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1. VISAS DONKEY
2. EGGENDORF, BRUNO

APRIL 10, 1921 BEUTHEN/OBERSCHLESIEIN

RETIRED BANK EMPLOYEE

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3. CONOFF INTERVIEWED EGGENDORF ON 2/22/89. THE INTERVIEW AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SERVED TO CONFIRM EGGENDORF'S IDENTITY AS THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE BDC SUMMARY (REF A). SUBJECT WISHES TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. IN APRIL 1989.

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4. EGGENDORF WAS A MEMBER OF THE HITLER YOUTH WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL IN HIS HOME TOWN OF BEUTHEN IN UPPER SILESIA. HE FINISHING HIS PRACTICAL TRAINING AS A BANK CLERK IN SEPTEMBER OF 1939. RATHER THAN WAIT TO BE CONSCRIPTED, HE SOUGHT TO ENLIST IN THE IN THE ARMED FORCES, THEREBY HOPING TO GET HIS TWO YEAR OBLIGATION OUT OF THE WAY. HE WAS STILL TOO YOUNG TO GET INTO EITHER THE AIR FORCE (HIS FIRST CHOICE) OR THE ARMY, AND CHOOSE THE WAFFEN-SS LARGELY BECAUSE THEY ALLOWED HIM TO ENLIST AT AGE EIGHTEEN.

5. EGGENDORF ENLISTED IN NOVEMBER 1939, AND COMPLETED HIS BASIC TRAINING AT GROSS LICHTERFELD IN BERLIN. HE THEN PASSED INTO TRAINING AS AN ARTILLERYMAN, AND WAS ASSIGNED TO A FIELD ARTILLERY UNIT IN MUNICH. HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO THE DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OF THE 1ST SS DIVISION (LEIBSTANDARTE **ADOLF HITLER**) AND TOOK PART IN THE FRENCH CAMPAIGN. AT THE ARMISTICE, HIS UNIT WAS IN ST. ETIENNE, AND THEN WITHDRAWN TO METZ. AFTER A LENGTHY STAY IN METZ, THE DIVISION MOVED TO BRUNN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THE SPRING OF 1941, WHERE HIS UNIT TRAINED FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, BEFORE TAKING PART IN THE GREEK CAMPAIGN.

6. EGGENDORF WAS CHOSEN TO ATTEND THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS SCHOOL AT RADOLFZELL, AND BEGAN HIS COURSE IN JUNE, 1941. AFTER COMPLETING THE COURSE, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A REPLACEMENT ARTILLERY UNIT IN MUNICH, AND THEN TO ARTILLERY REGIMENT NO. 2, 2ND SS PANZER DIVISION (DAS REICH). EGGENDORF TOOK PART IN ALL OF THE DIVISION'S ACTION FROM AUTUMN 1941 TO THE SPRING OF 1942, WHEN DAS REICH WAS PULLED FROM THE FRONT FOR REFITTING IN THE LUENEBURGER HEIDE. EGGENDORF REMAINED WITH HIS UNIT UNTIL EARLY 1943, WHEN HE WAS SELECTED TO GO TO OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL.

7. FRM FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER, EGGENDORF ATTENDED FIRST THE SS OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AT BRAUNSCHWEIG, THEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COURSE AT DACHAU. AT THE LATTER, HE SPECIALIZED IN MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION. AFTER COMPLETING THE SCHOOL, HE WAS FOR A SHORT TIME ATTACHED TO THE 12TH SS PANZER DIVISION (HITLER YOUTH) IN BELGIUM, BUT MOVED TO HIS PERMANENT POSITION AS A MEDICAL OFFICER WITH THE 1ST MEDICAL COMPANY (SANITAETSKOMPANIE), ONE OF THREE SUCH COMPANIES IN 1ST SS PANZER DIVISION (LEIBSTANDARTE **ADOLF HITLER**). HE SERVED WITH THIS UNIT THROUGHOUT THE INVASION, AND POINTED OUT THAT HIS UNIT, WHICH SERVED AS A CASUALTY CLEARING STATION, TREATED ALLIED AS WELL AS GERMAN WOUNDED.

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8. BADLY MAULED AND MINUS ALMOST ALL OF THEIR EQUIPMENT, THE LEIBSTANDARTE ESCAPED FROM FRANCE AND REFITTED AT GUMMERBACH IN THE RHINELAND IN THE AUTUMN OF 1944. AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF RE-TRAINING, EGGENDORF WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE LEIBSTANDARTE

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AS A ZUGFUEHRER (PLATOON LEADER), AND TOOK PART IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE ARDENNES CAMPAIGN. AFTER 10 DAYS, HE BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL, AND WAS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL. AFTER RECOVERING, HE WAS ASSIGNED BY THE SS REPLACEMENT OFFICE TO THE FORTRESS OF Breslau. WHILE HURRYING TO CATCH HIS TRAIN, HE FELL AND SERIOUSLY INJURED HIS ANKLE, AND WAS SENT TO HOSPITAL RATHER THAN TO Breslau, THUS AVOIDING RUSSIAN CAPTIVITY.

9. EGGENDORF WAS RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL IN MARCH 1945, AND ASSIGNED TO AN SS BATTLE GROUP (KAMPFGRUPPE) IN AUSTRIA. THE BATTLE GROUP WAS AT BEST BATTALION STRENGTH AND DEVOID OF HEAVY WEAPONS. FORTUNATELY, HIS GROUP AVOIDED MAJOR ACTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WAR, MOVING SLOWLY TOWARDS THE DEMARCATION LINE OF THE EMS RIVER AS THE END APPROACHED. SURRENDERING TO THE AMERICANS, HE WAS AT FIRST HELD AT THE EBENSEE POW CAMP IN AUSTRIA. HE WAS THEN MOVED TO MUNICH, AND THEN ON TO THE REGENSBURG INTERNMENT CAMP. HE WAS RELEASED BY THE AMERICANS IN JUNE OF 1946, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY INTERNED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1947. EGGENDORF ORIGINALLY RECEIVED A CATEGORY III DENAZIFICATION, BUT THIS WAS CHANGED TO A CATEGORY V IN 1949.

10. THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW, EGGENDORF WAS FORTHCOMING AND AS COMPLETE IN HIS RECOLLECTION AS ONE COULD EXPECT. HE DENIED BEING CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH EITHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY ATROCITIES. AS IN PREVIOUS CASES, HIS INITIAL CATEGORY III DENAZIFICATION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF HIS VOLUNTEERING FOR SERVICE IN THE WAFFEN-SS (PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS HAVE SHOWN THE REGENSBURG SPRUCHKAMMER TO HAVE BEEN QUITE SEVERE WITH WAFFEN-SS MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE OR SERVICE RECORDS). IT APPEARS TO CONOFF THAT EGGENDORF WAS A COMBAT SOLDIER THROUGHOUT THE WAR, AND CANNOT BE CONNECTED TO ANY WAR CRIMES AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 212 (A) (33) OF THE INA. THEREFORE, BARRING ANY EVIDENCE LACKING IN THE BDC SUMMARY, POST RECOMMENDS THAT HE BE CLEARED OF ANY INELIGIBILITIES AND HIS NAME BE DELETED FROM AVLOS.  
WHITLOCK

ADMIN  
END OF MESSAGE

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