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dated 9 Dec 57.

BRITISH DEFECTORS IN BAUTZEN. (ROZ).

1. 23247530 Pte McLANE, W., 1 BW (RHR), AWOL wef 15 Apr 57.

The a/n finished school on 15 Nov 57 and immediately went on holiday, with Doris MULLER (to whom he is now married) to HARTENSTEIN i. ERZGEBIRGE. The trip was arranged under the auspices of the FDGB and McLANE obtained a concessional fare rate. They stayed with an aunt of Doris MULLER (a sister of her mother) who lives in or near HARTENSTEIN. McLANE wanted to start work in HARTENSTEIN, but permission was refused. McLANE and MULLER returned to BAUTZEN on 24 Nov 57 and McLANE started work in the BAUTZEN Schlachthof on 25 Nov 57, where he is still employed. No estimate of his income could be obtained. Doris MULLER is not at present working. McLANE is still living at Grosse Brudergasse. McLANE and MULLER appear to be living quite happily together and MULLER has not been involved in any immoral escapades with other men for some time. McLANE is a quiet sort of person, who does not drink very much and cause trouble and is quite well thought of by the DDR authorities. He is not politically active, although a member of the FDJ and FDGB. He is not thought to be a member of the GDSF. He has never attempted to return to the WEST. It is possible that he might return, but appears to be afraid of punishment by the BRITISH military authorities if he does so. He has spread the story around BAUTZEN that he is wanted in BERLIN for selling WD petrol on the black market. It is believed that McLANE receives letters from UK and has been urged to return to the WEST and face the consequences of his actions by his parents. Doris MULLER is not pregnant, as was previously reported. McLANE has now started wearing spectacles, but for reading only. McLANE was at one time friendly with HEMMINGS, but now seems to have transferred his friendship back to DOWNIE and McLANE assisted DOWNIE to move into the latter's new flat in BAUTZEN. It was not known if Doris MULLER had been employed by the MFS in any capacity whilst she was in BERLIN, but thought quite likely that she was being used as a casual informant by the MFS in BAUTZEN. No further information available.

2. 22837204 Pte HEMMINGS, J., 1 BW (RHR), AWOL wef 14 Aug 57.

The a/n is still attending school and is living in the Club-house. He has made at least one attempt to return to WEST BERLIN, but was unsuccessful. He wants to return and often says so and it is believed that he will make a further attempt to escape. The reasons for HEMMINGS' defection were not known. It was thought that he received letters and it was believed that these were from WEST BERLIN. He is not politically minded. He is popular with the other renegades in BAUTZEN, if not with the authorities. He is known to drink quite heavily. He has no permanent girl-friend, but has had a few purely transitory sexual relationships with various women in BAUTZEN. No further information available.

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3. 22772119 Pte DOWNIE, J., 1 BW (RHR), AWOL wef 20 Oct 56.

On about 1 Dec 47, subject moved from his flat in BAUTZEN, Schäfferstrasse, 7, to Ziegelstrasse, 7. The incident when DOWNIE brought a girl-friend with him upon his return from a holiday on the BALTIC coast at KÜHLUNGSBORN is now history. The girl, Anni snu, was soon discarded and she is at present still living in BAUTZEN, address unknown. DOWNIE and Margot GOTTSCHALK are always at loggerheads, which is often caused by GOTTSCHALK's sexual habits. They often fight and GOTTSCHALK hits DOWNIE with household articles and she, in turn, is usually beaten-up' by DOWNIE. These fights often take place in the presence of other defectors. Although they are always fighting amongst themselves, no permanent separation ever takes place and they stick together against outsiders. They are NOT yet married. Margot GOTTSCHALK's mother (Frau Martha LEHMANN) has written to her daughter to the effect that the family now disown their daughter and that she (the mother) does not wish to see her daughter again. Frau LEHMANN has also written to other members of the renegade colony in BAUTZEN to the same effect with the request that these persons inform the daughter and DOWNIE what the mother has written. During the evening of 22 Nov 57, Mrs MURPHY (wife of the US defector RA 14479240 Clifford MURPHY, AWOL wef 14 Nov 53) and Mrs MURPHY's mother left BAUTZEN for a visit to BERLIN. They returned to BAUTZEN on the early morning of 25 Nov 57. Whilst in WEST BERLIN they visited GOTTSCHALK's mother in BERLIN-SPANDAU and told her about the life DOWNIE and GOTTSCHALK are leading. They were given messages of abuse to pass on to DOWNIE/GOTTSCHALK upon their return to BAUTZEN. It was believed that anonymous letters have been sent to Frau LEHMANN about the behaviour of DOWNIE/GOTTSCHALK and it was suspected in BAUTZEN that these letters had been written by Doris MÜLLER (wife of McLANE) as GOTTSCHALK and MÜLLER were, at one time, not on speaking terms with one another. The returned BRITISH defector POWELL wrote to DOWNIE on one or two occasions after his return to the WEST and suggested that DOWNIE too might try to return. DOWNIE showed these letters to SCHATTEL (Club-leader). DOWNIE is at present 2nd secretary of the FDJ, although reputed not to be very politically minded. He is quite friendly with Wolfgang NOACK (teacher and interpreter at the club-house) and it was not thought likely that DOWNIE will return to the WEST at the moment, however, DOWNIE's actions were described as being completely unpredictable. No further information available.

4. 14477185 Cpl SHARPE, D., 1 QUEENS BAYS, AWOL wef 25 Mar 51.

The a/n is reported to be, at last, in the process of obtaining a divorce from his wife. He is not the father of the two children: the girl is the daughter of his wife's sister and the boy is believed to be an adopted child. At present SHARPE is living in the club-house. He is employed as a moulder at the VEB-EMAG-GIESSEREI, BAUTZEN, Wilthenerstrasse. Since the trouble with the canteen funds etc he has not frequented the club very much and has taken a less active role in political life in BAUTZEN, although he has now rejoined the FDJ, but is not an office-holder. He was in hospital some time ago (no exact dates available) and was operated on for a rupture, which had been caused by overstarin at work in the Giesserei. He is now more popular with the other defectors, probably due to him being less active politically. No further information available.

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5. 4123694 Cpl SCANLON, J., 1 WORCS, AWOL wef Feb 50.

The a/n lives in SOHLAND and does not visit the club in BAUTZEN. In 1955/56 he was operated on for rupture. No further information available.

6. 23052309 Pte ATKINSON, S., 1 E SURREY, AWOL wef 5 Jun 56.

The a/n is married to a nursing sister and they have one child, a girl. At one time ATKINSON often went with other women, but since the birth of his daughter appears to have settled down. He no longer works at the Rat des Kreises, but is now employed in the police station in BAUTZEN. The nature of his duties was not known. It was believed that ATKINSON wants to go to live and work in DRESDEN, but that - to date - permission to do so has not been granted by the DDR authorities. He is at present living in Heringstrasse, number unknown. He is not politically active, but is very keen on sporting activities, especially handball. No further information available.

7. 23227917 Pte FOWLES, F.K., 1 BORDER, AWOL wef 22 Mar 57.

The a/n is at present serving a sentence of 9 months imprisonment in BAUTZEN prison. The sentence is for two larceny offences. The first offence was the theft of ration cards for which he was initially placed on 4 months probation and the second offence was attempted theft from a Gasthaus in BAUTZEN. As soon as FOWLES was apprehended regarding the second offence he was tried and sentenced and the four months probation for the first offence was added to the sentence. When not in prison, FOWLES is a heavy drinker who leads a promiscuous sex life, although he has no firm woman friend. He often attended the EGA dances in BAUTZEN. It was believed that his prison sentence commenced at the beginning of Sep 57. It was thought that he may attempt to return to the WEST upon the completion of his prison term. No further information available.

8. 22432376 Cfn WHEATLEY, C.R., 6 Inf Wksp REME.
AWOL wef 22 Aug 57.

It was confirmed that the a/n crossed into the ROZ with a GERMAN married couple and arrived in BAUTZEN via MAGDEBURG. The GERMAN couple left shortly after WHEATLEY's arrival in BAUTZEN, their destination was not known and no further information could be obtained about this couple. WHEATLEY is still attending school, but lives in the town, address unknown. He is quite a heavy drinker although it was not known whether he had ever been in trouble with the local authorities. He takes little interest in the political activity in BAUTZEN. It was not known if he wishes to return to the WEST and, as far as was known, has not yet made any attempt to do so. The other members of the defector colony in BAUTZEN have quite a good opinion of him. He is very keen on football. No further information available.

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9. 21041912 Pte THOMAS, R., 1 MANCHESTER, AWOL wef 2 Mar 51.

The a/n is at present working in DRESDEN, but lives in BAUTZEN. He is married with two children and his wife is expecting the third. He is not now very active politically. His wife is employed in the post office in BAUTZEN and she told source that THOMAS had discussed returning to the WEST. The wife professed that she would prefer him to return and then she would join him later. THOMAS is quite popular with the other defectors in BAUTZEN. No further information available.

10. Source claimed to have no knowledge of any officer defectors to the communist bloc. Source also claimed that she had never seen (she was shown photographs) or heard of the following defectors: 14475769 Pte TYRELL, R. (1 QUEENS, AWOL wef 22 Nov 48); 22775116 Pte MUIRHEAD, J.O. (1 BW (RHR), AWOL wef 21 Jul 56); 14477389 Cpl HURN, L. (1 BW (RHR), AWOL wef 28 Jul 56). She could provide no new information concerning the BRITISH civilian Peter DARLEY.

11. Source claimed to be unable to give any further information concerning BRITISH defectors in BAUTZEN or the ROZ.

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