

REPORT MADE BY:

H. A. SHRYOCK

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San Francisco

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NAME OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

IN RE: FRANK THUDE - German Enemy Alien.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At San Francisco.

FRANK THUDE, 35 years old, born in Germany, fair, round sandy face, 150 pounds, small eyes, smooth shaven, 5' 8", was taken into custody by Detectives Collins and Murphy at the Union Iron Works, lodged in the City Prison, and booked en route to the United States Marshal.

Union Iron Works' records show that THUDE secured work there December 20, 1915, and again February 7, 1917, and on securing work stated that he was a German, born in Germany.

THUDE again secured work April 10, 1918, as an American, born in Texas. These inconsistencies were pointed out to him; he admitted being the same person, and gave as his reason for prevarication that he felt as a German he could not secure employment.

In the interim of about two years between the first two dates above mentioned, THUDE was in San Quentin.

Employe took up the matter before United States Assistant Attorney Ornbaum, together with Collins and Murphy, and it was decided to apply for Presidential Warrant.

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April 17, 1918.

United States Attorney,

San Francisco, Cal

You are hereby authorized to arrest under regulation

number twelve of the President's Proclamation :

Frank Thude.

~~Parole after thirty days detention unless further unfavorable information.~~

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REPORT MADE BY: H. H. DOLLEY	PLACE WHERE MADE: San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE: April 25, 1918.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Apr. 16, 1918.
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <u>At San Francisco.</u> <i>interviewed</i> RECEIVED MAY 1 1918			
<p>Went to the Union Iron Works and arrested FRANK THUDE who was charged with being a dangerous alien enemy and placed in the City Prison, pending the arrival of Presidential warrant.</p> <p>THUDE told me on the way to the prison that two weeks ago last Friday he was released from San Quentin Penitentiary, having finished ten months for assault with a deadly weapon.</p>			
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REPORT MADE BY: DON S. RATHBUN	PLACE WHERE MADE: SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE: MAY 4, 1918.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 3, 1918.
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: In Re: FRANK THUDE			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. At San Francisco.			
<p>District Attorney Fickert telephoned to Agent today regarding this man, stating that a number of friends of his had asked him to intercede on behalf of <u>THUDE</u> and that the friends were willing to vouch for Thude's loyalty, etc. Fickert himself does not know Thude.</p> <p>Agent conferred with Asst. U.S. Atty. Halliday regarding this matter, a <u>Presidential warrant</u> having arrived for Thude. It appeared quite probable that Thude is naturalized on account of the marriage of his mother to a naturalized citizen of the <u>United States while Thude was an infant.</u> Definite information regarding this matter has not yet been obtained however. It appears that Thude misrepresented his place of birth at the time he last secured employment at the Union Iron Works because he believed that he would have difficulty in securing employment if he stated his true place of birth which was in Germany. There does not seem to have been any object in Thude mis-stating his age except his desire to secure employment. Inasmuch as Thude's wife and four small children are dependent upon him for support, it was desired to arrange for his release if possible. / ^{Asst.} United States Attorney Halliday has taken this matter up by wire with the Department.</p>			
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At San Francisco.

The following letter was assigned Employee for attention:

"April 18, 1918.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,
Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of the following telegram relative to the arrest of FRANK THUDE, a German alien enemy:

"Washington, D.C. April 18, 1918.

United States Attorney,
San Francisco, Calif.
You are hereby authorized to arrest under Regulation Number Twelve of the President's Proclamation FRANK THUDE.

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It is my understanding that Mr. Shryock of your office handled this case. The United States Marshal has been advised to consult you.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. PRESTON

United States Attorney."

I found out at the Marshal's Office that FRANK THUDE was still in the City Prison, and I secured interview with THUDE at that place.

THUDE, according to his statements, was born in Magdeburg, Germany, about 1884, and came to the United States with father, Moritz and mother, nee Jilge, and settled in Texas. THUDE was then about 2 years of age, and shortly thereafter the family removed to San Francisco where THUDE has lived ever since. THUDE'S father died, the mother married one OTTO THUDE in San Francisco, said

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <p>OTTO died about 1905.</p> <p>Above named FRANK THUDE alleges that he took the name THUDE from this step-father, OTTO THUDE; and who he further claims was a naturalized citizen, he thinks.</p> <p>FRANK THUDE was in his early youth an inmate of the home at Scott and Pell Streets, and under the name of Jilge. It is evident here that FRANK THUDE'S memory is not strongly backed up, and this is my impression.</p> <p>FRANK THUDE openly admitted being born in Magdeburg, and yet returning to the Union Iron Works on or about April 10, 1918, stating that he had been born in Texas. He is a tile-setter by trade, having followed this some 18 years. February 29, 1908, he married a RUTH CARTER, and has by her ALFRED, born 1908; RUTH, 1910; FRANK, 1912; JAMES, 1914, now residing at 571 Ninth Avenue. THUDE claims to have a sister, a Mrs. Litzius, 282 Fair Oaks Street.</p> <p>THUDE alleges he was committed to San Quentin May 29, 1917, and discharged May 29, 1918, this punishment being for beating up a fellow that THUDE claims owed him money, and who he further alleges is now in prison for selling lottery tickets.</p> <p>As unlimited reference THUDE gives the name of FRANK C. MacDONALD, room 810 First National Bank Building, Vice President of Building Trades Council and member of Local Exemption Board.</p>			
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <u>At San Francisco.</u>			

In continuance of report and to further verify FRANK THUDE'S statements bearing upon his status as alien, I looked up old naturalization records in the United States Circuit Court and District Court. Investigation covered period approximately from 1854 to 1906. I found no record whatever of alleged naturalization of FRANK THUDE'S step-father, Otto Thude.

There would be no reason for investigating this matter with the San Francisco County Clerk, for the reason that Otto Thude is alleged to have died in 1905, and therefore no record of naturalization would be anterior to the San Francisco Fire.

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At San Francisco.

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MR. FRANK C. MAC DONALD of the District Exemption Board, telephoned to Agent today that he knows THUDE very well and has known him for the past fifteen years, having made his acquaintance while they were working at the tile setting business. A short time ago he secured a position for THUDE at the Union Iron Works. He states that he knows that Thude is strictly American in his sentiments. Thude was born in Germany but came to America when he was about two years of age. His mother married a naturalized citizen of the United States when Thude was about three years of age, his father having died in Germany before his mother came to the United States.

Agent promised Mr. MacDonald to look into this matter and see what can be done. Mr. MacDonald states that he has written to Sacramento for the purpose of having the old records searched there for the naturalization record of Thude's step-father. The records which should be in San Francisco are, of course, destroyed.

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S. J. ADAMS

SAN FRANCISCO

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In Re: FRANK THUDE - German Alien Enemy.

at San Francisco, California.

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Referring to the report of Special Employee H.A. SCHYOCK dated April 19th, 1918.

Called at the house of MRS. OTTO THUDE, 41 Foot Avenue, San Francisco, and found that MRS. THUDE was married again in 1918 to a man named CARL BOLLMAN, who is living with her at present. MRS. BOLLMAN states that her former husband was not a citizen of the United States to her knowledge. He died a year and a half before the earthquake, which would probably be in 1904. I asked her if her former husband had ever voted to her knowledge and she said "No".

I then returned to the Bureau Office and consulted Agent in Charge Rathbun.

Concluded that FRANK THUDE would be terms an Alien Enemy, who had failed to register as such.