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Height 6'. Square-shaped face; hollow cheeks; high cheekbones; low forehead; brown eyes; short nose; full mouth; squarish chin; slightly cleft; brown hair.

P.T.O.

DUTCH

ADS

TAGONIS THOMPSON

ALIAS THOMPSON

SYMBOL N.C.6

P.T.C. 14.5.41

W.F.A. 26.5.41

BORN 28.3.14. Rotterdam

RANK Pte. Dutch Army

REMARKS advised that the above good

into training 28.5.41.

28th May 1941

DESCRIPTION Height 6'. Weight 144 lbs.

Eyes brown. Hair brown

LANGUAGES Dutch, English, French, German

OCCUPATION Student of Mathematics & Physics

Leyden University

MILITARY enlisted in Royal Dutch Army

Canada on 15.1.41.

country since 27.3.41.

No previous Military Service.

HEALTH Good

CHARACTER Good

PHYSICAL TRAIN. Good

FIELDORANT Slow but works well

WEAPONS Fair shot with all weapons.

Slow and very deliberate. He

understands all weapons taught.

EXPLOSIVES Very deliberate and capable

COMMUNICATIONS Has done well and can read and

write 8 words a minute

MAP READING Has shown great interest and

understands Map Reading. Field

Sketching very good.

DRIVING, ETC. Bicycle, motor car.

REMARKS Placed in Category A. Physically

fit, but not strong. Well educat-

ed. A good type. Has character,

is quiet, sensible and appears

entirely trustworthy and reliable.

His knowledge of and his activi-

ties in the Dutch Youth Movement

for the past 5 yrs could make him

a useful organiser amongst this

group.

Col. Johnston

17.6.41.

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Of the type like Looman, Hollis and Kiek who are prepared to work and stay underground.

HEALTH: Good.
CHARACTER: Good.
PHYSICAL TRAIN: Good.
FIELD CRAFT: Reliable.

GLASS COMBAT: slow at first but has improved greatly by hard work.

WEAPON TRAIN: Pistols - Very good. Very good with Bren & Browning. Tommy Gun - V. Good.

TESTING: Test 90%. one of the best in practice. very careful of details but apt to take unnecessary personal risks.

COMMUNICATIONS: Morse - can read & send 6 words per minute.

MAP READING: Test 90%. V. Good at practical work; painstaking.

SKETCHING: Good.
IRREGULAR WAR: See Fieldcraft.

TACONIS, Thijs (Timmer)

REMARKS. "C" or "D". A very sound
Lt. Col. Evans. type. He is patient,
11th July, 1941. tenacious and very intelli-
gent. Would probably
carry out C or D. duties
extremely well.

FINISHING SCHOOL REPORT

ASSPORT Stolen in Ottawa
AT. OF FATHER Dutch
PROF. OF FATHER Postal official
EDUCATION Lower school
Gymnasium (public school)
Diploma B at Gymnasium. Leyden University,
Faculty of Science.
EMPLOYMENT Official in Dutch Ministry
of Defence, Stratton House, from June 1 1940
to January 1941.
AREAS KNOWN The Hague and surroundings
MILITARY Left Holland 15.5.40.
Joined Dutch Army in Canada
January 1941.
STATE Single
HOBBIES Fencing, Rambling, Chess,
Youth organisation (5 yrs
Executive Committee)
REMARKS Has a lively and adaptable
intelligence and is exceptionally hard work-
ing. A man of great determination and thor-
oughly dependable. GRADE "C". Lt. Col. Munn

MEASUREMENTS Height 6' Weight 10st. 4½lbs.
Chest 37" Waist 29" Length of back from nape
to waist 18½" Width of back from centre to
(i) Shoulder 8" (ii) Elbow 21" (iii) Waist
33" Length of leg (outside-waist to ground)
44" Length of leg - inside 34" Size of
head 22" Size of foot 10½"

MT/A1 12.2.42.

Now in the field.

A advised went into field 7.11.41

(T 7824/7824/G).
SECRET.

FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

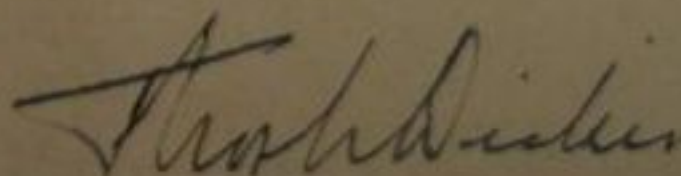
30th June, 1945.

Dear Brigadier Curtis,

Many thanks for your letter
D.D.M.O./EM/272 of the 24th June,
about the presentation of the
Military Medal to Private Thijs
Taconis, of the Netherlands Army.

We quite appreciate the reasons
for secrecy in this matter, and in our
despatch to our Ambassador to the
Netherlands, a copy of which I enclose
for your information, you will see
that we have merely notified The King's
approval of the award and have
refrained from any allusion to the
question of arrangements for
presentation of the Medal to Taconis.

Yours sincerely,



(T.N. Dicker)

Brigadier F.C. Curtis,
War Office.

Copy.

(7103/456/372).

No. 142.

FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

25th June, 1943.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No. 76 of the 12th May, I shall be glad if you will inform the Netherlands Government that The King has been pleased to approve the award of the Military Medal to Private Thijs Taconis, Royal Netherlands Army.

I am, etc.,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Signed) R. DUNBAR.

His Excellency

Sir Nevile Bland, K.C.V.O., C.M.G.,
etc., etc., etc.

24 June, 1943.

Dear Dicker.

I understand that you have been in telephonic communication with Captain Finch concerning the attendance of a representative of the Netherlands Government at the presentation of the insignia of the Military Medal to Private Thijs Taconis, Dutch Army.

This insignia has been forwarded to the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Selborne, P.C., Minister of Economic Warfare. Lord Selborne has, however, now expressed the hope that in view of the fact that Private Taconis is at the moment in the field on operations of an extremely secret nature it will not be found necessary to inform the Netherlands Government that the presentation is likely to be considerably delayed.

I am sure you will appreciate the fact that every possible step has to be taken to ensure the utmost secrecy over operations of this nature in order not to endanger the security of the personnel taking part.

Yours sincerely,

② F. B. Curtis

T. H. Dicker Esq.,
Treaty Department,
Foreign Office, S. W. 1.

24th June 1943

Dear Lord Selborne

Thank you for your letter No. F9966/161 of the 23rd June addressed to General Kennedy.

General Kennedy is away on leave and, in his absence, I have taken the necessary steps to ensure that your wishes in respect of Private Taconis of the Dutch Army are given effect to.

Yours sincerely,

F. B. Curtis

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Selborne, P.C.,
Ministry of Economic Warfare,
Berkeley Square,
W.1.



MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE,
BERKELEY SQUARE HOUSE,
BERKELEY SQUARE,
LONDON, W. 1.

23rd June, 1943.

MUST BE SECRET
P/9:66/161

My dear General,

In my letter P/7906/161^{18A} of the 17th June I assured you that I would arrange for a representative of the Netherlands Government to be present when I gave Private Taconis, of the Dutch Army, his Military Medal.

I now find that Taconis is still in the field and so not available for presentation at the moment. I have arranged for S.O.S. to notify the head of the Dutch Secret Service with whom we work and, as I am most anxious not to endanger the security of Taconis by letting it become known in Dutch circles here that he is in the field, I venture to express the hope that you will not consider it necessary to inform the Dutch Government of the fact that the presentation is likely to be considerably delayed.

Yours very sincerely,

Major General J.S. Kennedy, C.B., M.C.,
WAR OFFICE.



Jmk ^{18A}
MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE,
BERKELEY SQUARE HOUSE,
BERKELEY SQUARE,
LONDON, W. 1.

HQST ENCR
2/1900/161.

17th June, 1945.

My dear General,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 10th June from which I am delighted to learn that His Majesty The King has approved the awards to one Belgian, one Dutchman, five Norwegians and three Frenchmen, specified in my letter to you of the 26th February. ^{17A}

I note that you will be sending me the insignia shortly and I will make sure that when I give Private Taconis his Military Medal a representative of the Netherlands Government is present.

I am most grateful to you for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

J. M. Kennedy

Major-General J. M. Kennedy, C.B., M.C.,
WAR OFFICE.

10 June, 1943.

I am very pleased to say that His Majesty the King has approved the awards proposed in your letter 7/1392/161 of the 26th February, 1943.

Arrangements are being made to obtain the insignia for these awards and I will see that they are forwarded to you without delay.

A request has been made by the Netherlands Government that they would like to be represented at the presentation of the Military Medal to Private Thijs Taconis, Dutch Army.

W. J. Kennedy

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Selborne, P.C.,
Ministry of Economic Warfare,
Berkeley Square House,
Berkeley Square,
W. 1.

No. 76.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S.S.F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British Embassy to the Netherlands,
c/o India Office, S.W. 1.

May 12th 1943

Reference to previous correspondence:

F.O. desp. No. 87 (T 3878/456/372) of 12th
April.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject.

Ministry for Foreign
Affairs, 11th May

Award of Military
Medal to Private
Thijs Taconis.

T 5669/456/372

Major H. H. Stache O.B.E.
War Office (MS3)

Minister of War re-
quests to be notified
in advance when be-
stowal is to take place

Recd. F.O. letter T 3878/456/372
Dated May 13th 1943

20 MAY 1943

With the Compliments
of
Under Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs

Netherland Foreign Office.
Cabinet of the Minister.

No. Dec. 6/10733.

The Netherland Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador and have the honour to inform Sir Nevile Bland with reference to his note No. 39 of April 17th 1942, that the award of the "Military Medal" to Private Thijs Taconis would be most agreeable to Her Majesty's Government.

The Netherlands Minister for War has requested to be notified in advance when the bestowal of this decoration is to take place.

London, May the 11th 1943.

His Excellency
Sir Nevile Bland, K.C.V.O., C.M.G.
etc., etc., etc.

PRIVATE THIJS TACONIS - DUTCH ARMYRecommendation for the award of the Military Medal

Private Thijs TACONIS was landed in HOLLAND by parachute, with a wireless operator, early in November 1941 - since when he has done valuable and notable work both in performing the tasks for which he was originally despatched and in many other ways.

TACONIS has organised and trained 10 groups of saboteurs, each group consisting of an average of 8 men. These groups are situated in various parts of HOLLAND, and active but unobtrusive sabotage of transport and also arson has been and continues to be, undertaken.

At our request TACONIS planned and organised, in June 1942, an attack on the German radio station at KOOTWIJK. There is every reason to suppose that this attack would have been successful had the assault party not come upon land-mines - the presence of which was not suspected - and roused the guard, with resultant failure. TACONIS' organisation has neither been shaken nor endangered in any way by this incident - thus affording proof of the efficient way in which his work has been done.

With the aid of Reception Committees organised locally by TACONIS, 10 deliveries of stores comprising in all 52 containers have been made. The total net weight of these stores exceeds 5 tons and they have been distributed amongst the various sabotage groups and safely hidden.

These same Reception Committees, under the guidance of TACONIS, have at different times received and given safe accommodation to 8 officers and other ranks proceeding to the field, whose chances of safety and the ultimate success of whose work has depended to an important extent on the services thus rendered. In fact, it is due to the assistance in the initial stages of TACONIS and his men that plans for the organisation of resistance groups in HOLLAND have been completed so rapidly.

One of the officers whom TACONIS received was unfortunate enough to suffer severe concussion on landing. He was none the less safely housed, given medical attention and finally, when after a few days he died, buried clandestinely and therefore without danger to our Organisation.

Many other services have been rendered by TACONIS and his helpers in the way of receiving special equipment and messages and passing them through to other agents in the field, and even latterly in obtaining most valuable information in regard to the issue of identity and ration cards in HOLLAND.

Throughout all these months of active and intelligent planning and organization, TACONIS has been in constant danger, the nature and extent of which can only be surmised, but which, by his high degree of courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty, he has combatted successfully. His work commands the unreserved respect of all who have experience of such activities.

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Chief Lublin
Brigadier.

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Brigadier

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(Signed) G. Mc. V. GIBBINS.

Brigadier.

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R. 3551.

NAME TACONIS [✓] Thiss Private ALIAS:

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OCCUPATION OR FUNCTION: Private in Dutch Army awarded H.H.

NATIONALITY: Dutch

DATE OF BIRTH:

NETHERLANDS SPECIAL FORCE MISSION (B.B.O.)

Koningslaan 1,
UTRECHT.

Tel: 15108.

Ref: VIU/128

*Graph 2000
Capt Mills
who is this?*

*an old agent
who appears on the list
of those shot at
Walthamston.*

21st June 1945.

Dear Colonel Dobson

Enclosed you will find three
copies of the translated report about TACONIS.

*Capt. Mills
P.L. file a copy
on subjects personal file.*

Yours sincerely,

Kuback

(Captain).

Lieutenant-Colonel R. I. Dobson,

M. E. 27.

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REPORT.

Re. TACONIS.

Today, the 17th of June 1945, I interrogated Mr. W.J. HOEMAN, Chief Assistant in the Clinic for Skin Diseases in Groningen, home address Verlengde Heerenweg 91, Groningen and Mrs. J. van DIJK widow of Mr. Jaap van DIJK, Uniliver Inspector in Arnhem, who died in German captivity.

After TACONIS had been dropped, he took up contact with J. van DIJK, with whom he went to stay. In March 1942 he was arrested in his safe-house at the moment that he was going out to set JOHNNIE free. The latter was supposed to be a prisoner in Putten. This may be JOHNNIE DEN BROEK as the description more or less agrees with his, viz. slightly bald, well-built, dissolute-looking. JOHNNIE's description had already been in the police paper previously.

He went once to van DIJK's house. He arrived in the evening, slept there and the following morning breakfasted there and then left.

After this van DIJK and TACONIS were shut up in SCHEVENINGEN. From there they were moved to Amerfoort and eight months later, in about January, van DIJK was transported to VUGHT.

It is not known whether TACONIS was there. The trial took place the following March. The well-known SCHIMMELPENNING VAN DER OYEN was also involved in it.

After the process 68 people appear to have been "Abgetrennt" and 24 condemned to death. Before the trial the prisoners spent a short time in the Police Station in HAAREN, where they were decently treated. In the middle of October they were taken to NATSCHWEILER camp in Germany. On the 2nd of September they went from there to DACHAU, the 11th of September from DACHAU to OTTOBRUNN, then to Densbirgen and later to VAILINGEN near STUTTGART, where Mr. van DIJK died in March 1945. There were fourteen other Dutchmen besides him in the camp and of these twelve are known to be dead.

TACONIS was probably shot. His wireless operator, a certain HUIJ, who was small and thin and who came from MANILLA, was dropped at Ossen.

The penetration was probably effected through the person who was to take care of the dropped agents, and whose name and further particulars will follow.

Utrecht, 18th June 1945.

(signed)

K. de G. saf
(Captain B.S.O.)

28.6.43.

DRAFT LETTER FROM AD/E TO COLONEL DE BRUYNE.

You are aware that arising out of our joint activities a Military Medal was awarded to Private T. TACONIS. It is with great pleasure that I confirm the award of this deserved recognition.

I understand that, in giving their consent, the Dutch Government have requested to be represented at the presentation. We would of course be glad to welcome their representative at the ceremony, but as TACONIS is not at present available, the actual presentation will have to be postponed until his return. May I leave it to you to see that the appropriate official in your Government is informed that the presentation will be delayed? In this way an explanation can be put forward without prejudicing the security of the recipient.

LONDON, 12th January, 1943.

12th January 1943.

H.I.

VCD/102

19.6.43.

H.I.

To: AD/S

From: V/CD

(Copies to: C.D., AD/E) ^{For action} 2 copies - 1 passed J.R.

Reference S.O.'s 2/7906/181 to General Kennedy.

1. Will you please inform him that the Private in the Dutch Army is still in the field and not available for presentation in person.
2. I am asking AD/E to convey this information to his opposite number in the Dutch Service so that we do not "blow" the fact to Dutch Government officials generally that this man is in the field, otherwise his security might be endangered. I suggest action is best taken this way, and hope it will not be necessary for General Kennedy to write to the Dutch about it.

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(Reference: Award of M.M. to Private T.TACONIS Dutch Army)

VCD/97

21 JUN Rec'd

19.6.43.

H.I.

To: AD/E

From: V/CD

Copy to D/A ✓

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Personal
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1. We discussed the attached matter. It is essential for the continuance of our work in Holland that we should get a man out here as soon as we possibly can, and I would like the Section to take on this matter as of first priority.

2. It is very curious indeed, as de Bruyne remarks, that there appears still to be no contact between our men and the O.D. 'C', on the other hand, after a long period of complete blank in Holland when they could get neither recruits nor the good will of the Dutch, have in a quite short time been able to establish contact with the O.D.

3. I feel we shall never get very far in Holland without the assistance of the O.D. if we do not have direct contact with them and know what they are doing.

What else we would have the fullest information as to what is happening in the country and what are the organisations and directives of the O.D.

I have asked originally whether we could take up as a matter of urgency the bringing of a man from Holland so that this disturbing situation may be explained to us. I realize the necessity of not crossing lines with the intelligence services, but in a matter of such importance as this, which priority concerns

Copies to: AD/E
D/R ✓

M.O.I. (S.P.),
The War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

MOST SECRET
CMOVG/JS

19th June, 1943.

Thank you for your letter dated June 12th which is, as you suggest, disturbing. I agree entirely with you that it is imperative for us to get some men out of Holland soon so that we may find out what is happening to our organization and why they have apparently been unable to establish contact with the O.D. It is clear that your Intelligence Service has good contact with the O.D., and it is most important for our purposes that we also should have this contact on the action side and should have the fullest information as to what is happening in the country and what are the organization and directives of the O.D.

I have asked Brigadier Mocker Ferryman to take up as a matter of urgency the bringing of a man from Holland so that this disturbing situation may be explained to us. I realise the necessity of not crossing lines with the Intelligence Service, but in a matter of such importance as this, which primarily concerns action, I feel we must make every effort to work in closely with them.

Colonel M.H. de Bruyne,
Dutch Naval Headquarters,
Hereford House,
Park Street, W.1.

file
War Office (Room 900),
Whitehall, S.W.1.

No: 0249.

13th January 1943.

My dear

Blizard

Many thanks for your letter of
the 12th January in reply to my
No: 0243.

I will advise my friend
de Wilde along the lines you have
suggested. I am sure he will
feel a lot more comfortable about
his brother after he has heard
this from me.

Yours

Sincerely
A. E. M. M. M.

Major C. C. Blizard,
S. O. E.

LONDON, 10th January, 1943.

12th January 1943.

file
of our first issue

My dear

Many thanks for your letter
No.0243 of the 10th January.

Whilst I have no information
to give you in regard to **HE WILHE**'s brother,
there is no reason to suppose that anything
untoward has occurred since **TINER** himself is,
to our certain knowledge, fit and flourishing.

It seems to me that this is
all you need tell **HE WILHE**, although for your
personal information only I would add that
TINER is the organiser for whom **EBENIZER** is
working. This will indicate to you that
there is no cause for anyone to be alarmed
in regard to the possible fate of their contacts
on the other side.

Yours

D.O.Seymour Esq.,
"C".

10th January, 1943.

My dear *Blizard*

I recently met a very old friend of mine called de Wilde from Holland who, although he does not know what kind of work I am doing, does think that I am in one of the Intelligence departments. For this reason, I assume, he hoped that I might be able to make some enquiries for him about a matter which had been worrying him for some time.

The story is as follows:-

About a year ago de Wilde (then with the Netherlands Trading Co.) was approached by Captain Loewe who told him that a Dutchman was shortly leaving for Holland and was urgently in need of a good contact there who would be prepared to give him help in finding his feet as he had not been in Holland for some time. Loewe asked de Wilde whether he would give him a name and address of one of his friends to which de Wilde willingly acceded, and a meeting was arranged by Loewe for de Wilde to meet the Dutchman (whose name was Tisser). De Wilde, wishing to do his best and whatever he could for the war effort, gave Tisser the name and address of his brother who lived in Ardenhout, also certain information which only his brother and he himself knew and which would provide the necessary introduction.

Loewe promised de Wilde faithfully that he would let him know, if possible, what happened when his brother was approached, and if no news was received, he would get into touch with de Wilde and tell him so.

De Wilde has heard nothing since either from Loewe or from his brother who, up till that time, had been corresponding with him via an address in Switzerland. Naturally, de Wilde is very worried concerning his brother and the latter's large family, as he feels that if anything has happened to them, he is naturally responsible.

He had, of course, taken all this into consideration before giving his brother's address, but he feels that he would certainly like to know whether he has done his brother any harm.

As I believe you took over from Captain Loewe some time after this event must have taken place, I wonder whether you could give me any information which I could pass on to de Wilde to set his mind at rest. He is a very old friend of mine and I would like to help him.

With apologies for bothering you,

Yours

W. J. ...

Major C. O. Blizzard,
S. O. E.

TIMMER, Thijs

Born Rotterdam 28.3.14. Student Wis. and Natuurkunde Leyden. Parents live at the Hague. Came to England by fishing boat from Scheveningen 15.5.40 and volunteered for Dutch Army. In Holland has had organising experience with the Ned. Jeugdvereniging. Studied for artillery officer in Holland but could not get commission as he is too light for his height. As a former student has good connections in the University of Leyden, but is also well known to N.S.B.ers there. Is prepared to go alone and as a civilian. Struck N.3 as a very likely organiser. Started training 28.5.41. Cannot swim.

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

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TRAINING HISTORY SHEET

Name: TIMMER, Thijs, Pte.

Serial No. 7.

Age 27

Nationality: Dutch.

Description: Height 6ft. Eyes Brown.
Weight 10st. 4 lbs. Hair brown.

Languages: Dutch, English, French, German.

Civil employment: Student of mathematics & Physics at Leyden University.

Military employment and qualifications: Royal Dutch Army in Canada 15.1.41.
and in this country since 27.3.41. No previous military service.

TRAINING REPORT

S.T.S. No. 21.

Health: Good.

Character: Good

PARTICULAR STANDARD OR ABILITY IN REGARD TO:-

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. Physical Training: | Good. |
| 2. Fieldcraft: | Reliable. A slow thinker, but keen and thorough. |
| 3. Close combat: | Slow at first, but has improved greatly by hard work. |
| 4. Weapon training: | Pistols v. good. Tommy gun v. good. v. good with Bren and Browning. |
| 5. Explosives and Demolitions: | Test 90%. One of the best in practice, very careful of details, but apt to take unnecessary personal risks. |
| 6. Communications: | Morse - can read and send 6 words per minute. |
| 8. Map Reading and Sketching: | Test 90%. v. good at practical work; painstaking. Sketching F. good. |
| 11. Irregular Warfare: | See Fieldcraft. |
| 15. Driving or Riding: | |
| (a) Bicycle: | Yes. |
| (b) Motor Bicycle: | No. |
| (c) Motor car: | Yes. |

COMBATANT'S REMARKS: "C" or "D".

A very sound type. He is patient, tenacious and very intelligent. Would probably carry out C or D duties very well.

(signed)

Mid Term Report
from Ste. IV

NAME P. FIMMER, Thijs. AGE 27 SCHOOL 10... 7

NATIONALITY - DUTCH BORN AT ROTTERDAM ON 28/3/1914

PROFESSION - Student of Mathematics and Physics.

FAMILY - Single. Parents living at THE HAGUE.

REMARKS - Educated at CAPERNICUSSTRAAT up to age of 13 and then went to LAAN VAN MEERDERVOORT until 1934 and matriculated, from there going on to LEYDEN University until war broke out. Escaped from HOLLAND in a fishing smack on 15/5/40 and picked up by a British destroyer off coast of England. Then on 14/6/1940 employed by Netherland Army War Office in London and in September went with Dutch Military Mission to CANADA returning from HALIFAX on 27/3/1941 having joined the Royal Dutch Army on 15/1/1941. From 1938 to present day is member of Dutch Youth organization in HOLLAND and for the past 5 years took an active part in organizing it.

Knows SOUTH HOLLAND best.

REMARKS - Physically fit but not strong. Well educated and a good type. Sound and capable. A quiet steady man who will do well.

by John ...

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MINUTE SHEET.

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Source _____
No. _____
Date 13. 5. 41.

For possible employment as Agent.

TACONIS, Thijs *N.J.*

Dutch

Born 28.3.14 at Rotterdam

Private in the Dutch Army

c/o The Dutch Army

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ACTION PROPOSED.

Secret.

No: S.F. 101 2 .

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Date

M.I.5. (Captain STRONG)

Have you any trace, please, of

Name: TACONIS, Thijs

Nationality: Dutch

Date and Place of Birth (or approximate age): 28.3.14 at Rotterdam

Occupation: Private in the Dutch Army

Present whereabouts and address (if possible): c/o The Dutch Army

Any outstanding particulars:

Reasons for enquiry: Possible employment as Agent

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13.5.41.

Remarks by M.I.5.:

NOTHING RECORDED
AGAINST.

Alan [Signature]

26 MAY 1941