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Corsican episode. In the middle of June 1943 URBANEK and LEBRENIER were attached to the STURMBRIGADE REICHSFUHRER S.S. under Col. RAUFF and Maj. BEST. He met at 19 Avenue Foch, CECCALDI, PELLEGRIN, KIRVENES. He left for Corsica under the command of Capt. SAEWECK with 15 other S.S. troopers. On the way at Leghorn they were joined by RAUFF, BEST and Maj. COTTINGHAM and fifteen more S.S. troopers of the S.S. Mann group. In this group were CECCALDI, KREIWEIS (~~Ref. No. 311~~), PELLEGRIN. CECCALDI's assignment was to establish radio connections between Corsica and Dr. KNOCHEN's service, in case Corsica was to be occupied by the Allies. On July 6 the party arrived in Corsica. All the S.S. troopers had civilian clothes. He and others such as RAUFF, BEST, FROCH, HAAR had false French identity cards. That of URBANEK was in the name of GERHARD VAN ECH, French, born in Rotterdam. Cards had been obtained by BEST and apparently were signed by the Prefect of Police of Paris. He met in the company of RAUFF the following: FOSSATI, Dr. BONARDI, CECCALDI (no connection with Antoine Ceccaldi) who belonged to the anti-bolschevic legion; LEONZI who was introduced by RAUFF as a "collaborationist". He called on LEONZI who said that he was a veteran of the PFF, that he had been condemned to death by Algiers and by London and that he was anxious to return to France. URBANEK was also introduced to ALFONSI, PIANELLI, ANDREI, SILVY, DESANTI, ROMBALDI all of the Milice Francaise. He had a mistress named MALOU who was employed by an optician LISSAC, Cours Napoleon. BEST also had a mistress, ELIANNE a friend of MALOU, employed at Cours Granval in a taylor shop. Thru BEST he met Capt. GRAZZIANI, head of the recruiting office of the Anti-Bolchevic Legion in Ajaccio. Thru GRAZZIANI he met FONTANA, secretary of the group "Collaboration" whose leader in Corsica was FRICKER. From FONTANA he got a list of employees of the Prefecture and Mairie with ratings opposite each name for "collaborationist" feelings. BEST and RAUFF expressed unfavorable opinions regarding Dr. BONARDI. BONARDI had resigned from the PFF. URBANEK met FRICKER two or three times, and considered him an idealist and a dreamer. To URBANEK, FRICKER said that the PFF was a rotten party. URBANEK's job in Corsica was to act as liaison between RAUFF and CECCALDI. He delivered to CECCALDI radio transmitters and funds. With the consent of BEST, CECCALDI opened an account at the Societe Generale and purchased a villa in Salario. Radio tests were made by CECCALDI in the apartment occupied by BEST, 19 rue Sylvestre Marcaggi, without results. Further tests were made at the end of August without better results. URBANEK was arrested on September 9, 1943.

#### IV - Conclusion

1. The CECCALDI team was inefficient. It is doubtful the Germans relied on him alone. Other radio men were probably imported. (Imported agents would be more reliable than local sympathizers and can be trained; note CECCALDI's long visits to Berlin.) These men would have had probably to find housing facilities in which to operate their clandestine

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radio. It might therefore be interesting to look over the records of brokers, notaires and of the conservateur des Hypotheques, also spot large deposits and withdrawals in bank accounts. On the other hand the SAUFF expedition to Corsica was the well known affair. The party included at least a Colonel, a Major and 30 S.S. troopers, all equipped with civilian clothing and French identity cards. It is possible that the organization of a German radio communications system was actively pushed forward from the date the party landed, i.e., July 6. The research suggested above should therefore cover the period of July 6 to Sept. 9.

- 2. Was URBANEK ever questioned regarding the activities of the other S.S. troopers on the Island?
- 3. Are D.S.M. reports available on MICHEL KERVENES, Dr. BONARDI and FOSSATI of Ajaccio?

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