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Interrogation of : Albert MUELLER - Index No. 325 ..

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED:

A) PERSONS:

- HALS - Hauptsturmfuehrer, Commandant of Belsen (p.11)
- HARBAUM - Sturmbannfuehrer, Chief of Personnel Department, Division D (p.15)
- KLEINSCHMITT - Sturmbannfuehrer (p.17)
- BIEMANN - Obersturmfuehrer, Harbaum's Assistant (p.18)
- KAINDL - Commandant of Sechsenhausen (p.19)
- FANSLAU - of Division A, WVHA (p.20)

B) ORGANIZATIONS:

- Economic Administration Main Office (WVHA)

SUMMARY

MUELLER states that when he was at Belsen in 1943 this camp was just being built and that there was but one construction command (Baukommando). Subject worked on personnel matters of 88 men. The Commandant of Belsen at that time was Hauptsturmfuehrer HALS. MUELLER states that a transport was sent from Belsen to southern France to the Spanish border on the Mediterranean coast, where the members of this transport were turned over to the Spanish authorities. Informant claims not to have had any connection with this transport. However, the transport which went by train was accompanied by Belsen guards and these guards always returned to Belsen. MUELLER says that, whenever transports were sent out from a concentration camp, the camp furnished the guards.

MUELLER says that when prisoners were used for work away from the concentration camp Oranienburg, Department D I of the WVHA would request the necessary number of railroad cars from the Reich Traffic Ministry in Berlin. Subject adds that D I was concerned with the

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employment for labor of camp inmates and their transport to the location where they were needed. MUELLER claims that he does not know which person in D I was responsible.

Whenever approval for the use of camp inmates for labor was secured D II initiated the necessary proceedings. D I was also informed on these matters and saw to it that the necessary guards to accompany the transports were furnished.

MUELLER says that Sturmbannfuhrer HARBUM was in charge of the personnel department of Division D and that he worked on all personnel matters concerning SS men, the Gestapo and Concentration Camp personnel, as far as it was under the jurisdiction of Division D. Promotions went through HARBUM's department and he had to approve them. He then passed on the promotion requests to GLUECKS who made the promotions. MUELLER states that, as far as he can remember, Division I had six departments. I, II, III, Medical and Sanitation matters, IV Administration, VI Education. Subject believes that HARBUM's department was called V. The Education Department (VI) was headed by Sturmbannfuhrer KLEINSCHMITT(?). The so-called Education Department (Schulung) was charged with functions corresponding to those of Special Services in the U.S. Army. This department sent out books, magazines, musical instruments to the troops. It also sent out theatre groups and motion pictures. MUELLER does not believe that Division D had its own schools for officers or non-coms.

Operaturfuhrer BIEMANN was originally concerned with matters of labor allocation and was subsequently transferred to the Personnel Department, where he worked under HARBUM. BIEMANN was transferred to the Personnel Department in August, September or October 1944; prior to this date he had worked on labor allocation matters for approximately six weeks. MUELLER is not informed as to BIEMANN's exact assignment in the Personnel Department but believes that he was an Assistant (Mitarbeiter).

MUELLER states that Standortfuhrer Anton KAINDL was Commandant of Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp during subject's tour of duty in this camp. When MUELLER left Sachsenhausen, KAINDL still held his position as Commandant.

Source says that all personnel employed by Division D was administratively under the jurisdiction of its Personnel Department. No connection between the Personnel Department and Division A (Panzer) existed, as far as MUELLER knows. The Personnel Department of Division D was entirely independent.

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