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BORN  
PRE. EMPLOY  
PARENTS

HOFSTED, Jan  
10.6.42.  
13.6.42.  
17.12.18. Ter Aar  
Sgt. of Reserve Artillery  
Name: Ter Aar,  
Add. Joden Kerkhove, Bilthoven  
Commencing as a student at  
S.T.S. 6 18.6.42.

REMARKS  
14.6.42.  
ALIAS

HOOGLAND. Jan  
Signed S.D. 3-8-42

S.T.S.6. Cpls. Boks & Mendes 2.7.42.

Though very keen and intelligent the impression one gets after knowing him a while is that he has a marked tendency to attract attention to his own person. Has mixed well with the others, managing to make friends with them without giving away information concerning himself. Not as disciplined from a military point of view.

S.T.S.6. Cpls. Boks & Mendes 9.7.42.

Progress most satisfactory. Keeness and zeal as strong as ever. Very great team-spirit.

S.T.S.6. Cpl. Mendes 16.7.42.

Keen worker. Example: He was the only one who was upset when told that this course would be shorter than first anticipated. His argument was "One cannot get enough training for this kind of work". The others hailed the same news with satisfaction, not because they object to the training but because we are in such a solitary spot.

S.T.S.51. Cpl. Mendes 5.8.42.

Hofsted has sought the company of women at dances.

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PRE-EMPLOY  
FAMILY

Sailor  
Father living at Bilthoven,  
(cattle dealer.) Mother ditto,  
4 sisters ditto (all single)  
5 brothers (one married living  
at Den Dolder, works in paint  
factory; 4 single, one working  
with father, remainder at  
school.

Status  
LANGUAGES

Single.  
Dutch, English fair, German  
fair.

HOBBIES

Swimming, football,  
gymnastics, reading.

AREAS KNOWN

Bilthoven, 's Gravendeel (nr.  
Doordrecht), Leiden, Eden,  
Groningen, Delfzyl.

MIL.HIST.

Conscripted into Dutch Army in  
Jan. 1938 until Jan 1939. Then  
sailor in Dutch coastal vessel,  
mobilised in Sept 1939, dischar  
June 1940, conscripted to  
Reconstruction Service in Aug.  
1940 left Oct 1940.

PAST HISTORY

Elementary school, Bilthoven  
1923-1931. Secondary school  
Bilthoven 1931 - 32.

MEASUREMENTS

Height 68"; weight 156 lbs;  
chest normal 35"; expanded 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
waist 31" seat 39"; length of  
back from nape to waist 20";  
width of back from centre  
to shoulder 8"; elbow 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ";  
wrist 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; length of leg  
outside (waist to ground) 42";  
inside 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; size round head  
21 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; length of foot 10".

STS 6-11 Jul 42

GRADE  
PHYS. TRAINING  
FIELD CRAFT

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Good  
Very fair though poor as a  
leader.  
Good at handling and firing.

WEAP. TRAINING  
EXPLOS. & DEMOL.  
SIGN. & DEM.

70%  
8 w.p.m.

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STEDE

REPORTS  
MAP READING

Inclined to be careless  
54.5% in tests but is quite good  
in practice.

INST.REMARKS

Good in practice but inclined  
to be careless in theory and  
calculations.

COMM.REPORT

A good average student; he  
should do well under a good  
leader.

STS 24 - 3 Aug 42

GRADE

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PHYS.TRAINING

Very good; agile and has good  
stamina.

CLOSE COMBAT

Very good indeed-keen and  
aggressive.

ROPE WORK

Very good

FIELD CRAFT

Excellent; needs more practice  
but is careful and intelligent.

WEAP.TRAINING

Very good - quick with all guns  
but needs more practice. Good  
on stalk courses.

EXPLOS.& DEM.

Excellent; quick to learn and  
has good ideas for practical  
work.

SIGN.& COMMUN.

Has worked well; could read at  
12 w.p.m.

REPORTS

Very good.

MAP READING

Good

SCHEMES ETC.

Excellent on all schemes.

INST.REMARKS

Thorough in his preparations.

He has been very keen and  
worked very hard throughout the  
whole course. He is very quick  
to learn and apply his new  
knowledge.

COMM.REPORT

After 5, probably the best N.CO.  
student. He is rather young but  
is very intelligent. Can be  
relied on to do any job well.  
A very likeable personality.

STS 31 - 14 Sep 42

Particulars

Full General Course

REPORT

Average intelligence; very keen  
and reliable. An attractive



personality and one who would inspire confidence. He should be able to carry out his instructional job without difficulty and also to plan operations on a small scale. During the scheme he showed a tendency to do his job adequately but mechanically and without real thought.

STS 17 - 16 Oct 42

Date 28.9 - 11.10.42.

Particulars Special 14 day course in Transportation and Telecommunications including Locomotives, Running sheds, Marshalling yards, Electric railways and Broadcasting stations. Some demolition work and weapon training was also included.

REPORT

Worked with Sevenster. Somewhat less serious in temperament. More experimental; could possibly instruct well, as he is keen and likes putting forward his ideas, but he will do best working with a more balanced person.

ENCH Section

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HOFSTEDDE, Jan



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DUTCH Section

Born: TER AAR, S.HOLLAND, 17.12.1918

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Alias: HOOGLAND Jan @ RUYS @ HOUTMAN, Jan.

Sent: From U.K. 24.10.1942

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Height 5' 8". Square face; broad forehead; blue eyes; straight nose; medium mouth; round chin; fair hair; rather prominent ears.

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OWN NAME

J. Hofstede ✓

NAME WHEN IN TRAINING

J. Hoogland

NAME USED IN THE FIELD

Jan HOUTMAN

22666/A

CODE NAME

Ruys

NAME OF OPERATION

TOMATO B



HISTORY SHEET

PARTY. 33. G...

(To be submitted to S.T.S., H.Q. in duplicate after 1st week. Third copy to be attached to Form T.2.)

S.T.S.No. 6..... School No. 7.....

Name by which known... HOOGLAND .....

Nationality... Dutch ..... Born at... Ter Aar (Z.Holland) .....

Date of birth... 17.12.18. ....

Profession... Sailor .....

Family: (Giving full particulars of circumstances, location, etc.)

Father living at Bilthoven, cattle dealer

Mother " " "

4 sisters " " " (all single)

5 brothers (one married living at Den Dolder, works in paint factory: 4 single, one working with father, remainder at school)

Married or single... Single ..... Children.....

Languages. (With order and degree of proficiency.)

Dutch

English: fair

German: fair

Hobbies. Swimming, football, gymnastics, reading.

Areas intimately known. Bilthoven, 's Gravendeel (nr. Doordrecht) Leiden, Ede, Groningen, Delfzyl.

Military History. Conscripted into Dutch Army in Jan 1938 until Jan 1939 Then sailor in Dutch coastal vessel. Mobilised in Sept. 1939. Discharged June 1940. Conscripted to Reconstruction service in Aug. '40. Left Oct. '40.

Past History (Including Education, diplomas etc: in Chronological order and past employment.

Elementary school, Bilthoven, 1923 - 1931

Secondary " " 1931 - 1932

Photograph



Measurements to be given in inches and weight in pounds.

Height... 68" ..... Weight..... 156 lbs.....

Chest (Normal)... 35" ..... Waist... 31" ..... Seat... 39" .....

EXPANDED... 36 1/2" .....

Length of back from Nape to waist... 20" .....

Width of back from Centre to :-

(i) Shoulder... 9" ..... (ii) Elbow... 17 1/2" ..... (iii) Wrist... 26 1/2" .....

Length of Leg.

(i) Outside (waist to ground)... 42" ..... (ii) Inside... 29 1/2" .....

Size round head... 21 1/2" ..... Length of Foot... 10" .....

Description (including peculiarities etc.)

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28th September 1942.

1. Name of project: TOMATO (Hoagland)
2. Name of agent to be used in the field: Jan HOUTMAN
3. Anticipated date of departure: Standing by from 16.10.42.
4. Latest date for delivery to S.O.E. 14.10.42.
5. Paper required: New Dutch identity card, ROTTERDAM.
6. Short history of agent's supposed life: Born and educated in HOLLAND - from 6 to 13 years at Lagere school and from 13 to 14 at Mulo school, Bilthoven. Had a job from 14 to 16 years as errand boy for grocer. Then worked on sports field until 20. From 20 to 21 he did his military service, then went to sea until September 1939 when he was mobilised. Demobilised in 1940 and taken into Opbouwdienst; left this in October 1940 and got a job as gardener in ROTTERDAM.
7. Agent operates in: East of HOLLAND.

DETAILS

Name: Jan HOUTMAN.  
 Date and place of birth: 17.12.18, TER AAR.  
 Profession: Zeeman.  
 Nationality: Nederlander.  
 Address: Oudedijk 234, ROTTERDAM.

Under the Official Secrets Acts 1911 and 1920 and the Official Secrets (Amendment) Regulations 1939 it is prohibited to disclose to any person information the release of which would be injurious to the interests of His Majesty's Government.

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HOOGLAND J.

SPECIAL TRAINING SCHOOLS,  
ROOM 98,  
HORSE GUARDS,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

DECLARATION

I declare that I will never disclose to anyone any information which I have acquired or may at any future time acquire as the result of my connection with this Department, unless such disclosure is necessary for my work for the Department.

In particular I declare that except under the conditions aforementioned, I will in no circumstances give away any information concerning :—

1. The name, alias description, identity, location or duties of any past, present or future member of this Department.
2. The name, alias description, identity, location or duties of any member of the staff, or any persons working with this Department, either as a member of the forces or as a civilian.
3. The nature, methods, objects or subjects of instruction of this Department.
4. The location or name of any establishment of this Department.
5. The past, present or future location, movement or employment, either potential or factual, of myself, any other member of or any person working with this Department.

I declare moreover that I understand that I am personally responsible for any disclosure of such information I may make and that disciplinary proceedings under the Official Secrets Acts 1911 and 1920, the Treachery Act 1940, or the Defence (General) Regulations 1939 may be taken against me if I at any time or in any way contravene the terms of this declaration.

Signature..... *J. Hoogland*

Witness..... *A. Parr 2/7/42*

Date..... *3-8-42*

*Sgt HOOGLAND*

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 HOPSTEDDE, Jan.  
 Nationality:  
 Born:  
 Occupation:  
 Father:  
 Mother:  
 Brothers:

DUTCH.  
 17.12.1918 at ter AAR (South Holland)  
 Seaman.  
 Dirk Pieter, Live Cattle Dealer at BILTHOVEN  
 DER ROOY, Anna.

- (1) Anton,
- (2) Cornelis.
- (3) Nico.
- (4) Ari.
- (5) Henk.
- (1) Marie.
- (2) Tenne.
- (3) Johanna.
- (4) Henni.

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Address:  
Documents:

ALL living in HOLLAND.  
 Jodenkerkhof, 2, BILTHOVEN.  
 (1) Dutch Passport, No. 721152, issued in STOCKHOLM on 25th November 1941. Containing British Passport Control Visa, No. 9180, dated 9.12.1941.  
 (2) Certificate of Dutch Nationality, issued in DE BILT.  
 (3) Military Book, Class '38.  
 (4) Seaman's Discharge Book, D. 1141, issued in Delfsyl on 20th July 1939.  
 (5) Temporary Seaman's Discharge Book, no number. Issued in STOCKHOLM on 29th November 1941. STOCKHOLM. LEUCHMARS 19.5.1942 ex "G. AGDK". 20.5.1942.

Embarked:  
 Arrived:  
 R.V.P.S:

HISTORY.

- (1) HOPSTEDDE is the son of a family who were living in very modest way in BILTHOVEN. His father, he said, was a cattle dealer. He only attended Primary School in BILTHOVEN as his father could not afford to give him an expensive education as he had 5 brothers and 4 sisters.
- (2) In 1932 circumstances obliged him to seek employment and he

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started off as an errand boy in the firm of Johan VAN SPONKERE, for whom he worked about 2½ years in BILTHOVEN. He then went home and was employed by the STECHTSCHIE Cricket and Hockey Club as a watchman. There he was for 18 months and then went home, where he stayed for two or three months.

(3) He was then called up for Military Service and incorporated in the 4th Artillery Field Regiment in EDENE. He served from February 1938, until January 1939.

(4) Having discharged his military duties, he went home and shortly afterwards went to sea.

(5) He joined the s/b "SIRIUS" on 31 May 1939. This vessel was a small coasting ship of about 200 tons. She was mostly sailing between HOLLAND and U.K. ports and he was frequently over here, but cannot remember the exact dates.

(6) On 31 August 1939, shortly before the outbreak of hostilities, he left his ship in ROTTERDAM and reported to the Military Authorities. He joined the Army in VOORSCHOTEN when the Germans invaded HOLLAND. On May 10th he was still serving with the Dutch Army and fought during the brief campaign in the low lying lands.

(7) He was discharged or demobilised at the beginning of July 1940, but was recalled for service and for incorporation in the OPBOUW DIENST from which he was discharged on 15th October 1940.

(8) He then went home in the hope of finding employment and was engaged by a man called VAN ESSEN of BILTHOVEN as a gardener. He also worked for Mr. Jan VAN TAMELEN for a few months, also as a gardener.

(9) He then joined the MARECHAUSSE, but deserted this unit on 14th July 1941, as he had meanwhile learned that he could reach his ship, the "SIRIUS".

(10) He left HOLLAND on the "SIRIUS" on 23 November and deserted her in STOCKA, SWEDEN.

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HOFSTEDE, Jan.

(11) From there he took the train for STOCKHOLM, the day after his arrival there. He states that he did not actually travel to STOCKHOLM, but explained that he jumped out of the train just before the station was reached, at a place called TOMTEBODA. I asked him why he did this, and he said that the guard of the train was suspicious of him and asked him to produce his papers. He thought that he might have been denounced by somebody and therefore left the train before it reached STOCKHOLM. A few days later he said, his escape from this train was reported in the local press.

(12) He himself, first went straight to the British Legation in STOCKHOLM and said that he there met a certain Captain DENHAM, to whom he explained what had happened, and who told him he could stay for a few days at the British Legation.

The Dutch Consul, Mr. DE JONGH, was notified of his arrival and after about 7 days at the British Legation, he was taken in a car to a ship lying up in STOCKHOLM, the m/v "TEMPO". The "TEMPO" he explained is owned by the master, who is a Dutchman and he refused to go back to HOLLAND with his ship. That is why she is laying up there. He remained on board this ship from November 1941 until 18th March 1942 and was then transferred to another Dutch ship, the "MIRA" also laid up in STOCKHOLM, where he remained hidden on board until his departure for this country.

(13) During his stay on these two ships HOFSTEDE only rarely went ashore. The Dutch Consul was naturally looking after him and gave him from time to time some money and told him to be very careful. Unfortunately, he said, when he went ashore he got himself into trouble, but it was not serious and he managed to get back to his ship.

JOURNEY TO THIS COUNTRY.

(14) He was given a Dutch Passport by Mr. DE JONGH and placed on board the plane "G. AGEK", arriving in LEUCHARS ON 19th May 1942.

SPECIAL POINTS.

(1) There seems to be nothing wrong with this man's story. He is one of the many Dutch seamen who deserted in SWEDEN and proceeded to STOCKHOLM where they are receiving assistance from the Dutch Consul

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HOFSTEDE, Jan.

who makes the necessary arrangements for them to come over to this country.

(2) The background of this young Dutchman is perfectly sound and he intentionally deserted his ship in SWEDEN for the purpose of coming over here to join the Free Dutch Forces.

(3) He is a simple minded young fellow and not very educated. He lacks power of observation.

INFORMATION.

(15) As he was not frequently ashore during his stay in STOCKHOLM he cannot give much information. He told me, however, that he thought that the Swedes as a nation, if not actually pro-British were not pro-German. When I asked him on what he based this impression he said that when he was in cinemas the British News Films were very much appreciated by the audience who sometimes applauded, whilst when the German News was shown there was no reaction at all.

He admitted that he had been out on one or two occasions, but that he was the worse for drink and does not remember very much. He could give no information as regards the activities of German agents, and added that he had never been in trouble with the police in STOCKHOLM.

CONCLUSION.

(16) This young man is a typical Dutch peasant boy. He is very eager to join the Dutch Forces here. He is not politically minded at all and knows nothing, or hardly anything about politics.

He was quite straightforward in telling his story and there is no reason to doubt it.

RECOMMENDATION.

(17) This man should be released to the Dutch Forces.

JMT. 29.5.1942.

P. Van Dyck.

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MINUTE SHEETMOVEMENTS

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| <u>18.6.42.</u>  | S.T.S. 6                  |
| <u>13.7.42.</u>  | Arisaig                   |
| <u>1.8.42.</u>   | S.T.S. 51                 |
| <u>8.8.42.</u>   | Rhodesia Court<br>(Leave) |
| <u>16.8.42.</u>  | Beaulieu                  |
| <u>13.9.42.</u>  | Howard Hotel              |
| <u>15.9.42.</u>  | Morecombe                 |
| <u>23.9.42.</u>  | Howard Hotel              |
| <u>28.9.42.</u>  | S.T.S.17                  |
| <u>11.10.42.</u> | Flat                      |
| <u>15.10.42.</u> | S.T.S. 61                 |
| <u>24.10.42.</u> | In the field              |



CARD

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Date 10.6.42.

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S.O.2.

SURNAME. HOPSTEDE  
(State name at birth if different or if known by any other names.)

FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES. Jan.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH. 17.12.18 TER AAR.

NATIONALITY. Dutch.

NATIONALITY AT BIRTH. (If different from above.)

PRIVATE ADDRESS.

PERMANENT ADDRESS.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER.

BRIEF PARTICULARS OF PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT.

Sgt of Reserve Artillery.

FULL NAME, NATIONALITY AT BIRTH AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER, MOTHER, HUSBAND/WIFE.

NOTE—If applicant or parents naturalised, state Number, Date and Name in which Certificate was granted.)

PARTICULARS OF RELATIVES NOW IN ENEMY OR ENEMY-OCCUPIED OR CONTROLLED COUNTRIES. (Husband, wife, father, mother, brothers, sisters, sons or daughters only.)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> | <u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>        |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| TER AAR     | Parents             | Joden Kerkhove,<br>BILTHOVEN. |

APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT AS—

as agent for Holland.

Nothing recorded against.

G.R.