

# Nazi Behind Malmedy Slayings Of 100 Yanks Found by 1st Div.

NURNBERG, Aug. 19 (AP)—The American doughboy's number one war criminal has been discovered by the 1st Inf. Div., ending an eight-month search.

He was the commanding officer of the group of the 1st SS Adolf Hitler Panzer Div. which slaughtered more than 100 American soldiers who were prisoners near Malmedy during the Battle of the Bulge last December.

The arrogant, 6-foot 2-inch standartenfuhrer (colonel), Joachim Peiper, 30-year-old former adjutant to Himmler, was uncovered during the screening of 10,000 SS troopers in the division's prisoner-of-war cage, under the command of Maj. Henry Closson of Syracuse, N. Y.

Peiper's connection with the Malmedy slayings had been hidden by the rest of the SS prisoners, but it came out under questioning by a counterintelligence corps team, headed by Lt. Paul Haefner of Elmhurst, Ill.

Peiper had been the object of an intense search by the American Army which has been relentlessly investigating the Malmedy slayings as the biggest atrocity of the war against American forces in Europe.

Peiper denied any knowledge of the shootings, in which disarmed doughboys were lined up in a field and machine-gunned by tankers of the 1st SS, saying he was south of the place where it happened.

Records reveal, however, that Peiper was all over the Malmedy area and was directly responsible for operations there.