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[illegible] March to 8 May 1945.

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Defense

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Supplementary Information

to Anlage 1 of Genlt. PILZ' ms.,

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vom 22./III. - 8./I. 45"

By interrogation of Genlt. Pilz at DEFE 20, Allendorf, on or about 5 June 1946,
Commander of Div Nr 404 - Genmaj STURT (Gerhard?)
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James F. Scoggin, Jr.

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Rudolf PILZ

Generalleutnant

P.W.E. Allendorf

31 May 1946

The employment of the 464 Repl and Trng Division during the period from 22 Mar to 8 May 1945

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A

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The employment of the 464th Replacement and Training Division during the period from 22 March to 8 May 1945.

The commitment and employment of the 464th Replacement and Training Division during the period from 22 March to 8 May 1945, taking into account the effects of the Anglo-American operations.

Referring thereto: See Appendix # 1: Sketch dealing with the employment in the improvement if the Elbe River defenses.

See Appendix # 2: Organization.

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A.

Improvement of the Elbe River defenses

from 22 March to 31 March 1945.

The main portion of the division (see Appendix # 2) was transferred from their home stations around Chemnitz to the Riesa - Grossenhain - Elsterwerda - Herzberg - Wittenberg - Torgau area for improvement work on the Elbe River defenses, facing eastward, on 3 February 1945.

Division Command Post: Torgau.

The improvement work on the main defensive area between the "Schwarze Elster" and the "Elbe" Rivers (main line of resistance "Schwarze Elster") was begun. The construction of a westward facing defense position was, at first, not considered necessary. When the danger, however, increased, it was possible only to organize an all-around defense limited to the localities: Grossenhain - Riesa - Torgau - Wittenberg.

The composition of the division was as follows: 2/3 recruits from the age classes 1927/28 and 1/3 men who hitherto had been "indispensable" and were in age groups ranging from 30 to 60, and who had been in training for only 2 to 4 weeks and were still unexperienced in the construction of positions and defensive installations. Therefore, when the division was suddenly transferred to the eastern theater of operations on 30 March 1945, the work on the Elbe River defenses had hardly passed the initial stages.

B.

Eastern Theater of Operations

5 April to 8 May 1945.

All replacement and training divisions were, by order of the OKH, transferred from their home stations to rear areas of combat fronts during the beginning of April 1945. They had to fulfil two missions:

1. Continuation of training, also while employed in work on deferse installations.
2. Support of the front in the event of large-scale enemy penetrations.

For this purpose, the division was subordinated to the 4th Panzer Army (HQ in Neustadt, Sächsische Schweiz) and transferred to the Goerlitz - Niesky - Weissenberg area, later to the Niesky - Rietschen - Uhust area, approximately 60 km northeast of Bautzen, for work on rear positions.

When the Russian offensive against Cottbus took place, on 16 April 1945, the division was subordinated to the Panzer Corps "Grossdeutschland".

Since the battalions were employed individually by the various divisions of the corps, the division had no part in the command whatsoever. I do not know where and to what extent these untrained battalions were committed.

On 19 April 1945 I myself was transferred to the OKH Officer Reserve.

(signed) PILZ
Generalleutnant

Appendix # 2: The organization of the 464 Div.

A.

Improvement of the Elbe defenses

Staff of the 464 Div

Staff of the 14 Grenadier Repl-Trng Rgt

14 Gren [redacted] Repl and Trng Bn

53 Gren Repl-Trng Bn

Wehrkreis IV (Res Off Applicants)

14 Inf Sig Repl and Trng Co

14 Inf Art Repl and Trng Co

14 Inf Antitank Repl and Trng Co

14 Inf Eng Repl and Trng Co

Staff of the 534 Grenadier Repl and Trng Rgt

31 Gren Repl and Trng Bn

102 " " " "

185 " " " "

414 " " " "

24 Inf Sig Repl and Trng Co

209 " " " " "

56 " Art " " "

87/24 " A.T. " " "

The following units were not committed and remained at their home stations.

Field Railway Repl and Trng Bn

1st Smoke Producing ~~(C/S)~~ Repl and Trng Rgt

14 Eng Repl and Trng Bn

4 Construction Eng Trng and Repl Bn

4 Motor Transport Repl and Trng Bn

4 Landesschuetzen Repl Bn

B.

Commitment in the area northeast of Bautzen:

The same as under A, however, including also the 1st Smoke Producing (CWS) Rgt

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Contact with

Eng School

Rosslau

Coswig

Wittenberg

14 Gren Repl-Trng Rgt

Torgau

464 Repl-Trng Div

Schwarze Elster

Contact with 404 Trng-Repl Div

Ruhland

Ortrand

Leipzig

Riesa

534 Gren Repl-Trng Rgt

Grossenhain

Meissen

Dresden

Explanations:

Main line of resistance:

Locality with all-around defense:

Divisional boundary lines:

Regimental boundary lines:

1 : 250 000

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/s/ James F. Scoggin, Jr

Capt Sig C

Appendix 3 to Report

Subordination of 464 Repl & Trng Div

Subordination and Organization of 464 Div from 22 Mar - 19 Apr 1945

22 Mar - 31 Mar 45: Dep HQ IV.A.K.
(Gen d Inf von Schwedler)

1 Apr - 15 Apr 45: 4 Pz Armee
(Gen d Pz Truppe Graeser)

16 Apr - 19 Apr 45: Pz Korps "Gross Deutschland"
(Gen d Art Jauer)

464 Trng & Repl Div:
Comdr - Gen Lt PILZ
I a - Major Schulz
I b - Hauptm d Res Wedde
I c - no longer known

Organization of 464 Repl & Trng Div

Trng & Repl Gren Regt 14	Trng & Repl Gren Regt 534	Trng & Repl Smoke Regt 2	Repl & Trng Pi Bn 14	Repl & Trng Pi Bn 253	Constr Pi Trng & Repl Bn 4	Mot Transp Trng & Repl Bn 4
Cmdr: Oberst Clausnitzer	Cmdr: Oberst Know	Cmdr: Major d Res Busch	Major d Res PILZ	Major Leeuen	Major d Res Behler	Oberstl d Res Pehrt

Regnl Def Trng & Repl Bn 4	Field R'way Trng & Repl Bn ZEITZ
Maj d Res Weinecke	Maj d Res Schunk

Allendorf, 7 June 1946

(signed) PILZ

Generalleutnant

Not important, since the division had not been committed in combat

(signed) SCHULZ

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Checked by the Central Europe
Campaign review board.
Not important.
1 Sep 1946

(signed) Benicke

Anlage 1.

Anschluss Pionierschule Rosslau

Coswig

Wittenberg

Zahna

Seyda

Dahme

Elbe

Jessen

Schweinitz

Schwarze Elster

Gräfenhäinichen

Pretzsch

Herzberg

Grenadier R. u. A. Rgt. 14

Kirchhain Dobrulug K.

Finsterwalde

Uebigau

Torgau

Elbe

Bad Liebenwerda

Ers.-u. A. Div. Nr. 464

Belgern

Eilenburg

Elsterwerda

Schwarze Elster

Anschluss Ers. u. Ausb. Div. 404 Russland

Müllberg

Leipzig

Ortrand

Riesa

Osthat. Z.

Grenadier E. u. A. Rgt 534

Grossenhain

Meissen

Elbe

Dresden

Erläuterungen:

Hauptkampflinie

Ort mit Rundumverteidigung

Divisionsgrenzen

Trennungslinie d. Regimenter

Massstab 1 : 250 000.

N.

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Pz. Generalleutnant.

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Unterstellung der E. u. A. Div. 464

Anlage 3 z. Bericht.

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Unterstellung u. Gliederung der Div. 464

v. 22./III. - 19./IV. 45.

22. III - 31. III 45 stellvertretendes Generalkommando IV. A.K. (Gen. d. F. von Schwedler)

1. IV - 15 IV. 45 4. Panzer-Armee (Gen. d. Panzertruppe Gräser

16. IV. - 19. IV. 45 Panzer-Korps „Gross-Deutschland" Gen. d. Art Jauer.

Gliederung E. u. A. Div. 464.

E. u. A. Div. 464 Kdr: Gen LT PILZ.
Ia: Major Schulz.
Ib: Hauptm. d. R. Wedde
Ic: nicht mehr bekannt.

Gr. E. u. A. Rgt 14 Kdr: Oberst Clauss-nitzer

Gr. E. u. A. Rgt 534 Kdr: Oberst Kunow

Nebel-E. Rgt 2 Maj. d. R. Busch

E. u. A. Pionier-Btl. 74 Maj. d. R. PITZ

E. u. A. Pionier-Bk. 253 Major Laeuen

Bau-Pionier E. u. A. Bk. 4 Maj. d. R. Behler

Kraftfahr E. u. A. Abt. 4 Oberstlt. d. R. Pehnt

Landesschützen E. u. A. Bt. 4 Maj. d. R. Weinecke

Feld-Eisenbahn E. u. A. Abt. ZEITZ Kdr: Maj. d. R. Schmidt

Pilz
Generalleutnant.

Allendorf 7.6.46

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