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Nazi Crimes on Trial**

'Dachau Trials'
Trials by U.S. Army Courts in Europe 1945 - 1948

File Number: US212
Review Date: 470613
Case Number: 12-2593 (US vs. Peter M. et al)
Crime Category: War Crimes

Accused:

Dittgen, Emil - Acquittal
Lamberti, Matthias - 3 Years
Merten, Peter - 2 Years

Court:

General Military Government Court at Dachau, Germany 470318-470320

Country where the crime had been committed:

Germany

Crime Location:

Hüttersdorf (near Saarbrücken)

Crime Date:

440803

Victim:

Ralph S. Brackens, POW

Nationality:

American

Office:

NSDAP, Ortsgruppenleiter Hüttersdorf; Civilian

Subject of the proceeding:

After parachuting from his plane an American airman was found hanging from a tree. A group of civilians helped the injured airman down from the tree. Soon after, Ortsgruppenleiter M. enticed the crowd to beat the civilian to death. Thereupon the other two accused started to hit and kick the flyer, who was finally rescued by the local police chief, who turned him over to a Red Cross representative.