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TAGS: CVIS, (PHLEPS, ARTHUR)  
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL RECORDS  
REF: STATE 045010  
1. FOLLOWING BDC SUMMARY PROVIDED AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL:  
PHLEPS, AKA STOLZ, ARTUR, OR ARTHUR, MARTIN  
POB: BIRTHAELM/TRANSYLVANIA  
DOB: NOVEMBER 29, 1881  
OCCUPATION: ARMY AND SS OFFICER  
ADDRESS: BERLIN-LICHTERFELDE-WEST, RINGSTRASSE 74  
2. PHLEPS ENTERED THE NSAP IN ROMANIA IN AUGUST 1940. HE  
HELD A LEADERSHIP POST IN THE GERMAN NATIONAL GROUP IN  
ROMANIA. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE SERVICE WITH  
THE ROMANIAN ARMY IN AUGUST 1940 HE MOVED TO BERLIN,  
ALTHOUGH NOT AS PART OF THE REGULAR RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM.  
3. ACCORDING TO A LETTER FROM THE REICH COMMISSIONER FOR  
THE PRESERVATION OF GERMAN NATIONALITY DATED OCTOBER 3,  
1942, PHLEPS WAS ROMANIAN BY BIRTH BUT OBTAINED GERMAN  
CITIZENSHIP BY PERSONAL ARRANGEMENT OF HEINRICH HIMMLER.  
A COPY OF HIS NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE IS NOT AVAIL-  
ABLE.

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4. PHLEPS ATTENDED CADET SCHOOL AT PRESSBURG FROM 1896 TO 1900 AND THE WAR ACADEMY AT VIENNA FROM 1905 TO 1907. HE SERVED WITH THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE FROM AUGUST 18, 1900 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1918. HIS LAST ARMY RANK WAS LT COLONEL OF THE GENERAL STAFF CROPS. AFTER THE DISBANDMENT OF THE AUSTRIAN AND HUNGARIAN MILITARY FORCES, HE WAS COMMANDER OF THE SAXONIAN NATIONAL REGIMENT IN TRANSYLVANIA FROM NOVEMBER 1918 TO FEBRUARY 1919. HE SERVED IN THE ROMANIAN ARMY FROM APRIL 1, 1919 TO AUGUST 6, 1940. HIS LAST ROMANIAN ARMY RANK WAS MAJOR GENERAL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1938. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE RESERVE ON AUGUST 6, 1940 AFTER HAVING BEEN DISMISSED TWICE FROM THE ROMANIAN ARMY, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF HIS GERMAN NATIONAL ATTITUDE.

5. BASED ON AN ORDER FROM HEINRICH HIMMLER, PHLEPS BECAME A MEMBER OF THE SS WITH THE RANK OF COLONEL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1941 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE WAFFEN SS AS A COLONEL THE SAME DAY AND ASSIGNED TO SS DIVISION "VIKING" AS COMMANDER OF THE "WESTLAND" REGIMENT. OTHER WAFFEN SS RANKS INCLUDED SS BRIGADEFUEHRER UND GENERAL MAJOR DER WAFFEN SS (BRIGADIER GENERAL), NOVEMBER 29, 1941; SS GRUPPENFUEHRER UND GENERALLEUTNANT DER WAFFEN SS (MAJOR GENERAL), APRIL 20, 1942; SS OBERGRUPPENFUEHRER UND GENERAL DER WAFFEN SS (GENERAL), JUNE 21, 1943. OTHER UNITS INCLUDED THE SS MAIN OPERATIONAL OFFICE, FEBRUARY TO MARCH 1942 AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO HIMMLER; SS VOLUNTEER DIVISION "PRINCE EUGEN" AS DIVISION COMMANDER FROM MARCH 1, 1942; V SS MOUNTAIN CORPS AS COMMANDER, FROM JUNE 21, 1943.

6. PHLEPS' OFFICER FILE CARD SHOWS ENTRY 'GENERAL IN COMMAND AND HIGHER SS AND POLICE OFFICER IN SOUTH TRANSYLVANIA', BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. HE WAS THE BEARER OF THE KNIGHT'S CROSS INSIGNIA OF THE IRON CROSS AND THE GERMAN CROSS IN GOLD. PHLEPS WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1944 IN THE AREA OF ARAD. ON NOVEMBER 24, 1944 **ADOLF HITLER** PRESENTED THE OAKLEAF CLUSTER TO THE KNIGHT'S CROSS OF THE IRON CROSS POSTHUMOUSLY. LISSFELT

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