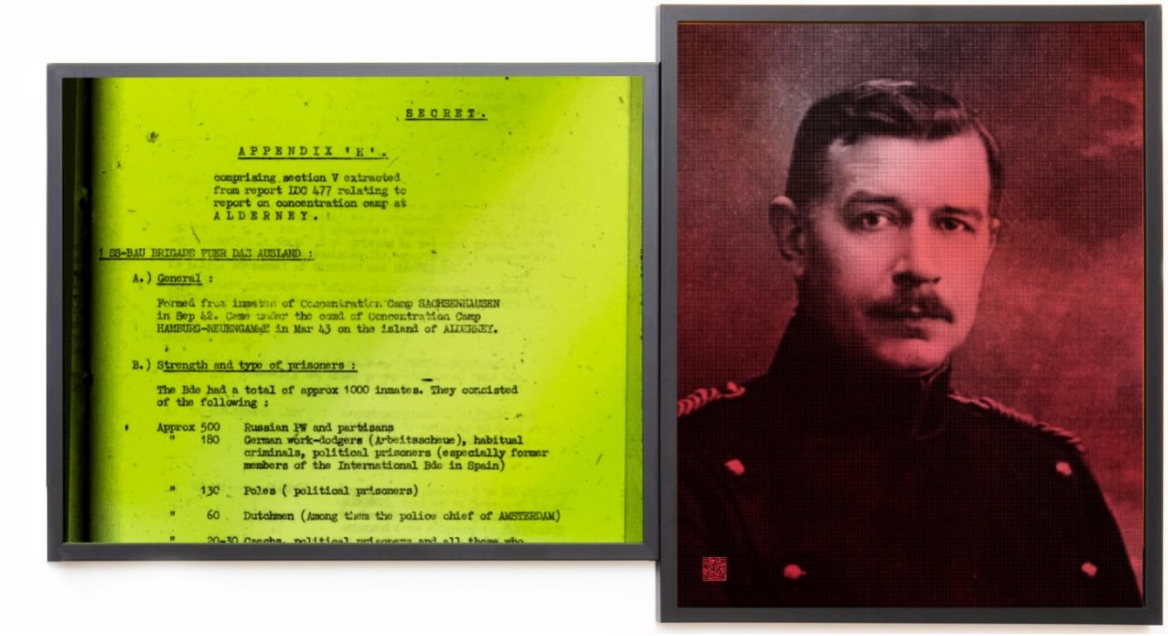
UK ARTIST NAMES THE “CHIEF OF POLICE OF AMSTERDAM” WHO WAS IN A GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMP, ON THE BRITISH CHANNEL ISLAND OF ALDERNEY

A work of art by celebrated UK artist **PIERS SECUNDA, whose work has contributed to the UK Government inquiry about the occupation of Alderney,** will name the **AMSTERDAM CHIEF OF POLICE** who was taken **BY THE GERMANS** to Alderney during WWII, as a slave labourer.
The identity of this individual **has never been revealed before.**



Piers Secunda
“The Chief Of Police Of Amsterdam Was On Alderney”. 2025
German Gunpowder Ink On Paper. 55 x 96cm
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The story behind this artwork :

The British Channel Islands were occupied during WWII. An infamous 190 page document known as "The Pantcheff Report" presented the U.K.'s case for prosecution of Germans on the Island of Alderney, after WWII. The report breaks down who was in the SS Concentration Camp Lager Sylt, on Alderney. This page (reproduced in the artwork) states "60 Dutchmen Amongst them the Chief of Police of Amsterdam" There was only one arrest of an Amsterdam police chief, or “commissioner” during the Second World War: Commissioner Leendert Hoogenboom (pictured on the right in this work of art) was arrested by the German Military Police on the 26th of May, 1940. He was sent the next day to “Tuchthuis” correctional facility in Munster, Germany. Since no other Police Chiefs of Amsterdam were arrested during the War, this work of art proposes that the unnamed prisoner was indeed Leendert Hoogenboom, that he was sent from Tuchthuis to Alderney and recalled to Tuchthuis before being released. The artist challenges anyone with any paperwork which can prove otherwise, to come forward. Hoogenboom was released on the 5th of July, 1940. Leendert Hoogenboom's son was also arrested by the Germans, but was lower ranking and not a Police Chief.

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