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OKW-AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND

and

Personalities Connected with Aussendienststelle Wien

Source: STEINHAUSER, Conrad

Rank: Oberst

Oberst Conrad STEINHAUSER worked for the OKW-Abteilung Ausland (later AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND) in various capacities from 1935 to 1945. He claims that at no time did he hold membership in the Party, and seems very willing to furnish any information desired. The information contained in this report may be considered reliable.

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1. REFERENCES

SAIC/PIR/112, dated 6 Jul 1945

2. REASON FOR REPORT

To furnish interested agencies with additional details about the personnel and administration of the OKW-AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND and of the German Foreign Office in VIENNA.

3. REPORT

a. Introduction

STEINHAUSER, Conrad (Oberst) was born in HAMBURG, 8 Mar 1890. His personal history from Mar 1910 to date is as follows:

7 Mar 1910 : Entered German Army, Dragoner Regt 14.

2 Feb 1914 : Became observation pilot for Luftwaffe. Served until 11 Nov 1919.

1920-1929 : Farmer.

1929-1934 : Commercial agent in the export trade. Worked for TUCH FABRIK, C. LEHMANN's Wwe, first in the pay office and then in various sections of the organization to gain practical experience. Later assigned to the shipping department of the export section, and eventually became a foreign representative for the concern, contacting men engaged in the export trade in the following cities:

STOCKHOLM, Sweden	- Jean DERKERT
LEEDS, England	- G. BRETHERRIK
PARIS, France	- Victor LEVY
ZURICH, Switzerland	- WILLARD & Fils
CASALE MONFERRATO, Italy	- TASSISTRO
WIEN III, Austria	- WEIS
HELSINKI, Finland	- ZIEGLER

1935 : Assigned to OKW Foreign Countries Section (East Asia Dept)

1937 : Made courier trip to Japan

1938-1940 : REFERENT for Spain and Portugal

1940-1944 : Worked in BERLIN as liaison man between Foreign Office and OKW. When the Foreign Office moved, he became associated with the Foreign Countries Section of OKW. Took charge of Protocol Affairs.

1 Apr 1944 : Entered Luftfahrtministerium as REFERENT for activities of the League of Nations (VOELKERBUNDSANGELEGENHEITEN).

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Sep 1944 to May 1945 : Military aide to Aussendienststelle ALTENBURG in VIENNA.

1 May 1945 : Joined with Gesandter ALBRECHT in FUSCHL, near SALZBURG, to work with a newly-planned organization which was intended to operate in conjunction with American military authorities for repatriation of German PW.

5 Jun 1945 : Arrested by 3 CIC Det 5 in SALZBURG, Austria.

6 Jun 1945 : Arrived at SAIC, G-2, 7th Army

13 Aug 1945 : Transferred to USFET Interrogation Center

b. OKW-AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND

The AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND in the OKW was formed from the bureau which had been originally attached to the League of Nations. The bureau was at that time headed by Generalmajor SCHOENHEINZ and included three specialists, one each for the Army, Navy and Air Force. These specialists were detailed to the German League of Nations Mission (Deutsche Voelkerbundsmission), and, in this manner, connections with the German Foreign Office were begun and developed. The League of Nations bureau, known as ABTEILUNG AUSLAND, belonged to the WEHRACHTSAMT, which later became the OKW. In its early stages of development, the ABTEILUNG AUSLAND was operated by the following personnel: one chief; 3-4 REFERENTEN (reviewers) who forwarded political reports from the Foreign Office to the three branches of service (Army, Navy, and Air Force); and a press agent (PRESSEARBEITER) who prepared excerpts from foreign newspapers.

During the early days of the war, the ABTEILUNG AUSLAND was enlarged and in 1944 came to be known as AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND. However, since its activities did not include occupied territories, it suffered loss of prestige and importance, receiving reports only from the steadily diminishing number of Branch Offices still in existence. It became necessary in the course of time to release some of the officers in this AMTSGRUPPE to other units, since there was not sufficient work to keep them occupied.

c. Organization of AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND (as of Sep 44, at KRAMPNITZ near POTSDAM).

OKW-AMTSGRUPPE AUSLAND

Admiral BUERKNER (Chief)  
Generalmajor RUDOLF (Asst. Chief)  
Oberstleutnant ANTONIUS (Adj.)

GRUPPE I - Function: Received mission reports (Missionsberichte) from the Foreign Office and kept military attaches informed on the military situation, without disclosing vital information about dispositions, strength, etc.

Personalities:

Oberst BODE, Chief  
Kapitaen z. See MEYER, Referent  
Maj. d. Res. SIPPEL, Referent.  
Rittm. d. Res. KIEP, Referent (hanged Aug or Sep 1944)

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GRUPPE II - Function: Kept military situation map up to date from situation reports on hand. Oriented Section Chief and occasionally attaches in the Foreign Office.

(Note: This contradicts in part the organization described in CC PWE # 32 Report Nav R-2 of 1 Aug 45, Para 5. PW, confronted with this fact, states that the Naval Group (GRUPPE II of para 5 in report just referred to) was controlled by CANARIS. Upon the dissolution of the Abwehr Amt, this group was taken over by BUERKNER, but only for a period of a month or two when it came directly under the control of OKM. The Naval Group was extremely secretive about its work and made no mention of it to regular A.G. Ausland employees.)

Personalities:

Oberst von SYBEL, Chief - position formerly held by BRINKMANN

Oberstleutnant von NECKER, Referent

Oberstleutnant HESS, Referent

Rittm. d. Res. von WALDHAUSEN, Referent

GRUPPE III - Function: Nations' rights (Voelkerrechtliche Angelegenheiten) in conjunction with the Foreign Office. Concerned with such affairs as P/W administration, sinking of ships, etc.

Personalities:

Oberst OXE, Chief

Kriegsverwaltungsrat v. MOLTKE, Referent (hanged in Aug or Sep 1944)

Maj. d. Res. REICHEL, Referent, former Landesgerichtsdirektor from DRESDEN.

GRUPPE IV - Function: Extracted from foreign newspapers articles of interest to military authorities and forwarded them to those concerned.

Personalities:

Major von SCHIEBRANDT, Chief (Wearer of Gold Party Badge)

d. Personalities in AMISGRUPPE AUSLAND (fnu= first name unknown)

ANTONIUS, (fnu), Oberstleutnant - adjutant to BUERKNER. 47 years old. Assigned to the Press Section of the Abt. Ausland in 1938. From 1939-1940 served unofficially as adjutant to Oberstleutnant SCHU, after whose death he obtained an official assignment as adjutant. He gives the impression of caution and discretion, and rarely divulges his own views, although he has been heard to criticize the Nazi Party. His present whereabouts are unknown.

BODE, (fnu), Oberst - Chief of Gruppe I of AG Ausland. 61 years old. Former naval officer. Because of special knowledge of China, he was transferred to OKH. During 1938 he was transferred to OKW - Abt. Ausland, where he took over the Referat dealing with East Asia. He is described by PW as a strong anti-Nazi. He created an intense dislike of Japan and was an ardent admirer of China, whose language he speaks fluently. He has visited China regularly and has a daughter living there. He was last reported in BERLIN-WILMERSDORF.



BRINKMANN, (fnu), Oberst - former chief of Gruppe II. 56 years old. As a General Staff Officer, he held a liaison post in China. Joined Abt. Ausland in 1939. Dismissed early in 1944, presumably because of age. He is alleged to have stated frequently that the work of the Party was pure bluff. He is believed to be living in the RHOEN-SPESSARD area where he is a property owner.

BUERKNER, Leopold, Vice-Admiral - chief of AG Ausland. 51 years old. During World War I he was an officer in the navy until his capture by the British. He was adjutant to Fleet Admiral RAEDER for two years. In 1938 he took charge of Abt. Ausland and was promoted to Vice-Admiral after the department was named Amtsgruppe. He was arrested with DOENITZ at FLENSBURG on 23 May 1945. (Reference is made to CC PWE # 32 report of 1 Aug 45 for results of interrogation of BUERKNER, who is currently detained at USFET MISC.)

BUERKNER's evident optimism regarding the outcome of the war may have been the result of the hanging of KIEP and von MOLTKE (both employees of AG Ausland) and the arrest and detention for six months of KIEP's secretary, Brigitte ZIMMERMAN, who expressed views contrary to those sanctioned by the Party. PW states that BUERKNER did not wear the Party badge.

HESS, (fnu), Oberstleutnant (possibly Oberst) - attached to Gruppe II of AG Ausland. 50 years old. Was formerly employed by a revenue office (Finanzamt) in Bavaria in 1938. He was transferred from an Air Force Unit to Abt. Ausland with the rank of Capt. His political views are unknown.

KIEP, (fnu), Rittm d. Res. - attached to Gruppe I of AG Ausland. 61 years old. In 1933 he was Presse Chef in the German Foreign Office. He was arrested during Mar or Apr 1944 for having stated after the fall of Italy that there was no hope for a German victory. In Aug or Sep of the same year, he was hanged after it had been proved that he was also connected with the 20 July putsch. One of the chief witnesses against him was Dr. med. REKZEH of BERLIN-Zehlendorf, a spy for the SS. Frau Hanna KIEP, widow of KIEP, now residing in BAD KISSINGEN, can provide additional information about the trial, REKZEH, and PW's character.

MEYER, (fnu), Kapitän z. See - attached to Gruppe I of the AG Ausland. 57 years old. He was a naval officer in World War I, and thereafter owned a small factory in Spain. He rejoined the Navy in 1934 and, because of his knowledge of Spain, he was transferred to OKW-Abt. Ausland in 1938. During 1943 he was transferred to a small naval installation on Lake Mueritz, north of BERLIN, where he was placed in command. His political views are unknown to PW who believes that MEYER is probably not a Party member.

Von MOLTKE, (fnu), Kriegsverwaltungsrat - attached to Gruppe III of AG Ausland. About 43 years old. He was a lawyer in BERLIN until 1943 when he was drafted with current rank and placed in Abt. Ausland. Because of his legal knowledge he was assigned to the communications section of the Foreign Office. He was involved in the 20 July putsch and it was proved that meetings had been held in his house. He was hanged in either Aug or Sep of 1944.

Von NECKER, H., Oberst - attached to Gruppe II of AG Ausland. 55 years old. He was formerly Landesgericht director and during World War I held officer's rank. Later he studied law. After joining the Army 1939, he was assigned to Abt. Ausland and placed in charge of ground forces situation maps on all fronts. His political views are unknown.

OXE, (fnu), Oberst - chief of Gruppe III of AG Ausland. About 50 years of age. He was in Amt 1B of the Air Ministry under Ministerialrat Dir. FISCH before joining the Abt. Ausland in late 1939 or early 1940. PW believes that OXE is a conservative and not a Party member. He was last seen Apr 45 in MEININGEN.

REICHEL, (fnu), Maj. d. Res. - attached to Gruppe III of AG Ausland. About 50 years old. He was Landesgericht Director in DRESDEN, Joined Abt. Ausland during 1943. Politically he was very active in the Nazi Party until the raid on DRESDEN, when his wife and daughter were killed. Then he seems to have changed his views completely, according to Oberst OXE, who had talks with him at that time. He was last seen in MEININGEN and may be a PW in American hands.

RUDOLF, (fnu), Generalmajor - formerly chief of Gruppe I of AG Ausland. He was an Austrian Gen. Staff officer until 1938 when he was transferred to the Air Force with the grade of Major. He led a Staffel in Poland in 1939. During 1940 he joined OKW-Abt. Ausland as chief of Gruppe I. He was later replaced by Oberst BODE.

PW states that RUDOLF is a skeptic, a pessimist and a hypochondriac. He frequently made the statement that after the German defeat in Africa, there was no hope of an eventual German victory in Europe. He is not believed to have been a Party member. He was last seen in a PW cage at SAIC on 12 Aug 1945.

Von SCHIERBRANDT, (fnu), Major - Chief of Gruppe IV of AG Ausland. About 40 years old. Before joining Abt. Ausland in 1938 he served with a corps hdqs. in BERLIN for a short time. His chief duty for AG Ausland was to study and report on foreign newspaper items of military interest. He is believed to be an old Party member with the Party badge. However, he has been heard to make frequent criticisms of the Party. He was last seen in MEININGEN Apr 1945.

SIPPEL, (fnu), Major d. Res. - attached to Gruppe I of AG Ausland. About 55 years old. He was former director of the "Deutsche Bank". He became active in the Abt. Ausland in 1942. He was responsible in Gruppe I for distributing reports to the various commands. During the early part of 1944 he was released to "Die Deutsche Bank" by order from higher headquarters.

Von SYBEL, (fnu), Oberst - Chief of Gruppe II of AG Ausland. 60 years old. He was Gen Staff officer and troop commander in France until the spring of 1944 when he was transferred to Antsgruppe Ausland. He was not a Party member and was strongly outspoken against the organization. He was last reported in MEININGEN in Apr 45.

Von WALDHAUSEN, (fnu), Rittm. d. Res. - attached to Gruppe II. About 40 years old. He is an economist and farmer from RHOEN. He was transferred from a corps headquarters to the Abt. Ausland, from which he was released during 1944. His political views are unknown to PW. He likes to give the impression of great wealth and importance. PW heard from TIMMLER of the German Foreign Office that von WALDHAUSEN was detained at a PW camp in AUGSBURG.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

PW is cooperative, but his knowledge of the organization of Antsgruppe Ausland is probably not as extensive as that of other personalities to whom PW has made reference: e.g., BUERKNER, BODE, OXE, and RUDOLF.

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The recipients of this report are requested to submit special knowledge briefs on any subjects upon which this prisoner should be interrogated and to indicate the desirable distribution of the resultant report.

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PRISONER: STEINHAUSER, Conrad

RANK: Oberst

a. Introductory Note.

The AUSSENDIENSTSTELLE WIEN under Gesandter ALTENBURG, a month before P/W's arrival there, 5 Sep 44, was an interception and clearing station for Bulgarian and Roumanian refugees. In addition to ALTENBURG's office, a Konsul LURTZ operated one for Hungarians, and Gesandter NEUBACHER one for the few Serbs, Albanians and Greeks who had to be processed.

Among the Bulgarians who passed through ALTENBURG's office were the following:

Prof. ZANKOFF, with his family and a brother (a lawyer); all went to AUSSEE in Apr 45.

Oberst ROGOSAROV, former head of the Bulgarian labor service; STATEV, formerly connected with a propaganda mission; SLATAREU, an economist, who also went to AUSSEE.

Prof. GEORGIN (?), Prinz STURZA, and Horia SIMA, leader of the Roumanian Iron Guard, were the Roumanians who were processed.

KNUTHE was in charge of the Bulgarians and GAMILLSCHIEGG was in charge of the Roumanians.

b. Personalities connected with AUSSENDIENSTSTELLE WIEN.

ALTENBURG (fnu), Gesandter

Remarks : Four children; married to a former secretary. Before the war, he was a Foreign Office official in Rome and Vienna. During the war he was appointed ambassador to Greece and resided in Athens. Although a Party member, he frequently made criticism of Hitler and Ribbentrop. He often stated that he felt sorry that the Army was not in power instead of the Party. At the end of Apr 45 he was in AUSSEE with the rest of his office force, and he had planned to drive via St. GILGEN to FUSCHL near SALZBURG, but never arrived there.

Born : 1895  
Height : 1.70 m.  
Weight : 70 kg.  
Face : Round, healthy  
Eyes : Blue  
Hair : Gray, parted on left side  
Marks : Fencing scars

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BECKERLE, Gesandter (in SOFIA)

Attempted to get over the Turkish border, but supposedly was captured by the Russians. The same rumor was heard about CLODIUS, an economist, attached to the Foreign Office, who was responsible for all the trade agreements with the Balkan countries.

BORK, Miss (Typist and teletype operator)

Remarks : Unmarried. Not known whether Party member.  
Born : 1920 in MAGDEBURG  
Height : 1.78 m.  
Weight : 50 kg.  
Face : Round, pale  
Eyes : Blue  
Hair : Blond

EICHINGER, Consul

Remarks : His brother was the former Kreisleiter EICHINGER, an old Party member (Gold Party button), who was formerly a teacher at the German school in TIRANA, Albania. Later consul there until March 45 when he reported to ALTENBURG in VIENNA. He left mid-Apr 45, with the advance party for AUSSEE and from there went to LANDSHUT.  
Born : 1900 or 1905, near LANDSHUT, Bavaria  
Height : 1.65 m.  
Weight : 60 kg.  
Face : Oval  
Eyes : Dark, wears glasses  
Hair : Grey-streaked, parted on the left side

GAMILLSCHEGG, Professor

Remarks : Married. He was an exchange professor in BUCHAREST and was very well versed in Roumanian conditions. In VIENNA he was in charge of Roumanian refugees. He left AUSSEE mid-Apr 45 to join his wife in KITZBUHL.  
Born : 1888 or 1890 in VIENNA  
Height : 1.75 m.  
Weight : 70 kg.  
Face : Round, pale, thin  
Eyes : Dark, occasionally wears glasses  
Hair : Thin, grey, parted on left side

HEITINGER, Dr.

Remarks : Married, father of 1 or 2 children. HEITINGER was formerly employed in the economic office in VIENNA, later in the German consular service in unoccupied French territory and then with ALTENBURG in VIENNA. He remained with ALTENBURG until the end of Apr 45, at which time he wanted to leave and join his family, residing in FELDKIRCH.  
Born : 1903 or 1905  
Height : 1.65 m.  
Weight : 60 kg.  
Face : Thin, Roman nose  
Eyes : Dark  
Hair : Grey-streaked, thick dark hair, combed straight back.

## KNOTHE, Generalkonsul

Remarks : He is married and has no children. His wife and mother-in-law are from DRESDEN and were with him on his trip from VIENNA. He spent some of his younger years in Bulgaria. Before entering the German Foreign Office, he was in the Reich Ministry of Economy. For a short time during the war he was in the Foreign Service in Paris where he was arrested by the Gestapo, and detained by them for about 2 to 3 weeks on charges of having had a love affair with a Jewish girl. He was able to prove that she was not Jewish and was freed. In VIENNA he was in charge of the Bulgarian refugees. He probably was not a Party member, as he severely criticized it. He was to have left AUSSEE, end of Apr 45, with ALTENBURG.

Born : 1884  
 Height : 1.75 m.  
 Weight : 65 kg.  
 Face : Small, rugged  
 Hair : Gray, thick, slightly wavy hair parted on left side.  
 Eyes : Penetrating, far-sighted  
 Marks : Small scar on left side of his face.

## KRAUSE-WIGMANN, Legationsrat

Remarks : Married, 2 children. Although somewhat skeptical, he was a Party member. His political history includes Pressereferent for the German Embassy in Washington and responsibility for acquainting the administrative center (DIENSTSTELLE) with news from the foreign press. He left AUSSEE in mid-Apr 45 to join his wife in KITZBUHL.

Born : 1900 or 1903  
 Height : 1.70 m.  
 Weight : 65 kg.  
 Face : Round  
 Eyes : Blue-gray  
 Hair : Dark, very thin, parted on left side  
 Teeth : Protruding

## MAKEBEN, Legationsrat

Brother of the famous composer Theo. MAKEBEN. He was a consul in a South American country, probably Ecuador. In an official report, he complained of the machinations of the Party within the German colony, and although the report was acknowledged by the Foreign Office, he received no promotions for a long time because it was not approved in the offices of HESS and later BORMANN. Consequently MAKEBEN resigned from the diplomatic corps and took a position in the tobacco firm BRINKMANN.

## MENDEL, Kauzler

Remarks : His origin is probably BERLIN. Married, father of two grown children. He is probably a Party member and a moderately important official, who took care of reports and regulated the administration. Before coming to VIENNA, he was with an administrative office of the German Foreign Service in VICHY. His plans for the future were to remain in AUSSEE and obtain work at a sanatorium.

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Born : 1890  
Height : 1.80 m.  
Weight : 70 kg.  
Face : Round, with protruding cheeks  
Eyes : Far-sighted, but does not wear glasses  
Hair : Dark, grey-streaked, parted on left

OTTO, Miss

Remarks : Not married; not a Party member. She was secretary to ALTENBURG.  
Born : 1913-1915 (POSEN District)  
Height : 1.60 m.  
Weight : 60 kg.  
Face : Round, healthy, prominent cheek bones  
Eyes : Grey-green  
Hair : Dark

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