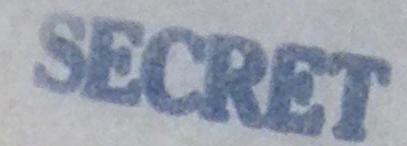
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Unit: 2. Co l. Bn 1028 Rgt. Fieldpostnumber: 57853 Captured: 29.Feb., 1944 near Cisterna/Italy

Veracity: Believed to be very reliable. Man is only too anxious to surrender all he knows. He talks faster than one can write it down. He is and elderay Austrian and that accounts for it.

Civilian Background: Born 1 March 1909 in HOHENAU/Austria. Went to Volksschule for 8 years and Tradeschool 2 years. His home ist still in HOHENAU. He is a tailor by profession, possessing his own business. He was d ferred from the army for 4 straight years because he mad overcoats for the army. Politically he is absolutely anti-Mazi and would probably do everything in his po er to harm them. He has had several collisions with the Nazis and ENEXMINHE was fined a few times for one thing or another. Only after constant threats did he join the "Deutsche Arbeitsfront". He admits he was on the Nazi black list which he, incidentally, admits gladly. He has a brother in the Inftwaffe of whom he hasn't heard a thing lately.

Military History: Was not drafted to the RAD because he did military work.
Entered army on the 27th of August 1943 and was trained as a Richtschuetze in a tank at ST. POELTEN near Wien where he was with the Pz. Ers.u. Ausb. Abt. 35 and stayed til September 27.

September-November, sent to Landau Ausb. Btl. 104 where he voluntarily joined the infantry because he felt that his previous job as a Richtschuetze was more for younger men rather than for a man of his age.

Movember-January, BITSCH/Lorraine, where he was attached to Rgt. 1028, which was just being made up, then. This regiment was motorized.

In January he went to Pirmasens and shortly afterwards to Italy, Went directly to the bridgehead,

Specific Information: Commanding Officer of the Regiment 1028 was one OBERST COCI(spelled phonetically). P/W explained that the new regiments being made up now are all given such high numbers. They consist partly of casualties from Russia and whatever manpower the last draft yielded. P/W mentioned the Regiment 1028, with which a friend of his was, as having been mad up in BAYREUTH during December 1943, Believes that it also had been sent to Italy where it probably is now.

When asked about the city of MANNHEIM he said that the latter didn't exist any more. Again he confirmed that the factory of LANZ was entirely destroyed, formerly making tractors and generators and, he believes, spare parts for heavy army trucks. According to him, cloths are getting more scarce every day and people are seen walking around with either worn out ones are badly mended ones. But he emphasized that the people are still holding on to whatever they have left, hoping that they will be repaid and rewarded for what they have INEX lost, once the war has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

Saw himself how Russian prisoners of war, who were "voluntarily" forced into uniform, are trained in BITSCH with Ru sian NUMBER weapons, to use them for the defense in the West, should an allied landing take place.