

12. Captain Owen C. Campbell, Evaluation Section, to Lt. Col. Parker,  
Enclosing Interrogation Reports No. 5724 and 5725, 29 August 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR LT. COLONEL PARKER:

Subject: Preliminary Interrogation and Assessment of P/W Brig. Gen.  
Rheinhard Gehlen,

1. Herewith two reports by Captain Halle, Nos. 5724 and 5725, giving background material on the above P/W.
2. Captain Wulff advises that Colonel Brown has requested a copy of each of these reports.

Owen C. Campbell  
OWEN C. CAMPBELL,  
Captain, M. A. C.

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*Colonel Sweet has original copy to Colonel Livingston and Major Kinsler only*

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Report of Interrogation No. 725

28 August 1945

I/O: Capt. TALKER

P/W: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Rank: Generalmajor (Brig Gen)  
Unit: Fremde Heere Ost  
Capt'd: 23 May 1945, Schliessee

Veracity : Believed reliable.

Civilian Career :

3 April 1902 : Born in Erfurt as the son of Oberleutnant Walther Gehlen and Mrs Katherina Gehlen (born Vairuevyok). After retiring from the army P/W's father became a director with a Breslau Publishing house.

1908 - 1920 : Humanistic King Wilhelm Gymnasium Breslau (Abitur).

Military Career :

20 April 1920 : Entered Reichswehr attached to Reichswehr Arty Regt 6 changed on 1 Jan 1921 to arty Regt 3 at Scheidnitz, Silesia.

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

1 Dec 1923 : Promoted to Lieutenant.

1 Feb 1928 : Promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

Spring 1933 : Entrance examination for the War Academy.

1 Oct 33-9 Jul 1935 : War Academy Berlin.

1 May 1934 : Promoted to Captain.

10 Jul 1935 - : 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 I a in 10th Section of the Home defense Dept.

10 Nov 38 - 19: Battery Commander in Arty Regt. 18.  
Aug 1939

1 March 1939 : Promoted to Major with seniority dated 1 June 1938.

20 Aug 1939 : Polish campaign attached to 213 I.D. as I a.  
14 Oct 1939

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- 15 Oct 1939 - Attached to GKH, General Staff Corps as Dept head of the East
- 5 May 1940 - Defense Dept, formerly the 10th Abt.
- 6 May 40 - 12 Western campaign - Liaison officer of the Army Bq Staff (AOK 16)
- June 1940 - Armored Group Both - Armored Group Guderian.
  
- 15 Jun 1940 - ; Adjutant to the Chief of Staff Generaloberst Halder.
- 6 Oct 1940
- 7 Oct 1940 - ; Chief of the Eastern Dept in the operational section of the
- 6 Apr 1942 General Staff.
  
- 1 July 1941 ; Promoted to Lt Col.
  
- 7 Apr 1942 - ; Dept Head of the Dept Fremde Heere Ost.
- 9 Apr 1945
- 1 Dec 1942 ; Promoted to Col with seniority of 1 Apr 1942.
  
- 1 Dec 1944 ; Promoted to Brigadier General (Generalmajor).
  
- 10 Apr 1945 ; Placed on inactive status (reserve Corps).

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Report of Interrogation : No. 5725

28 August 1945  
I/O : Capt. Halle

F/W : ~~Substantiated~~ *Gillenkamp*  
Rank : Generalmajor (Brig Gen)  
Unit : Fremde Heere Ost  
Capt'd : 23 May 1945, Schliessee

*f/w Nestor (CR/D)*

Veracity : Believed reliable.

Report : Preliminary Interrogation and Assessment.

Extract of F/W's military career:

1920	enlisted in the Army, attached to Arty Regt. 3; with his regiment at Schweidnitz, Silesia.
1920-1933	War Academy, Berlin.
Autumn 1933-1935	Attached to the General Staff; appointed adjutant to the Deputy Chief of the General Staff (Oberquartiermeister OKH), covering
July 1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I Operations</li> <li>II Training</li> <li>III Organization</li> <li>IV Intelligence</li> <li>V Research</li> </ul>
Autumn 1936-37	With Abt. I (Operations).
1937-1938	Ia in Home Security Office (Abt 10--10te Abt, Landesbefestigung)
1938-1939	Sent to Arty Regt 18 at Liegnitz for troop duty.
Aug 1939	Ia, 213th Div (Polish Campaign).
Western Campaign	Returned to OKH, Gruppe Landesbefestigung (Home Security Section). Liaison Officer of C in C Army, of Army HQ Staff 16 (AOX 16). Later with Armored Group HODT and Armored Group GUDERIAN.
Autumn 1940	Adjutant to Chief of Staff Halder (special position of trust).
Autumn 1940- April 42	Eastern Section of the Operational Dept.
April 42-9/4/45	Fremde Heere Ost (OB East).

Interrogations :  
 at WOERTEL, near KITZBUHEL, by a divisional intelligence officer; only minor details given.  
 AUGSBURG Army level; interrogated by a Lt. Drake; limited information given.  
 WIESBADEN Special Interrogation Center; interrogated by Capt. Boks; fullest cooperation given.

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Members of the General Staff now at 1142 :

Major SCHOELLER With the General from 1944 to 1945; Section Chief, Group I (tactical section engaged in daily situation reporting).  
Major HIEMENZ With the General from 1943 to 1945; Section Chief Group II (general situation reports on Russia and the Balkans; evaluation).  
Major HENRICHS 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 Fremde Heere Ost : 50 officers  
70 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men  
60 woman clerk auxiliaries)
- 2) Development of the Russian High Command and its conception of strategy during the Eastern campaign (appr. 35 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 (appr. 40 pp. and a number of annexes).
- 4) Development and establishment of the Russian political commissars within the Red Army (appr. 40 pp.).

Document Material :

Documents of Group I probably in London. (See Capt. Bokk)  
Documents of Group II : 30,000 Index Cards on Russian Units, personalities, Field Post Numbers, etc., available at 1142.

Potentialities on Future Reports :

- 1) Order of Battle of the Russian Army (appr. 1,000 divisions, brigades, and other units). This work would take appr. 4-6 weeks.
- 2) Survey of Russian Army Units (Independent Armored Units, Assault Units, Army Artillery, AA Regts., AT Units, Army Engineers, MG and Arty Bns.)
- 3) Survey of Russian Equipment.
- 4) Organization of Russian commands and Russian troop leadership.

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- 5) The General Staff of the Red Army.
- 6) Organizational Structure of Russian units and their characteristics.
- 7) Development of Russian manpower since the outbreak of the war.
- 8) Development of Russian Tanks and tank production during the Eastern campaign.
- 9) Russian war production up to the end of hostilities.
- 10) Development of Russian military propaganda during the Eastern campaign.
- 11) The Russian soldier and his fighting qualities.
- 12) Critique on the fighting qualities of the Russian Army, by arms and branches.
- 13) Experiences in the evaluation of air reconnaissance during the Eastern campaign with special consideration to camouflage tactics.
- 14) Camouflage tactics of the Russians (theory and practice).
- 15) Training of the Russian Army at the front during the Eastern campaign in the replacement and training units.
- 16) Press and radio as a source of German Intelligence.
- 17) Romanian and Bulgarian Army after occupation by the Russians.
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- 19) NKVD.
- 20) Increase of Russian power through occupation of the Balkans.
- 21) Supply in the Russian Army.
- 22) Experiences in evaluation as a result of agent reports during the Eastern campaign.
- 23) Establishing main efforts by artillery in preparation of large-scale attacks.
- 24) Russian views on tank development and employment during the Eastern campaign.
- 25) Possible evaluation of various new information received by the US, under employment of German methods. (Evaluation of Russian press, radio, etc.)
- 26) Suggestions as to the employment of sources for gathering information in the Central European Sector.
- 27) Compilation of experience gained in the Eastern campaign:
  - a) What methods have proved satisfactory in gathering intelligence.
  - b) Lessons on organization and defense against mass tank attacks as experienced during the last offensives.
  - c) Practical employment of air reconnaissance based on experience.
  - d) Development of Russian Infantry units based on Russian experience in the employment of Infantry.
- 28) Historical report of the Eastern campaign based on documents which are available in their entirety.

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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 P/W can not be given.