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Interrogation of Bandera Leader

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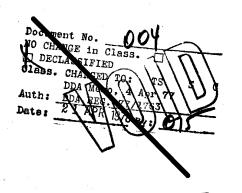
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- Burlak, a bandera leader recently captured by the Czechoslovak Army in Slovakia, told Army interrogators that his band, which consisted mostly of Ukrainian partisans, was formed in southern Polend, near Przemysi (S50/V55). In a series of clashes in that area, the band was severely depleted, whereupon Burlak went to Orlando, his immediate superior, for further instructions. He was ordered to proceed to the Krmice area of Poland, where he would join another band led by Chromenko. The latter and Burlak decided to cross Czechoslovakia and try to reach Linz, Austria, in an effort to contact the headquerters of a Ukrainian organization there. Maps were provided for them only as far as the Czechoslovak border. Burlak was captured in the Mala Fatra mountains (949/119), in Slovakia.
- Burlak's interrogators were unable to prove that the Banderovci received any help whatsoever inside Czechoslovakia. Furthermore, when Burlak was asked to what extent he had used the political network of the O.U.N. (Organizacya Ukrainskych Nationalistiv - Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists), he replied that his only contract was through messengers sent from Linz on special missions. He disclaimed any further knowledge of the political network, which he believed to be entirely separate from the military organizations.



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