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**ITALICS**

**Amtsgericht**  municipal (or district) court  
**Basic Law**  the German Constitution of 1949  
**Beihilfe zum Mord**  aiding and abetting murder  
**BGHSt**  Decisions of the West German Supreme Court in Criminal Matters  
**BGHZ**  Decisions of the West German Supreme Court in Civil Matters  
**Bundesgerichtshof**  West German Supreme Court (post-1949)  
**BVerfG**  West German Constitutional Court  
**CDU**  Christian Democratic Union  
**DRZ**  German Judges’ Newspaper  
**Einsatzgruppen**  operational units; involved in the mass murder of Jews, the mentally ill, and others in the East  
**14f13**  operation to reduce concentration camp populations through mass killing; made use of T-4 personnel
FRG Federal Republic of Germany
geheime Reichssache secret state matter
Gehilfe accomplice
Gekrat The Charitable Foundation for the Transport of Patients, Inc.
Gutachter T-4 medical expert
Heimtücke element of malice in the German law of murder
ICC International Criminal Court
IMT International Military Tribunal
JuNSV The Judiciary and Nazi Crimes
KdF personal chancellery of Adolf Hitler
Kinderaktion children's euthanasia operation
Kinderfachabteilung children's ward
Kripo criminal police
KTI criminal technical institute
Landgericht (LG) state (or regional) court
lebensunwertes Leben life unworthy of life
Lfd. Nr. serial number
MDR Monthly Journal for German Law
MGR Military Government Regulations
Meldebogen euthanasia program registration forms
NARA National Archives Records Administration, College Park
niedrige Beweggründe element of base motives in the German law of murder, section 211
NJW New Legal Weekly
NMT National Military Tribunal
Notstand the defense of necessity
NSDAP National Socialist German Workers Party
Obergutachter chief T-4 medical expert
Oberlandesgericht state (or regional) appellate court
OCCWC Office of Chief of Counsel for War Crimes
OGHBC Supreme Court for the British Zone of Occupation
Operation Reinhard the extermination of Polish Jewry
Ostarbeiter eastern workers
Pflichtenkollision  conflict of duties (as criminal defense)
RAG  Reich Cooperative for State Hospitals and Nursing Homes
Rechtsgut  legal interest
RG  record group
Reichsgericht  German Supreme Court (pre-1945)
RSHA  Reich Security Main Office
schwachsinnig  feeble-minded
Schwurgericht  panel of lay assessors
SJZ  South German Jurists’ Newspaper
Sonderbehandlung  Nazi code word for killing
StA  public prosecutor
StGB  German Penal Code
Täter  perpetrator
Teilnahme  complicity
T-4  the adult euthanasia operation, administered by the KdF, Main Office II
Totschlag  manslaughter
übergesetzlicher Notstand  the defense of extrastatutory necessity
uk (unabkömmlich)  designation of “indispensable”
Verbotsirrtum  mistake of law
VfZ  Quarterly Journal for Contemporary History
“wild” euthanasia  decentralized killing of mentally ill persons after August 24, 1941
Zwischenanstalt  transit center in the T-4 program