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No. 29595877 Rank Sgt.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) JOHN E. SNIDE

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E. & J. REPORT No. IS9(WEA)7/196/756

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

EVASION CAPTURED/XXXXXX FROM (Name of Country) France

For all Personnel,

1. No. 37575877..... Rank..... Sgt..... Name..... John J. Snede
(U.K. Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F. No. of missions)..... 5 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details..... No
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force)..... 427 Bomb Sqn
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 303 GP..... 6. Job. (El. Opd., Rfn., etc.) Waist Gunner
7. Date of Birth..... 3 Jun 1925..... 8. Length of Service..... 1 yr
9. Peace time occupation..... student..... 10. Private address..... 1917 Waltham Ave...
..... St Paul, Minnesota
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph?..... photos
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..... Waist 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.....
CO-PILOT.....
NAVIGATOR..... see IS9(WEA) E&E Rept No. 183 for
BOMBARDIER..... information on rest of crew
RADIO OPERATOR.....
TOP TURRET GUNNER.....
BALL TURRET GUNNER.....
WAIST GUNNER (R.)..... Narrator
WAIST GUNNER (L.).....
TAIL GUNNER.....
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17, Molesworth, 28 Jun 44;
..... 0500 hrs.
18. Where and when did you come down? 1 mi NW of Ebelle, France, 28 Jun 44
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Rolled up and
..... left on a plowed field
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date..... 5 Sept 44

I grade this Evasion No. 4

Attached:

Appendix "B"

Appendix "C"

Appendix "D"

Herbert E. Markley
Pfc Herbert E. Markley

Major

Disposal:..Returned to unit in U.K.

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My story is about the same as S/Sgt Willard (See E&E Rept No. 183), except that after I baled out I landed in a plowed field. I had delayed my jump until 5,000 feet. I left my chute, mae west, and harness on the plowed field. I soon saw some Frenchmen, and one directed me to some thornbrush. I hid there until dark. Later this same Frenchman took me to a house and fed me. I slept in his barn. The next day I stayed in the brush again, and the next night I met Sgt Willard. From there on the story is the same as his.

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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR I.S. 9 (WEA) PERSONNEL

SEPT. 7, 1944
(Date)

JOHN I. SNEDE Sgt. 37575877
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

NIGHT FIGHTER BASE 5
(Target) (Number of missions)

Date Missing in Action: JUNE 28, 1944
SEPT. 1, 1944 USA.
Returned to UK: SEPT. 6, 1944

457 BOMB SQ. 303 BOMB GROUP
(Unit)

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

PILOT 2LT. WARDOSKI (PRISONER)
CO-PILOT 2LT. HENLIN
NAVIGATOR 2LT. BURBAUM
BOMBARDIER 2LT. EISEL
RADIO OPERATOR 4SGT. WILLARD FREE
TOP TURRET GUNNER SGT. KOWATCH (KILLED)?
BALL TURRET GUNNER SGT. HOPE (KILLED)?
WAIST GUNNER SGT. SNEDE FREE
WAIST GUNNER
TAIL GUNNER SGT. WAGNER ?

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

JUNE 28, 1944 20 MILES S.W. OF CHARLEVILLE
Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

FLACK HIT NO. 3 ENGINE PLANE BURST INTO FLAMES
At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

23,000
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

YES
What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? YES
RADIO OPERATOR PILOT? BOMBARDIER?
WAIST GUNNER THE REST OF THE

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? NO IN THE AIR CREW (I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT)

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.

(FRENCH) BOMBARDIER PRISONER
(PEOPLE) PILOT
(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?

PILOT P.W.

THE DESCRIPTION TOLD OF

BOMBARDIER P.W.

THESE MEN BY THE FRENCH

THE REST OF THE CREW NOTHING

Were you wounded?

NO

HEARD ABOUT

Were you in German hands?

NO

Did you kill any Germans in escaping?

NO

Have you previously given the names of your helpers?

NO

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

What security briefing were you given?

PRINTED SHEETS, LECTURE

What souvenirs do you still possess?

GERMAN HELMET

Home address.

1917 WALTHAM AVE. ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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

2 LT. WARDOSKI

2 LT. ESIEL

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

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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-989 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 supercedes 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 **SEGRET**.

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 **SEGRET** 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) JOHN I. SNEDE

Signed John I. Snede

Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 37575877

Dated SEPT. 7, 1944

Unit 422 BOMB Sq. 303 Bomb Group

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