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1. VISAS DONKEY
2. HANS-GEORG WALTER GERMAN
- MARCH 7, 1922 HIRSCHAID, GERMANY
- MANAGER AUGSBURGER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG

3. DR. HANS-GEORG WALTER(DPOB: MARCH 7, 1922, HIRSCHAID, GERMANY) WAS INTERVIEWED ON MARCH 6, 1986. IN GENERAL HIS ACCOUNT OF HIS ACTIVITIES FROM 1933 TO 1945 CORRESPONDED CLOSELY TO THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THE BDC SUMMARY.

4. DR. WALTER ACKNOWLEDGED MEMBERSHIP IN THE HITLER YOUTH

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FROM 1933 TO 1939. HE JOINED THE WAFFEN S.S. IN DECEMBER 1939. HE EXPLAINED HIS CHOICE OF THE WAFFEN S.S. AS FOLLOWS . AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN SEPTEMBER, 1939, DR. WALTER WANTED TO SERVE IN COMBAT, AS HE WAS AN "IDEALISTIC SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD". BECAUSE HE WAS NOT YET EIGHTEEN, HE COULD NOT ENLIST IN THE WEHRMACHT (HE HAD WANTED TO JOIN THE MOUNTAIN TROOPS). HE FOUND OUT THAT THE ONLY ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO JOIN A COMBAT UNIT AS A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD WAS THE WAFFEN S.S.

5. AFTER INITIAL RECRUIT TRAINING, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE S.S. MECHANIZED DIVISION "LEIBSTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER". HE SERVED FIRST IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE DURING 1940, ATTAINING THE RANK OF PRIVATE-FIRST-CLASS. AFTER THE FALL OF FRANCE, DR. WALTER'S UNIT WAS BRIEFLY TRANSFERRED TO GREECE. HE THEN TOOK PART IN THE INVASION OF THE SOVIET UNION IN JUNE 1941, REMAINING WITH THE UNIT IN VARIOUS COMBAT SITUATIONS UNTIL THE FALL OF THAT YEAR.

6. IN NOVEMBER 1941 DR. WALTER BEGAN AN OFFICER CANDIDATE COURSE AT BAD TOELZ. HE COMPLETED THIS TRAINING IN APRIL 1942, AND WAS ASSIGNED TO ITALY. AT SOME POINT IN 1943 (HE COULD NOT RECALL) HE WAS REASSIGNED TO THE SOVIET UNION. AS OF JANUARY 1944, HE WAS ASSIGNED TH FIRST S.S. ARMORED TRAINING AND REPLACEMENT BATTALION. AFTER COMPLETION OF ARMORED-UNIT TRAINING, DR. WALTER WAS ASSIGNED TO NORTHERN FRANCE TO REJOIN THE LEIBSTANDARTE DIVISION (WHICH HAD BEEN RECONSTRUCTED FROM A MECHANIZED TO AN ARMORED DIVISION).

7. IN THE FALL 1944, DR. WALTER COMPLETED A SIGNAL SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND WAS ASSIGNED THEREAFTER TO NORTHERN ITALY: IN MARCH OF 1945 HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY ALLIED FORCES IN AUSTRIA.

8. DR. WALTER'S ACCOUNT OF HIS WHEREABOUTS CORRESPONDS TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE LEIBSTANDARTE DIVISION, WHICH FROM ALL AVAILABLE ACCOUNTS WAS ESSENTIALLY A COMBAT UNIT THROUGHOUT THE WAR YEARS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT DR. WALTER SERVED IN OTHER THAN A COMBAT ROLE.

9. DR. WALTER STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF NAZI PARTY. ALTHOUGH HE EVENTUALLY ATTAINED THE RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT, HIS PROMOTIONS WERE BASED MERELY ON LENGTH OF SERVICE, AND WERE NOT DUE TO ANY EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

10. DR. WALTER STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PERSECUTION OF NATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS MINORITIES, AND FURTHER STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED WITH POLITICS OR IDEOLOGY DURING HIS S.S. SERVICE. CONOFF RECOMMENDS THAT APPLICANT'S NAME BE REMOVED FROM 212(A)(33) FILES. NELSON
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