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Contains selected files of trials from the District Court in Białystok. 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 (s“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.

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Indexing Terms

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CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	<p><u>Zabrocki Aleksander</u>: In 1943, in Podręczany in the county of Bielsk Podlaski he handed over an escaped Soviet POW to the German police. At the same time, he participated in the seizure of a Jew near Sapowoin the county of Bielsk Podlaski. 1946-1961/cards 96. SOB 8</p> <p><u>Szymoniuk Bronisław</u>: In Białystok in 1941, told the German police that a Polish woman was sheltering a Jew. As a result, the Pole was beaten and robbed and the Jew was shot. 1945-1949/cards 137.SOB 23</p> <p><u>Dagiel alias Kawecki Piotr</u>: In Białystok, between 1941 and 1944, as the deputy manager of factory No. 27, beat and persecuted subordinate Polish workers. He also persecuted Jewish people; he captured and shot one Jew, captured and denounced another one to gendarmerie, and revealed the hiding place of five Jews to German authorities. 1945-1951/cards 335.SOB 27</p> <p><u>Słysz Waclaw</u>: In the village of Wojnowice and Chrebtowce in the county of Sokółka in 1943, he denounced five Poles to the German authorities, accusing them keeping weapons illegally. He then took part in their arrest and hit one of them. He turned two Jews over to gendarmes in the village of Stałowacz in the county of Bielsk Podlaski). 1945-1947/cards 85.SOB 36</p>
2	<p><u>Kempa Bernard</u>: In Goniądz, the County of Białystok in 1941, as the founder and member of the temporary Nazi militia, he took part in mass murders of Jews and arrests of Polish civilians. 1945-1956/cards 161.SOB 42</p> <p><u>Parfinowicz Antoni</u>: In Kleszczele, the County of Bielsk Podlaski in 1941 as a police man, arrested and beat 6 Jews; additionally, he made local civilians render various services for him. 1945-1948/cards 119. SOB 43</p> <p><u>Forencewicz Antoni</u>: In Jasionówka, the County of Białystok in 1941 took part in rounding up Jews and taking them to the place from which they were sent to death camps. 1945-1950/cards146. SOB 47</p> <p><u>Trybiłło Włodzimierz</u>: In spring 1944 he took part in the murder of a Polish woman and her child in the village of Trofimówka, the County of Sokółka, where he had been a police man since 1942. 1947-1958/cards 187. SOB 48</p> <p><u>Kownacki Leon</u>: In Jasionówka, the County of Białystok in 1941, as interim police</p>

chief, he turned over approximately 40 people who were suspected communists to the Gestapo. He arrested Polish citizens and, in 1942, accused a Jew of anti-German activity, which resulted in the Jew being shot. 1945-1951/cards 185. SOB 50

Białous Mieczysław: In Białystok between 1941 and 1944 he rounded up Jews who were in hiding. 1945-1951/cards 96. SOB 107

Romanowski Józef: In Goniądz, the County of Białystok he persecuted Jews. 1946-1948/cards 70. SOB 115, 115a

- 3 Zaborowski Kazimierz alias Ażuszyli alias Mieszkowski Antoni: In the district of Old Święciany in 1943, as an agent for German secret police, he shot a Pole who was wanted by the German authorities for belonging to the underground movement. He arrested a Polish woman and, went to Vilnius between 1943-1945, enlisted to SS and participated in the retaliation actions of SS in the area of Święcian, Nowo-Święcian and Łyntup, during which approximately 1,500 people were shot to death. 1946-1948/cards 95. SOB 118, 1988a

Gonczaruk alias Hegier alias Rychert Wiera: In Białystok in 1943 she signed the Volksliste; in the same year, in Warsaw, participated in the capture of a Jew. In Białystok in the years 1943-1944, as a clerk for Preisueberwaltungstelle, took part in the arrest of a Pole by accusing her of sabotaging occupation administration orders. She took part in the requisition and confiscation of property belonging to Polish civilians, 1 photo for ID documents. 1945-1949/cards 265. SOB 119

Furmanowicz Feliks, Furmanowicz Władysława;

Furmanowicz Feliks: In Białystok, in 1941, he signed the German Volksliste. Between 1941 and 1944, as the manager of the Gestapo Economic Department, he persecuted Polish and Jewish local workers as well as other prisoners

Furmanowicz Władysława: In Białystok, in 1941, he signed the German Volksliste). 1946-1955/cards 227. SOB 120

Adamiuk Józef: In Oleksin, the County of Bielsk Podlaski in 1942, participated in the capture of 10 Jews. 1947-1956/cards 165. SOB 130

Chrzan Józef: In the county of Białystok between 1943 and 1944, as an informer for the German authorities in Jasionówka, he took part in roundups of partisans and local Jews. 1947-1953/cards 305. SOB 134, part I

- 4 Chrzan Józef: In the county of Białystok between 1943 and 1944, as an informer for the German authorities in Jasionówka, he took part in roundups of partisans and local Jews. 1947-1953/cards 305. SOB 134, part II

Kozłowski Zygmunt: In Zabłudowo, the county of Białystok in 1942, as a police man, took part in the capture of a Jew, and in 1942-1944, contributed to the arrests of approximately 100 people. 1946-1950/cards 165. SOB 135

Kondratowicz Józef: As a Kapo at Stutthof between 1943 and 1945, he beat and

persecuted fellow prisoners. 1947-1951/cards 169. SOB 141

Bobrowski Stanisław: In Choroszcz, the County of Białystok, in 1941, as the Mayor of Choroszcz he handed over 20 locals to the Gestapo. 1944-1954/cards 157. SOB 152

Smyk Jan: In the village of Dobrywoda, the County of Bielsk Podlaski between 1942 and 1944, signed the German Volksliste, and captured people wanted by German authorities. 1947-1957/cards 209. SOB 159

Kamiński Jan: In the village of Chojewo, the County of Bielsk Podlaski, participated in the capture of 3 Jews in 1942. 1946-1955/cards 211. SOB 168-part I

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Póttorak Kazimierz, Ryczkowski Jan, Kindeusz Jan: In the village of Oleksin, the county of Bielsk Podlask, in 1942 they handed over 10 Jews to the police. 1947-1948/cards 129. SOB 171

Szklaruk Włodzimierz: In the village of Suchowola, the County of Bielsk Podlaski, participated in the round-ups of Jews during 1942 and 1943. 1946-1953/cards 197. SOB 190

Saroszek Józef: In Sokółka between 1941 and 1944, as police man and warden in a concentration camp, he persecuted the prisoners. In 1943, near Sokola and Sierbowice, participated in the murder on 2 Poles and in 1944, in Sokółka, he beat and arrested two Polish citizens. 1945-1955/cards 559. SOB 192

Kulikowska Maria: In 1944, in Białystok, handed two Jews over to the police. 1943-1955/cards 70. SOB 198

Kargol Jan: In 1942, on the territory of Gódek, the County of Białystok, as a police man, took part in the roundup of partisans and the murder of Jews. 1947-1950/cards 187. SOB 231. vol. 1

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Snopko Józef: Accused of contributing to the arrest and shooting of a Jew in February 1943 in Białystok County; he was found not guilty. 1948/cards 58. SOB 244

Skiba Wincenty: In Drohiczyn on Bug, in the fall of 1942, in the county of Bielsk Podlaski, contributed to the capture and shooting of a Jew. 1947-1954/cards 164. SOB 254

Macholl Waldemar Arthur August alias Macpolowski: From Dec. 1939 to Aug. 06, 1941, as commissioner of the frontier police, he participated in the seizure of

approximately 300 civilians in the County of Suwałki. From Aug. 10 to July 1944, as the director of the Gestapo Department IVA/3 in Białystok, he took part in the capture and shooting of several hundred people suspected of having links with the Underground Resistance. In 1944 he burned corpses in the area of Białystok, Augustów and Grodno and he shot 31 Jews. 1948-1956/cards 654. SOB 279, 280 part I.

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Sierocki Filip: In Siemiatycze in 1942, he captured 4 Jews and handed them over to the gendarme. 1947-1965/cards 212. SOB 293

Tur Paweł: Accused of capturing Jews and handing them over to the gendarmes in the village of Potoki, the County of Bielsk Podlaski in October 1943. 1947-1948/cards 106. SOB 299

Richnau Franz: Participated in mass executions of Jews in Kowno and Mińsk from the summer of 1941 until the end of that year. Additionally took part in actions against partisans in the area around Mińsk, Boprykowo and Witebsk during 1942-1943. 1948-1949/cards 221. SOB 311

Rybak Michał, Zuber Stefan: In 1942, in the County of Bielsk Podlaski, he contributed to the shooting of two Jewish partisans by the German gendarmerie; he was found not guilty. 1948-1949/cards 73. SOB 314

Rogowski Władysław: From the summer of 1944 till the end of May 1945, as the prisoner foreman's assistant and later, as a foreman, persecuted his fellow prisoners in KL Landeshut-Kamienna Góra, a branch of KL Gross-Rosen. 1948-1949/cards 197. SOB 320, part I

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Jurczuk Antoni: In Nov. 1942, in the Drohiczyń commune, the County of Bielsk Podlaski, he contributed to the seizure and shooting of 8 Jews hiding from Germans. 1947-1949/cards 153. SOB 329

Kondraciuk Stanisław: Accused of contributing to the arrest of 3 Jews in Grodzisk, the County of Bielsk Podlaski during 1942-1943, found not guilty. 1948-1952/cards 83.

SOB 331

Pietzykowski Anastazy: Accused of beating and torturing of his fellow prisoners in KL Mauthausen between 1942 and 1944. 1948-1948/cards 111. SOB 332

Kownacki Adolf: Between 1941 and 1944, arrested two men of Jewish nationality in Wasilków, the County of Białystok. 1948-1953/cards 100. SOB 337

Kozłowski Jan: Between 1941 and 1944, participated in the shooting of several dozens civilians and in the round-ups for partisans, as the chief officer of Hilfspolizei in Michałowo, the county of Białystok. 1941-1944, 1949-1950/cards 119. SOB 341

Zabłocki Bronisław: Accused of contributing to the arresting and shooting of a Jew in the village of Plebanowo, the County of Sokółka during 1941-1944). 1948-1951/cards 104. SOB 381

Wołyniec Adolf: Accused of beating a Polish Jew in Kuźnica, the County of Sokółka, in 1941/1942, found not guilty. 1949/cards 172. SOB 389

9 Trochimowicz Bronisław: Accused of stealing leather garments and shoes from the Jewish civilian from the village of Suchowola, the County of Sokółka in 1941, when the Germans attacked Poland. 1949-1951/cards 108. SOB 395

Święcicki Aleksander: Accused of apprehending Jews who were in hiding near Mostek, the County of Białystok in fall 1943; found not guilty. 1950-1951/cards 110. SOB 411

Fionik Władysław and others: Accused capturing two Jews from the village of Romanówka and turning them over to the German gendarmerie precinct in Siemiatycze, the County of Bielsk Podlaski in 1943; found not guilty. 1949-1950/cards 206. SOB 416

Kulesza Walenty: As secretary to Amtskommissar in Jeziory, the County of Grodno, hit a Polish civilian for entering the ghetto in 1943; found not guilty. 1950/cards 87. SOB 422

Zeler Edward: In 1941, captured two fugitive Jews from Knyszyn, the County of Białystok, and handed them over to the Germans; found not guilty. 1948-1953/cards 150. SOB 425

Kiertowicz Henryk: In 1943, contributed to the arrest of a Jew who was hiding from German authorities in Taranowice, the County of Białystok. 1954-1956 (released thanks to the amnesty of 1956). Cards 132. SOB 437