

Hahn, Ludwig

(b. 1908), SS officer. Hahn joined the Nazi Party in 1930 and the SS in 1933. In 1935 he enlisted in the SS's Security Service (SD). In 1936 he became an SS officer, and quickly rose through the Nazi hierarchy.

When World War II broke out in September 1939, Hahn commanded an *Einsatzgruppe* unit in Poland. In January 1940 he became Security Police (SIPO) and SD commander in Cracow. In August 1940 he was appointed to serve as the representative of SS chief Heinrich Himmler in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. A year later Hahn was named SIPO and SD commander in Warsaw. In that post, Hahn was responsible for deporting the city's Jews to Treblinka, and arranging the massacre of thousands of Poles in Warsaw's Pawiak prison.

In December 1944 Hahn was sent to France to command an *Einsatzgruppe*. He was then sent to the Vistula Army commanded by Himmler. Just weeks before the war ended, Hahn became senior SIPO and SD commander in Westphalia, Germany.

After the war Hahn changed his identity and went into hiding. In 1949 he resumed his former life. After two arrests, he was finally sentenced to life imprisonment in July 1975.