

XII. RELOCATION OF EQUIPMENT

A number of documents were found which reveal in part, where equipment from the synthesis plant and laboratories was shipped after further operations at Moers became impractical. The most recent statement was a letter from Director Kost to the Rustungskommando, Essen, 24 Feb. 1945, which is summarized below:-

The alcohol and acetone plants are going to Dr. Hermann Hauser and Co. in Bredolar in Sauerland; the Carburol plant to Paul Cullmann and Co. in Hedersleben near Nachterstadt; the Fischer Synthesis plant to Karl Henkel and Co. in Alme in Sauerland; the research laboratories to Ludenscheid; and the experimental plant for research on iron catalysts to Bochum-Stiepel, in the building of the Rheinpreussen mine Gibraltar-Erbstollen.

A list dated 10 Feb. 1945 indicates that the equipment from the engine testing laboratory also went to Nachterstadt. What appear to be complete lists of the Alcohol plant equipment shipped to Bredolar and the synthesis equipment shipped to Alme were obtained. A long list of laboratory apparatus packed for shipment, presumably to Ludenscheid, was also found.

A memorandum dated 22 Jan. 1945, regarding accounting for the cost of such moving indicated that some equipment was also being shipped to Hannover-Linden, Coswig, Hildesheim, Heilbronn, and Burgstall. The last named destination is apparently near Neumuhle northeast of Duisberg, (Rheinpreussen Gewerkschaft Neumuhle) where some research laboratory was to be set up as indicated by letters of 24 Jan. 1945 and 26 Jan. 1945.

Bills of lading for material going to Coswig indicate that this came from the Moers hydrogen plant. Similar documents identify the shipments to Hannover-Linden as relating to "Einlagerung Aegier-Norday-Lager, Arbeitsstab Geilenberg".

A detached sheet dated 28 Feb. 1945 lists laboratory equipment and personal property of several individuals, including Dr. Grimme, as prepared for shipment to "Anlage Lachs", suggestive of a coded underground plant but actually not identified. A letter dated 7 Feb. 1945 from Lurgi Warne, Bauburo Plauen, acknowledges the receipt of contact ovens Nos. 24 and 43. There is no apparent connection between this and the Scheduled shipment of synthesis equipment to Alme. A card from Stadtwerke Chemnitz, Gaswerk III, dated 10 Feb. 1945 acknowledges the receipt of two cars, contents not specified.

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Most of the seized correspondence regarding shipments to these points excluding detailed lists of goods, are translated and reproduced in Appendix C, page 120.

No information could be obtained as to the new location of personnel from Moers, but in general they probably went with the equipment of the departments with which they were formerly associated.