WITNESS: Erwin Lahnhausen
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In April or May 1943, witness attended a conference in Berchtesgaden at which Varlimont presided, and General Gauze, Rommel's Chief of Staff, also attended. The subject of the discussion was the possibility of Allied airborne troops seizing the Brenner Pass. General Varlimont suggested an attack on those Italians with captured British planes and bombs as a means for making them more alert so as to protect the lines of communication of some 13 to 26 German divisions (16). During the Polish campaign, witness was present, with Gauze, at a conference on the Führer's train. Summary of matters discussed (8-11). Hitler discussed possible disposition of Poland and after the campaign he said it was imperative to break all elements of the Polish will to resist, and that it was especially necessary to kill the clergy, aristocracy, intelligentsia and Jews (10).