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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Submitted herewith is a list of German military personnel furnished by Richard M. Chapman, T/Sgt. These German officers and men were on duty at Stalag Luft #4, Kiefheide, Germany. Their descriptions, identifying data and connection with the activities in the camp are furnished for each subject.

Baumbauch, Lieutenant Colonel, Commandant of the camp. Description: About 5 feet 11 inches in height; weighed approximately 160 pounds; age - between fifty and sixty years of age; gray hair, high forehead, sharp features; able to speak English but very seldom did so. He had one gold tooth. Baumbauch as Commandant of the camp issued orders and regulations covering the operation of the camp and as such was generally responsible for the mistreatment of prisoners of war.

Shtelle, Major, Assistant to Baumbauch and acted in his stead in the latter's absence. Description: Was about 5 feet 9 inches in height; weighed about 140 pounds; age--about 60 years; had gray hair, gray moustache, sharp features; spoke English. He was in charge of all lagers.

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Lindenmann, Hauptmann, Charge of abwehr. Description: 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height; weight about 170 pounds; age: between 55 and 60 years; gray hair, spoke English, was interpreter for the Commandant. He was slightly round-shouldered, round face. He carried out orders of the commandant to the letter, never compromised, responsible for the searches in the compounds. He was very harsh. He was interpreter during the searching of the men in the vorlager. He was responsible for taking away the personal belongings of the men in the vorlager.

Pichard, Hauptmann, Captain of the guards. Description: about 5 feet 8 inches in height; weight about 150#-160#; about 55 years of age; red hair, had reddish skin, nervous, carried himself erectly; spoke no English. He was responsible for the "runs" from Kiefheide to Stalag Luft #4. He was generally abusive and threatening. Alleged to have either been killed or captured at Kolburg by the Russians. He had been sent there with a small garrison to defend the port of Kolburg.

Fritchard, Hauptmann, Justice Officer at Stalag Luft #4--assistant to Major Weaver on the march through northeastern Germany, 6 February 1945. Description: He was about 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighed between 170 and 175 pounds; age: around 60 years; had sharp features, gray hair, carried himself very erectly. He understood English well, spoke it poorly. He had been a lawyer in Germany prior to the war. He was responsible for some of the mistreatment and deprivation of privileges on the "march". Alleged to have been captured by the British.

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Schlippe, Hauptmann, in Charge of Lager A--a Lager Fuehrer. Description: About 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed about 160 pounds; age: about 70 years; had only two upper teeth, all others false; limited use of right hand which had been wounded in last war. He had to elevate his right arm from his side by the use of his left hand. He could not speak English. He had a farm in Russia or in territory subsequently occupied by Russia. He was very excitable. He had originally intended to segregate Jews, Italians, and other European nationals into separate groups. He was extremely anti-semitic.

Gruber, Major, superseded Schlippe as Lager Fuehrer of Lager A. Description: 5 feet 6 inches; weight about 170 pounds; age about 55 years; ruddy complexion, black hair, round face; carried himself erectly. He had been a Chief of Police in a town in Austria. He had served at Hydekrug and in the abwehr. Apparently installed as a quasi intelligence officer to learn what was going on in the lager. He is charged with the responsibility of mapping the course for prisoners of war upon their departure from Stalag Luft #4.

Russell, Hauptmann, He replaced Gruber when latter was on leave as Lager Officer. No information as to his permanent duty. He was an artist in civilian life; extremely nervous. Description: about 6 feet 1 inch in height; weighed about 160 pounds; age: about 65 years of age; fair complexion; gray hair, sharp features.

Woolf, Hauptmann, Lager officer of Lager B. Description: about 5 feet 9 inches; weighed about 170 pounds; age: possibly late 50's; very round face; wore glasses; very erect; complexion fair; black hair. He had been educated in the University of California.

Hoering, Oberzahlmeister, Charge of food supply for Stalag Luft #4. Description: About 5 feet 6 inches in height; weighed about 150 pounds; age 50 years; member of Hitler's Youth, wore red arm band. He had sharp features. He was responsible for the collective punishment of the group for the attempted escape of three prisoners of war. He was reported to have been seen last at Ebbsdorf.

Weaver, Major, Propaganda Officer for Stalag Luft #4 and also in charge of 2,000 men on "march", 6 February 1945. Description: 5 feet 10 or 11 inches in height; weighed about 160 pounds; age: late 50's; spoke English fluently. He was a Prussian; carried himself erectly; grayish hair and ~~mustache~~. R. M. C. He was responsible for the death of John C. Clark.

Farhnard, Oberfeldwebel-- known as the "Iron Cross". He had earned this decoration during World War I. He was feldwebel in charge of abwehr under Lindenmann. He is alleged to have held a commission as Oberstleutnant in the Gestapo. His brother was supposed to be in the Embassy in Berlin. Description: 5 feet 9 inches tall; weighed about 180 pounds; age: about 60 years; had very few teeth; complexion fair; round face; gray hair clipped close to his head.

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as an interpreter for the General Electric Company in Germany. He departed from Stalag Luft #4 for Frankfort-as-Main for reassignment sometime prior to 6 February 1945.

Steinbrücher, Stabsgefreiter, Interpreter for Lager A and in vorlager. On the "march" he acted as hundeführer (dog leader). Description: About 5 feet 10 inches; weighed about 155 pounds; age: 35 years; black hair; ruddy complexion. He wore glasses; had sharp features. He was supposed to have lived nine (9) years in Canada as a farmer.

He was responsible for the mistreatment of prisoners of war on the "march" by sic'ing dogs on them and he was also hundeführer on the "runs" from Kiefheide to Stalag Luft #4. He was responsible for general mistreatment of American prisoners of war on the march.

Vogt, Unteroffizier- Interpreter. Description: Height 5 feet 7 inches, weighed about 170 pounds; age--45 years; black hair; fair complexion; round face; alleged to have a brother in Trenton, New Jersey. He was in the "march" with prisoners of war.

Von Gutenberg, Feldwebel--in charge of mail. Description: 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighed 150 pounds; age--35 years; fair complexion; blonde hair. He was a Prussian; very erect; spoke English fluently. He departed from Lager on 6 February 1945 to go to the Russian front. He had been in the abwehr.

Mann, gefreiter in abwehr. Description: Height--5 feet 5 inches; weighed 145 pounds; age--45 years; black hair; ruddy complexion; sharp features. His responsibility was searching personal parcels. He was responsible for the unnecessary destruction of personal property in conducting searches.

Engle, Gefreiter--guard. Description: Height 5 feet 5 inches; weighed 145 pounds; age--50 years; gray hair; ruddy complexion. His left leg partially lame. He had to kick it forward. It appeared that the leg at one time had been either broken or shot. His sold duty seemed to be to help the Commandant with the roll call. He was last seen at Kiefheide.

Heilich, Oberfeldwebel--interpreter in Lager D. Description: about 6 feet tall; weighed about 190 pounds; age--60 years; had gray hair; false teeth; round face; spoke English fluently.

Wiener, Major--in charge of Lager D. Description: 5 feet 10 inches; weight around 150 to 160 pounds; age 55 or 60 years; gray hair; square jaw; very nervous; temperamental; squinted, very piercing eyes. He spoke no English. T/Sgt. Frank Paulsen has more information on him.

Rattle, Feldwebel--Acted as Assistant to Bauerd who in turn was assistant to Major Gruber. He was later transferred to Lager C as enlisted man in charge.

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Description: 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighed 150 pounds; age: 55 to 60 years; sharp features; wore glasses; gray hair; ruddy complexion. In 1939 he was Olympic referee for football game played between Germany and England. He had three hobbies; chess, music, sports. He was fair in his attitude toward prisoners of war.

Hagenwalde (known as "Chick") - gefreiter--Interpreter in Lager A. Description: 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall; weighed 160 to 170 pounds; age--about 45 years; ruddy complexion; black hair; round face. His mother was reported to be in Chicago. He was formerly employed as a baker in Chicago, Illinois.

Bergerson, Gefreiter--Interpreter. Description: 6 feet in height; weighed about 175 pounds; age --80 years; black hair; ruddy complexion; was a little round shouldered; round face, spoke English; was talkative; alleged to have been employed as a detective in a New York hotel. He returned to Germany for the education of his children, one of whom was killed in action in the German army.

Schwartz, Stabsfeldwebel- in charge of a group of men on the march from Luft #4. Prior to that on duty in vorlager. Description: Height--5 feet 9 inches; weighed about 160 pounds; age--55 to 60 years; gray hair; ruddy complexion; always smoked a pipe and always held it in the right side of his mouth. His teeth were worn from the pipe; features were sharp.

Walters, Oberfeldwebel--in charge of group of men on the march from Luft #4. Description: Height--6 feet tall; weighed 175 pounds or 180 pounds; age--about 50 years; gray hair; ruddy complexion; sharp features; very exact in carrying out orders of Major Weaver. Last seen at Fallang Bostel.

Blasser, Feldwebel--in charge of Food supply for all lagers. Description: 5 feet 7 inches, weighed 150 pounds--age 45 years; black hair; ruddy complexion. Last seen at Ebsdorf. Married and resided in Leipzig, has one child.

Ulbricht, Oberfeldwebel-- in Charge of Lager B and also interpreter. Description: Height--5 feet 10 inches; weighed about 180 pounds--age about 55 years; partly bald, gray hair; round face, nervous twitch of right shoulder. Prisoner of France during World War I. He was assistant to Major Gruber in mapping course on "march" from Luft #4. See S/Sgt. Miller of Louisiana, charge of Lager B for further information re Ulbricht.

Hanger, R.M.C. Feldwebel--charge of German files of Prisoners of War in Vorlager. Description: 5 feet 9 inches tall; weighed about 155 pounds; age about 55 to 60 years; wore glasses; black hair; ruddy complexion; square features. He spoke English. He translated regulations of the camp from German into English.

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Shattle, gefreiter, interpreter of Lager A and later Lager B. He was a Belgian interpreter. Description: Height--5 feet 10 inches; weight 160 pounds; age--31 or 32 years; sharp features; wore glasses; ruddy complexion; spoke English fluently. He revealed to Sgt. Chapman that Sgt. Michael Trick, American prisoner of war originally based in Italy acted as a "spy" for the Germans.

Becker, Oberfeldwebel--acted as Assistant to Farhnard and was partly responsible for conditions obtaining on the "runs" and later was in charge of Red Cross food supplies. Description: 5 feet 10 inches tall; weighed about 180 pounds; age 55 to 60 years of age; round face, reddish complexion; hair partly bald, gray. He participated in "searches" of the barracks.

Rosien, gefreiter--performed general chores throughout the camp. Description: 5 feet 6 inches in height; weighed about 150 pounds; age 60 years; wore glasses; gray hair; ruddy complexion. He had operated a beauty parlor in Berlin.

Krause, oberfeldwebel--in charge of Red Cross in vorlager. Description: 5 feet 10 inches; weight 175 pounds; age 55 years; partially bald grayish hair; round face; ruddy complexion; always smoked a pipe. As a civilian he had owned a warehouse in Germany.

"Ingersoll" (nickname) Interpreter- gefreiter. He acted as a guard and an interpreter for physicians and chaplains ministering to men in the lagers; description: height--5 feet 6 inches tall; weighed about 145 pounds; age 50 years or so; partially bald, gray hair; round features; ruddy complexion. He had been in the United States for sometime and being unable to earn a livelihood, had been provided transportation back to Germany by some welfare agency in the United States. Sat in on confessions conducted by Father Lynch.

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For the WAR CRIMES OFFICE
Judge Advocate General's Department -- War Department
United States of America

the matter of mistreatment of * Perpetation of Testimony of
's Stlag Luft #4, at Kiefhyder, * Richard M. Chapman, 314 Reva
many. * Street, Daytona Beach, Florida

on at: Police Station, Daytona
Beach, Florida

on: 11 July 1947

the Presence of: Marimon M. Lancaster, Special
Agent, CIC, Third Army and
Elizabeth A. Wilcoxson, Clerk-
Stenographer, Police Department

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Stenographer, Police Department

stions by: Marvis O. Rodgers, Special Agent,
CIC, Third Army.

State your name, your permanent home address and occupation.
Richard M. Chapman, 314 Reva Street, Daytona Beach, Florida,
City Fireman.

When were you returned to the U.S. from overseas?
May 13, 1945.

Were you ever a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft #4 near Kiefhyder,
Germany?
Yes, from May 14, 1944 to February 6, 1945.

Do you recall the german officers in charge of this camp? If so,
give the names.
Yes, Lt. Col. Bombach in Command; Capt. Prichardt in charge of
the Guards; Fahnert NCO in charge of the Guards.

Do you have any knowledge of any atrocities committed by Bombach?
Prichardt? Fahnert? And, if so, give details surrounding each
incident.

I do not know of Bombach ever taking any active part in any
atrocities, but he could have prevented most of the mistreatment
that was administered, or that was given at this camp as he was
Commanding Officer. All incidents of mistreatment was reported
to Col. Bombach, he apparently made no effort to prevent further
atrocities.

Relate in detail any atrocities committed at this camp that you
have any knowledge of.

On, or about, the middle of July, approximately 2000 POW, both
American and British POW, arrived at Stalag Luft #4. These men
got off the train at Kiefhyder handcuffed together in pairs and
under German Marine Guards, was forced to run from Kiefhyder to
the prison camp, approximately 4 kilometers. This road
was lined with machine guns, guards, and dogs. During this run,
if any of the men held back, the guards bayoneted them and sicked
the dogs on them. These men were brought to Stalag Luft #4 and
put in the Forelager. Some of these men were kept in the Forelager
for 4 days. The ones who were bayoneted and beaten most severely
were brought into Compound A where Medical Officer McKee, an
American Medical Officer, who rendered medical aid insofar as
he had supplies to do so. These men were searched there at the
Forelager under the direction of NCO Fahnert. Several of the

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n were beaten, kicked, and pistol whipped by he and the guards at were under him. Capt. Prichardt was in charge of transportation of the POW to Kiefhyder to the prison camp and in his instructions to the German Marines at Kiefhyder, prior to the march to Stalag Luft #4 he instructed the Marines that these POW were some of the men who had taken part in the bombing of their homes and killing of their loved ones, and he instructed them that it was their chance to get even, run them to camp. The incidents described above are not first hand knowledge, it was related to me by T/Sgt Frank Paulus who was in charge of this group of men from Stalag Luft #6.

Did any of these men die as a result of these beatings and bayoneting?

Were there any other atrocities committed at this camp that have not been revealed during this interrogation? And if so, explain in detail. Incidents surrounding such atrocities, as, on or about, June 22, 1944, Aubrey Teague was shot and killed in Compound A by a guard walking his post outside the Compound, between Barracks 6 and 7 in Stalag Luft #4. Teague jumped out of the barracks window and went over to some chairs in the large Lager where he was cutting the hair of one of the POW. The guard walking the post between Compound A and B said something to Teague in German which he did not understand. Teague could not answer being unable to understand German. Sgt. Teague walked back to the window, laid his elbows in the window sills, and at that time the guard shot him. I have no knowledge of Sgt. Teague doing anything to warrant the guard shooting him.

Did you see or hear this shot? Yes, I heard the shot fired. I ran out of the barracks and found Teague lying on the ground by the window. Sgt. Teague was then taken to Barracks 4 Compound Hospital and he lived approximately two hours after he was shot.

Can you give the name and/or description of the guard who did the shooting?

As to the shooting of Sgt. Teague reported to Col. Bombach, and if so, what action was taken? This was reported to Col. Bombach immediately that same afternoon, the guard was removed to another prison camp and Col. Bombach would not divulge the identity of the guard or action taken against him for this crime.

Is there anything else that you would like to add to this deposition?

OF Florida
(OF Volusia) SS

Richard M. Chapman, of lawful age, being duly sworn, depose and say the answers above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Richard M. Chapman
RICHARD M. CHAPMAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July 1947;

Fred K. Starnes
(Notary Public)
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
My commission expires May 29, 1949.
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

Commission expires May 29, 1949

I, O. Rodgers, certify Richard M. Chapman appeared before me on the 11th day of July 1947 and gave the answers to the foregoing questions.

11 July, 1947

Marion O. Rodgers