

SECRET.M.I.9/S/P.G.(-)2560.EVADED CAPTURE IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

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STATEMENT BY

1397945 F/Sgt. TREND, Jack Melville, 15 Sqn., Bomber Command, R.A.F.

Left : BRUSSELS, 13 Sep 44.

Arrived : HENDON, 13 Sep 44.

Date of Birth : 14 Jun 22.

Peacetime Profession: Clerk.

R.A.F. Service: Since 22 Oct 41.

Private Address: 109 Ladysmith Road,
BRIGHTON, 7.

O.T.U. : No. 82.

Conversion Unit: No. 1651.

Post in crew : Wireless operator.

Other members of crew:

P/O C.S. THOMPSON (pilot)	}	Fate unknown.
W/O McMILLAN, R. (navigator)		
F/Sgt. LEMKY, R.G. (bomb aimer)		
Sgt. STUBBS, T. (mid upper gunner)		
Sgt. HOBBS, D. (rear gunner)		
Sgt. PELHAM, M. (engineer)		

We took off from MELDENHALL at 2230 hrs on 11 Jun 44.
We baled out at 0010 hrs (12 Jun) in the vicinity of
MEERSELO (N.W. EUROPE, 1:250,000, Sheet 2A and 3A, E 7426).
Here I met an organisation. I went with some members of this
organisation to ARGEN (Sheet 3, E 9221). From there we went
via HORST (E 8419) to GRIENLITSVEEN (E 7218) where we stayed
four days.

On 15 Jun I met F/Lt. Erasmus WARDZINSKY (Poland),
Fighter Command, who was proceeding to FRANCE.

On 17 Jun I was taken by bicycle to a camp of the Dutch
underground movement in woods South-east of EINDHOVEN (E 4218).
Here I met F/Sgt. FUNTER (M.I.9/S/P.G.(-)2561) and F/Sgt.
GRISDALE (M.I.9/S/P.G.(-)2558), F/Sgt. GARDNER (M.I.9/S/P.G.
(-)2559) and F/Sgt. SPARKES.

We were later joined by:- F/O WALKER and Sgt. SHERMANS,
both R.A.F. and Lieut. COOPER and Sgt. KENNY, both U.S.A.

From here on my story is the same as F/Sgt. GRISDALE.

INTERVIEWED BY: I.S.9(W). } 15 Sep 44.
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