

TRAITOR OF ARNHEM CAPTURED BY RUSE

LONDON, February 17.—The man who is believed to be principally responsible for the failure of the Arnhem parachute offensive to gain its full objective at present is imprisoned in the Tower of London, says the A.P. Paris correspondent.

The name and nationality of the prisoner who was formerly a member of the Dutch resistance movement at present is being withheld. He is accused of warning the Germans of the forthcoming Arnhem attack. The prisoner last August was offered by the Dutch Government to be a necessary sealer to Holland.

He was well known and trusted by Dutch resistance officers for some years because of his supposedly underground work. After a check on his reliability he was commissioned to kill several named Germans. He carried out his mission very effectively and thereafter was entrusted with delivering messages, including one advising the Dutch underground movement of the pending Arnhem invasion.

He was not suspected immediately after the failure of the landing but later suspicions were aroused and traps were laid. Sufficient evidence piled up and a warrant was issued for his arrest. This presented a problem as the prisoner always carried a revolver and was a fine marksman.

A ruse was carried out in which he was invited to a cocktail party and was arrested when he went to depart.

The Dutch Government Information Bureau in a statement said that the prisoner, who according to Press reports is being held in the Tower of London, had at no time access to important military information and was not in the confidence of Allied military authorities regarding the Arnhem operation.

His arrest was due to the alertness of the Dutch Security Service on the continent. Furthermore the prisoner had been incorrectly described as a liaison officer. He was neither an officer nor a soldier of the Dutch Forces. The man posed as an underground worker.