

## Gertrude Landau (1920-)



Profession: Secretary

1920: born as Gertrude Segel

elementary, secondary and commercial school;  
afterwards typist in a company

1938: office employee at the new Gestapo office in Vienna established after the "Anschluss

02/1941: Secretary at the BdS (Commander of the Security Police and SD) in Radom. There she begins a relationship with the married SS officer Felix Landau. During an operation (Einsatzkommando) in Galicia

Landau writes letters to his mistress in the form of a diary

End of 1941: Gertrude Segel settles in a villa in Drohobycz with her lover Landau. She becomes a secretary at the SiPo again. Landau initiates divorce from his wife - one of his two children stays with him in Drohobycz.

1942: The Jewish artist Bruno Schulz paints the children's room with frescos based on motifs from Grimm's fairy tales.

14.6.1942: Shooting exercises on the Jew Fliegner, who is fatally hit

1943: Marries Felix Landau, who is ordered back to Lemberg on 10.5.1943 and then to the Gestapo office in Vienna

1946: Divorce from Felix Landau, who had gone into hiding in Germany

Despite several testimonies against Gertrude Landau (participation in the murder of Fliegner, order to kill her three Jewish domestic helpers, trampling a Jewish child to death) she remains uninvestigated in Austria and Germany

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Gertrude and Felix play cards on their balcony in the afternoon of 14.6.1942. *»The radio was on and the sun was shining. They had made themselves comfortable in their armchairs. Gertrude was wearing a swimsuit, Felix's sports shorts and a sports shirt. In the garden below, a small group of Jewish men and women were busy distributing humus. Suddenly Felix rose and fetched the long Flobert gun. He started shooting at pigeons. Gertrude also tried it. Then either Gertrude or Felix pointed the rifle at the Jewish gardeners and shot a worker named Fliegner. They laughed as they left the balcony and went back into the house«* (own translation from the German edition of Lower, Hitlers Helferinnen, S. 179)

Sources: Lower, Hitlers Helferinnen; JuNSV; Statement by Badian, 24.3.1960, LASH 352.4 number 1734