

LIBRARY MATERIAL ON ORADOUR MASSACRE

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On June 10th. 1944 a battalion of the German Division of SS. "DAS REICH" came into the quiet little village of Oradour s/ GLANE, in the neighbourhood of Limoges, following the death of two german officers killed by the underground some 20 kms away from Oradour. They had the village-drums call all inhabitants who were scattered in the fields and houses, on the main square, men women and children, in all 647 persons,

The men and old men were locked in a barn and the SS troops murdered them by machinegun fire and guns, while the women and children, babies etc., were locked inside the village church. The Germans then set the church afire, and killed all person who tried to escape the inferno. Thus 642 persons were assassinated by the Nazis in less than an hour on this June day. Only one woman succeeded in escaping the burning church by jumping through a window, and she lied as dead with several wounds by gunfire., she survived, with three men, who then were mere boys who had not returned and stayed hidden in the fields. Her name is Madame ROUFFANGE.

This material was shot three days after the massacre when German and French authorities made enquiries about this unprecedented event, the ruins of the dead village, speak for themselves of the savage facts.

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The "ORADOUR" trial in Bordeaux.
January 12th. 1953
Bordeaux Military Court
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19 of the SS. German troops of the Division "DAS REICH" who participated in the massacre of 642 men women and children of Oradour s/Glame on June 10th. 1944, are present for their trial in the Military Court of Bordeaux. Among them are 12 Alsacians who were incorporated by strength in the German troops. And "incalculable consequences to France" were predicted by a lawyer of the defense, if these 12 Alsacians were tried alongside the nine Germans for the action.

Except for one of the Alsacians who volunteered with the Germans and has been a prisoner since 1945, the eleven others were free and have arrived in Bordeaux where they went immediately to the Court for arraignment on the eve of the Trial, which began yesterday morning at the Military Court.

The seven people of Oradour s/Glame who escaped the mass massacre of 1944, accompanied by the relatives of the martyrs arrived also in Bordeaux, and were greeted at the Town Hall by Mr. SEYNAT, Assistant Mayor and town officials. They then went in a sad cortege to lay a wreath to the memory of their deads, at the War Memorial, before going to the Military Court for the opening of the trial.

Our picture shows:

- General views of Bordeaux (Place des Quinconces and the Theater)
- Reception at the Town Hall of the families and survivors of the tragedy, among whom Madame ROUFFANGE, only woman who escaped the burning church by jumping through a window when she was shot at seven times by the Germans, she is crippled. Mr. Seynat shakes hands with Mrs. ROUFFANGE.
- The Oradour victims' families and survivors, with Mrs. Rouffange in the first row, going to lay a wreath at Bordeaux' War Memorial
- shots of the Military Court where the trial takes place, shots of Court Room empty, before opening of the Trial.
- The Alsacians who will be tried, going at the Court, and then to the Town Jail before trial, shots of newspaperman waiting at the Jail door while the Alsacians get inside the prison.
- Interior views of Court room before trial. Then shots of the same room at the opening of the Trial, with public and newspapermen. Shot of the Secretary of the Court, President of the Court, Me MUSSY SAINT SAENS arriving at Court (wearing black hat with turned up brims)
- Arrival at Court ~~the~~ of a German Lawyer Me Schuckenberg (with hat and glasses) then without his hat.
- Shot of Republic Prosecutor (Commandant wearing the Legion of Honor) Mr. Gardon, speaking to a journalist before opening of the debate.
- general views of Court room with public.
- Photos: the Alsacians going down stairs to jail, German Lawyers, Court with President MUSSY saint Saens, general view of Court.