

## Keitel, Wilhelm

(1882--1946), Chief of Staff of the German Armed Forces High Command from 1938 to 1945. In this capacity, Keitel was responsible for the shooting of hostages and the massacre of prisoners of war and civilians in German-occupied territories. After the war, at the Nuremberg Trial, he represented the army's High Command, which was on trial as a criminal organization. He was sentenced to death and hanged.