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M.I.9/S.P.G.(-) 2163.

EVADED CAPTURE IN FRANCE.

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STATEMENT BY

2202738 Sgt. HENDERSON, William John, 90 Sqn., Bomber Command, R.A.F.

Left : BAYEUX, 25 Aug 44.

Arrived : NORTHOLT, 25 Aug 44.

Date of Birth : 27 Mar 19.

Peacetime Profession: Police

R.A.F. Service : Since 7 Jun 43.

Constable.

O.T.U. : Nil.

Private Address: 24 Clovelly Rd.,

Conversion Unit: No.1651 (WRATTING COMMON).

Anfield,

Post in crew : Engineer.

LIVERPOOL, 4.

Other members of the crew:

F/Lt. FRENCH (pilot) (Fate unknown).

F/O REID (bomb aimer) (Believed P/W).

F/O SMITH (navigator) (S/P.G.(-) 2162).

Sgt. CASSOLL (wireless operator) (Fate unknown).

F/Sgt. KIDDIE (mid-upper gunner) (S/P.G.(-) 2164).

Sgt. GOLD (rear gunner) (S/P.G.(-) 2161).

The details of my experiences up to the time of baling out are as related by F/O SMITH (S/P.G.(-) 2162) in his report.

7 Aug 44
Baled out
near ST. HYMER

After baling out at 2350 hrs on 7 Aug 44, I landed in a tree near ST. HYMER (N.W. EUROPE, 1:250,000, Sheet 7, L 5201). I could not free my parachute, but I hid my mae west in a bush and walked South East for about 5 miles. I then hid in a hay wagon until dusk on 8 Aug when I walked South West until dawn on 9 Aug, when I hid in a haystack. About 0600 hrs a Frenchman, who was passing saw me. I left the haystack and hid in a nearby barn. About 1200 hrs the Frenchman whom I had seen earlier, came to the barn. I asked him for help and he went away and returned later with food. He told me that the British lines were about 25 kms distant.

/At dusk

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