

Brack, Victor

(1904--1948), High-ranking SS officer who served as one of the head administrators in the euthanasia program and helped run the gassing campaign in the Nazi extermination camps during World War II.

Brack studied economics in Munich. He was a friend of SS leader Heinrich Himmler, and even worked as Himmler's driver before he took on the position of liaison officer between the SS and Hitler's office in 1936. He was soon promoted to the post of deputy to the head of the office; in that position he was in charge of the extermination of tens of thousands of Jews and German citizens in the Euthanasia Program between 1939 and 1941. Brack himself personally handpicked the medical staff who worked in the Euthanasia Program.

In mid-1941 the mass murder of European Jewry began. Brack later helped the cause by volunteering his knowledge of medical experiments and murder to the program to sterilize Jews in x-ray clinics and kill them in gas chambers in extermination camps.

After the war, Brack was tried in the "Medical Case," one of the Nuremberg trials. An American military court sentenced him to death in 1947; he was executed in 1948.