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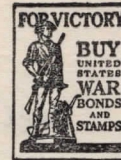
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRICT CG INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 4ND

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1. The SS BANTAM (Dutch) arrived at Philadelphia, Pa. on 10 June, 1945 from Gourock, Scotland. P. W. de HAAN, Chief Officer, was interviewed and stated that all crew members were bona fide seamen with the exception of two apprentice officers, Joannes SEGARS and Antonio RAVEN, who joined the ship at Gourock. He added that ten crew members were not in possession of COTP Identification Cards. In compliance with your oral orders of 8 June, 1945, the undersigned approved the issuance of COTP Identification Cards to the following men:

(a) TALLEN, Frederick Hendrikus, 2nd Engineer.

Born: 15 March, 1903 at Hoogezand, Holland.
 Residence: 100 Spatterreinstaat, Hoogezand, Holland.
 Sea Service: 22 years on ships of Rotterdam-Lloyd Lines.
 Description: Height, 5'7"; weight, 187 pounds, brown eyes, black hair turning gray, ruddy complexion, top of middle finger of left hand missing.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Seaman's Identity Book No. R1422G issued at Rotterdam on 21 June, 1923; Dutch Certificate of Identity issued at Boston, Mass. on 8 July, 1940; Alien Registration Card No. 9106122 issued at New York on 27 January, 1941.

COTP Identification Card No. 04607267.

(b) HAK, Dirk, 3rd Engineer.

Born: 11 October, 1908 at Dordrecht, Holland.
 Residence: Lombardstraat 25, Dordrecht, Holland.
 Sea Service: 18 years on ships of Rotterdam-Lloyd Lines.
 Description: Height, 5'7"; weight, 168 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Passport No. 326 issued at Soerabaja, D.E.I. on 11 March, 1941; Dutch Seaman's Identity Book No. R16353 issued at Rotterdam

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on 19 November, 1927; Alien Registration Card
 No. 9656076.

COTP Identification Card No. 04607268.

(c) BRAND, Nicholaas Iundert, A.B.

Born: 30 July, 1918 at Hague, Holland.
 Residence: 6 R. J. Schimmelpennincklaan, Hague, Holland.
 Sea Service: 13 years on Dutch ships.
 Description: Height, 6'2"; weight, 196 pounds, blue eyes,
 brown hair, ruddy complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Seaman's Identity Book No. S0851 issued on
 28 December, 1937 at Hague, Holland; British
 Alien Registration Book No. 1060032 issued on
 9 December, 1941 at London, England.

COTP Identification Card No. 04607266.

(d) DYKHUIZEN, Albertus, A.B.

Born: 13 August, 1920 at Hague, Holland.
 Residence: Goudsbloemloan 62, Hague, Holland.
 Sea Service: 11 years on Dutch ships.
 Description: Height, 5'9"; weight, 175 pounds, blue eyes,
 red hair, ruddy complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Seaman's Book No. S3574 issued at Hague,
 Holland on 10 June, 1938; Alien Registration
 Card No. 9042563 issued at Houston, Texas on
 24 November, 1940.

COTP Identification Card No. 04607265.

(e) van SANTEN, Elbertus Tony, 4th Engineer.

Born: 16 May, 1914 at Ijsselmonde, Holland.
 Residence: 59 Dundonabrood, Liverpool, England.
 Sea Service: 15 years on Dutch ships.
 Description: Height, 6'0, weight, 155 pounds, brown eyes,
 brown hair, light complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Seaman's Passport No. A39478; Alien Regis-
 tration Card No. 9140893.

COTP Identification Card No. 04607270.

(f) JAGERSMA, Jitze, 5th Engineer.

Born: 27 April, 1918 at de Wulp, Holland.

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Residence: Woutersweide, Holland.
 Sea Service: 4½ years on Dutch ships.
 Description: Height, 6'1"; weight, 182 pounds, blue eyes,
 blond hair, light complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Passport No. A27157; Dutch Seaman's Book
 No. D01878; Certificate of Identity as Dutch
 Seaman issued by the Dutch Consulate, Boston,
 Mass. on 15 August, 1940.
 COTP Identification Card No. 04607269.

(g) JANSSEN, Albert, 3rd Officer.

Born: 24 May, 1919 at Batavia, D.E.I.
 Residence: 89 Dork Way, Banstead, England.
 Sea Service: 6½ years on ships of Rotterdam-Lloyd Lines.
 Description: Height, 5'5"; weight, 162 pounds, brown eyes,
 brown hair, fair complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Passport No. A27159.
 COTP Identification Card No. 04607261.

(h) SCHENK, Yochem, A. B.

Born: 28 January, 1914 at Vlaardingen, Holland.
 Residence: Reichard Hold Straat 112, Vlaardingen, Holland.
 Sea Service: 12 years on ships of Rotterdam-Lloyd Lines.
 Description: Height, 5'10"; weight, 160 pounds, blue eyes,
 blond hair, ruddy complexion.

Identity

Certificates: Dutch Passport No. A30103 issued 21 July, 1943 at
 London, England; Alien Registration Card No. 9726345.
 COTP Identification Card No. 04607264.

The examination of the maritime documents of, and interviews with the
 above named men indicate that they are bona fide merchant seamen.

2. RAVEN, Antonius Joannes Maria, Apprentice Officer, was interviewed and
 stated, in substance, that:

He was born on 29 May, 1924 at Ginneken en Barel, Holland, a son
 of Andrianus and Anna RAVEN. His father died in 1938 and his
 mother married Joannes P. VAN ZYL, a bank clerk in Amsterdam.
 From 1931 to 1942 he attended schools of Breda and Roosendaak
 and the Nijmegen Navigation School in 1942 and 1943. On 3 March,
 1944, he joined the M/V WYNHAVEN (Dutch) at Rotterdam and sailed

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on the ship until August, 1944 shuttling between Norway, Sweden and Denmark. He became frightened when the ship was bombed by a British or American plane and was permitted by the captain to sign off the ship when it reached Oslo, Norway on 15 August, 1944. He returned to his home near Amsterdam via the ferry at Frederikshavn, Denmark and railroad to Amsterdam. He remained at home until 15 January, 1945, occasionally working as a woodcutter. He then decided to return to sea because his family's food supply was low and because he disliked the Nazis. He desired to make his way to Allied territory where he could obtain employment on a Dutch or Allied ship as he did not want to sail on German-controlled ships. He obtained permission to go to Oslo to join a Dutch ship and reached that city via Frederikshavn on 28 January, 1945. He obtained lodging at a small hotel located at Sven Brunsgate 1, Oslo with the intention of contacting the Norwegian underground movement and making his way to Sweden rather than sailing on German-controlled Dutch ships. He met a Norwegian named PETER who agreed to conduct him across the Swedish border for 200 crowns and RAVEN's overcoat, worth approximately 200 crowns. On 13 March, 1945 they went by train to Sarpsbolg, Norway, then walked about 120 kilometers and crossed the border near Stomnien, Sweden. They did not encounter German patrols as the entire walk was through forests. At Stomnien, he was taken into custody by the Swedish police, who took him to Straagmas, Sweden. There he was detained for fourteen days, and underwent interrogation and physical examination. He was then taken to the Dutch Consul in Stockholm who arranged for his transfer to England aboard an American plane. On 24 April, 1945 he arrived at Medfield, England, was taken to London where he resided at the Gower Hotel at the expense of the Dutch Government until 24 May, 1945. He was then sent to Gourock where he joined the SS BANTAM.

RAVEN stated that he hates the Nazis because they invaded and occupied his country. He said that he had never been interrogated by them although his identification papers were examined by Germans en route to and from Oslo. He stated that he intended to make his career in the Dutch Merchant Marine.

RAVEN is single and resides with his parents at 150 Amsteldijk, Ouderkerk a/d Amstel, Holland. He is 5'10" in height, weighs 155 pounds, has blue eyes, brown hair and a one-inch scar over his right eyebrow. He had in his possession Dutch Seaman's Passport No. A41744 issued on 12 April, 1945 at Stockholm and endorsed by the British Passport Control at Stockholm on 14 April, 1945. Further endorsements indicated that Visa No. 17630

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for the United Kingdom was issued at Stockholm on 14 April, 1945; inspection by the Stockholm Airport Police on 24 April, 1945 and the British Immigration Office on 30 April and 24 May, 1945 at London. RAVEN also possessed a British Alien's Certificate of Registration No. 950711 issued on 5 May, 1945 at London.

RAVEN was issued COTP Identification Card No. 04607263.

3. SEGARS, Joannes Theodosus Ignatius Maria, Apprentice Officer, was interviewed and stated, in substance, that:

He was born on 20 February, 1921 at Arnhem, Holland, a son of Hendrikus Johannes Julianus SEGARS and Henriette Winterink SEGARS. He attended elementary school from 1928 to 1934 and the Hoogere Burger School B at Nijmegen, Holland from 1934 to 1940. From September, 1940 to January, 1941 he was active in "De Unie", a political party, where he did administrative work gratuitously. To avoid conscription for enforced labor in Germany or Nazi-occupied countries, he became a "Volunteer" worker at Grave (near Nijmegen), Holland doing clerical work without compensation until July, 1943. However, in May, 1943 when the Germans began to conscript "Volunteers", he registered with the Arbeitdienst (work service) at Nijmegen. To further avoid conscription, he was advised by a friend, Garlof ZILSTRA, to write to a certain clerk of the Dutch Minister of Education, whose name he could not recall, and request permission to attend the De Ruyter Merchant Marine Navigation School at Nijmegen. Students of this school were not being called for conscription in labor battalions. It was necessary for him to obtain a waiver to attend the school as he was over the age limit for registration. He received the necessary permission by letter and attended the school from September, 1943 to July, 1944.

In September, 1944 the Canadian Army liberated Nijmegen and he served as a volunteer interpreter of German from December, 1944 to January, 1945 for a Major PARCHESTER and a Captain WILLIAMS of the 8th Reconnaissance Unit (Canadian).

He then volunteered for the Royal Dutch Navy or Merchant Marine Service and was accepted by the latter. On 12 April, 1945 he was transported by the Dutch Government to Antwerp, Belgium where he remained at the Receiving Station until 17 April, 1945. He was taken on a British Landing Craft to Tilbury, England and subsequently to London where he reported to the Dutch Seaman's Pool which was operated under the jurisdiction of the British Ministry of War Transportation. He was lodged, at the expense of the Dutch Government, at the Royal Hotel, Wobourne Place WC1, London until 14 May, 1945, when he was sent to Gourock to join the SS BANTAM. However, as the vessel was at Greenock, Scotland, he proceeded to Greenock and boarded at Mrs. SCHEARER's Boarding House, Forsyth Street 8 until signing

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aboard the ship on 25 May, 1945.

SEGARS stated that he worked in the Dutch underground movement as a distributor for the underground newspaper, "Je Maintiendrai" from 1941 until he joined the Merchant Marine. He added that he also worked as caretaker and distributor of ration cards stolen from German authorities. He said that the "drop" for the pilfered articles was located at Evertsenstraat 2, Nijmegen and was operated by Garlof ZILSTRA and two men named NUIJ and SJOLLEMA. SEGARS said that his family's home was used as a rendezvous for Dutch underground forces although his father was not active in the movement, but merely a sympathizer. SEGARS stated that his father was a prosperous insurance agent, who was permitted to conduct his business by the Germans and that his father supported him while he was working without compensation to avoid conscription by the Nazis. SEGARS denied that he had ever fraternized with Germans and stated that he was never interrogated by them. He said that he was in Germany once since the occupation to go ice skating with some friends for a day. SEGARS said that he did not like the Nazis because he is a Catholic and the Nazis suppressed religion. He said that the family attended the Catholic Church on Keizer Karel Plein, Nijmegen. He said he did not know the name of the church though there were many churches in Nijmegen. He said that his brother, Garret SEGARS, is a priest at the monastery at Grave and that a younger brother, Hans intends to study for the priesthood. SEGARS stated that he also disliked the British, but that he admired the Americans. He said that he has always been loyal to the Allied cause and hoped that they would win the war. SEGARS stated that he liked the sea and intended to make the merchant marine his life work.

SEGARS was issued COTP Identification Card No. 04607262.

George N. Frick
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 Investigator

Edmond J. Fallon
 EDMOND J. FALLON
 Investigator

Marcus Siegel
 MARCUS SIEGEL
 Investigator

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