

approximate locations. The symphol used for these transmitters was a circle containing a four digit number: the first digit indicating the nationality of the Intelligence Service operating the transmitter (i.e. Dutch - 1; Polish - 2; U.S. - 3; British and Belgian 4; U.S.S.R. - 5;) Note: three digit numbers indicated; nationality unknown.

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3. Raiding of such clandestime stations as well as first interrogations of its operators were done by the Army intelligence Service, which turned them over to the Gestapo for further questioning, but maintained jurisdiction over them. An exception to this rule existed in the case of U.S.S.R. AGENTS who were turned over to the Gestapo immediately and who remained under Gestapo jurisdiction.

5. In March 1944, after the reorganization of the Intelligence Bervice under the R.S.H.A., questioning and disposal of all agents was handled by the Gestapo. Only exceptional cases were given to the Army Intelligence Bervice for questioning. However, Army locator service still continued to exist.

5. Take Broadcasts (Funkspiele)

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As soon as a clandestine station broadcasting to Allied authorities was raided, section IV-2b of the Gestapo had the task of organizing a continued fake broadcast, possibly by convincing the former operators to collaborate in the moheme. However, early attempts in this direction failed because as soon as one station attempts in this direction failed because as soon as one station was raided, others belonging to the same network immediately informed the pertinent authorities. Therefore, it was deemed necessary to raid and arrest simultaneously a whole given network of radio stations. The locator stations, togsther with Radio Intelligence H.MS in Paris tried to establish a link between different stations belonging to the same network and termed the finger MIAPELIETRE Different networks received different designations always followed by the word "KAPELLE", e.g. "DOFFAPELLE", Waldakapelle", Rotkapelle" etc. However, because of the continuous friction between Army and Gestapo, only poor results were obtained. According to PM's knowledge Gestapo, only poor results were obtained. According to PW's knowledge, only few Junkspiele operating from France successed. One of them, operated by a Gestapo man, EWIEN OHOSZ, in Lille, took place in Mey/June 1944 and yielded a parachute delivery of anno. radio equipment and food from Britain. PW also learned from Kriminal Obersekretaer BERG of the R.S.H.A. in Paris that several fake broadcasts to the U.S.S.R. originating in Germany were being operated with success. All matters concerning fake broadcasts were classified as "Scheime Reichssache" by the Gestapo and "Gebeime Kommandosache" by the Army. (Both terms are equivalent to "Top ; gaoret".)

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6. It is interesting to note that when Moscow was asked what an agent should do in case of an Allied invasion, the answer was that he should remain at his post.

7. Munkspiel "Rote Kapelle".

History.

During 1937/38, the Russian Intelligence Service organized an espionage network in France, Belgium and Holland. The original mission of this network, headed by an agent known under the cover name of "General GILEER" was to furnish information about political and economic trends in those countries. After the outbreak of World War II, the entire system was transformed into a Military Intelligence network.

network. S. In November 1942, the Gestero Successed in raiding and arreating the entire network, including GILBERT. This round-up started with the arrest of Hermann SENZEL a <u>Russian trained</u> radio operator who was operating a transmitting station in Belgium. Several minor agents were shot, emong them a Russian woman named SOEOL, who was shot in Bruzelles on the personal order of HIMBLER. Other agents were taken to Paris for further investigation. GOERED is said to have taken an interest in this organization and followed the disclosures with much attention.

9. The original investigation was conducted by Army Intelligence under Happtmann Harry PIEPE, but as soon as the R.S.H.A. learned of the matter, Kriminalrat Karl GERNING was dispatched from Berlin to take charge. Other Gestapo members on GIERWING's staff included Kriminal Obersekretaer BERG, Kriminal Oberassistent BAGANZ and Kriminal Sekretaer WOLF.

10. Reorganization under Cestapoleadership.

The Gestapo decided to utilize this illégitimate radio connection with Moscow and to turn the traffic into a Funkspiel (fake broadcast). The object of these Funkspiele way to obtain additional names of Russian agents and organizations from Moscow. The Gestapo succeeded in inducing most of the previous operators of the GILBERT network to continue their transmissions under Gestapo leadership. This new set-up, called "ROTE EAPELLE" by the Germans, was subdivided into a Paris and a Belgian branch.

11. Information transmitted to Moscow.

All information transmitted to Moscow on these Funkspiels had to be passed by Abtailung IV A.2.b. of the R.S.H.A. in Berlin. Economic information concerning the food situation, black market activities, production and transport conditions, was furnished by the Gestapo and was, as a rule, true since the Gestapo ascumed that Moscow was in a position to verify the information. Other information concerning Partisan activities, sabotage, misconduct of Germans in cocupied territory, reaction of the population to German occupation, results of Allied bombings, were also truthfully relayed. However, the transmitting of military information furnished by the Abwehr became more and more difficult because of the uncooperative became more and more allifedult because of the uncooperative attitude of the military authorities. Particularly Maj. MOEHRING of the Military Intelligence Service sabotaged the work of the R.S.H.A. units and refused to give any military information to be passed on to Russia. Questions of a military information to be left unanswered or were answered in an evasive, unsatisfactory manner which led to the discontinuance of most of the Belgian transmitting beams.

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12. Rote Kapelle, Belgian branch.

After reorganization by the Gestapo, the transmitting stations in Belgium and Holland were consolidated and continued to operate their beams from one transmitter located at 68 (?) rule de l'Aurore in Bruxelles. Kriminalsekretaer WOLF and Kriminal Oberassistent BAGANZ were in charge of the Belgian enterprises. In January 1943, after WEIZEL's escape, WOLF was recalled to Berlin, BAGANZ transforred to Hamburg and the Belgian ROTE KAFELLE Branch was moved to the Breedonek concentration camp from where it resumed its transmissions to Moscow. In April 1943, PW was put in charge to of the group. The ROTE KAPELLE Branch in Belgium operated on the following beams: following beams:

13. Beam "WEIDE".

1). <u>NEWR "KAUME"</u>. This was one of the two beams of the original Russian Transmitting network operating in Belgium. It was operated by Hermann WENZEL, a former Danzig officen who, after capture in Nov-ember 1942, declared himself willing to collaborate with the Gestapo. He continued his broadcasts up to the time of his secore in January 1943. When in early 1944 "Weide" made a request for funds, Moscow gave direction to contact a Gzech citizen nemed OHERVINEA, residing rue Edison (?) in Bruxelles. OHERVINEA was married to a Russian woman who had a son employed at the Russian 'Embassy in Kabul (Afghanistan). This soft was allegedly supposed to furnish \$5000 to be paid to WENZEL... "EWIWASSOFHARE OFFICETING GENERNES is imperients to extract money from OHERVINEA met with no success. This curoumstance, as well as the unwillingness of the German military authorities to furnish the necessary information for the Funkspiele to Moscow led the Gestape to drop Beam "WEIDE" in Feb/Mar, 1944. For three months, after Beam "WEIDE" chours. Beam "BUOHE-PARUAL" (see below) was also asked ropeatedly to invertigate the whereabouts of "WEIDE" but informed Moscow that WENZEL had not shown up at the meeting places. 14. Beams "TANNE".

14. Beame "TANNE".

This beam was originally operated in Ansterdam by Tino WINTERINK a native of Arnhem. He and several others (among them a Dutchman named NAGEL) were arrested by the Gestapo in Nov. 42. Two other agents known by the cover names of DAN AND VELO, succeeded in avoiding capture. WINTERINK was willing to continue transmissions MAND SECRE

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for the Gestapo, but, fearing that DAN or VELO might inform Moscow about the real situation he reported to Moscow that he himself had barely escaped the Gestapo and that it must be assumed that some men of his group, presumably DAN and VELO, had been errested.

15. In summer 1943, Been "TANNE" asked Moscow for funds to continue its work. After several evasive replies, Koscow finally asked for an address where the money could be deposited. The Gestapo, Ansterdam, furnished the address of a former member of the Communist Party which was relayed to Moscow. However, a few days later, Moscow reproached "TANNE" with having furnished the address of a man, who, according to their knowledge, was suspected to have relations with the Gestapo. This incident greatly infuriated the Ohief of the Gestapo, General der Polizei NUELLER, who strongly reprimended the Gestapo ohief of Amsterdam.

16. In Mar/April 1944, Moscow ordered "TANNE" to discontinue its transmissions and advised the agent to join an active 17. Beam "BUCHE-PABCAL"

This beam was originally operated by a Soviet Arry Captain who, in 1937, came to Belgium with a false Finnish passport, using the cover-mass "Erik JENNSTROKK" and broadcasted alternatively from Liege and from Bruxelles. After his arrest by the Gestapo in Nov. 1942, JEHNSTROEM was induced after lengthy deliberations to continue the transmissions to Moscow.

12. When PASCAL asked Koscow for funds, he was directed to a timber merchant in Charleroi who had an account of 50,000 French frances in Russia. PASCAL was to bring greetings from a Russian business friend of the merchant and to ask for a loan. However, the merchant remained indifferent and told PASCAL that he had recovered his loss from an Italian insurance company and was not in a position to grant loans.

19. Around the end of July 1944, beam "BUOHE-PASCAL" was transferred from Bruxelles to Paris and incorporated into the Parisian system of Tunkspiele,

20. Bean "BUOHE-BOB".

In Movember 1942, this beam, operated by a Russian Army officer, was about to start transmissions from Belgium, when orriger, was about to start transmissions from Sciglum, when this agent was arrested by the Gestapo. He refused to cooperate with the Gestapo, was sentenced to death and sent to Berlin for execution. In order to cover up this agent's disappearance, CILHERT (see above) informed Moscow that this agent had joined him in Paris. Bhortly therewarter, a new beam started transmissions to Moscow. It was operated by a Gestapo man, substituting for the Russian officer. In mid-July 1944 this heam was discontinued.

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21. Call names and Frequencies.

To contact, M2800W, beams "TANNE", "BUOHE-PASOAL", and "BUCHE-BOB" used the Hame "DIRECTOR" while beam "WEIDE" used the word "MARTEA". "TANNE" signed off with "TIRO", "WEIDE" with "HERMANN", "BUCHE-PASOAL" and "BUOHE-BOB" with "BOB", Gall manes remained unchanged, but frequencies changed coccasionally. Traffic time was around midnight and, of the four beams, some operated on even numbered days, others on odd numbered days. A wavelength crited for emergency daylight traffic. existed for emergency daylight traffic.

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22. Rote. Transmissions from Heam "BUCHE-PASCAL" were in Russian. The other three beams transmitted in German.

23. ROTE KAPELLE, Paris branch.

The Parisian system, supervised by Kriminalrat PANEWITZ, had more success than the Belgian network. After his arrest, GIBERT was induced to continue transmissions to Moscow under German Intelligence supervision. In Nov/Dec. 1943, GIBERT succeeded in escaping and the Gestapo found out that he had also been working for the British Intelligence Service in collaboration with a bucker of the Delation Ministry SDATE. However, pointer been working for the British Intelligence Service in collaboration with a brother of the Belgian Minister SPAAK. However, neither GIBEET nor KENZEL (see above) seem to have informed Moscow of the real state of affairs, since the Funkspiele with Moscow continued until the Allied invasion of France and Belgium. In March 1944, PW was told by Kriminal Oberskretaer MERG that the Parisian system had succeeded in obtaining a considerable anount of money from the Russians. It had also been able to uncover French Re-sistance Groups by infiltrating them with Gestapo agents.

24. PW could give no other information concerning the history and operations of the Paris branch of the ROTE KAPHILE. RERGER, Friedrich (INFORMATION GIVE BY BAPTORIDS, Eignalisd by I.F.H.Q.).

1. Sartorius claims to have served in the ROTE KAPELLE organization until April 1945 with a short gap at the end of 1944 and beginning of 1945 when he was sent to Italy, with a group of French agents by PANNWITZ, in conjunction with B.D.S. Strasburg. (His interrogation will presumably clear up this aspect of dec. provident PANNWITZ' work. The employment of French agents may well THEVE fourier agents). SAPTORIUM states that PANNWITZ managed to intercept Nescow directives to communists in France, Belgium and Holland, sent direct or through Spain or England and that he intended to continue this control after the surremier of Germany, either from the Tyrol or from Spain with the object of causing dissention between the Allies. In order to ensure his port-surremier programs, SARTORIUM believes that PANNWITZ see of his officers, LETTZ and KUEFES, to Spain under diplomatic cover at the beginning of 1945.

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2. At the beginning of April 1945, the Sonderkommando ANNWITZ had withdrawn from France and was stationed in the Vorarlborg. At that time, it was at Bregenz and consisted of some eight S.S. officers and N.C.OS; PANNWITZ BETUI, WENNER HETUI, BUERGLE USTUI, MAYER USTUI, WILD OSTUI, SOHMIDT USTUI, SOHMITZ Ungers, USTUI, and WOLF USTUI - and twenty French and ten Flexish agents. At that time PANNWITZ was intending to go underground on German surrender and to continue to fight the Allies by the assassingtion of prominent Allied personages.

3. SARTORIUS laft PANNWITZ on 29th April 1945 at Bludenz, Ferdimend Gasserstr.15, a house owned by MUETTER (or NUETTE2), former Ereisleiter and Burgemeister of Bludenz, who SARTORIUS believes was enrolled as a contact by PARMWITZ for post-war activities. In addition to PANNETZ, SARTORIUS also saw tENNER Hetuf, and BUERGLE Ustuf, W/T operator at the same address.

4. In addition to these, SARTORIUS states that MAXER Ustuf of the Hauptaussenstelle Bregenz (?) was also recruited by PANNEITZ at the beginning of April because of his local knowledge. SARTORIUS last sew him on 27th April at Lauterach, Hans 346. MATER's father at Rankweil was also a contact as well as whitress named MARIA of the Hotel Mirschen, Bregenz, who lived at Dornbirn.

5. SARTORIDS believes that PANNITZ intended to move to the mountains east of Bludanz into the area of Rungelin, off the read from Bludanz to Langen

- a) (MIRREMAN): Aged 36-38; height: 1.70 72 m; wellbuilt; round face; dark brown hair.
- b) (SARTORIUS): Aged 36; height; 1.68 m.; well-built; fair hair; round face; pink complexion; blue eyes; one gold tooth.

2. According to KIRREFNAN, a mamber of the Machrichten Betriebsabt clung Chef der Herresruestung und Befehlshaber des Ersatzhaares (Signals Unit) who was serving in Paris from May 1943 until January 1944 with a detachment of Referat 12 of the Allgemeines Herres Amt Inspection 7, Gruppe VI (code breaking section), statached to the Paris Aussenleitstelle of the O.K.W. Astegruppe Wehrmacht Machrichtenverbindung/Junk (in charge of W/T interception), PANMAITZ arrived in Paris at a date unspecified from the R.S.K.A. Berlin, in order to inter the intelligence conduct of the Call of a Russian agent known as worthow who had been captured and wturned round",

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3. Transmissions were carried out at the Aussenleitstelle, Paris, under the W/T direction of UST2. JUNA, the coding being organized by Osfr. BERNERT.

4. The traffic with Moscow was conducted as from two Russian agents OTTO and a certain THEO, with when OTTO was supposed to be working and the messages were signed OTTO-THEO. It was not very successful; sometimes answers took several days to come and the subject of money obtruded itself largely. The code was highly complex and at times messages remained undsocded.

5. When OTTO escaped, PANNWITZ sent a message from "THEO" reporting that he was missing and had probably been captured by the Germans. Moscow thereupon instructed THEO to reduce his traffic with the result that possibilities were thereafter more restricted.

6. PANNWITZ brought with him two assistants, O/Fw. LENZ Waldamar and Gefr. KURTERS Hans. Both these incidentally had previously worked in AHA In.7, Gruppe VI, Ref. 12.

7. The captured agent, TUSSHAU, stated that around Christmas 1943; he was sent to the SIPO and SD office in the Ministere de l'Interieur, rue des Saussaies, Paris, where he was interviewed by two SD officers names PANNEWITZ and BESS, which names he believed to be cover ones and who employed agents to conduct searches for fugitive communists.

8. RATHER, as will have been seen above, described PARHWITZ as in charge of the PARTS branch of the HOTE HAPPILLE.

9. In a captured document dated 21.11.44 from PANNUTZ, he signs as Sonderkommando "N.I." of the R.S.H.A. The document reads as follows:

STRASSBURG KR. 55620 21/11.44.

To the Stapo GOTHA - please retransmit to K.S. ROELLICH of the R.S.H.A.

Re: Your duty journey.

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Make arrangements to ensure that you arrive in Berlin with FRITHE during the course of the 24th. Telephone 41 67 91 and ack for K.K. GORPHERT through Hauptsturafusherer HAUPT. The former is making arrangements for your billetting.

I foresse arriving in Berlin at the same time.

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10. A censorhhip intercept of 15/3.45 shows that PANNWITZ s chief of Sonderkommando ROTE RAPELLE at Tannankirch, Bas Rhin.

INFORMATION CIVEN BY MIERSEMAN.

1. NIERSMAN described how the O.K.W. Ag/WHV/Pn, Aucsenleitstelle st (Paris), 64, Bvd. Buchst, Paris., was responsible for W/T nitoring and for the W/T side of the control of captured agents who re being "played back". It contained also a specialist evaluation aff which assessed the v.h.f. material obtained by Funkuebermachungs epagnic 615. This unit known as Auswertung Ursula, had elways bached to it always two code experts from AHA In7, Gruppe VI, f. 12.

2. MIERSMAN pointed out that this composite W/T and cypher scielist organization acted as expert adviser and executive for W. Abt. III F and Later the 3 Kommandos and Trupps as well also for the Gestapo who were inclined in fact, more and more, to ke over C.J. work from the Abwehr.

PERSONALITIES. DESCRIPTIONS & OTHER WAR ROOM TRACES.

1. LEME, Dr. Waldener. (Bhaer cara 52854).

Aged 34 - 36, height: 172/74m., oval face, brown hair ing grey at temples, small moustache, sporty appearance, very il dressed. Previously worked in Har. 12 of AHA In. 7, Gruppe . Obstrumters. Dr. Waldeer LEEZ was known to MIERSHAN only by is name. MIERSHAN heard that he was a journalist by profassion. was married and had two ohildren. He elther lived or had latives in Freignak in H. Germany. MIERSHAN had no knowledge INTEX employment before he came to Ref. 12 in 1942. He spoke ir French, Italian, Horwagian and English. He was very fond of MERSHAN heard that he was engloyed abloade clerk for the Moscow uffic and later on his tasks became more flexible. He worked lisison agent of Dr. PAMENTZ with the various underground rements in Parls. This work, however, became too well-inown, ich might account for his moving to Nice in the spring of 1944. pre he lived with his wife in a villa. HIERSHAN had originally on MERSHAN had not his activities. HIERSHAN had originally m MERSHAN had runs since the summer of 1943. He had at it time been in Paris since the summer of 1943.

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Aged 30/32, height, 1.70/72m. well-built, round face, fair, by hair, wears glasses.

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In October 1942, posted to Ref. 12, ANA In.7, Gruppe VI.

- 3. KILD Ostuf (? SHAFF Card 35266).
- 4. MATER Ustuf. (? SHART Card 42997).
- 5. JUNG UTTE.

Description by KIERSEMAN (1943).

Aged 24/26, height, 1.70/72m. slim build, oval face, fair, wavy hair, fond of playing dance music.

6. BERMERT Gerr.Bans.

The following information was given by MIERSEMAN;

Austrian from Vienna. Machrichten Betriebs Abt Ohef des Heeres Rutung und Befehlshaber des frættkeeren (NEA Ohef H. Rust und BGE). Referat 12, later transferred to Aussenstelle Sudfrenkreich. Anti-Germen, in constant contact with a French girl friend (name possibly Andres BOUDURT) residing at 47 Bvd. Suchst. In April 1944 was arrested by the German Police in Lyon for Anti-German remarks and sent to Berlin for trial. Acquitted on the strength of his Ohlt's favourable testimony as to character. May, however, have deserted since from Aussenttile Lyon as an enquiry concerning his shereabouts came there from Berlin. About 35/38 years old; height: 1.72/76m; heavy build; slightly bent; broad face; protruding chin; dark blond; wavy hair; distrinctive marks; hunchback; right shoulder is higher than the left one.

0. SPECIAL POINTS.

1. The "GILHERT" mentioned by RATHIE is presumably identical with the "OTTO" mentioned by RIEREMUAN.

2. It is not at all clear yet whether the employment of French and Flemish agents by PANHWITZ is in any wey connected with his BOTE KAPELLE work.

3. EIEFSHEAN described how PANEWITZ, some time at the end of 1943 was dising at the Aussenstelle, Paris, and dismussing the useful results obtained by the application of the "Walf-Clasp" (Wadsublemmer) during interrogation. He claimed that the tightening of this 10 cm, wide band round the salf of a prisoner under interrogation was most effective. It is believed that if PANEWIEZ, proves in any way obstinate under interrogation, it might be useful to mention to him that we know that he advocated the use of the "Galf-Clasp."

4. It will be noticed that BARTORIUS had already mentioned

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5. He reference has been made in this summery to the information recorded about W/T procedure and codes.

6. Further interrogation reports obtained from all theatres will be circulated by the War Rock to all addresses.

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