

Ernst Heinisch (1901-): Perpetrator



Sudeten German; profession: miller

1938: SS and NSDAP

1939: Auxiliary police in Poland, commander Sonderdienst (instructor of ethnic German paramilitary formations)

1941: leader ZAL Tyszowe (Lublin), Sonderdienst, security guard in ZAL Kurowice (Galicia)

1942: Commander ZAL Hermanów, after closure guard at ZAL Janowska; then deputy commander of "Julag" Lemberg

1946 Work in a potash plant

After the war, a Polish court acquitted him of the accusation of having been involved in atrocities in the Janowska camp on the basis of the testimony of several Jewish witnesses.

In 1968 Heinisch was sentenced to 8 years and 6 months in the Stuttgart "Lemberg Trial" to 8 years and 6 months for four crimes of aiding and abetting the murder of one person each (LG Stuttgart, Ks 5/65, 29.04.1968): in Hermanów, a physically handicapped prisoner and a fugitive prisoner were shot, a recaptured refugee was hanged, and in the ZAL Janowska, a refusing to work was shot.

Unlike his boss at ZAL Kurowice, Epple, Heinisch was perhaps not an excess offender who acted out his desire for power over other people. Eliyahu Yones had witnessed Heinisch in ZAL Kurowice in the way he had seen him: Heinisch had been a solid, fat and cozy man, of whom 'no Kurowice prisoner could report crimes'. Nevertheless, in his new function as camp commander, he became a multiple murderer whom other witnesses remembered with horror.

Sources: JuNSV, lawsuit 671; Sandkühler, „Endlösung“; Yones, Juden in Lemberg