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EVASSED CAPTURE IN FRANCE.

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3 Jul 44,
Baled out near
Bois de MALLOUEN

I took off from BOLT HEAD at 14.00 hrs on 3 Jul 44 in a Typhoon aircraft on a "ramrod". The target near MUR DE BRETAGNE (FRANCE 1:250,000, Sheet 13, X 0469). After I had attacked the target the aircraft was hit by light Flak. Glycol vapour poured from the engine, but I was able to climb to 6,500 ft. After a few minutes the engines began to vibrate and the aircraft began to lose height. I baled out at 1200 ft. at approximately 1440 hrs and landed in a field about a mile South of the Bois de MALLOUEN, (Sheet 7, W 9793). I lost one shoe when I baled out.

Help at
Farmhouse

Two farmers were working in the field where I landed, and I gave them my parachute, harness, and mae west, and requested that they should be destroyed. I learned subsequently that this had been done. I retained my revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition. These two farmers told me that a number of patriots were in the wood about a mile North of where I had landed. I walked towards this wood but I came to a large farm on the way. I lay in a field watching the farmhouse until 2030 hrs, when I approached the house and asked for help. During the time I was watching the farm I removed my badges of rank, etc. I was taken into the farmhouse, given a pair of wooden clogs, and a meal. The remainder of my journey was arranged for me.

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