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2. SCHMALOER, HERMANN HEINRICH GERMAN
- 17 FEBRUARY 1915 MARL, FRG
- RETIRED
3. SCHMALOER, HERMANN HEINRICH, FEBRUARY 17, 1915,
MARL, FRG, APPLIED FOR A VISA ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1987.
HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY A CONSULAR OFFICER ON OCTOBER 7,
1987.
4. SCHMALOER AND HIS WIFE HILDEGARD (NEE IWAN)

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SCHMALOER WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH AN ATLANTIC CRUISE. THE CRUISE WILL END IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO ON DECEMBER 19, 1987 AND THE PASSENGERS WILL FLY FROM SAN JUAN TO NEW YORK TO CATCH THE RETURN FLIGHT TO FRANKFURT. BECAUSE THE SCHMALOERS ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PLANNING FOR THEIR TRIP, PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO MR. SCHMALOER'S VISA ELIGIBILITY.

5. SCHMALOER RECEIVED BASIC MILITARY TRAINING FROM THE STAHLHELM IN 1933 BUT CLAIMS HE WAS NOT A MEMBER. ON JULY 30, 1934 HE JOINED THE SS LEIBSTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER AND CAME TO BERLIN FOR TRAINING. HE SAYS AT THIS TIME THAT THE SS WAS SIMPLY A "SCHUTZ- UND WACHORGANISATION" (PROTECT AND WATCH ORGANIZATION). AFTER BASIC TRAINING HE WENT THROUGH "NACHRICHTEN" (SIGNAL) TRAINING.

6. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE NAZI PARTY AND ANTI-NAZI ACTIVITIES AT THIS TIME, SCHMALOER REPLIED THAT AT THE TIME HE RARELY LEFT THE KASERNE, HEARD LITTLE NEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE, AND DIDN'T THINK ABOUT POLITICS. HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE NAZI PARTY IN 1935. HE SAYS THIS MEMBERSHIP WAS AUTOMATIC BECAUSE OF HIS SS MEMBERSHIP. SCHMALOER SAID THAT KRISTALLNACHT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE BECAME AWARE OF THE PROGRAMS AGAINST THE JEWS. SCHMALOER BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR FOR FUNKTECHNIK (RADIO COMMUNICATIONS) AND REMAINED AT THIS POST UNTIL 1939 WHEN HE MARRIED AND MOVED OUT OF THE KASERNE AND INTO AN APARTMENT. BETWEEN 1934 AND HIS PROMOTION TO SS-STURMMANN (PFC) IN JULY 1936 HE WAS BARRED FROM PROMOTION BECAUSE OF A DISAGREEMENT WITH HIS OBERSTURMFUEHRER. HE MADE ROTTENFUEHRER (CPL) IN OCTOBER 1936, UNTERSCHARFUEHRER (SGT) IN DECEMBER 1936 AND OBERSCHARFUEHRER IN DECEMBER 1937.

7. ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1939 HIS UNIT WENT TO POLAND WHERE HE WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED IN THE BACK. AT THIS TIME THE COMMANDER OF THE LEIBSTANDARTE WAS NAMED DIEDRICH AND THE COMMANDER OF THE NACHRICHTENZUG WAS WILHELM KEILHAUS, HIS IMMEDIATE COMMANDER. IN 1940 HIS UNIT FOUGHT INTO HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND FRANCE. HE SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH OF COURSE HE SAW PEOPLE KILLED DURING THIS CAMPAIGN, IT WAS ALWAYS THE ENEMY IN BATTLE AND NEVER INNOCENT PEOPLE KILLED WITH INTENT. HE WAS AWARDED THE EISERNES KREUZ II. KLASSE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN FRANCE.

8. HIS UNIT, THE STANDARTENNACHRICHTENZUG, WAS GARRISONED IN METZ IN THE FALL OF 1940, STILL COMMANDED BY KEILHAUS. THE UNIT WAS EXPANDED TO A NACHRICHTENABTEILUNG AND SCHMALOER BECAME A ZUGFUEHRER IN A ZUGKOMPANIE HEADED BY A MAN NAMED HARMS. AT THIS POINT HE SAYS HE THOUGHT THE WAR WAS OVER.

9. IN MARCH 1941 THE NACHRICHTENABTEILUNG ENTERED THE BALKANS, WHERE AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT, THEY WERE TO HELP MUSSOLINI FIGHT THE ALBANIANS. WITHOUT FIGHTING THE

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UNIT REACHED YUGOSLAVIA AND ON APRIL 10 ENGAGED THE YUGOSLAVIAN ARMY IN BATTLE. A DAY LATER THE UNIT REACHED GREECE. HERE HIS UNIT SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES DUE TO AIR RAIDS. THEY FOUGHT THE BRITISH IN THE KLIDI PASS AND THE KLISURA PASS. AFTER GREECE SURRENDERED ON APRIL 25, 1941 THE UNIT MARCHED SOUTH AND WEST AND CROSSED THE GULF OF CORINTH IN FISHING BOATS TO REACH PATRAS ON THE ISTHMUS OF CORINTH. FROM UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 BONN 32556

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THERE THEY MOVED TO LARISSA IN NORTHERN GREECE WHERE, ON MAY 7, 1941, HE WAS PROMOTED TO UNTERSTURMFUEHRER.

10. THE UNIT LEFT GREECE ON MAY 19, 1941 AND WAS GARRISONED AT AUSTERLITZ BEI BRUN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNTIL JUNE 26 WHEN THEY MARCHED TO RATIBOR IN SILESIA WHERE THEY PREPARED TO INVADE RUSSIA. AT THIS POINT THE COMPANY COMMANDER HARMS WAS REPLACED BY A NAMED RIST. THEY CROSSED THE RUSSIAN BORDER ON JULY 1. SCHMALOER FOUGHT IN RUSSIA FOR TWO YEARS, EXCEPT FOR A PERIOD AFTER HIS TRANSFER TO THE FIRST REGIMENT, WHERE HE WAS MADE REGIMENT NACHRICHTENOFFIZIER. THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST REGIMENT WAS NAMED VITT. HE WAS SENT TO THE FIRST REGIMENT'S STABSKOMPANIE IN PADERBORN TO GET SIGNAL TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT. AFTER TRAINING HIS SOLDIERS IN PADERBORN AND CANNES HE BROUGHT THEM BACK THROUGH NORTH GERMANY TO CHARKOV IN RUSSIA.

11. ON MARCH 20, 1943 HE WAS SHOT BY MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM LOW-FLYING RUSSIAN WARPLANES. HE LOST ONE EYE, SUFFERED A SKULL FRACTURE AND A BROKEN JAW, AND HAD TO HAVE A NUMBER OF STITCHES IN HIS NOSE, WHICH HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY SHOT OFF. HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND WAS SENT TO A LAZARETT (MILITARY HOSPITAL) IN BERLIN WHERE HE REMEMBERS BEING UNDER THE CARE OF A PROFESSOR SAUERBRUCH.

12. IN AUGUST OF 1943 HE WAS SENT TO THE NACHRICHTEN-SCHULE IN METZ TO TRAIN SIGNAL SOLDIERS. THIS WAS A REPLACEMENT UNIT. HIS WIFE AND CHILD MOVED TO METZ, BUT ARRIVED TO DISCOVER HE HAD ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE REICHSFUEHRER SS FELDKOMMANDOSTELLE IN RASTENBURG IN EAST PRUSSIA. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO HEAD A NACHRICHTENKOMPANIE (SIGNAL COMPANY) FOR THIS HEADQUARTERS. HIS COMPANY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FELDKOMMANDOSTELLE'S COMMUNICATIONS. HE CANNOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF HIS COMMANDER AT THE FELDKOMMANDOSTELLE.

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13. HE WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR IN JANUARY 1945 AND BECAME HEAD OF HIS OWN NACHRICHTENABTEILUNG, IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR HIMMLER'S SONDERZUG. THE UNIT WENT TO THE OBERRHEIN IN EARLY 1945. THE SONDERZUG SPENT THREE TO FOUR WEEKS IN THE BLACK FOREST, WENT TO SCHNEIDEMUEHL IN WEST PRUSSIA AND RETREATED WESTWARD FROM THERE THROUGH LUEBECK TO FLENSBURG, WHERE THEY SURRENDERED ON MAY 8, 1945.

14. IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING TAKEN PRISONER, SCHMALOER FLED WITH FOUR OF HIS COMRADES WITH A FISHING BOAT OVER THE ELBE TO OTTENDORF WHERE THEY TURNED THEMSELVES OVER TO THE HIGHLAND DIVISION FROM SCOTLAND WHO WERE HOLDING A GROUP OF GERMAN SOLDIERS PRISONER. BECAUSE OF HIS RANK HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE PRISONERS AS AN OFFICER OF THE WEHRMACHT. THE SOLDIERS WERE SLOWLY ALL ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME AND HE WENT TO SOLTAU IN THE BEGINNING OF 1946 WHERE HE WENT TO WORK AS AN ELECTRICIAN.

15. MEANWHILE HIS WIFE, WHO WAS IN MOSBURG, HAD BEEN ARRESTED BECAUSE HE COULD NOT BE LOCATED. AFTER TEN OR ELEVEN MONTHS SHE WAS RELEASED AND WENT TO HER HUSBAND'S HOMETOWN OF MARL.

16. IN THE SUMMER OF 1946 SCHMALOER TURNED HIMSELF IN TO THE POLICE IN RECKLINGHAUSEN. HE WAS SENT TO FALLING BASTEL WHERE HE WAS KEPT ALL WINTER. WHEN RELEASED IN THE BEGINNING OF 1947 HE RETURNED TO MARL AND WORKED AS AN ELECTRICIAN.

17. IN MARCH OF 1948 HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE BRITISH OCCUPATIONAL FORCES FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT A 1940 INCIDENT INVOLVING THE DEATHS OF A NUMBER OF PRISONERS OF WAR. AS SCHMALOER EXPLAINED IT, IN 1940 HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED WITH OTHERS TO GUARD A GROUP OF PRISONERS BEING TRANSPORTED. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS KILLED ONE OF THE GUARDS AND MANY PRISONERS ESCAPED. BY THE TIME THE PRISONERS WERE ROUNDED UP AGAIN, MANY OF THEM HAD BEEN KILLED. SCHMALOER INSISTED THAT HE WAS NOT GUILTY OF KILLING ANY OF THEM. HE WAS RELEASED RIGHT BEFORE THE 1948 OLYMPICS IN ENGLAND, HAVING BEEN FOUND NOT GUILTY, AND CAME BACK HOME TO MARL.

18. SCHMALOER RECEIVED AN ENTLASTUNGSZEUGNIS AS UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 BONN 32556

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EVIDENCE OF HIS DENAZIFICATION ON JULY 7, 1950. NO LEVEL OF DENAZIFICATION IS INDICATED ON THE CERTIFICATE. IT STATES THAT ACCORDING TO VERORDNUNGSNUMMER 79 HE RECEIVED A HAUPTSCHUSS FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN MÜNSTER.

19. SCHMALOER CLOSED BY SAYING HE HAD A CLEAR CONSCIENCE. HIS WIFE SAID THE SAME THING. THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY TRIP (WHICH, CONOFF NOTICED, IS REALLY ONLY THEIR 48TH ANNIVERSARY) AND HOPE TO HEAR FROM US VERY SOON.
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1. VISAS TWO HANS-JOACHIM WETEKAM (33).

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL INCONSISTENCIES IN MR. WETEKAM'S NARRATIVE. HE CLAIMS THAT HIS GYMNASIUM IN LICHTERFELDE WAS TURNED INTO A NATIONALPOLITISCHE ERZIEHUNGSANSTALT (NAPOLA) IN 1934. THE ONLY NAPOLA OPENED IN BERLIN IN THAT YEAR HOWEVER, WAS IN SPANDAU, IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS, AND NOWHERE NEAR LICHTERFELDE, WHICH WAS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CITY. THE SCHOOL HE CLAIMS TO HAVE ATTENDED WAS A FORMER IMPERIAL CADET SCHOOL WHICH WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE LEIBSTANDARTE SS AS THEIR HEADQUARTERS. IN ANY CASE, HIS CLAIM TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE NAPOLA IS NOT CREDIBLE. NOT ONLY WAS IT NOT IN THE PLACE HE MENTIONS, BUT ADMISSION TO THE NAPOLAS WAS BASED UPON RECOMMENDATION AND A WEEK-LONG EXAMINATION. IF HE DID, IN FACT, ATTEND A NAPOLA, IT WAS OUT OF

CHOICE AND BELIEF IN NAZI IDEOLOGY, NOT THROUGH SOME AUTOMATIC PROCESS. NAPOLAS WERE SPECIALS SCHOOLS

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INTENDED TO TRAIN A RACIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL PARTY ELITE FOR THE GOVERNING OF THE NAZI STATE.

3. IT IS ALSO HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT, DURING NOVEMBER OF 1939, HE WOULD HAVE FACED A GREAT DEAL OF DELAY IN JOINING THE WEHRMACHT, WHICH WAS FEVERISHLY PREPARING FOR THE PROPOSED INVASION OF FRANCE. IT WAS IN A DESPERATE HURRY TO FORM NEW DIVISIONS, WHEREAS THE SS WAS STILL INSISTING UPON ITS OWN SELECTION CRITERIA, INVOLVING PROOF OF "RACIAL PURITY" BACK TO 1750, AND OTHER TIME-CONSUMING REQUIREMENTS. CONTRARY TO HIS ATTEMPT TO PORTRAY HIMSELF AS AN INVOLUNTARY RECRUIT, MR. WETEKAM WOULD PROBABLY HAVE VOLUNTERED FOR SERVICE IN THE SS; WITH ITS REPUTATION AS A PARTY ELITE FORCE, WOULD HAVE SEEMED VERY ATTRACTIVE.

4. MR. WETEKAM'S PERIOD OF SERVICE WITH THE LEIBSTANDARTE **ADOLF HITLER** IN RUSSIA CORRESPONDS TO THAT DIVISIONS' MASSACRE OF SOME 4,000 RUSSIAN CIVILIANS AND PRISONERS OF WAR AT TAGANROG. GIVEN THIS, PLUS THE FACT HIS TESTIMONY DOES NOT APPEAR TRUSTWORTHY FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE EXCULPATION, HE MUST BE HELD TO BE INELIGIBLE UNDER 212(A)(33). HE WILL BE ENTERED AS 33 IN AVLOS. SHULTZ

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