



## WIKTORIA BIRIUKOW

Warsaw, 28 February 1946. Judge Halina Wereńko, delegated to the Commission for the Investigation of German Crimes, interviewed the person named below as a witness. Having advised the witness of the criminal liability for making false declarations and of the significance of the oath, the judge swore the witness in accordance with Art. 109 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The witness testified as follows:

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Name and surname	Wiktoria Birukow <i>née</i> Wojteran
Date of birth	15 December 1910 (15 March 1910)
Names of parents	N.N., Józefa
Occupation	none
Education	two classes of elementary school
Place of residence	Warsaw, Zachariasza Street 1, flat 60
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Criminal record	none

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In 1943, I was living in the Zacisze housing estate on Pospolita Street, Bródno municipality, together with my husband Włodzimierz Biriukow (born in 1909). My husband was a worker; in the summer of 1943 he worked extracting peat, then in the autumn he was temporarily unemployed. On 8 November 1943, he was arrested by German gendarmes in the Cygler family flat at Wejherowska Street 17.

I was informed of the arrest by Mrs. Cygler. From what she told me, my husband, together with his friends Adam Malec, Henryk Duda, and Mieczysław Borowski, were in the Cyglers' flat along with old Mrs. Cygler and her twenty-something-year-old daughter.

I don't know why my husband went there. He knew Cygler.



Malec [was] my husband's acquaintance, they had known each other for approximately a month, but I don't know what they did together, whether they were involved in trade or had any other business.

While my husband and his three friends were in Cygler's flat, the gendarmerie arrived in a car, surrounded the house and the perimeter, and then went into the Cyglers' flat and arrested all the men that were there, that is my husband and his three friends. Mrs. Cygler was detained with them, however she was released on the same day, in the evening.

Mr. Cygler was not at home at that time. The Cyglers' daughter was not detained. My husband and his three friends were taken to Pawiak prison. I was informed about this at the blue police station on Krochmalna Street, where I was told that my husband was indeed in Pawiak prison, and that I was permitted to deliver a food parcel to the prison. (The witness presented a permit to deliver a food parcel of two kilograms for Włodzimierz Biriukow to the Second State Police Station at Krochmalna Street 56, dated 1 October 1943). I brought two parcels for my husband, which were returned to me. On 12 November 1943, a poster was put up, on which my husband and his three friends were listed as hostages. On 17 November 1943, they were executed in the West Railway Station [Dworzec Zachodni], which was also communicated on a poster.

I never received any notification about my husband's death from the authorities. I have not managed to learn any details about the last moments of my husband's life or about his death.

I don't know whether my husband worked for the underground, since he never told me anything about it.

The report was read out.