

Dirlewanger, Oskar

(1895--1945), High-ranking SS officer. Dirlewanger was moved to Belorussia to fight the partisans active there. Dirlewanger and his men were so savage in their murder of civilians and their destruction of civilian sectors that even the Nazis were offended; an investigation into Dirlewanger's activities was initiated, but he was never tried.

In August 1944 Dirlewanger was sent to Warsaw to help suppress the Warsaw Polish Uprising, during which he again proved himself to be a brutal killer. That same month he was promoted. In late 1944 Dirlewanger and his unit were stationed in Slovakia to put down the Slovak National Uprising.

Dirlewanger died mysteriously in June 1945