while the Boys are in the southern Part. Uniforms were very sloppy, many cars had gas generators on them.

Walked from Villa with 2 civil Guards to Lerida x
Took 4 days x Lerida - Spent 1 night & released to SIF
next day along with Lt Harling & Sgt Thurier - Taken to
hotel in Alcana de Gregon - 26 RAF boys here —
Last saw French officers in Cib -
Others remained in hospital — in Spain -

address - small farmhouse - preferable no children -
"Can you put me in contact with French Organisation" —

Appendix A ——

1. 2. Jaegle (in Perpignan) — Mother & food RR. ticket Paris - Lille & Paris
1. Jaegue (Collioure) — clothes & food

their Fr. SS gave money to these above people —

3. Mauricia (Suzanne?) — shelter, food & clothes -
4. Suzanne Mackenzie — cigs. books. food
5. Fr. SS officer with - Gilbert — shelter. food coupons cigs
6. Georgette Fayen Jacquin daughter — cigs —
7. Travelled with (John: Hibbert on) — Ration books Paris to Perpignan food, etc —
8. Mrs. Summerfield, Antonia. Mr. John Bassett.

was reg. file standard in France

2. yes. Guides into Spain — arranged for me - 22 £ + 150 fr.

Walked main road til daylight. Came to R.R. and had compass so followed R.R. South. Hid in woods before daylight. Frenchman (worked for RR) came in woods to look at his traps and found me - Saw him & went to him. Said I wanted food. Offered money & wouldn't take it. Went with him to his home & lived there a week. During week met a lady who worked for them. Embassy before war. Red-headed. She went to Paris to find Org - Another farmer had bread & wine, etc. wouldn't let me pay for anything - Farmer who came to visit had Fr.-Eng dictionary when lady didn't find Org. Farmer (visitor) asked me to go live with him (Gabriele Bachet) Villers s. Grez ~~Ville sur Orge~~ stayed here until 2 Jan when boy from Paris came, a member of Org - Said he was rich young Frenchman (Jacques Pinard) and wanted to go to Paris with him. He was going to pay for everything to get me out of country. (Met two other men from Org.) "Take in the Meadow" - where caught train - Went to Paris with boy. - He took me to his home in St. Germain. Next day went to Paris, had photo taken and next night he had identification papers - Jeanne (girl from Cherbourg) stayed here a week -

8th June - Crossed frontier

Stayed 2 days - One even 2 French officers came to farmhouse where I was staying & Didn't know how they got here. They said Gentleman in Toulouse was taken care of & they said we would leave next day. Next day walked to Lezignan & met officers again & Caught Train for Luchon & Had 25 ₤ plus 2,000 francs & We would have to pay for guide across frontier & gave guides 22 ₤ Swiss have smugglers & Left Luchon 7 pm started walking - have snow etc — 8 people in party. Belgians. French. Romanians - Travelled all that night & into Spain at 8:30 A.M. Split up - 2 Fr. Jews - Half & Romanian - (Spoke Fr-Sp) We got into VIELA and then Civil Guards arrested us & I had 2 ₤ & 500 francs & Spanish took money & galled me & Found I was American & Fr. Jews told me to say I was Am civilian from Switzerland & Finally given permission to telephone Am Consul & finally got them to Pr. Consul & Was told to tell Pr. Consul that Women he was expecting had arrived & Pr. Consul took them in & & told me that when we got to Leride to see Catholic Priest & Stayed in Villa (4 days) & 3rd day called Am Consul - Barcelona - asked me for passport # & eventually I gave him 45N which he took & said everything being taken care of — He wired me 100 pesetas & Paid hotel bill & —

"Guy"

Then boy who worked for RR came to the house and took me Paris and then to Lyon x Crossed line by getting in with a herd of sheep x Stayed 2 weeks in Lyons with 3 ladies — first went to Mr. Cautry (Construction engineer) — Hid for secret army — Guy went to Lime to see how to cross — came back for me & 4 others Took train to some place in Sp. Border 26 Jan Spent nite in hotel - walked across pyrenees Came to Spain at Marsines x Police sent us back into nite - but we managed to go on to Figeras Spent nite in woods x Party split up x caught train to Barcelona self, Guy & Polish F.O. (Jan Jankoski). 13013 When we boarded train in Figeras Guy & Jan were stopped by police yelled Centralaid x Then motioned me to go on & I was picked up in train & put in jail in Barcelona x 27 Jan City jail for 2 days. pictures & fingerprints x moved out to big prison x Then given officials got in touch with Consul — that night taken to Alhambra by Sp. A.F. & stayed 2 days - Sent to Gib -

Told me I would have rendezvous at Toulouse & that they were going across frontier into Spain with me. Wanted to stay to join RAF. With SS man made a tour of Paris at 8:30 p.m. left Paris (boy, mother, father,) Took train to Dax — At Dax caught bike & went to St. [illegible] line of demarcation line. Waited til evening & crossed line. Walked for ~~six~~ 3 hiles to farmhouse & spent night. Was playing deaf & dumb to everybody. Next a.m. went to Branaldi & couldn't get train. Stayed hotel & next day took train went to Tours. Another train to Toulouse. Toulouse in p.m. Boy & I got off & mother & father continued on. We went to house to meet the French Officers. Got there man I was to stay with was drunk. Went back to hotel near RR. station to spend night. Next day went back to see man who was Jewish & he said we couldn't stay because of Germans looking for Jews. Got on train & went to small town where I had relatives. Orsalan. Stayed for two days. Tried to find out what was going on. Said man in Toulouse was a traitor. Would have to send word back to Paris to find out what to do. We went to Grenade & sent note to Paris by express. Returned to Orsalan. Stayed with a farmer & wife near a canal (lock-keeper) Waited for word from Paris

Egg A

Org.



Mrs. Dubois, Lyon
Mrs. Contry, Lyon

Girls in Lyon
Ondine
Mother
Sister - Madeleine Caron

Shelter, food
Clothes

Gabriele Bachet — food, shelter

Guy —

R.R. tickets Paris to Brest

Peerre - (wood cutter)

Suzanne Pamel

Suzanne, clothes —
Jane 52 + 42
took me to train.

Egg. B —

1. Nimes - aerodrome - N.W. edge of town
   Air school dormitories in barracks —
   the 109's, 110's — trucks + transport

2. No
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6. poorly dressed, poor equipment —
   Lots of troops on trains going
   south —

Egg. C.

1. yes
2. no.

Louviers
nr Rouen

We left "H" 12 D 47-1030 hrs. Our mission was aerodrome but I don't know whether it was gunnery targets. Our place in formation was lead ship in one of the flights (last). As we got over channel we circled to pick our fighter escort. About 3 planes of our group turned back — engine trouble & 2 ships in our flight as we went across channel & flying directly into sun which made it difficult to stay in formation. Just before fighter left our ~~the~~ escort ship left us all along in tail end of whole formation.

Soon after this purple flak appeared above us. 2 called to yield about flak — just then report from Bombdr that fighters coming in from about at 100 o'clock slightly out of sun. Two came abreast — one in lead with the other following & fired at second one — smoking as he passed the tail. "Bibby" then got our controls" and told us to abandon ship. 22,500 ft. Came down from my turret and noticed Bombdr & Navigator standing by E.E. with door off. Reached for Emergency Release on Bomb door — Pulled and two Bombs failed to release. Sgt. Devine was in Bomb Bay with 1 ff in R/T Room & 1 ff in Bubble

Went out Bomb bay head first. Parachute jerked & apparently 8 to 12,000 ft. Think 2 was about 1 sec out.

Chute opened and I noticed its shroud lines spread around. Did not see ship after leaving it. Put chute on backwards and when it opened I tossed out either shock incurred in opening or lack of Oxygen. Blacked out between 12 - 8,000 ft. Had worn flying boots which were lost during descent. Hands looked frozen when I got to ground. Stiff-caused head injury. Upon breaking thru lower layer of clouds forest below me. Town off to the North. Landing on ground - breaking thru trees. Pulled chute to ground and took off harness. Rolled chute into pack and hid under brush. Completely hidden. Ran like hell in one direction without choosing direction. In lieu of running & stopping. Hid in brush along a road passing thru forest. 5 p.m. Army truck came thru with gas generator on it - doing about 5 miles an hr. Noticed 3 people in cab of car. Boy - 18 + 2 older men. Civilian clothing - guessed French - Jumped up + stopped the car. Boy spoke little English - said "I was American" Chuted + said trying to escape Germans.

He told me to go back into Forest & that he would come back. Went back Stayed til 9pm He came back with coffee, wine, bread, trousers, sweater, tam and scarf & gym shoes. Honked horn twice by prearranged signals Brought note from father, saying. "Don't worry, you are in safe hands." Burned note. Took me in car that night to small village (Barlingen) 5 Kilos NE of Forest. Outskirts of village there was a small hotel - went in back door and upstairs to a bedroom. Met hotelkeeper. Gave me razor, etc. food. While eating boy's father came in. He lived a few doors away. Said he was English born - married French woman - sons born in France. Had been P/W in Germany for 1 yr & half. Was not allowed outside of village. He had English books to read. He told me that that night was first time he had known Hotelkeeper was member of Org. Hotelkeeper treated my hands which were swollen & got me different clothing & Sunday next day German soldiers came in enquiring whether Christie had been seen in that vicinity. Was instructed that if any went wrong to follow hotelkeeper & that he would risk his life. Father's boy told me this. Gave hotelkeeper my Army clothes. My maps also. Only kept compass & money. Was explained to me that hotelkeeper was going somewhere in Northern part

France to find out about possibilities of getting a plane back. Little later, Sunday eve, hotelkeeper came in and told me I had to leave there with him. We left there about 7:30 p.m. Two French men + lady (waitress) left hotel and went to Railway station. Walked 2 or 4 blocks. Caught train 7:30 p.m. (3rd class) to Paris. Changed trains (gentle, Malun) Arrived Paris Sunday 9 p.m. Took Underground to St. Germain. Stopped for drink at a Pub. Went to home of one of my companions. Front was a bicycle shop. Stayed here 2 days. (16th Dec - left.) While there Monday aft. a woman in Red + uniform came in and told me she was governess here when Rockefeller had his place here. She is living in his home now occupied by German Officers. She - working at T.B. clinic in St. Germain. She left for about 2 hrs and came back with 17 yr. old girl - daughter of Priest. Girl spoke English. She couldn't help. Another nurse came + told me her husband was English in Brit Navy. She left + that gave 3 Men came + 2 (spoke French) other spoke excellent English. He told me that he was French S.S. Asked me for my identification. I said I had no papers, all were burned back in hotel. Asked me # + sing, name & ASN. Told me that he would have it verified by wireless + come back next day. Came back next day - said everything all right. Not to worry.

Back to St. Germain gave them a small photo which I had
me me – was made in 1936×

Said I was in good hands. Would get me
back 1 of two ways – Thru Spain or by plane.
If thru Spain would be accompanied all the
way × Said would have to move to another place ×
Next morning (Thurs) moved to small suburb
between heart of Paris & St. Germain × At this house –
a young couple. (Maurice Bennett) Had a room here &
stayed here 10 days × 5 days after I was here the two
men from French S.S. came & with identity card ×
Had used photo I gave them × Said if anyone with me
I could walk around, etc. × He told me that plan
for going by plane had fallen through × Would go by Spain
Said plane was English. Man said he would come back for me
Sat evening – which he did – Went to another place between
St Germain & place just left × ~~Then~~ Went to tavern & met Jeremiah
wife, son & daughter × Had a goutte × Stayed here St night –
Sunday – Mon – Left Tues A.M. for Paris. Was re-outfitted
here. Suitcase with food × Cardboard for eating × Met
young boy here, spoke English, who said we would cross France ×
Left Tues Morning for Paris – Young boy took suitcase &
left us × Went to his office – Here met two ex-French
officers of AF. One spoke fair English –

Toney

In Archie's forest – S. of Fontainebleau Villeneuve Trege
3 Americans from my plane –

One of my comrade, I was told, was in hospital
at Fontainebleau – I think from
description it may have been F. Brownlee
(Short, brown hr., blue eyes – Hungarian
My informant called him Captain
~~Hodges~~ Capt. Frost however was
large, weighed about 185 lbs and
had blonde hair –

Was told that ship hit ground not far from where
I landed – Hit in two pieces – Informant
said tail was shot off – Informant said two
fighter were following it when it hit the
ground – Plane exploded and a Frenchman
running toward the plane was cut in the
face by flying fragment –

App B

at Nimes, an aerodrome was seen at the NW edge of the town. The school dormitories were used as barracks ME 109's, 110's were seen here and, also, a great many trucks—

The Germans appeared poorly dressed and seemed poorly equipped. Lots of troops were seen on trains moving South through France.

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2 March 1943

SUBJECT: Orders

TO : Personnel named below.

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T/SGT KENNETH G. HILDEBRAND 36042710
SGT NORMAN P. THERRIEN 11030761, and
SGT JAMES R. TONEY 34265957,

having reported at this station on February 21, 1943, will proceed by the first available transportation to LONDON, ENGLAND. Upon arrival he will report without delay to Hq ETOUSA, LONDON. TDN FD 33 P 433-02 A 0425-23.

Carl W. Holcomb

CARL W. HOLCOMB,
Lt. Col., C.A.C.
Comdg. U.S. Casuals
Gibraltar

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AG 383.5 Hq ETOUSA 19 October 194[illegible] (4)

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By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

Ralph Pulsifer
RALPH PULSIFER,
Colonel, AGD, Ass't. Adj. Gen.

CERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

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Name (Print) JAMES R. TONEY Signed James R. Toney

Rank Sgt. A.S.N. 34216954 Date 15/X/44

Unit 358 Bomb Sqd 303 Gp. Witness Richard R. Nelson Capt A.C.

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