

# Sąd Okręgowy w Warszawie (Sygn. SOW), 1945-1960

## District Court in Warsaw

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### **Scope and Content of Collection**

Contains selected files of criminal trials conducted at the District Court in Warsaw during the years 1945-1969. These trials pertain to crimes committed against Jews and Poles by Germans and their collaborators during the German occupation. Most of investigation were discontinued. Trials were based on the Decree of August 31, 1944 ("Sierpniówka"), issued by the Polski Komitet Wyzwolenia Narodowego (PKWN), concerning the punishment of German criminals guilty of murders and persecution of civilians and prisoners of war, and the punishment of traitors to the Polish Nation. "Sierpniówka" was one of the world's first legislation on liability for war crimes committed during World War II. This decree also applied to soldiers of the Home Army (Armia Krajowa) whom the Communist propaganda in the 40's and 50's attempted to portray as German collaborators.

### **System of Arrangement**

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### **Indexing Terms**

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Jews --Poland--History--1933-1945.  
Poland--History--German occupation, 1941-1944.  
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Reports.

## CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	<p><u>Leiderlitz Piotr, Schauer Franciszek, Buder Henryk, Spang Filip, Simon Paweł</u> Piotr Leiderlitz: between 1941 and 1944, in Kołomyja, participated in mass murders of Polish people, particularly the Jews. He was a member of the Gestapo until May 1945 Franciszek Schauer: participated in the murder of 120 Polish citizens in Lvov in July 1941, beat prisoners during their interrogations in Wuerzburg in 1944. He was a member of the Gestapo Henryk Buder: participated in executions in Lvov in 1941, as a warden, he participated in executions in Lidenthal in April 1945; Filip Spang: participated in the beating of prisoners from 1943 to 1945, in Welzheim</p> <p>Paweł Simon: he beat prisoners in concentration camp in Heddernheim from 1942 to 1945, 1945-1954, 683 cards, SOW 9</p>
2	<p><u>Korowow Guenther, Tauzerow, Schemering, Ziegler, Zoellner Gustaw</u> During the war, till 1945, in various Polish towns and Germany took part in organizing crimes against the Polish nation, took part in the murder of some 300 prisoners in the camp "Tekla", killed the Pole named Stanislaw Czubiński, persecuted Polish laborers, and were members of SS 1946-1949, SOW 10</p> <p><u>Schoenig Hugon, Wennig Bernard, Stoeckert Michał, Noll Heinrich, Kupfer Alfred, Bahr Paweł, Bergman Erich, Jung Willy</u> During the war, both in Poland and Germany, they persecuted Polish citizens and took part in the murder of Polish citizens 1945-1953, 632 cards, SOW 18, 19, 19a – part I</p>
3	<p><u>Schoenig Hugon, Wennig Bernard, Stoeckert Michał, Noll Heinrich, Kupfer Alfred, Bahr Paweł, Bergman Erich, Jung Willy</u> During the war, both in Poland and Germany, they persecuted Polish citizens and took part in the murder of Polish citizens 1945-1953, 632 cards, SOW 18, 19, 19a – part II</p> <p><u>Matz Wilhelm, Weber Arno, Piekenhagen Guenther</u> During the occupation they exterminated and killed Polish citizens in Mauthausen, Warsaw, and other places. 1946-1956, 286 cards, SOW 23.</p> <p><u>Schubert Karol</u> In 1939-1940, in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, as a member of the camp crew, he persecuted the prisoners. In the years 1939-1945, he was in the German Reich,</p>

Hungary, and Cracow. He was in the SS,  
1945-1959, 194 cards, SOW 27

4 Prindyn Eustachy and others

Prindyn Eustachy, the Ukrainian: Between 1941 and 1944, in Drohobycz, as a member of SD/SS-Rottenfuehrer, participated in the mass murders of the Polish and Jewish people. He was a part of the Polish nationality but joined the privileged Ukrainian community, in 1944-1945, in the territory of Czechoslovakia was a member of SS, sentenced to death.

Kolling Antoni: 1944, in Sest, killed 3 prisoners who escaped from a concentration camp.

Hocke Adam: in 1941, near Truskawiec, as a member of the Ordnungspolizei, killed a Pole

Wasserfur August: in 1941-1942, in Reichsheim, as an officer of the German gendarmerie, persecuted the Polish forced laborers who worked on German farms

Schoepfl Karol: in 1940-1942, in Neumarkt, as an officer of the German gendarmerie, persecuted the Polish forced laborers who worked on German farms,

1945-1959, 539 cards, SOW 28

Loher Heinrich

Up through 1945, in Ruhestore (Runstrof) he held a leading position in the NSDAP  
1945-1947, 283 cards, SOW 32

5 Hartman Heinz, Deinlein Hans, Schott Henryk, Meiler Thomas, Husung Helmut

During the war, participated in the executions of Jewish people in the territory of Poland and USSR and chased the partisans and participated in so called pacifications (pacyfikacjach).

1945-1953, 310 cards, SOW 45

Kraussler Jan and 9 other people

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1945-1948, 1130 cards, SOW 47, 48, 49, 49a – part II

7 Gogol Józef

Up through 1945. During the war, in Bremen Blumenthal, as an administrative head of a labor camp, he beat and persecuted laborers of the Polish nationality. At the time he assumed the managerial position, he was a member of the Nazi Party.

1946-1948, 136 cards, SOW 50

Klon Paweł

He participated in the executions of Poles in the town of Konstanz in Bavaria in 1941  
1945-1946, 118 cards, SOW 57

Brandl Jan Johann

In 1943, in Zaborowo, he participated in the murder of a Jew.  
1946-1957, 183 cards, SOW 60

Juhnke Hans

In 1942-1943, in the towns of Słowiansk, Millerowo and Kramatorskaya, he participated in mass murders of people of the Jewish origin, he was member of SD in 1939-1945, in Germany and eastern territories under occupation was a member of SS. In 1944-1945, in Halle he was a Gestapo officer  
1944-1947, 136 cards, SOW 62

Herzog Maks

Between 1942 and 1944, as a clerk in the "Andreas Miller" construction company, he persecuted Polish, Ukrainian and Jewish laborers. And in the years 1939-1944, in Bamberg and Kovel, he was a member of NSDAP occupying managerial positions  
1945-1948, 71 cards, SOW 63

Schaffitz Ernest

In 1941-1942, as a deputy chief officer at the spot of execution near Lida, Szczuczyn and Baranowicze, he participated in extermination of several hundred Jews, partly by himself or through subordinate soldiers. He was sentenced to death  
1946-1957, 137 cards, SOW 64

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Bersch Jerzy

Between 1941 and 1945 he served as the head of the Department of Finances in the Governor's Office of the Warsaw District  
1946-1956, 81 cards, SOW 71

Kleinhenn Wilhelm

He persecuted prisoners and killed them: Between 1941 and 1944, in KL Honzert near Tier, as SS Oberschfuehrer and Raportfuehrer and between 1944 and 1945, in KL Buchenwald as a member of the crew  
1945-1956, 91 cards, SOW 77

Marggraf Pawel

In 1942, in Lida, as a German police officer, he participated in the killing of 88 Poles  
1946-1953, 77 cards, SOW 78

Siwicki Waclaw, Siwicka Zofia and Vockdorf Edward

W. Siwicki: From 1939 to 1943 he beat Jews and confiscated their property, he was a Polish citizen but he registered as belonging to the German nationality

Z. Siwicka: Between 1939 and 1943, as the manager of textile works in Warsaw, she persecuted Polish workers and in 1943. She beat Jews and appropriated their property. She registered as a German national

E. Vockdord: a plant manager between 1939 and 1943, in Warsaw. He beat Jews and appropriated their property. Sentenced to 3 years in prison  
1946-1957, 302 cards, SOW 79

Moeller Willy

(from the Articles. 1 & 2 of Decree 31VIII 1944) Participated in killing Poles and the abuse of Polish workers in Radenhorst/Germany  
1946-1957, 225 cards, SOW 83

Kerl Ryszard

He was a member of Gestapo during the war and participated in mass murders in Łuck and Sokal in 1941

1946-1950, 66 cards, SOW 85

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Seitz Karol

In 1943, in Oberlanderbach and Schwaenbach, as a Sergeant Major of gendarmerie, he participated in the execution of two Poles

1946-1950, 83 cards, SOW 91

Mauer Ludwik

In 1939-1945 in Polish territory, the Soviet Union, and Germany, he was a member of the SD. In 1944, participated in extermination of civilians in Lvov he beat civilians and set dogs on them. He was sentenced as a member of SD

1947-1950, 206 cards, SOW 93

Huegel Michał

During the war he persecuted civilians working in forced labor on the construction of camp barracks in KL Lvov

1948-1958, 201 cards, SOW 94

Franz Ernest Otto

Between 1939 and 1945, in Tangerhausen in Germany, he shot several prisoners, beat and tormented laborers in the forced labor camp

1945-1950, 72 cards, SOW 97

Kester Erwin

Between 1941 and 1944, in Stanisławów, as a chairman of "Sondergericht", he gave verdicts that violated the international law

1946-1948, 235 cards, SOW 100

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Flos Walter

In February and March 1945, in the town of Aslau, during the evacuation of the concentration camp he killed prisoners. Also in 1943-1945, in KL Ravensbrueck, Druette, Neuegamme, Dachau, and Herzogenbusch he treated prisoners cruelly

1945-1948, 185 cards, SOW 104

Pischetrieder Johann alias Hans

From October 1941 to August 1944, in the town of Turku, the County of Stryj, as an officer of gendarmerie, he persecuted Jewish people, set dogs on them, and drove them to the spots where they were sent to death camps. He picked up hiding Jews

and drove them to the German police precincts to be shot; he shot many himself  
1947-1949, 175 cards, SOW 108

Wagner Heinrich

Between 1944 and 1945, in KL Muelldorf and Dachau he persecuted the prisoners; he  
also killed Jews as a member of a convoy crew during the transport from Dachau to  
Warsaw. He was a member of SS  
1946-1956, 240 cards, SOW 110

Bauchspiess Rudolf

Between 1939 and 1942 in KL Flossenburg, as a member of its crew and SS  
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1947-1958, 739 cards, SOW 112, 113 – part I

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1947-1958, 739 cards, SOW 112, 113 – part II

Westermann Karol Friedrich

Between 1940 and 1945 in Kralruhe (Germany), he was a member of the Gestapo  
and SS. In 1944, in Kkarlsruhe, he participated in hanging of Poles

12 Eicker Ewald

He was an SS guard in Auschwitz, Warschau. Sentenced to 5 years for abuse and  
murder of prisoners, and the training of service dogs to guard the camp

Fischer Fritz Adolf

In the years 1940 to 1945, in the County of Chelm, as a SS member and the chief  
officer of "SIPO", he persecuted Poles and Jews and stole their property; he  
supervised sending Poles and Jews to death camps and participated in mass murders  
of Poles and Jews  
1945-1949, 244 cards, SOW 121

Lieflaender Horst

In 1944, in Warsaw, as SS-Sturmann he participated in the mass murders of Poles and  
Jews. He was sentenced to death  
1948-1949, 79 cards, SOW 127

Leiderlitz Annelise

Between 1941-1943, in Kołomyja, as the wife of the chief officer of the secret state  
police she participated in mass and individual murders of Jews  
1946-1951, 602 cards, SOW 129-130 – part I

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1946-1951, 602 cards, SOW 129-130 – part II



Schad Erik Ernst

During the occupation he belonged to the executive group of NSDAP and beat Polish forced laborers in the subordinated machinery plant "Gemeinder Co" in Mosbach), 1945-1950, 321 cards, SOW 141

Dolewski Leon Paweł

Between 1944 and 1945, in KL Mauthausen, as barrack No 44 chief tormented prisoners of various nationalities, including Poles, often causing their death 1947-1948, 121 cards, SOW 142

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Weber Edwin

Between 1939 and 1945 he participated in mass executions of Jews, was a member of NSDAP and assumed the managerial position in the Kreisleiter's Headquarters in Loerrach (Germany) 1947-1953, cards?, SOW 147

Trepanowski Tadeusz and others

Between 1939 and 1944, edited the Polish editions of German newspapers like "Nowy Kurier Warszawski" (New Courier of Warsaw) and were correspondents for the German press agency "Telepress" 1945-1948, 152 cards, SOW 152

Sierzputowski Józef Antoni

accused in the case:

Ludwik Fischer: the chief officer of the government's district of Warsaw, then the governor,

Maks Daume: department chief officer in the command of the Police of the Warsaw District,

Józef Maissinger: the commander of Security Police and SB

Ludwik Leist: the manager of department in the Office of the District Commander,

Buechler Joseph: the chief Official of General Government, then the deputy General governor, accused of the crimes against peace and crimes against humanity, and the offence of powers of the occupation authorities

1947-1948, 115 cards, SOW 153

Sierzputowski Józef and others

The editor of "Nowy Kurier Warszawski" (New Courier of Warsaw) daily, "Co miesiąc powieść", "Fala", and "7 days" between 1939 and 1945, in Warsaw and Lodz 1944-1950, 1651 cards, SOW 152-155-part I

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Pałowski Tomasz and others

Since 1940 in Warsaw and Lodz, editor of "Nowy Kurier Warszawski" (New Courier of

- Warsaw)  
1939-1948, 92 cards, SOW 156
- 16 Sierzputowski Józef and others  
The editor of "Nowy Kurier Warszawski" (New Courier of Warsaw) daily, "Co miesiąc powieść", "Fala", and "7 days" between 1939 and 1945, in Warsaw and Lodz 1944-1950, 1651 cards, SOW 158-160
- 17 Zeitler Johann  
Between 1941 and 1945, as a member of "Sipo" (Sicherheitspolizei), arrested and mass murdered Jews  
1947-1952, 181 cards, SOW 161
- Helmschen Gustaw and Mnich (?) Klemens  
During the war, in Poland and Germany, as SS members the assumed the managerial positions in concentration camps  
1948-1954, 174, SOW 163
- Riedl Eugeniusz  
He was editor of a newsletter  
1947-1948, 123 cards, SOW 164
- Garczeński Kazimierz  
He worked as a journalist for a newsletter in Warsaw) 1948  
611 cards, SOW 165-166 – part I
- 18 Garczeński Kazimierz  
He worked as a journalist for a newsletter in Warsaw) 1948  
611 cards, SOW 165-166 – part II
- Klupsch Hugon alias Maksymilian Eugen  
Participated in killing of Polish and Soviet partisans in 1943, in Postawy in the province of Vilna, as chief officer of the "Schutzmannschaft" battalion No 102  
1945-1951, 158 cards, SOW 172
- Grzimek Józef  
Between 1941 and 1945, as a member of SS, Hauptfuehrer in concentration and death camps, he took part in crimes against Poles and Jews, and stole Jewish property. As a member of the camp management in Rawa Ruska, Bolechów, Jaktorów, Płaszów, Szegubnie, Hersbuch, and Orenburg-Sachsenhausen, he persecuted prisoners  
1948-1958, 698 cards, SOW 177, 177a-c – part I
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1948-1958, 698 cards, SOW 177, 177a-c – part II

- 20 Riehmman-Riemann Fridrich Fryderyk, Koehler Hugon, Marwede Heinz, Weiss Fritz  
In Tarnopol and the Tarnopol District, they participated in mass murders on Poles and  
Jews and were active members of SS, SD, and NSDAP. Riemann was the officer of  
Gestapo and police in Tarnopol and Sokal. He was sentenced to death for  
participating in the extermination of the Jewish people  
1948-1960, 603 cards, SOW 179, 179a
- 21 Kraft Friedrich Erhard  
Between 1942 and 1944, in Mińsk and Baranowicze, he participated in mass murder  
of Polish and Jewish people  
1945-1957, 206 cards, SOW 134