

2/ his own two sons but this was not granted. He then tried to transfer to the American Army as he hoped to go into Bomb Ordnance as in this manner he could get home on a course. The necessary authority came through Feb 44 but was automatically cancelled when all transfers were frozen at this time on account of final preparations for the invasion. He was awaiting the outcome of his reboard before making another application for compassionate leave.

Feeling very depressed he went out on a drinking spree with a friend 8 Nov 44 and his next recollection was finding himself in the port of Toulon 5 Dec 44. He immediately started back intending to come direct to Ghent, or failing this to surrender himself to the Canadian Military Police. Reached Lyons 6 Dec and as he could not get any further that day or could not find accommodation he surrendered himself to the American M.P's. They held him a short time in Lyons and then transferred him to the Paris detent in barracks which apparently is jointly run by all branches of the allied M.P's. He