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Nazi Crimes on Trial**

*'Dachau Trials'  
Trials by U.S. Army Courts in Europe 1945 - 1948<sup>1</sup>*

File Number: US115  
Review Date: 470109  
Case Number: 12-1545 & 12-2272 (US vs. Fritz Dietrich et al) (see remarks)  
Crime Category: War Crimes

**Accused:<sup>2</sup>**

Dietrich, Fritz - Death Sentence  
D., Fritz - Life Sentence  
E., Albert - Life Sentence  
H., Karl - Death Sentence  
K., Johann - Acquittal  
Stemmler, Willi - Death Sentence  
W., Richard - Acquittal  
Z., Otto - 4 Years (R&R: disappr. of findings and sentence)

**Court:**

General Military Government Court at Dachau, Germany 470630-470715  
Country where the crime had been committed: Germany

**Crime Location:**

**Neunkirchen, Saarbruecken, Burbach**

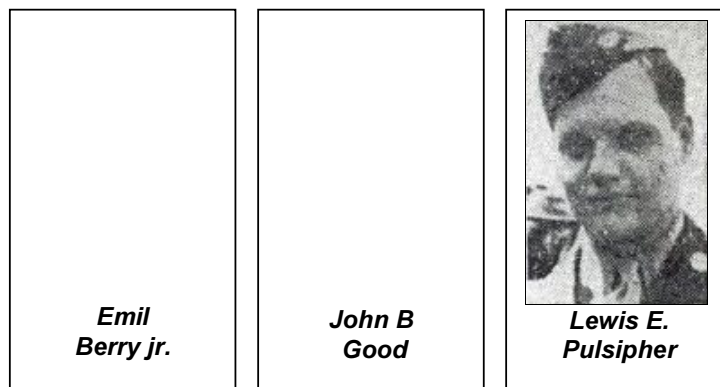
**Crime Date:**

440731, 440825

**Victims: POW's<sup>3</sup>**

Nationality: American

**31<sup>st</sup> July 1944**

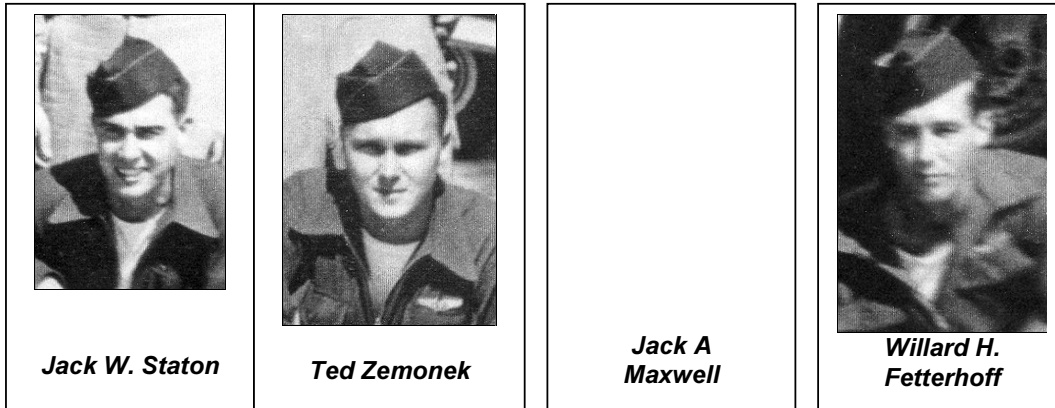


<sup>1</sup> <http://www1.jur.uva.nl/junsv/JuNSVEng/DTRR/Dachau%20Trials%20start.htm>  
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<sup>2</sup> Some surnames abbreviated by author of crash website (Klaus Zimmer)

<sup>3</sup> Names and photos added by author of crash website (Klaus Zimmer).

**25<sup>th</sup> August 1944**



**Office:** SS, Allgemeine SS; Police, Police President Saarbruecken

**Subject of the proceeding:**

After an air raid three American airmen were forced to parachute from their disabled plane. They were taken into custody and jailed at the police stations of Malstatt, Burbach and Neunkirchen. When accused Dietrich - police president of Saarbruecken - heard about the captured fliers he ordered them to be picked up and shot. The flyers were thereupon taken to the woods and shot. One of the victims was found alive the next morning and Dietrich ordered that the wounded flyer was to be killed by injections. As this failed to kill the victim, he was later shot dead.

After another air raid, a few weeks later, four American airmen, who had been forced to parachute from their disabled plane were taken into custody by the Burbach police. Again, on orders of Dietrich, the fliers were picked up and shot dead in the woods.

**Note:**

The Review and Recommendation carries only the case number 12-1545