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Preamble

This is the first of a series of tactical reports on SKORZENY, who surrendered to American forces in LINDBERG on 16 May 45, and arrived at MFIU No 4 on 19 May 45. SKORZENY's interrogation is not completed, and he still may be holding back vital facts.

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1. SKORZENY's Introduction to WERWOLF

In Sep 44, SKORZENY received a written communication from HIMMLER's adjutant, BRANDT, to the effect that Gruppenfuhrer PRUETZMANN was carrying out special orders (Sonderauftrag) by HIMMLER, and that SKORZENY was to assist him.

2. Meetings with PRUETZMANN

A few weeks later, PRUETZMANN called on SKORZENY in FRIEDENTHAL for the purpose of explaining the WERWOLF scheme to him, and formulating the basis of their collaboration.

Altogether, SKORZENY saw PRUETZMANN four to five times between late Sep 44 and late Jan 45. The meetings took place partly at FRIEDENTHAL, partly in PRUETZMANN's HQ, a special train in a brick yard near KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN. They met once in the ADLON Hotel in BERLIN. PRUETZMANN's staff attended a weapons demonstration in Nov or Dec 44 put on by the Fuehrungs Stab of SKORZENY's SS Jagd Verbände on the POTSDAM training grounds. SKORZENY did not attend any of PRUETZMANN's staff meetings, but met some of his associates individually (See Personalities).

During one of their meetings PRUETZMANN told SKORZENY that his last refuge would be the LUEBECK Bay, as he knew the area well.

3. Organization

The plan, as outlined by PRUETZMANN, was as follows. He had been ordered by HIMMLER to build up an organization to work behind the enemy lines. It was to be called WERWOLF after the hero of a LOENS novel about the Thirty Years' War. He planned to visit all Gaue to confer with Gauleiters, HSSPF's and other Party leaders on recruiting and organizational problems. One man per Gau (preferably a suitable Wehrmacht officer, as PRUETZMANN wanted a military core around which to build his essentially civilian organization) was to be charged with the recruiting.

PRUETZMANN also intended to confer with industrialists on the possibility of planting saboteurs in factories which could not be evacuated.

WERWOLF personnel was to operate in Gruppen of three or six men directed by a Gruppen Fuehrer. The number of Gruppen to be organized depended on the time available. PRUETZMANN did not state any minimum numbers. He told SKORZENY in Oct or Nov 44, however, that 60 - 70 Gruppen Fuehrer from the Rhineland were ready for training. At that time five to six Gruppen were operating in East Prussia.

During their second meeting in Oct 44, PRUETZMANN told SKORZENY that the organization had operated with some success in East Prussia. He reported difficulties in the Rhineland, however, mainly because the HSSPF could not get along with the Gau Leiter.

4. Communications

The plans called for the establishment of an efficient communications net, allowing for all WERWOLF activities to be centrally controlled by Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN. Targets were to be numbered to simplify the issuing of orders by radio. PRUETZMANN told SKORZENY about an underground telephone net in the Rhineland, which was partly out of use. He intended to request the services of a telephone specialist from the Reichs Post Ministerium to operate it for WERWOLF purposes.

5. Supplies

Each Gruppe was to receive rations for 60 days. Each was to have two small arms, and 15 - 20 lbs of explosives. PRUETZMANN intended

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to install underground depots. SKORZENY told him, this could be done in forest areas like East Prussia. He advised against it in inhabited areas, as the danger of betrayal was too great.

6. SKORZENY's Participation

SKORZENY was asked to help train and equip the organization. He states that he offered only limited assistance, as the activation of his SS Jagd Verbaende was still in progress, forcing him to look after his own interests first.

He offered to train only the Gruppen Fuehrer. They in turn were to instruct their men.

He was unable to supply FRUETZMANN with rations, and advised him to get explosives directly from the factories (W.S.G., DYNAMIT A.G., NOBEL A.G.) and from Army stores. In order to eliminate transportation problems he suggested that as far as possible supplies be drawn near the places where they were to be used. He promised his help in supplying the organization with fuses and captured enemy weapons. (He estimates that 100 - 150 Sten guns were released by the Jagd Verbaende Fuehrungs Stab.)

In Oct 44 after his first conferences with FRUETZMANN the following steps were taken:

- a. He told his I-b, (Supply Officer) H/Stuf GERHARDT (see Personalities), to co-operate with FRUETZMANN's I-b (see Personalities) as much as possible, avoiding extravagant promises. Under no circumstances were Jagd Verbaend interests to be jeopardized. In case of special requests (special fuses, weapons with silencers) SKORZENY's consent was to be asked. In no case were more than 10 - 20% of Jagd Verbaende stocks to be handed out.
- b. A teletype message went to all Mil D Leitstellen, that FRUETZMANN's representatives were to be assisted as far as possible without jeopardizing own interests. Each Leitstelle was to lend one instructor to the WERWOLF organization. A limited amount of equipment was to be released upon request. SKORZENY states that all supply matters were handled by Mil D/T, Maj EHRENANN in charge.
- c. A teletype message was sent to all SS Jagd Verbaende announcing the arrival of FRUETZMANN's representatives who were to be given limited assistance. No equipment was to be released, as all supply matters were handled centrally through the Fuehrungs Stab. Each Jagd Verbaend was to furnish one instructor to the FRUETZMANN organization. Under no circumstances was their own training to be impeded. All difficulties were to be reported to FRIEDENTHAL.

He states that reports arrived from all Jagd Verbaende complaining about exorbitant demands by the WERWOLF representatives. His orders were to turn them down.

SKORZENY gives the following details on the participation of his units in the WERWOLF training program:

- a. He estimates that 300 - 400 WERWOLF recruits (10% women) were trained at the Kampf Schule of Jagd Verbaend Nord West in NEUSTRELITZ between Oct 44 and Mar 45. The courses lasted five to eight days, and included instruction in shooting, sabotage without equipment, and fundamental facts about explosives. FRUETZMANN complained on several occasions

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that the training was insufficient, and requested that more details be covered. SKORZENY told him, that within the given time limit this was impossible.

- b. Jagd Verband Sued West sent two instructors on TD to conduct WERWOLF training in a HJ camp N of STUTTGART.
- c. Jagd Verband Sued Ost did not participate, as the WERWOLF liaison men could not get along with its CO, O/Stabaf BENESCH.
- d. He does not know of any participation by Jagd Verband Ost. The unit was destroyed nr HOHENS/LZZ in Jan 45.
- e. PAK 202 or 203, Hptm KIRN in charge (attached to Army Group Mitte) detached one or two instructors to train WERWOLF recruits in Silesia.

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Annex

PERSONALITIES

A. Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN

1. SCHWEIGER (SCHWAGER ?) (fnu) Maj d Schupo I-b, Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN

30 - 35 years 1.75 - 1.80 m slender.

Misc: Last seen in special train in brick yard nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (Jan 45).

2. SIEBEL (fnu) SA Brigf Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN

40 years 1.85 m slender light hair thin face dark eyes.

Misc: Last seen special train in brick yard nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (Jan 45). Appeared to be liaison man to the SA.

3. TSCHERSKY (fnu) SS Standf Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN

35 - 40 years 1.85m slender dark greying hair thin face light coloured eyes small nose speaks Saxonian dialect.

Misc: Last seen in PRUETZMANN's special train in brick yard nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (Jan 45).

4. fnu O/Stuf PRUETZMANN's adjutant.

28 - 30 years 1.75 m

Misc. Last seen in brick yard nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (Jan 45).

5. fnu Maj I-a Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN

28 - 30 years 1.90 m slender blond hair oval face light coloured eyes high young voice

Misc: Last seen in special train in brick yard nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (Jan 45) Ritterkreuz.

6. fnu Russian maid in Dienst Stelle PRUETZMANN

25 years 1.65 m slender blond hair thin face

Misc: Last seen in PRUETZMANN's special train in brick yard nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (Jan 45).

B. SS Jagd Verbaende.

7. BEGUS (fnu) Stubaf Italian Co, Jagd Verband SW.

Last known residence nr BRIXEN, S. Tyrol (Mar 45).

45 - 50 years 1.75 m athletic brown greying hair round face light coloured eyes deep voice.

Misc: Married, Tyrolean dialect. Speaks Italian. Was Regierungsrat in Austrian administration. In Jagd Verband SW he was liaison man to Prince BORGHESI and Italian swimmers.

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8. BESEKOW (fnu) H/Stuf in charge of foreign agents. Fuehrungs Stab Jagd Verbaende.

35 years 1.80 m athletic brown hair oval face light coloured eyes lived nr MAGDEBURG.

Misc: Last seen: Barracks, HOF (Bavaria). Assumed to have gone to Carinthia.

9. BREMEN (fnu) U/Stuf Jagd Verband Ost

28 years 1.80 m slender blond hair oval face brown eyes high voice Baltic dialect speaks Estonian

Misc: Last seen in FRIEDENTHAL, Mar 45. Assumed to have gone into combat on the Oder front.

10. GERHARDT (fnu) H/Stuf I-b, Fuehrungs Stab, Jagd Verbaende.

32 years 1.80 m slender dark blond hair thin face dark eyes.

Misc: Last seen in FRIEDENTHAL (early 45). Believed to have gone into combat vic BERLIN, or on the Oder front. Came to FRIEDENTHAL in Dec 44.

11. HEHN (fnu) Ustuf Explosives expert and teacher for Jagd Verband NW in NEUSTRELITZ.

26 years 1.80 m slender brown hair thin face light coloured eyes normal nose high youthful voice.

Misc: Last seen NEUSTRELITZ (middle of Mar 45).

12. HOYER (fnu) Hstuf OC Jagd Verband NW

35 years 1.85 m slender black hair oval face dark eyes Hannover dialect deep voice.

Misc: Married. His wife was in NEUSTRELITZ. Last seen in PRAGUE hospital, Mar 45.

13. KNOLLE (fnu) O/Stubaf CO, Kampf Schule HEINRICHSBURG.

40 years 1.75 m athletic blond hair oval face light coloured eyes high voice

Misc: Last seen in BERLIN, Sep 44. Formerly with DAF

14. KOPFHEISER (fnu) Secretary, Fuehrungs Stab Jagd Verbaende

27 years 1.80 m athletic dark blond hair oval face light coloured eyes changes her hair-do frequently when last seen, she wore her hair down deep voice speaks BERLIN dialect

Misc: Parents live in BERLIN-WEDDING. Last seen in FUCH nr SALZBURG (3 May 45). Intended to go to Bavaria, vic REITH IM WINKEL. She joined SKORZENY's staff in June 43.

15. KOVALSKY (fnu) Frau Receptionist, Fuehrungs Stab Jagd Verbaende (Berkaer Str, BERLIN).

32 years 1.70 m stout dyed blond hair round face dark eyes speaks BERLIN dialect shrill voice.

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Misc: Was last seen in BERLIN (early Apr 45). She joined SKORZENY's staff in Oct 44. He describes her as very stupid. Divorcee.

16. KRUEGER, Elisabeth, Frl. Secretary, Fuehrungs Stab Jagd Verbaende (FRIEDENTHAL)

28 years 1.78 m slender blond hair oval face light coloured eyes high voice.

Misc: Last seen in PUCH nr SALZBURG (3 May 45). Intended to go to Bavaria (vic REITH IM WINKEL) She came to FRIEDENTHAL in Feb 44.

17. KRUEGER, Marie Frl. Secretary Fuehrungs Stab, Jagd Verbaende (FRIEDENTHAL)

26 years 1.70 m stout brown hair thin face light coloured eyes high voice.

Misc: Last seen in PUCH nr SALZBURG (3 May 45). Intended to go to vic REITH IM WINKEL. She came to FRIEDENTHAL in Feb 44.

18. LOCHNER, Ronald Lived in Turkey killed in Ardennes Offensive, vic MALMEDY 20 Dec 44.

19. MUEHLEN (fnu) U/Stuf Jagd Verband Ost.

30 years 1.80 m slender brown hair oval face dark eyes high voice Baltic dialect speaks Polish.

Misc: Last seen with Army Group SCHORNER nr BRESLAU, Apr 45.

20. OSTAFEL (fnu) Jagd Verband Ost.

25 years 1.80 m athletic brown hair oval face dark eyes Baltic dialect speaks Russian.

Misc: Missing since HOHENSALZA battle (Jan 45). Married

21. PETER (fnu) U/Stuf CO 2 Co, Jagd Verband Mitte.

28 years 1.75 m slender black hair oval face dark eyes Baltic dialect speaks Russian

Misc: Last seen in combat in Warthe Gau, Jan 45.

22. von FOELKERSAM, Adrian Hstuf C of S. Fuehrungs Stab, Jagd Verbaende killed 20 Jan 45 nr HOHENSALZA

23. WINTER (fnu) Hstuf OC 4 Coy (School) Jagd Verband NW.

34 - 35 years brown hair 1.80 m athletic oval face light coloured eyes deep voice

Misc: Last seen in NEUSTRELITA (Mar). Assumed to be in Carinthia.

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C. Others.

24. BARTELS (fnu) Korvetten Kapitän Kleinkampf Verbaende der Kriegs Marine last known residence: KIEL.
30 years 1.75 m slender blond hair oval face
light coloured eyes North German dialect light voice
25. HELLMERS (fnu) Korvetten Kapitän head of Front Aufklaerung II, Leitstelle II West.
32 years 1.85 m athletic dark hair oval full face
light coloured eyes deep voice.
Misc: Speaks a little French. Last seen with Heeres Gruppe West, BAD EMS (Jan 45).
26. Dr LOHSE (fnu) Maj d Res Deputy head Mil D.
45 years 1.75 m athletic dark hair round face
light coloured eyes speaks Bavarian dialect deep voice.
Misc: Was a lawyer in civilian life. Came to Mil D in Dec 44 from a transportation regt. Last seen NEITH IM WINKEL, Bavaria (early Apr 45).
27. NAUMANN (fnu) Brigf Befehlshaber der Sicherheits Polizei, Holland.
35 years 1.75 m slender dark hair thin face
dark eyes.
Misc: Last seen in HAAG, Mar 44.
28. NAUMANN (fnu) Maj iG Fremde Heere Ost
32 years 1.80 m slender brown hair oval face
dark eyes speaks Braunschweig dialect high voice
Misc: Last seen HQ Fremde Heere Ost. ZEPPELIN nr KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN. Formerly deputy head Mil D.
29. RAUTER (fnu) HSSEFF, Holland.
50 years 1.90 m slender gray hair thin face
dark eyes slight Austrian dialect deep voice
Misc: Married. Last seen: HAAG Oct 44. Home: Steiermark.
30. von den BACH (fnu) Gruf or O/Gruf CG, Oder Corps.
45 years 1.85 m athletic brown hair thin face
light coloured eyes deep voice.
Misc: Last seen nr PLESKAU, late Feb 45. SKORZENY saw him in Oct. 44 in the office of PFEFFER-WILDENBRUCH, Befehlshaber der Waffen SS, in SIEBESSEL.

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