

Stulpnagel, Karl Heinrich Von

(1886--1944), German general who participated in the conspiracy against Adolf Hitler in 1944.

Stulpnagel began his army career in 1904. By 1935 he had reached the rank of *General-major*, and when World War II broke out, he became a *General*. After Germany vanquished France in mid-1940, Stulpnagel was in charge of the cease-fire negotiations between the two countries.

In February 1942 Stulpnagel was appointed military governor of France. Stulpnagel was a harsh ruler who wanted to suppress the French Resistance; he often had hostages and their families killed. However, he had never committed himself totally to Nazism, and as early as 1939, Stulpnagel had been in on a plot to overthrow Hitler. In 1944 Stulpnagel became a leader of the group of army officers who opposed the Nazis and wanted to overpower them before the Allies invaded Europe. In conjunction with an assassination attempt on Hitler's life, Stulpnagel arrested in Paris some 1,200 members of the Gestapo, SD, and SS. However, the bomb plot failed, ruining Stulpnagel's plans. He was stripped of his position, and called back to Berlin. On the way, Stulpnagel tried to take his own life, but was unsuccessful. Instead, he was hanged by the Nazis in August 1944.