

Telephone interview with Lt., William A. Gise, navigator on 1st plane lost in combat by 306th, and an evadee:

Gise landed in a pasture, with a farmer showing up quickly. He must have been with the underground, as he told Gise to immediately get rid of his flying jacket and .45. Gise put on clothing that was offered, then took a bicycle, and tried to make himself inconspicuous. He was taken to a shelter overnight.

The underground brought a doctor to treat his small wounds. He was still in the Lille area, but then was taken to France by bicycle.

He followed instructions and was taken to a home with man, wife and two children.

Got picked up at Spanish border with guide at Perpignon.

Ended up in a Spanish prison for a week or two.

Released, took train to Madrid, stayed with consular officials for a couple of weeks.

Then to Gibraltar and flown back to England.

Became meteorologist. Retired in 1964 as colonel.

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Dear Jim:

Enclosed are the picture and the Missing Aircrew Report for your plane. I hope you will find them both of interest.

If you can provide me with identifications of any of the crew I will be most appreciative. Also, I hope it may trigger a memory for you of when and where the picture may have been taken.

It was good to talk to you the other night and I hope you have a speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours,