

HEADQUARTERS
SEINE SECTION
COM Z, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

AG 334. SJA

PBR/VAM/eg

APO 887
26 September 1944

SUBJECT: Military Commissions.

TO : Commanding General, European Theater of Operations,
thru Commanding General, Communications Zone.

1. Reference is made to the case of Rottenfuhrer Gunther Ohletz, 21st SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, German Army, who, pursuant to paragraph 1, Special Orders No. 240, Headquarters First United States Army, 2 September 1944, was arraigned and tried for acting as a spy and convicted on 7 September 1944. This sentence was approved on 14 September 1944 by the Commanding General, First Army, and confirmed by the Commanding General, 12th Army Group. (Military Commission, Order No. 1, Headquarters, Twelfth Army Group, APO 655, 20 September 1944). The confirming authority designated the Commanding General, Seine Section, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, as the authority to put into execution the sentence of death so adjudged.

2. In the absence of a specific directive from the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, the Commanding General, Seine Section, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, is deemed by me not to have authority to execute prisoners sentenced by military commissions. In the event that the Theater Commander approves the action outlined, it is requested that formal authorization be granted to carry out the execution of the foregoing case.

PLEAS B. ROGERS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

2 Incls.

Incl. 1 - Military Commission Order No. 1.

Incl. 2 - Military Commission Order No. 1. mimeograph copy.
(duplicate)

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ Albert M. Summerfield
ALBERT M. SUMMERFIELD,
Captain, CMP.

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(Ltr, Hq Seine Sect, Com Z, European Theater of Opns, AG 334.SJA, Subj: "Military Commissions", 26 September 1944)

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Hq European Theater of Operations, US Army, APO 887, 26 September 1944

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TO: Commanding General, Seine Section, Com Z

1. The Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group was authorized by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 250 OpGA, 16 September 1944 to designate the Commanding General, Seine Section, Com Z as the Commander under whose direction would be performed the act of execution in this and similar cases. A copy of this authority was forwarded your headquarters. An additional copy is enclosed.

2. In accordance with such authority it is desired you perform the act of execution as provided by Military Commission Order No 1, Hq Twelfth Army Group, 20 September 1944. When act of execution has been completed final report thereof to be rendered this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

R. B. LOVETT
Brigadier General, GSC
Adjutant General

3 Incls:

Incls 1 - 2: n/c

Added Incl 3 - Ltr Hq Twelfth Army Gp, file 250,
subj: "Designation of Official for
Execution of Spy by Hanging", dtd
16 Sept 44, w/1 Ind.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ Albert M. Summerfield
ALBERT M. SUMMERFIELD
Captain, CMP.