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INTERROGATOR Cherwin

YAEGER
(Name)

F O.
(Grade)

T 970
(ASN)

363 Ftr.
(Squadron)

357 Ftr
(Group)

5 March 44
(Missing in action)

(returned to duty)

Message to be broadcast over BBC:

CHARLIE IS SAFE

Language French

Time: BBC 18.30 hrs

Person requesting message DR. HENRI- (NERAC)

Date of contact with this person 12-28 March

Description of this person: Slightly built, reddish hair to head,
30 years old, Dr. for the Magis

Services rendered: Shelter, food, organized help

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BY _____, JAMES, DUC

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Comment on 660:

Prompt application
of good briefing, good
luck, and a hand to the
efficient helpers who
took over at once.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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DATE: 22 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ERNEST C. TIEDE JR., 1st Lt., AC, O-681743

hereby certify that I have known and have been associated with

CHARLES E. YEAGER, F/O, AC, T-970

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.

Charles E. Yeager

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



Ernest C. Tiede Jr.

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The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as CHARLES E. YEAGER,
F/O, AC, T-970 (363 Fighter Squadron - 357 Fighter Group)
previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

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

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~~HIGH SECRET - BRITISH~~

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E & E REPORT NO. 660
EVASION IN

MAY 21, 1944
(Date)

CHARLES E. YEAGER F4/OF T-970
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

363RD FIR 357TH FIR
(Squadron) (Group)

9 Missions.

TARGET:

MIA: MARCH 5, 1944
Arrived in UK: MAY 21, 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWID)

PILOT CHARLES E. YEAGER.
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO OPERATOR
TOP TURRET GUNNER
BALL TURRET GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER

Official
Disposition

Narrators
Disposition

Were you wounded?

YES, slightly A 20 mm. FRAG PENETRATED Right hand at
Joint of index finger

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F.O. Yeager

HIT BY
FWs

~~Three FW 190s~~
Three FW 190s came in from
the rear and ~~cut~~ ^{cut} my elevator
cables. I snap-rolled with the
rudder and ~~jumped~~ ^{jumped} at 18,000
feet. I took off my dinghy-pack,
oxygen mask, and helmet in
the air; and then, as I was
whirling on my back and began
to feel dizzy, I pulled the
rip cord at 8,000 feet. An
FW 190 dove at me, ~~and~~
~~he~~, but when he was
about 2,000 yards from me
a P51 came in on his tail
and blew him to pieces.

SAVED
FROM FW
BY P51

ACROBATIC
LANDING

I ~~landed~~ ^{landed} ~~floated down into~~
a forest-clearing in which
there was ~~a solitary~~ ^{a solitary} sapling
about twenty feet tall. I grabbed
the top of the sapling as I
passed it and swung ~~down~~
gently to the ground. My chute
was hung up in the tree, however.

Quest

OVERTAKEN
BY
HELP

I told my mascot and started off to the south-east, for I thought that I was in the forbidden zone. Before I had gone 200 feet half a dozen Frenchmen ran up to me. Some of them got my chute down, and ~~one of~~ ^{one} ~~of~~ ~~them~~ ~~took~~ ~~off~~ ~~my~~ ~~jacket~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~flying~~ ~~with~~ ~~me~~ of the men took me by the arm and led me to a house some 200 yards away. There I was given food and civilian clothes. A gendarme was seen approaching the house at this moment, and I was ~~therefore~~ quickly hidden in the barn. ~~When~~ ~~the~~ ~~gendarme~~ ~~left~~ ~~I~~ ~~was~~ ~~brought~~ ~~back~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ ~~house~~ where one of the men who had left the group which found me and had now returned ^{and} gave me a note in English telling me to trust the people

(next)

in whose hands I was. I was then taken to another house about a kilometre away, and from there my journey was arranged.

JOURNEY
ARRANGED

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F/O Yeager
App B

- a) An SS company moved into NERAC on 21 March 1944 and was withdrawn three days later. (Observation)
- b) The Germans were equipping a hospital ~~with~~ to accommodate 700 wounded in NERAC. (Hearsay March 1944)
- c) The maquis near NERAC is well organized and well equipped with grenades, ~~and~~ machine-guns, and explosives, and ~~has~~ even has some 37 mm/ AT guns.
- d) The B/B/C1 broadcasts come over with perfect clarity at NERAC.

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F/O Yeager

App. C.

Typed

F/O Yeager came down on 5
March 1944 near GRIGNOLS (GIRONDE).
He was immediately found by a
member of ~~the~~ Frenchmen who took
him to ~~the~~ farmhouse in the
neighborhood. Here there were a
young man and his two sisters
(23 and 18 years old) who fed him
Yeager and gave him civilian clothes.
Yeager was then taken to a hotel
which stands about one km NW
of GRIGNOLS where an English-speaking
French woman, 60 years old (has a
daughter of 30 years and a grand-daughter
with her), explained to him ~~what~~ how
he would be helped. Then the man
who had brought him to the hotel
took him by bicycle to CASTELJALOUX
where he stayed over night in the
house of a fleshy, white-haired
man of forty who ~~has~~ is married and
has a son of nineteen years and a
daughter of seventeen.

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The next morning the same guide returned and took him by bicycle to a young couple of 35 years with a son, JEAN, five years old who live in a farmhouse off RN 133 near the lake at FONT GUILLEM AU PUJO between POMPOGNE and HOUEILLES. Here

Ugager lived for seven days. Then a farmer from HOUEILLES took him to a house half a ~~mile~~ km. from NERAC. This is the house of the regional maguis chief, GABRIEL (wife: MARIE ROSE; wife's brother: LEON; GABRIEL's mother); and here DR. HENRI —, the doctor of all the maguis in this part of the county, lives when he is in the vicinity. After Ugager had been here a few days, DR. HENRI arrived in the FRANBEL lorry and went after Mall and the six sergeants with him whom he then brought to the maguis near NERAC. He then went back to CASTEL-JALOUX and from there brought Seidel to the maguis.

On 25 March the FRANBEL lorry ^{brought} Mall, Seidel, and the six sergeants from the maguis, picked

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up Yeager, ~~DR.~~ DR. HENRI and a
~~Belgian~~
Belgian lieutenant and drove
to a farmhouse 4 kms S of
Nerac. From this point Yeager's
journey was the same as that
of Seidel and Nall.

N.B.

The FRANBEL PENCIL CO. is
located at XAINTRAILLES, and
the man who drove the Coogy is
the head of this company. He is
5'6" tall, weighs about 130 lbs, and
has sparse, dark hair.

A photographer in NERAC,
ROBERT OSSO, who is in the
maguis organization, lived in
New York City for fifteen years. He
wishes his father, ADOLPHE OSSO,
112 Central Park South, N.Y.C.
to be notified that Robert is well
and fit.

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Flo Yeager

App. D

Aids Box:

I used the adhesive tape and the bengadrine in crossing the Pyrenees.

Purse:

I had a red purse from which I used the map of France and spent the 2000 French francs on toilet articles and guides.

Photographs:

I had three photographs, but they were not used, because I did not require any papers.

Lectures:

I heard ~~about~~ S2 officers' lecture on evasion. Immediate aid made it impossible for me to test most of the suggestions made.