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The Editor,
'I was there',
Observer Magazine,
8, St. Andrew's Hill,
London, EC4V 5JA

Dear Sir,

I have written a book about my experiences of the capture by the Germans of the famous 51st. Highland Division at St. Valery-en-Caux on the 12th. of June 1940, and my subsequent escape near Lille, 120 miles away.

I could make two extracts from it which. I think, might be of interest to you. One is the description of the incredible happenings during the night of the 11/12 June, plus the actual capture. The other is what happened during the disarming of over 50,000 men -- a fantastic sight -- and various amusing incidents connected therewith.

Another episode that might be of interest is how I made my escape by a rather original and amusing method after we had trudged some 120 miles from St. Valery.

The manuscript is nearly ready to be sent to my agent, but as I own the copyright I assume there would be no objections from you or the publishers when the book is published.

If these are of interest to you perhaps you would let me know.

Yours very truly,