

Netherlands Documentation Project Interview Summary

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Mr. Cornelis (Cor) Verbiest, born 14 April 1918, Goeree Overflakkee, The Netherlands
Date of Interview: May 3, 2004
Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Short summary:

Mr Verbiest was a police officer from 1940. He was also in the resistance. Part of the group of Badriaan and Gerrit van der Veen. In his interview we focused on the role of Amsterdam police in the deportation of Jews. Mr. Verbiest was not involved in the deportation of collecting of Jews himself. He once had to arrest "asocial elements".

Long summary:

Tape 1

Mr Verbiest tells about family background. For Mr Verbiest the army seemed to be the way to leave the poor agricultural area and to move up in the world without education. He joined the army in 1938.
He tells about the German invasion in May 1940, he was in the army.

Tape 2

About capitulation.
On August 19, 1940 he joins the police in Amsterdam.
About the training.
Eyewitness of the razzia that led to the February strike

Tape 3

About the work of the police, collecting radios
About the atmosphere in the police force. Try to cooperate.
About after the war when Mr Verbiest tried to get public attention for the role of the Amsterdam police in the deportation of Jews. He gave a press conference.
On how the resistance contacted him. On resistance.

Tape 4

In 1944 Mr Verbiest had to go into hiding.
After liberation he is told that there is no work for him at the police office. Mr. Verbiest decides to help returning Jews to get their property and belongings back.

Tape 5

About the attack on the Landsdrukkerij (National Printing Bureau). Here persoonsbewijzen were printed. His group managed to steal thousands of real persoonsbewijzen. These were clean, without printing of names. These were used to falsify documents for Jews and resistance people.

Correct spelling of some names mentioned in the video testimony:

Wim van Dam
Karel Lotsy
Pietje van Kleef
Vingerhoed
Voordewind
Hilterman
Eykema
Bardrian
Hartogh
Gerben Wagenaar (resistance name Freek)
Frits Bovenhuis (resistance name Bertje)
Co den Hartogh (resistance name Kobus)
Kaasjager
Theo van Raalte
Hans van Gogh
Piet Kaay
Kaptein
Joop van der Mark
Resistance name of Mr Verbiest was Sjors