

MILITARY GOVERNMENT — GERMANY
SUPREME COMMANDER'S AREA OF CONTROL

Law No. 153

GERMAN COURTS MARTIAL

ARTICLE I

* 1. All German Courts Martial other than Field Courts Martial are hereby abolished.*

ARTICLE II

2. The following shall be subject to the (non-exclusive) jurisdiction of German Field Courts Martial, and the provisions of the Military Criminal Code (Militärstrafgesetzbuch) and Special War Criminal Code of Procedure (Kriegsstrafverfahrensordnung), as amended and as modified by this Law will be applicable:

- a) Naval, Military and Air Force personnel of the Wehrmacht (except as provided in Article III hereof);
- b) Members of the following organizations who are under Naval, Military or Air Force command, and members of any other organizations who are under such command:
 - Waffen-Schutzstaffel
 - Reichsarbeitsdienst
 - Organisation Todt
 - NS. Kraftfahr-Korps
 - NS. Flieger-Korps
 - Heimat-Flak.

ARTICLE III

3. No German Field Court Martial of officers possessing disciplinary powers in the Wehrmacht shall have jurisdiction:

- a) over civilians (other than Wehrmachtbeamte) whether or not employed by the German Armed Forces;
- b) over commissioned officers of or above field rank or corresponding rank in the Navy or Air Force, except with special authorization of the Military Government;