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Alleged execution of American
and British air force officers
at Camp Buchenwald on or about
19 October 1944.
VI-2/P-85-96m

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. In an interview on 19 July 1945, Lt. Raymond Wojnicz, 1420 Douglas Street, Racine, Wisconsin, was questioned regarding the alleged execution of a number of American and British air force officers at Camp Buchenwald on or about 19 October 1944. The Lt. stated that he was one of approximately 168 American and British officers, of whom from 60 to 80 were members of the U. S. Army, who were transferred by train from Camp Buchenwald to another camp at Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany. The men left Camp Buchenwald on 19 October 1944 and arrived at Stalag Luft III on 21 October 1944.

The Lt. believes that the impression may have arisen that these men were to be executed inasmuch as at the time they left Camp Buchenwald they were guarded by approximately 30 Gestapo guards, who met them at the prison gates and guarded them continuously until they arrived at Stalag Luft III. However, insofar as the Lt. knows, no British or American officers were executed and none were mistreated on this trip. Lt. Wojnicz gave the following names of men who were with him at Camp Buchenwald and were transferred to Stalag Luft III with him:

Lt. Arthur E. Zander
1737 N. Natchez St.
Chicago 35, Illinois

Lt. J. D. Coffman
36 S. Michigan Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Lt. Frank Vratny
1107 - 4th St., S.W.
Ft. Dodge, Iowa

S/Sgt Thos. G. Richey
1628 Fannin Street
Beaumont, Texas

Lt. Warren A. Thompson
Bath, N.Y. RD #1

Capt. Leslie P. Cles
Powell, Wyoming

Lt. Russell D. Hilding
917 Huntingdon Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Lt. Michael R. Petrich
2220 Canal Avenue
Long Beach, Calif.

Lt. Frederick W. Carr
2 Tracy Street
W. Lebanon, N. H.

Lt. Jas. Smith
227 S. 6th
Montebello, Calif.

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S/Sgt Lowell O'Masters
Woodland, Calif.

S/Sgt Everett F. Ludwig
Alda, Ohio RR #1

S/Sgt Bail A. Coates
523 - 9th Street
Pt. Arthur, Texas

Lt. Donat F. Dautevil
193 Walnut St.
New Bedford, Mass.

2. When questioned regarding his knowledge of other war crimes, Lt. Wojnicz stated that he had made a notarized statement containing all of his knowledge about war crimes when he was interviewed at a prison camp at Mooseburg, Germany, on 1 May 1945 by Major Harold Sullivan, whose serial number is O-472037, J.A.G.D., Commanding, WCI Team #6824.

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