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- 1. FOLLOWING ARE GUDE'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL:
Q: WHY WAS GUDE NOT WITH HIS UNIT IN BELGIUM IN 1944?
WHERE WAS HE ASSIGNED IN GERMANY?
A: FROM SEP. 1944 TO JAN 1945, GUDE WAS STATIONED IN LUEBBECKE, GERMANY (BETWEEN HANNOVER AND OSNABRUCK), WITH THE REPLACEMENT TROOPS (ERSATZTRUPPEN) FOR HIS UNIT, THE 1ST SS PANZER DIVISION "LIEBSTANDARTE SS ADOLF HITLER", WHILE THE COMBAT TROOPS (FELDTRUPPEN) WERE IN BELGIUM.
- 2. WHAT WERE HIS DUTIES AT THIS TIME?
A: IN LUEBBECKE, GUDE WAS ADJUTANT TO MAJ. KNITTEL (REFTEL UNTIL DEC. 5, WHEN KNITTEL WENT TO BELGIUM. HE WAS THEN ADJUTANT TO KNITTEL'S REPLACEMENT, MAJ. EBERSTADT.
- 3. HOW DID GUDE GET TO HUNGARY?
A: AROUND JAN. 10, 1945, THE REPLACEMENT TROOPS AND COMBAT TROOPS OF GUDE'S DIVISION WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE VICINITY OF BONN. THEY WERE THEN SENT (AS A UNIT) TO

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HUNGARY (NEAR GRAN BRUCKENKOPF), WHICH THEY REACHED IN EARLY FEBRUARY. IN EARLY APRIL, THEY WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE PLATTENSEE. AS THE WAR ENDED, GUDE'S UNIT WITHDREW INTO AUSTRIA, PASSING THROUGH VIENNA AROUND MAY 1. AS GERMAN RESISTANCE COLLAPSED, GUDE LEFT HIS UNIT AND RETREATED TOWARD GERMANY. HE SURRENDERED TO AMERICAN TROOPS NEAR LINZ, AUSTRIA, ON MAY 8.

4. Q: WHAT WERE GUDE'S DUTIES IN HUNGARY?

A: AT THIS TIME, GUDE WAS A LIEUTENANT WITH A REGULAR COMBAT UNIT. HIS POSITIONS WERE FIRST AS PLATOON LEADER (ZUGFUEHRER) AND LATER AS COMPANY COMMANDER (KOMPAGNIEFUEHRER).

5. Q: WHAT EXPLANATION DID GUDE GIVE HIS CAPTORS? WERE THEY AWARE OF HIS UNIT?

A: GUDE WAS ONE OF THOUSANDS OF GERMAN POWS HELD IN A TEMPORARY CAMP IN WESTERN AUSTRIA AFTER VE DAY. HE WAS REQUIRED TO SHOW HIS SERVICE RECORD (HIS "SALTBUCH") TO HIS CAPTORS, SO THEY MUST HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS AN OFFICER IN LSAH. HOWEVER, EITHER THEY WERE UNAWARE OF THE RECORD OF THIS DIVISION, OR GUDE'S NAME DID NOT APPEAR ON ANY OF THEIR WANTED LISTS, FOR HE WAS RELEASED ON MAY 24, AFTER UNDERGOING ONLY THE MOST PER-FUNCTIONARY QUESTIONING. AFTER HIS RELEASE, GUDE RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN DRESDEN, IN THE SOVIET ZONE, WHERE HE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES, OR WITH THE DENAZIFICATION PROCESS.

6. AS INSTRUCTED, GUDE IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT HIS VERSION OF THE EVENTS. HOWEVER, AS NOTED ABOVE, GUDE WAS NEVER FORMALLY CLEARED BY A DENAZIFICATION PROSCETOR; HE SIMPLY HAD NO INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCESS AFTER HIS RELEASE. BODDE

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