



JAN BOJKO

1. Personal data (name, surname, rank, age, occupation and civil status):

Gunner Jan Bojko, 23 years of age, a farmer by occupation, unmarried. Field Post Office no. 163.

2. Date and circumstances of arrest:

I was deported with my family on 10 February 1940.

3. Name of the camp, prison, place of forced labor:

On 20 March 1940, we arrived in the settlement of Łaguzska in the Sverdlovsk Oblast.

4. Description of the camp, prison (grounds, buildings, living conditions, hygiene):

We lived in barracks built in the forest, sleeping on the bare ground without any bedclothes; there were lots of bugs and cockroaches.

5. Social composition of POWs, prisoners, deportees (nationality, category of crimes, intellectual and moral level, mutual relations, etc.):

The deported families were all of Polish nationality. Colonists, of a high moral caliber. Mutual relations were very good.

6. Life in the camp, prison (the course of an average day, working conditions, quotas and norms, wages, food, clothing, social and cultural life, etc.):

We loaded wood for eight hours a day; our wages were 1,200 rubles per month. The food was very poor. People were very well disposed to each other, but we had no time for cultural life.

7. Attitude of the authorities, NKVD towards Poles (methods of interrogation, torture, punishments, Communist propaganda, information about Poland, etc.):

The attitude of the NKVD to Poles was hostile.

8. Medical care, hospitals, mortality rate (provide the surnames of those who perished):

Medical care was poor, and a lot of people perished. Wąsowicz, 30 years old, died of scurvy; Teodor Olejnik, 60 years old, died of dysentery.



9. Was it at all possible to keep in touch with the home country and your family? If yes, then what contacts were permitted?

I wrote letters home, and I received return mail.

10. When were you released and how did you get through to the Polish Army?

I was released on 20 August 1941, and got through to the Polish Army using my own ingenuity.

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