

Robert Gschwendtner (1892-)



merchant; SS-Obersturmführer

Apprentice draughtsman; military service;
commercial employee;

1921-1935: owner of a cigar shop

1931: NSDAP, 1933: SS (SS no. 63.980); Leader in
the SS Upper Section South (Munich)

1935: Welfare employee with the Reich leadership
of the NSDAP

1940: Police Gotenhafen (Price Authority)

1941, 6 November: Personal Adviser of the SSPF
Galicia (Katzmann); administrative leader of the
forced labour camps

1942: As representative Katzmann's leader in several "resettlements" (mass
murders) in the district; "dismissed due to age" at the end of 1942

1944-45: Responsible at BMW for the quarters of the German and foreign
workers in the armament project "Dogger"; he is feared for his brutality

After the war: Worker in Berlin and Munich; after release from prison guard for
railway facilities; after 1956 unemployed

1950: Sentence 1 year 4 months in prison for his crimes in the project „Dogger“

1968: Proceedings for his crimes in Galicia discontinued (unable to stand trial)

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Gschwendtner was a fanatical follower of the master race ideology. In the winter
of 1944/45 when the housing of Russian families was at stake, he said

*»Well - we simply let them spend a few nights in tents at the mountain. I'm sure
that way the little kids will be frozen to death. And we'll use the old ones as work
animals.«* (Quote in the trial, after Faul, Sklavenhalter, p. 129)

Sources: Sandkühler, „Endlösung“ in Galizien; Pohl, Ostgalizien; Geldmacher, Wir als Wiener; Faul:
Sklavenarbeiter für den Endsieg; Käppner: Berthold Beitz