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E & E REPORT NO. 384
EVASION IN FRANCE

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350 Bomb Squadron, 100 Bomb Group

TARGET: REGENSBURG
MIA: 17 August 1943
Arrived in UK:
6 February 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

PILOT	0-415307	1st Lt Roy F CLAYTOR	E&E RPT 120
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BALL TURRET GUNNER	15324472	Sgt William M HINTON	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	38152388	S/Sgt Charles K BAILEY	NARRATOR
WASIT GUNNER	11065720	S/Sgt Edmund A MUSANPE	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	36189601	S/Sgt Clifford R STARKEY	P/W

FAILS TO
DELAY JUMP

I jumped when the pilot gave the order ~~AND~~ pulled the ripcord as soon as

I had cleared the plane. I always wore my harness loose enough to be able

to slip my hands into my pockets, while I was in the aircraft. When the chute

LOOSE HARNESS
BAD JERK

opened, it gave me such a jerk, for this reason, that I thought I was going to

be torn apart. I pulled off my oxygen mask and dropped it. For a while I

WORRIED
WONDERED

worried for fear that I was going to land in a large body of water, but I came

WISHES HE HAD
LISTENED TO
I.O.

down nowhere near it. As I floated I realized that I did not know what the

score was, and wished I had paid more attention at the P/W lectures. Some

of the fundamentals came back, however, and I knew that I must had my chute.

I landed easily in a backyard. My chute caught in a pear tree just about

my height, so that the landing was nice and easy. Fifty people were waiting

for me in a circle. They were saying "Anglais ou Allemand?" between much

GREETED BY
FRENCH

heiling of Roosevelt and Churchill. When I told them I was an American, the

kissing began, while I, having had no breakfast, ate pears from the tree.

HIDE FIRST AND
DRESS WOUNDS
LATER

After disentangling my chute, I took off my leather jacket, coveralls,
and boots. I had a piece of shrapnel in my leg, and tried to fix it up with
my parachute kit. The crowd interrupted my self-administered first aid, to
point ~~out~~^{OUT} that I should hide.

~~The crowd~~^{PEOPLE} took my equipment, leaving me in O.D's over a heated suit.

NO GERMAN
SEARCH

I hid in a ditch. Here I was immediately brought food and civilian
clothing. The crowd continued to hang around and no Germans ever
showed up.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

An hour later a bicycle was brought to the ditch, and from there on
the rest of my journey was arranged.

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APPENDIX "B" TO E AND E REPORT NO. 384 PERIOD AUGUST-DECEMBER 1943

- a. Hearsay that there are troop concentrations in the region of HASSELT. The SS took over the Belgian barracks, and there are more soldiers quartered in the town near the school. August - September
- b. On 4 or 5 December an airdrome for JU 88's was observed near TOULOUSE.
- c. Troops, in good condition, and armored trucks, that looked like Chevrolets, were observed moving north by rail between TOULOUSE and MONTAUBAN on 19 or 20 December.
- d. In every railroad station in Belgium and northern France a great number of flak guns were observed on flak cars. Sometimes there would be one gun on a car with a little ammunition ~~gun~~, sometimes two smaller guns and even four small guns on one car were observed.