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Proceedings under Royal Warrant, 18 June 1945
(Regulations for the Trial of War Criminals)
In the matter of: HEINRICH OTTO DEISSLER
Tried in absentia - subject not in custody

I. SUBJECT PARTICULARS

Name (subject):	DEISSLER, Heinrich Otto
Also known as:	"Ralf Lindberg" (identity assumed post-May 1945; see Section IV)
Date of birth:	3 September 1916
Place of birth:	Bremen, Germany
Rank:	SS-Hauptsturmführer
Unit / Assignment:	Sicherheitspolizei (SiPo), Referat for Jewish Affairs, Utrecht District Command, attached to the Reichskommissariat Niederlande
Service, occupied Netherlands:	September 1941 - April 1945
Physical description:	182 cm, slight build, fair hair (greying by 1945), scar approx. 4 cm left jaw (origin unconfirmed)
Present status:	FUGITIVE - not apprehended. Case open, dormant classification (see Section V)

II. CHARGES

1. That the accused, while serving as an officer of the Sicherheitspolizei attached to the Utrecht District Command, did organise, authorise, and supervise the dispatch of deportation transports from the detention and transit facility known as Kamp Meyersveld to camps in the East, between March 1942 and September 1944, such transports resulting in the deaths of a number of deportees never fully established by this tribunal, in violation of the laws and customs of war.

2. That the accused did order the execution, by way of reprisal, of civilian residents of the district following acts of sabotage attributed to resistance elements, on or about November 1943, without trial or due process of any kind.
3. That the accused did use his administrative position to direct the confiscation of property, funds, and business holdings belonging to deported persons and their families, and did arrange for the resale and redirection of such assets for personal gain through intermediary parties, constituting plunder of private property.
4. That the accused did cause to be falsified certain transport manifests, demographic registers, and administrative records, with the intent of obscuring the fate of deportees from subsequent Allied and Netherlands investigation.

III. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Witness statements collected by the Netherlands War Crimes Investigation Bureau (1946-1947), retained in Files 44 through 51, describe an officer matching the accused's description as personally present at Kamp Meyersveld to supervise loading procedures during the facility's final transport, March 1944. Corroborating statements from two former administrative clerks employed at the District Command (identities withheld, statements on file) attest to the accused's direct authority over transport scheduling and his personal signature on a number of confiscation orders recovered from partial District Command records seized at the war's end. The registers themselves were found to be materially incomplete, consistent with Charge 4 above.

No surviving witness has been located who can speak with certainty to the accused's whereabouts or conduct after April 1945.

IV. POST-WAR STATUS AND EVASION OF JUSTICE

The accused did not report for the registration and screening of former SiPo and SS personnel conducted in the British and other occupation zones following the German capitulation of May 1945, and is not recorded as having been processed through any Allied internment facility. Investigators believe he made use of an organized support network — origin and present extent unconfirmed — to obtain forged identity papers, reportedly representing him as a Netherlands national with no wartime record of note, before disappearing into the general population of displaced persons moving through Rotterdam in late 1945.

This tribunal notes, for the record, that the birth particulars given above (Bremen, 3 September 1916) do not correspond with any birth record subsequently associated with the identity the subject is believed to have assumed. Any individual found to hold the latter identity should be regarded as a person of interest pending confirmation of true identity by independent means — physical description, documentary cross-reference, or otherwise.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS

This file remains open. In the absence of new information as to the subject's whereabouts, it has been assigned dormant classification as of 1951 and is subject to periodic review at the discretion of the War Crimes Group registry. Any credible sighting or identification should be reported immediately to the registry referenced above, case number NL-WC-1946-0389.