



GODFRYD KÖNIG

[1.] Rank, name and surname of the interviewee:

Corporal Godfryd König

[2.] The circumstances and conditions of the expulsion of the civilian population:

People were deported without warning, at night. Their entire property was stolen. The deportees from the area were usually popular social activists or officials. Every true Pole had to live in uncertainty and with the expectation of being deported.

[3.] Methods of interrogating and torturing the arrestee during the investigation:

They attacked my morale, that is, by trying to convince me that Poland would be no more. Physical abuse consisted in beating with a rubber truncheon, forcefully pouring water into my stomach and then squeezing it out, etc.

[4.] Court procedures, ruling in absentia, ways of delivering verdicts (particularly desirable are full texts of judgements):

I was prosecuted, together with 16 other people, by a Bolshevik court in Wilejka. Ten of us were sentenced to death, and two executions were carried out, namely those of a teacher from Górnica, Leon Małachowski, and a teacher from Mularze, Michałowski. The verdicts were read out, we did not receive them in written form.

[5.] Cases of people who were murdered during transport, deportation, prison stays, or during their work as forced laborers:

I witnessed Tomaszewicz from Łyntupy, district of Święciany, being shot at (and getting wounded) from the bridge over the Berezyna river. A teacher, Sergiusz Grygoriew, was killed with a bayonet in a forest – he was too exhausted to keep walking. Józef Konczanin was also killed in similar circumstances. The same thing happened to Karolkiewicz from Braślawice, and to Stachowicz – a settler from around Dołhinów. Stanisław Stefanowicz from Ostrowiec or Wilejka was also murdered in the same circumstances. I saw them being killed with my own eyes.



[8.] Life in the prisons:

The prison was very filthy and food rations were insufficient. 130 people were kept in a cell 8 by 6 meters.

Whenever someone asked for water, the guard would be completely indifferent. He would reply coldly: "Die."

[9.] Life in the settlements (attitudes of the Soviet authorities towards the Polish population sent into exile without court judgements):

The attitude of the Soviet authorities towards us was very hostile. They claimed we would never go back to Poland.

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