

CANADIAN No. 1.

Trial against

BRIGADIER. KURT MEYER.



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Secretary General,  
United Nations War Crimes Commission,  
Lansdowne House,  
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Ans.....

Re: Trial of Brigadefuhrer Kurt MEYER

1. For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a preliminary report which I furnished to the Deputy Adjutant General, Canadian Military Headquarters, with respect to this trial which took place recently at AURICH, Germany, in a Military Court. Paragraphs 13 and 14 have been omitted as they will not concern the members of your commission.

2. Since this report was prepared, the Convening Authority, Major-General VOKES, GOC Canadian Army of Occupation, has commuted the death sentence to one of life imprisonment. His public statement with respect to this reads as follows:

"The Confirming Authority, after thorough review of the proceedings of the Military Court which tried Brigadefuhrer Kurt MEYER whereby he was found Guilty and condemned to death for responsibility in connection with the shooting of Canadian prisoners of war but Not Guilty of issuing any direct orders for such shooting considers MEYER's degree of responsibility was not such as to warrant the extreme penalty. The Confirming Authority has therefore seen fit to commute the sentence to one of life imprisonment, which sentence will be served in a Canadian prison."

See Trials Report Series No. 13.  
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FIRST CHARGE SHEET

THE ACCUSED, BRIGADIERFÜHRER MURT MEYER, AN OFFICER IN THE FORMER WAFEN S.S., THEN A PART OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE GERMAN REICH, NOW IN THE CHARGE OF A BATTALION, ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES, CANADIAN ARMY OCCUPATION FORCE, CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS, IS CHARGED WITH:

FIRST CHARGE: COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that he

in the Kingdom of Belgium and Republic of France during the year 1943 and prior to the 7th day of June 1944, when Commander of 25 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, in violation of the laws and usages of war, incited and counselled troops under his command to deny quarter to Allied troops.

SECOND CHARGE: COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that he

in the Province of Normandy and Republic of France on or about the 7th day of June 1944, as Commander of 25 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, was responsible for the killing of prisoners of war, in violation of the laws and usages of war, when troops under his command killed twenty-three Canadian prisoners of war at or near the Villages of BURON and AUMIE.

THIRD CHARGE: COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that he

at his Headquarters at L'Ancienne Abbaye Ardenne in the Province of Normandy and Republic of France on or about the 8th day of June 1944, when Commander of 25 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, in violation of the laws and usages of war gave orders to troops under his command to kill seven Canadian prisoners of war, and as a result of such orders the said prisoners of war were thereupon shot and killed.

FOURTH CHARGE: COMMITTING A WAR CRIME  
(Alternative to Third Charge)

in that he

in the Province of Normandy and Republic of France on or about the 8th day of June 1944, as Commander of 25 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, was responsible for the killing of prisoners of war in violation of the laws and usages of war, when troops under his command shot and killed seven Canadian prisoners of war at his Headquarters at L'Ancienne Abbaye Ardenne.

*See Trial Report Series No. 13  
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FIFTH CHARGE: COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that he

in the Province of Normandy and Republic of France on or about the 7th day of June 1944, as Commander of 25 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, was responsible for the killing of prisoners of war in violation of the laws and usages of war, when troops under his command killed eleven Canadian prisoners of war (other than those referred to in the Third and Fourth Charges) at his Headquarters at L'Ancienne Abbaye Ardenne.

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SECOND CHARGE SHEET

THE ACCUSED, BRIGADEFÜHRER KURT MEYER, AN OFFICER IN THE FORMER WAFEN S.S., THEN A PART OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE GERMAN REICH, NOW IN THE CHARGE OF 4 BATTALION, ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES, CANADIAN ARMY OCCUPATION FORCE, CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS, IS CHARGED WITH:

CHARGE: COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that he

in the Province of Normandy and Republic of France on or about the 17th day of June 1944, as Commander of 12 SS Panzer Division (Hitler-Jugend), was responsible for the killing of prisoners of war in violation of the laws and usages of war, when troops under his command killed seven Canadian prisoners of war at or near the Village of LOUEN.