

I was flying in a flight of 8 P-40's on a strafing mission along the Liling-Yuhshien Road about 1015 on 28 June 1944. I heard two hits from ground fire in my plane and almost immediately my coolant temperature started to rise. I was at about 100 feet altitude when I heard these hits and was headed North toward Liling approximately 5 miles from the town. I called Major McComas, the leader of our flight of four P-40's and told him I was hit and was heading Southeast as far as possible. Turned in a Southeasterly direction and got over into the mountainous terrain and hit into a valley. I dropped down to the mountain top level, rolled plane over and bailed out at approximately 1000 feet. As I came out, some part of the tail hit me and knocked my shoulder out of place. When I reached the ground on the West side of the mountain about 3 li from Jap troops my shoulder was out and my left knee was injured. I cut off the back pack of my chute and ran and walked about a mile and a half over the mountain to the East side with my knee going out of place and popping back in about ten times. I came to a small farm house and observed it for several minutes to determine whether there were Japs there, and then went on in it. There were an old man and woman in there who couldn't read the writing on the Chinese flag, so they sent for someone who could. In about 15 minutes two men came in and took me to another house. There I waited for about 30 minutes for some Chinese soldiers. Some coolies carried me in a chair and the Chinese soldiers accompanied me about 10 li to a small village and hid me there overnight. On June 29th, accompanied by 5 soldiers and 1 guerrilla I started to Headquarters of the 26th Chinese Division but we were stopped at a village by Chinese soldiers as they said there were too many Japs in that locality. They then directed me to the headquarters of General Yang Yu-chuen. We traveled about 35 li to this headquarters and I had my shoulder set by a Chinese doctor who was brought through Japanese lines to get there. I remained with Gen. Yang for ten days and was treated very well. I met a Mr. Yeh here who had evacuated from Liling when the Japs came in. He was formerly a school teacher in Liling and he could speak English. He acted as my interpreter most of the time. This headquarters was about 8 miles South of Fingsiang in Kiangsi Province. After 10 days here the General was sure that the trails were cleared of Japs and it was safe for me to travel towards Suichwan. On July 9th Mr. Yeh and I started in chairs with about 30 troops, 5 officers and 8 coolies and traveled for 3 days and finally reached Lienwha on the 12th. We stayed in abandoned villages for the 3 nights. The Chinese officers and troops left me there and the local Magistrate's Police were in charge of my wellbeing. We left Lienwha on the 13th and reached the river about 60 li North of Taiho that night. Another Magistrate's Police took over at this point. Boarded a sampan on the 14th and traveled to about 20 li North of Taiho where an ambulance met me and carried me to Suichwan. Arrived at Suichwan about 1800 on the 14th and remained there until the 19th. Left Suichwan on the 19th and arrived at Kweilin that evening.

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