

Leopold Mitas (1901-)



31.10.1901: Born in Schönborn, district of Hollabrunn
Married to Katharina, née Winkler (born 1893); no children

1915: after elementary school training as a chamber servant;
then harvest worker

1921: Application to the Vienna Security Guard (Schupo).

1922-1939: Police service in Vienna and Ottakring

Member of the NSDAP since 1932/1933 ("Alter Kämpfer" -
old fighter)

1940: Voluntary registration for "Service in the East" (Eastern Europe)

1941: Secondment to the police station in Boryslaw (Galicia)

1942-44: Shift leader field service. Numerous robberies, robbery-murders,
participation in individual and mass shootings; War Merit Cross 2nd class for
merits in the hunt of hidden Jews

1946: imprisonment. 1949: Sentenced to 25 years hard labour by Soviet milita-
ry court. 1955/56: Return to Austria with transport of prisoners of war

26.7.1956: Vienna Regional Court (20a Vr 3333/56): Life sentence for
participation in the mass murder of Polish Jews in Boryslaw (Galicia)

1958: 13 January Amnesty by Austrian Federal President; he received a "mercy
pension" until the end of his life

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Alexander Rybak ran the tailor's workshop in the forced labor camp Boryslaw.
In 1947 he testified about Mitas and his wife:

*»Mittas was ... chief of the liquidation of the Jews and carried out all the
actions in a bloody manner ... In the months of May, June and July 1943 he
carried out segregations in the camp and shot the people immediately ... At the
end of 1943 I was in Mitas' room and his wife accused me of not having time to
sew for her because I only work for the Captain [Wüpper] and on this occasion
she [so] expressed herself: My husband has done more for the country than the
captain, he carries out all executions, he cleans up all enemies, and the captain
does nothing.« (Friedman, page 30)*

Sources: Geldmacher, „Wir als Wiener“: Sandkühler, „Endlösung“ in Galizien; Friedman: Schupo-
Kriegsverbrecher; Indictment Public Prosecutor's Office Vienna 15 St 20666/45 against Leopold Mitas
and others