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Flying #4 on mission to Bordeaux 3 FW190s came in from rear. Severed elevator cables. Snap-rolled with rudder and popped canopy and tried to get. I got out at 18000 ft. I took off dinghy pack, oxygen mask and helmet in air. I was whirling on back as I pulled cord at 8000 ft. A FW190 above me, started towards me. As he was about 2000 yards from me a 51 came in on his tail and blew him up. I floated over Grignols and landed in clearing in oak woods. There was one pine sapling about 20 ft tall. I grabbed sapling and swung down. Chute hung up. Walked SE after hiding M.W. About 200 ft, ½ a dozen French ran up to me [young men and two sisters (about 23 and 18)]. They ran over and pulled chute down and came back to me. One of them took me by my arm. (I took off A2 Jacket and flying suit--was in O.D. trousers and shirt) and took me to house 200 yds. away and gave me civilian clothes. Fed me here. A gendarme came up road, so they hid me in farm. When gend. left. Meanwhile one of the other men came back with note from Eng-speaking French woman telling me to trust my helpers.

They took me by bicycle to hotel about 1 km away outside of Grignols to this Eng.sp. French Woman (60 yrs old) who has daughter (30) and granddaughter.

The men who brought me to the hotel took me by bike to CASTELVALOUX to a house of fleshy, white haired man (40), [wife, son (19), daughter (17)]. Stayed overnight. Next morning the same man came back and took me to a farmhouse off N 133 near the lake at Fort Guillem au Pujo bet. Pompogne and Houeilles on left side of road going south. Stayed 7 days. A farmer from Houeilles on 12th took me to Nerac. There I was put in house ½ km from Nerac, house of regional chief (Gabriel-wife, Marie Rose wife's brother, Leon; and old lady (Gabriel's mother: this is house where Dr. Henri stays when he is in the neighborhood. [Here unpacked grenades and machine guns which RAF dropped by chute. Had 37mm A-T guns here.] After a few days Dr. Henri came in Franbel trucks and went to the Maquis and got Nahl and six sergeants and took them to the Maquis near Nerac. They went back to Castelvaloux and picked up Seidel.

On 25 we all went to farm house 4kms S. of Nerac.