

Q Can you tell the court why you have re-appeared here?

A As I have stated already I know all of the six accused in the dock. Of five of them I know in a bad light. One of them I know in a good light.

Q Which one of the six defendants is the one you know in the good light?

A Tandler.

Q When did you first come to know Tandler?

A In the year 1944. It was either August or September.

Q How did you come to know Tandler at that time?

A He was the detail leader of the detail I was in in what is known as Longitz or Gusen III.

Q Can you tell the court why he became detail leader of that detail?

A It happened in August, 1944 that the young Russians who worked under the command of Tandler were beaten by Capos. Tandler intervened on behalf of these young Russians and forbid the capos to beat them.

Q Yes, go on.

A A few days later Tandler was transferred to a lower position, that is to our detail.

Q Would you say that was done as a punishment?

A Yes, I know that he was interrogated by the Camp Leader Seidler.

Q What was the result of that interrogation?

A I know that after Tandler came to our detail Seidler many times came to our detail to check on Tandler.

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Q Do you know why?

A I do not know why but I do know that Tandler was in fear and he always told us that everything should be in good order because we could expect a check any time.

Q How did Tandler treat the prisoners on your detail?

A Very good.

Q Did you ever see him mistreat prisoners?

A No.

Q Did you see or ever hear of him mistreating any young Russians?

A Whether he mistreated them I do not know, neither did I hear anything of it. All I know is that he was called the Granddad. I would like to give an example.

Q Proceed.

A Commander Zimis made known an order in 1945 that Polish inmates were permitted to volunteer into the German army. None of the Poles in our detail volunteered. When we went into the camp to pick up our food we received only half portions. We went to Tandler and complained and told him that we were now ill treated because we refused to join the German army. Thereupon Tandler took me and another inmate by the name of Paproski to pick up the food. He went with us to the block eldest and asked him why it was that we received only half portions. He slapped the face of the block eldest because we underwent this chicanery and also underwent chicanerie at work. We thereupon received a second platter of food and thereafter we received normal rations again.

Q Were you ever in a position to observe the young Russian details moving in and out of the camp?

A You mean going to work?

Q Yes.

A Yes, I saw them several times.

Q Did you ever hear them singing?

A Yes, I heard them.

Q Can you tell this court whether or not they were doing so voluntarily?

A I do not know. I can't answer that.

Q Can you tell us anything further about Fandler?

A I can only state that during the time I worked under him he treated us well. He behaved decently to us and that if capos beat an inmate, he called the capo in question to him and reprimanded him.

Q Do you know what his general reputation was in the camp?

A I didn't hear anything bad about him.

DEFENSE COUNSEL: You may examine.

CROSS EXAMINATION

QUESTIONS BY THE PROSECUTION:

Q The camp that you just referred to throughout your testimony was Gusen III, wasn't it?

A Yes.

Q All the testimony that you have just stated relates to after August or September, 1944, doesn't it?

A Yes.

Q You don't know anything about Tandler's actions in Gusen I, do you?

A I did not hear that anything bad was said about him there.

Q You don't know anything about Tandler's activities before August or September 1944, do you?

A No.

PROSECUTION: That is all.

EXAMINATION BY THE COURT

QUESTIONS BY THE PRESIDENT:

Q What were your general duties at camp Gusen III?

A I worked in the depot of the messerschmitts factory. I worked very hard.

Q Was part of this factory underground?

A No, that was an old brick factory.

Q How many prisoners worked in Gusen III?

A I must mention that in Gusen III there were the messerschmitts shops and also a bakery under construction. I don't

know what you are referring to, the bakery or the messerschmitts shops.

Q You testified as to Gusen III where you worked. The question was how many prisoners were employed at Gusen III?

A 300 inmates but not all of them were under the supervision of Tandler.

Q Who had general charge of the prisoners at Gusen III?

A SS Sergeant Mak.

Q Did you ever hear anything about Tandler's reputation at Gusen I either good or bad?

A The general opinion was that Tandler was not bad in Gusen I.

PRESIDENT: Any other questions by the court? There being none the witness is excused.

(Whereupon the witness was excused and withdrew.)

DEFENSE COUNSEL: Defense calls as its next witness Heinrich Lutterbach. I want to explain to the court that I don't know whether this man will take an oath. You might ask him if he objects to taking an oath.

WITNESS HEINRICH LUTTERBACH: I want to give a statement in lieu of an oath.

PRESIDENT: Do you solemnly affirm that you will speak the pure truth and will withhold and add nothing?

WITNESS HEINRICH LUTTERBACH: Yes.

HEINRICH LUTTERBACH, called as a witness by the defense, testified through an interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

QUESTIONS BY DEFENSE COUNSEL:

Q Will you state your full name:

A Lutterbach, Heinrich.

Q Where do you live?

A Munich.

Q How old are you?

A 38 years.

Q What is your nationality?

A German.

Q Were you ever an inmate in concentration camp Gusen I?

A Yes.

Q From what date to what date?

A From October 1941 until the end.

Q What was your duty at Gusen I?

A At first I worked in the office of the stone quarry and later on in the camp office.

Q What block were you in?

A In 24 and in 1 and also in Block 3.

Q Were you ever in what was known as the Young Russian Camp?

A Yes, that was one block.

Q Who was the block leader?

A The block leader was SS Tech Sergeant Tandler.

Q If you see him in the court room point him out please?

A There, number four.

Q Let the record indicate that the witness identified the defendant Tandler. How did Tandler treat the prisoners in that block?

A I can say nothing bad about him concerning the treatment of the young Russians.

Q Did you ever see him mistreat any of them?

A No.

Q Do you know whether or not Tandler had a nickname among the young Russians?

A Yes.

Q What was it?

A He was called the "Father of the Russians".

Q Can you explain to the court just why that name was given to him?

A Because he had to care for them.

Q Do you know whether or not the young Russians had any fear of Tandler?

A No, the young Russians were not afraid of him.

Q Did you say Tandler was good to the young Russians?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember when any of the Russian details left camp for work?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever hear them singing going to work?

A Yes.

Q Did you hear them singing coming back?

A Yes.

Q You are a musician, are you not Mr. Lutterbach?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever teach any of these young Russians to sing songs?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell the court the title of some of those songs?

A I can't remember the titles very well any more, one of them was the "Stone Cutter's Song" but I can't remember just exactly what songs they were.

Q Can you tell the court whether or not they were singing of their own volition or were they made to sing?

A It was an order from the security camp administration that they should sing.

Q Can you tell the court whether all the details going to and from work sang?

A No, not all of them sang.

Q Can you tell us anything further about Tandler?

A I can only repeat that I personally can say nothing bad about him and that to me personally he was very humane.

Q Can you tell the court whether or not there was an order in the camp that a prisoner would get only so much food stuff to last him for two days out of any package which he received?

A Yes, such a regulation was at one time made known by Commander Ziemeis on the roll call square.

Q Do you know what became of the rest of the food which was taken out of these packages?

A They were distributed among various working details of inmates.

Q Did you know a man named Heisig?

A Yes.

Q If you see him in the court room, point him out please?

A Number six.

Q Let the record show that the witness identified the defendant Heisig. Did you ever see him mistreat prisoners?

A No.

Q Did you ever hear of him mistreating prisoners?

A I do not remember it.

Q How well did you know Heisig?

A As far as I know he was deputy block leader of Block 24, Tandler's block. The two of them had to take care of Block 24.

Q What kind of a man was he?

A What shall I say to you. He was an SS man, a block leader.

Q Did the prisoners ever pay particular attention to him?

INTERPRETER: May I ask you to rephrase that question. It would be difficult in German.

QUESTIONS BY DEFENSE COUNSEL:

Q Did the prisoners pay attention to Heisig?

A I do not understand this question entirely.

Q Was he noticed very much by the prisoners?

A Noticed, what should that mean, that he had a bad or a good reputation? What does the question mean?

Q Did he have a good or a bad reputation?

A I do not remember him having a bad reputation as long as I knew him as the block leader of the young Russian block.

Q But you did not hear or did not see him mistreat any prisoner, is that true?

A I personally would not have any knowledge of it because my phase of work was the office and I couldn't know what went on in the block, and when I was in the block I would not see him mistreat anyone and I do not remember to have heard that he mistreated anyone.

Q Did you know a man named Schuettauf?

A By name.

Q Did he have a nickname too?

A Yes, as far as I know he had the nickname "General Bauch."

Q What was his job in the camp?

A As far as I know he had the company under him, the SS companies, that it was his job to assign guards.

Q Do you know whether or not there was an order forbidding members of this guard company to enter the camp?

A Yes, there must have been a regulation in existence, that, with the exception of the headquarters personnel, no one was permitted to enter the camp.

Q When you say headquarters personnel, do you mean the headquarters inside of the camp?

A Headquarters staff were all the administrative personnel including block leaders and work detail leaders.

Q Those were the ones who were not guards outside, is that true?

A Well, they at times also did guard duty but as far as I know they were not included in the companies but were directly under orders of the security camp headquarters.

Q Did you see Schuettauf often?

A I saw him repeatedly.

Q Did you ever see him beat anybody?

A I had very few occasions, almost none, to get on outside details and outside details probably were the ones Schuettauf came in contact with in his job over the guards, so I can say hardly anything about that.

Q Did you ever hear of him mistreating prisoners?

A Well, he did not have a good reputation.

CROSS EXAMINATION

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTION:

Q Schuettauf was the commanding officer of all the guard companies, wasn't he?

A I don't know that exactly but I do believe that someone superior to him was there by the name of Obermayer (Lutterbach - direct, cross) - 210 -