

Heinrich Müller (1900 - ?)

Reich Security Main Office
Head of Department (Amt) IV



Müller, as head of the Secret State Police (*Gestapo*), participated prominently in nearly all crimes that were planned, prepared and organized in the Reich Security Main Office (*Reichssicherheits-hauptamt* – RSHA), and most notably in the genocide of the European Jews. From early September 1939, he issued directives in regard to “special treatment” (*Sonderbehandlung*, i.e. murder) of political opponents. The so-called “Jewish Section” (*Judenreferat*) administered by Eichmann was likewise under his direction. He was informed about the genocide of Jews in the Soviet Union in minute detail. Following Heydrich’s instructions, Müller formulated orders to the “Special Units” (*Einsatzgruppen*) and was responsible for drafting the “Report of Events” (*Ereignismeldungen*), the summary of the Special Unit Reports. Müller was in fact one of the most powerful masterminds behind the scenes of the National Socialist regime.

Born in Munich into a Catholic family. Father was a policeman. Junior high school, then training as an airplane mechanic. Volunteered in 1917 for military service and was discharged as a corporal in 1919. Thereafter, employee in the Munich police headquarters. In 1929, secretary with the Munich political police, operating against Communist organizations. Joined the SS in 1934 and was transferred to the Secret State Police Office in Berlin. In 1936, Deputy Chief of the Political Police Section of the Security Police’s Main Office. Joined the Nazi Party (NSDAP) in 1938. In 1939, Manager of the Reich Central Office for Jewish Emigration, and since October 1939 Head of Department IV (*Gestapo*) of the Reich Security Main Office with the rank of an SS *Oberführer* (no English equivalent; between colonel and brigadier general) and Major General of Police. Lost without trace since May 1945.

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