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Liberation prison Leeuwarden.

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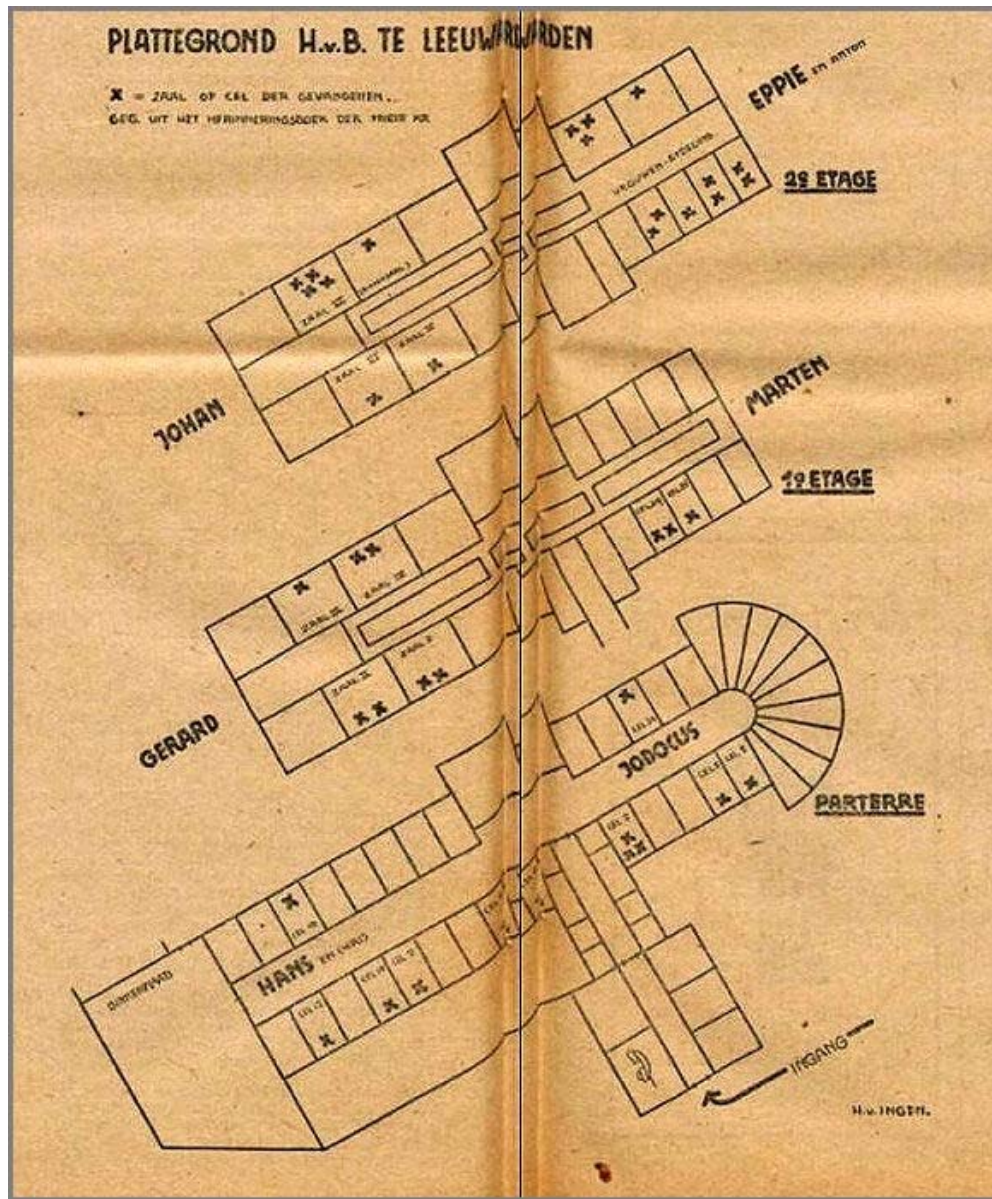
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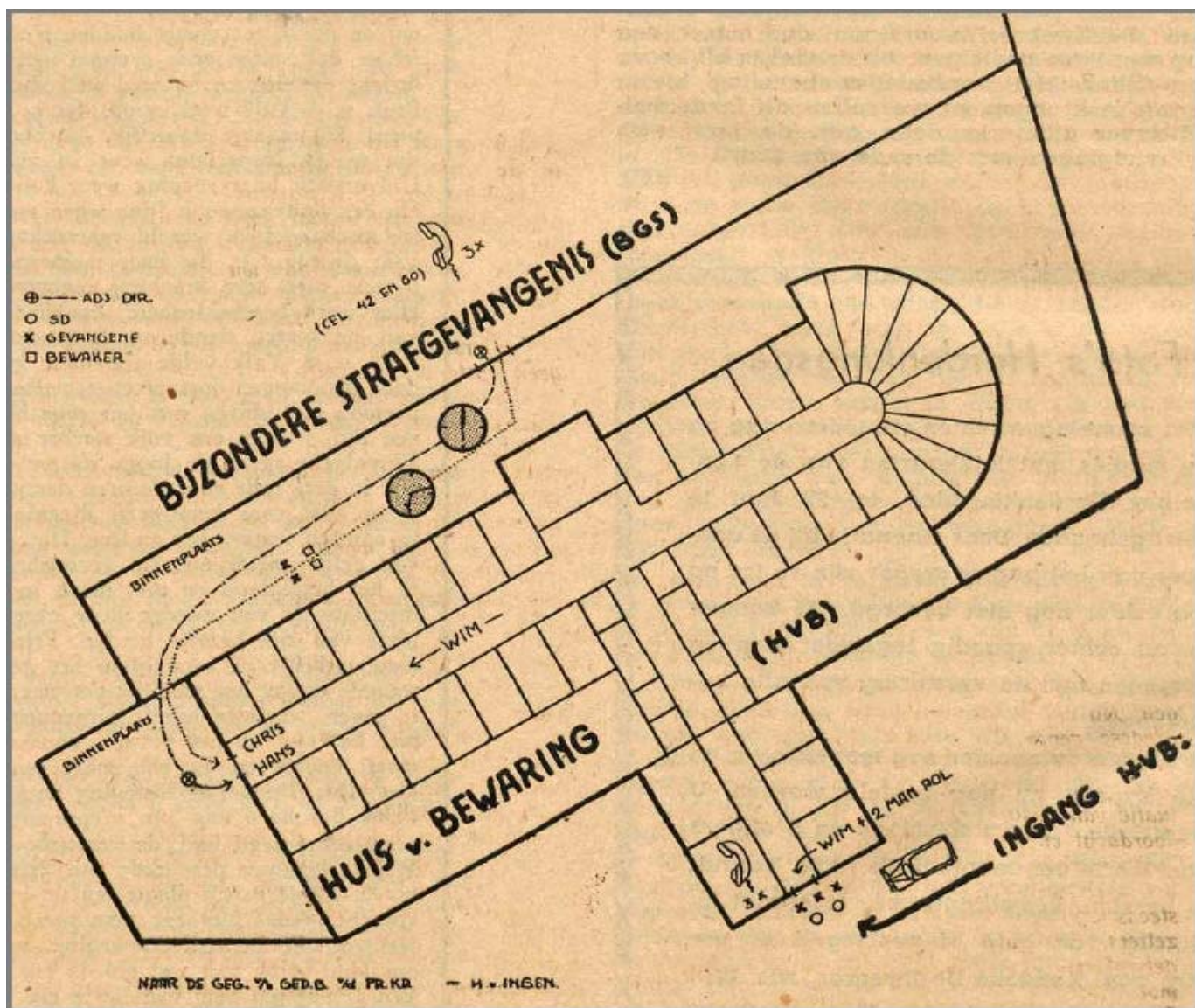
[The Robbery](#): Is a Dutch black and white film from 1962. It is one of the most successful films in the Dutch cinema with approximately 1.474 million visitors.

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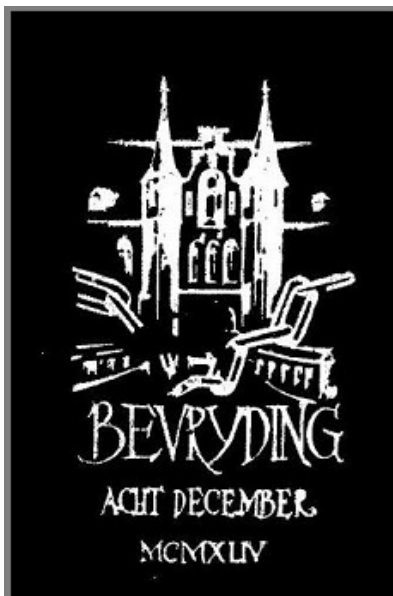




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The description of the "liberation of the prison in Leeuwarden consists of several parts. After contact with Mr G. Fokkema, who pointed out to me that the description of 'The Film' suggests that it was the named persons who carried out the attack and that is not the case, these names are used in the film and played by a actor / actress.

In this part, the names and descriptions of those who actually took part in the robbery. Outside still many who had other duties such as hiding places and look for those who have brought them that evening to the diving address etc.



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Mr. G. Fokkema says: *"Jodocus stated as the deceased was shot dead on 29 January 1945 by a Dutch SS man following a raid on his hiding place he took us, my father, my brother and I the cell door open on Dec. 8. . '44. "*

Johannes Kolff



"Jodocus"

Johannes Kolff was born on November 6, 1915 in Westmaas, deceased on January 29, 1945 in Leeuwarden.

He is the only K.P '- contributor to the "robbery" of 8 Dec. 1944, has not been able to experience the great liberation of the German terror.

He fell on 29 January 1945 by a treacherous bullet from an SD agent, who wanted to arrest him. The attempt to resist, to evade the arrest was his undoing. A few hours after he was wounded he has entered eternal rest.








He was a worthy warrior and a good friend to all his comrades. His memory will remain with all of us in the highest esteem.





The Frisian former KP-ers.





A group photo of all participants in the robbery, with the exception of Jodocus and Jaap, who could not attend due to illness.

	Pseudonym	Off. Name	Residence	Appeal	Burg. State
1st row:					
	Gerard	Gerben Oppewal	Franeker	Trooper	Unmarried
	Berend	Joop Willems	Leeuwarden	Police officer	Married
	Jelle	Jelle Visser	Leeuwarden	Driver	Married
	Piet Kramer. (Leader)	Pieter Gerk Oberman	Dokkum	Timber Trader	Unmarried

	Wim	Wim Steginga	Sneek	Carpenter	Married
	Arie	Christiaan Hofing	Alkmaar	Trooper	Married
	Eppie	Egbert Bultsma	Leeuwarden	Representative	Married
2nd row:					
	Chris	Gerrit Jan Niesing	Delfstrahuizen	Water Police	Unmarried
	Jelle	Jan Gerardus Visser	Sneek	Sergeant major	Married
	Cor	Pieter Jan Stavast	Nieuwe-Pekela	Trooper	Unmarried
	Peter S.	Piet Schuddeboom	Leeuwarden	Inspector Netherlands Institute for Wood	Unmarried

	Harrij	Gerardus A. Reeskamp	Naarden	Pharmacist's assistant	Married
	Tinus	Jantinus Pieters	Broek in Waterland	Garage owner	Married
	Ab	Ernst Hendricus Rob	Rotterdam	Sergeant major	Married
	Hans	Hans Deinum	Workum	Dealer	Unmarried
3rd row:					
	Theo	Goffe Hoogsteen	Surhuizum	Joiner	Unmarried
	Johan	Ale IJtsma	Stroobos	Bargeman's mate	Married
	Henkie	Hendrikus Rijpkema	Sneek	Accountant	Unmarried

	John	Jan Barendsma	Huizum	Sport Teacher	Married
	Antoon	Willem Leijstra	Drachten	Grocer	Unmarried
	Klaas	Hepke Paauw	Gerkesklooster	Klompemaker	Unmarried
	Frits	Jacob Abels	Gerkesklooster	Bakker Knecht	Unmarried
	Marten	Simon Cuipers	Echtenerbrug	Sailor	Unmarried

Overview of the preparations for the attack on the prison in Leeuwarden on 8 December 1944.

In early October 1944, the Provincial Leader of KP Kramer in Leeuwarden back from a trip to the IJssellinie with the command of the Regional Command to prepare plans, even if it proves necessary, to crack the Leeuwarden prison.

With some insiders he talks about it and then indicates Eppie van Dijk instructed to contact some jailers to inquire and try a plan to set up, making it possible in due course to deliver a single political prisoner, possibly a group or the entire population of the prison to restore to freedom.

Leeuwarden is one of largest and most secure prisons in the country. This prison is a large complex of buildings surrounded by a high wall and moat.

The complex is split into multiple sections. In the main, the BSG (special prison) are approx. 400 Dutch criminals with sentences over the five years, these are the people for whom we have no interest.

The smallest part, the remand prison. (detention center) is only used for political prisoners. There is room for a hundred, but often there are 300-500 prisoners crammed. For this group it concerns us.

The total staff of the prison amounted to approx. 150 man. In HvB. make permanent some 10

guards service and 6-8 man administrative staff, this only during the day. The complex has two entrances, one at the front for the BSG. and one at the rear of the remand prison. Through courtyards are two buildings interconnected.



The front of the special prison. Left wing where the cells Dreeuws and Leijenaar sat.



The cells in the wing BSG Here Dreeuws and Leijenaar came from.



The cells wing of the remand prison was nearly an hour, the KP lord and master here.



The back entrance of the Leeuwarden Punishment Jail.

As the director Mr. Jansen was imprisoned by the Germans in Amersfoort, due to a good Dutch attitude does the deputy director for both service establishments; of this is not to count on any cooperation.

Once Eppie van den leader receives the order, he goes to his famous guard, asking it to a list of names of stakeholders, who might be willing to lend their uniforms for surgery of the KP

must be sufficiently close to here to talk about.

He receives about 15 names. Successively these keepers are visited and asked them specifically, to provide information about their colleagues, their character, their silence, their families, their patriotic disposition etc.

It is not discussed with them that such information is required for a plan to crack due course to the jail, however, imposed their will completely silence. Based on the data from these 15 people is established the right mindset of all stakeholders, administrators and directors.

Thus is obtained a good overview of the staff, which persons will be able to be optionally used, and which one should keep in mind. The information shows that four persons are particularly suited to provide further information, since they are considered as all information by colleagues as 100 percent guys. With these four persons, nlv Ships and vd Vegte of BSG, and Young and Stobbe from the remand prison, is now included further and serious contact.

The first measure is taken, it is by Stobbe providing a list of all inmates in the remand prison. Every day he also issued a statement of all new arrivals and carried off either by release or transport to Germany or Drenthe. Copy keep these details right for, so we always have the correct occupation of the remand prison. know.

In addition, the rosters of staff on duty be provided, so that we always know exactly which guards serve. A portion of the guards will ensure that regular reports on both sides of us go to the prisoners and vice versa, so we always have the situation under good control.

At this point, who performed many guards particularly good job, because it's always far from easy to get contact with the prisoners, because of the ADJ director and several unpatriotic keepers making sometimes the benevolent guardians very difficult for their patriotic duties to fulfill the prisoners.

These four guards are always discussed individually plan, the prison might be cracked. Secret for them is taken into who provided additional information. What one says is always checked by the same request another. One knows nothing of the other off.

Thus, we obtained over time a clear picture about the proper course of action in the remand prison, as well as in the BSG. Be devised different plans. It is based on the objective: "Make no kibble, only when absolutely necessary should be shot."

What we can obtain by ruse, should not be done by force. We try to make it so that there can be complicity from within. The entire guard corps would be the victim may be, if the complicity from within was clear.

Moreover, it would also afterwards by applying a German guard all contact with the prisoners may be lost, something for which we are very frightened. As this contact is of particular importance as the plans should be made so that there can be no direct cooperation.

It becomes clear that this is impossible, because false keys will have to be made, the evening about eight o'clock, all the keys from the remand prison, transferred to the BSG, and get there in the hold under the supervision of the dienstdoenden watch commander; in the morning they go back at seven.

The front door of the remand prison, is not to open from the outside with a key, as the key is on the outside of a cover plate is provided. This has already been done as a precautionary measure by the Germans after a previous escape, the night is only opened the door, when those who wanted to put in the password can say.

This is supported by the SD in a sealed envelope provided to the management and practical changes every day. Only if the password is correct, are the keys from the BSG, removed and the door can be opened. This path is possible for us only if we can figure out the password and this is impossible, since any cooperation from management side not to be expected.

Through a courtyard there is a door which gives access to the wing of the remand prison. This door can be opened from the outside, so that one can get into the wing. This, the plans are made on.

To get to the courtyard one has to pass the house of the adj-president and there is sleeping lightly and overnight at the slightest sound wakes up and initiate an alarm, it is decided by a ship or barge, in which all the boys at once can take place, to stabbing over the canal.

On the Grachtswal is selected a building where all the boys are housed on a day in advance. The retreat of the prisoners will go back through this property. At the back you can start spreading out onto Behind the Courts and thence across the city.

Counterfeiting of keys gives a lot of difficulties, and at night by some guards made the wax prints, anything which is a very precise job. Blacksmith 'Roukema' makes reference to these prints the keys, then by another guard tried again.

Several times the key fits directly not good and should be a new print again. After over a month of laborious work, we finally have a seven keys, which we can open all the doors, which occur in the operation plan.

But then comes around the same time one of the guards to report that on the instructions of the SD at night the only door which can give us access, is provided on the inside of a sleeper, so yet again inside help to take place.

Two of the guards declare themselves willing, if necessary, if it is necessary to remove that bar. Regular reporting to the Chief and discussed with him the plans made.



Jan Jansen, the artist and falsificateur.

Meanwhile, Jan Jansen, our draftsman, trying to copy all official drawings of the prison environment. Special of the remand prison is prepared a large number of copies so that each KP there that will last in due time, can have a drawing and flat ground.

As are about half the cases as November in Leeuwarden SD beats a good battle and in one week arrested six prominent illegal workers. Especially the capture of one prominent illegal worker, a great danger to the Frisian illegality, because he knows a lot.

After his first interrogation shows that the SD is aware of his activity. It is great to have been tortured, and after three days under questioning, he mentions some in his innocent names, which still follows a stream of arrests.

In prison he shares back partly us, he certainly will not withstand a subsequent interrogation, why he insists on it, the KP will deliver him. Several discussions now take place between the K P., the LO and the NC

It is decided that the NC will try temporarily by exerting pressure on some of the directors, to get conscious person free. The KP leadership is requested to remain passive.

In this period we come in contact with Gadse, an officer of the Leeuwarden Police Corps. This gives us a means of going to the remand prison. enter through a containment warrant, that for some time in use by the police.

He is willing to provide a copy, if it comes back on the desk. The use of a real form would nl can be detrimental to the police. This form is reproduced nicely by Jansen and bearing the signature of the police commander Leur. With this false form is possible during the day people in the remand prison. to let come in.



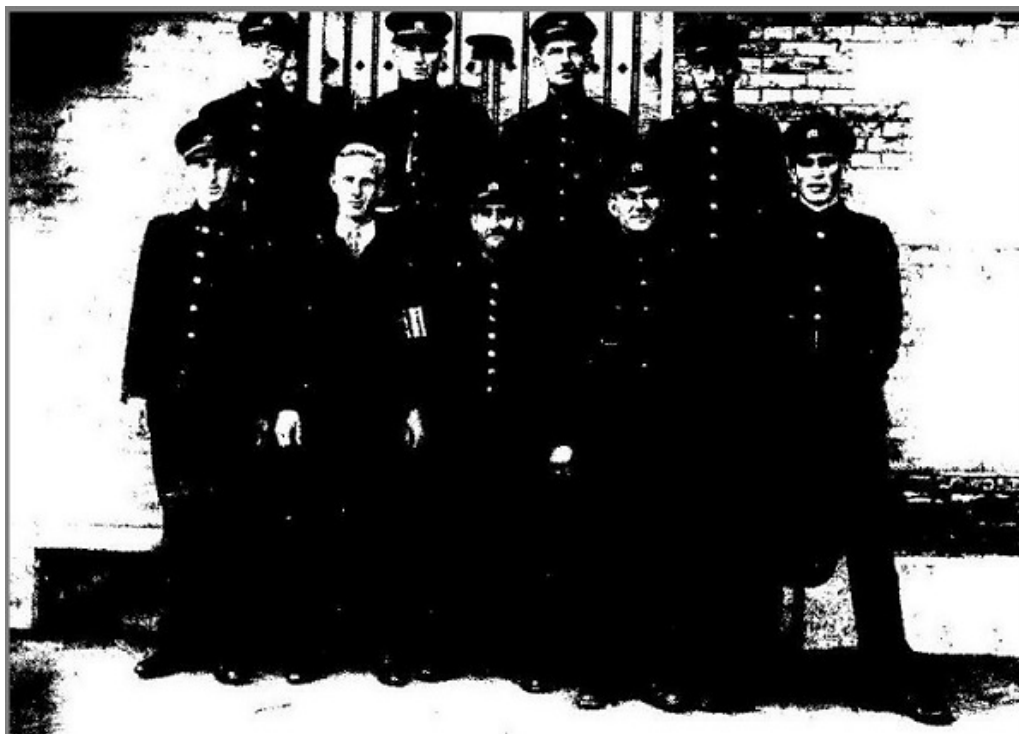
The 'real' detainees.

If this goes smoothly then about twelve men let, drawn out, and collectively it can guard personnel defused and then open the way to free the prisoners, who should be separate. The leader can go completely agree with this plan, because it seems feasible.

So then the state of affairs, as the leadership of the NC requests an interview on Saturday 2 December with the leadership of KP

It is informed that their plans have failed, and requested to Kramer, but decided to crack the prison. There will be long talked about, because it's no small thing.

Kramer is fully aware that he puts in this operation the lives of some 25 of the best KP-ers from Friesland in the game. But it also involves a great liberation. There are already more than 30 illegal workers in prison. Kramer makes the final decision to the Wt. Commander of Interior Forces, the Boer.



Prison staff, which has had an important role in providing such information, which were

needed to put the plan for the robbery together.

An interview with this Sunday has taken place and the decision to him to deliver in the course of the week, some 25 of the illegal workers. When finally the decision is made, the case, the entire plan work out the last detail and to take all measures to be taken.

On Monday 4 December involve Piet Kramer, Eppie and Wim, one of the oldest and most experienced KP-ers, a special place where quietly worked out all the plans and those discussions may be held, which are still necessary.

As the first spoken with Epke W., the local commander of the combat troops of NBS This is requested to ensure the removal of the rescue as soon as they come out of prison. It turns out that not only freeing is difficult, but the storage of the people must also be taken care of to the last detail, they will not fall back into the hands of the SD.

After a lot of talk, decided to bring all liberate immediately after their liberation in the city, good addresses with shelters so they can withstand a search. Epke W. assumes groom themselves, that part entirely. The KP-ers ensure they come out, his men take care of the rest.

It must then be determined which persons will be freed. In consultation with the LO - NC - NSF and Courier, we arrive at a list of 39 people, wo two nl Dreeuws and Leijenaar, which is not in the remand prison. are trapped, but in the BSG.

These two give us a lot of headaches, because it is not easy to make this right to get out with the others. It is still found a way, namely through a telephone conversation with the BSG. to feed.

From HvB. using the indoor telephone may be possible to take them to the remand prison. called to summon for questioning. This need not to arouse suspicion, it is sometimes more. But it may also be refused, or in the BSG. you can also call the SD to control. This can be very damaging impact on our entire operation is nevertheless decided to take it on and accept this risk.

All possibilities must be considered, so that our PTT employees, Jan and Theo must be switched off for all branches conscious phone and ensure that as soon as there is danger, the guys in the remand prison. be warned.



Jan and Theo. Behind the scenes such an important role fulfilled in this operation.

Figuring out the boys must also take seriously, because such an operation must appointment guys with nerves of steel. After much deliberation eventually be 25 nominated by Piet Kramer.

All of these guys just received Wednesday, Dec. 6 message, they must report in Leeuwarden,

and then receive their instructions separately Thursday. They are all excited and feel honored that they have chosen to take part in this operation.

In this week there by the triumvirate Piet, Eppie and Wim tremendous amount of work. There have negotiated with several prison guards and policemen. All the parties agree in unison that the operation, as has been established, has 90 percent chance of success. However, none are yet announced the date and time. Thursday it is ultimately determined at exactly 5:30 pm Friday.

All employees of the raid are gathered Friday at three o'clock in the premises of the Taco Grachtswal, because the last comprehensive instruction instead of all the boys and be given their assignments and drawings of the building.



Property Grachtswal 33 This room was the last place overall instruction.

From here you also have the telephone place, with the police and the HvB., For the men to deceive and to have more certainty that everything goes smoothly.

Our PTT employees on the telephone regularly connect with us and keep everything under control. Exactly four hours Epke W. lets his boys - around 20 - of the city come together in a building on the other side.

That is their informed that they trace a number of people (ie camouflage) shelter should bring on the now selected addresses. Everyone gets assigned a specific meeting point, here he is, after mentioning a password, can recognize the track people, after which he must bring to the address printed on an envelope, which he receives from Epke W. gets another part to task all family members to alert the rescue, they have to leave their homes.

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock is informed us that afternoon serving as a second door, the assistant keeper Tiemersma; since these are some of us know personally, is not decided him in the remand prison. leave, but also to take. In this way also all attention to him and derived from the other guards.

We would also diminish the significant contribution that our couriers Lou and Mies have had in this operation, as we gave them no place in this report on the preparatory work. They have been en who have done a lot of courier work in this regard, who really made the masks for the boys were made, with drawings and false papers there on forth that went into the province to pick up the boys, in short, everywhere went where they were sent. Their share in the success of the operation was certainly not the least.

This report provides only a small picture of all the preparatory work that has been done, before finally proceeded to the squatters. Only the essentials are cited herein.

In total, more than two months working on the preparation. With dozens of people were spoken, but very few knew exactly why time and again that prison came tersprake; even many of the closest associates were there until the last day not aware that something was going to happen.

Eppie.
Leeuwarden, January '45.



The group of Harrij, which was to cover the retreat, if something is not going well.



Courier esters Lou and Mies, which both the preparation and the rework a big part at this operation.

Mission Coverage Team, consisting of: Harry - Tinus - Jaap - Cor - Ab and Jelle.

Three of the team enter the instruction instead to occupy the premises for 5½ hours. All three receive their information in advance of Taco, which makes us report on the state of affairs for this property.

Two calls at the front door, no. 3 note at the back on if everything runs smoothly. They inform residents that their house for several hours has progressed and that no one should leave. Any visitors are allowed and treated equally within. Once these three people inside, the liaison to the instruction instead reports the course, then follow the other three members with heavy weapons and bring them up in order.

These six people remain in this house until the leader gives them permission to leave the premises; under all circumstances, they must remain at their posts. Only after the entire operation is over, they may leave.

Only in extreme cases should be shot, to be determined by the leader of this team. When the operation in one way or another were to fail, it is the task to cover the retreat of the operation forces; So first clear the bridge, and from the remand prison. expressed with a light signal is given that they are coming.

This light signal is: one long, one short and one long flash of light with a flashlight (white light). Are all KP officers on the bridge, they can of course inrukken directly.

Assignment for the attack on the prison in Leeuwarden on December 8, 1944

Compiled by Piet, Eppie and Wim Leeuwarden ob 5, 6 and 7 December 1944.

From 1:30 to 3:00 pm, the gang gathers at the agreed place. Here is a complete explanation of the plan.

I. FOR THE GAME.

A CCD officer calls at half past three the Police (door).

To 5:30 notification is received from the liaison Taco.

To 5:40 call Berend instruction from the local to the remand prison.

Once this has taken place all move forward towards the HvB., Divided into three groups. Group 1 is about the Vliet Star Bridge.

Opposite the property is given a light signal, which the 2nd. group leaves (arrestees team).

Moments later following group 3. Allen arrive simultaneously from the remand prison. to.

Before the policeman Berend calls to the port, the 12 men should have disappeared along the fence. They take berth in the darkest corner. Their leader, Gerard, set up near the corner.

Installation is as follows: Gerard, Eppie, Chris and his group, Johan and his group.

All these people are shod in rubber.

The police called. Once the door is the hatch, he says he brings some detainees, if he issues the warrant inclusion and the door will be opened.



As Gerard with his boys hit the road.

II. MAJOR SURGERY.

The Leeuwarden policeman calling. Wait until the hatch is opened Says: "Here the detainees, which just from the Office is called." Possibly Shows evidence of inclusion probably will open the door directly to this door Possibly he will first with the trapping command to.. office or den brigadier go to inquire after which he will return to open the door.

The three detainees go in, followed by one policeman and II are now in the hall, and the second door opens the gate and all pass into the hallway, where the gate is closed.

Its all in the corridor, then here immediately after entering proceeded to attack.

Kramer and Wim take the porters on their behalf. Wim asks directly to the doorman what the state of affairs. Berend, Arie and Jelle go to the office.

Especially on the phone, the shrill alarm and must be given to the lamp. Once all made harmless Kramer gives a proper order to the Administrator, n.1. to operate the phone, just as if nothing is going on and of course no joke!

The porter gets the same order, just to operate the door as usual. The other persons are temporarily placed in a corner and kept under control by Berend.



The group of Gerard.

Is it so far, then adds Wim de administrator in, call the sergeant. This is by Wim met and put out of action. He can sit in the corner. This is all settled, then Kramer and Wim get the keys from the doorman, to unlock the door and warns Wim the coach, which outsiders.

This team silently inside and set up in the hallway for the third door. To guard now remain before present: Berend for the people in the corner, Jelle for the administrator. Arie for the door. Also be placed Fred, John, Theo. Klaas and Peter S. (Arie takes the lead here).

A total of six men in the hallway for potential entrants. The rest, ie Kramer, Wim and nine men, now enter the building. The third door is opened cautiously and silently everything goes to the fourth door. Wim and Henkie race on the signal directly to the guard, probably located here two guards. These are rendered harmless.

On the phone and the alarm shrill which are in this room, special attention must be paid. A guard is instructed to operate the phone normally. Henkie gets the job here to keep watch, aside from the hatch.

Jodocus takes the bottom right wing and Chris and Hans left wing on their behalf. Of these two, Chris goes to the door at the end of the wing and keep it under control and let everything inside.

5 people going up the stairs to the watch, including two on the first floor stationed, Gerard left and right Marten. The three others go to the second floor. Johan takes them to the left, while Eppie and Anton go to the women.

By tapping on the window with the key, which hangs here, the guard opened the door, when she is overwhelmed. The second man thinks to the phone, which was drawn up here. Once all present guards and tailoresses be defused, it starts to get the prisoners out of the cells.

Meanwhile Wim returned to the desk and arrange the pick here the ADJ director, at least if it is not already inside. For this, the following procedure is followed.

The administrator calls the adj-director in his home, stating that there is a German who wants to talk to him. Jelle turn to this force when necessary, through some say in German.

Once the ADJ dir. rings at the front door, the door will open the door to him and he will be rendered harmless by Arie. This case is over, then the Special Criminal Prison called.

The order is to bring direct Dreeuws and Leyenaar on the desk, as a German is there for maintenance. He must say, valley should come both as quickly as possible to a short meeting; as two guards enclose, that can wait until the maintenance is finished.

Now Wim into the building and takes his place behind the door in the left wing, causing some

guards (possibly three pieces) Dreeuws and Leyenaar introduction. His job is to let go in this, which a guard to open the door. These guards are rendered harmless. (To be sure to take two guys out of place to watch.)

When eventually all prisoners from the cells are extracted, (something should happen with the help of the guards, to father a stir among the other prisoners), these are all in groups arranged in the passage of the front building, interconnecting A and B.

Here they are equally addressed by Kramer, who tells them what they exactly do when they are vented to the outside. Now it depends on the time, whether they be released immediately, or waits until the guards on the night shift are all inside.

If the operation has progressed rapidly, eg. A half hour, the inmates can immediately leave the building in groups. It is almost time for the night shift to come, this is first awaited.

When all the prisoners have left the building, all available guards trapped in one of the punishment cells, after which the gang gradually leave the building and each goes his way home. All, however, are about the electrical bridge over the Grachtswal. This bridge is, as well as those for prison, with pepper sprinkled throughout the last man.

If during the operation brought by SD or police detainees or other persons come to the door, then they are just inside by the door, where they are rendered harmless in the hallway by our watch.



The group of Chris.

Orders for these guys to get the named individuals from cell or room.

C = cell		Z = hall
	Hans	
Bottom left:		
Schootstra, R.	left	10 c
vd Woude, P.	left	9 c
Elgersma, J.	right	16 c
Steinvoort, P.	left	12 c
Dijkman, AW	left	6 c

	For Joducus	
Bottom right:		
Fokkema, Ruurd.	right	5 c
Jonker, S.	right	1 c
Douma, J. (nephew)	right	2 c
Fokkema, Sr., W.	right	5 c
Fokkema, Jr., G.	right	5 c
Douma, W. (father)	left	24 c
Huiberts, G.	right	28 c
	Gerard	
1st floor left:		
Sybrandy, R.	right	III z
Numan, L.	left	II z
Dr. Renema, J.	left	I z
vd Wal, JA	left	I z
Nijdam, A.	left	II z
Overeinder	right	IV z
Hunter, H.		
	Marten	
1st floor right:		
v. Wieren, Klaas	right	29 c
Esselink, GWH	right	29 c
	Johan	
2nd floor left:		
De Vries	left	VI z
Barends	right	VII z
Fisherman	left	V z
Brandsma	right	VII z
Hoekstra, S.	right	VII z
Mook	infirmary	
Veenbaas, S.	right	VII z
	For Eppie	
2nd floor right:		
Right-women's:		
Mrs. Schootstra-Reinalda.		
Mrs. Overdijk-Timmerman.		
Mrs. Jongbloed-Overdijk.		
Mrs. Hofenk-Vergonet.		
Mrs. Douma.		

Eef Ridderhofstad.		
Klaaske Douma.		
Thea Swierstra.		
Jikke van der Laan.		
Anneke van Wieren.		
A. Dekkinga.		

Mededelingen

aan de bevrijden door Piet Kramer

Het wachtwoord waarmee de bevrijden aangesproken worden is:

„Weet U ook hoe laat het is“.

Zij antwoorden dan:

„Het wordt hoog tijd, dat wij thuis komen“.

De groepen moeten zich absoluut houden aan de juiste meldingsplaats, daar zij onderweg ook verzamelpunten van andere groepen kunnen tegenkomen.

Allen moeten over de Electriche Oosterbrug. Verder de kortste route naar het verzamelpunt.

De bevrijden mogen, zelfs wanneer zij iemand herkennen van de bevrijders, in geen geval hun vermoedens aan anderen kenbaar maken.

Dreeuws moet naar
Bekius, Spanjaardslaan 90, te verzorgen door
wachtwoord „PIET“ Eppie.

Leijenaar moet naar
S. Hellema, Lijsterstraat 67, te verzorgen door
geen wachtwoord Wim.

Meldingsposten

groepen bevrijden

- I Portiek kapper Algra, Grachtswal.
- II Voor de ingang Roomsche Kerk, Voorstreek.
- III Stoep hoofdingang Beurs.
- IV Brugwachtershuisje Electr. Oosterbrug.
- V Brugwachtershuisje Beursbrug.
- VI Voor serre Hotel Kländerij.
- VII Hoek beddenmagazijn Wielinga op de hoek voorbij Phoenixfabriek (Grachtswal Z.Z.).
- VIII Ingang hoek Kanaalstraat tegenover 1e Kanaalbrug.
- IX Voor hoofdingang Koepelkerk.

De groepen bevrijden melden zich op de voor hen bestemde plaatsen, waar 2 personen der Gevechtsgroepen N.B.S. hen opwachten en zorgen dat zij zo snel mogelijk op de onderduikadressen ondergebracht worden. De leiding van deze afvoertroepen berust bij de Plaatselijke Commandant Epke W.

Groepsindeeling van de bevrijden

Groep I
Mijnheer en Mevr. Schootstra—Reinalda

Groep II
Dames Overdijk
Jongbloed
Hofenk
Anneke van Wieren

Groep III
Dames Eef Ridderhof
Klaaske Douma
Jikke v. d. Laan
T. Swierstra
Dekkinga

Groep IV
Heren Elgersma
Nijdam
Hoekstra
Rijpstra
Mook
Overeinder

Groep V
Mijnheer en Mevr. Douma
Fokkema Sr. en Jr. (Ruurd niet)
Essolink

Groep VI
Heren Veenbaas
Huibrechts
Brandsma

Groep VII
Heren Barends
Jonker
Sybrandy
Visserman

Groep VIII
Heren v. d. Woude
de Vries, Arumerstr.
K. v. Wieren
R. Fokkema

Groep IX
Heren Steinvooite
Numan
Neef Douma
Tiemersma ††

Groep X
Heren Dreeuws
Leijenaar



The heavily armed coverage team. The right arm carer Taco.

Report.

Friday, 8 December, the undersigned has the commander of the coverage team with two comrades a half hours for any occupation and attack on the prison in Leeuwarden would take place, go to a designated building.

This property, extremely well located and the two streets, which the House of Bew. uitloopen, completely beheerschend, lent itself perfectly for defense and wipe in case of emergency or alarm using automatic weapons of the two streets mentioned.

This strategic point owning, it was possible in the House of Bew. Operate income groups at least a safe retreat (even with alarm) to garandeeren. At quarter past five I reported to said property, the residents asked to speak and at the announcement that we were from the police, we were no longer admitted.

Subsequently, the residents of the upper house (the lower house was an unoccupied home office) reported that their house had been ordered at most for a few hours and that they herein, whether willingly or unwillingly, had to settle.

All this just minutes and progressed after at decidedly neatly measures had been taken, the alarm or run away the inhabitants utterly shut out, the other part was the coverage team meanwhile arrived with heavy weapons inside.

We have done when the lights off, curtains open, windows ajar and above a preliminary, a sedge, automatically left post armed, placed between two corner windows, both streets could possibly cover.

More I have not posted up, being of the opinion that the efficiency in shoot up and down the street, would not be as great as when I was a horizontal fire.

They had the man upstairs also some hand grenades at his disposal gotten there he remained covered by throwing up and could better myself With a key to the lower house, home office, armed, we have been here then accesses and then my men are second, placed in front of the corner windows, so both streets, threatening the only one where danger completely came under automatic fire.

My last husband then I have in the portico, placed behind the open door, only with the intention, if the Germans att returned if the houses side, the sidewalk that from home was something difficult to cover, wipe, while one of the inner standing post giving the instruction to pull in that alleged case as a reserve.

If the difficulties would be too large, the inside would also be asked to step in In this connection, the machine gun, being prepared, also placed in the hand and not put in place. This

would be after the first shooting, taken outside and around the corner, so both streets-wide, should be put in *(What was left me his own initiative, I, the local conditions into account, considered them setup was correct and offered the best chance of success.)*

I myself have me, with an automatic nine millimeter and a hand grenade go armed to the streets from here to take the situation from the beginning to the end in his eyes chimney and to be able and letting act circumstances, taking care of ongoing contact with my post on the porch.

The other reports mentioned car with two SD man and three detainees, is not shot under appointment but quietly drove up to the doors, because of our early intervention alarm had meant well recognized and utter failure of the operation.

But I did shoot my boys said temporarily under no conditions on the bridge leading to the prison and then I go over the bridge, lie down on the prison grounds, the handkerchief as muffer for my revolver barrel, hoping if there is already something in absorbing these people from inside MIGHT go wrong, any escaped Duitscher as good as silently lay down.

This is been needed by the beautiful operates honor of the whole, not a moment. A few moments later came to liberate the first, which is becoming small, inconspicuous groups left the building. They were informed which way they had a sprinkling bending pass them with pepper and came shortly after the surgery within having friends back.

After the last man on the bridge, my coverage team has been printed and then we have together, ie by about twelve or fourteen, left the city well armed and us along country roads, through the farming villages, go back to our hiding-quarters.

Exactly eight o'clock all were safely inside, while no trace pointing towards one of us. As a personal note, I would add the following to this report. More than grateful we all are that we have been able to contribute to this operation. Notable was the spirit of unity among all comrades. All knew that their lives could be bet; nerves or no wavering. The spirit in which the whole work has taken place, as well as completely successful, has all hearts refreshed and strengthened and convinced us that Dutch entrepreneurial spirit, also under constant pressure to live.

Harry. Commander KP 2.
Sneek, 15 Dec. 1944.



The arrestees team.

REPORT

*On the cracking of the detention center
on Friday 8 December 1944.*

At the request of Kramer was our honorable collaborator Eppie van Dijk after the instruction and the time of inrukken-site instruction for the operating troops went in prayer to ask for this very important and risky venture, God's blessing.

In the evening, about 17:40 left when we first invading group instruction from our place to the remand prison. After beforehand 2 groups of 6 male individual had left the building.

When HvB, being arrived, was printed by the word-carrying policeman Berend on the bell and a moment later we heard the two doormen jingling their keys arrive. The outside light was tightened, the door hatch opened and our spokesman volunteered with: "Here are the three detainees, which if true is called by us." "Do you have a form," said the duty first door, which our police responded affirmatively and the door to the inclusion command took delivery, the hatch closed again and disappeared.

It was with some trepidation that we, ie two policemen en Berend and Arie, besides the three arrestees Kramer, Jelle and Wim that we have awaited these moments in broad daylight, although we knew that the possibility of assurance of the porter existed.

Soon, however, he came back and said, "Are you coming inside, Men" The police pushed us in the back and while we stood in the doorway, the door closed shut the gate behind us; then we went through the armored gate, which, again by the 2nd graze door closed. Now the time has come to act.

The two officers went prisoner Jelle desk inside, the accused Kramer and Wim remained in the hallway by the porters behind. Suddenly welded "Hands High" and its bureau officials were put in a corner, the two doormen were disarmed and searched, where they had to remain at our disposal.

Meanwhile Wim the doormen asked how or the current state of affairs, such as whether Germans were above and true or the ADJ director was located; Now there were not Germans and the deputy was in the special prison.

This was the moment when Wim using the porter opened the gate and the signal indicated Gerard (leader of this group) to allow the waiting troops to come in, which happened to be the most prudent way and in the dark.

After these 14 men were admitted, the gate was closed again by Wim. It was now intended to defuse the duty sergeant, but this came voluntarily from the wing forward, because of it for he said, wanted to make the use WC, so he caught by Wim in his collar and was brought into the precinct. He was tackled by Wim not too soft, because of we knew it was not too dear brother for our prisoners and his colleagues.

Now after the penultimate door using the 2nd door was opened, were led by Kramer part of the admitted 14 men lined up for the last door, which was never locked. Kramer gave the signal and the robbery of the wings began. Wim and Henkie stormed the guard, where Henkie took hold with the present stakeholders.

To the right and left dashed when our men and overpowered the present custodians and a start was made with the help of stakeholders (this with the goal of panic among the fellow prisoners, who were not eligible for liberation eligible to avoid) to open the cells and the names call out those who were out.

Soon streamed from above, right and left, and the people gathered in the front hall, where Kramer realigned them. It was now about six hours and the deputy could at any moment be expected from the particular prison.

Using the necessary blows administered by Wim to the brigadier, this ring was taken away, where the key was at table for opening the side door. This sergeant was placed at the side door and welded to let the deputy at the right time.

Meanwhile Wim hurried back to the office to order the administrator to order the sergeant of the special prison for the men and Dreeuws Leijenaar under cover of two keepers at the office's remand prison. bring to a brief interrogation; This was entrusted to him by a couple of German officers.

He was told by Wim, he had to carry out orders properly and if not, he would get a headboard and a colleague had to follow his task; This administrator followed the injunction therefore very smooth and assured Wim that he had replied that it was all right.

All this took place in a few minutes. Wim then rushed back to the side door to possibly there to catch the deputy on. On this side door were drafted both men Chris and Hans, each armed with a "Sten".

Very soon we heard fumble and Mr Deputy put itself at sixes and tradition to his own key to the castle and opened the door; when he entered, he came to the unpleasant discovery for him that was strange visit a heavy-handed manner.

"Hands high", he said and he was disarmed. He apologized, saying that he was a good Dutchman, which Wim responded with a dozen hefty gummistokopstoppers which he simulating sea together. With even more blows he was then beaten up and brought to the office, where he still lamenting himself, hands should stay above the head.

But never were our men from the Special arrived, which by Wim ten 2nd male was welded to the administrator to make calls; This was again the answer that the men were on their way, which is why Wim repaired to the side door for the umpteenth time.

The patience was put to the test indefinitely because in the meantime we already had 20 min. Wait for the arrival of our men. For the 3rd time when Wim rushed to the precinct to order the special administrator. prison telephone to say that the men and Dreeuws Leijenaar most rushed to the remand prison. had to be, since the SD officers are stamping impatiently.

Again was promised to Wim that the said gentlemen were coming, why Wim again went to the side door to catch them, but came against them halfway. Meanwhile the bell rang at the gate. When our troops, who stood there, opened the hatch, their eyes were surprised by the appearance of the SD port.

Immediately the various measures taken by Kramer; The freed men were sent back, and our men were with their "Sten's" positioned behind the armored gate.

Since there was called Wim, it is up to the gate immediately rushed to offer a helping hand; come here Wim opened the hatch and convinced also of the presence of the SD, with three dozen detainees.

1st because of the doorman was not present in the vestibule, Wim was asked to open the gate. The two policemen placed themselves directly behind the gate and behind Wim and after first using an official outside light to have inflamed, Wim has opened the gate to keep pointing both guns at the same time on the heads of both SD -officieren, besides the usual exclamation: "Hands High".

Direct silenced their swearing, screaming and kicking and it was with some inertia that they followed the alternative, presumably because they were understandably perplexed as to what is happening before their very eyes; not too fast, they went inside and had to be helped somewhat to accelerate by Arie and Wim. They were then taken to the office and disarmed.

Wim has then again go back, en route to the deputy co-taking for inclusion in one of the punishment cells, and then close the other stakeholders, as it was now time to break final. In one of these cells were the five new detainees, the afternoon about four o'clock were trapped housed.

This could of course make room for the people to join us. Their freedom was give back, but they had to find their own way but we did not have them counted. This offer they obviously gratefully accepted.

During this event which heard Wim Kramer gave his last evacuation instructions to liberate the people, which now make out people through him. When Wim came back to the office, our troops were there busy doing undress both SD officers, and when this was done, they are by Wim and someone else brought up in their underwear, to the delight liberate, to the punishment cell where the deputy stood pouting.

It then had to be soon as Wim Kramer with consultations on, do they come from the custodian Tiemersma for the known reason and interests. Secretly and cautiously the liberated people

are then left, followed by our armed troops.

Jelle also had curled both uniforms and were brought to safety by Jelle and Wim. The last man, Wim when the remand prison. abandoned and then persuading the bridge itself once again, that no one could get there, after which he peppers his pocket scattered abroad over the bridge, besides the last man also pepper sprinkled on the Oosterbrug. Wim then started to place the instruction to wait for dike Eppie colleague of that time with him has left, after first having Messrs Dreeuws and Leijenaar housed.

Lion. 11 Dec. 1944

Designed by Wim.

The information which we had received over the dienstdoenden brigadier, which in this account was, were the cause of the crackdown against him. In retrospect, however, also been established that this person repeatedly cooperated in favor of the political prisoners. We think we do well to mention it here.

Leeuwarden. December 1945. Designed by WIM.



Custodian Tiemersma: By his active assistance in the H. v B. he was taken away by us precaution and thus made the "scapegoat".

Report of the operation in prison on 8 December 1944.

At 15.30 hours, made a telephone call by a CCD officer with the door of the police station in Leeuwarden; it will not accept the message itself, but will connect to the Public Service.

However, this connection can not be established, so that after three minutes. The hook is placed on the phone again and the police station is called. Our man does his message and again the doorman says, You say it yourself as the Ovd, he will then direct the proper continuity, so that the information is given for the third time: "That single CCD officials in nearby Bolsward three black-marketeers had been arrested, that they were en route to Leeuwarden to include them in the remand prison. "

The Ovd this, said he was only fifteen minutes in service and knows nothing of the matter. Our man replies that everything is already in order and that they are in possession of the trapping order, but only just pass this communication, so that they will know down to their police station, they work directly with these detainees in the remand prison. will go through. The Ovd then replied that it was fine.

At 17.00 urges the leader to Eppie to the Lord to ask for His blessing. All existing boys stand and the Lord is invoked in a brief prayer for His onmisbaren Blessing.

For all asked the speaker whether we could take in our own strength this operation, but rather that we all recognize that we of us can themselves nothing, but something big can achieve, as He leads us and His onmisbaren blessing displays. After this, by all ate a sandwich.

17:15 to leave third man Harry his team with the key to the home office to the corner house. The liaison reports approx. 6 minutes later, the first three men had entered, in which the three others followed with the heavier material.

At 17.25, the reports by the liaison introduction of the guard for the HvB., That would show that for more than four hours five arrested were brought in accompanied by two male SD, which two persons were left. As far as we consider so, that there is nothing special.

At 17.35 by the Leeuwarden police Berend it HvB. called. These reports on behalf of the Ovd of the Police Bureau that two officers are on the way with three detainees, which have yet to be included. The inclusion warrant, the policemen with him. This is taken for granted in exceptional tone current call.

After 3 min. Reported by the phone listening post that HvB. had not called. After 2 min. Would be called again.

At 17:39 pm leaving seven plow man Gerard from the instruction via the bridges along the Vliet Star Oosterkade. Because right across the property a highly charged turfschip is agreed, the light signal is not given right front of the property, but a little further to the Elec. bridge increasing.

Three times the signal is given, but the property is abandoned by anyone. The team, however, moves well on your way toward the remand prison. But submits himself face down on the corner Oosterkade-Oosterstraat, right across the Electr. bridge, to await the arrival here of the two other groups.

However, nothing comes and after a few minutes we wonder about us that no one is there. Suddenly we see then go up the light in front of the remand prison. and some men standing on the sidewalk. In these figures, we think they recognize our leader.

Eppie goes quickly to the bridge to the remand prison. to convince themselves. When it arrives steps consecutively the fifth man HvB. inside and the light goes off. He has absolute certainty now that our main team is already inside, so he quickly warns Gerard and the boys and all as soon as possible to the remand prison. go and help them in their place, where Chris and crew were already prepared.

Located below the window of the local administration Eppie can hear everything said to get inside. Shortly after it is in place, he heard the door open, followed by the command "Hands High". First some tumult, but soon complete silence.

After more than 2 min. Gerard will be warned that it's their time, it is passed and silently move 14 man over the fence to the front door and be let in. Soon they are drawn up by the leader behind the third door, which opens on command.

The first two people go to watch Johan Antoon and Eppie follow to the second floor via the stairs to the guard. Johan and Eppie quickly come up to, but Anthony was not immediately available.

Eppie call the vrouwenafdeeling while he waits, he sees Antoon via the stairs coming up to the side of the wing, they reached the door to the women's section, after the door has already been opened by the guard. Eppie summons the guard to remain calm and quickly do what is asked of her.



View of the women.

Very shocked, she responds fully to this command. Anthony then took his place on the phone. First, the guard gives the numbers of the rooms, where the requested ladies themselves (she was mistaken sometimes). Then they have to get the ladies in succession from the halls.

The first room is Mrs. Schootstra. The guard asks whether Mrs. Eppie. Buwalda not must, unfortunately this is not the case. Then quickly made it to the other ladies in the halls. From one of the rooms, all three inmates out.

As the third is not on the list, it must unfortunately again be locked up in the cell, something the liberator very dear to their heart. Finally Eef Ridderhofstad excited forth.

Mrs. Douma, the emotion almost too much so she almost faints. Mrs. Hofenk but takes pity on her, so as not to present a problem. If all after about 10 min. To be going, they go all preceded by the guard on the staircase to the ground floor, here she unlocks the door leading to the hallway.

In this corridor had already been all the men present; The leader had just checked all the names. Eppie notifies him that all the ladies are waiting on the stairs. Immediately the leader shall then compile the individual groups.

Mr. and Mrs.. Schootstra, after more than four weeks to have been separated, open the happy row, then two groups of ladies and then another seven groups of men. Moving it was to see how several inmates recognize and greet each other. Despite the fact that appointed them is calm and remain calm, it is all bustle and chatter. Loins difference even go so far as liberators on neck and start kissing. This, however, is quickly brought to an end.

In managing the groups shows that three more people were brought out of the cells, the group lists indicated, namely Dr. Renema, AW Dijkman (a railroader who was only brought in the previous day) and Van der Wal, the setter. In the missions of the guys name was Dr. Renema a mistake by not canceled. Since he deliberately but would still remain, however, this was changed in the group list.

The names of Dijkman and van der Wal had at the last moment, when we became aware that these people are also uitmoesten, still posted on the orders of the boys, but by the large crowds not updated on the group lists. They are divided among the other groups so that the drain forces them but need to bring shelter to see, something that prompt order has come.

By referred to as the present spoorlui is further a name of a person (also a railroader) which

are still needed to be in a cell. Also asked Ms. Aukjen Dekkinga, several times and her fiancé, Mr. Odinga, was there, this was not the case. But he sat as usual in hiding, but because it was an illegal worker or released, it was also wise to take him, so that custodian Tiemersma command is issued to retrieve the railroader from his cell and Odinga in hall II.

At the same time passes Wim in the hallway with the ADJ Director, who looks anything but friendly when he saw all those prisoners so beautifully written in his domain where he always thought his Lord and Master.

Hardly the ADJ Dir. placed on the desk or the bell rings at the front door. One of us is called by people watching the hatch and out: 'SD' Our man passes this inward violent consternation among the prisoners.

Because the leader be quickly removed from the hall into the waiting room and other zijlokalen. He suggests our men quickly behind the second door, which is not closed, but remains partly open, is called to Wim and the police men who sit on the porch. The Administrator shall be summoned to give evidence where the button for the light above the front door is located.

He claims not to know this, now it was discovered by one of our guys. The "SD" gets impatient and starts cursing. Suddenly the door opens and places Wim himself for the two Germans with the command: "Hands High" He takes it one of the men by the collar and drags him inside, Kramer or Arie takes the other accounts for this goes. lightning in his work.

The SD is completely overwhelmed, they are utterly unfit to offer any resistance. Moreover, they stood with their backs to their car, which was at the door, so they do not end uitkonden. The second man is placed on the desk, his gun still in his hand, but he can not shoot. One of our orders him: Drop the thing ", something he does quickly.

The three detainees that were brought by the SD, also be brought inside. Once the Germans placed hors de combat, the leader will immediately proceed with the drafting of the prisoners.

Once again they are all drafted in the corridor, immediately began to release them. Our leader expresses their first again on the heart, to remain perfectly calm, quiet to leave the building and move quickly to the scene, which will be told them.

The password to use for all their stated. Suddenly the leader a young man, who at the request of the leader his name, replies: "Till" - "What more?" "Till sir." - "Certainly Till Eulenspiegel?" Asks the leader, "No sir, my name is not only more Till I was just brought here." - "Thunder then you guy soon enough turn comes," he is answered and is pushed into a zijlokaal.

Schootstra and wife were the first to leave the building quickly becomes group to group sent after them. Meanwhile, the exodus continues, Eppie seeks the depository Tiemersma and asks if he already Odinga and the railroader has derived from the cells. This tells me that he could not find the specified cells. Eppie then asks some prisoners who are still underway in which Odinga's cell.

Are responding by cell 2 (there was searched for room 2). Tiemersma will again command to fetch him and coming soon with him. Eppie is the name of the railroader forget Tiemersma do not know anymore, all railway workers have already left the building, Eppie does still inquiring about the others, but no one can enlighten him more.

If he den leader will say, it is just doing the three new detainees again to let go. Since these are not on the list, the leader asks if they have relatives in the city, where one of them mentions an address. "Then the three of us to go there," commands the leader. She did not know the way, Eppie designates them this out, how they can get there easily ...

Then Eppie is instructed to take away Dreeuws and Leijenaar while also Tiemersma here is added. "Can you make it with me," said the boss, so that Eppie for the other boys to leave the building.

The four of them move quickly to the instruction place where Eppie has his bike. Here he prepares to hear Brouwer and Taco, which are very pleased that everything is gone. Taco is asked to provide Tiemersma, which he accepts immediately. Eppie is proceeding with two other people on the road, but after about 400 meters, he decides to return to the instruction place to pick Wim, because who does not know where to go. Dreeuws and Leijenaar walk on together, to their specified location.

Along with Wim himself who just arrives from the remand prison. Eppie reaches the instruction position. Together they now quickly by bicycle Dreeuws and Leijenaar chasing what they catch up in time. Since the addresses where these two people would be, unfortunately not in their

possession, they last three addresses to get them shelter. This fails consistently, so that they are finally brought to the address where Wim and Eppie together would go.

Here they find a good shelter, and Wim and Eppie to arrive over seven hours at another location, where they can stay. Very they happen to meet here their employees Henk and Copy, which are very much surprised to see us.

Understandably then follows a very pleasant evening, after first being pronounced by Eppie a thanksgiving to the Lord, that this so very bold enterprise as particularly blessed.

In total, were released: 31 male
prisoners. 11 female
prisoners. 8 new
detainees. 1 keeper
51 people.

The report said Eppie, insofar as he has seen it all.
Leeuwarden, 12 December 1944.

Report by Gerard.

Friend Kramer,

About our operations on the remand prison. the following: Under your command me, with 14 men, drawn at 17:45 next to the remand prison. and there have been waiting for the sign of Wim to enter. That sign we went in immediately and have us positioned between the second and the third door, until all was ready, the cells corridor to enter.

When the third door was opened by one of the guards, Martin and I have assigned us immediately to adjourn the 1st floor and there are two guards forced us to assist in the opening of the cells. One of these guards tried to flee to the ground floor, but we got him with the gun in hand convinced his duty to do.

This Martin and I have each one of these guards took us to the appropriate department. Maarten on the left half of the 1st floor freed four prisoners, and I on the right-half of that department seven prisoners.

The rescue are brought down by us and the guards have drawn in my assignment with their colleagues in the corridor. After that we both have been several times with a guard on the 1st floor, to collect clothes from the prisoners.

When word of the SD became known, we are both moved forward and helped to create the two noble Teutons harmless.

I hope that these data are comprehensive enough for your report.

With heart. Regards,
Gerard.
14 December 1944.

Report by Hans.

Rapport van Hans.

Het ogenblik van handelen was voor mij aangebroken op het tydstip, nadat wij waren binnengeplaten en in de gang stonden opgesteld. Op orders van de P.L. smetten Chris en ik naar de linkerkant en sommeeerden het daar aanwezige personeel rich naar onze levelen te onderwerpen. Daarna kreeg ik op order van de P.L. een bewaarder mee, om een mijn schriftelijke opdracht te volbrengen. De opdracht, die u bekend is, werd vlot uitgevoerd met behulp van de jonge bewaarder die zeer toe wille was. Ook is er peper gestrooid in de cel van R. Schootstra. Hiervan heb ik Wim en Chris geassisteerd bij het binnengaan van de onder-directie van het gereep en naderhand nog twee of drie gevangenen uit de strafgevangenis onder geleide van 2 of 3 bewaarders binnengeworpen. Op de terugtocht heb ik op de 2 bruggen waar wij overgingen en soms over de breedte van het rijweg tot aan D. 1/2 in huis, waar ik het S.D. uniform afleverde, die ik op orders van de P.L. meenam, voldoende peper gestrooid om een kennel hond een 4 minuten te maken. Hiervan loopde naar mijn basis terug gkeerd!!!

op de 12^{de} van de 12^{de} 1944.

Hans

The time to act had come to me at the time, after we were admitted and were set up in the hallway. On orders from Kramer rushed Chris and I to the left, and each demanded that the existing staff to submit to our orders.

Then I was given a custodian in order Kramer, to meet my written order. The command, which U is known, it was smoothly carried out with the aid of the young keeper, which was very sake. Also, there is sprinkled pepper in the cell of R. Schootstra.

Afterwards I Wim and Chris assisted at the entrance of the Deputy Director and afterwards, when the two prisoners from the prison came in under cover of two or three guards.

On the return trip I have been on the two bridges, where we passed and sometimes across the width of the road to Taco his house, where I delivered the SD uniform, I took orders from Kramer, sufficient pepper sprinkled around make a kennel dogs' t sneeze. Afterwards going back to my base.

HANS.
12 December 1944.

Report on the attack on the prison in Leeuwarden.

On December 8, 1944 around 17:45 I went, Chris, me with sixth man on the grounds of the remand prison. We climbed over the fence that closed off the little garden of the driveway. In this little park we wondered concealed on.

After a few moments joined 7 man with us. After that, a group led by Kramer in the remand prison. The team occupied the entrance and the office, and they gave us the signal to go in.

We wondered in the hallway, and each began the task entrusted to him. I, Chris, made my way, armed with MEPI and a Walther quickly to a door in the wing, which gave access to the Criminal Prison. Here I was positioned, then a guard with the keys was placed under my supervision.

After some time, there has been done from the outside a key in the lock and open the door. Meanwhile, Wim and Hans had joined me and we overran the entering, being the ADJ Dir.

After it was disarmed, he was carried away by Wim. Hans stayed with me, because we are still expecting some guards with some prisoners. This came after some time and rang the bell. By the guard, which was under my control, was opened and the incoming guards were taken by us, Chris and Hans, and overwhelmed by Hans.

The prisoners joined the other already liberated prisoners. The door was further guarded by me until the signal was given to retreat. The guard, who was still under my control, was taken and imprisoned in one of the cells in the hallway.

After this, the light was extinguished and the building abandoned by us in groups, and each went his way.

Drawn up and signed on 12 December 1944.
The plaatsverv. leader of group "Gerrit",
CHRIS.

Report Jelle.



The local administration, where "high hands" of arrestees dismay fathered.

Since this is about my personal experiences, I will start at that time, when we started acting act. The "yes" Kramer we pressed the personnel present in the right corner of the office, where they were up and left face against the wall placed in the hands.

Subsequently also the brigadier (or door) picked up and also placed, and we give them the keys decreases and sorted. The writer or bookkeeper had to take his place on the phone again and under threat of Wim and I brought him in 't mind, and to give our phone calls.

The agency was then left to Jelle and Berend; the other 14 boys were admitted. I gave Arie white bag, which they plunged wholeheartedly into the registers. The writer also told me yet what papers were useful to us.

Our attitude was very controlled and also worked a calming effect on the staff as when after about fifteen minutes, was the accountant ordered to leave the two out of the prison come for a brief examination of the SD, he was a very normal quiet conversation by telephone conduct, while he only German expletives shouted themselves what to hurry. This call was repeated two more times due to the long absence, and was also performed promptly.

Shortly thereafter was called and two SD men to report that they had to release three prisoners. The team of Chris stood along the wall and under the threat of these guys with their "least" Wim drove the both in the office where I received them, and they summoned directly to throw down their arms, which they held in the hand. They were armed with a "services" and FNpistolen. Now in our possession.

Then I drove them into the other corner of the desk, also facing the wall. Please surveillance Berend and Arie about leaving I went to Kramer and asked him if I could let them take the uniforms.

With his permission, I summoned them to undress directly, what command they carried out in good pace. Their personal belongings were deposited on the table. When this was done, they were taken to the cell and we packed the uniforms together.

The white bag, which Arie had managed to get full, was placed in the hallway, and I have not seen again. Meanwhile Kramer spoke to the people in the hallway Add to behave calmly and to proceed with the leaders at their designated locations.

This is unlikely to be heard by the staff or deputy, as I had shut the door loudly and some comments made against Berend. With the aim of bringing them astray Berend I asked if he had heard the cars that would be ready.

When it was also our time to leave the office, before doing so, I turned out the light and put the handset elsewhere, after I left the building, taking with one uniform plus services. About 7 hours I arrived home.

Leeuwarden, 12 December 1944
JELLE.

**Report of the raid on the house of detention on 8 Dec. 1944 in Leeuwarden,
by J. Brouwer, Instrument Maker of I. and T. T.**

Already some time there before the plan the robbery had taken shape, I was asked by the Prov. Cdt. the KP asked the question, all data relating to the telephone system of the Criminal Prison and the remand prison. Leeuwarden to provide to him.

Me then turned to a colleague from the PTT, which was charged by the service with the maintenance of this installation, and therefore had all relevant data and drawings under his resignation. These were taken by me and by the plans of the aforementioned building, which were in the possession of the KP applied. Because I was all given orally and any possibilities of rapid field set faced.

After a while I got the job on Monday 4th December to attend a meeting at the home of Mr. Bultsma the Voorstreek over here. Here I was informed that this week the raid would be passed.

The working method was already defined broadly, the telephone line to the prison, as well as the installation in the building would be left completely intact, even could have a part of the implementation of the plan using the phone instead.

I then received the following commands:

1st. Nor all afternoon the telephone line, connecting the prison with the urban network, eavesdropping, to report any particulars which could complicate the implementation of the robbery.

2e. 17:30 report this at no. 3886 (bakery van der Veen, Oostergrachtswal) which song would be connected by us clandestinely.

3rd. About 5 minutes after the phone call, from this property to the remand prison. would be taken, to bring out abnormalities report.

4th. After the departure of the KP - team from this property, to return me there and stay during the event directly connected to the switchboard where the monitoring took place with a view to possibly phone alarm, immediately warning plow the man to whom there ready was to inform.

The course of action was strictly accurate. I show up all the afternoon tapping the line, but everything will be normal even after 15.30 the call has taken place with the Police. I mention this at 17:30 at the agreed number. 17:35 pm there the said telephone conversation with the remand prison. place. 17:38 pm I report that everything remains calm and that no inquiry from the remand prison. has taken place.

Then the first team leaves. After a few minutes I imagine reconnect with the bakery, there is nothing special to report. I understand that now the 2nd team goes out the door. Quickly I proceed by bike to this property and call the co colleague on the phone office and stay with him in constant contact. Everything is calm.

At 18.00 hrs another employee at the central monitoring on while colleagues Theo, whose service ends at this time, goes to me. The clock shows about 18.30 as some return KP-ers in the bakery.

We learn that expired beautifully in the action, despite the difficult situation they are wrong by

the arrival of a pair of SD-ers. After I agreed with my colleagues on the panel that he will continue to listen, we leave quickly by a circuitous route home.

When I get home about 10 minutes later, my colleague reported that alarm already been made and that the SD is warned. I give this to the Cdt. but most staff and freeing may already have reached their addresses, so not much can happen.

So again this magnificent illegal action through good cooperation between the guys of the KP and our technicians brought to a successful conclusion.

Leeuwarden, December 1944.

J. BROUWER.

As we combat troops of the NBS experienced with the operation.

Our life has more than any other are periods of adversity. Who among us could say after the war that he can fulfill his obligation has always intact for the Fatherland. Certainly it goes sometimes long. Sooner or later, lightning strikes in the form of an arrest close to us, sometimes so dense that only a quick flight can save our lives.

Will someone grabbed from us, please see the others again days of high tension. What has been found and which will release the victims after severe beatings. How far the tangle will unroll.

You feel as if the uncertainty squeezing your breath. In such a situation the wrong subsoil in Leeuwarden in late November and early December 1944. Certainly, in all circumstances, we reserve the courage and perseverance. Yet, today, are you still stiff side by side and work tomorrow. . . . Death beckons every hour. It affects you greatly, but what are you gonna do. Often you stand there powerless.

It began with an arrest, which came totally unexpected. One arrest always follow several It's strange, but when the hell is once again loose you to never say in advance where it will turn out. Erratic walks are the bestiering in this. However, the protagonists in this process kept exemplary, denied everything and left nothing but a few tactical moves off.

The sleeves of course more sadistic than ever. Long interrogations of two times 24 hours and severe beatings ensued. Cries of distress from the H v B. "If I have to deal with such a hearing, I am not for myself," came to us about what we should do, we want to help so much, the heavy walls of the remand prison drown the cries there..... is much prayer, but also much thought.

It's Dec. 4 1944. Everything is desolate around us. The weather was drizzly and monotonous. The fine drizzle dripping steadily down. In the bow of a boat sit six men together. Thick clouds of smoke hung in the room and swinging in wisps around the lamp. You feel it in the room is a certain severe constriction.

There are cards for the day. Long corridors and many cells are there for. "I had thought that we'd give it a try," says nodding Piet. The others. All are quiet but determined. *"Eppie as you sometimes detailed information about the interior of the remand prison. Cares. You're there as a child in house and knows perfectly how things marching there. "*

Eppie crosses from shore. All listen attentively. He says something about the changing of the guard, on the alert, the strength of the security staff, the location of the cells in which prisoners are incarcerated.

Lists of names come for the day. Numbers of cells are whispered. People are weighed and tested. How important are they and what do they know. Everything is meticulously viewed from all sides. They come to the conclusion that it is now time to strike. Many prisoners have not yet been released.

"How did you implement thought Piet?" Asks Willemse. Piet unfolds his plan. Between mid-six and six-thirty seems the appropriate time. At a quarter to seven comes then the new waiting. There is still some time nagekaart so we may assume that for seven hours if everything goes no alarm will be given right. With 19 men I the clever thing to do inside.

At half past six we call the remand prison. on which are placed three other detainees. PTT must be enabled, that on them from the remand prison. could call back if this message is true, practically speaking what always happens, they get an affirmative answer. There does not exist the slightest suspicion.

Once we give in, we are nobody to have any chance spats. The guards go to jail and the prisoners we get out of there. We are going to gather in the vestibule. Afterwards let them go by stages.

Outside I need a guard of six men, which we can assist as necessary when it comes to warm us. If you sometimes captures the rescue and shelter brings Willemse. "Willemse nods," *There are also a few in the Eccentric. Prison,* "continues Peter. "They too must get out. *I wanted to try out the remand prison. calling the prison, which remove the SD she comes. This will succeed. Too many times we are unable to devote here. The director of the remand prison. it will require special treatment. You would this guy rightfully be called a collaborator. With a few whacks he will be well to reason.* "

Wim grins. He thinks to himself, *"I'll be the steward of this are well."* The plan has been approved by the others there is still some talking back and forth and then they go to sleep..

Willemse Wim and sleep side by side. To the great comfort of Willemse Wim snorcht not. Wim has something under his pillow. Willemse wants to know what it is. "St. - Nicholas - surprise for tomorrow," says Wim ,, It's not chocolate, "he adds to it.. If the pancakes had been, he had not been fixed Willemse quiet. They go to sleep.

Dec. 6 1944. Piet the drums KP from a large part of the province together. Holding discussions with PTT and Police. In short is in full action.

Willemse goes to Charles. "You need me tonight deliver some 50 addresses for hiding track people," he said. Says "For track people, hey, you said," Charles says. "I'll tell you later how or what," grumbles Willemse and Charles chuckles. They know each other longer than today and Karel understands what it is about.

The whole group comes into action, the evening Willemse gets 50 addresses. Charles says that Taco has remarked that he could find only 15 addresses, It's me even though no small matter, he adds to it. Willemse smiles. This activity does him good.

"They are also my landlord come to visit," he says. "I feel better, but this is about..." evening Willemse explains its results for Piet. The same club will be present.

"Look," Willemse, "I've started enough addresses to accommodate people's performance, I now had further thought so:. Firstly, we need to ensure that absolute secrecy is caution. " As a member of the old guard he knows the evil that has cost many a worker already living.

"Anyone who will soon have a freed prisoner, I would like to make a note sent to the following content:" *Here You will receive a tumbler. You should not ask anything except whether you know him or not. He did his duty, you do yours. You do herewith a service for the benefit of the Fatherland. You can extend this service by remaining silent. A ration card we enclose herewith.* "

"Charles must tomorrow but worries for the ration cards," Willemse notes on the immediate family, I would be in view of the retaliation the following letter want to focus: *".. In connection with the escape of A from the remand prison is necessary that you immediately disappears with your family. You must take this letter as a command.* " The extricate itself must be pointed out that they never talk about it. They should say in no case against their hosts, where they come from.

Once the prisoners were gathered in the vestibule, they have 10 groups, ranging from 2-6 persons, are distributed. Each group is given a number. Groupwise we release them, having seduced them where they should go to. People from our group, they can then absorb and spend more. This part of the plan under preparation, the approval of the others carry away.

The next day at evening 8 pm Willemse and Karel started. Letters are typed, ration cards sorted, everything is in full action. Even for coffee with rocks, which Willemse and pancakes is such a special enthusiast, they have almost no time. Certainly release from prison is a heavy statement, but they must also remain outside of it. In such an action, nothing about being overlooked. The slightest mistake can be fatal.

Then comes Friday. Liberation Day. By 12 pm, all people who will help consigned. For the disposal of the rescue will help 21 people. Eight groups of two men will have to cope with the rescue and take shelter. 5 man must immediately upon the success of the action alert the family of the redeemed to immediately disappear. Some of the main prisoners will be discharged by the KP. These people must not in any case fall back into the hands of the sleeves.

By four o'clock Willemse calls his helpers together. He explains to them what is expected of

them tonight. You can see on their faces that they are pleased with it, to be able to help.

For safety's sake, however, is still spoken of trace people. Most, however, understand what it meant. Then follow the business tasks. Short but clear. Each group is assigned a team of prisoners, which they in spite of air raid sirens and roundups have to accommodate. The envelopes, which listed the address and the number of places people there, as is the group number and the location of the drain troops for every itemizing them.

The pitches in each group are: Elec. Oosterbrug, Kanaalstr Angle. Angle Achter de Hoven-angle Z. Grachtswal, Serre Hotel Klanderij, Brugwachtershuisje Exhibition Bridge, Main Entrance Scholarship, Lane entrance RC Church and Main Entrance Koepelkerk.

All liberate components, and the drain troops should the Elec. Oosterbrug. This bridge is sprinkled afterwards with pepper.



The Cdt. of each group will receive a list with the names of rescue, which he has to take care with the entry of the group number. Is still to be told that they have to watch out that the good band is collected. It can eg. Prevent group three or four outlet groups will pass before they have arrived at their own team.

To be sure, they had to deliver for them to ask, "You know how late or it is," The retort must be " t Will take time for us to come home. "

It now appears that shift 4, group 4 has collected, they need to bring the people as soon as possible shelter. With each group of prisoners is assigned one, which is well within the city home. The rescue can so easily find the locations shown. The assembly points are chosen such that each group is already a great deal on the way home, the drain troops have their bicycle with them. The last few people can take them back on the bike. This speeds up the transport.

Two named prisoners have to be transported in each case per cycle in view of the fact, that one of them has been lying in bed for a long time and so is easy to follow with a tracker dog. That group prompted to do so. Willemse then send two people out to warn

the hosts valley they get tonight at 7 pm guests and therefore should be home.

Outside smoking is not allowed. Until half past five, the teams must stay inside and only then may they engage their posts. At half past six, the fifth delivery personnel are in a certain place, where their letters are handed over, she immediately after the success of the action must deliver. At the same time involve Willemse and Karel their mail at the remand prison.

Meanwhile, Peter heels also been busy. The fifth man shock troops, which the striker should bite off, get ready. Uniforms are drawn, guns are loaded, in short it is a lot of activity.

The outside of the KP involves his post. The robbery teams make their pitches in. There is a call to the house of detention, that there are three detainees be brought. Becomes this big winners than ever full? Called back there or correct the matter. This is obtained an affirmative answer.

The weather is dreadful, It's still not quite dark outside. There is occasionally some rain. The streets are pretty deserted it. Two officers bring even three detainees to the remand prison. German cars driving back and forth. Who watches the prisoners? It is the sight of every day. You get used to it.

Willemse and Charles stand near the remand prison. There they go they whisper to each other. They know them. They know who they are. Their thoughts are the five people. Will it succeed. There's a call incoming. The hatch is removed, assuming the paper etc., the light is put off. Shortly after complete darkness.

The prison walls rise darker than ever from the smelly canals. What is going on in there now. Questions that come at you from storms. Karel controls the discharge groups. ,, It's all right, "he reports to Willemse. The tension is rising every minute. So will immediately open the door and the first liberate come out walking.

Then at six o'clock is a German car site at the remand prison, fly up. Is there anyway beaten alarm. Doors will open beaten and two SD men arrested with three steps out of the car. So do not alarm.

The door of the remand prison. opens again. However, it remains dark. There will be shouted something in German. "Hande hoch." The hands go up. Utter silence follows. Then at 6:15 pm the door opens again. There hobble people out. Hasty and nervous. But they run as lapwings.

All kinds of footwear is represented there. Wooden shoes, men's shoes, socks, playing a variety of outfits. One thing they all have in common, they can walk. One group after another is now rapidly outward. The relationship is sometimes some research. "What do these people do crazy here, notice a few boys of about 10 years. "They Lieken be drunk."

It is indeed a strange sight. Many redeemed stumble over the hill road just before the bridge to the remand prison. Some have lost the plot completely; Willemse brings them on their way. Charles warns the group that they are coming.

In a minimum of time is everything out. The station at the Oosterbrug has caught no group. Immediately they get commissioned to track down the people. This works them pretty soon. It turned out that different groups had been mixed.

Everything was arranged to perfection, but the nervous mood of the rescue did not completely sober thinking them. For seven hours, all the people shelter.

Karel checks to make all entries and may inform Willemse, that's all gone. Willemse has already sent the fifth man of the alert team. Moreover, he sends someone out to the woman depositary Tiemersma, which must now disappear, to assist in the move.



The warning came. Many families were brought by them in an uproar.

evening, Wim says his experience inside. He indeed may give away the promised whack. The two men from the SD are disarmed and disrobed locked up in the cell. The two prisoners are released from prison. This has ceased its extra long, because the guards really lingered. These people obviously wanted the trial as long as possible. They had to call three times and cursing at sleeves-way before they were losgegeven.

The two detainees, which the SD had with him, by return mail are gone. Satisfaction prevailed in the ranks of the illegal world.

16 December 1944. Reported by Charles.



Epke W. and Charles. The commander and chief of staff of the Leeuwarden battlegroups, who had the care of the removal of the prisoners on their behalf.

A preparation to the end remained secret.

Thursday, 7 December 1944.

Assignment. The active people of GG looking place within hours pl.m. 37 (railway men). This was not on our way we thought, because we had the day before received orders us not to meddle with things not related to the GG. "How do you explain that now."

The solution was found, however, this: In a Village were pl.m. 37 railway people in hiding and there was a traitor in between, so these people had for the evening will be accommodated elsewhere. The active people were employed, and for the evening there were about 55 places found for this track men, which was no small thing. Taco was only briefly come up with 15 places and now he also had bad luck he opined.

Friday, 8 December 1944.

Sixteen members of the active duty were selected to move then to the Gr. Kerkstraat between 15:00 and 15:30, where we would receive more than parents

Mr. Willemse would be present to give these orders. These orders were: "Our political prisoners will we liberate" Now came almost all the disillusionment, the one looked at the other, but all were enthusiastic and full of fire to be able to participate in this fair and honest thing..

Four members were sent to communicate with the searched address, the track people could be expected between 6:30 am and 7:00 pm. Gosse was even commissioned to provide a reliable person to warn the family of Mr. Tiemersma and to be helpful.

The person Rients was chosen to make this right, but they did not have a bike with good lighting, no care but a well-equipped bike, just to Ds. Kremer and this is also ready.

Rients was stationed at the corner of the Marg. the Heerstraat, which continue to be given by Mr. Willemse orders. When the two were ordered us to move us to a particular place.

So were eight points occupied, namely: For Zone (near the church); Alma Tadema Street (Koepelkerk); Mary Louis Street; Canal Street; in the VPN; Hotel "Klanderij 'Bridge Exhibition and the Exchange.

At 5:30 pm the place had to be taken, for as long as they had in the Gr. Kerkstraat remain. We received for each patient (as we would call the rescue) an envelope with a letter and ration card. The letter contained a small instruction to the people who would receive the patient.

Among others was the fact that nothing they might ask the patient about his last residence. They proved here the Fatherland and the entrusted guests a great service co.

The arrival of patients at some point.

Bertus and Gosse had taken root on the Exchange, however, we were standing on the corner turns to see if the Herren in the SS and SD remained quiet.

Bertus: "Say Gosse, what time is it, anyway?"

Gosse "Well twisted, I forgot my watch I'll soon as a fetch Piet Klugt Kist near here."

A few moments later, says Bertus: I hay still not shooting, so fortunately no alarm "Gosse, who stood just to the Orphanage watch says." Would it still be malheur, there comes a carriage past the SD-building. "

Bertus: "That car coming this way," rrrrrrttt disappeared was the car in the direction Keizersgracht We were just a little different from the inside, it would now surely fail and they can make alarm inside.?

Bertus just went to our neighbors to the bridge. Sim and Peke and also equally to the men Schootstra at "the Klandery" bringing them the report of the so just left the car with SD

When the liberation succeeded, our patients could now come in a hurry, it was a few minutes past seven.

Gosse: ,, I will hear it even at the bridge. Sim Say, have you seen patients?

"Sim:" No, not yet, but what is it cold not get here anyway " ?

Gosse: "Now hear success with patients" There will pass immediately our friend Karel for control Everything is definitely in order, because it runs quietly...

We saw each direction Fair Bridge because patients would be informed that they had to move all in one direction, and this on the Electr. Bridge and Canal Street to the their given points.

There, after the liberation of the Prison! -rug And Electr. bridge would be sprinkled with pepper for traces left behind, came its follow this thought in our heads. And inside is not too long Mayor Hard Schön tidy and there will be a new Civic Father installed we will submit a proposal to this Electr. bridge to be allowed to call the "Pepper Bridge".

Bertus: "In addition to what, no, the five ladies" (Our paper indicated four ladies and one gentleman)..

Gosse: "No, that also come from the wrong side, they can not be."

Bertus "Yes, they are sure it anyway, because they return." Bertus take the plunge and give the password:

"Do the ladies also what time it is? "In unison the answer is," Yes, it is high time that we go home "

Quickly checked the names and to the West of the city. Even our innermost was moved to tears when we heard there from the word of our compatriots. And we were all glad that God had given, they just cause without bloodshed succeeded. The prayer was done a few minutes before the start, was interrogated in such a miraculous way. It's been a great thing. We expect each time air raid, but fortunately it stayed out.

Our assignment was at the expense of whatever, keep these five people from the clutches of the Germans. Our patient was informed, that the move was not to be spoken, but yes the ladies were and who were the talk between these four walls have not forgotten.

We were already talking arrived in the Steinstraat, where the two first ladies class and Eef were delivered. Furthermore, it went to the Lijsterstraat, where the ladies Jikke and Thea were delivered and finally went soon Aukje from us. We all kind thanking and wishing us good night.

At the corner of the street there are four people in the dark, his two heavy and two extra heavy hitters, namely Wim and Eppie with Dreeuws and Leijenaar.

Bertus: "Well, that was successful. Good night.

"Gosse" Maf them until tomorrow. "

Our women were already somewhat prepared, that if we were not home at 7.30 am, we stayed away all night, but we were inside at the time.

At no. 16 came to sleep one of the employees.

The woman was told what had happened an hour ago and there was more than one hour to chat and then to bed. But many slept there that night, not ours, and I believe that all employees and patients, not much will be asleep.

Saturday 9 December 1944.

AIR - ALARM

The enemy gives the signal:

Ducking because we're coming for you.

This we had actually expected earlier and were therefore ready. All mushy races and musical boxes were in hiding and we were looking for our place (a square room, but there was no barbed wire around it such as the Zaailand). We had withdrawn our planmatisch, which we lately had learned so well from the Germans.

Sunday 10 December 1944.

A BUSY DAY FOR US.

All patients in West and had to be visited in Huizum because of the raids. All was happy in order. Here are some of the stories we were told so on this Sunday.

Bertus asks somewhere: "Have the men also have something to say?" A railroad man spoke up. "Yes gentlemen, yet just what happened to us Friday We walked with seven,

one of us had to go to the Elizabeth Street Er.. just could skip an at that bridge there, so we musten run hard to be in tense again Werom, otherwise musten we wait so long, of course, that we walk meheer and that we could because we had the lump under the arm and walked on socks. We had done right by the baajes. When we arrived back at the bridge were the piles already down. One of those mantsjes of butene sting but to attract an die poles to krijen these up, but that Wu vansels not hey At last the bridge shifter does a great zaklanteern up and screams. There door among men. " We fut course though we were oek in 't sontsje. That guy will think hewwe later: Seker a steltsje UT Great Lankum. The Menheer oek a sigaretsje for us? That hewwe earned Hannes eh? "

"Here is a cigarette for you, we now go away and come back ever again." As we are informed later that there were a couple of the team that came running somewhere on socks at the Fair Bridge and to all who saw them there in asked unison, Weete Jimme ek how late it's "?

A few days later the doorbell again somewhere else. Gosse: ". Ms. Day, I come from Venlo (this was a password again) and how did it go with you Saturday, still had difficulties?"

Mrs. V .: ". Oh, yes, sir, I am very pleased that You come my husband is not home, but I will tell you soon, you come inside.

Yes we have something nice polite. That man was so nervous, he did not sit still on a chair and he told us where he came from (our kids were in the room). My husband has it taken apart and when to keep quiet. Saturday morning with the air raid my husband told him that he only had to crawl under the ground, but did not much sir, it would be a bit better than expected, and indeed it is well past. Sunday morning he went to his wife and children, to discuss with them how they could get the best of all went to relatives in the province (a village 23 Km. From Leeuwarden.) It's finally gone running. Sunday 8 pm he was back at our door to ask if he could sleep with us again, because when he was at home with his wife, he is more or less by a neighbor (former police officer) worked out the door because they could expect anytime SS or SD. Now, sir, he did not get much sleep that night, because at three o'clock he had to be woken up because the whole family would start at 4 am for a walk of 23 km "

Gosse: "But madam, this man has no papers and no jo Has this man no sense at all. It is not intended that they are out there and that we arrive through someone with little understanding in jail, I thank you. I will report format and we'll find him again "

A few hours before there was a phone call to the town where they had gone to and then that conscious man kind refreshed when he saw two men with shiny boots. If in such cases, the mind can not keep pace with the circumstances, there must be intervention. That is not so bad for us, but we think less about such nice people.

Another case was with the two patients, who were placed in West. This place was not very appropriate, which is also revealed later. It was therefore agreed that this needed to change of place (relocate).

Bertus and Gosse would take care of other places and patients would be Tuesday December 12 at 6:30 relocated. At this time, however, we came to a locked door which really surprised us. We called the neighbors, but it did not help us further.

We decided to go back for another about 10 minutes, because the patient still had to be in any case at home. Just as we were leaving, were the hosts home. Madam, who saw us, quickly came toward us with the words: "Oh, I'm so glad you're here, the girls are just taken away, you arrive quickly pop in, then I can tell you".

When we cry out as one voice: "What do you say, removed by whom? Tell us soon ". Ms .: " Yes, ten minutes ago by a certain Mr Henk Visser. He had big boots on, the girls were shocked too so terrible, but we believed that it was good though. "

There now followed a fairly accurate description of the person with the boots and then increased our rest again a few degrees. But the fear was there for this evening anyway in. Imagine that the boots had been using an SD man in it.

Gosse: "But mrs, why are these girls actually removed.?" Mrs .: "Yes, sir, there has here been rumored in the region and so the ladies had to move immediately." Gosse: "Mrs. we come back later to this matter, we must first find out where the girls are gone. "

We have still a lot that night cycled, but we found the ladies did not return that night.

The next morning early step. Somewhere in a bakery we called Mr. Henk Visser and this informed us also that the girls in a factory were accommodated. One of the girls remained in the family and the others we have taken away again. The girls themselves were very glad that everything was pure coffee, they really had been in fear that understands U.

BAKER'S PUBLIC CHATS.

Talk about this whole thing were around. One of many I will tell you here at the conclusion of my story. Sunday morning was already told me the following. When Potmarge Bridge (Romke Beating) which were Friday waiting for two big cars on the patient, the crew of the cars was in German uniform.

When all patients (and liberators) loaded the cars were drove away in the direction Warga-Wartena. This would seaplanes ready lay, all of whom have taken to liberated territory. It is no excuse at all, I know of someone who has seen it. You shake than just agree with your head and put a surprised face, leaving nothing further notice.

GOSSE.

Leeuwarden, 20 Dec. 1944.



The ladies who are again Snapped. 1. Ms. Douma-van Houten, Bergum.; 2. Ms. Overdijk-Timmerman, Leeuwarden.; 3. Ms. Hofenk-Vergonet, Leeuwarden.; 4. Ms. A. v Weeds, Leeuwarden.; 5. Mrs. Schootstra-Reinalda, Leeuwarden.; 6. Ms. A. Dekkinga, Leeuwarden.; 7. Ms. E. Ridderhofstad, Leeuwarden.; 8. Ms. T. Swierstra, Leeuwarden.; 9. Ms. K. Douma, Bergum.; 10. Ms. Jongbloed-Overdijk, Leeuwarden Ms. J. vd Laan, Bird Nature, is not photographed



Mijn moeder en mijn grootmoeder zijn met 49 andere gevangenen op 8 december 1944 uit het Leeuwarder Huis van bewaring bevrijd. Mijn in 2007 overleden moeder heeft er eerder niet of nauwelijks over willen praten. Ze was tweeëntwintig jaar, pas getrouwd en zwanger, toen zij half november 1944 een bezoek bracht aan haar moeder. Mijn oma was weduwe en dreef met haar zoons de meubelwinkel van Overdijk aan de Voorstreek en woonde daarboven.

Broers van mijn moeder ontplooiden illegale activiteiten vanuit dit diepe pand. Jacob Vellinga, Joop ten Brug, Jan Spiekhout en Anne Vondeling vergaderden er op een zolder. Ook werden er valse persoonsbewijzen gemaakt en de Friese versie van 'Je Maintiendrai' gedrukt.

Toen verzetsman en politiecommissaris Dreeuws in de nazomer van 1944 bij het transport naar de strafgevangenis er in slaagde te ontsnappen, wist hij via de achteringang aan de Turfmarkt binnen te komen. Mijn moeder vertelde dat Dreeuws' vrouw of vriendin ondergedoken zat bij boer Sybrandy aan de Vierhuisterweg. Na een bezoek aan haar werd hij door de Sicherheitsdienst opgepakt op de Harlingerstraatweg. Na stevige martelpraktijken liet hij los waar hij ondergedoken had gezeten.

Om vier uur 's middags vielen de Duitsers de meubelwinkel aan de Voorstreek binnen. Zij troffen alleen mijn moeder en grootmoeder aan en die werden onmiddellijk weggevoerd naar de Zuivelbank aan het Zaailand, waar de Sicherheitsdienst onderdak had. De SD ontdekte ook de illegale drukkerij in het achterhuis. Mijn moeder vertelde dat het verhoor niet veel voorstelde en na een nacht werden de twee naar het Huis van bewaring overgebracht. Elk in een cel op de tweede verdieping. Alleen bij het luchten zagen ze elkaar.

Mijn moeder was vijf maanden zwanger en moest vaak naar het toilet. De gevangenisbewaarders lieten haar steeds onder begeleiding uit de cel. Ze mocht alleen terug. Ze hadden haar uitgelegd hoe de celdeur van de buitenzijde geopend kon worden.

Vrijdagmiddag 8 december meldde een bewaakster dat mevrouw Jongbloed uit de cel moest komen. Het klonk streng. Buiten de cel zag mijn moeder behalve de bewaakster een gemaskerde man met een stengun. Zij dacht dat haar laatste uur geslagen had. De gemaskerde Eppie Bultsma stelde moeder fluisterend gerust: „Ik kom u bevrijden!“ Bij de trap zag moeder mijn oma. Beneden voegden zij zich bij een groep andere mannen en vrouwen.

Er bleek lichte paniek onder de KP'ers; Dreeuws en Leyenaar waren er niet. Zij zaten opgesloten in de naastgelegen strafgevangenis. Telefonisch werd hun komst bevolen door Jelle Visser die het Duits het beste beheerste. In afwachting daarvan ging plotseling de bel van de buitendeur; een nieuwe tegenslag. De KP gaf het bevel dat alle mannen en vrouwen terug naar hun cel moesten. Mijn moeder wist hoe de vergrendeling werkte en sloot oma in haar cel op. Zelf liet zij de vergrendeling niet in het slot vallen.

Na een kwartier sloop mijn moeder tot verbazing van haar celgenoten weer naar buiten en ontgrendelde de celdeur van oma. Samen stoven zij de trappen af. Beneden konden ze meteen doorlopen naar buiten. Ze werden naar de Mozartstraat gebracht en belandden daarna in de Bildtsestraat bij familie Van der Meer. Daar heeft mijn grootmoeder tot 14 april ondergedoken gezeten. Mijn moeder vertrok na een nacht. Zij kwam op het Zuiderbolwerk in Dokkum terecht bij de familie Boorsma. Op 4 april 1945 kwam mijn broer Auke in het weeshuis aan de Markt van Dokkum ter wereld. Tien dagen later was Friesland bevrijd.

Geschreven door Rick Jongbloed

[Genealogy on dike.](#)



Illegal workers and spoorlui. 11. J. Elgersma, Leeuwarden; 12. A. Rijpstra, Stiens; 13. L. Numan, Haren (Gr.); 14. JW Theil, Amsterdam; 15. S. Mook, Stiens; 16. T. Overeinder, Leeuwarden; 17. A. Nijdam, Heerenveen; 18. S. Hoekstra, Stiens; 19. G. Huberts, Peasens; 20. GWH Esselink, Ferwerd; 21. K. Odinga, Leeuwarden; 22. S. Visserman, Stavoren; 23. P. Steinvooite, Leeuwarden; 24. H. Hunter, Heerenveen; 25. SR Douma, Bergum. AW Dijkman, Leeuwarden; Ype Botma, Nijkerk; Thyme Epema, Kollumerzwaag; H. Hospes, Rauwerd and Sj. de Vries, Surhuisterveen, are not photographed.

Recut.

A strange inscription you will say. Indeed there is something inside of police vans, of rattling chains and crooks tronies of "Green", black or gray and with a little imagination you see open the doors of the prison again. Rest assured, it is a very innocent thing, there must be here Snapped be.

The assignment was: "Bertus must step Pieces" Pieces to take passport photos and Bertus to designate the addresses where the patients are hiding, to be equipped with new PB's, when it comes to the good picture, but a different one. name and a different address.

We go out and coming soon to the first patient; Aukje in Lijsterstraat. A press the bell and Ms. Occur. Bertus calls it now prevailing word: "I come from Peter" and the door is open for us Pieces take his picture phone out of his saddlebag and we go the surgical site in Aukje is insisting on a typewriter, presumably a letter to her.. fiancé, because when we left she asked whether it can be delivered, as promised her.

But first on the photo. On the back yard hung a sheet from the conservatory doors. The patient is itself already up with a chair, sits down and then good posture (everything must go quickly in view of the neighbors) and cut the surgery was successful.

Quickly back inside and now ask what the patient so requires. Pieces takes his notebook and starts writing. Shoes (size 38), clothes like something warm and like some money, because the latter is left in the brig and will probably get the benefit of the DK. So money has to be there. In male patients was always the first question "smokehouse". We gave in most cases already but our private stock, usually uninvited, because we knew what it meant, a smoke after that tension.

After case no. 1 we went to Thea and Francisca (beautiful names). Here, a repetition of the above. Also lack of footwear, clothing and money. "Be ensured ladies."

Francisca is less satisfied, because who wants to have repaired a pair of shoes. Bertus is going to go to the shoemaker, who stand on his door "Closed due to employment" and the thing is done. From the host where they were ladies, we each got a delicious biscuit

pack, and said goodbye to our tour blinking to prosecute.

Now it goes to the Pelikaanstraat. Here dwells Mr. Esselink. After the call of the Word follows cordial acquaintance. This patient is very quiet and has been addressing its second address. Last night he was brought here by bicycle from the east of the city. He's talking to his best sense, only the room is unheated where he should stay.

However, we promise to make fuel. From here we continue to Ibisstraat. The host and hostess where the patient is housed old people who, after the word being spoken, "Come on Pete," say directly that the envelope contained no ration card. Certainly forgotten.

It is also noted immediately and now the patients. These are two railway men age, who are caught in clogs and also released clogs. On their flight from the prison they nebben which clogs taken under the arm and so arrived at their address.

Probably they did it harder to be able to walk or not to make too much noise and thus to draw the attention of the Grünen in itself. When we promised their shoes, said little de Boer: *"Just lyts meheer because I huh quenches calluses on 'e grebes' -. ,, It seems to correct the Boer"*. Here too the question of tobacco and change. Both of these men are often moved.

Remember Gerrit that we have removed these two one evening back on the bike; you had to go to the other end of town, I go to the West. So we have these men often raised.

For small de Boer, I have been recently again in the Buma Bernard Street. He liked it there best now and he promised to remain there until all was over.

Now just at the New Town. Here's the word: "We will get the Chrysanthemums" Two male patients at this address and just sit at the meal (kidney beans)..

"Pause gentlemen. Even in a bright room. "One of the men Bertus look at. A recognizable. There was once a partnership in connection with the" second strain map "Rauter. Rauter wanted to give the hidens no pedigree, but they did have one. Sometimes tedious identify such.

They see each other's eyes and know that they will remain silent. Nobody noticing it. The other patient had quite a lot of strings to his bow. Against him, I felt entitled to say that we achieved more in some cases with questions than with demand.

So we spent the day taking pictures, the promise of the requested and answering questions. Bergen had to be done to make a success of everything, but we did it with great joy and devotion.

BERTUS.
Leeuwarden, 25 December 1944.

The care, the role of LO.

The big "war" is ignored and Friesland Frisians we are grateful for that. In another form, the Germans have our region severely agitated, thereby diligently helped by NSB, sleeves servants etc.

Their attempt to get the Frisians murf have failed despite months of terror and persecution. They stumbled in Friesland, the hiding region par excellence, on a wall of resistance.

However successful the occasional minor breaches, yes sometimes save a large breach in the wall and then fell victims. Once in the clutches of human hyenas, was no longer possible to loosen.

Then, on 8 December 1944 the Frisian KP in cooperation with the battle groups of Leeuwarden NBS, the painstakingly prepared putch at the remand prison. in Leeuwarden and masterfully executed 51 detainees managed to liberate, wo prominent illegal combatants, striking railway men and hiding.

Only after the occupation had left the country, one could have a quiet think about it and realize what a perfect organization of this memorable evening is connected. After all,

the release alone was not sufficient. The rescue also had to be the same night shelter.

This, too, was beating like a bus. And thus the case of the KP and NBS was terminated and the LO was invited to take further care about.

What there was now a lot to do yet. First must be provided all the liberating good paper. The photographer of the LO was to turn free all the credit for photographing a photograph. Therefore he was known as User deem the addresses of all Leeuwarden and surroundings and also ordered him to take further care of itself.



Illegal workers. 26. Douma, Bergum; 27. R. Sijbrandij, Leeuwarden; 28. Ch. de Vries, Leeuwarden; 29. K. Leijenaar, Leeuwarden; 30. S. Jonker, Leeuwarden; 31. Dr. J. Renema, Leeuwarden; 32. J. Dreeuws, Leeuwarden; 33. W. Fokkema, Leeuwarden; 34. E. Tiemersma, Huizum; 35. J. Barens, Leeuwarden; 36. R. Schootstra, Leeuwarden; 37. S. Veenbaas, Munnik Buren; 38. K. v Weeds, Leeuwarden.; 39. JA vd Wal, Leeuwarden; P. vd Woude, Leeuwarden; R. K. Fokkema, Leeuwarden; G. Fokkema Jr., Leeuwarden and S. Brandsma, Wolvega, are not photographed.

41 Photos were taken and sent to the "Fabu" (falcificatiebureau.) The falseurs faced the difficult task on each photo to find a suitable job.

They are out there pretty much succeeded and after a short time could be all the redeemed in possession of a PB. It is conceivable that "Fabu" many difficulties had to be overcome before the PMs were ready.

From the "Fabu" PB's went back through the LOC office for two employees whom further treatment was finally dedicated. A tour of all the guesthouses was the next step. Introduction, passwords, etc. and then the fingerprints could be taken, seals affixed and the PB will be awarded. Where needed was a Ausweis attached.

On this tour was simultaneously launched an investigation into apparel, footwear, finance etc. Several people were arrested then dressed incomplete, or had only slippers or clogs on his feet. The first work of carers now was to try as much as possible to meet those needs.

Businessmen in the city were visited and surveyed wary if they can and want to help. It worked, it worked even wonder well. Several pairs of shoes (old quality) were made available. Herencostuums, ladies' and men's underwear. In short, almost everything that was needed, was ceded to the buyers. One upstairs bedroom one warehouse was equipped and it grew into a small house were.

Always came back employees of some friendly relations which had pried loose. Subsequently issued a suit eel for every liberated this match came in the warehouse.

Suddenly a statement that for the quarter generators each guest five pounds of sugar was offered. The sugar had to be removed from the other side of town. That was no easy task.

A friendly taxi company suggested benevolent a car and driver available and in the evening twilight cause caregivers to the specified address. Stayed here called "tough guys" and the appearance of a car in this time and place was so unusual event, that in this camp, the signal "beware" was blown.

The caretakers were let in on their phone and came moments later outside three males aanslenteren on us - insiders - not directly made the impression to wear only a handkerchief in their pocket.

After the usual introduction sugar became readily loaded and unloaded at the intended place as smoothly. Based on a need-formatted, the existing goods were distributed and were able to commence their caregivers traveling through town again. First with bags and panniers full of eels, then sugar and finally clothing. There was a lot of compromise necessary to give everyone what fit and what was asked.

Meanwhile the verzorgingsduo also got access to a greenhouse and could be passed to the payment of pocket and quarter fees. It was nice work and between carers and cared for was the best possible relationship. By maandelyks to pay the money quarters, the contact remained and there was the opportunity to ham calculation, any difficulties encountered, to arrange the necessary transfers and occasionally to mediate in a conflict between the liberated and his quarters giver.

Sweetly flowed different here under User deem to off elsewhere. When liberation was a fact, even were some 20 people in nursing. Few later we met again. They have their own free will went away again and have intervened in their own family circle.

Undoubtedly, they - and their caregivers - often think back to this episode and remember that the LO everything possible done their involuntary stay as pleasant as possible.

Their quarters and their donors is thanks to the way in which they have collaborated to make this wonderful deed become a manifestation of solidarity and mutual trust.

FILE-GREEN.
Huizum, May 1945.

Julius van Merode.

Actually, it had to be: Count, Baron of Jonker Julius van Merode, but nothing like that. No owner of Castle or Fortress, but rather by a farm. A shroud of mystery surrounds that name, there is something romantic in. And where mysticism and romance are untrue, that name is not really. The true name of this person can be found in the mixture of ice with Brandy.

He was one of those who was freed on certain Friday night in the remand prison. the Ged. Keizersgracht. Housed in a quiet street in the west of the city, everything went well initially. The new landlord was very pleased with him and the companion of Us Brandy not that there also was accommodated. Julius until one day (how she came rd behind), his wife appeared and claimed him.

Convinced him to go back to their quiet farm somewhere in the wide wide Frisian field. Did she, his wife, the environment in which he was forced to stay maybe not too bourgeois and they saw the danger in which she spent her real friend and not only him but also the people who saved him and those who cared for him now? Anyway, he went along, he deserted.

This happened the second Christmas Day, afternoon H. came to my house and told me it voorgevallene co. What to do? Right on it. Just inquire about the address, it 's not too bad. Half an hour's cycling. So quit.

A sun laced winter fast approaching its completion. The air does freezing cold. The land-ice one night spin the skaters. I bump over the hard frozen clods on a country road and get off at the gate of the heme ditch.

Thirty fit walk to the back door, the latch lifted and then: *"People in?"* The woman appears and asks what I need. *"Speak your man"*. A look surprised. *"Yes, your husband is in danger"*. Now she invites me to move forward, and I come from the other family visit.

Suspicious glances spying on me. Nowadays you hear these crazy things about betrayal and Gestapo and multiple pleasures. And then Dad is home. Certainly he stood somewhere behind a curtain and recognized my person (*I was once visited him because for taking a pass photo*), because now Mr. himself emerged.

There were all kinds of excuses on his part to clandestine running away and the family, try to imagine the situation as favorable as possible. Oh, I had to understand that Dad was safe here at home, otherwise they, the family, he never recovered. And Pa? He agreed everything and leisurely sucked on a cigar with very white ash.

Here a horse means should be used. And it happened. Short and sweet I told him that he was "perverse" by during the trip to his house was seen, who knew him and that now was sure that he would be arrested the next night again and now also the extended family.

This was the deciding factor. General consternation ensued. There was turmoil and tears came. Pa had to leave immediately and sons too (this said Mother). And Pa? He looked pale and asked me all this quite sure. I was sure. "And?" I whispered to him secretly in the ear, "If you get caught and you call names, the farm went up in flames." Now the fear was there. That same evening Ice cream with Brandy was transferred to a place somewhere in the corner Bildt.

"My best wishes Julius van Merode".

BERTUS.

Leeuwarden, 28 Dec. 1944.

Liberation.

It's Friday pl.m. 6 hours. The food has been around and I see the first preparations for the night, which consist of preparing my bed and have a little walk through the cell; four passes in the length and two in width.

In my mind I let pass the last day of my mind. For my doing was a busy day. This morning first bad messages. The SD has again made a raid in a particular building in town and although the messages received even not exactly fall on what they have found, it is nevertheless clear that some data has been handed.

Nearly a week has now elapsed under interrogation. A week in which I have come on a little story again, but now it will not be long before the next one will be. Hopefully there tonight or tomorrow morning even more data on this last raid of the SD. so the weather will be possible to play the game, which has now lasted for three weeks.

A game that all energy demands of us, a game in which one no longer thinks of himself but with one thought prevails: How can we save our comrades from the clutches of the SD, to indemnify them for the inhuman interrogations, which we had to endure himself.

Suddenly a custodian, the cell door opens and enters. *"Attracting Jas, for questioning"*, he says knowingly. So anyway! I feel a little shiver go through my limbs, but then I restore my right. I put on my overcoat and put my hat came on outside the cell, says the depositary: *"Wait here, you also have to take comrade."*

This does not bode well, flashes through my mind, but then I immediately start the game again, the game, which will be passed on to the bitter end I give the keeper still a few quick instructions and messages for the outside world. Check my bags, or there is nothing suspicious in and wait for things to come out.

That's where my comrade already, walking slowly, still not fully recovered from the last interrogation. We shake hands and wish each other strength for the next night. We are surrendered to us another very famous among his guard and start the guided tour of the Eccentric. Prison sentence to the remand prison.

It's a pitch-dark night and it rains a little. When HvB. arrived, our guide must ring the

bell, because he has no key for the door, which we will provide access to the remand prison. He leans on the door will open and prompt us to be let in. The custodian will check us in. *"Hands High"* sounds the command to his address. *"You quickly run"* to both of us.

It is whether we are dreaming. The large hall was filled with comrades, heavily armed and masked. *"Oh now, now we are shot"* whispers my companion. But I realize suddenly, what is going to happen and I realize the telltale words in the note from my wife this morning: *"Courage, boy, everything could still turn out good"*. My answer to my companion is therefore prompt: *"Nay guy, come, we will be taken out."*

We walk down the hallway, every meter is a heavily armed KP there; it is a veritable triumph. Hands are pressed, shoulders be beaten. What is that? Two men in their underwear? I immediately recognize the executioner of the SD, a boxer from Antwerp. A beast man, but now he is as meek as a lamb and walk meekly with his hands in the neck for two KP-ers out.

A sense of well thrills me. There's Peter, the commander. He congratulated us and we him. Quietly he stands at the door as if he let out has engaged the guests of a wedding. Two by two, they go outside, provide a ration card and the address of the shelter. We are also going to cry. One can not hand over the eyes and we stumble forward, our guide at hand tenacious.

Through the streets of Leeuwarden running we begin to beselfen, what for great deed is done by our men. I step quietly side by side with my friend who saved my life. I need to let the tears flow freely, when I think how great the sacrifice and camaraderie amongst us as illegals. Everyone working in the dark, only knowing each other's pseudonym, there's one big band, which unites us, namely love for our homeland and the freedom and hatred of Nazism.

Upon arrival our hiding place, we will get a warm handshake goodbye to each other, under the promise of cards soon for a moment, as far as work and security permit. What do we have that first restful night's sleep in our twin!

Saturday morning, seven o'clock: alarm, once, twice, three times. That means roundup! We are out of bed and well equipped shelter in, we now wondering with fear in the heart, or perhaps now would still fall victims and then for us Fortunately, after some time come positive messages within just a stamp on OJ

Fourteen days to be among KP officers, it is a privilege that not everyone is bestowed; what we have in our second guesthouse talked a lot with each other, about the daily struggles and also about the future of our Fatherland and over again the conclusion was, also, will be addressing together after liberation do together and build together the future of the Netherlands!

Three weeks later. It is the first time that I'm back on the road; somewhere in Friesland we have to look at how we work today and we will start the implementation of our decisions.

Arriving with friends in Tijnje we're soon in the middle of the story of the day: the jailbreak. Sudden noise. Flight! The SD! We go out, but it's already too late. From all sides heard shots and we have to surrender. So this is the last, the battle is over and watch me, only the ball.

In this sense I walk into the police van with hands up, evening, just three weeks after my release from Leeuwarden, I sit down with three comrades in the SD prison in Groningen and wait

I've been waiting three months, but nothing happened. The SD in Groningen found me apparently not worth it and finally did no better place for me than Wilhelmshaven, where I picked up our friend van Dijk, who was with me in Tijnje, rediscovered again.

You can imagine what this reunion meant for both of us! We kept in close contact with each other and after 14 days was an opportunity to flee, with the result that we are just after the war again were back in Friesland.

If the last episode of the occupation was a very stressful time for me, but the release from prison in Leeuwarden will surely always remember me as THE highlight, thereby realizing how much we thank our old KP owe.

KLAAS.

Leeuwarden, October 1945.

FREE!

After I spent the night of 18 to 19 November 1944 was arrested by the German SD in a plot at the Harlingen Straatweg due to an unfortunate combination of circumstances, I that night was to the SD-building, the Savings Bank, the Zaaiand over here. Here was detained ik14 days and had to undergo many abuses.

On Saturday 2 December 1944 I was taken by car arrested under cover of some Rexists to the Special Criminal Prison in Leeuwarden and there locked up in cell 60.



The cells from 42-60: Behind those doors have Dreeuws and Leijenaar less pleasant days polite.

Since I was virtually washed out, due to the numerous abuses and fatigues - I was 14 days have been locked in a small cell measuring 1 x 1 meter and had very little food - I was permitted me as long as it was necessary the bed if hold.

For me it was a feeling I or of hell in heaven had come. The prison staff was me generally very benevolent. Some did everything in their power to cater to me. After two days I was already settled in a military canteen a nice hot meal, which I highly revamped. I have all these people be very grateful. The doctor put me on anything to regain strength. So a few days went by.

DAV Friday morning I got through a guard post, which had tried to buy me go, but that this had failed. For me that was an unpleasant sensation that the SD was not discussed and then probably could have gotten the idea that there is much more than just sitting behind the release of a prisoner. Fortunately, they have never been able to get the correct thread.

This Friday (December 8), I was for the first time in a few hours and went to lie about 5pm on my crit. By six o'clock a guard suddenly came in and announced to me that I had to get up immediately and left HvB. come for an interview. The SD was there.

I thought, what I now hangs overhead. I did not rush me, so that the guard was still two times to set me up to more urgent because they are now in the remand prison. were very impatient and apparently angry about my long stay away. It was me at that moment little more care and thought that it would be my last journey.

Had I known what was in the remand prison. was going on, I would have quickly dressed me. When I was finally out of the cell, and had been in the cell corridor, stood Leijenaar

Klaas, who was also imprisoned in the Special Criminal Prison on December 2, but in a different cell, already waiting for me.

"Where are you well", he said to me, I replied. "This is not quite young". "I do not think", Klaas said by two guards we were then directed to the rear of the HvB One of the.. guards rang a bell, and the door was immediately opened.

At the door stood a person who yelled at the guards:.. "Hands Up" He was armed with sten Klaas walked a few paces ahead of me My first thought was. "We are being killed here."

I can still see in a hazy light iron staircase leads down into the hallway of the building. After I was voortgelopen, I could see a little better a few paces (I saw the poor because 14 days locked in a dark cell in the SD-building) and perceived all guys with masks and heavily armed.

At that time began a light in me to go on. However, I had no opportunity to think further, as Klaas came up to me and said, "Man, they take us out". At the same time came a couple of those masked men floods on me and did their mask up I. recognized some of those guys. What's at that point in me gone, I can not put into words.

The change in my countenance would have been great (I heard later from some of the liberators), but I can not judge it yourself. The sudden sensation that I would be freed, immediately next to the idea that they would shoot me right there in the HvB., Must have made a deep impression on me.

However, I had to immediately pass through to the hallway leading to the door. In this hallway were lined up quite a few people. As I passed them, I recognized a few and I found out that they were all political prisoners.

Many times I felt a tug on my jacket, so that I almost lost a sleeve. All those prisoners for whom a few moments the door of the prison would be open put, were naturally overjoyed and obviously were shaking with emotion.

About half of the corridor passed me two people who had to just a shirt, and were followed by a few of our liberators. They were placed in runs backwards. One of those guys I recognized as a Rexist who had also watched over me in the SD building on Zaailand. It made me really fun to see him so pass them. I initially thought, "That can now be will be making the same."

After I Leijenaar in the administration of the remand prison. came, we saw there for the commander of the KP Kramer stand, which was quite busy the names of those who were freed, to be called up.

Wim was there doing the uniforms, which they apparently had let pull the Rexist, to pack. The tranquility with which the gentlemen went to work was admirable. The reaction will later also came with them. That is human and understandable.

Leijenaar and I were then brought out. At the door, I found to my great surprise even the agent Willemse who was smiling at me and said: "That you certainly did not think, sir," Indeed, I had not thought of..

We were led by one of the liberators. Outside it was pitch black. At the bridge I stumbled and bumped into someone. I grabbed me and turned a dominion have in my hands. "A little calm", was addressed to me. He turned out to be one of the men who stood outside waiting for eventual events.

You can understand that there are a lot in me was when I went there again free on the street. Along several streets we were headed. In the end, I could not walk and I was put back on a bike. So we arrived in a parcel at the Harlingen Straatweg, right next to the German dentist.

Here are Leijenaar and I stayed that night and the following night. In the morning at seven o'clock the sirens wailed and we got the famous raids. That was a time of extreme tension. However, we had a good hiding and rolling despite the search of five joints, beautifully round.

Saturday 9th December we were picked up again by some KP-ers. Me there were two pistols in hand printed. Risks could there then be no longer taken.

So we were housed in the Rook Street at Van Dijk, we well as on the 1st address extraordinarily lovingly received. Bravo to all those people.

Wednesday 13 December 1944, I was after my identity was finished, brought by four KP-ers and a courier, by bicycle to Swichum. When Haije and Wietske I lingered there for about four weeks and got all nice in the household at home. Kramer was there in the beginning, but left after about a week back to the city.

Because the SD ours chief of staff were on site almost got his night address Boonstra in Goutum, I had to leave Swichum again. The intention was, that I would not remain but to sergeant de Graaf in Oudega (Sm.) Would go.

However, it still had to go back unexpectedly. It was that evening storms with wind and rain. How we had to pass the honor guards at the Garijperbrug? The Count was in uniform and I had to continue but for sheep thief. Indeed, we lunched at bridge referred to by the German posts. Our game succeeded perfectly and so was also circumvented the cliff again.

Soaked we arrived in Oudega. Here I remained in hiding until the day of liberation. In the house of the count, I had a pleasant time. The care was, as in Swichum, extraordinary.

We've been up there a lot during those months. It is not my way across the subterranean work to talk. That can Van der Kouw (Kooistra) do better. Zoojuist I said I am always stayed there. That is not entirely correct. When the White (Pander), the Regional Operations Leader (called GOL) was in Friesland, was somewhere in Friesland arrested (he was unfortunately killed with several others later at Zwolle), I'm still a four week been in hiding with De Vries the road to the Hoidammen under Oudega.

De Wit had with his staff, namely for a time had saved his quarters at the Count and he knew I was there. Therefore, the utmost caution should be observed. But he did not say anything, so I returned later to De Graaf.

You can see from the above, it abscond also still is not easy and it is always in tension. When we were liberated in Oudega on 14 April 1945 and I the next day, when I heard that the first tanks Leeuwarden had entered, with the count on his motorbike around three o'clock in the afternoon the liberated Leeuwarden rode, you can themselves be imagine what it meant for me.

A day to remember!

DREEUWS

Leeuwarden, October 1945.

What later became known to the insiders about the cracking in the jail.

The robbers left around 6:35 pm to the remand prison. After all the administrative staff and guards were locked into two empty cells. The doors in the building have not been closed.

At 6:45 am arrived at the front door an officer of the SD This was open, so he could come in, found no one inside, but heard in one of the cells make the guards sound. He then called the BSG, who arrived with the keys, in which the cell doors were opened and the ADJ director had to give an account of the robbery.

At 6:50 pm the SD was informed of the robbery; were immediately alerted all SD-ers and some of the military power in Leeuwarden in Leeuwarden and began searching for the robbers and free the.

That same evening in the town searched all the exits from the town were strictly controlled, searched the gardens etc. All the guards a trial was conducted, but no one could tell something positive.

Suspicion fell on the general custodian Tiemersma, who was taken away by the Raiders. By eight o'clock the SD was already at the house of Tiemersma, but since the wife was not home, so they went away again.

The same evening there were raids done to some addresses of relatives and rid of them, but all to no avail.

There was a report released by the SD to SD in Groningen, which advised to keep a strict retaliation. The SD Leeuwarden could not go with it agree, that same evening was a special courier to The Hague for advice or whatever needed to be done.

The SD Leeuwarden was sure that no retaliation would take place, given the excellent preparation of this robbery and the very sporty way he was executed.

The Hague answer was NO reprisal. However, the other was dropped off tomorrow at 7pm the whole city and all the houses subject to a search. Several thousand young people were brought to the Zaailand, where in the course of the afternoon the PB and bescheinigungen of a stamp, but all the people were exempted again.

They had searched everything, but no one rid of, which nevertheless were all housed in the city can find. The liberators were few after the evening in advance all of the city left immediately after the robbery and throughout the province.

The SD has long made every effort to get a thread in the hands of this robbery, but it worked out their never. A special command coming from The Hague a few weeks sojourned in Friesland, but also without success. It has failed to get even one of their liberators or liberating to get hold of.

In last December's still got arrested around Heerenveen liberated Mr. Leijenaar, which then, however, lived under the name of Looyenga. He was detained in Scholtenhuis Groningen and later taken away to the prison camp at Wilhelmshaven. His true identity is not known. He is after the liberation again returned healthy in Leeuwarden.

The names of the five people arrested that afternoon had brought in about five hours and released by us again, are: IJ. Bone Nijkerk; T. Epema to Kollumerzwaag; H. Hospes to Rauwerd; Sj. de Vries Surhuisterveen and H. Hunter Heerenveen.

Jodocus I have learned that Mr. JW Theil, which according to my report of 12 Dec. '44 Will include having the three newly introduced by the SD arrested, has been transmitted to him in a cell, despite the fact that he was not on his list. Since he Theil had anywhere in the province in hiding the Jodocus went to his heart as he would not take him along. This reduces the number of freeing so more plus one.

Jodocus of the robbery team was on 29 Jan '45 By 2 SD ers arrested at his boarding house in hiding, he flee, knew but was killed by a bullet during the chase.

The NBS employees were on 7th April '45 S. Dam, Joh. Nieuwland and arrested on April 8 EM Wierda from Leeuwarden even through the SD and subjected to severe interrogation in Burmaniahuis. Although van Dam to the prison raid was asked, he did nothing about it apart. All three were on April 11 with 10 others shot Dronrijp.



Joh. Nieuwland, b 1-6-1907. Dronrijp shot to 11 April 1945. Of the team's only warning "Joop" short for liberation even through the SD arrested and fallen victim to their vengeance. The memory of him will remain firm friends with his NBS live.



EM Wierda, b 26-4-1918. Shot to Dronriip 11 April 1945. He cared for the NBS some important information and was on the day of liberation on their own initiative capable liberate a lost group to pick up and bring shelter. His companions will certainly never forget him.

These four people unfortunately have the great liberation of the German terror, which came to Leeuwarden on April 15, may not do.

In early 1945, another three KP-ers arrested and imprisoned in Leeuwarden. Johan and Theo were employed after some time in Drenthe and managed to escape from there, while Chris on the day of liberation by the NBS was removed from the prison.

The discharge team are also three man in the hands of the Germans cases. Foppe was also employed in Drenthe, but also saw a chance to take the legs. Shem remained as dangerous person trapped in Leeuwarden and was equal with Chris liberated on April 15. Peke while incarcerated after more than three weeks have been by the SD was released. Unfortunately, he was flush with S. van Dam and Joh. Nieuwland on April 7 arrested again.

On April 10 he would Ritzumazijl retaliation with still shot someone else; by his heroic efforts, succeeded him on the way to put the two SD-ers out of the fight, which he and his fellow prisoner escaped.

The SD has all of these persons, except S. Dam, never seen one of the robbers.

All in all the squatters on the prison in Leeuwarden has had a very favorable outcome. There is no shot of cases, no drop of blood shed by this attack and liberate all have to preserve the freedom and life.

Eppie.
Leeuwarden, May 1945.

*Aan de Commandant der K.P.
Groep Friesland.*

Namens den Prov. Raad L.O. breng ik U als Leider van de ontzetting onze hartelijke dank over voor de schitterende wijze waarop de voorbereiding van dit ingenieuze plan en de volmaakte uitvoering daarvan, in samenwerking met de N.B.S., heeft plaats gevonden.

De slotactie van onze K.P. in Friesland was een waardige bekroning van zijn werkzaamheid, en tevens een prachtige opening van de activiteit der N.B.S., waarin de uwen nu zijn overgegaan.

Bij het afscheid van onze K.P. brengen wij tevens onze algemeene dank over voor de krachtige hulp aan onze actie gebracht in de loop der laatste jaren, en wij wenschen uw mannen toe, dat ze in hun nieuwe formatie hun beleid, moed en trouw onder Gods zegen voor de definitieve bevrijding van ons Vaderland tot de laatste volle ontplooiing zullen mogen brengen.

Wij verzoeken U onze dank te willen overbrengen aan allen die U terzijde hebben gestaan.

DE JONG.

11 December 1944.

*Aan de Commandant der K.P.
Groep Friesland.*

Het is ons een behoefte, om in alle geval ook langs deze weg aan onze bewondering en achting uitdrukking te geven, die we hebben voor de geweldige prestatie door U geleverd, inzake de bevrijding van zovele gevangenen uit het HvB, zowel als uit de B.S.G. te Leeuwarden.

We hebben niets dan lof voor de schitterende wijze, waarop dit plan is ontworpen en uitgevoerd.

Naast God voelen wij ons gedrongen aan allen die daartoe meewerkten, onze dank uit te spreken.

Een groote zorg is door deze vrijmaking afgewenteld, niet alleen van vele families, maar ook zeker van de illegale werkers in onze provincie.

We zullen het op prijs stellen, wanneer U de inhoud van dit schrijven aan de diverse medewerkers zult laten weten.

Namens de familie S.2.

11 December 1944.

Slotwoord

Aan de rapporten die deze gebeurtenis van alle kanten reeds voldoende hebben toegelicht, heb ik niets meer toe te voegen.

Voor jullie trouw en plichtsbetrachting, zowel getoond door de jongens van de dekkingsploeg, als van de jongens welke de gevangenis zijn binnen gegaan, betuig ik mijn innigen dank.

Met waardering gedenk ik allen die hun medewerking hebben verleend, zowel bij het opstellen der plannen, als bij de wegvoering der bevrijden.

Jodocus, onze trouwe strijdmakker heeft de bevrijding niet mee mogen maken. Hij offerde zijn jeugdig leven voor zijn Vaderland. Het zal ons allen goed doen, dit boekwerk aan hem opgedragen te weten.

Ook S. van Dam, Joh. Nieuwland en E. M. Wierda, die ook hun plicht hebben gedaan bij de wegvoering der bevrijden, waren bij de dertien gefusilleerden die bij Dronrijp op 11 April 1945 als repressie maatregel zijn gevallen.

Dat wij allen in trouw en plichtsbetrachting verder mogen werken aan de opbouw van ons geliefd Vaderland, is mijn oprechte wens.

Dokkum, November 1945.

PIET KRAMER.

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