

MARIA BROEL-PLATER - Resumed CROSS EXAMINATION BY DR. SEIDL (Counsel for the defendants Gebhardt, Oberhouser, and Fischer):

Q. Witness, in September 1939 during the war, were you evacuated to Hungary?

A. I was evacuated to Hungary on the 11th of September 1939

Q. On the 1st of August you returned to Poland. Did you return to that part of Poland which was described as the general government?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you join the resistance movement?

A. One month after my return to Poland.

Q. In the resistance movement you were the chief of a group of messengers?

A. Yes.

Q. In this capacity did you receive and pass on to leaders of the resistance movement-- did you give and pass on orders to them?

A. Yes, I had my own group and I directed this group.

Q. It was the aim of the resistance movement to remove the German rule in the general government and, therefore, you joined them, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. From your testimony which you gave yesterday it could not be clearly seen what kind--how the trial was conducted to which you were subjected. Was it in that case a so-called court martial in the general government?

A. No.

Q. You stated yesterday that already on the 1st of August 1941 operations were taking place. Are you quite sure of that? Are you quite sure that you can exactly remember that date?

A. The operations started to be performed in the concentration camp Ravenstruck on 1st august 1942 because I was arrested in 1941.

Q. That is not in 1941 but in 1942.

A. Yes.

Q. You have testified yesterday that several experimental subjects were operated on on several occasions.

As a result of the previous operations did they have high fever and severe pains?

A. I was told by them that they had all great pains and high fever.

Q. Witness, you further testified yesterday that the experimental subjects were other prisoners in this block. Where all the people residing in this block members of the resistance movement?

A. I don't know.

Q. How many women of the resistance movement were all together located in this block?

A. I don't know.

Q. Up until 1943, you have made some very general statements. Do you knew why these operations were carried out in the bunker and net in a well furnished operating room and who carried them out?

A. The operations were carried out in the bunker because this was that kind of furnishings and I don't know by whom they were performed.

Q. You also stated yesterday that it was a general conviction in the camp that the members of the resistance movement would not return to Poland any more and would not be able to leave the camp alive; was this view also expressed by members of the camp administration?

A. Yes, it was said by Binz.

Q. You also stated yesterday that women were being transported to Lublin; these women who had been transferred to Lublin, were they also members of the resistance movement.

A. I did not say yesterday that transports of prisoners were sent to Lublin.

Q. Then, I must have misunderstood the testimony of the witness. On the 23rd of April, 1945, you had left the camp; was this done under the auspices of the Swedish Red Cross?

A. No.

Q. I do not have any further questions.