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Lebenslauf of Hans Wilhelm EGGEN

I was born on 5.6.1912 in Wennigsen b/Hannover, the son of Johann Wilhelm EGGEN, a police court judge. My father was a judge by profession. I completed the first six years of school in my parents' home with a private tutor. Later I attended the Leibnizschule in Hanover with a break between Untersecunda-Obersecunda. At that time I intended to specialize in agriculture. At 21 I received my diploma. My father had at that time and until his death on 14 August 1934 financial participation in various undertakings of private industry. Therefore our family had good industrial connections. After the completion of my schooling in the autumn of 1932, I joined Cavalry Regiment 13 in Hannover as a one-year volunteer. I there received the rank of corporal with the qualification of reserve officer, and thereafter matriculated at the legal school in Tübingen. There I was active in the So-russia Corps. Thereafter I alternated my studies between Berlin and Tübingen, and at the beginning of 1937 took my final examinations in Berlin. In the meantime I had again done military service.

After the change of government in 1933 it was necessary for every student enrolled in German universities, if he wished to continue his studies, to become a member of the National Socialist Students League. It was a family tradition that I, like my father and grandfather, should be active in the Borussia Corps. The National Socialist Students League required that its members resign from corporations, which were then later completely dissolved. In order to avoid membership in the National Socialist Students League, to which we Corps-students were strongly opposed, I decided, in order to be able to pursue my studies at the University, to join as a civilian the "allgemeinen SS" and at the same time, of necessity, the NSDAP. My joining the SS, as well as the NSDAP (at that time one could not foresee the later changed character of the SS) was for me entirely a matter of form. Until the beginning of the war and also until August 1940, because of an office in the Party, I also held office in the SS. At this time as a Wehrmacht officer, I was still an ordinary SS man without any rank. In August 1940 as an officer of Cavalry Regiment 9, I was assigned to a post on the French border. I was at that time Leutnant and a short time later became an Oberleutnant. At that time because of my knowledge gained from my civilian profession, I was ordered to the Führungshauptamt, department of Foreign- and Currency Control. At the same time I was liaison officer to the Ministry of Commerce. At first I served at the Führungshauptamt as a Wehrmacht officer. Because of a general order I was transferred in 1941 to the Waffen SS. From the beginning I used my activity at the Führungshauptamt to mitigate, as far as it lay within my power, hardships and injustices. There are sufficient examples in which I gave proof of my sympathies and that at a time when Germany still played a part in Europe.

I would like at this time to state definitely that in this war I took no part in any fighting and so employed my activity within the framework of the industrial bureau that there are international proofs of it. Information about my activity can be given by Dr. Westrick, lawyer, who was formerly active in Berlin and a former member of the Board of directors on UNILEVER and Standard Electric. Dr. Westrick is also known to Mr. Dulles.
Zürich, 10. September 1945.

/s/ EGGEN