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This report deals with the history and purpose of the Gren Regt 1001, commonly referred to as the Fairy Tale Regiment (Maerchen Regt). While the information is probably incomplete, it is believed to be reliable.

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1. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- a. SPIES, Robert Cleon, Rittm zbV, Abwehr Officer of Mil Ant and Referat VI-C/2 of ESHA.) No report on this man received in 1942
- b. RADL, Karl, Stubaf, Adj to O/Stubaf SKORZENY of Gruppe VI-S.
- c. SANDBERGER, Martin, Standf, Gruppen Leiter of Gruppe VI-A and Mil Ant A.

2. REPORT

a. Introduction

It was common practice for the GIS to employ a considerable number of non-German agents and assistants. This was particularly true of the FAT's and FAX's, formerly Abwehr Trupps and Abwehr Kommandos, operating on the Eastern and Southeastern fronts. Russians, Ukrainians, Serbs, Croats, and all the Balkan nationalities were represented. These native assistants could be classified according to their duties into the following three categories:

- (1) V-Men and agents
- (2) Small organized units with specific missions
- (3) Translators, interpreters, guards, cooks, clerks, etc.

These non-German volunteers became increasingly dissatisfied with their unstable position in the German Army. They felt that they had a right to be paid, promoted and to receive military benefits on the same basis as regular German Army personnel.

b. Purpose and Missions

Gren Regt 1001 was organized in direct response to this sentiment. With its creation all non-German personnel now belonged to one unit, had a T/O, and an agency handling all administrative matters.

Gren Regt 1001 may be considered an "Ersatz Truppen Teil" similar to the "Sonder Einsatz Abteilungen" of the "Jagd Verband Mitte". Its main purpose was to provide a T/O (Kriegs Staerke Nachweisung) and positions (Plan Stellen) for non-German personnel (Fremdvoelkisches Personal) of all Abwehr units on the Eastern and Southeastern Front. Plans were made to provide corresponding regiments for the other fronts but these never materialized.

Assignment to Gren Regt 1001 gave foreign personnel the following benefits:

- (1) Payment according to the standard Army scale with allowances, allotments and benefits
- (2) Promotions for deserving Officers and Enlisted Men
- (3) One agency for all administrative and personnel matters

On the other hand, it was now possible for the German Army to prosecute members of Gren Regt 1001 and to try them by court martial, whereas heretofore legal disciplinary action had been a considerable problem.

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In addition to administrative matters Gren Regt 1001 also concerned itself with the training of personnel. The Regt had its own training camps where V-Men and agents were trained and "Einsatz Trupps" prepared for active duty. However, Abwehr agencies were not required to have their foreign personnel trained exclusively by Gren Regt 1001, but were allowed to establish their own training camps according to their needs or their missions.

c. Organization and Location

Gren Regt 1001 is usually referred to as the Fairy Tale (Maerchen Regt) for these reasons:

- (1) The number 1001 is associated with the famous fairy tale "Thousand and One Nights"
- (2) The great number of Eastern Europeans gave the unit a secret atmosphere
- (3) The term Regt is a "fairy tale" because the unit was far below regimental strength, probably of less than battalion strength
- (4) Ironic remarks were frequently made about the regiment, especially about the poor leadership of the CO; Obst/Lt MARWEDE) NB

The T/O of a regular German grenadier regiment was the basis on which Gren Regt 1001 was built. In addition, a number of positions were created for officers, especially staff officers up to the rank of colonel.

The first regimental commander was Obst/Lt PUTZ, formerly of Abwehr II. Early in 1944 PUTZ had a fatal accident and was succeeded by Obst/Lt MARWEDE, who remained until November 1944 when he was relieved for inefficiency. Obst NAUMANN then became regimental commander. Obst/Lt LIENHARDT was executive officer until the summer of 1944 when he was replaced by Maj MEYER.

Since activation in November 1943, the administrative headquarters, including the "regimental" staff, was located at JITSCHEN, Czechoslovakia, until February 1945 when it was moved to MARIENBAD, Czechoslovakia. The two regimental training camps were in BADEN near VIENNA and in the vicinity of GRAZ/Austria respectively.

d. Relationship to other Units

Gren Regt 1001 was under the jurisdiction of OKW Amt Ausland/Abwehr until spring of 1944, when it was taken over by the Wehrmachts Fuehrungs Stab, Abt Chef 1-c. When the Front Aufklaerung, of which the regiment was a part, was transferred from the Wehrmachts Fuehrungs Stab to the Mil Amt of the RSEA, Gren Regt 1001 also became directly responsible to the head of the Mil Amt.

The Abwehr Trupps and Kommandos, and later on the FAT's and FAK's, which of course continued to be the operational units for members of the "Maerchen Regt", were assigned to the 1-c section of either Armies or Army Groups. However, all Trupps and Kommandos on the Eastern front were also responsible to a Dienst Stelle WALLI, which in turn was responsible to the General Stab des Heeres, Abt Fremde Heere Ost in all matters except assignment of missions. Missions were assigned by OKW Amt Ausland/Abwehr. Dienst Stelle WALLI was a code name with no reference to a specific person and concerned itself chiefly with issuing of false identity papers and exploitation of captured documents. It became Front Aufklaerungs Leit Stelle in 1944.

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4. CONCLUSIONS

Although the "Maerchen Regt" was made up of intelligence personnel, it cannot be considered an intelligence gathering agency. The above information may be valuable as an aid in identifying foreign agents in German pay.

5. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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1. HUEBNER, Hugo (SHAEP pink card 169; MFIU 4, CIR 4/7 dtd 15 Jun 45)
Capt/Lt Head of Gruppe I Mil Pers RSHA since May 44

lives BERLIN-SCHARFENDORF, Berkaer Str 24

Career: Former Referent Army Gen Staff in Abt Fremde Heere Ost.
Since early 1944 II-a (Pers Officer) in Abw.
2. LIENHARDT (fnu) Head of Mil Amt A 1 from Oct 44 (to Jan 45 (?))
born 1890 slender gray hair round face healthy complexion
gray eyes broad nose

Misc: Widower; only child. Active officer.

Career: In Abw since 1936. 1941-43 head of Abw Trupps and Abw
Kommandos on the E front. 1944 executive officer of Gren Regt
1001. Since Jan 45 head of combat command of WALDBURG Camp of
RSHA, vic FUERSTENWALDE.
3. MAJWEDÉ (fnu) Mil Amt without special assignment

born 1895 1.80 m strong build round face healthy com-
plexion large nose wears glasses

Career: 1944 CO of Gren Regt 1001 at JITSCHIN, Czechoslovakia.
4. MEYER (fnu) Executive officer Gren Regt 1001

born 1895 1.75 m strong build gray hair oval face gray
eyes broad nose
5. NAUMANN (fnu) Mil Amt
born 1890 1.80 m strong build gray hair broad face
pale complexion large nose

Misc: Active officer.

Career: 1944 Head of Abt Front Aufklaerung of Chef Ic Wehrmacht
in Wehrmachts Fuehrungs Stab. Since Nov 44 CO of Gren Regt 1001.
6. PERSON (fnu) Asst Gruppe Mil A 3/RSHA Maj d R

born 1885 1.75 m frail build gray hair oval face pale
complexion gray eyes broad nose

Misc: High School instructor. Married.

Career: 1941 Asst in personnel matters Amt Abw OKW. Since 1944
in Mil Amt.

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7. von SUESSKIND-SCHWENDE (fnu) (SHAEP pink card 895) Cbst i G
Head of GUN Staff War I KOENIGSBERG

born 1903 1.73 m stocky brown hair round face healthy
complexion gray eyes large nose

Career: Chef d Front Aufklaerung u Truppen Abw.

8. WACHS (fnu) Hptm d R Asst Gruppe Mil A 3 RSHA

lives KOENIGSBERG/E Prussia born 1895 1.82 m strong build
gray hair round face healthy complexion gray eyes broad
nose

Misc: Married. NSDAP since 1933.

Career: 1944 Asst for personnel matters Amt I and Mil Amt.