

Support disturbing

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Oberlander loses citizenship — for third time — Jan. 24

The ongoing support for Helmut Oberlander by the German-Canadian Congress remains deeply disturbing.

As noted in the most recent Federal Court case dismissing his request for a judicial review of the decision to revoke his citizenship, Oberlander has never expressed remorse for his participation in a brutal Nazi killing squad that slaughtered an estimated 23,000 people.

The Federal Court decision also recognized that Oberlander had several opportunities to abandon his post when he was home on leave. Finally, he accepted an award of service, when he could easily have declined the medal.

The protestations of his innocence by the German-Canadian Congress is a slap in the face to Canadian Holocaust survivors, and a profound offence to the Canadian troops who fought and died to protect this country from the likes of Oberlander in the Second World War.

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