

Curriculum Vitae
of
Ing. WIESENTHAL, Szymon

Born on December 31, 1908, in Puczac, Poland. My education comprises public and high schools in that city, Institute of Technology in Prague where I received the degree of Engineer in Architecture (1932), State diploma in Architectural Engineering in Poland (1939) with simultaneous degree of Free Artist from the Polish Academy of Art in Lemberg (1937).

After the outbreak of the war I stayed in Lemberg and after the entry of the Red Army continued my work as a construction engineer and a designer of refrigerating plants and other various constructions as well as private dwellings. During this period I invented an artificial insulation material for which the Soviet Government awarded me a premium of 25,000 rubles.

When after the outbreak of the German-Soviet war that city was taken by the German troops, I was immediately arrested on July 13, 1941, as one of the Jewish intelligentsia. Of independent means, through a bribery I succeeded in getting out of the prison. Because of the anti-Jewish restrictions I could not continue my profession of an architect, and worked for a while as a painter in the railroad shops in Lemberg. On October 20, 1941 I was again arrested for the reason of not having declared my engineering degree which I in fact did not wish to disclose, not willing to work for the Germans. After four weeks I was sent back to work at the same railroad shop as a draftsman where I was kept for almost two years among other 1500 Jews compelled to labor like myself. It was during this time that my life was several times placed in extreme danger, and that I lost both of my parents who were killed by the Nazis. It was also during this time that I saw mass destruction of Jews in that city, although my own wife managed to escape to Warsaw. Of her I have not heard since and may only assume that she perished in that city during the uprising in August, 1944, when 200,000 Jews lost their lives there. It was only through working in the railroad shop that I managed to survive in the end.

When it became clear to me that Nazis have launched their policy of the wholesale annihilation of Jews, I escaped on October 18, 1943, from the Lemberg hard labor camp where I was kept as a prisoner during my two years of labor at the railroad works (as a prisoner I was sent to the shop daily under guard with the others) and went into hiding until joining Jewish partisans on November 21, 1943, who operated there. It was while fighting in the partisan ranks against the Nazis that we managed to collect and bury for safekeeping considerable amount of evidence and other materials proving the crimes committed by Nazis. When the partisans were dispersed by the Germans I fled to Lemberg on February 10, 1944, and again went into hiding. On June 13, 1944, I was found during a house to house search and was immediately sent to the famous Lacki camp, near that city. Since there was no escape for the partisans who were caught, I attempted suicide by cutting the veins on my arms but was saved.

With the beginning of the Russian offensive, I was sent from one concentration camp to another as the result of constant German retreat. These camps include Przewal, Dobroslil, Chyrow, Sanok, Dukla, Grybow, Neu-Gardes, Krakow-lashow, Brodoser, and Buchenwald. To Mauthausen I came on February 15, 1945.

/s/ Ing. Wiesenenthal Szymon
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- 27. HASSE Responsible for several thousands of deaths.
- 28. KIPKO UntStFr. Ditto
- 29. WARSOK HptStFr. Beast who liquidated at least 60,000 Jews and used to burn prisoners alive in their barracks (camps Laidl, Jaryczow, Grodek)
- 30. SCHULZE CbStFr. Camp Cdr in Mosty Wielkie. 1,500 deaths.
- 31. HILDSBRAND DbStFr. (from Breslau) Cdr of camp Drohobycz who finished that camp with 3,500 deaths.
- ✓ 32. SCHONBACH
- ✓ 33. KOLANKO, Adolf (from Katowitz)
- ✓ 34. BYGA
- 35. KALIS (from Litzmannstadt)
- 36. MAUSSER
- ✓ 37. HELME (SS Leibst. Hitler Div) Worst sadist and killer using ax only.

His lieutenants:

- 38. WIKZ
- 39. BLUM, a mass murderer. } All three from Bat-
- 40. ERZ schka, Hungary
- 41. VOEGKE UntStFr
- 42. RINGMANN " (from Katowitz, a butcher)
- 43. Brandauer " (from Katowitz, ")

The last two specialized in hanging and chopping men alive.

- ✓ 44. GEBAUER HptStFr. }
 His lieutenants: }
 45. MYKA }
 46. HREBACH }
 47. CRABLOW }

Killed 7,000 on Nov. 18, 1943 in Lwow

- 48. GURTEN, Eduard UntStFr. (from Wiesbaden, Robert Kochstrasse, a butcher). Finished people in their sickness. About 700-800 victims in Lemberg and Auschwitz.

Camp GRACON-PLASHON

- 49. GOETH, Arndt HptStFr. (Vienna, parents own big publishing house). Greatest killer of all. His victims run into thousands. Master of cruelties.
- 50. GIBEL Goeth's deputy. Introduced keenest sadism.
- 51. ZHAJERSKI, Z. CbStFr (from Karlsruhe. Mother: Lotti Z.) Killer of first magnitude.
- 52. JOHN, Leo UntStFr. (from Katowitz, owner of a restaurant opposite Ray station there). Specialty: killing women and children. Victims run into thousands.
- 53. BER, Otto From Breslau. Cruel Arbeitscommandofuhrer.
- 54. KASCHER, Otto UntStFr. From Vienna. Ditto.
- 55. LANDSCHNEIDER HptStFr. Liquidated Camp Szebnia. 3000 deaths.

56. SCHEID UntStFr. From Breslau. Conducted killing of about 4500 Jews in transit to ghetto.
57. SCHEERER Killed sick in the hospital.
58. LUDOLF HptStFr. From Hamburg.
59. HUJAR UntStFr. Winner of numerous wagers by sending one bullet through two heads at a time.
60. KÖRNER HptStFr.
61. KOCH UntStFr. From Vienna.
62. KUNDE HptStFr. From Hamburg. A Gestapo agent for liquidation of Jewish camps.
63. HEINRICH HptStFr. Medical student from Katowitz. Well known sportsman. Kunde's assistant.
64. PILARCZYK HptStFr. From Katowitz. Liquidated the Cracow Ghetto.
65. von MALUTKY HptStFr. From Vienna. Pilarczyk's assistant.
66. ZCKERT " Camp's recorder. Many cruelties.
67. SCHUPKE " Liquidated Reichshof Camp, killing thousands of victims. Finished in Cracow several contingents, where American lives were lost. (I saw 13 men with American passports killed by him on August, 1944.)
68. MÜLLER, Franz " From Bad-Essen (an upholsterer). Caused 50,000 deaths in Bosnia.
69. UNTERRIEUCHER HptSchFr. From Dachau (city, not camp). Sadist in Camp Szebnia.
70. LIED UntSchFr. Degenrat collector of his victims' skulls.
71. BAUERKSE " Killer.
72. BECHER GStFr. Killer of sick in hospitals.
- His lieutenants:
73. MAJER, Heinrich)
74. BREIER, Willi) All Gestapo agents. Sadist
75. THOMKE, Otto) cruelties against Jews.
76. FROMER Gestapo agent. "Worked" in Bosnia. Specializing in killing of children.
77. TANK, Karl GStFr. From Schleswig, Busdorfstrasse. Torturing people to death.
78. FITTEG, Alfred GStFr. Also from Schleswig, Delfusstrasse. Fitte.
79. LUY SchFr. Former teacher. "Worked" in Bohemia.
80. ROSENBAUM HptStFr. Nephew of wholesale killer General Krieger. Liquidated all of the 900 Jews in Camp Rabka.
81. SCHEIDT HptSchFr. Finished 1200 in Zakopane.
82. FANN " Well known hangman in Now-Sandez. 4000.
83. SCHÖNEBURG UntSchFr. Had hand in destroying 4000 Jews in Bosnia.

84. MICHALSKI UntSchFr. From Katowicz. Sadist from Camp Cracow.
85. KALFUS Sadist from Camp Cracow.
86. KUNKE Ditto.
87. GRUM RottFr. Ditto
88. ODER " Responsible for many cruelties.
89. HERZOG Woman SS. Caused sufferings to women and children in Women's Camp Wenusberg.
90. HEISE, Gertrude " From Holland. Ditto.
91. HEINEL, Anna " Also from Holland. Ditto.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION1. General:

- a. The following totals of local Jews killed in Galicia are given here, according to my information:

Camp Cracow	- ab.	70,000
" Lemberg	-	118,000
Distr. Galicia	-	850,000
" Cracow	-	350,000

Also, in Camp Jaroslaw about 360,000 Russian war prisoners were put to death in 1941.

- b. Particularly infamous in their deed are to be considered the SS Brigade "1005" and the SS Brigade "Breitau", which were assigned as special "Verdichtungsbrigaden".

2. Personalia:

Of the persons among the Nazi administration, the following two men are to be considered as potentially useful source of further information:

SCHMIDT, Werner.	An engineer from Halle a.d. Saale.
KOHLHAAS, Adolf.	A Reichsbahn inspector from Osternbrück.

These two men our friends and were of great assistance in preventing many cruelties, while stationed at the railroad workshops at Lemberg.

Kauthausen, 25 May 1945

/s/ Ing. Wissenthal Skymon
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May 25, 1945.

To the U.S. Camp Commander,
Camp Mauthausen.

Sir,-

Having spent a number of years in thirteen Nazi concentration camps, including Mauthausen from which I was liberated by the American forces on May 5th and where I still am staying at the present, and desirous to be of help to the U.S. authorities in their effort to bring the Nazi criminals to account, I take the liberty of submitting the followings:

1. As all of the camps where I was confined are located in the zones taken by the Soviet armies, it is my conviction that those responsible for the atrocities committed therein by the SS men are not to be found in the eastern parts of Europe but should be sought either in Southern or Western Germany.

2. I am enclosing a brief list of those whom I have seen in these various camps and whom I can recognize on sight. Many of these have caused incalculable sufferings to myself as well as to my fellow inmates. Many of these I have personally seen commit murder phantastic both in number and method. As shown, some of them had either their homes or relatives living in localities now under Allied occupation.

3. With all of the members of my family and of my nearest relatives killed by the Nazis, I am asking of your kindness to place me at the disposal of the U.S. authorities investigating war crimes. Although I am a Polish citizen and would like to return to my homestead, I feel that the crimes of these men are of such magnitude, that no effort can be spared to apprehend them. I also feel that it is my duty to offer my services either for the purpose of furnishing the description of their misdeeds or as an eyewitness in case identification is needed.

4. To furnish you with the personal data regarding my person, a brief curriculum vitae is attached.

Respectfully,

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