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EBENEZER. (Real Name:- LAUWERS, Hubertus Matthens
Gerardus.

Training Name:- LOOMAN, H.M.G.

Code Name:- EBENEZER.

Field Name:- LAUWERS.

Arrested 1942/43, HAAREN, RAWICZ, Poland.

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LAUWERS

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CHRISTIAN NAMES HUBBERTIUS MATTHEUS GERARDUS

RANK PRIVATE 2/LT

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REGIMENT OR CORPS DUTCH ARMY

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SECRET RADIO 'DECEIVED ALLIES FOR 20 MONTHS'

GERMAN CLAIM IN WAR MEMOIRS

By A Sunday Times Correspondent

THE claim that German counter-espionage took over full control of Allied secret radio transmitters and their operators in Holland for at least 20 months during the last war and continued, undetected as the enemy, to communicate with London is made in a book published in Britain tomorrow by Ex-Oberleutnant H. J. Giske.

The author was Chief of Military Counter-Espionage in Holland, Belgium and Northern France. In his memoirs, "London Calling North Pole" (Kimber 15s.), he declares that 14 radio links were taken over by his men for varying periods.

His circumstantial account begins with the capture of Lieutenant Lauwers, a Dutchman in the British Secret Service, with his transmitter at The Hague, in March, 1942. He claims to have persuaded Lauwers to continue sending messages without revealing that he was in the hands of the enemy; and that from this single contact he was able to take over other Allied transmitters and their operators until the whole network was in his hands.

Traps for Fighters

It became simple by this means, he adds, to organise parachute drops of Allied agents with weapons and supplies; to lay traps for R.A.F. bombers taking part in these missions; to "pick up" the agents as they arrived, or after they had been given time to establish themselves; and to gain intimate knowledge of the Allied espionage system for use in other countries.

Giske claims the destruction of 12 bombers, without the loss of a single aircraft on his side.

Guns for the Enemy

In response to a stream of false messages, quantities of explosives, guns, revolvers and sabotage instruments flowed straight into the hands of the Germans. So serious became the losses of aircraft that the drops were discontinued for a period in 1943. And still nobody guessed, he says.

Faked sabotage incidents were staged to lull possible suspicions.

At last two agents in Giske's hands escaped, and he realised that "Operation Nordpol," as it had been named, would have to end. It had resulted, he said, in a two-year delay in the development of Dutch internal resistance.

An important epilogue to the book is provided by Lauwers, the Dutch Lieutenant. He declares that in the long series of messages which he sent under German supervision not one failed to contain a secret warning which had been prearranged in London that he was in German hands. He writes bitterly of "negligence of the grossest kind" on the British side of the North Sea.

NAZI SPY CHIEF HAD 14 LINKS WITH LONDON

By Alan Tomkins

CHIEF of German counter-espionage in the Low Countries in World War II, Major H. J. Giske, claims that for 20 months, in 1942 and 1943, he controlled the radio links from Allied agents in Holland to their directors in London, a war-time section of the British Secret Service, known as SCE.

The story began with the capture of a young Dutchman named Lauwers, sent from London as a wireless operator. Lauwers, according to Giske, not only gave vital codes to the Germans but "played back" to his London directors, under German instruction.

Thus the Germans arranged nearly 200 air "drops" of men and material with the Anglo-Dutch organisation in London. Some agents, caught as they landed, agreed to work for the Germans, who had up to 14 radio links with London.

Giske also claims that 12 four-engined bombers were shot down under this scheme after they had dropped agents and material.

In March 1944 Giske sent a message by ten stations to London, pointing out that the Germans had acted as British agents, and promising a warm welcome should the British come.

Lauwers declares he repeatedly warned London, in his radio messages and by agreed code, that he had been caught—in vain.

The Giske story is told tomorrow in *London Calling the North Pole*, published by Kimber at 15s.

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S.T.S.4NAME

LAUWERS, Hubertus Matthews

ALIAS

LOOMAN

Gemundus

RANK

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SYMBOL

N.C.11.

AGE

25 yrs 10mths in June 1941

DESCRIPTIONHeight 5'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Weight 8 st. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb
Eyes blue. Hair fair.LANGUAGES

Dutch, English, German, French

OCCUPATIONAdministrative employment in
Rubber worksEnlisted in Royal Dutch Army
in England 2.9.40. to date.
With Signal Platoon

Good

Good

Good

A fair shot with all weapons
with a good knowledge of these
weapons.

Shows great interest

Capable and understands the
work taughtThis is his best subject. He
can read and send 12 w.p.m.
Understands all work taught.
Field Sketching weak.

Bicycle.

Placed in Category H. Physically
fit but not strong. Well educa-
ted and travelled. Looks rather
a weed but has will power and
determination which would enable
him to overcome physical and
mental strain. Owing to his
absence abroad for 6 yrs he is
out of touch with people in Ho-
lland. Very interested in and
knows the head of a large reli-
gious and non political party
called Hersteld Apostolisch. Sa-
ys he is not a patriot and only
joined because he considers theMILITARYHEALTHCHARACTERPHYSICAL TRAIN.WEAPONSPIEDDCRAFTEXPLOSIVESCOMMUNICATIONSMAP READINGDRIVING, ETC.MARKS

17.6.41.

Germans should be exterminated for their cruelties. Is level headed and keen and appears sincere in his views and anxious to do something. A difficult man to place but could be trained to make a good W/T operator.

Report from Sgt. Mendes S.T.S.4

Best man for signalling

Nominal Roll of Party 33B states that Pte. Looman arrived at S.T.S.4 30.5.41.

Report from Sgt. Mendes S.T.S.21 1.7.41.

The Signalling specialist; though this should not suggest he is less competent at other subjects. He too has a sense of independence and ability of getting along quite well alone. There is no need to fear that he is too much of the "bookish student type" as he is quite self-confident during all exercises requiring physical fitness.

7.7.41.

Looman is inspired by this inward glow, this well concealed and concentrated fanaticism so essential for keeping the light burning underground.

S.T.S. No. 21.

HEALTH.

Good

CHARACTER.

Good.

PHYSICAL TRAIN:

Good.

FIELDORFT.

Does not show a great deal of interest, but did well as a leader.

CLOSE COMBAT.

Has a good knowledge of it

WEAPON TRAIN:

Pistols - V. Good. Tommy Gun - V. Good. V. Good with Bren & Browning.

EXPLOSIVES.

Test 94%. Excellent man at the work, reliable and responsible.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Morse - can read & send 10 words per minute - could be trained as a W/T operator.

MAP READING.

Test 73%. V. Good at practical work. Good Sketching

BAUWERS, Hubertus Matthews Gerardus.

IRREGULAR WARFARE. See Fieldcraft.

REMARKS.

"B". A very thoughtful quiet and intelligent type - more useful as an organiser than as an active leader. Always displays great interest in his work - and learns quickly.

FINISHING SCHOOL REPORT

BORN

19.7.15. Amsterdam

PASSPORT

Dutch (issued in Singapore)

NAT. OF FATHER

Dutch

PROFESSION

Step father architect & Building engineer

EDUCATION

Lower School. H.B.S. (Secondary) Amsterdam 2 years. H.B.S. (Secondary) Bussum 4 years Diploma obtained.

EMPLOYMENT

1934 1 yr. on new spaper Bussumsche Courant (Editorial). 1935 ditto Algemeen Handelsblad, Amsterdam. 7.12.35 To Singapore & Manila Administration and Accounting Singapore Rubber Works, Ltd.

AREAS KNOWN

Amsterdam and district.

MILITARY

Singapore and Manila

C.T.C. Holland 1931 and '32. Came to England 22.7.40. joined Dutch Army 2.9.40. - Private with Signal Platoon.

STATE

Single

HOBBIES

Photography, sailing, swimming, tennis, walking, skating.

REMARKS

L t. Mol. Munn Quite sound and very conscientious. Is an intelligent man and should make a first class W/T operator. GRADE "H".

A advised: went into field 7.11.41.

21.5.45.. Arrived in the U.K.

2.8.45. Signed off.

SPECIAL TRAINING SCHOOLS,

ROOM 98,

HORSE GUARDS,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

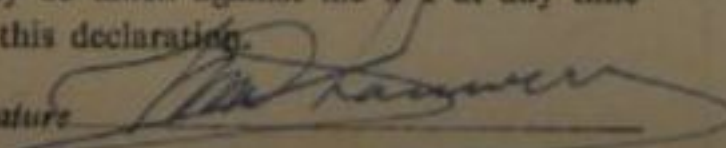
 DECLARATION

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 Witness alwReesDate 2 Aug 45

LAUNERS

LAWNERS

H.M.G.

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Room 238,

CAPT. A.W. REES.

6th July, 1945.

AWR/824.

To : Commandant,
Tyting House,
St. Martha's,
GUILDFORD.

2/Lieut. H.M.G. LAWNERS.

I have to inform you that the a/n Officer should stand by for movement instructions which are expected in the course of the coming week. He will in the first instance be sent to London prior to posting overseas.

Captain,
Intelligence Corps.

LAWNERS
H.M.G. Q.155

DCEM/820

5th July, 1945.

To : D/FIN.1.

From : D/CE.M.

2/Lt. H.M.G. LAWNERS.

Attached please find an application for clothing coupons submitted by Lawners. The applicant is a Dutch agent, who has been a prisoner of war for some four years and who is held at Stn. XVIII pending security clearance.

The Country Section are unable to handle his affairs as for reasons beyond our control I am informed that there is likely to be a considerable delay in clearing him. In these circumstances I would endorse his application because in the normal way he would have drawn coupons from the usual sources by now and would have

To: M.I.

From: AD/P.

ADP/3480.

Copy to: D/CE.M.

5.7.45.

2/Lt. Hubertus LAUWERS.

1. LAUWERS is a 2/Lt. in the Dutch Army and was dropped in the neighbourhood of Gassen, Holland, on the 7th November, 1941, as a W/T operator.

2. He was arrested on the 6th March, 1942, and had on him three coded messages. The Germans told him that they already possessed his code and succeeded in convincing him of this fact by appearing to decipher one of his messages. He says that he was convinced that it was useless to refuse to disclose his code, which he did and thereafter sent certain messages for the Germans. He says, however, that he did not disclose his identity check and in all the messages this identity check was missing. He also says that in various other ways he tried to warn us (from the arrangement of the messages) that he was under control.

3. I attach a copy of a statement which he made on the 30th May, 1945, after his arrival in this country. We had postponed interrogating him on this statement until M.I.5. had completed the interrogation of GISEKS, the German who controlled his set.. The interrogation of GISEKS is finished. The report is apparently a very lengthy document and is not to hand yet nor will be for some time.

4. It seems very hard on LAUWERS to keep him hanging about (he has already been here six weeks) and therefore, I asked the M.I.5. officer in charge of the case whether there was anything in his interrogation of GISEKS which threw doubt on the loyalty of LAUWERS. He replied in the negative. He said that what LAUWERS did may have been of some assistance to the Germans but that there is nothing to show that he was not genuinely hoodwinked into believing the Germans knew everything and there is no reason to doubt his loyalty. In these circumstances I am prepared to clear him without waiting to see the M.I.5. report and I understand that you have no particular questions you wish to ask him.

5. I am instructing the Commandant at Str. 28 to tell LAUWERS that we have now completed our checks on his report of the 30th May and are satisfied and have no further questions to ask him. The Commandant will further tell him that we shall communicate the satisfactory conclusion of our enquiries to the Dutch Service and that he will be seeing an officer from his own British section (e.g. someone from your Section) who will also in due course make arrangements with the Dutch Service for his return to Holland.

6. Would your Section, therefore, pass on to the Dutch that LAUWERS is now cleared and available to return to Holland and will they make the necessary arrangements.

7. LAUWERS, who went to Holland as a British agent and spent nearly three years in a German jail, has, since his return to this country, been kept in the country (although he has been allowed to go out to the cinema and so on at Guildford when he likes). This was inevitable until his case was investigated and any suspicion of treachery disposed of. It occurs to me, however, that in order to foster Dutch goodwill towards England it might be advisable for one
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of your officers to see him and give him a pat on the back and perhaps, if you think right, a week's leave in London at our expense. I do not mean to say that he is anything of a hero because after all he did take the easy path although he may have been hoodwinked into doing so but, on the other hand, as he is going back to Holland to live the money spent on a week's leave might be a good investment. However, I leave that entirely to you.

8. Will D/CE.M pass on to Captain Varcoe the contents of paragraph 5 and tell him to advise LAUWERS that we have completed our checks on his statement and are satisfied with the results. Captain Varcoe should say that this is a mere preliminary intimation and that he will shortly be seen by an officer and that the Dutch will be informed the results of our enquiries and will make arrangements for his return to Holland.

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LAUNERS
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NRB/772

22nd June, 1945.

To : Commandant,
Station XVIII.

From : Capt. A.W. Ross.

Lieut. H.M.G. LAUNERS.

I am sending this down by hand as I have failed to contact you over the 'phone, I understand that your line is out of order.

The Colonel has decided that the a/n can be allowed free and unescorted circulation in and around Guildford, but that he must not yet be allowed to travel up to London on his own and without reference to us.

As I expect he has no identity papers I am enclosing a "To Whom It May Concern". You will see that this is for a limited period and that when it expires I will issue him with a new one. It is hoped that he will be interviewed next week and, therefore, he might be asked to exercise a little more patience.

(Copy).

The undersigned, LAUWERS, HUBERTUS, MATTHEUS, GERARDUS, 2/Lt. General Service, born 19.7.16 at Amsterdam, after his return to the U.K. on 21.5.45, from the concentration camp at Rathenow, Germany, reports as follows:

We, the 2/Lt. Taconis and myself, were dropped by 'chute in the neighbourhood of Ommen, Holland, on November 7th, 1941, with instructions to start the organisation of the Dutch underground movement and to try and make contact with two officers of our department, known to us as "AB" and "COR", who left for Holland in September, 1941, and whose return was overdue. Should we fail to find them we were to take over their task, i.e. the establishing of sea communications with the U.K. through one of our former agents, "BRANDY", a fisherman living at Zoutkamp. The task specially assigned to me was the maintenance of communications with base by W/T.

After a successful landing we made for Amsterdam, where we stayed for the night, going on to the Hague the next day and finally taking up residence at a boarding-house in Arnhem (Oosterbeek). From here we went in search of "AB" and "COR", at the same time working on the organisation of sabotage groups. As arranged I notified H.Q. of our safe arrival by letter via Zurich, but only on January 3rd, 1942, did I succeed in establishing wireless contact with base from the Hague, the delay being due to faulty wiring of W/T set.

Having made several unsuccessful attempts to locate "AB" and "COR", we finally got into touch with "AB", who after his arrest by the Gestapo and subsequent escape from Scheveningen prison was living at Hillegom. His return to England was arranged through our station. With him went two of his friends, who on their return to Holland after training in England, almost immediately fell into German hands. After "AB"'s departure Taconis tried to establish sea communications via Loutkamp but due to severe winter this line was never operated by us.

One of the main difficulties we were faced with in trying to organise sabotage groups was the fact that almost everybody willing and able to do sabotage work belonged to some underground organisation already. As we knew these organisations to be infested with stool-pigeons we had to take very extensive security measures thus slowing down progress considerably. The very first time these measures were not strictly adhered to, this because we were in immediate need of men for reception parties, Taconis was unfortunate enough to get into touch with an agent-provocateur working under the name of "JOHNEY", who I believe to have been either Inspector POGS or SLAUGHTERS, both of The Hague police force, two ardent collaborators. As I learned at Rathenow these men changed colour when they realised they had betted on the wrong horse and were sent to a concentration camp. From odd remarks made by German officers I gather that Taconis and some of his friends were shadowed for a period of some weeks before they were finally arrested, the Gestapo wanting to lay their hands on the W/T operators first.

Since Christmas, 1941, I lived at The Hague, where I found conditions for wireless transmission more favourable than at Arnhem. It was here that I was arrested on March 6th, 1942. Getting ready for my Friday evening schedule I was warned that a Gestapo flying squad was going to surround the block of flats I worked from. I immediately got my equipment out of the way and left the house, accompanied by my host, 1st Lt. Teller, Royal Dutch Army, who during my stay at The Hague always gave me full co-operation. Sure

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that I had never been followed, I felt quite certain of an easy get-away. Unfortunately, however, one of the Germans present happened to have seen me once with Taconis, known to them as an English agent. He recognized me as I walked past him and on the off-chance that I might have something to do with the wireless transmitter they had D.F'ed I was arrested. They found in my possession three coded messages and my working plan, which stupidly enough I had not thought it necessary to destroy. This, in combination with the fact that my papers were recognized as fakes, gave them the clue to my identity.

Having taken me back to Teller's house, they staged their trick to make me give away my code. Telling me that they knew all about our codes, of which indeed they gave ample evidence, they went on to explain that with this knowledge it was not hard for them to decode my messages. I challenged them to do so, a challenge which they accepted. Whilst the majority of the Germans were either searching the house or plying me with questions some others appeared to be busy on decoding. After perhaps 20 minutes one of them came up to me, saying: "So the Prinz Eugen" lies at Schiedam, does she?", which indeed was the information contained in one of the messages. I regret to say that the moral shock this gave me was such that, without further persuasion of any kind, I handed them my code. Not, however, my identity check.

As I have come to know later the information on the "Prinz Eugen" originated from them. It was given to Taconis through "JOHNNY" and passed to me for transmission. Knowing that Taconis' operator worked from The Hague and with only one transmitter active there, it was easy for them to link me up with Taconis. Having postponed his arrest only in order to make sure of me first, Taconis and some of his assistants were arrested that same night.

As Gestapo H.Q., Binnenhof 4, I was questioned by Kriminal Kommissar Bayer until 16.00 hrs. the next day. Here I made a detailed statement, the gist of which was that I left England on New Year's Eve by M.T.B. in the employ of Captain BEEKSEMA, Dutch Intelligence Officer, to whom I was to pass information by wireless. This kept them satisfied for about three weeks. When they finally discovered my story was just fiction I was questioned again, this time by Untersturmführer MAY. The examination started by him, though lasting for two months, was never completed. Most of his questions dealt with training in England on which they seemed rather well informed through the investigation of similar cases in France and Belgium.

Although the interrogation was in the hands of the Gestapo all other matters were left to the Ast. Ks. commanding officer, Major GIESEKENS, just then transferred from France, where he was engaged in combating the French Underground Movement, saw me in prison shortly after my arrest and asked me to transmit messages for him, promising that my life would be spared should I be willing to do so. At Beaulieu I had been told they would try this and that I could consent provided I did not give my identity check away. Starting with a point-blank refusal I gradually allowed myself to be convinced, after they promised to pardon everybody concerned, a promise nobody, least of all the Germans, ever expected would be kept. Questioned on my identity check I at first denied I had one. As they could have checked on it by decoding the three messages found on me I decided to give them

3 months
2 months

a false one which would stand examination and would both warn H.Q. that I had been captured and that the system of security checks was known to the enemy. Accordingly I told them that one of the words "stop" in every telegram should be changed into "step" or "stip". The actual check was a change in the 16th letter or a multiple thereof.

When I found that England did not react to this change I gave further warning by giving in plain language the word "caught" a message in the jumble ~~words~~ letters reading "worked by ... Jerry since", and in other less obvious ways. I also asked one of my fellow prisoners, a Dutch agent, to give warning. From Sonderführer HUNTERMANN, assistant to GIESEKENS, I understand that a message was sent to England: "Is Lauwers still O.K.", to which the home station replied: "Leave Lauwers alone".

During the first 2½ years of my imprisonment I have been treated rather well, thanks to Major GIESEKENS and HUNTERMANN. After two months in the political prison at Scheveningen I was transferred to the Army prison in the same town, where I stayed until November 11th, 1943. From here I was sent to the prison in Haaren, where I remained till all prisoners were evacuated to Germany on September 7th, 1944. Since July 1942 I had Han Jordaan, who was captured on I believe May 3rd, 1942, as my companion. We were separated in Germany, where I was sent to the concentration camp at Rathenow, whereas he, as far as I know, went to Mauthausen after a prolonged stay in Sachsenhausen hospital.

After I was taken off the air in November, 1942, I have been used occasionally to translate messages into German or English. In the latter I tried to indicate what was going on by making them read as German as possible. I think I succeeded only once in drawing your attention when I managed to smuggle a German word into the text. The only other action I could take in prison was trying to worsen the already strained relations between Gestapo and A.S. Here I think I have been at least partly successful.

Having been liberated by the Russians on April 25th I tried to reach London as quickly as possible. Thanks to the assistance given me by the American Red Cross and British Intelligence officers in Paris I reached Croydon on May 21st.

Tyting House, Guildford.
May 30th, 1945.

(signed) H.M.G. LAUWERS.

LAUWERS [ISLS]
H.H.G.

Subject: Detachments

28/1/45.


To: Capt. A.W. Rees.

2/Lt. H.M.G. Lauwers

Herewith application by the A/n for Clothing Coupons. I will be obliged if could see what you can do to obtain these for him.

Forwarded herewith also a letter from Lauwers.

Guildford.
4 Jul 45.


O.C. Station XXVIII Capt.

12.4.46

I, H.M.G. LAWERS, agree the balance on the account beneath and request that the sum of £1,999 18s. 9d. shall be remitted to my bank account at Barclays Bank Ltd., Guildford Branch, Guildford, Surrey, Account 2/Lt. H.M.G. Lawers.

<u>Dr.</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Cr.</u>	
Pay at 14/6.p.d. 7.11.41-30.11.41		Full pay at £50 p.w. 7.11.41-6.11.44	1,800 0 0
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30th May, 1945, Cash (P.1 Form)	5 0 0	Pay at 14/6.p.d. 22.5.45-3.8.45	53 15 0
11.6.45 Cash,	20 0 0		
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3,200 Fr.Frs. received in Paris.	16 0 0		
Credit Balance.	1,999 18 9		
	£2,178 6 9		£2,178 6 9

I acknowledge this sum in full and final settlement of all claims against H.M.G. whilst employed by this Organisation.

H.M.G. LAWERS.

Signed:

Witnessed:..... J. MILLS..... Capt.

Ref: HMF/1917.

*Verified correct copy of receipt signed
by H.M.G. Lawers on 12/4/46
H.M.G.*

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Pend
MOST SECRET

PRIVATE HUBERTUS MATTHEUS GERARDUS LAUWERS - DUTCH ARMY

Recommendation for the award of the Military Medal

LAUWERS, a wireless operator, was landed in HOLLAND by parachute with his organiser early in November 1941.

His wireless set was damaged and it was eight weeks before he succeeded in effecting the necessary repairs and establishing contact with this country. Since the beginning of January 1942, however, wireless communications have been maintained at a consistently high level, during which time 130 messages have been transmitted to the field and 100 received. LAUWERS' work in this respect has been exemplary.

Whilst performing this essential task, without which the valuable work of his organiser would have been impossible, he has to our certain knowledge assisted the latter in many aspects of his work. Quite recently LAUWERS has intimated that his organising work takes up a considerable amount of his time and will call for still more attention in the future. In consequence he has recruited locally a competent wireless operator, for whom he takes full responsibility and who will, if all goes well, relieve him of part of his duties.

LAUWERS aided another agent to escape by sea, and rendered valuable assistance to still another agent who arrived by sea and who was dependent on LAUWERS for his communications for some months.

The work which LAUWERS has done commands the highest respect and can only have been performed in circumstances of considerable difficulty and danger, all of which he has met with great resourcefulness and devotion to duty.

It is impossible to record in detail all the achievements of LAUWERS and to indicate with greater precision the extent to which his organiser, TACONIS, has been dependent upon him. In my opinion the two must remain inseparable.

I strongly recommend that LAUWERS be awarded the Military Medal.

(Sgd) E.E. MACKLER-FERRYMAN

Brigadier.

5th November 1942.

HISTORY SHEET AND REPORT

NAME IN FULL (Surname in block capitals) *LOOPIAN*
 NATIONALITY *Dutch* *Wahidin Mattheus Gouda*
 IN POSSESSION OF *Dutch* PASSPORT
 DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH *Amsterdam, 17 July 1915*
 NATIONALITY OF FATHER *Dutch* PROFESSION OF FATHER *—*

EDUCATION AND DIPLOMAS:-

H.S.S. (Primary) Amsterdam 2 years
H.S.S. () ... 2 years *Diploma obtained*

LANGUAGES (in order of proficiency):-

Dutch, English, German, French

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENTS SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL: in chronological order:-

1924 *1 year at newspaper Bureau de Courant (Editorial)*
1925 *algemeen Handelsblad, 2' den*
1/2/25 *to Singapore, administrative & commercial, Singapore Publishing*
2 months

AREAS INTIMATELY KNOWN:

Amsterdam & district
Singapore, Manila

MILITARY HISTORY

O.F.C. Holland 1931 and 1932
Came to England 24/4/30, joined Dutch army 2/7/30 - Private with
Signal platoon

MARRIED/SINGLE:

HOBBIES:

- Photography*
- Sailing*
- Swimming*
- Fencing*
- Walking*
- Reading*

COMMANDANT'S REPORT

Quite sound and very conscientious. Is an intelligent man and should make a first class W/T Operator.

GRADE "H"

(signed) J.M. Munn,
Lt. Col. R.A.
Commandant, Beaulieu Area.

OWN NAME.

NAME WHEN IN TRAINING.

NAME USED IN THE FIELD.

Lauwers

H.M.G.

Looman

H. Lauwers

22666/A

CODE NAME.

NAME OF OPERATION.

Ebenezer

Catarrh

LOOMAN, H.N.G.

Born 1916 at Amsterdam. Unmarried. Protestant. Has parents and three brothers in Bussum. Was in rubber business in Singapore and Manila, whence he came in June, 1940. Knows Morse; can receive 120 letters in three minutes with buzzer. Makes very good impression; well educated. Has trustworthy friends in Holland, and is very anxious to work; but has been away from Holland for five years. Can swim.

P.T.C. 13.5.41. N.T.A. 26.5.41.