MEMORANDUM FOR LT. COLONEL PARKER


1. Herewith two reports by Captain Hall, Nos. 5724 and 5725, giving background material on the above P/W.

2. Captain Muller advises that Colonel Brown has requested a copy of each of these reports.

Owen C. Campbell
Captain, E. O. C.
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3 April 1902 : Born in Erfurt as the son of Oberlautzten Walther Gehlen and Mrs. Katharina Gehlen (born Trausnitz). After retiring from the army P/110's father became a director with a Breslau Publishing house.


Military Career:

20 April 1920 : Entered Reichswehr attached to Reichswehr Artillery Regt 5 changed on 1 Jan 1921 to art Bn 3 at Schennditz, Silesia.

1920 - 1933 : Member of the above Bn, Training in the Artillery Observation Service (Ground and Flash and Survey). 4 years sports training, 2 years cavalry school Breslau. 5 years Adjutant.

1 Dec 1923 : Promoted to Lieutenant.

1 Feb 1923 : Promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

Spring 1925 : Entrance examination for the War Academy.


1 May 1926 : Promoted to Captain.

10 Jul 1926 - 16 Jul 1926 : Attached to the General Staff, one year assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, one year Adjutant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Sec I Operations. One year in 10th Section of the Home Defense Dept.


Aug 1929 : Promoted to Major with seniority dated 1 June 1929.

20 Aug 1939 : Polish campaign attached to 215 I. D., as I. A.

14 Oct 1939 :
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6 Oct 1940 - Chief of the Eastern Dept in the operational section of the General Staff.
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Members of the General Staff now at 14:42:

Major Schoeller: With the General from 1944 to 1945; Section Chief, Group I (tactical section engaged in daily situation reporting).

Major Hennings: With the General from 1943 to 1945; Section Chief, Group II (general situation reports on Russia and the Balkans; evaluation).

Major Hinrichs: With the General from 1943 to 1945; Training Officer in Group II in charge of evaluation.

Finished Reports:
1) Methods of the German Intelligence Service in Russia (detailed report on organization and working methods; approx. 250 pp.; inter alia it deals with Group III, Interpreters, Translations, Interrogations; Group IV, Sweden, Finland, and Nordic States; Group V, Technical Section, Drawings, Reproductions, etc.; Group VI, Administration; Total strength of Foreign Heer's Office: 50 officers, 70 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men, 60 women clerks auxiliary) 39 pp.

2) Development of the Russian High Command and the conception of strategy during the Eastern campaign (approx. 40 pp.).

3) Fighting methods of the Russian armies based on experience gained from the large-scale Russian offensives in the summer of 1944 and the winter of 1945 (approx. 40 pp. and a number of annexes).

4) Development and establishment of the Russian political commissars within the Red Army (approx. 40 pp.).

Document Material:
- Documents of Group I probably in London. (See Capt. Bold)
- Documents of Group II: 30,000 index cards on Russian units, personalities, Field Post Numbers, etc., available at 14:42.

Potentialities for Future Reports:
1) Order of Battle of the Russian Army (approx. 1,000 divisions, brigades, and other units). This work would take approx. 4-6 weeks.

2) Survey of Russian Army Units (Independent Armored Units, Assault Units, Army Artillery, Artillery Units, Radio, Engineer MG and Artillery Bases).

3) Survey of Russian Equipment.

4) Organisation of Russian command and Russian troop leadership.
12. (Continued)

- The General Staff of the Red Army.
- Organizational Structure of Russian units and their characteristics.
- Development of Russian manpower since the outbreak of the war.
- Development of Russian tanks and tank production during the Eastern campaign.
- Russian war production up to the end of hostilities.
- Development of Russian military propaganda during the Eastern campaign.
- The Russian soldier and his fighting qualities.
- Criticisms on the fighting qualities of the Russian Army, by arms and branches.
- Experiences in the evaluation of air reconnaissance during the Eastern campaign with special consideration to camouflage tactics.
- Camouflage tactics of the Russians (theory and practice).
- Training of the Russian Army at the Front during the Eastern campaign in the replacement and training units.
- NCOs and radio as a source of German intelligence.
- Romanian and Bulgarian Army after occupation by the Russians.

- Increase of Russian power through occupation of the Balkans.
- Supply in the Russian Army.
- Experiences in evaluation as a result of agent reports during the Eastern campaign.
- Establishing main efforts by artillery in preparation of large-scale attacks.
- Russian views on tank development and employment during the Eastern campaign.
- Possible evaluation of various new information received by the RKKA, under employment of German methods. (Evaluation of Russian press, radio, etc.)
- Suggestions as to the employment of sources for gathering information in the Central European Sector.
- Compilation of experience gained in the Eastern campaign:
  a) Russian methods have proved satisfactory in gathering intelligence.
  b) Lessons on organization and defense against mass tank attacks as experienced during the last offensive.
  c) Practical employment of air reconnaissance based on experience.
  d) Development of Russian Infantry units based on Russian experience in the employment of Infantry.
- Historical report of the Eastern campaign based on documents which are available in their entirety.

Footnote:

Inasmuch as the I/O did not have an opportunity to scrutinize the available documents, a complete listing of the potentialities of the above docs can not be given.