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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

T.R. Baskette 2nd Lt. 0-755624 9/3/44
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)
457 B.G. 750 Sq.
(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS

- PILOT
- CO-PILOT
- NAVIGATOR
- BOMBARDIER
- RADIO OPERATOR
- TOP TURRET GUNNER
- BALL TURRET GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER
- WAIST GUNNER
- TAIL GUNNER

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

6/14/44 - 0830 - 1 1/2 Km. West - Fleury - la-Forêt. Eure

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

3 Engines gone

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 2,500

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

The NAV. had FLAK through one arm.

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

All. yes all chutes opened

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No

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

yes - NAV. & Engineer - alive

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. All alive.

NAV. POW. By description. Pilot POW. By description?

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

yes. Burned from nose to & including Bomb Bay

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?

5 member taken POW,
4 members Evaded

Reason - channels of the F.F.I.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
EVADING OR ESCAPING FROM ENEMY OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Baskette T.R. 2nd Lt 0-755624
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

28 (No. of missions)

750 (Squadron) 457 (Group)

TARGET: Airfield, North Paris

Date mission in action: 6/14/44

Date arrived in UK: 9/2/44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (Please list names next to positions)

Indicate what happened to each man and how you know.

PILOT	<u>Charles R. Blackwell</u>	<u>Believed P.O.W.</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>T.R. Baskette</u>	<u>EVADER</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>I.H. Meyers</u>	<u>Believed P.O.W.</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>V.M. Boon</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
RADIO OPERATOR	<u>E. NABAZONY</u>	<u>UNKNOWN - 890</u>
TOP TURRET GUNNER	<u>T. Howard</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
BALL TURRET GUNNER	<u>Leahy</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
WAIST GUNNER	<u>F.W. McCall</u>	<u>UNKNOWN - RHO</u>
WAIST GUNNER	<u>None</u>	
TAIL GUNNER	<u>S. KORASKIWTZ</u>	<u>Believed P.O.W.</u>

Decorations: Air Medal + clusters

Date of Birth: 10/31/21

Private Address: Rt. 1 Box 209 Tracy, California

Length of Service: 2 yrs. 3 months

Job as Civilian: Student

From what field did you take off? Take off time. 0530 - Station 130
Glendon Field

Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? To my knowledge

Were you wounded? Give details. No

Did you pay your guides? If so, how much? No

Do you speak FRENCH? SPANISH? GERMAN? ITALIAN? OTHER LANGUAGE?

Did you have identity papers? No

(over)

Have you been questioned before on your escape or evasion? If so, where and by whom?

Yes No

Have you given any one a written report on your experiences. Where and When?

No

Did you report on your operations? If so, where and to whom?

No

Did you sign a security certificate warning you against talking about your escape or evasion? If so, Where and When?

yes BOYCAUX, FRANCE - 9/1/44 British I.S.A

Date of arrival in Spain: -

Date of arrival at Gibraltar: -

Place and date of departure for UK. By sea or air.

Airfield in France 9/2/44 - AIR

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

- C. H. Blackwell
- I. H. Meyers
- S. Kuraski

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

UNKNOWN

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. 0-225624 Rank 2nd Lt.
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) THEODORE R. BASKIN
Unit 750 Sqn 457 Bomb Gr

has been ~~fully~~/briefly/interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S.9(WEA) on 1 Sep 1944
and has signed a Security Certificate.

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



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[Signature]
Major. *[Signature]*

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.

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

EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country).....

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-755624 Rank 2/Lt Name T.R. Baskette
(U.K.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 28
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 750 Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 B.Gp 6. Job (Pl. Comd., Rfn., etc.) Pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 31 Oct. 21 8. Length of Service 2 yr 2/12
- 9. Peace time occupation Student 10. Private address Rt. 1 Box 209
Tracy, California, USA
- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Tags
- 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 Co-Pilot
- 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 C.R. Blackwell Unknown
- CO-PILOT Narrator
- NAVIGATOR Z.H. Meyers Believed P/W
- BOMBARDIER V.M. Boon Unknown
- RADIO OPERATOR E. Nabozony Unknown
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T. Howard Unknown
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Leahey Unknown
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) F.W. McCall Unknown
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER S. Kuraskiwtiz P/W
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.17H. Glatton Base Station 130, June
14, 1944. 0500 hrs, take off.
- 18. Where and when did you come down? Fleury la Foret 0830 hrs
(A3W) 9.2.1 yd bewsivrcnl
Date
- 19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and mae west? Hid them in a hedge
Attached:
Appendix
"f"
"d"
" "
- 20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? To my knowledge - yes
Dispost:

(Applies to all BRITISH, CANADIAN, U.S. & ALLIED PERSONNEL)
EVADED CAPTURE/ESCAPED FROM (Name of Country)

For All Personnel.

- 1. No. 0-755824 Rank S/Lt Name T. R. Baskette
- 2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) 28
- 3. Were you wounded? Give details. No
- 4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 750 Sqn
- 5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 457 B. Gp
- 6. Job (Pl. Comb., Rtn., etc.) Pilot
- 7. Date of Birth 31 Oct. 21
- 8. Length of Service 2 yr 2 mo
- 9. Peace time occupation Student
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- 11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes
- 12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

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WHO BALE OUT

- 15. Post in Crew Co-Pilot
- 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 G. R. Blackwell Unknown
- CO-PILOT Navigator
- NAVIGATOR E. H. Meyers Believed R/W
- BOMBARDIER V. M. Boon Unknown
- RADIO OPERATOR B. Haborony Unknown
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T. Howard Unknown
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Leahy Unknown
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) F. W. McColl Unknown
- WAIST GUNNER (L.)
- TAIL GUNNER B. Kuraschewitz R/W
- 17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure B.1M. Gatton Base Station 150, June 14, 1944. 0500 hrs, take off.

Interviewed by I.S.9 (WEA)

Date

Attached:

- Appendix "B"
- "C"
- "D"

Disposal: UK

18. Where and when did you bale out?

19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and map? Held them in a hedge

20. Were all papers and equipment destroyed? To my knowledge - yes

Major

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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 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) Theodore R. Baskette
Rank 2nd Lt A. S. N. 0-753624
Unit 457th B. Gp 750 Sq.

Signature Theodore R. Baskette
Dated 9/3/44
Witness Charles A. Brown
1st Lt. A.C.

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1A June 8
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2 km from ^{3 Sept 45 7 Ep} Fleury la foret (Eure). A woman in the garden pointed the forest to me. There I ran into Monsieur Andre Schyol who put me in his house in Fayel (Eure). He had refused to work for the Germans and was hiding from them. An hour later Monsieur Touraine (aged 40, notaire at Fleury la foret, chef resistance FFI) ~~he~~ took me to his house (On the way a German patrol fired at us in the bushes). In his house lived his wife, his nephew and his brother in law. At the end of the day a young man called Jacques Deselands (resistance, spoke English) took me to the farm house of Joseph Vermoulin (spelling?) where I stayed 8 days. I then was moved back to the Touraine's where I stayed until the 20 August. On that date I had to leave for the name of the resistance people had fallen into Gestapo hands. At the Touraine's I met an American doctor called Bridgman who said he had contacted London (he said to be from Paris and had a summer Villa in Fleury where he came every ^{fortnight} ~~two weeks~~.) The Touraine told me he was FFI intelligence. On the 15 August, A Canadian F/Lt Nixon (Shot down on the 28 July) joined me at the Touraine's. On the 20th both of us went back to M. Schyol who ^{put us to} ~~put me with~~ Mme Huguette Verhague (aged 35, Her mother lived there and was married to a British officer called her name was Mme Lambert.) ^{she} ~~who~~ lived at Abbe le Mortemer par Monesqueville (Eure). ^{whom I saw} ~~she~~ had kept five fliers ~~and~~ When I got there I ~~saw them but~~ soon after they were flown out ~~here names~~ (the names of three were ^{Redge} Don (Canadian RAF), Redge, Phillip ~~and~~ and Phillip). We stayed there until the 29 August at which day the English came in.

N.B. At the Deselands' there was another family living there: ^{their} ~~canu~~ He name was Canu (a widow of 55 and a young girl Bernadotte aged 19)

At the Lambert on the 25 August I met a man from the resistance. ^{his name was} ~~called~~ M. Maurice. That afternoon I went into the woods with him. We attacked a German staff car killed four Germans and hid them in the bushes. The next day the Germans caught ^{French} 10 men and machine gunned them. We hid for two days in a cave.

At the Touraine's I met an FFI Lt Dodging the Gestapo his name was Andre _____?

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APPENDIX "D" TO E AND E REPORT NO.

No., Rank, Name:-

0-755624, 2nd Lt. Theodore R. Baskette

Unit:-

457 B Co. 750. Sq.

Suggestions for improvement of escape equipment and training come largely from those who make use of them. Your report and comments will help others to evade capture or to escape.

1. AIDS BOX

- a. Did you use your aids box? *No*
- b. If not, why? *Taken in almost immediately*
- c. If you used it, state briefly the circumstances in which you used each item, for example, "While hiding in woods for two nights".

Horlicks tablets.

Chocolate or Peanut Bar.

Milk (tube).

Benzadrine tablets (fatigue).

Halazone tablets (water purifier).

Matches.

Adhesive tape.

Chewing gum.

Water bottle.

Compass.

Sewing kit.

- d. Did any of the above items prove unsatisfactory? *No*
- e. How did you finally dispose of the box? *Buried it the ground*
- f. Can you suggest any way in which the contents of the aids box might be changed to make it of greater use, bearing in mind that the size of it cannot be larger? *No*

2. PURSE

- a. Did you carry a purse? *yes*
State color of stripes and letters. *Red - F*
If NOT, State why not. *-*
- b. Did you use the purse? *yes*

(over)

c. If so, which of the following items in the purse did you use?

Maps. Which ones? *France - Sheet A.*

Compass, *yes*

File (hacksaw). *No*

Foreign currency. State countries and amounts. *2,000 FRANCES*
How did you spend the money? *TABACO + people who aided me*

d. How did you dispose of:-

Maps. *did not*

Compass. *BROKEN*

File (hacksaw). *lost*

Surplus currency. *tabaco*

3. Were you issued any extra compasses or further aids to evasion? *No*

4. PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Did you carry passport-size photographs? *No*
If so, how many? *—*

b. Did you use them? *No*

5. LECTURES

a. Were you lectured on evasion and escape?
State WHERE, WHEN and by WHOM.

Glatton Air base - T/Sgt. - 21-1-44

b. Did you find the lectures of value? *yes*

c. Do you have any suggestions to make which, from your experience, you feel will help other evaders and escapers? *yes*

Allow the crews to wear civilian clothes

A - small course in French & GERMAN

B-12
complete

BASQUETTE

(1)

14 June: - Just after bombing away airport
North of Paris - Sailed out 2500 ft. ^{saw 2 chutes in the air} W 8. Landed
in an apple tree ^{of 20th} FLEURY LA FORET (about
2 kms from there). There was a woman in
a yard she pointed to a forest. Ran into a man
a few minutes later Monsieur ^{and} Schyol? He put
me to his home in FAYEL ^(Eure) ~~in the outskirts of~~
(had refused to work for the Germans, hiding from
Germans) stayed an hour or so while Germans
were searching woods - Monsieur TOURNAINE (aged 40)
(Notaire ^{Chief Resistance FFI} a Henry La Rôt) came and took me on
a bicycle to his home, on the way we ran
in a forest. He hid me in the bush. The
Germans fired in the bush missed me - later
went to his house. (His wife and a nephew and
mother in law) I stayed all day in the house -
a young man called Jacques DESELANDS
(armed resistance spoke English) took me to a house
to where he was working, the farmer Joseph
VERMOULIN (spelling?) stayed there 8 days then
went back to the TOURNAINE and stayed until
August 20th. Then I left because the cause
of all the civilian resistance fell in to a
Gestapo hands. -

(2)

Another family living with the
DEZEBANS called CANU (old lady 55 and
young one ~~at~~ Bernadette aged 19)

At the Tomaines met a doctor Bridgman
an American who said he had contacted
London (he is from Paris and has a summer
villa came to Fluy every 2 weeks) Tomaine
said he was an FFI intelligence

On the 15th ^{another} F/U NIXON joined me
at the Tomaine was shot down on the 28
July -

On the 20th we left went to
Mr. Schydl and stayed with Mme Huguette
VERHAQUE. Her mother there was married to
a British officer called Mme Lambert

Lived at Abbé le Matern for ~~the~~ MONSIEUR-
QUEVILLE (Eure) - She had had five
children ~~previously with her~~ which I saw
and which were flown out. ~~One~~ ^{Canadian} ~~Don~~ ^{in RAF}
Redge, Philip and 2 others. - We stayed with her
until the English arrived on the 29th August

NB

André — ? It is in the FFI, during the last days
I saw him at the Tomaine.

at the Lambert ^{25 August} another man from resistance
called M. Maurice and asked if we wanted

to join the ~~the~~ fight. That day at 3
 went to the woods for him. We went
 out ~~to~~ attacked staff cars ~~and we~~ killed 4 jerries
 We had them in the bush. The next
 day the jerries caught 10 men and
 machined them. We hid in a
 cave for 2 days -

On the 29th we walked to
 met the British troops ~~at~~ Km bet them
 near LISORS (Blue)

They British were going to put us
 in a P/W camp - we went to Bayeux after
 waiting 2 days at 159, an old Major
 talking made us keep on the ground
 or in a tent. He flew us here. Arrived in
 UK. on the 2 September -