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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WARREN R MARKLE S/Sgt 16110730
(Name) (Rank) ASN
846 Bomb Sq 489 Bomb Group
(Unit)

30 August 1944
(Date)

E&E # 1242

WDA 8/196/593

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT	<i>Lt Charles C. Bouchard, 2d Lt, 0-693607</i>	
CO-PILOT	<i>1st Lt John F. Cunningham, T-061954</i>	<i>P/W</i>
NAVIGATOR	<i>Y George W Burke, Jr, 2d Lt, 0-703938</i>	<i>P/W</i>
BOMBARDIER	<i>Lt Herbert M. Lowe, 2d Lt, 0-697963</i>	<i>P/W</i>
RADIO OPERATOR	<i>Sgt John McGeachie, 32730811</i>	<i>MDA</i>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<i>1st Lt Wm C. Grant, S/Sgt, 38394456</i>	<i>P/W</i>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<i>Sgt Eugene C. Anderson, 36815885</i>	<i>RTD 1451</i>
WAIST GUNNER	<i>Sgt Clifford E. Gowan, Sgt, 33602655</i>	<i>P/W</i>
WAIST GUNNER	<i>16110730 S/Sgt Warren R MARKLE</i>	<i>RTD NARRATOR</i>
TAIL GUNNER	<i>Sgt Keith A. Peterson, Sgt, 39039230</i>	<i>P/W</i>

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

2 June 1944; 1750 hours ; near Creuil, France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

No 2 & 3 engines out; hit in forward bombay; and left waist;

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

3000 ft
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

One man injured

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Eight crew members bailed out; all chutes opened;

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes

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and 8 parachuted out:
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No

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(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country) FRANCE

E&E # 1242

For All Personnel.

1. No. 16110730 Rank s/Sgt (AC) Name Warren R. MARKLE
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 3 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 846 Bomb Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 498 Bomb Gp. 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Engineer
7. Date of Birth 28 March 1922 8. Length of Service 2 yrs
9. Peace time occupation Grinder 10. Private address 21619 Oxford St.,
Farmington, Michigan
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Dogtags, identification bracelet
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of O.T.U. //
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit //

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

15. Post in Crew Engineer gunner
 16. Other members of crew, and information about what has happened to them.
N.B.—Airborne and Parachute Troops: list below names and units of other occupants of plane, including R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
- | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| PILOT | <u>Lt. Charles C. Bouchard</u> | <u>Believed PW</u> |
| CO-PILOT | <u>Lt. John F. Cunningham</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| NAVIGATOR | <u>(New- did not know name)</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| BOMBARDIER | <u>Lt. Herbert M. Lowe</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| RADIO OPERATOR | <u>Sgt. John Mc Geachie</u> | <u>Believed dead</u> |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | <u>Sgt. William C. Grant</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | <u>Sgt. Eugene C. Anderson</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (R.) | <u>Sgt. Clifford E. Cowen</u> | <u>PW</u> |
| WAIST GUNNER (L.) | <u>Narrator</u> | <u>Escaped</u> |
| TAIL GUNNER | <u>Sgt. Keith A. Peterson</u> | <u>PW</u> |
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B-24; Hailsworth, 2 June 1944, 1600 hrs
 18. Where and when did you come down? Near Creil, 2 June 1944, 1750 hrs
 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? The French hid them
 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Secret

TOP SECRET
I.S.9 (WEA)

E & E Report No. 8/196

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2 JUNE:
HIDDEN BY
FRENCH

Our mission to the Creil railroad yards on 2 June was successful, but we were knocked down by flak near the target. My chute came down some distance from the others and near some French people who hid my flying clothes and mae west and rushed me into a house at once. I did not see what became of the other crew members, but was told by the French that all were captured except the radio operator, who was killed in the crash, and possibly the pilot, who may have escaped later.

6 JUNE:
SENT TO
PARIS;
TRIES TO
GO TO
BORDEAUX

I stayed 4 days in the vicinity of Creil, then was sent on by the underground, which had identified me in the meantime, to Paris. There I stayed in an apartment in the XXe Arrondissement over night. Next day I was put on a train for Bordeaux, with the idea of getting me to Spain eventually, but the R.R. was bombed and the train never left, so I came back to Paris. I stayed in another apartment there for the next few weeks, moving in July to still another. The concierge at the last place was in the Resistance and gave me news. I worked with his group until the Americans entered Paris on 26 August, when I was taken to I.S.9(WEA) headquarters.

(No "B" information.)

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS

WHO BALE OUT

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Attached:

Appendix "B"

"C"*****

"D"

Disposal:

Returned to unit.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date 28 August 1944

I grade this evasion 5.

Theodore M. Purdy
Theodore M. Purdy Major
Capt, CE

Top Secret.

TOP SECRET.
I.S.9 (WEA)

APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)/8/196/593

If further circulation of this information is made, it is important that its source should not be divulged.

No. 16110730 Rank S/Sgt (AC) Name Warren R. MARKLE

Date of Interview 28 August 1944 (Evaded in France)

I was first helped by some Americans who had lived in France for several years. They lived at Ville St. Paul, near Creil. They had a country house 6 miles northeast of that place. I never knew their names. They ran a bar in the village, near a milk factory.

They passed me on almost at once to the underground. In Paris I stayed with:

1. M., Mme., and Mlle. Guerin
23 rue de la Py,
Paris, XXe
2. M. and Mme. Andre Vautier
3 rue Lapeyriere
Paris, XVIIIe
3. Mme. Screve
241 rue du Faubourg St. Honore
Paris, VIIIe

At the second of these places on 11 July F/Sgt John Morris, RCAF joined me. (See E & E Report No. 8/209)

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WAR DEPARTMENT The Adjutant General's Office Washington

AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M

KLS/el-2B-939 Pentagon

6 August 1943

SUBJECT: Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries.

TO: The Commanding Generals,
Army Ground;
Army Air Forces;
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands;
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.

1. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of experiences of escape or evasion from enemy-occupied territory, internment in a neutral country, or release from internment not only furnishes useful information to the enemy but also jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases.

2. Personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, publish in any form whatever or communicate either directly, or indirectly, to the press, radio or an unauthorized person any account of escape or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, or internment in a neutral country either before or after repatriation. They will be held strictly responsible for all statements contained in communications to friends which may subsequently be published in the press or otherwise.

3. Evaders, escapees, or internees shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion or internment except by the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion and internment matters.

4. Should the services of escaped prisoners of war, evaders, or internees be deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, such services will be under the direct supervision of the agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, or the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations.

5. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all evaders, escapees, and internees in the provisions of this directive which supersedes letter, AG 383.6 (5 Nov 42) OB-S-B-M, 7 November 1942, subject: Instructions concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped Prisoners of War and other previous instructions on this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1. Information about your escape or your evasion from capture *would be useful to the enemy* and a danger to your friends. It is therefore **SECRET**.

2. a You must therefore not disclose, except to the first Military Attache to whom you report, or to an officer designated by the Commanding General of the Theater of Operations, or by A. C. of S., G-2, W. D.

- (1) The names of those who helped you.
- (2) The method by which you escaped or evaded.
- (3) The route you followed.
- (4) Any other facts concerning your experience.

b You must be particularly on your guard with persons representing the press.

c You must give no account of your experiences in books, newspapers, periodicals or in broadcasts or in lectures.

d You must give no information to anyone, irrespective of nationality, in letters or in conversation, except as specifically directed in Par. 4.

e No lectures or reports are to be given to any unit without the permission of A. C. of S., G-2, W. D., or corresponding organization in the theater.

GERTIFICATE

I have read the above and certify that I will comply with it.

I understand that any information concerning my *escape or evasion* from capture is **SECRET** and must not be disclosed to anyone other than the agency designated by A. C. of S., G-2, War Department, the corresponding organization in overseas theaters of operations, or to the Military Attache in a neutral country to whom I first report. I understand that disclosure to anyone else will make me liable to disciplinary action.

Name (Print) WARREN F. MARKLE

Signed Warren F. Markle

Rank 3/SGT A. S. N. 16111731

Dated 31 August 1944

Unit 489 Bomb GP 846 BOMB GP

Witness Charles A. Brown

1st Lt. A.C.

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and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S.9(WEA) PERSONNEL

Aug 31 1944
(Date)

MARKLE WARREN F S/Sgt 1611730
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

3
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: June 2 1944

489 Bomb Sq 846 Bomb Sq
(Unit)

Returned to UK: Aug 30 1944

MEMBERS OF CREW: (List names by positions and indicate what happened to each one)

PILOT Fauchard C.C. T.H.
CO-PILOT Cunningham J.F. P.H.
NAVIGATOR believed captured
BOMBARDIER Lane, H.M. P.H.
RADIO OPERATOR Mc Seachie J. believed killed
TOP TURRET GUNNER Scott H. P.H.
BALL TURRET GUNNER Anderson, A P.H.
WAIST GUNNER Sawen C P.H.
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TAIL GUNNER Peterson, F.A. P.H.

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

June 2 1944 8:30 P.M. Crest France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

2+3 engine out & hit in forward fuselage & left wing

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 3000 ft

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

One man injured

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

8 crew members bailed out Yes.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Yes.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

No.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

I was given description by reliable source that I was killed & parachuted out
(over)

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

no
If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

*7 P.W. given description by reliable source
1 killed remains found at ship wreckage*

Were you wounded? *no*

Were you in German hands? *no*

Did you kill any Germans in escaping? *no*

Have you previously given the names of your helpers? *yes*

List any names previously omitted, showing what help was given.

What security briefing were you given?

at P & C camp in France

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Cigarette case

Home address.

21619 Offord Farmington, Mich.

List names of American or British personnel believed to have been arrested by Germans.

List names of American or British personnel believed to be evading.

If any further information is required concerning this report detailed application should be made to I.S. 9 (WEA) G-2 Div. S.H.A.E.F. giving the E and E Report No.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 16110230 Rank S/SGT

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) WARREN R. MARKLE

Unit 846 BOMB SQ 489 BOMB GP

has been fully/~~briefly~~/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9 (WEA) on 27 AUG 1948

and has signed a Security Certificate.

He ~~should~~/should not/be re-interrogated.

Theodore M. Rudy
Capt CE Major.

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
AN OFFICER OF M.I.9 OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF PW. & X. DET.
M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

This Officer/W.O./N.C.O. has special information on the following subjects:—

Name (BLOCK LETTERS)

Unit

If returned to U.K, report to

63 Brook St.,

London, W. 1

IMPORTANT.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETAINED AND HANDED TO (BRITISH)
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BILLETING OFFICE
CENTRAL BASE SECTION
COM Z., ETOUSA

30-8-44

SUBJECT: Assignment of Billet.

TO : ~~S/Sgt. Warren Markle, 16110830, 489 Bomb Gp.~~
(Name, rank, branch and ASN)

1. You are assigned the following government billet:

~~Room 17, Lurgan Hotel, 115 Grenwell Road SW 7~~
(Room No., hotel and address)

2. You are responsible for extras which you incur; for example; Laundry, cleaning, food, etc.

3. You will check in and out of the hotel in the usual manner.

4. Officers leaving this station must leave billet and clear with the Billeting Office before 1000 hours on date of departure. This is accomplished by obtaining Hotel Cashier's signature on the space allotted on reverse side and presenting this chit to the Billeting Office. Failure to comply with this directive will be reported to your Headquarters for disciplinary action.

Assignment of Billet.

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5. Officers leaving this station on Temporary Duty or Leave will notify the Billeting Office. Failure to comply will result in termination of billet.

For the Commanding General:

Donald E. Wentzel
DONALD E. WENTZEL
Captain, AC
Billeting Officer

This is to certify that the officer named hereon has paid all bills for extras as outlined in paragraph 2 on reverse side.

Date

31.8.44

F. V. Van der Ogen
(Hotel Cashier)