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SUBJECT: Alexander Patterson SCOTLAND



2. The following is quoted from the Daily Telegraph of 21 February 1947:

"KNEW GERMAN BATTLE ORDER

COLONEL SERVED IN ENEMY ARMY - From our Special Correspondent

Bourne End, Bucks. - Thursday

"Lt. Col. Alexander Patterson Scotland, the 58 year-old British Intelligence Corps officer who served in the German army during the war, knew at one time the disposition of nearly all the German armed forces.

"Mrs. Scotland revealed this when I spoke to her today in their bungalow here. It was the only piece of information she was prepared to divulge.

"'I had security drummed into me for so long that I don't believe I could tell you much even if I wanted to', she said. 'When my husband arrives back in a few days I have no doubt he will tell you the whole story himself.'

"Vanished for Weeks

"Col. Scotland was a mystery man to his neighbours in Bourne End during the war. There were times when he disappeared for weeks. Some thought he had a 'cushy sit-down job at the War Office'.

"While Col. Scotland lived dangerously within the stronghold of the enemy, his wife contributed to the war effort by making radio-location valves at a factory near her home.

"'When I arrived home in the war years,' she said, 'I was tired and if my husband was in we did not talk much of what he was doing. He spent a lot of his spare time pottering about in the garden. We both know Germany pretty well and have visited the country frequently'.

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"[At the trial of Field-Marshal Kesselring in Venice on Wednesday, Col. Scotland told the court that he had served in the German army during the war and that information on the German army was his function throughout the war.]"