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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FOR
REGIERUNGSBEZIRK OBERBAYERN
APO 403

MUNICH,

Ltr. Det. E-205, dtd. 26 Oct 1945, Subject: Recommendation for
Award of Legion of Merit. (Con't).

their immediate and potential value and importance to the denazification program. He traced the source of the files to the paper mill. His carefully shielded investigations and masterful sleuthing uncovered not only the entire mass of membership cards and Nazi Party correspondence, but he traced down several of the individuals who had maintained the files under the Nazi regime. A cursory examination of the some forty tons of records indicates that the files concern Nazi Party membership and subscription, not only in Germany, but in virtually every country in the world, including the United States. The task of safeguarding and storing the files began immediately. The immediate value of the files in current denazification of Germany is apparent. The potential importance of the files in prolonging the peace is infinitely far-reaching as can be readily imagined. Major BROWNE's recognition of the importance of the records, his professional skill and ingenuity in locating the invaluable cache, and the individuals who maintained them, is believed to be the greatest contribution any single individual has made in the entire program of denazification.

b. The accomplishment of the service for which the award is recommended, extended from September 15, to October 22, 1945. The service was performed in or near Munich in Regierungsbezirk Oberbayern, Germany.

4. Proposed citation: Major WILLIAM D BROWNE, while serving as Special Branch Officer, Public Safety Section, Office of Military Government for Oberbayern, (Det. E-205) Germany, between the dates of September 15, 1945 and October 22, 1945, recognized, located, assembled and safeguarded the master files and correspondence of Nazi Party membership of the entire world. His accomplishment of this service is a tremendous contribution to the program of denazification and reflects the highest professional standards of the service.

/s/ Joseph W Hensel
/t/ JOSEPH W HENSEL,
Lt.Colonel, Inf.
Director.

PPH-415

Felda fing...1 D.P. displaced person with 217,000 marks
another with 80,000

HEADQUARTERS

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AMG

Staremburg...

3 enlisted men
6 officers

Corp Harvey Strauss, 136th Street Bronx...

Before war...Insurance calculator...Equitable Life Insurance
Has six jobs...

- (1) Public Health
- (2) Food
- (3) Transportation
- (4) Licenses
- (5) Public Utilities

Battalion and Regimental
Before war:/Message center chief.

Before redeployment: 8...5 of 8 with 1½ years MG training
Now, 3 enlisted men, 6 officers...only 3 with training

"we fought the whole war for nothing"

Nov. 15th, detachments to be dissolved...?

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to supply

50 key punches (alphabetical machines)

150 operators for these machines.

50 Million cards

to punch app. 24 million cards from file sheets

To bring these cards in alphabetical or arithmetical succession.

to work out lists, reports, statements etc using tabulating and other machines.

1.

Preparatory work

to procure rooms with floor space of about 500 square meters

2.) about 180 chairs, 100 tables and cupboards of shelves for 24 million cards.

3.) to establish the machine rooms with a direct current of 110 volts, using transformers if necessary.

4. to procure 350 machine operators, 200 other collaborators for coding etc.

5. To train operators and collaborators in operating machines, using code books, sorting file cards etc.

6.) to assemble needed number of machines transporting them from various places to Munich.

10. to procure necessary quantity of paper, writing materials etc.

practical performance:

1. coding:

the following columns on file cards have to be coded:

place of birth	6 figures
Place joined	6 figures
last address	6 figures
reason for leaving	1 figure
party office	2 figures

We beg to offer dual cards for practical reasons.

There are 24 million to code. Coding one sheet by trained people takes about 1 minute, if 1 person can card 500 cards in 8 hours shift, coding work will take 300 persons about 160 days, working in 3 shifts, or 150 persons 320 days.

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2.) punching

into cards there is to punch:

kind of card	1	column
surname	20	"
forename	10	
year of birth	2	
place of birth	6	
No. of membership	8	
place joined	6	
last address	6	
date of leaving	4	
reason for leaving	1	
black list	1	
party office	2	
photograph	1	
<u>total</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>columns</u>

one operator will produce 100 cards pro hour - 800 cards in one shift.
150 operators working in 3 shifts will produce 24 million cards within
about 200 days.

3.) verifying

The control of name will be done by reading the interpreted cards.
Twentyfive verifiers (machines) will suffice to control the punched figures
of the cards, operated by 75 persons in 3 shifts.

4.) Interpreting

interpreting is necessary for controlling the punching and for reading the
punched cards.

Our interpreter produces about 4 000 cards in one hour. 3 machines working
in 3 shifts will produce 24 million cards in about 85 days.

5.) sorting: cards to be sorted in alphabetical succession. 1 sorter can
do it with a speed of about 24 000 cards in 1 hour if sorting 1 column.

it is usually necessary to sort 10 columns of the surname and 5 of the
forename, total 15 columns. Cards run through machine 15 times so that sorter
can bring in alphabetical succession only 1 600 cards pro
hour, or 38 400 cards pro day running 24 hours.

6.) tabulating: if printed lists of names of other statements are wanted
the tabulating machine will produce them with a speed of about 4 000
cards (names and figures in horizontal lines) pro hour, or
96 000 cards in three shifts pro day. 6 tabulators would print lists of
24 million cards in about 40 days, but we can offer only 3 machines.

7) reproducing: the reproducing punch will reproduce about
4 000 cards pro hour. Reproducing can start simultaneously with punching.
Thus 3 machines will suffice to make copies of 24 million cards in

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80 days.

necessary personnel: about 550
monthly expenses:

1990	for machine rents
21620	for materials
10480	for salaries
1000	for room, current and other expenses.

~~58240~~ 33090
monthly salaries range from 180 marks for punching operators to 600 marks for l. office manager (is ~~18~~ from 18 to 60 Dollars, or according German exchange rate from 72 to 240 dollars)