

Q Who was Seidler?

A He was during the last years the camp commander.

Q What were Schuettauf's duties?

A The main duties of Schuettauf were the distribution of guards and especially of detail leaders, and he checked guards and detail leaders, of the guards.

Q Did Schuettauf give orders to the guards assigned to executions?

DEFENSE COUNSEL: I object. There is no foundation to this.

LAW MEMBER: Would the reporter read back the last question, please?

(Whereupon the reporter read back the last question.)

LAW MEMBER: Objection sustained.

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTION:

Q Did any executions take place at Gusen?

A I saw executions in Gusen from the year 1941 on until the end.

Q Did you ever see or hear of orders being given to the guards assigned to the executions?

A I only heard it, but I also saw it.

Q Who did you see giving orders to the guards prior to executions?

A Immediately before the executions, Schuettauf gave the orders.

Q Did you ever see or hear of instructions given to the detail leaders regarding the treatment of prisoners?

A Yes.

Q Who did you see giving such instructions to the detail leaders?

A Schuettauf.

Q As a result of such instructions, what did you observe the detail leaders do?

DEFENSE COUNSEL: If the court please, I object to this, because we don't know what those instructions were, we don't know what is coming as to what the guards have done, we don't know whether they were following instructions at all.

PROSECUTION: If the Court please, in the first place, I will tie up this testimony; in the second place if the Defense desires further details about any of the questions under direct examination, they are free to ask them on cross-examination.

THE MEMBER: The prosecutor will reframe the question.

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTION:

Q Where did you see Schuettauf giving instructions to the detail leaders?

A I saw that in front of the Jourhouse, where the details were put together and the guards assigned.

Q What time of the day or night did you see this?

A I saw that in the forenoon, in the morning and in the afternoon.

Q Where were you?

A I worked at that time in a stone cutter detail, and this detail worked on an elevated in an elevated place, about seven to eight meters above the ground, and I saw just what went on from a distance of approximately fifteen to twenty meters.

Q On how many occasions did you observe this?

A We worked in a large hall, and in the summer there was so very much dust from the stones, so we worked out in the open. I saw that, for example, before shootings he gave orders to the guards mostly in the afternoon.

Q With regard to the orders to the detail leaders, on how many

occasions did you observe Schuettauf giving these orders?

A I have to correct something here. The detail leaders of large details were under the orders of Seidler, and the roll-call leader Kiedermann. The first report fuhrer was Krust, the second one was Lamaschke, and the third one was Kiedermann.

Q What detail leaders were under Schuettauf?

A Those were the guards at the detail leaders of the guards.

Q Did they have prisoners working under them?

A They guarded the prisoners.

Q Did you see or hear Schuettauf giving instructions to these leaders?

A Yes, I saw that especially in the afternoon when he made speeches to the guards and the detail leaders of the guards.

Q On how many occasions did you see him making these speeches or hear him?

A In those four years I may have heard him twenty times or more.

Q What four years were those?

A I am counting from 1941 until the end.

Q Could you hear these instructions, or could you just see Schuettauf giving them?

A It was difficult to understand anything. First of all there was a distance of twenty meters. Secondly the hammering in the stone-cutters hall was very noisy.

Q What did you observe the guards doing after the instructions given by Schuettauf?

A Schuettauf stood in front of the office, between the barracks

and the kitchen when we went out to work, and we were beaten with rifle-butts and kicked with feet.

Q Did this take place after the instructions given by Schuettauf?

A I don't know what it was all about in the morning, but in the afternoon I know when we went out to work that Schuettauf assigned the guards and they had to report back to him.

PRESIDENT: Court will take a thirty minute recess.

(Whereupon the court recessed at 1000 hours.)

(Whereupon the court reconvened at 1030 hours.)

PRESIDENT: Court will come to order.

PROSECUTION: Let the record show that all members of the court, prosecution, defense and accused, are present that were present at the last session; new court reporters and interpreters are to be sworn.

PRESIDENT: The court has appointed Mr. W. E. Velte as court interpreter. He will be sworn.

(Whereupon W. E. Velte, U. S. Civilian, was sworn as court interpreter.)

PRESIDENT: The court has appointed Miss Mary T. Williams, Miss Eunice Hasdorff and Miss Mariel Klingelhuts as court reporters. They will be sworn.

(Whereupon Mary T. Williams, Eunice Hasdorff and Mariel Klingelhuts, U. S. Civilians, were sworn as court reporters.)

PRESIDENT: Will you announce to the spectators that no witnesses are permitted in the court.

(Whereupon the interpreter did as directed.)

(Joseph Kowalski, recalled as a witness by the prosecution, resumed the stand and being reminded that he was still under oath, testified further through an interpreter as follows:)

DIRECT EXAMINATION (continued)

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTION:

Q Did these work details ever move out without instructions from Schuettauf?

A Yes, they could also go off to work without getting instructions from Schuettauf.

Q Compare the actions of the guards when the details moved off without instructions to the actions of the guards when these details moved off with instructions from Schuettauf?

A When Schuettauf gave these instructions there were a lot of blows given and a lot of kicks with feet, and it often happened that a lot of corpses were brought back from work. Whenever the people went off to work without getting any instructions from Schuettauf the work went along well, quietly, people were not beaten, although it often happened that the people were beaten by the Kapos.

Q Did you see the corpses that were taken back from the work details after they moved out following instructions from Schuettauf?

A Yes, there were many such cases.

Q How many corpses a day would come back approximately?

A That is hard to describe because I couldn't see all the work details.

Q On how many occasions did you see these corpses coming back?

A On many occasions I saw bodies brought back. For example if a work detail consisted of 25 men, I saw one, two or three brought back, or I would see a number of people brought back who had been severely beaten and who had to be taken to the hospital.

Q What were the nationalities of these dead prisoners you saw being brought back from the work detail?

A There were Russians, Poles, Spaniards and various other nationalities.

Q Did you ever see executions at Gusen?

A Yes, I saw them.

Q Did you ever see any executions at which Schuettauf was present?

A Yes.

Q When was that?

A That is very hard to say. It could have been March or April 1942. It could also have been a little sooner.

Q Where did the execution take place?

A In the camp near the kitchen between two barracks with walls.

Q From where did you observe it?

A I saw that from the very beginning when Series arrived and spoke with Schuettauf. Schuettauf was standing there with 6 men with whom he spoke. Later on he brought them into the camp near the kitchen. I saw two of them shot to death. Later on the block leader chased us away so that I couldn't see any more what was going on. Schuettauf gave the command and then when I went back in the direction of the hall I heard three to four salvos fired.

Q What were the nationalities of these victims?

A It is hard to say, hard to remember because I didn't see them in the morning at the roll call square when they were asked to fall out.

Q Were there any occasions on which you saw Schuettauf speak to guards preliminary to executions?

A Yes.

Q Do you know whether or not Schuettauf actually went to the execution on these occasions?

A That I did not see but before the execution Schuettauf spoke with the guards and then they marched into the camp to the place of execution, and then afterward I heard salvos fired. I have also seen executions which were carried out by other SS people. Also in the year 1942 five Russian prisoners of war were shot to death. On that occasion

Schuettauf had also given instructions. Then in the year 1944 when seven young Poles were shot to death, they were stone cutters and the eldest of them was 15 years old, on that occasion Schuettauf also gave instructions to the guards which belonged to the execution squad.

Q Is there anything further you want to tell the court relative to Schuettauf?

A I haven't got anything more to say about what I saw.

Q What was Grill's rank?

A He was Sergeant, Staff Sergeant or Tech Sergeant of the SS. I believe on his shoulder here (indicating) he had two stars or two insignias.

Q In what years did you know Grill?

A I knew him from the year 1941 until the end.

Q What were his duties in Gusen?

A His duties consisted of censoring the mail which we, as prisoners, sent to Poland, and also censoring the mail and packages which we received from Poland.

Q Did you ever have occasion to see invalids taken to the bath?

A Yes, I saw that very often.

Q Did you ever see Grill take any invalids to the bath?

A Yes, I saw that.

Q On one occasion or on more than one occasion?

A I can say with certainty that I saw him on three occasions with my own eyes. That was at the end of the year 1942.

Q Relative to January 1, 1942, and thereafter, describe what part you saw Grill take in the bathing of these invalids?

A I saw Grill together with the roll call leader Brust and also the work commitment officer, I believe his name is Jetz, I saw them take a prisoner out of Block 32 and into the bath. I am not sure that he was the work commitment leader. I saw the block leader from 32 bringing the invalids to the bath and according to orders which the SS people gave these invalids had to be brought into the cold bath.

Q Was Grill among those present?

A Grill was there. He had a stick or a whip made from a bull's tail, in his hand, I don't know which, and the invalids were there in the bath, and were ordered to stand up and fall down and stand up and fall down again, and they were beaten on that occasion.

Q Did Grill take an active part in the beating?

A He took part in that, he beat the people, kicked them with his feet and the invalids involved were invalids who didn't want to get into the water, their feet were swollen and they had boils on their legs. On that occasion I saw 25 to 30 corpses. Then afterwards the people came from the hospital and these corpses were taken away and brought into the wash room of Blocks 22, 23 and 24. After the evening roll call the corpses were brought into the crematory.

Q What time of the year did this bath take place that you have just described?

A I saw it in 1941 and twice in 1942. It occurred in the fall of 1941 and also the beginning of the spring, 1942.

Q What was the immediate cause of the death of these prisoners whose corpses you saw?

A These people were sick and invalided and weak and they were sitting in the water. Whenever they tried to stand

up and get out of the water again, they were beaten and had to swallow water and a number of them drowned and the stronger ones could last out a little longer than the others. When new transports arrived and the number of the corpses was so great they couldn't put them in the crematory, then they were sent in the direction of Mauthausen.

Q How many prisoners were bathed at one time in these baths?

A It is hard for me to tell you how many prisoners were bathed at the same time. It could have been 60 to 80. It could have been more.

Q What was the nationality of these prisoners?

A There were mostly Poles, also Russians and Spaniards.

Q Did you have any occasion to observe Grill's activities in the mail room?

A Yes, for the reason that I myself also got packages.

Q What did you observe regarding his activities in the mail room?

A Grill was responsible for seeing to it that we got the entire contents of our package and that the packages were kept in order, but we never did get the entire contents of our packages. If any of us complained that the package really was bigger than what we got, for example if we said that the package had contained bread and fish, then Grill beat these people who complained. Whenever packages arrived which had particularly good contents, for example packages which came from Poland and contained a good Polish sausage or a Spanish sausage, then the good things were taken out of the packages and distributed to the Kapos from the hospital, people from the SS kitchen and people from the various details in the