

## Karl Rindfuss (1914-)



Profession: Boiler master

17.11.1914: born in Seeheim, Darmstadt county

Membership in NSDAP, SA or SS not known

194?: Civilian employee of Beskiden-Erdölgesellschaft, later called Karpathen-Öl AG

1943: Boiler master at the Nafta refinery, Drohobycz. Supervisor of the "Arbeitsjuden" (work Jews).

Summer 1943: Rindfuss kills a fleeing Jew with the name Litman (Litmann).

After the war: again resident in the Darmstadt county

Listed as accused from the Drohobycz area (LASH, Dept. 352.4, Vol. 1736, p. 1756o).

Preliminary proceedings against Karl Rindfuss from the mid-1960s - but no charges were brought

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Genia Stock, born in Drohobycz in 1903, worked as a Jewish forced labourer in the "Galicja" refinery. Jews who were still needed as skilled workers important for the war were given a wristband with the sign "R" (Rüstung) from November 1942. By means of raids, Jews who did not have an "R" badge were searched for in order to kill them. Genia Stock testified in Haifa on 23 May 1962 about one of these selections in the summer of 1943:

*We were »surrounded by Germans on our way to work ... During the ... selection, a worker, the carpenter Litmann (who did not have an "R") fled through the refinery "Nafta". The German Rindfuss, whom I have already mentioned, also saw this. He ran after Litmann. I heard a shot and, when I returned to the "Galicja" refinery, I saw - while I was on the way with the group that had survived the selection - Litmann's corpse. It is quite clear that Litmann was shot by Rindfuss. I saw him running after Litmann, holding a pistol in his hand, then the shot was fired and consequently the body lay on the ground afterwards.« (BArch B.162, Bd. 5831, Bl. 227f.)*

Sources: Documents from Landesarchiv Schleswig-Holstein (LASH Abt. 352.4, vol. 1731, 1736, 1748) and from Bundesarchiv Ludwigsburg (BArch B.162, vol. 5831, 5838)