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E & E REPORT NO. 472
EVASION IN FRANCE

18 March 1944
(Date)

Kenneth P C CHRISTIAN, T/Sgt, 17129189
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

TARGET: FRANKFORT

(10 missions)
(Number of Missions)

MIA: 8 February 1944
Arrived in UK:

17 March 1944

544 Bomb Squadron, 384 Bomb Group
(Squadron) (Group)

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	0-679049	1st Lt	Royston T COVINGTON, JR	MIA	
CO-PILOT	0-748624	2d Lt	James E GEARY	MIA	
NAVIGATOR	0-683297	2d Lt	Floyd H OHLSON	MIA	
BOMBARDIER	0-674786	2d Lt	Thomas P McQUINN	MIA	
RADIO OPERATOR	17129189	T/Sgt	Kenneth P C CHRISTIAN		NARRATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER	31135578	T/Sgt	John J YOUNKER	MIA	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	19145947	S/Sgt	William W ONSTAD	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	39902707	S/Sgt	Stanley C WHITNEY	MIA	
WAIST GUNNER	35415325	Cpl	William C CAINE	MIA	
TAIL GUNNER	31148585	S/Sgt	Aleck M WASILEWSKI	MIA	

Were you wounded?

DIFFICULT TO KEEP FORMATION

Sgt. Christian took off from Grafton Underwood on his 10th mission to bomb Frankfurt. Due to great haze the pilot found it difficult to assume his proper place in the formation, which was reached as they crossed the Channel. Christian believed that his plane was behind schedule, and that it did not take its proper position in the element, which was Number 3. They finally ended up as "Tail End Charlie", but had difficulty keeping up with the other planes in the formation as the Number 3 engine was throwing oil. When the navigator informed the pilot that the plane was over German territory, the latter decided to abort. Bombs were salvoed through the clouds, with no observation of results, and the plane turned home.

ABORTED

ATTACK BY FW 190'S

Green-green flares were fired, but no friendly planes appeared. After the plane had been about ten minutes on the return journey, flying on three engines, 3 FW 190's appeared from the tail. Diving out of the sun, two went over the B-17 and one went under. Christian believed that the Fw 190 that went underneath hit the wing tanks, but there was no fire. After this attack the plane climbed into the clouds, followed by the FW 190's. However, they did not attack again, as the B-17 was dodging through the clouds. Suddenly the plane dropped about about 1000 feet, Christian believed due to evasive action. About this time the German fighters left, and the bomber continued losing altitude and heading in a South-westerly direction, while the navigator was trying to pick up landmarks. When they reached 4000 feet, the pilot ordered the crew to put on parachutes. The intercom also went out of order about this time.

PLANE OFF COURSE

P-51 FLEW ALONGSIDE

In a few minutes more flying time, the plane headed over water. On referring to a map, Christian believes that they were then over the Baie de la Seine, west of Le Havre. They encountered some fak flak just as they left the coast. Soon after they passed over the water, a P-51 flew alongside but as far as Christian could tell the pilot did not give his own pilot any indication as to the correct course to England. After the P-51 had been flying alongside for about three minutes, both planes climbed to about 3000 feet and the P-51 disappeared.

BALES OUT- 4 CHUTES IN AIR

When they flew over the Cherbourg peninsula they encountered intense black flak. At this time the engineer came back and told Christian to bale out. Christian jumped from the waist and was the last enlisted man to leave the plane. He pulled the rip cord immediately and counted 4 chutes in the air. Slipping the chute to avoid some woods, he landed in a pasture in a heavy gale. Sometime during his descent he was hit in the ankle by flak.

HIDDEN IN BARN

On landing about 1415, he cut the shrouds and took off his chute, which he carried this to a barn about 300 yards away. Standing near the barn was a woman with a young girl and two children. When he came up to her, he took out his phrase card and indicated he was an American flyer. The woman immediately took Christian inside the barn where he was hidden in the hay with his chute.

GERMAN SEARCH

Just after he was hidden, several Germans arrived and searched questioned the woman, but did not search the place thoroughly. In about 15 minutes the woman returned and gave him a drink. He brought out his map and with the aid of the woman found his position. Christian then asked for clothes and was supplied with pants, coat, and beret. He wore his heated suit under the civilian clothes and cut the tops off his heated flying shoes.

CIVILIAN CLOTHES

(Christian P -2)

MEETS
GERMANS

The woman urged Christian to leave the farm in a hurry after he had dressed, which he did. After he had gone about 300 yards down the road, he met ~~xxxx~~ three German soldiers. ^{ME} To these he gave the "Heil Hitler" with the left hand, ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ exposing his wrist watch, and passed on. He later met one more German and saw others in the distance searching for the rest of the crew. ^{mistakenly ?} Salute

WALKS
ACROSS
COUNTRY
GETS HELP

Christian continued across country until about 1700. At this time he saw a farmer in a field, who was unable to give him any help when approached. A little later he ~~saw~~ approached a Frenchman who took him to a farmhouse. After he had been there about an hour, another Frenchman who spoke some English was brought in. He was then fed and hidden in a haystack, where he spent the night. He was told that they would buy him a ticket to Paris and that he would leave on a train early the next morning. ^{hours when I} RR

He was to have taken a train to Paris at 0600, but no one showed up. At 0930 he was taken into the house again, where he was told that it was impossible for him to take the train due to the number of Germans in the vicinity. The Frenchmen advised Christian to walk to a nearby town, which he reached about 1700. Here he went to a cafe and told the proprietor that he was an American flyer. He was then locked in the cafe by himself, while the proprietor went away. In about fifteen minutes the proprietor came back and took him to another building.

From here ^{MY} his subsequent journey was arranged.

LT. DEVREAUX
WALTER D. DEVREAUX
1ST LT, CAV

1. 3 tanks observed in camouflaged truck park ~~see~~ cut out of a hillside on Cherbourg - Valognes road about 9 km. from Valognes. Two M.P. sentry boxes were on the road at entrance to park.
2. There were AA guns every 300 to 400 yards along Cherbourg - Valognes road. Believed to be 3-inch guns. Observation.
3. About 8 km. from Valognes on the Valognes - Cherbourg road there is a large chateau which is believed to be a ~~big~~ German headquarters. Obs. and hearsay.
4. There is a new airport at Evreux and we have been bombing the old one. The runway of the field is the main Paris - Evreux highway. There are also two new ammunition dumps and a new railway to them. See sketch.

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5. Rommel's headquarters are in a chateau in the center of Roche - Guyon. Hearsay.

Appendix C (Christian)

On being taken from the cafe, ~~Sgt. Christian~~^I was taken to a French Red Cross unit at Valognes which was housed in a large chateau. The Red Cross nurse at this unit spoke English and questioned him^{ME} for purposes of identity. He spent the next three days and nights in a large bedroom on the ground floor of this chateau and did not leave. The upper floors of the chateau were a German headquarters and there were Germans going in and out at all times of the day. (This was later confirmed by another source to Christian at Evreux.)

The girl in charge of the Red Cross, whose name Christian did not remember, got him an ~~identity card~~^I ~~and~~^{DO} arranged for him^{ME} to go to Evreux, ~~where~~^I he arrived at 2100. He had^{ME} his left hand bandaged, which was to be his identification to someone who was to meet him^{ME} at Evreux. However, no one appeared and he spent the night in the railroad station. The next morning he went into the center of the town.

~~Sgt. Christian~~^I went to the Cafe du Paris, where he announced himself to the proprietor as an American flyer. He was told to sit down and after an hour a man, name unknown, was brought in who spoke English. This man had been a waiter in Houston, Tex. He went out to enquire for the man who was to have met ~~Christian~~^{ME} the night before, but was unable to find him.

The French at first thought that Christian was Lt. Capo, E & E Report No. and when they found that he was not, he was severely questioned by them to establish his identity as an American. Later in the day, he was joined by Lt. Capo, and from here on they traveled together and their ~~our~~^{OUR} experiences were the same. ~~Sgt. Christian~~^I has read Appendix C of Lt. Capo's report and has nothing to add to it.

HAVE

Walter D. Beaumont
1st Lt., Col.

SECRET

APPENDIX "D" TO E AND F REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:- CHRISTIAN-KENNETH P.C. T/SGT

Unit:- 384-GROUP-599SGD

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? YES
- b. If not, why?
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets. 2ND-DAY

Chocolate or Peanut Bar. 2ND-DAY

Milk (tube). NO

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue). NO

Halazone tablets (water purifier). YES - 2 TABLETS - 2nd day

Matches. YES

Adhesive tape. YES - For wounded ankle

Chewing gum. YES

Water bottle. YES

Compass. YES - VERY-MUCH

Sewing kit. NO

d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? NONE - ALL EXCELLENT

e. How did you finally dispose of the box? - ORGANIZATION

f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger?

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? Yes
State color of stripes and letters. RED-STRIPE
If NOT, State why not.

b. Did you use the purse? YES

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? FRENCH

Compass. YES

File (hacksaw). NO

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. FRANCE - 2000 FRANCES

How did you spend the money?

DISTRIBUTED TO - PEOPLE IN ORGANIZATION

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. - ORGANIZATION

Compass. "

File (hacksaw). "

Surplus currency. " (U.S.)

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? NO

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? YES

If so, how many? 6-PHOTO

b. Did you use them? YES

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?

State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

YES - BASE - 6 - LECTURES - POINTS WERE TAKEN + USED FROM EACH.

b. Did you find the lectures of value?

VERY-MUCH

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers?

A. KEEP-CDOL

B. BE-CONFIDENT

C. STAY-ON-THE-BALL

D. FOLLOW-ORDERS of organization.

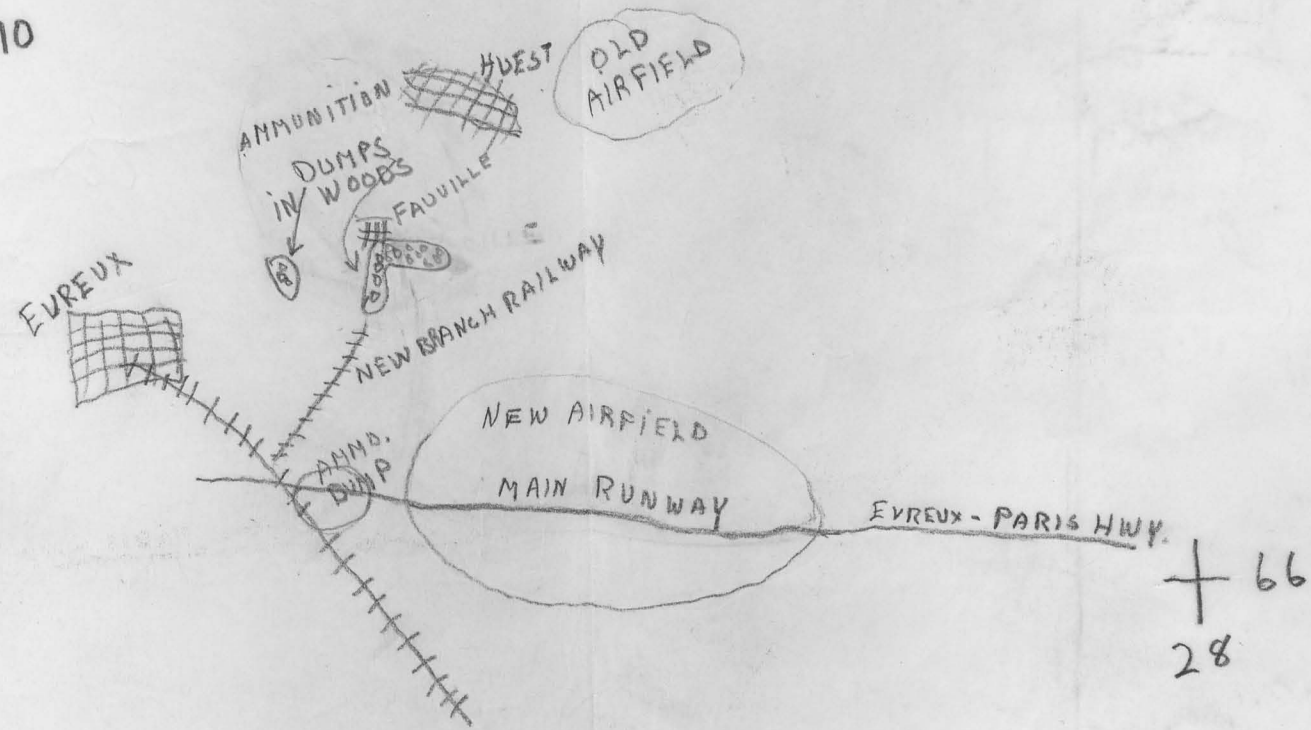
E Do not carry escape kit knee pocket of coveralls. He was badly cut on knee when landing in heavy gale.

F. SOP on this plane was for Christian to get 10 phrase cards for crew on each mission.

SHEET 9 F/3

French 1-80,000 sheet 47 NW

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EVASION IN

MARCH 18, 1944
(Date)

CHRISTIAN KENNETH T/SGT 17129189
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

544 384
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET:

MIA: FEB-8-FRANC.FORT
Arrived in UK:
MARCH 17, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

	Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT ROYSTON - COVINGTON		No information
CO-PILOT — - GEARY		"
NAVIGATOR FLOYD - OHLSON		"
BOMBARDIER PATRICK - MCGUINN		"
RADIO OPERATOR KENNETH - CHRISTIAN - X		Bailed out
TOP TURRET GUNNER JOHN J - YOUNKER - X		"
BALL TURRET GUNNER WILLIAM - ONSTAD - X		"
WAIST GUNNER L. STANLEY - WHITNEY - X		"
WAIST GUNNER R. WILLIAM - CAINE - X		"
TAIL GUNNER ALECK - WASILEWSKI - X		"

X - INDICATES MEMBERS JUMPED -
6 - CHUTES WERE SEEN OPENED INCLUDING MYSELF { FLAK WAS TOO HEAVY
REPORTS ON LANDING = THAT 7 CHUTES WERE SEEN FOR OBSERVATION
Were you wounded? CLEAR

YES - FLAK - RIGHT ANKLE - HIT WHILE BAILING OUT

List all military information which you observed or were told while evading. Give fullest possible details. (Airfields, troop encampments, coastal and interior defenses, AA batteries, radar installations, troop movements, results of allied bombing, location of enemy factories and ammunition dumps, enemy and civilian morale, etc., etc.,.....)

1. 3 Tanks observed on Cherbourg - Valognes rd about 9 Km. from Valognes. Were held in underground Cave well camouflaged. MP boxes on rd outside. obs
2. AA guns (about 3") every 300 or 400 yds along Cherbourg Valognes rd - obs.
3. About 8 Km ^{from Valognes} large chateau which Frs. believe German HQ, on E. side rd ~~about~~ obs.
4. New Airport at Evreux - ~~70° 28' E. From Frs. Road Map~~
~~54° 48' N.~~
On Main Paris Hwy. See sketch obs & Hearney.
5. Rommel's HQ in Chateau in center of Roche-Guyon, Hearney

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.
2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.
3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.
4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.
5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy and a danger to your friends. It is therefore* **SECRET.**
2. *a* You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.
 - (1) The names of those who helped you.
 - (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
 - (3) The route you followed.
 - (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.*b* You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.
 - c* You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.
 - d* You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.
 - e* No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

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

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) CHRISTIAN - KENNETH - P. C.
Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 17129189
Unit 384 BOMB GRP. 549 BOMB SQD

Signed Kenneth P. C. Christian
Dated March 18, 1944
Witness _____

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MOST SECRET - BRITISH
MIS (X)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

1. Full Name, Rank, and Serial No. *KENNETH-PAUL-CHARLES-CHRISTIAN*
2. Decorations. *none* *T/SGT ASN-17129189*
3. Unit or Squadron. *544 SQD*
4. Division (Army) or Group. *384-GROUP*
5. Date of Birth. *AUG 19, 1918*
6. Length of Service. *17 MONTHS*
7. Private Address. *4120 CLEVELAND - KANSAS-CITY - MISSOURI*
8. Job as civilian. *FARMER-AUTO-PARTS-MGR.*
9. From what field did you take off? *GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD - STA. #106*
10. Take off time. *STATION 6:AM - ENGINES 7:40 AM - AIRBORNE 8:05 AM*
11. Date and target. *FEBRUARY 8, 1944* *FRANCFORT-GERMANY*
12. Where did you land? *NEAR-ABOUT 25 KILOMTRS - FROM-CHERBOURGH - FRANCE*
13. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? *IFF-DESTROYED - RADIO*
14. What was your position in aircraft? *1ST-RADIO - OPERATOR*
15. Were you wounded? *YES - FLAK-RIGHT-ANKLE - HIT - WHILE-BAILING-OUT*
16. Did you pay your guides? If so how much? *DISTRIBUTED - MONEY-TO-ORGANIZATION*
17. Do you speak French? Spanish? *FRENCH-A-LITTLE*
18. Did you have Identity Papers? *DOG-TAGS - PW-PHOTOS*
19. Have you been questioned before to-day on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom? Have you given anyone a written report on your experiences. Where and when?
NO
20. Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom? *NO*
21. Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, where and when? *YES* *MARCH 18, 1944 - LONDON-ENG.*
22. Date of arrival in Spain. *NO -*
23. Date of arrival at Gibraltar. *NO -*
24. Place and date of departure for U.K. By sea or air. *BY-SEA-MARCH 17*
SMALL-BOATS-ARRIVED 1:20AM - BOARDED-LARGE BOAT 2AM. UNDERWAY 2:08AM
25. Place and date of arrival in U.K.
DARFORTH-MARCH 17 8:30AM

OUTLINE FOR TALKS

1. Complete description of everything that happened in plane before jump.
2. Description of jump and landing.
3. Description of what you did with your equipment.
4. Tell story of experiences up to time you met the person who put you in contact with organization.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU AT ANY TIME.

DO NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF TOWNS.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDRESSES.

5. How you crossed Pyrenees (General Location)
6. Your experiences in Spain.

Suggestions for others.

If there is some helpful incident that happened after you were picked up, do not mention it until it has been discussed with H. I. S. Interrogator.

Richard R. Nelson

RICHARD R. NELSON
Major, AC

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Ray

Took off from Grafton Underwood in B17 G To bomb Frankfurt. Due great haze difficult to form formation which was reached as the channel was crossed. Christian believed his plane was behind schedule and that it did not get correct ~~the~~ position in element, which was No. 3. They finally tail end charlie's No. 6. Plane had difficulty keeping formation, No 3. Engine throwing oil, and when the navigator said plane was over Germany, the pilot decided to abort, Bombs were salvaged thru the clouds over Germany, but no target was seen, no observation of results obtained. Plane turned home.

Green green flares were shot, but no fighter protection appeared, after about 10 minutes of ^{the plane flying on 3 engines} return trip, 3 FW 190's appeared from the tail. Two came above the plane and one came under, all out of the sun, Christian believes the plane below hit the tanks. Before the attack the B17 had lost altitude and was off oxygen. After the attack to go up into the clouds. The fighters followed up through the clouds but not attacking because

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plane was ducking in and out of clouds. Suddenly the plane dropped about 1000 feet, Christian believes due to evasive action. They continued losing altitude and heading SW. Christian believes they were lost trying to pick up landmarks for location. When they reached about 4000 feet, the pilot ordered the crew to put on chutes and about this time the fighters left. The interphone also went out about this time.

Just as the fighters left, the plane went over water, which was apparently the Baie de la Seine west of Havre. They encountered some flak just before reaching the water. Just after they part over the water, a P 51 flew alongside, but did not indicate the route home. After the P 51 flew alongside for about 3 minutes, both planes started ^{to} about 3000 ft climbing, and the P 51 disappeared.

When they hit the Cherbourg peninsula about due east of Cherbourg, they met intense black flak. At this time the engineers came back and told Christian to bail out. Christian jumped from

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The back door, and was the last entered man to leave the plane.

He pulled the rip chord immediately, on the way down he counted 4 chutes in the air. He slipped the chute to avoid some woods and landed in a pasture in a heavy gale. He got his knife out to cut the shrouds when he landed, while in the air he was hit in the right ankle by flak.

On landing, ^{at 1415} he cut the shrouds and took off his chute. He carried it to a barn about 300 yds away which he had spotted on the way down. Standing near the barn was a woman and three children. When he reached the woman, he pulled out his phrase card and indicated he was an American flyer. The woman immediately took Christian inside a barn, where he was hidden in the hay with his chute.

As soon as he was hidden, several Germans arrived and questioned the woman, but did not search the place thoroughly. In about 15 minutes the woman returned and gave you a drink. He got out his map and with the aid of the woman found he

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was 27 kilometres from Cherbourg. Christian then asked for clothes and he was supplied with coat pants, and a beret. He gave the woman his flying clothes, parachute, and nose vest. He wore his heated ~~suit~~ ~~suit~~ under his civilian clothes. For shoes he ~~wore~~ cut the top off his heated shoes.

The woman urged Christian to leave the farm in a hurry, which he did. After about 300 yds he met you met 3 German, to whom he held Hitler with his left hand, wearing a watch. After passing these three, he met one more German and saw others in the distance searching for the rest of the crew. He then headed in the opposite direction.

He continued walking NW across country till about 1700, when he asked a farmer in a field for help, but was not given any. At about 1745 he saw a lady, who took him to her house. He remained here about an hour, when this woman brought back another who spoke some English. ~~Charles~~ They told Christian they would buy a ticket to Paris. They also fed him and hid him in a haystack where

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he slept overnight.

He was to have taken a 6:00 train for Paris, but nobody came for him. About 0930 they took him back to the house and said they could not get a train ticket on account of all the Germans. They advised him to walk to Valognes. Arriving Valognes about 1900 he went to a cafe and told the proprietress, an old woman, he was an American. She left him there, locked up the cafe, and went out. She came back in 15 min and took him to a Fr. Red Cross unit in a big chateau. The Fr. RC Nurse spoke English and questioned him for identity purposes. He spent the next three nights in the room all day. The upper story of this house was a German HQ, and Germans were going in and out all day. (This fact was confirmed by another source later).

The RC girl got him an identity card and he left by car after 3 days for the Valognes RR station. He left Valognes at 1630, and arrived at Evreux at 2100. The man he was to meet did not show, so he spent the night in the RR station. The next morning he went into the town and went to the

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Cafe des Paris, where he announced himself as a
American, after an hr. they brought a man who spoke
English, who had been a waiter in Houston, Tex. He
went out to enquire for the man who was to meet
him and ~~and~~ the French then believed that Christian
was Lt. Capo, who was expected that day. He
was severely questioned on his identity before he was
accepted as an American.

From here his journey was the same as Lt Capo.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

472

DATE: 19 March 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, PICARD P. OSCAR, 1st Lt., AC, ASN 0-569761

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

KENNETH P. CHRISTIAN, T/Sgt., AC, ASN 17129189

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

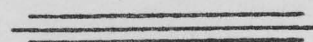
The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

P. Oscar Picard

Kenneth P. Christian

KENNETH P. CHRISTIAN

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as KENNETH P. CHRISTIAN,
T/Sgt., AC, ASN 17129189 (544 Bomb Squadron - 384 Bomb Group)

previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

W. F. Maranda
W. F. MARANDA SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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