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EVADED CAPTURE IN FRANCE.

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STATEMENT BY

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OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW:

F/O FRAME	(pilot)(evaded)
Sgt. BARCLAY	(flight engineer)(evaded)
REYNOLDS	(bomb aimer)(first to jump)
HIGH	(wireless operator)(fourth to jump)
MORRIS	(mid upper gunner)(fate unknown)
HAYES	(rear gunner)(fate unknown)

Type of aircraft, place, date, and time of departure.
Lancaster, MIDDLETON-ST.-GEORGE, 4 Jul 44, 2250 hrs.

Where and when did you come down?
FAYS, nr. CHAILLEY (FONTAINEBLEAU), 5 Jul 44, 0130 hrs.

How did you dispose of your parachute, harness, and mae west?
Hid them in bushes.

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed?
Aircraft crashed and burned.

We left MIDDLETON-ST.-GEORGE, Yorkshire in a Lancaster on 4 Jul 44 to bomb the rail centre at VILLENEUVE-ST.-GEORGES near PARIS.

We bombed our target and turned for home when we were hit by Flak and a night fighter also hit our port inner engine and gastank, setting the plane afire.

The pilot gave the order to jump and I landed on the outskirts of FAYS, near CHAILLEY (FONTAINEBLEAU) (FRANCE, 1:250,000, Sheet 16, Y 05).

I hid my parachute, and mae west in some bushes and started walking. I contacted some farmers who took me to a house in BARBIZON (no trace) where I met my pilot, F/O FRAME. From then on my story is the same as his.

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