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Vilis HAZNERS et al

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1. BOB files contain no additional information on any of the Subjects.
2. Berlin Document Center checks were negative except in the case of Vilis HAZNERS. The following information was submitted by BDC:

"HAZNERS, Vilis-Arveds

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Born: July 23, 1905 at Wuersau, Distr. Mitau, Latvia

Occupation: Officer

Address: Riga, Ivandesstr. 4

Nationality: Not given.

Waffen-SS entry: May 20, 1943,

Waffen-SS ranks: Waffen-Hauptsturmfuehrer (May 28, 1943),
Waffen-Sturmbannfuehrer (June 21, 1944),

Waffen-SS unit: SS-Grenadierregiment 32 (Lettische Nr. 5)/15.
Waffen-Grenadierdivision SS (Lettische Nr. 1)
(May 20, 1943 - ; Regimentsadjutant, Batl.-
Kommandeur) detailed to: SS-Panzergrenadier
Ausbildungs- und Ersatz-batl. 10 from
September 16 - September 29, 1944, 23. Batl.
Fuehrerlehrgang (Ohrdruf) from September 30-
November 5, 1944.

He served in the Latvian Army from March 13, 1926 until September 18, 1940.

Attended the Latvian war college from October 1, 1929 until September 1, 1931 and the Latvian war academy from March 13, 1937 until December 29, 1939.

Promotions: Lieutenant (September 1, 1931),
Oberleutnant (November 18, 1934),
Hauptmann (February 15, 1940 with seniority of
September 1, 1936).

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At the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia he was imprisoned by the Russian NKVD on June 22, 1941 but escaped on June 30, 1941.

In July 1941 he led Latvian Partisans in the fight against Russia.

From July 10 until October 10, 1941 he was with the Schutzmannschaft in Riga.

He was appointed "Kreis-Chef" of the District Abreknen from October 10, 1941 until May 20, 1943.

On May 20, 1943 he joined the "Lettische SS-Freiwilligen-division".

His name was mentioned in the "Ehrenblatt" of the German Army on August 15, 1944 for bravery in action.
War Merit Cross 2nd Class with swords.

Personal history statement, written and signed by him on July 29, 1943, and photo showing him in Waffen-SS uniform are available.

(SS Officers File)"

Caroline W. Fropia

10 June 1953
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