

Subject: A report on an area of specialized enemy Talent activity

1. Reports from the field indicate a number of enemy Talents capable of generating false impressions in the minds of targets, usually allowing them to camouflage their position, or the position of heavy weapons, equipment, or personnel, until it is too late for troops to react.

a. The number of reports of this phenomenon is growing. TOC analysts at Hedge Manor have determined that this is due in part to Germany's growing role as a defensive power in the conflict. Estimates indicate a larger number of defensive Talents will be developed in the Axis as the war turns against them.

b. Realizing the effectiveness of such Talents, German commanders are positioning "invisible" strong points along vital positions of the line, or dispatching "invisible" patrols to scout enemy positions, capture personnel, and determine troop strengths.

c. Without the component of sight, Talent detection of such enemy forces remains questionable.

Following is a report of a captured "invisible" enemy strong point near ██████████ which disrupted normal operations in the area for some time.

2. a. Waffen SS Vorgeschobene Stellung 64 (Armed Elite Guard Advanced Position 64)

Located on a secondary road to the town of ██████████, two miles southwest of the German line, VS64 was a concrete German pillbox and two auxiliary scout posts flanking the road with a clear view of all approaches. The team manning the station performed nightly patrols of the area, reporting back to their HQ the disposition of troops in the area, and, when possible, eliminating vehicles or troops without calling attention to themselves. As far as is known, over a period of 15 days, two Jeeps, two White halftracks, and a Sherman tank were lost to the pillbox, as well as an estimated 40 troops, including a squad sent in to specifically locate the problem.

2. b. The Disposition of the Pillbox

The pillbox was located less than 10 yards from the road, in plain sight, and yet was passed without detection on several occasions by forces as extensive as an entire corps. The reason for this "invisibility" was a German Talent known as Der Hintergrund Kunstler, "The Background Artist". This Talent's unusual ability allowed him to "paint" various types of camouflage netting, somehow binding an "illusion" to the cloth that made invisible whatever it was draped over. The Germans could see clearly through the netting, which was strung over the entire structure. From outside, the gun emplacement appeared as nothing more than a copse of trees.

3. Armament and Personnel

VS64 was manned by six Waffen SS troopers with extensive combat experience from areas such as France, Russia, and Greece. Only one Ubermensch was present, Der Hintergrund Kunstler. All other members were conventional troops. They were left with specific orders to disrupt the enemy for as long as possible while remaining hidden beneath the illusions of their Talent. Members of the team would patrol the area nightly wearing the Ubermensch's painted camo smocks, which made them virtually invisible.

The pillbox was fitted with a 7.5 cm PAK 41 antitank gun, as well as two M.G. 42 machine guns with a clear arc of fire to the road. The Germans were left with enough ammunition, food, and supplies to last more than three months, but they had orders to "subsist by any means possible." members of the group had already begun scavenging equipment and weapons from the troops they eliminated. Two cases of American grenades, a Bazooka, 14 rockets, and four M1 cases of ammunition were located in the main storage room of the bunker, mixed in with the German supplies.

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