Dr. ERNST KALTENBRUNNER

I. Personal History and Background

A. Vital Statistics

4 Oct. 1903 - born at Ried, Inn County, Upper Austria, son of Dr. Hugo Kaltenbrunner, lawyer, Roman Catholic

B. Education

1909-1913 Grasmu School in Ried (Upper Austria)
1913-1915 Oberrealschule (Real Gymnasium) Linz
1921-1926 Studied Law - University of Graz. Degree: B. of Law 1926

C. Occupations other than Government or Nazi Party

1. Worked 1921-1926 - while studying law as a railroad laborer.
2. 1926-1927 - Law apprentice at District Court in Linz
3. 1927-1935 Succeedingly employed as law clerk in office of Dr. Vizes, Dr. Lasser, and his father, as Graz, then Linz.
5. Released from custody May 1934 on account of ill health.
6. May 1934 - Nov. 1934 Convalescent at Linz.
7. 1935-1936 - Collector and dealer in stamps.

D. Brief Summary of Life

In 1932 became head of the "Juristen Bund" (Lawyers Club) of Linz - strong Pen-Germanic tendencies, which became outspokenly National Socialist in 1933. Made frequent speeches at "Himmler Schützen" gatherings (cover for Nazi Party) under leadership of Count Starhemberg. In period prior to 1938 had very close and friendly relations with members of German Legation at Vienna.

Sources of Above:

2. Interrogation Report - Headquarters, 13th Army Group Mobile Field Interrogation Unit A. Counter Intelligence 23 May 1945.
II.

A. MEMBERSHIP

Party Membership - 300,179 - 1932
SS Membership - 150,039 - 1932

B. Chronological List of Government Positions

March 1938 - through June 3, 1941 = Inspector des Reichssicherheits-Wesens (Secretary of Security) for Austria.
Spring 1941 - January 1943 = SS Pf. (higher SS and Police Leader) for all Austria. Also V. SS Pf. for Vienna.

C. List of Nazi Party Positions

1932 - 23 Sept. SS Rabt-Hauptsturmfuhrer - Captain
1933-1935 SS Rabt-Hauptsturmfuhrer - Captain
1933-1934 Chief of Standarte 37
1937-20 April 1939 Sturmbannfuhrer - Major
1939-18 March - SS Brig. Gruppenfuhrer - Major General
1939-11 Sept. SS Gruppenfuhrer - Lt. General
1940-30 Sept. SS Gruppenfuhrer - General
1942 January - SS Gruppenfuhrer - General
1942 August - SS Gruppenfuhrer - General
1942 August - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1942 October - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1943 February - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1943 August - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1943 September - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1943 October - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1943 November - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1943 December - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 January - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 February - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 March - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 April - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 May - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 June - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 July - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 August - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 September - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 October - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 November - SS 4th Group Leader - General
1944 December - SS 4th Group Leader - General

References:
1. The Greater German Reichsblut 1938
2. Interrogation Report - Brig. 15th Army Group
   Mobil Field Interrogation Unit #4, 23 May 1945

II
III. Functions and Chain of Command within RSHA

A. The Chief of the Security Police and Security Service

The head of RSHA is the Chief of the Security Police and of the SD, who is directly responsible to the Reich Fuehrer of the SS and Chief of the German Police (Mnchen) and under him conducts the business of his branch of the Reich Ministry of the Interior. He is the superior of all members of the Security Police and of all members of the Security Service (S.D.). The jurisdiction of the Chief of the Security Police and the SD in the Reich Ministry of the Interior is called the Main Reich Security Office or Central Reich Security Office (Reichsicherheitsblattpolizei). The following schools are directly subordinate to the Main Reich Security Office.

1. The Fuehrer School of the Security Police & SD-Berlin.
2. The Security Public School in Furstenberg.
3. The SD School in Bernau.
4. The Sport School in Pretzsch (Elbe)
5. The Radio School at Grunberg Castle.
6. The Warmanship School in Zelle-Wehla.


B. Anter and Ant Chiefs Responsible to Head of RSHA


ANT II Dr. Siegert SS Colonel, Ministerial Councillor (acting) 1943; believed to have been succeeded by SS Lt. Colonel Haese.

The chief of Ant II appears to be subordinate to the Chief of Ant I. Functions of Anter I and II are administrative — concerned with the personnel organization and administration of the combined SIPO and SD.

ANT III S.D. Security Service

Ohlendorf — SS General-Major General of Police.

Directs principal functions of SD inside Germany. Collects information on all matters liable to affect maintenance of Nazi power, gathers intelligence especially for the suppression of anti-Nazi elements.

Note: Ohlendorf — particularly close to K — See K Interrogation Bpt. 25 May 1945.
AMT IV Secret Police - Gestapo
Mueller, SS General, Lt. General of Police
Investigates and crushes any opposition
in the Nazi regime.

AMT V The Criminal Police - Kripo
Mabo, SS General - Lt. General of Police
July 1944 then Kanzinger, SS General, Lt. General
of Police. Combats crime in normal sense of the
term - but under Nazi regime, undertakes
"prevention" of crime in the most ruthless sense,
investigates and prosecutes "political crimes".
Cooperation between Kripo and Gestapo is extremely
close. Kripo and Gestapo are together referred
to as Eipo.

AMT VI Foreign Countries:
Schallenberg - SS Colonel - Supreme Government
Counsellor (acting). Functions closely connected
with AMT III. Mainly deals with espionage,
sabotage, and subversion in occupied countries.
Since June 1944 performed military intelligence
and sabotage services of the former Abwehr.

AMT VII Ideological Research and its exploitation.
Dr. Six - SS Major General - Professor 1943-
reportedly to have been succeeded by Dittel, SS
General. Deals mainly with occupied and
satellite countries. Prepares political
warfare material and the conduct of ideological
supervision, especially in the academic field.

Source: Guide book for Administrative Officials, Berlin 1943
Kemper translation

C. Method of Execution of Orders and Responsibility Therefor

Within RHSA:

1. When heading an order or document, "Chef der Sicherheits-
polizei" or "Reichssicherheitshauptamt", chiefs of
offices signed "acting for", group leaders, chiefs
of departments, and chairman signed "by order of".

2. When heading "Reichsfuehrer SS and Chief of the German
Police" was used, the Chief of the Security Police
and Security Service - (RHSA - Kaltenbrunner) signed
"acting for" and the office chiefs "by order of".

3. Authorization to sign "acting for" or "by order of"
applied only to general routine duties of signer.
All important matters reported to Chief of RHSA
(Kaltenbrunner) who either signed personally or gave
C. Cont.

oral authorization.

4. All orders and documents signed "by order of..." or "acting for" brought to attention of Chief of RHSA
(Kaltenbrunner)

**Source:** Exhibit L-40 Affidavit Heinz Wanninger.
Exhibit L-24 Affidavit Edmund Trinkl
Exhibit L-50 Affidavit Kurt Lindow

IV. Personnel with whom Kaltenbrunner would normally be in contact as head of RHSA

A. Hitler:
From July 1944, after attempt on Hitler's life, Kaltenbrunner attended all meetings of Hitler and his staff.

**Source:** Affidavits of Dr. Walid Reymetz, Gerhard Rongesell, and Heinz Buchholz - official stenographer who attended all Hitler's staff meetings.

B. Himmler:
His immediate superior as head of the German police and Minister of the Interior.

C. Alfred Rosenberg - Chief of Ordnung Polizei - Order of Police; who succeeded Kurt Daluege in 1943.

D. Oswald Pohl: Chief of SS Wirtschafts and Verwaltungshauptamt (WVHA) the SS Department of Economics and Administration. This is a department of the SS as is the RHSA. This Department through Antigruppe D controlled the administration of Concentration Camps.

**Source:** L-59 Concentration Camps p.6
Exhibit L-35 Affidavit - Dr. Rudolf Wildner

E. The various Obere SS und Polizeifuehrer (OSSPF) - Superior SS and Police Commanders. These are regional or district officials. Principal functions of OSSPF is to insure smooth cooperation between regional SS and police officers and local military and civil authorities in regional districts and in event of emergency take command over combined SS and Police Forces in Regional District. Forces at disposal of OSSPF, etc:

1. Allgemeine SS, Waffen SS in local garrisons.
E. ORPO, RHPO, & SD. An HSSPF. usually holds the rank of SS Gruppenfuehrer and Generalleutnant der Polizei.

Source: Exhibit L-48 - German Police P.8

F. Richard Gluecks - SS Lt. General - Inspector of the Concentration Camps, later Chief of Amtsgruppe D of WVHA - which Amtsgruppe D - administers concentration camps.

G. Karl Wolff - SS Obergruppenfuehrer and General der Waffen SS. Military Plenipotentiary in Italy. Higher SS-PF.
V. Evidence of Kaltenbrunner's Participation and Responsibility

A. General

1. The channel of authority and responsibility for order issuing from RSHA.
   a. Exhibit L-40 - Affidavit Heinz Wanninger - original in London. PW at Freising 6 August 1945 (TAB A)
   b. Exhibit L-34 - Affidavit Edmund Trinkl - original in London. PW at Freising - 6 August 1945 (TAB B)
   c. Exhibit L-37 - Affidavit Hermann Pister - original in London. PW at Freising - 6 August 1945 (TAB C)
   d. Affidavit 3JA5323 - Dr. Joseph Behler - original in Paris. PW at CE, Garmschpartenkirchen - 6 August 1945 (TAB D)
   e. Exhibit L-50 - Affidavit Kurt Lindow - original in London. PW at Freising - 6 August 1945 (TAB E)

B. Concentration Camps

1. Kaltenbrunner executed orders for commitment of persons to concentration camps.
   a. Exhibit L-39 - Study concentration camps - Commitment order signed by Kaltenbrunner (fourth page from end) TAB F
   b. Exhibit L-51 - Affidavit Adolph Zetter - original in London, PW at Linz - August 6 1945 (TAB G)
   Also affidavit 3JA537 - original at Paris (TAB C)
   d. Exhibit L-17 - Order re evacuation of Polish Men and Women to Concentration Camps - original in London. 089 from MINS. (TAB H)
   e. Exhibit L-35 - Affidavit of Rudolf Wildner - original in London. PW at Freising - Aug. 6 1945 (TAB I)
   f. Affidavits - Dr. Josef Behler (A-163) - originals believed to be at Paris. (TAB J)
   g. Affidavit - Veena Gabor 3JA248 - Original believed to be in Paris. PW at C.E. Moosburg 6 August 1945. No copy available in London (TAB K)
B. Concentration Camps (Cont)

h. Affidavit - Rudolf Heitgrieser 3 JA 553 - original believed to be in Paris - P.W. at C-10-8 G
   6 August 1945. (TAB L)

1. Orders from office of Chief of RSHA - dated 17 December 1942 and 23 March 1943. Photostats of
   originals in London office. (TAB J)

2. Kaltenbrunner executed the orders for the execution of inmates of concentration camps.

   (TAB M)

   b. Exhibit L-51 Affidavit - Adolf Züther - original in London. P.W. at Linz - 6 August 1945. (TAB G)

   c. Affidavit - Hermann Pister, 3 JA 537 - original at Wiesbaden. P.W. at Freising - 6 August 1945 (TAB N)

   d. Affidavit - Lilly Litzenberg, 3 JA 521 Original at Wiesbaden. P.W. at CIE Moosburg - 6 Aug. 1945 (TAB O)

3. Kaltenbrunner was fully aware of conditions in concentration camps.

   a. Exhibit L-50 Affidavit of Kurt Lindow - original in London. P.W. at Freising 6 Aug. 1945 (TAB R)

   b. Exhibit L-51 Adolf Züther affidavit - original in London. P.W. at Linz - 6 August 1945 (TAB G)

   c. Exhibit L-55 Affidavit Hermann Pister - original in London. P.W. at Freising 6 August 1945 (TAB P)

   d. Affidavit Werner Walter - Original Mische 3 JA 504 - original at Wiesbaden. P.W. at Freising 6 August 1945 (TAB C)

   e. Statement of Kaltenbrunner re concentration camps Document #1. RSHA brief. (TAB B)

   f. Exhibit L-55 Affidavit of Dr. Rudolf Wildner P.W. at Freising - 6 Aug. 1945 (TAB I)

4. Kaltenbrunner responsible for retention of Poles in Concentration Camps who were evacuated from Warsaw.

   (TAB J)
V. C. Deportation and Forced Labor

1. Kaltenbrunner was a party to the orders for deportation and forced labor of Jews and Poles.
   a. Exhibit L-49 Affidavit of Otto Hofmann, PW at Freising - Aug. 6, 1945 (TAB S)
   b. Affidavit of Varina Sabor 3JA 248 - No copy. original at Wiesbaden. (TAB K)
   c. Exhibit L-17. Order for evacuation of Warsaw Poles to Concentration Camps. (TAB H)
   d. Affidavit of Mr. Joseph Ruhler 3JA 523 - original in Paris. PW at CIE Garmscheidtikenkirchen. (TAB J)
   e. Affidavit of Rudolf Windner - 3JA 593 - original in Paris or Wiesbaden. (TAB PH)
   f. Orders from Office of Chief BSHA dated 17 December 1942 and 23 March 1943. Photostats of originals in London Office (TAB 0G)

2. Kaltenbrunner was party to orders for control and punishment of forced labor.
   a. Exhibit L-157 Orders signed by Kaltenbrunner. (original at OSS from MHS) Copy in London. (TAB T)
   b. Exhibit L - Affidavit of Frau Rosel Plutz (TAB K)

3. Kaltenbrunner was a party to the orders for "Pregnancy Interruptions in case of Eastern Women Workers".
   a. Letter signed by Kaltenbrunner dated 9 June 1943 and letter of 22 June 1943 signed by Dr. Le Contri - photostats of originals in London Office. (TAB HH)

D. Atrocities

   (e) Exhibit L-51 Affidavit of Adolf Zutter, original in London. PW at Linz - 6 August 1943 (TAB O)

2. Kaltenbrunner was party to order that police were not to protect parachuting airmen from frenzy of mob.
   a. Affidavitilly Litzenberg - 3JA 521 - original at Wiesbaden. PW at CIE Woosberg. 6 Aug. 1945 (TAB U)
   b. Affidavit Orthner Mullner - 3JA 534 - original at Wiesbaden. PW at CIE Woosburg - 6 Aug. 1945 (TAB V)
3. Kaltenbrunner was party to order that all English and American Commandos captured were to be turned over to SIPO to be interrogated and shot.
   (a) Affidavit of Dr. Rudolf Wilner - 3JA533 (F115) original at Wiesbaden or Paris. (TAB X)
   (b) Affidavit of Willy Litsenberg - 3JA521 - original at Wiesbaden PW at CIE Hoosburg, 6 Aug., 1945 (TAB Y)

4. Kaltenbrunner was party to order that English officers-in-uniform dropped by parachute to be shot while attempting to escape.
   (a) Affidavit of Adolf Feiler - 3JA531 - original at Wiesbaden. PW at CIE, Hoosburg, 6 Aug., 1945 (TAB Z)

5. Kaltenbrunner was party to the "Riegel Edict" (Bullet Decree)
   (a) Affidavit of Willy Litsenberg, 3JA521 (E116) original at Wiesbaden or Paris.
    PW at CIE Holzburg, 6 Aug., 1945 (TAB O)

6. Kaltenbrunner issued order for "interrogation by force".
   (a) Affidavit by Willy Litsenberg 3JA504 (A-305) original at Wiesbaden or Paris. (TAB AA)
   (b) Exhibit L-89. Letter from Chief of SIPO re interrogation by force. (TAB BB)
   (c) Affidavit Werner Walter Oscar Klocke 3JA504 (A116) original in Paris or Wiesbaden. (TAB Q)

7. Kaltenbrunner was party to orders for collective penalty reprisals.
   (a) Document 29 of RSHA Bref (TAB CC)
   (b) Exhibit L-37 - Letter from Chief of SIPO (TAB DD)

8. Kaltenbrunner was a party to "Anti-Jewish Action" in Denmark.
   (a) Affidavit Dr. Rudolf Waldner 3JA533 (A-164) original in Paris or Wiesbaden (TAB FF)