

Today's Martyrs – September 1935

Friday September 20, 1935



Russia: Crimea

Aleksander Kolsch (husband, father of five, farmer, arrested in 1933 and sentenced to 10 months' labor; arrested on [May 28, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges which included seeking foreign aid; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Alexander Mikhailovich German (aged 53, blacksmith, collective farm employee, arrested on [May 25, 1935](#) in [Rosental, Taurida province, Crimea](#), charged with “carrying out counter-revolutionary, nationalistic agitation, being one of the organizers of mailings of slanderous letters to foreign governments about the USSR and requests for aid, and being an organizer of petitions of the women collective farmworkers related to the closure of the church”; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Berta Garner (aged 29, farmer, forced off her farm and onto a collective farm in 1933, arrested on [May 28 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges including "having written foreign governments slanderous letters about the USSR, with requests for assistance – which she had received”; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Joseph Kolsch (aged 36, husband, father of four, farmer in [Rosental, Taurida province](#), father sent into internal exile in 1928; forced to join a collective farm in 1932; arrested in 1933, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sentence suspended or overturned, released; arrested on [May 28, 1935](#) on anti-Soviet and counter-revolutionary charges including 'appealing to bourgeois governments for aid, and sending slanderous letters about the USSR'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 6 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Wendelin Eisenbraun (aged 40, father of eight children, farmer, lost his farm in [Rosental, Taurida province, Crimea](#) in 1932 due to 'back-breaking' taxes, forced to join a collective farm; arrested on [May 28, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges which included encouraging female collective farmworkers to 'dwaddle' after a church closure; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 7 years imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Wendelin Kolsch (aged 32, husband, father of three aged 3 through 8, arrested on [May 25, 1935](#) on counter-revolutionary charges that included 'appealing to bourgeois powers for help'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

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Kazakhstan: Almaty oblast

Fr Joseph Krushinski (aged 70, arrested in [Karlsruhe, near Odessa, Ukraine](#), in 1932, sent into 3 years' internal exile; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [April 28, 1935](#); **UPDATE**: sentence of 10 years' imprisonment commuted to 3 additional years in internal exile, worked as a shepherd and as an underground priest)

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