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1. POST REGRETS THAT STAFFING SHORTAGE IN THE CONSULAR
SECTION HAS DELAYED THIS OVERDUE REPLY TO REFTEL. CONOFF
SENT THE FOLLOWING LIST OF QUESTIONS TO MR. BESCH AND
REPLIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. IN WHICH OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE SS
DID YOU WORK IN 1935?

I NEVER WORKED IN A SECTION OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
OF THE SS.

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2. WERE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SICHERHEITSDIENST UNDER HEYDRICH?

NO.

3. WHAT WERE THE EXACT DESIGNATIONS OF THE OFFICERS/UNITS IN WHICH YOU WORKED?

- 3.1. SS SIGNAL BATTALION OF THE GENERAL SS SERVICE TROOPS, BERLIN- ADLERSHOF.
- 3.2. CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE ORDER POLICE STAFF OF GEN. WINKELMANN STAFF OF GEN. DALUEGE
- 3.3. SS-POLICE-DIVISION
- 3.4. 15TH AND 13TH COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 1ST SS TANK REGIMENT.
- 3.5. SS MORTAR DETACHMENT 501.

4. WHO WERE YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICERS AND COLLEAGUES?

- 4.1. BATTALION COMMANDER SS LT. GEN. BALLAUF COMPANY LEADER (SIGNAL COMPANY) SS CAPTAIN SANSONI.
- 4.2. OTHER COMMANDING OFFICERS AND COLLEAGUES: CHIEF MAIN OFFICE ORDER POLICE GEN. V. BOMHARDT LT. GEN. WINKELMANN MAJOR BEKER LATER ON GENERAL DALUEGE IMMEDIATE BOSS
- 4.3. CHIEF OF STAFF (IA) SS-GENERAL KRUEGER
- 4.4. REGIMENTAL COMMANDER SS-COLONEL WITT BATTALION COMMANDER SS-MAJOR WEIDENHAUPT
- 4.5. STAFF OF SS PERSONNEL MAIN OFFICE (GEN. KLEINHEITSTERKAMP?) BESCH'S ADJUTANT WAS SS-1ST LT. PECKELSEN

5. WHAT WAS THE PRECISE NATURE OF YOUR ASSIGNMENTS IN EACH CASE?

- 5.1. TRAINING FOR RADIO-, TELEPHONE AND TELEXOPERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION OF TELEPHONELINES.
- 5.2. STAFF OF GEN WINKELMANN: SETTING UP OF FIRE BRIGADES FOR ROMANIA UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIRFORCE STAFF OF GEN DALUEGE: COORDINATION AND PLANNING OF APPOINTMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND SAFE GUARDING OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, PRESCREENING OF INCOMING FILES, ADMINISTRATION OF MOTORPOOL AND AIRCRAFT-POOL, TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WERE TELEPHONE, TELEX AND RADIO LINES ON OFFICIAL TRIPS, ACCOMPANYING GENERAL DALUEGE ON HIS OFFICIAL TRIPS.
- 5.3. THE SS-POLICE-DIVISION WAS AN INFANTRY DIVISION THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER WITH SECTIONS OF THE ARMY AND THE POLICE. I WAS AN ORDERLY OR STAFF OFFICER IN THE STAFF OF THIS DIVISION DURING THE FRENCH CAMPAIGN.

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5.4. THE 15TH HEAVY ARTILLARY COMPANY CONSISTED OF ONE INFANTRY PLATOON (SS-2ND LT. BODE) AND ONE ANTI-TANK DEFENSE PLATOON. THE COMPANY HAD TO ASSIST THE INFANTRY COMPANY ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE 13TH COMPANY WAS A PURE INFANTRY COMPANY. IN BOTH COMPANIES I WAS COMPANY LEADER.

5.5. AS COMMANDING OFFICER I HAD TO SET UP THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 MUNICH 03379

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MORTARCOMPY 501, WITH THREE LIGHT BATTERIES (10 CM MORTARS) AND ONE HEAVY BATTERY (15 CM MORTARS).

6. WERE YOU A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF GERMAN ARMY AND SD MEN WHO WERE SENT TO THE ROMANIAN OIL FIELDS TO GUARD THEM AGAINST SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS BY THE BRITISH SECRET SERVICE?

NO.

7. DID YOU EVER WORK UNDER OTTO ALBRECHT VON BOLSCHWING?

I HAVE NEVER HEARD THE NAME VON BOLSCHWING BEFORE.

8. PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES OF YOUR COLLEAGUES AND SUPERIORS OF EACH UNIT TO WHICH YOU WERE ASSIGNED WHILE IN ROMANIA.

I NEVER SERVED IN ROMANIA AND I NEVER WAS A MEMBER OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OR A SS-MANNSCHAFTSHAUS.

9. DID YOU KNOW ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

- HANS WERNER ROEPKE
- WERNER SCHRIEVER
- RUDOLF JEEP
- WERNER KOELN
- DIETER RADBRUCH
- SS-LT WOLF?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEAR THESE NAMES.

10. WERE YOU AN ADJUTANT TO KURT DALUEGE, HEAD OF THE ORDNUNGSPOLIZEI FROM JAN. 1, 1940?

YES, I WAS ONLY AN ADJUTANT. I NEVER WORKED FOR AN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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11. PLEASE GIVE THE DETAILS OF YOUR TWO TRIPS TO FRANCE.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION IN DETAIL. I ONLY MADE ONE TRIP TO FRANCE AS 2ND ADJUTANT IN THE STAFF OF GENERAL DALUEGE RIGHT AFTER THE CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE. IT WAS A PRIVATE TRIP OF GENERAL DALUEGE WITH A VERY SMALL GROUP TO VISIT THE BATTLEFIELDS OF WORLD WAR I AND TO HAVE A LOOK AT PARTS OF THE MAGINOT LINE. ANOTHER TIME I WAS IN FRANCE A SHORT TIME AS COMPANY LEADER OF THE 15TH COMPANY 2ND BATTALION 1ST SS-TANK-GRENADIER-DIVISION SHORTLY NEAR CALAIS AND THEN FOR A LONGER TIME NEAR CAEN STATIONED IN FALAISE AS PART OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS. OUR FIELD WAS TRAINING WITH WEAPONS, PROBABLY SIMILAR TO TRAINING FOR AMERICAN TROOPS. BEFORE THE INVASION, I WAS STATIONED IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE AS COMMANDER OF THE MORTAR COMPANY TO SET THIS COMPANY UP.

12. PLEASE GIVE THE NAME OF THE COMPANY TO WHICH YOU BELONGED WHILE IN NORTHERN ITALY IN 1943.

IN ITALY I WAS NOT PART OF A SPECIAL UNIT. I WAS THEN PROMOTED TO MAJOR OF THE POLICE AND WAS BATTALION LEADER OF THE RESERVE OF THE 1ST SS-TANK-DIVISION WHICH WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE 1ST SS-TANK-GRENADIER-REGIMENT (COMMANDING OFFICER SS-COLONEL FREY).

13. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE UNIT IN WHICH YOU SERVED DURING THE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE?

ONLY ONE UNIT: SS-MORTAR-UNIT 501.

MR. BESCH HAS PLANNED A TRIP TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND HAS REQUESTED A TRANSIT VISA. ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED.
FISCHER

ADMIN
END OF MESSAGE

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