

Marks was born Marcus Weinberg on 2 December 1915 in London to David (Davis) and Millie Weinberg. Marks had three siblings, Isadore who died when he was eighteen and two sisters Minnie and Renee. Marks father and his uncle Louis both worked as dentists in Mile End. David predeceased Marks dying in 1941.

Marks was a law student in 1933 when he legally changed his name to Marks Wayne and by 1939 the Register shows that he was working as a qualified solicitor. In 1939 he was living at 368 Mile End Road with his parents and sister Renee.

On the 18 April 1940 Marks enlisted into the Army joining the Queens Royal Regiment as a private. On the 30 June 1941 he transferred to the Royal Air Force and after training as a navigator and radio operator he joined 153 Squadron.

In July 1942, 153 Squadron were based at Ballyhalbert airfield, on the Ards Peninsula in Northern Ireland. The fighter station was responsible for the defence of Belfast and the eastern half of the country

On the night of 19 July 1942, Beaufighter X7822 was airborne on a practice interception and radar calibration exercise. Such exercises often resulted in aircraft ranging far out from the airfield. One hour and forty minutes after taking off from Ballyhalbert, X7822 was returning when it flew straight into the south eastern shoulder of Shanlieve Mountain to the northwest of Attical. The aircraft was destroyed by the force of the impact and resulting fire and both members of the crew were killed.

Pilot Officer J P Sadd age 24, and Sergeant M Wayne age 27 were both taken to England for burial. The resultant Court of Inquiry, found it impossible to come to a firm conclusion about the cause of the crash and offered the explanation that in setting course to return to Ballyhalbert, the crew had homed onto an incorrect radio beacon.