JUSINBELGGIUM
A century of pioneering case-law.
A digital database of Belgian precedents of international justice (1914-2014)

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Overview of collections

- Started in 2015, the collective project Jusinbellgium (A century of pioneering case-law. A digital database of Belgian precedents of international justice, 1914-2014) examines and documents the emergence of new forms of justice within Belgian courts after episodes of war and mass violence from 1914 to 2014.

- The Post-First World War in absentia War Crimes trials currently include 85 cases, out of 129 cases identified so far. The 85 cases involve 190 German defendants.

- The Post-Second World War War Crimes trials include 34 cases held from 1947 to 1951. They involve 103 German defendants.
Note on repository and series

State Archives of Belgium / Archives générales du royaume / Rijksarchief in België
Repository: State Archives of Belgium 2, Joseph Cuvelier repository
For more information: www.arch.be/agr2

❖ **WW1 Cases:** AAW = Aktensammelstelle West/Osoby Record. Also known as the "Moscow Archive". After the Belgian Government decided to put an end to the proceedings against German war criminals in 1925, the *in absentia* trial records were centralized by the appellate Cour Militaire in Brussels in 1927. From there, the Germans seized them in 1940. Taken from Berlin to Moscow by the Red Army, the record collections finally returned to Belgium in 2002.
❖ 87 cases have been digitized (138 defendants).

❖ **WWII Cases:**
  ➢ Series: Cour Militaire de Bruxelles or Cour Militaire de Liège (in most cases, the record is filed with the appeal court).
  ➢ 34 cases (War Crimes Trials).
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> Contact the State Archives of Belgium: www.arch.be/agr2

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