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OPERATION AVALANCHE (Eric and Baker)

Reports from 2 returned agents in the last 2 days indicate that no more leave of any extent is granted in the Wehrmacht. As the Italian front has broken, moreover, it seems likely that any soldiers appearing at the pinpoint region might be suspected of deserting across the mountains. The position of Obergueragl at the dead end of a road makes any service mission of non-coms most unlikely. For these reasons it is decided to give the men civilian cover.

Pinpoint is 760160 (GS GS 4164, Italy 1:100000, Sheet 4) 8 Km. South of Soelden and 3 Km. West of the Italian border. The men will make their way to a safe house in Soelden.

(B)(1)
(B)(3)

I. [redacted] was discharged from the Army at the Wehrmacht-entlassungsstelle Nuernberg on [redacted] 45. On or about [redacted] 45 his Wehrpass is stamped "Anmeldet" at the Wehrmeldeamt (if not yet done, enter stamp before departure) in Innsbruck. The doctor in Nuernberg had given him a letter that he ought not to work before 20 May. When he reported at the Arbeitsamt Innsbruck, a few days after the Wehrmeldeamt had stamped the Wehrpass, they took this letter for their records and, in accordance with its instructions, gave him an order to report at Arbeitsamt Salzburg on 20 May. He is spending the interval at home in Soelden, when encountered going North on the road from pinpoint to Soelden he has been visiting friends in Oberguergl.

- He carries: 1. Wehrpass in name of [redacted] (B)(1)
- 2. Kennkarte in name of [redacted] (B)(3)
- 3. Letter from Arbeitsamt Innsbruck to [redacted] as described above.
- 4. Reise and Urtaubermarken.

(B)(1)
(B)(3)

II. [redacted] was discharged from the Army in an Entlassungsschein issued [redacted] 45 by Kraftfahr-Ers. Abt. 12 at Wiesloch near Heidelberg, and endorsed by the Wehrmeldeamt, the Arbeitsamt and the Ernahrungsamt at Ludwigshafen. While ill at the Res.-Laz. in Wiesloch he received ~~xxxxxxx~~ an Eilmachricht from his mother [redacted] saying "Erna uns Leben gekommen." This was dated 3-2-45. A few days later he got a regular letter dated 5-2-45 saying that because of the same air raid she expected to be evacuated to Oberguergl. While still in Ludwigshafen he worked unloading army goods at the port, but when Mannheim fell on 30-3-45 he had to flee, and worked his way toward Oberguergl, only to find that his mother has never arrived there.

- He carries: 1. Entlassungsschein
- 2. Kennkarte in name of [redacted], issued in Linz. (B)(1)
- 3. Eilmachricht from mother (B)(3)
- 4. Letter from mother
- 5. Kennkarte in name of [redacted], issued in Frankfurt/M. 3
- 6. Reise- and Urtauberkarten.

Note: The men should not travel together from the pinpoint to the safe house.

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OPERATION "AVALANCHE" (ERIC AND BAKER)

Pinpoint is 760160 (OSGS 4164, Italy 1:100,000, Sheet -4). This point is 8 kms. SE of Seelden and 3 kms West of the Italian border.

(S)(1), (S)(3)
ERIC (Ogfr. [redacted]) of the 2/Geb. - Jag. Rgt. has Ambulanzurlaub from Res - Laz II at Klagenfurt, with orders to report on 6/5/45 at his Ersatz Unit, Gren. Ers. Btl. 61 Munchen. He has been treated at the hospital since 9/3/45 for #22, and as a result of his long stay in the hospital is being returned to his Ersatz unit rather than his field unit. In this military capacity he carried:

- 1) Seldbuch
- 2) Urlaubsschein
- 3) Letter to Truppenarzt
- 4) Dog tag
- 5) Six day Urlauber Karten and Raucherkarten.

After arrival at destination he may assume civilian cover, and therefore carries a Wehrpass showing him discharged in Nurnberg on 3/3/45 as DUalls a. v.

(S)(1), (S)(3)
Uffz. BAKER (Ogfr. [redacted]) of Gren. Btl. 292 has Ambulanzurlaub from Res- Laz II at Klagenfurt, with orders to report on 1/5/45 at his Ersatz Unit, Gren.

Ers. Btl. 109. Like ERIC his leave is to Seelden. He has been treated at the hospital since 1/3/45 for #21, and as a result of his long stay in the hospital is being returned to his Ersatz unit rather than his field unit. In this military capacity he carried:

- 1) Seldbuch
- 2) Urlaubsschein
- 3) Letter to Truppenarzt
- 4) Dog Tag
- 5) Six day Urlauber Karten and Raucherkarten.

He also carries as civilian cover an Entlassungsschein issued at Wieslech. 25/2/45 by Kraftfahr-Er. Abt. 12, and endorsed by authorities in Ludwigshafen, and a Kannkarte issued at Linz 1/5/40.

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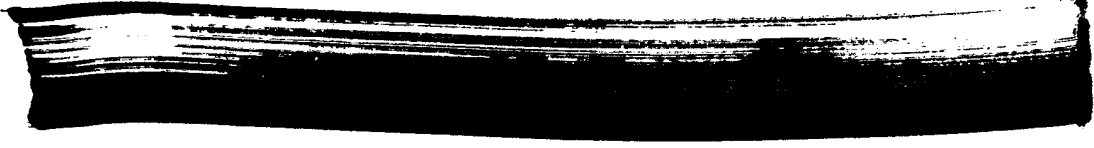
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