

## 20 Leung Kan Dutch Navy 9 June 1944



*Koninkrijk der Nerderlanden* means Kingdom of the Netherlands.

*Matroos* means Ordinary Seaman.

*K.V.* is a military decoration, the *Kruis van Verdeenste*, or Cross of Merit. It was a decoration instituted by the Dutch (strictly speaking, the Netherlands) Government in Exile in 1941.

I have been unable to find out why Leung Kan was in Barrow, about the time of the D-Day landings. He was probably from the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia and other independent nations. Censorship regulations during the war meant that some things would not be reported: the death of a foreign sailor apparently being one of them. Presumably there was a post-mortem.