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PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT

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ON

Ostuf Dr med Franz RIEDWEG

1. Interrogation of Prisoner began at CSDIC(WEA) on 26 Jun 46.
Ref: LAMPSTEAD Circular Letter No 2, Ref IB/B3/6457 undated May 46.

PERSONAL
DETAILS

2. Date and Place of Birth: 10 Apr 07 at LUCERNE (SWITZERLAND).
Nationality Claimed: Naturalised German, formerly Swiss.
Profession: Doctor med.
Rank: Ostuf Waffen-SS.

CAREER

3. 1914-20 Volksschule LUCERNE.
1920-27 Humanistisches Gymnasium, LUCERNE.
1927-33 Universities of BERNE, BERLIN and ROSTOCK (medicine).
1933 Examinations in BERNE.
1934 Stayed for nine months in BERLIN to write thesis for his doctorate. Final examination taken in BERNE.
1935-36 Several positions as medical asst in BERNE, LUCERNE and ZÜRICH.
1936-37 Took active part in the political work of Swiss right-wing parties.
1937 A committee was set up by the right-wing parties, known as the "Schweizerische Aktion gegen den Kommunismus". Prisoner became head of its branches in the German-speaking Cantons of SWITZERLAND.
Late 37/ Early 38 Prisoner was ordered by the parties backing the committee to go to GERMANY to help in making a documentary film about the dangers of Communism. The film was made by the BAVARIA Film Studios nr MUNICH and was called "The Red Plague" (Die Rote Pest). Prisoner had to write the script and help with the directing of the film.
Early 38 Prisoner returned to LUCERNE to prepare for his emigration to GERMANY.
Jun 38 Prisoner emigrated to GERMANY and joined the Waffen-SS Standarte DEUTSCHLAND in MUNICH as SS man.
Early Aug 38 After completion of his basic trg, Prisoner was promoted Hptstuf and appointed as MO to Standarte DEUTSCHLAND.
15 Aug 38 Prisoner married Sybille von BLOMBERG, daughter of Generalfeldmarschall von BLOMBERG.
May 39 Transferred from Standarte DEUTSCHLAND, MUNICH, to Hauptamt Waffen-SS BERLIN, Abt Sanitätsinspektion, as "Mob-Beauftragter" for SS medical offrs.
Nov 39 Attached to the Army Mob-Beauftragter BERLIN (Oberstabsarzt GRATZER), Sanitätsinspektion BERLIN.
May 40 Returned to the Waffen-SS and was appointed Abteilungs-MO of the "Schwere Artillerie Abt" of the Waffen-SS.
Took part in the French campaign.
Nov 40 Recalled to Waffen-SS Hauptamt BERLIN as Mob-Beauftragter for MOs.
May 41 Stabsführer of Germanische Freiwilligen Leitstelle in SS Hauptamt under Ogruf BERGER.
Sep(?) 41 Promoted Stubaf.
Summer 43 Promoted Hptstubaf.
Nov 43 Transferred to III Germanische Pz Korps as Chefarzt of a field hospital on the northern sector of the Eastern Front.
Jul 44 II. A. (Personalreferent) of III Germanische Pz Korps under Ogruf STEINER.
Dec 44 Whilst surrounded by the Russians in LIBAU, Prisoner worked as MO in a field hospital.
Jan 45 When STEINER was transferred to command the German Eleventh Army, Prisoner went with him as Ordonaufseher.
3 May 45 Captured by the Americans nr ELDE, MECKLENBURG.

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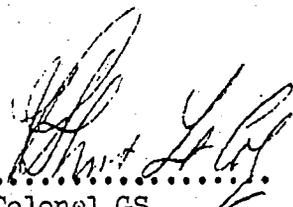
SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE 4.

Prisoner can give info on the organization and personalities of SS Hauptamt BERLIN, the Germanische Leitstelle and foreign volunteers in the Waffen-SS.

Prisoner was responsible for helping Swiss volunteers (who wanted to join the Waffen-SS) to evade Swiss control. He also had to look after their families left behind in SWITZERLAND. The Germanische Leitstelle had built up a considerable org for such purposes.

Prisoner is the son-in-law of the late Field Marshal von BLOMBERG and is acquainted with a large number of leading personalities in the Nazi Party and the nobility. He met HEILNER several times and also knew KEITEL, GOLBBELS, ROSENBERG, WEIZSÄCKER, QUESORGE, Dr KÖCHER (German Minister in SWITZERLAND), Dr BEST (Reichsbeauftragter in DENMARK) and others.

CSDIC(WEA)
10 Jul 46


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for Colonel GS
Commandant CSDIC(WEA)

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