

Ernst Lederer (1913-1944)



Police officer, SS-Hauptsturmführer (captain)

1913: Born in Mannheim on 9 February; Abitur, abandoned commercial apprenticeship

1933: Joins SS in May (no. 100.545); in December, permanent employment with the SS

1935-37: Waffen-SS officer training at SS Junker School Bad Tölz

1937-40: Head of Division in SD-Hauptamt III/21 (Secret State Police Office: Foreign Affairs)

1939: From 09/39 deployment in Poland; First Lieutenant of the Schutzpolizei and SS-Hauptsturmführer (Captain of the SS)

1940: Head of a police hunting platoon in the

Generalgouvernement

Autumn 1941 - spring 1943: commander of the 1st Company of the Reserve Police Battalion 133 (since 09/42 5th Company/II Battalion/SS and Police Regiment 24); as company commander involved in numerous actions (deportations and mass shootings in Boryslaw, Drohobycz, Sambor, Stryj, Stanislaw, Rawa-Ruska, Kamionka-Strumilowa among others)

1942-1944: Several trials before SS courts (Krakow, Minsk, Berlin), apparently because of Lederer's arbitrary acts ("quick-tempered nature").

July 1944: missing near Borrisow

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On 25 October 1942, Lederer proposed in a secret report to the commander of the order police in the district of Galicia, Lieutenant-Colonel Soosten, that the hunt for Jews be made more effective:

»The Jews in Drohobycz and Boryslaw fled days before the action, so the Aktion was very difficult and did not bring the expected success. In my opinion, ongoing local actions in which the returning Jews are arrested bring more success. In Stryj and Sambor this procedure has already been followed.« (Arolsen Archives, 1.2.7.8 / 82188209; own translation)

Sources: Sandkühler, „Endlösung“ in Galizien; Curilla, Die deutsche Ordnungspolizei und der Holocaust; multiple archives (Arolsen Archives, Bundesarchiv, Landesarchiv Schleswig-Holstein)