

Name	<u>MINA, Anton Berend</u>	(A)
P.T.C.	8.1.43.	
N.A.	11.1.43.	
Born	21.1.18. den Helder	
Occupation	Sgt. Capitulant-then Customs officer at Bergeyk.	
Relatives	Father and mother in den Helder.	
Remarks	Student at STS 6 commencing 18.1.43	
15.1.43.		

Alias MERTENS. AB

Sgt. Mendes STS 6-29.1.43.

The most quiet of them all. Generally speaking, always agrees with the others but seldom raises a point himself. Is more the regular, and in this case, quite intelligent soldier type. Temperate habits with regards women, drink etc.

General remarks- More than once, during conversations it transpires that there is a strong distrust or rather lack of confidence in their own authorities, should these be in command of operations. This is not merely an "idee fixe" but is, rightly or wrongly, based upon certain cases which have taken place in the past in their own country during the period they were still there, when, still according to them of course, the lack of organisation of their own countrymen have more than once been observed. Hence there is quite some anxiety as to under whose orders they are going to be placed.

5.2.43.

Joined Dutch Army May 38; became L/Sgt. Jan. 39 (Dienstplichtig Sgt.) Full Sergeant (Vrijwillig Sgt.) May 39. Unit Coastal Artillery. After mobilisation of Dutch Army on 10 July he became assistant custom house officer (Commiss) stationed at Berg Syk (Prov. D. Prebant) left Holland with two friends (also customs officials) on 22.4.42 for France. Took one week to reach unoccupied zone. Every country border including

demarcation line crossed a foot. At this period the Dutch were treated with more consideration by the French authorities; all the same they were arrested by Zeme Bureau and taken to Chateau Roux (Dept. ^{Inders}) where they stayed 2-3 days; from there sent to camp Bignet, Mont Lucon (the Michelin Tyre Factories are there); sent back to Chateau Roux where the "prefect" gave them a permit to visit their consul at Perpignan. The Consular Services sent them to "Hollands Huis" (Dutch Home) where they worked for 3 months as farm-hands. Left France on 24.7.42; crossed French-Spanish frontier at Sebort (where they were detained for another fortnight). Left Spain (Bilbao) 28.7. with 50 others for Caracao. Arrived in Canada via Cuba New York; in Canada rejoined Dutch Forces (Prinses Juliana -raining Centrum)

Notes:- Joined No.3 at Spanish French frontier, been together ever since.

Address of brother-in-law: A.Eijpe.Kpl.Mach.K.N.M.
St.B.no12710 Militaire Commandant Caracao N.W.L.
1^o.2.43.

Doesn't lack determination; tends however to be flustered in circumstances as for instance when working alone, without the protective guidance of others. (I have put myself the question whether this emotional instability might not handicap him under real trying operational circumstances.) Has some queer communistically tinted political views which he takes rather seriously but as he is quite incapable of defending these ideas it only causes a lot of leg pulling by the others. The views only take the form of "the rich" v. the "working classes" and do not deter him to express an almost fanatical devotion for the queen and the House of Orange.) Doesn't seem physically too strong (will have more opportunity to see his reaction to physical strain during the next few weeks).

Contacts. Mr. A. ^{de}ceens, "Bryn-y-Coed",
37 Newry St. Holyhead.
(He is going to spend his leave there)

Sgt. Mendes ST² 24b-18.2.43.

Is inclined to be rather fussy over mere trifles and ready to grouse. This is not caused by any feeling of ill-will but rather because of a certain emotional instability of character (as mentioned previously). Has a very orderly mind; meticulous in handling his affairs.

25.2.43.

His case still remains somewhat a problem. Though he is an all round way quite a decent and charming fellow, he really doesn't possess any outstanding qualities. When chosen as leader he doesn't inspire confidence (but on the other hand he does not give cause to mistrust). He displays physical courage pretty sparingly (though he doesn't lack determination). If, "per se", one wants to endow him with a definite characteristic - should say the only one is, that, not possessing any outstanding personality, he remains perfectly inconspicuous among a crowd; and when told what to do, will most likely manage to carry it out without drawing undue attention to himself - not because he has mastered the art of remaining in the background, but merely because he is naturally so inclined.

4.3.43.

Until now I have been rather sceptical of endowing him with any special qualification placing him above a certain average. All the same he has given proof of something which hitherto has escaped attention. He has exceptional patience for instructing others. He has spent in the evenings quite a lot of his spare time running over various subjects with the 3Bs. Notwithstanding linguistic difficulties he didn't show any traces of irritability. It is to be noted however that this patience and devotion in trying to help and teach others is limited to theoretical subjects (i.e. calculations of charges etc.) and not to a type where his own word of command is imperative.

11.3.43.

Less strong personality. Does not lack determination but when confronted with more risky types of work proceeds along the too cautious lines, hampering normal responsiveness to natural courage

Assets however are: temperate habits, resourcefulness and patience to cope with the shortcomings of others when dealing with them.

NO to MT.2-13.3.43.

Please make arrangements for this student to attend a normal three weeks' course at Group B commencing 28.3.43.

D/CE.3 to MT.2-18.3.43.

There is no security objection.

Sgt.Mendes STS 51b-18.3.43.

General remarks- It transpires only just now that No.2 has informed his two friends: H.LETTEBOER and M.VERHAGE during the period they were staying at "Huis Florys" Princess Way, Wimbledon, of the fact that he was coming into this organisation. The fact might to a certain extent be excused as these two are his nearest friends and he (No.2) also knows in what branch of the Services they are employed. However it appears that he also told them that No.1 is in this organisation (they all met at Huis Florys) Though it is rather too late to do something about it now, I might all the same suggest that No.2 should be prevented making further contacts with them when on leave. Has been laid up after the first exercise so there has been less opportunity to check up on the courage aspect (always rather dubious). All the same I am sure he would have carried on right through the training if it would have been possible. He is no coward only he is far less sure of himself than are the other two. He is more simple minded too, so that it is easier to make him talk. (The case related under General Remarks is an example of this). Please note that it is merely simplicity and not boastfulness which is the cause.

NL to D/CE.M.1 Sec. 27.5.43.

This student left for the field on the night of 21/22.5.43.

ANK, Anton Barend.

22666/A

POLO
DUTCH Section.

Born: DEN HELDER, 21.10.18.

Alias: MERTENS, Anton Barend, @ HERBERT.

Sent: From U.K., 21.5.43.

213

Reported in prison camp at RAWICZ, Silesia, N.W. BRESLAU. Seen
by escaped French agent in July 44.

Height: 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Squarish face; narrow forehead; brown, narrow
eyes; short, straight nose; full mouth; square chin; brown hair.

P.T.O.

MERTENS

MINNA, B.

Formule d'enrôlement.

1. Je m'engage volontairement à suivre un cours d'entraînement pour me préparer au travail que je entreprendrai. Je reconnais qu'en m'engageant ainsi, je suis soumis aux conditions des Defence Regulations.
2. Pendant cette période d'entraînement je reconnais que je dois être traité comme un soldat et que je suis soumis aux lois Britanniques comme si j'étais un soldat servant dans l'armée Britannique.
3. Pendant cette période d'entraînement je veux servir sous ces conditions (~~et sous les conditions spéciales préalablement exposées qui m'ont été lues et que je comprends~~). *W.J.*

Signature.

Mertens

MERTENS

Signature de l'officier témoin.

Date.

W. J. Johnston Lt Col

20.7.1941.

ENROLMENT FORM

1. I voluntarily engage myself to undergo a course of training in order to fit me for the work which I am undertaking. I recognise that in so engaging myself, I become subject to the provisions of the Defence Regulations.

2. During the period of training, I recognise that I must in all respects be treated as a soldier and be subject to British Law as if I were a soldier serving in the British Army.

3. Whilst under training, I am willing to serve under these conditions (and under the special conditions also set forth which have been read to me and which I understand).

(Signature).....

(Signature of attesting officer).....

(Date).....

CARD

22666/A
C.R.

Date 04h January 1

SURNAME.

H I X X

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

FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

Anton Gerard

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH.

den Helder 11.10.10

NATIONALITY.

NATIONALITY AT BIRTH.

(if different from above.)

Dutch

PRIVATE ADDRESS

PERMANENT ADDRESS

NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

BRIEF PARTICULARS OF PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Sergt. Capitulant - then, Customs Officer at Bergeyk

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

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>
	father and mother	den Helder

APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT AS—

Student.

S.O.2.

N T

OWN NAME

NAME WHEN IN TRAINING

NAME IN THE FIELD

ANTON BEREND
MINK

A.B. MERTENS

ANTOON BEREND MINK

CODE NAME

NAME OF OPERATION

HERBERT

POLO

22666/A

HISTORY SHEET

PARTY 88 J

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

S.T.S.No. 8

School No. 3

Name by which known..... MARTIN

Nationality..... DUTCH..... Born at..... Den Helder

Date of birth..... 21.10.18

Profession..... Sergeant in Dutch Army

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

Father; Dirk (60), Sergeant of Marines (retired) Huisstr 12, Den Helder

Mother; Agatha Johanna Herderschee (48) same address

Sister; Catherine Maria Eype (25) Married, Living with parents (husband
in Dutch Army in W. Indies)

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

Languages.
(With order and degree of proficiency.)

French, German, English (all fair)

Hobbies.

Reading, swimming
are intimately known.

Den Helder, Hindhoven, Valkenswaard.

Military History.

Entered Dutch Army, coastal artillery, in May 1933, after
one years preliminary apprenticeship in shipyard upon leaving school.

Past History

(Including Education, diplomas etc. in Chronological order and
past employment.)7 years elementary school in Amsterdam and Haarlem; 3 yrs. - 1931
(1924-1931) (Haarlem and Den Helder
(1931-1934))

3 years trade school (1934 - 1937) Den Helder. (final diploma)

For employment see above. Left Holland in April 1942 for Curacao
via France and Spain.