

26 October 1944

ESCAPE STATEMENT

1. Tidd, Charles A., 38508351, Sgt., 766th Sq., 461st B. Gp.

Born - 1920

Enlisted - 17 June 1943

Home Address - Almond, Arkansas

Peacetime Profession - Farming

MIA - 3 August 1944

RTD - 26 October 1944

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2. On August 3, 1944, source was in a B-24 on a bombing mission to Germany. The ship turned back after passing 50 miles inland with Nos. 3 and 4 engines on fire. Near Adriatic, flak was all over the fuselage. Crash-landed a few miles n/w of Casenetico, Italy.

3. Never in enemy hands.

4. Source, with radio operator, ran for a wooded area nearby. Stayed there until dark, then headed for the mountains in the distance. Both men took five days to reach mountains, travelling mostly by night. Source had to subsist on kit rations until he reached mountains 8 August. He found a peasant house, received food and civilian clothing and then hid out in a cave for two days. 10 August, took off and was directed by another peasant to Partisan headquarters. He stayed there for four days. A guide was furnished to another Partisan branch. Source lived in mountains from 14 August to 27 September. Italian boy took source through enemy lines to a point three miles west of Mandriols, Italy. 29 September 1944 met British African-Indian troops. Source received cigarettes, clothes and breakfast and was then taken to Rome. From Rome, air transport was supplied to Bari, where source landed on 29 September 1944. Source was taken to the hospital where he remained until 26 October 1944 due to an attack of diphtheria.

H. B. Newhouse,
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Interrogator

4 Incls:

Incl 1 - Ltr, 383.6

Incl 2 - Appendix C

Incl 3 - Appendix D

Incl 4 - Appendix F