

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

EVASION CAPTURED/RECOVERED FROM (Name of Country) Holland

For all Personnel.



1. No. 0-666697 Rank Capt. Name Robert E. NANCE  
 (U.S.: Acting, Temp. or W/S)
2. Decorations: (U.S.A.A.F.: No. of missions) DFC Air medal, 4 clusters, 32 missions
3. Were you wounded? Give details. Bad right ankle, sprained muscles in side.
4. Ship (Navy), Unit (Army), Sqn. (Air Force) 418 B. Sq.
5. Div. (Army) or Gp. (Air Force) 100 B. Gp. 6. Job. (Pl. Cmd., Efn., etc.) Bombardier
7. Date of Birth 21 Aug 1918 8. Length of Service 4 yrs, 2 mos.
9. Peace time occupation Army 10. Private address 726 S. Elm Ave.  
Yankakee, Ill.
11. Did you carry any form of identification, or photograph? Yes
12. Do you speak French, or any other foreign language? No

FOR R.A.F. ONLY.

13. No. and location of D.T.U. ....
14. No. and location of Conversion Unit. ....

FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND/OR AIRBORNE OR PARACHUTE TROOPS WHO BALK OUT.

15. Post in Crew Bombardier
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 Capt. F.C. Kincannon
- CO-PILOT 1st Lt. E.L. Farnam
- NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. H. Abramowitz safe
- BOMBARDIER Narrator
- RADIO OPERATOR T/Sgt G.L. Edge
- TOP TURRET GUNNER T/Sgt D.E. Deason
- BALL TURRET GUNNER Capt H.C. Griffin
- WAIST GUNNER (R.) S/Sgt M.D. Cargile
- WAIST GUNNER (L.) S/Sgt G.E. Spider
- TAIL GUNNER S/Sgt R.D. Chavez
17. Type of aircraft, place, date, time of departure. B-17G, Thorpe Allet Eng. 8AM..  
20 June 1944
18. Where and when did you come down? crashed near Breda, Holland
19. How did you dispose of your parachute, harness and Mae west? Burned in ship.
20. Were all secret papers and equipment destroyed? Yes

Interview by I.S.9. (WEA)

Date 9 Sept 1944

*Joseph A. Birdwell*  
 JOSEPH A. BIRDWELL  
 1st Lt., AC

Attached:

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

I grade this evasion No. 5

Disposal: Returned to UK.

Major

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APPENDIX "C" TO E. & E. REPORT No. I.S.9(WEA)6/428/1663

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No. 0-666697 Rank Capt Name Robert E. NANCE

Date of Interview 9 Sept 1944

Louis van der Bergh head of small organization in Westmalle, Belgium  
Robert Janssen, 196 Moliere Ave. Brussels.

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CERTIFIED THAT:

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Captain  
1st Lt.  
Name (BLOCK LETTERS) ROBERT E. NANCE  
Unit 100th Bomb Sq. 418th Bomb Sq.

has been fully/~~briefly~~ interrogated by an Intelligence Officer of I.S. 9 (WEA)  
on 9 Sept 19 44 and has signed a Security Certificate.  
He ~~should~~/should not be re-interrogated.

*Edward P. Small*  
Major *Capt a.c.*

IMPORTANT:

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OR (AMERICAN), AN OFFICER OF P.W. & X DET.-M.I.S. ON ARRIVAL IN U.K. OR U.S.A.

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

Sept 11, 1944  
(Date)

Nance Robert CATT 0-666697  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Messing 32  
(Target) (Number of missions)

7/E Sqn 100 Bomb Gp  
(Unit)

Date Missing in Action: July 20  
Returned to UK: Sept 9, 1944

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

PILOT	RINGANON, F.C.	?
CO-PILOT	FARNUM B.L.	?
NAVIGATOR	Abromowitz L.A.	O.K. in ENGLAND
BOMBARDIER	NANCE, R.E.	O.K. " "
RADIO OPERATOR	EDGE O.K.	?
TOP TARGET GUNNER	DEASON O.D.	?
BOTTOM TARGET GUNNER	MICKEY GRIFIN H.C.	?
WING GUNNER	CARGILE	?
WING GUNNER	SNIDER G.	?
TAIL GUNNER	CHAVEZ R.	?
Com. Pilot	FULLER M.	?
	BOHITZ G.E.S. (144)	O.K. IN ENGLAND

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

Breda Holland July 20, 1944

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

2 ENGINES out, left wing severely damaged

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

CRASH

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

NO

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

NONE

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, ALL ALIVE AND OKAY

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.

ONE CAPTURED BY GERMANS - NAME UNKNOWN - UNDER GROUND INFORMATION.

(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?

Two mentioned with me. I cleared plane last. All others were running at top speed

Were you wounded?

BAD RIGHT ANKLE, Left side. hurt

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.

No

What security briefing were you given?

Sufficient

What souvenirs do you still possess?

Handkerchief - Photos.

Home address. 726 5 ELM AVE KANKAKEE ILLINOIS

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.

All returned

If further circ  
No. 0

Gerald SORENSON, Postville, Idaho. S/Sgt---killed fighting with the white army (army)

Crash landing near Greda, Holland, 20 July 1944. Plane was fired by Bombers and shot up by P-51s. Totally destroyed including secret equipment prior to landing. All personnel cleared crash in good physical condition.

Made way across Belgian border unassisted. Contacted smugglers and relieved food and directions on 21 July. July 22, contacted boy scout-Leone at Hoogstraten, Belgium. He contacted employer Jacques VERSCHEREN, Watermill, Hoogstraten. He contacted local schoolmaster who in turn contacted Louis van der Bergh, head of small local organization in West Malle, Belgium. Remained with him until 11 Aug. At this time were removed to Brussels and given to local organization headed by ROBERT JAISSEN, 196 Moliere Ave, Brussels. Were distributed to local patriots and remained until 3 Sept. Janssen had complete list of Belgians who hides R & B.

We fought with the white army prior to and during the English occupation. Contacted English at Hotel Metropole on 4 Sept. 1944.