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The following information was submitted by an experienced SSS agent who travelled from INGSTETTEN (X-4279) to BIETIGHEIM (S-0141) between 5 Apr to 9 Apr. See Annex No 1 for itinerary. See text for date of information. Evaluation B-2, unless otherwise indicated.

5 April:

1. In INGSTETTEN (X-4279) agent saw no activity.
2. In SCHLKLINGEN (X-4977) agent saw 40 Volkssturm armed with rifles marching in column in the main street.
3. A company of Pioniers was seen walking about the streets of HERRLINGEN (X-6082.)
4. Driver of truck told agent he was on his way back from MUNSINGEN (X-3081) where he had delivered Teller Minen to troop training area. The mines had been picked up at ULM from the Pionier Kaserne. C-3.
5. Agent was told that a cousin of the driver was a Lt in charge of guards watching an underground factory at MUNICH. The gas was said to have a sweet smell. It was reportedly being prepared in enormous quantities to be used at the last moment to turn the tide. C-0. (See par 9, SSS report, ref no 124, dtd 12 Apr 45.)
6. In outskirts of ULM agent saw 10 half-tracked trucks, filled with troops. Behind the trucks were 15 of the small tanks called "HETZER." All vehicles were heading in the direction of EHINGEN (X-4867.) (B-2.) Agent was told by a Feldwebel in repair shop in STUTTGART that the HETZER tank was at top production, to exclusion of all other tank models. (C-0.)
7. Agent saw a total of 400-500 soldiers at NE station at ULM and in billets; majority were convalescents waiting for trains to take them back to their front-line units. All branches of the service were represented. Morale was poor and most of the men were trying to waste as much time as possible so that they would be away from the front and hoped to be overrun by an American advance.

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8. A Reserve Lazarett is on outskirts of ULM on road to BLAUBEUREN (X-5181.)

6 April:

9. A Pionier Kp stationed in MARGOLSHEIM (X-3881) since 5 Apr when it came from BLAUBEUREN. On the road to MARGOLSHEIM just beyond INGOLSTETTEN the company had been attacked at 051900 by American planes and lost 4 horses and 2 LKW; casualties were 2 dead and 3 severely wounded. The company all rode horses, and were making very hasty preparations to go to the front via MUNSINGEN and STUTTGART. They were all armed only with rifles. Soldiers were all demoralized--feeling the war was lost, and had no desire to go to the front.

10. Along MARGOLSHEIM--AURINGEN (X-3281) road there were right-angled trenches and foxholes were inter spersed along the road and on into the fields.

11. At BOTTINGEN (X-3581) and in AURINGEN along the road, agent saw soldiers riding on bicycles and walking dressed in Pionier uniforms and carrying field glasses.

12. At BOTTINGEN agent saw a restaurant full of these same troops with their field glasses. (B-2.) Heard some discussing their situation and destination. Pioniers were generally agreed that they were to stay in the area of MUNSINGEN (X-3181) to be placed in a MIR. F-0.

13. The soldiers in restaurant in BOTTINGEN said there was a company at AURINGEN (X-320805) and a company at APFELSTETTIN (X-3077.) Hq of Bn was located at Gasthaus Zum Adlers in BOTTINGEN (X-350805.) F-0.

14. Troops in area had light and heavy MG and were being trained in area at X-3080, north of BOTTINGEN.

15. A Feldwebel stated that the Germans would hold a line at MUNSINGEN ALB, south of MUNSINGEN. He claimed that there were 15,000 or 20,000 Russians in the area. F-3.

16. Agent saw 20 large barracks in ALTES LAGER (X-3482) where the Russians stayed.

17. On the south side of the road from AURINGEN to MUNSINGEN agent saw 20 more barracks, same type, at NEUEN LAGER near AURINGEN. The Volkssturm from the neighboring villages were quartered there. The barracks lay between the fork in the AURINGEN--MUNSINGEN road at X-308805.

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18. No military installations were seen in MUNSINGEN. About 200 soldiers mixed arms, mainly Russians who were going to the front. Some additional troops got on the train at REUTLINGEN (X-1089) who came from the Reserve Lazarett in TUBINGEN (W-9792.)

7 April:

19. In STUTTGART, about 3000-4000 soldiers at the RR station in apparently complete disorganization.

20. A party member told agent that from now on there would be no more Volkssturm but all would be patriots. The Wehrmacht would give uniforms, so that there would be better control of the men. SS men in the town were busy picking up all eligible men and impressing them into the Volkssturm.

21. Agent talked to a Waffen SS noncom who was from Truppen Alburge Palatz-Eibruck bei Stettin. The noncom stated that from the training grounds he could see V-1 and V-2 being launched. He wore a tiger's head on his right lapel collar. He heard that they were remaining in STUTTGART 6 more days and then were moving south into the ALPS. The noncom had been told of this move by his CO. The Waffen SS div to which he belonged was composed of entirely of Hindus, and every man was supposed to carry a panzerfaust. C-3.

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Annex No 1- Sketch of Itinerary.

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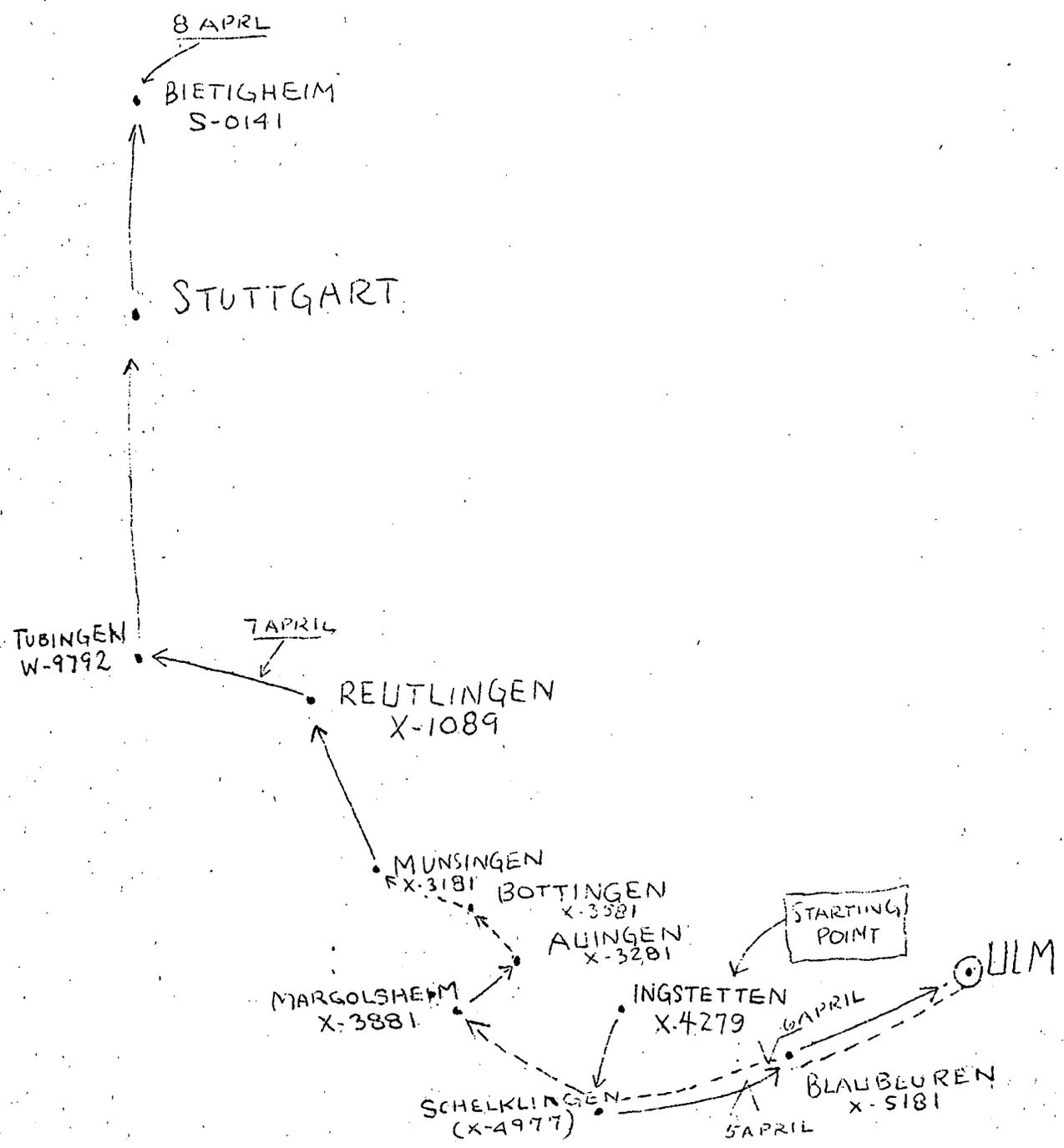
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