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Einsatzgruppen in Poland 1939. "Army of terror" - units of professional murderers

Political cleansing of the area

PERSONNEL STRUCTURE OF EINSATZGRUPPEN (EG)

SECURITY POLICE OFFICERS (SICHERHEITSPOLIZEI - SIPO)

OFFICERS OF SS SECURITY SERVICE (SICHERHEITSDIENST - SD)

CRIMINAL POLICE OFFICERS (KRIMINALPOLIZEI - KRIPPO)

OFFICERS OF THE SECRET STATE POLICE (GEHEIME STAATSPOLIZEI - GESTAPO)

PERSONALITY PROFILE OF EG FUNCTIONARIES



- members of SS, NSDAP, SA, Hitlerjugend
- sadistic, fanatical
- well-educated professionals
- ruthless, professional killers
- with a sense of belonging to the elite
- with impunity

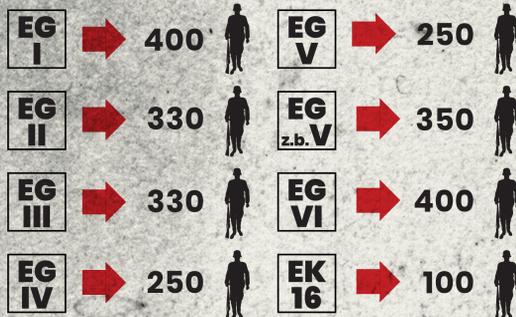
§ 9 of the 25 EG and EK commanders held a PhD in law

EG ORGANIZATION CHART

EINSATZKOMMANDO - OPERATIONAL COMMAND WITH FIRING SQUAD (I to IV commands)

EG Staff (30 functionaries)

AD HOC COURT, HEADED BY COMMANDER OF THE EINSATZKOMMANDO



~ 2500-3000



- range of EG activities (12-28 September 1939)
- Einsatzgruppen (operational groups)
- crimes committed by members of the Volksdeutscher Selbstschutz (German self-defence)
- approximate EG march routes in Poland
- demarcation line between the Third Reich and the USSR established on 28 September 1939.

21 SEP

25 SEP

26 SEP

28 SEP

Appointment of ad hoc courts (Standgericht) in the areas of Poland occupied by the Wehrmacht

Adolf Hitler Decree on the organisation of the military administration on the occupied Polish lands

Formal establishment of Selbstschutz, a formation supporting the criminal activities of the EG in Poland

Signing of the Treaty on borders and friendship between the Third Reich and the USSR