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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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1. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE:

Entire personnel of Peine CIC Team undertook investigation of explosion of German train bearing American chemical ammunition, and miscellaneous German material, which occurred just on the W outskirts of Peine Vic X692166 at Approx 1730 hours, 16 May 1945.

Eight men were taken into custody by the CIC and interrogated at great length. Three comprised the train's crew, the engineer, fireman and Zugfuhrer (conductor). Three others were railway employees "hitch-hiking" a ride on the train and two others were spectators at the scene of the incident.

The testimony of the occupants of the train was substantially as follows: The train, consisting of the locomotive and twenty-seven cars, left Braunschweig at 1552, 16 May 45, destination Lehrte. The train halted first, for ten minutes, at Gross Kleidingen and then proceeded to Vechelde, where it stopped for Approx thirty minutes. Here the locomotive was uncoupled and shunted to a spur track while fifteen cars were added to the front part of the train. Thereafter the locomotive was recoupled so that the cars added to the train trailed immediately behind the locomotive.

All men denied having knowledge of ammunition in the train and the engineer stated that he was told by the Zugfuhrer at Vechelde that the cars added to the train contained "beutur" (booty) which fact he deduced from a placard on the side of one of the cars.

All individuals interrogated testified that no stop was made in the PEINE station. The engineer stated that he first saw a burning flat car when he looked back from the engine cab while the train was rounding a bend just outside the PEINE station. He halted the train and the Zugfuhrer ran back and uncoupled the train at a point one or two cars removed from the burning car. Thereafter he pulled away with Approx six cars to a point about 800 meters from the flaming car.

Investigation is continuing. All leads are being followed and stories investigated. A possible cause advanced by the crew is that hot cinders from a cheap grade of brown coal briquets, made of compressed coal dust, is responsible for original fire.

Corps Ord personnel, after inspection of scene, rptd that there were eleven cars of American chemical Ammo, ten of which blew up, concur that the most logical cause of fire and resultant explosions was from hot cinders emanating from the locomotive. (See: XIII Corps G-2 Per Rpt #191)

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Higher Headquarters urgently desires the apprehension of General Der Artillerie Daelmont formerly of CWK. Interrogation of prisoners, particularly officers, will include questions leading to possible location of this personality. Pertinent information to this Headquarters by quickest means.

b. "T" Targets:

1. New "T" Targets to be seized and safeguarded - none.
2. "T" Targets released from SHAEF guarding requirements are: 8, 12, 20, 23, 24, 25, 28, 30, 44, 48, 49, 53, 62, 63, 72, 89, 97, 102, 108, 125, 127 and 129.

c. Weather - Continued cloudy to broken with occasional showers throughout period. Temperature somewhat cooler.

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XIII Corps	3	WG	1	134th	6
CIC	1	Surr-Cap	1	137th	5
Engr Off	1	CWO-Ord	1	320th	4
Div Arty	5	Sig Off	1	CV Co	1
258 FA Gp	4	Lq Comdt	1	Med Bn	2
422 FA Gp	4	Lq Co	1	Ord Co	2
C/S	1	PRO (Forward)	1	Sig Co	1
G-1	1	PRO (rear)	1	654 TD	1
G-2	4	Ron Trp	1	448 AAA	1
G-3	1	Engr Bn	1	AG	1
G-4	1	784 TL Bn	1	TH	1
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