

CONSOLIDATED OR INTERROGATION REPORT
ON THE CASE OF
LEYER, Hans

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Sex: M
Cit: Germany
GIS agent (RSHA)
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: *H* LEYER, Hans Joachim
G.A. *H* HAGEN, Georg
DOB: 2 Nov 08, DANZIG.
: German
: Fridastrasse 7, FLENSBURG
: Kriminalkommissar der STAPD
: NIL

LEYER's Kennkarte and Ausweissbescheid declaring him to be "arbeitsverwendungsfähig" both made out in the name of HAGEN were taken off him by the British officer with whom he spoke after giving himself up at FLENSBURG (Gefangenlager 33) on May 17 1945.

His original and true identity papers, i.e. Polizeimuseum etc., were given to RAPP in exchange for the false documents.

DATE OF ARREST

: LEYER states that he was arrested 15 May 45 after reporting to the (?) FSB in FLENSBURG.

PLACE OF ARREST

: FLENSBURG.

DESCRIPTION

: Aged 37, 1.70m. dark hair rather sparse and thinning rapidly at sides. brown eyes. round face with rather large nose. wellbuilt. scars due to lancing of carbuncles on under side of right forearm.

WIFE

: Lotta (geb. FRÖHL)

CHILDREN

: Gabriel, born 2 Sep 37; and Petra, born 24 Aug 42.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. LEYER's contact with the SD he claims was of the "G Movements" type. He redirected and provided for SD members fleeing from the fronts. In this capacity he met a representative collection of SD members in DANZIG, BÄNTERLIN, FLENSBURG. Apart from personalities his knowledge of the SD appears to be small.

HISTORY UP TO DEC 1944

2. 1925-1934
From 1925 to 1932 LEYER was a ^{freight} shipping broker with the firm BERGENSKI BALTIC TRANSPORTS LTD. in DANZIG. He was then discharged and for two years remained unemployed. In 1934 he became a Party member and joined the DANZIG KRIFO.
3. 1939
Early in 1939 he became Kriminalkommissar and his job was the supervision of casinos and night clubs in DANZIG, also the investigation of doubtful foreign elements arriving in DANZIG.
4. 1939-Sep 1940
As soon as DANZIG was occupied the KRIFO was taken over by the GESTAPO and in September 1940 LEYER was given the uniform and rank of SS Hauptsturmführer. Since he had had previous experience in the shipping business LEYER was given the task of supervising security controls in the DANZIG harbour area. He calls his Department the "Abwehrpolizei" which was department IV3c of the GESTAPO (Leiter was SS Sturmbannführer, Kriminaldirektor LOGEN). LEYER continued at this job until December 1944.
5. 1941-1943
LEYER states that in 1941 it became known that he had a Jewish grandfather and he was promoted to Obersturmführer, subsequently losing both this rank and uniform. His salary was also reduced to that of a Kriminalassistent. This however was purely temporary measure since in 1943 it was decided to reinstate him as Hauptsturmführer and Kriminalkommissar until the end of the war.

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6. Dec 1944
LEYER was ill for a few months with liver trouble in December 1944 and during this time the Leiter of Amt VIc of the RSHA, Sturmbannführer RAFF, came to DANZIG with the object of forming an "AUFFANGSSTELLE", i.e. a receiving centre for the various Kommandos of Amt VI who were returning from the east with the retreating German armies. LEYER was chosen for the DANZIG Auffangsstelle (address DANZIG, Neugarten 27; later STEPHENSDIG 20, DANZIG/LANGFUHR) on his discharge from hospital in January 1945 and in this capacity he received the Amt VI Kommandos and issued them with further instructions concerning their disposal. The only other members of this office were the doorman, DRIEBEN, and the typist, Pnl. Ilse SCHROEDER, whom he believes stayed in DANZIG after his departure. His superior officer in the KRIFO was Dr. VENNEDIGER, Oregnat, and in the Auffangslage was RAFF of RSHA Amt VI, Reg.Dir. of VIc in BERLIN.
7. This Auffangsstelle was actually a reporting centre for Amt VI Kommandos either returning in retreat from the Ostfront or for personnel being posted from BERLIN. During his 8 weeks activity on this job LEYER only dealt with about 6 or 7 representatives of these Kommandos. The latter would explain their needs and destinations, i.e. the particular Army formations for which they were heading, and it was LEYER's task to issue them with the necessary papers, permits etc. to get there. He also provided them with temporary accommodation should it be necessary. It was purely a "Nebenstellung" as far as LEYER was concerned and he had no executive powers. Should instructions be necessary for the disposal of certain bodies he would ask for a ruling from the RSHA with whom he maintained contact either by teleprinter or telephone.

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8. His original instructions from the RSHA when he began the Auffangstelle were that all returning personnel of the Kommandos were to be kept in DANZIG to be used as combat troops for stemming the Russian advance. Since this however applied to all stragglers WILLICH, the Befehlshaber der SIPO in DANZIG, complained to the RSHA that there were neither the rations nor equipment available for them. The RSHA then allowed LEYER to send the Kommandos back to whatever formation they were going.
9. He states that he had no task of sending them on new missions. Indeed he maintains that he was sometimes not aware of what they had actually been doing. He had contacts with the Luftwaffe and a naval liaison officer GRASSMAN should plans or shipping accommodation be necessary.
10. The original ideas of the scheme were that the Kommandos should have a reporting centre at their disposal and that LEYER could keep WILLICH informed of the presence and personnel of those Kommandos that may be operating within his province. When LEYER began work however the situation was so fluid and communications so bad, that the latter task was not practicable.
(For details of Kommando personnel received by LEYER see Appendix D).
11. Other Auffangstellen known to LEYER were at HRESSBURG, KONIGSBERG, and BRESLAU. LEYER received all his instructions from the RSHA but he maintains nevertheless that he was still on the staff of the DANZIG police and that the Auffangstelle was merely a secondary job.
12. He stayed in DANZIG until the Russian advance threatened the town and he was then instructed by Brigadeführer WILLICH to go to BERLIN to the RSHA. This was the same order, however, given to all other SIPO and SD officials in the threatened areas.
13. It concerned about 800 such officials who had fled from East Prussia during the Russian advance. They were all flocking to DANZIG, and WILLICH had no means of accommodating them. KIESEL, as Kommandeur der SIPO in BROMBERG, also in DANZIG, then went to BERLIN to explain the position to ERLINGER and it was arranged that they should be sent to BERLIN by refugee trains and boats. On LEYER's own boat, for instance, by which he went part of the way to SCHWERIN were about 200 such officials.
14. He left DANZIG 27 March 45 and arrived in SCHWERIN via WANGERLÜNDE and ROSTOCK at the end of March. Here he was taken ill and forbidden to travel by his doctor. LEYER remained in SCHWERIN with his wife and children and by April 5 had recovered from his illness sufficiently, at any rate, to again make plans for his continued evacuation. His address here was c/o Dr. KRÄGER, Augustbrücknerstrasse 3. He telegraphed the RSHA and then received instructions from them to report to Reg. Dir. GLADACH, Leiter der SIPO in SCHWERIN. This he did and three weeks later (during which time he did nothing) he witnessed the arrival of the RSHA evacuating from BERLIN.
15. The RSHA arrived in SCHWERIN on about 26 April 45 and set up office in the building of the SCHWERIN SIPO in the Wilhelm Gustoffstr. under SS Gruppenführer GLENDORFF. The set up of the RSHA at SCHWERIN was as follows:
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| I | Personalamt | Leiter | Brigadeführer ERLINGER |
| II | Verwaltung | " | " BRAUNE |
| III | SD | " | Gruppenführer GLENDORFF |
| IV | Gestapo | " | Obersturmbannführer LISCHKA |
| V | Kripo | (not known whether there) | |
| VI | Politischer Nachrichtendienst | | Standartenführer RAPP |

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16. Amt VI was evacuated to FISCHERDORFSTRAND (which lies south of
WITTM, the most southern point of the NEUSTADTER BUCHEN and is marked on
sheet 5 (LIT-11) Map Reference 006040) on the 26 April and LEYER
accompanied them, i.e. about 26 officials. Three days later LEYER left
with RAFF to find quarters for the Amt in FLESSBURG where he remained
until 4th May.

17. LEYER was then discharged by RAFF who joined the Amt in FLESSBURG. There.
Other Amt VI officials who joined RAFF there were Dr. WILHELM (Oberfeld-
richter der Luftwaffe), Prof. Dr. GLASER, Dr. SEIB, Dr. ROBERT. LEYER
received from RAFF a false identity card for the name of HANS LEYER,
and a paper which claimed him to be arbeitsverwendungsfähig and consequently
exempted from service in the Wehrmacht.

18. He found a flat for his wife and family in FLESSBURG where he stayed
until taken into custody on the 17 May. He states that he attempted to
contact British Intelligence officials during this time and was given
a telephone number by the Town Major on the 16th. He attempted to
contact presumably by a P. S. officer to come and see him. This attempt
and was then detained for a full report on his story.

CONCLUSIONS

19. LEYER gave information quite freely and naturally and was never
officially employed by the NSDA. He states in fact that he was
employed simply as a DANZIG KRIPU official even though he was never
arrested later on. He is seeking some sort of work and help from the
British in view of his knowledge of the German language.

RECOMMENDATION

20. LEYER qualifies for automatic arrest unless his present expressed desire
to work for the British is considered by some competent authority.

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MEMBERS OF AIR VI SEEN AT THUNDERBOLT STARD AND KEMMEL

SPHON

Dr. Oberwaldtacker der Luftwaffe. Chief des Stabes bei BLP.
Age o. 50. 1.77". Thin dark hair. Dark eyes. High cheek bones.
Slim build. Reported to have been one of BLP's most intimate
colleagues. Is supposed to have gone into the Wilhelmsrodt-
Licht Abteilung der Reichswehr after capitulation. May be
prisoner of war.

GLASSER

Professor Dr. Japan expert of Air VI.
Age o. 45. 1.60m. Fair hair. Slim build. Had many contacts
with Japan. Went always with an American der Informations-
abteilung der Reichsregierung.

TITCH

Reg. Bat Dr.
His activities at THUNDERBOLT STARD and at KEMMEL were
well reported with the private secretary, POL HESS, for
BLP. These reports were submitted to the Reichsregierung
through GRUNDIG, Contents unknown. Probably dealing with
political situation.
Age o. 38. 1.60m. Fair hair. Pale complexion. Slim build.

SCHWITZ

Lieutenant.
Age o. 35. 1.90m. Dark hair. Slim build. Wore Infantry
uniform. Like GLASSER and TITCH one of the most intelligent
colleagues of BLP.

HESS

Pol. Private secretary of BLP.
Age o. 28. 38. 1.60m. Rather dark figure. Fair red hair.
Dark hair. Rather thick legs. Hair about 5 cm. from KEMMEL
on the road to KEMMEL. She went always with a blue white
scarf over her head, and had a red mark in her hand. Speaks
with Swiss accent. Was the mistress of BLP.

REICHERT

Sturmbaumeister. Reg. Bat. Verwaltpostenbesitzer des Amtes V, VI.
Age o. 45. 1.75m. Fair hair. Slim build. Sharp features.

SKILLES
OF KEMMEL

Dr. Sturmbaumeister. Is believed to have left THUNDERBOLT
STARD to go to KEMMEL.

SEIFER

Operational staff der Luftwaffe. Liaison officer between Luftwaffe
and Air VI.
Age o. 40. 1.75m. Fair wavy hair. Slim build. Was supposed
to procure an aeroplane for Sturmbaumeister PAUBER.

PAUBER

Sturmbaumeister. Liaison officer between Luftwaffe and
Luft VI - cover name of radio station of Air VI. Left by
plane for KEMMEL/STARD about 22 April to the other wireless
station which had the cover name of Luftwaffe. Was on
instructions from BLP.

TUM

Untersturmbaumeister. Dienststellenchef des Amtes. Deputy of PAUBER.
Liaison of the Sturmbaumeister in KEMMEL/STARD. Identification and
work unknown.

SCHWABE. (?)

Lieutenant. Assistant of SEIFER. Age o. 38. 1.75m. Fair hair.
Slim figure. Belonged to the Luftwaffe.

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APPENDIX 'C' (cont)

LIENHARDT Oberstleutnant (Army). Believed to be liaison officer to OGH. Age c. 50. 1.65m. Meagre build. Grey almost white hair. Wrinkled face.

GLIESCHER Hauptmann. Age c. 45. 1.70m. Bald. Stocky figure.

BRÖST Hauptsturmführer. Age c. 42. 1.65m. Slim build. Reddish hair. Small moustache.

GIJSE Hauptsturmführer. Age c. 50. 1.80m. Fair hair. Slim build.

BROSSE Untersturmführer. Age c. 45. 1.75m. Fair hair. Heavily built.

WILDE or WILDEMANN Rank unknown. Age c. 38. 1.85m. Fair hair. Heavy build. Moustache. Had left arm in a sling through a car accident.

FRITZEL Angestellte. Age c. 45. 1.80m. Fair hair. Slim figure. Was in charge of rations. Formerly textile merchant in BERLIN. His wife was with him at TIEMENDORFER STRAND and FLENSBURG. He should know all the mechanics of Amt VI in BERLIN.

SEIBER Lieutenant. Age c. 32. 1.80m. Fair hair. Slim build. Wears spectacles.

GESNER-RODER Dr. Oberreg. Rat. Obersturmbannführer. Age c. 35. 1.80m. Fair wavy hair. Slim build.

SCHWARZKOPF Hauptsturmführer. Age c. 35. 1.85m. Slim athletic build. Sparse fair hair. Formerly until March 45 with the Befehlshaber der SEIFO in DANZIG. Was made by BERLIN Verwaltungshilfe for Stabsatl. REICHERT.

BELLARIUS or ZELLARIUS Kapitän. Age c. 48. 1.80m. Greying hair. Pointed beard. Slim build. Was at FLENSBURG already when Amt VI came. He placed his barracks in MERVIK at their disposal.

JECKEL or JAECKEL Korv. Kapt. Age c. 40. 1.85m. Slim build. Fair hair.

EBELE (ABELE) Driver to RAPP. Age c. 35. 1.75m. Slim build. Fair hair. RAPP's permanent driver and also courier daily from TIEMENDORFER STRAND to FLÖHN to see OELMECKE. He also went daily to the Havel Institut which was in a Gasthaus near a mill 5 kms west of TIEMENDORFER STRAND.

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APPENDIX 'D'

DANZIG AUFFANGSTELLE

(Kommando personalities dealt with by LEYER)

CHRISTENSEN Stubaff. Age c. 58. 1.80m. Fair hair. Slim figure, but broad shouldered.

The a/n was posted from Amt VI o NSHA about the middle of Feb 45 to the command of the Meldeschutzkommando WEICHEL, which at that time was acting as a political interrogation team with the 2nd Army. Since the latter the receiving point DANZIG through POMERANIA, LEYER's task was simply to provide CHRISTENSEN with accommodation and then direct him there.

CHRISTENSEN then returned to the NSHA (via LEYER) about the beginning of March to take over command of the "Meldeschutzkommando Nord" with the 1st Army.

HENGELHAUPT Stubaff. Age c. 35. 1.85m. Black hair. Good strong build. Full face. Dark eyes. Busty nose.

The a/n was sent from Amt VI o NSHA to replace CHRISTENSEN with the Meldeschutzkommando WEICHEL. This Kommando is believed to have consisted of about 20 men.

SCHULTE Ostuff. Age c. 30. 1.90m. Fair hair. Blue eyes. Very slim figure.

The a/n was until the beginning of March 45 in charge of a certain "SEPPEN" Kommando in KALBEGG (on the Baltic coast between West and Eastern Prussia). The Russian advance then forced his Kommando to evacuate but, according to LEYER, SCHULTE was directed to stay in DANZIG until further notice (in accordance with LEYER's original instructions from NSHA).

WILLEN Leutnant. Age c. 28. 1.70m. Fair hair. Slim average figure.

The a/n arrived in DANZIG with about 20 SEPPEN and SEPPEN, which formed his Kommando and applied to LEYER for assignment to NSHA (place of CHRISTENSEN) which the latter arranged.

HEFFELING (?) Dipl. Ing. Age c. 35. 1.75m. Fair hair. Slim build.

The a/n was at a "Versuchs-Station" for the research and development of "electric acoustics" on behalf of Amt VI P in HAMBURG (NSHA). LEYER received about the end of February a telegraphic message from Amt VI P instructing HEFFELING to evacuate all technical equipment to DANZIG. NSHA supplied him with the necessary papers and transport.

PETERSEN Ostuff. Age c. 37. 1.80m. Fair hair. Slim figure. Wrecked nose.

The a/n arrived in DANZIG about March with Kommando (name unknown) on the retreat from the East. He received instructions from Amt VI through LEYER, to proceed to the 9th Army, which was then in Pomerania, and take over the Meldeschutzkommando with them.

VON GRASSMANN Kapitän Age c. 45. 1.80m. Fair hair. Slim figure. Strong build. Deeply lined face.

Liaison officer: from the Navy in DANZIG for the displacement of the Kommando.

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