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Korueck 101 on "Cannibalism in the
Civilian Camp."

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NOKW-Maltreatment of war prisoners.

SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.):

"On 7 January 1942 the fireman of building No. 21 turned over the eating dish of a civilian inmate to the guard with the remark that it contained human flesh. Upon inspecting the corpses of those having died during the past 24 hours, I found the following. . . : Four corpses had been cut up during the night. . . . The SD was immediately informed. Subsequent intense questioning. . . revealed 7 participants. . . . The principal culprit was a 19-year old medical student who had. . . also taken some to his cousin, ill in another building. . . . As reason for the horrible act, the student and the other participants gave hunger. After arrival of the A.O. and the S.D. and further interrogation, the seven culprits who all admitted their deed were executed by hanging on 8 Jan. 1942, . . . before the assembled occupants of the camp. After being left hanging for 24 hours as a warning example, I had the corpses removed and buried."

Edited by: G.R. Halkett

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DULAG 140
Journal No. 10/42
Camp III
Camp officer

Local H.Q., 10 January 1942

Stamp:

Commanding General
of Rear Area Army Group 101
Rec'd. 29 January 1942

Report

Subject: Cannibalism in civilian camp.

On the morning of 7 January 1942 the fireman of house No. 21 turned in the messkit of a civilian at the camp office with the remark that it contained human flesh.

When I thereupon immediately inspected the corpses of the people who had died within the last 24 hours I got the following gruesome picture:

4 corpses which had lain in a room adjoining the civilian infirmary had been cut into during the night and corpse No. 1 had both lower arms missing, No. 2, one arm and one leg; No. 3, the muscles of arms and thighs; and finally No. 4 had the heart, lungs, stomach, kidneys and liver removed.

The SD was informed immediately.

The severe investigation made in the meantime by Sgt. BOECKER and an interpreter disclosed - starting from the owner of the above mentioned messkit - 7 participants. The main culprit was a 19 year old student of medicine who had cut out the inside organs from corpse No. 4 and in addition had taken the cooked kidneys to his sick cousin in house No. 17 with the remark that he received them in a parcel sent by the relatives. The student and his accomplices stated that hunger had been the reason for this outrage. Besides, they claimed that human flesh was just as edible as any other meat.

After the arrival of the Counter-Intelligence Officer and the SD and after again interrogating the 7 evil-doers who all admitted their guilt, the SD executed them by hanging on 8 January 1942 at 12:00 hours before the assembled camp. After hanging on the gallows for 24 hours as a deterrent example for the camp inmates I had the corpses removed and buried.

signed: BRODERSEN
Captain and camp officer

Certified true copy
signature: MEINECK
Captain and adjutant.

TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT No. NOKW-2189
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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

23 December 1947

I, Frank FREUDENTHAL, Civ. No. B-242988, hereby certify that I am a duly appointed translator for the German and English languages and that the above is a true and correct translation of the document No. NOKW-2189.

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Abschrift:

D u l a g 140:

O.U., den 10. Januar 1942.

BB.Nr. 10/42
Lager III.
Der Lager-Offizier.

(Stempel):
Befehlshaber bearb.
I. rüeckw. Heeres-Geb. 101
Empf. 29. Jan. 1942
Br. B. Nr. Anl. ...

M e l d u n g .

Betr.: Kanibalismus im Zivillager.

Am 7.1.42 frueh lieferte der Heizer des Hauses Nr. 21 bei der Lager-
fuehrung das Essgeschirr eines Zivilisten ab mit dem Bemerkem, es
enthalte Menschenfleisch.

Als ich darauf sofort die Leichen der in den letzten 24 Stunden
Verstorbenen besichtigte, ergab sich folgendes grausige Bild:

4 Leichen, die in einem Nebenraum des Zivil-Revieres gelegen hatten,
waren waehrend der Nacht angeschnitten worden, und zwar fehlten bei
der Leiche 1: Beide Unterarme, bei Nr. 2: ein Arm und ein Bein, bei
Nr. 3: Das Muskelfleisch von Armen und Oberschenkeln, und schliesslich
waren bei Nr. 4 sogar Herz, Lunge, Magen, Nieren und Leber entfernt.

Der S.-D. wurde sofort verstaendigt.

Die inzwischen von Unteroffizier Boecker und einem Sprachmittler
durchgefuehrte scharfe Vernehmung ergab - ausgehend von dem Besitzer
des obenerwaehnten Essgeschirres - 7 Beteiligte. Haupttaeter war ein
19 jaehriger Medizin-Student, der aus der Leiche Nr. 4 die inneren
Teile herausgeschnitten und zudem noch seinem im Hause Nr. 17 krank-
liegenden Vetter die gekochten Nieren gebracht hatte mit dem Bemerkem,
er habe sie in einem Paket von den Angehoerigen geschickt bekommen.
Als Grund der Untaten gaben der Student und weitere Mittaeter Hunger
an. Ausserdem behaupteten sie, Menschenfleisch sei genau so gut
geniessbar wie anderes.

Nach Eintreffen des A.O. und des S.-D. und nochmaliger Vernehmung
wurden die 7 Uebeltaeter, die alle ihre Tat zugaben, vom S.-D. am
8.1.42 1200 Uhr vor versammeltem Lager durch den Strang hingerich-
tet, Nachdem sie 24 Stunden als abschreckende Beispiele fuer die
Lagerinsassen am Galgen gehangen hatten, liess ich die Leichen ent-
fernen und beerdigen.

gez. Brodersen

F.d.R.d.A.
gez. Meineck
Hauptmann und Adjutant.

Hauptmann und Lager-Offizier.

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