

A To Gusen 1, yes.

Q What type of job did you have to perform there?

A First I was detailed to be a company commander of the 1st company in Gusen, and during December 1941 this company commander was transferred; that was when I received the job of commanding officer.

Q Were you then promoted in Gusen any more?

A I think in November 1943 or January 1944 I was promoted to a First Lieutenant of the SS.

Q Were there any other guard companies there besides your own?

A Besides this company, there were three other companies in this camp.

Q Did they have the same job as your company?

A The tour of duty was always the same for all companies. Only the duties themselves changed. Once a company would have guard duty; then it would have to supply the guard chain; and then they would be in charge of out details; and the fourth day, training, sport.

Q In other words, there was a rotating plan. And who was in charge of the four companies?

A The four companies were subordinated to a Major--SS Major Obermeier.

Q Did he have a steady deputy amongst the company commanders?

A No, he did not have a steady deputy. If he was on leave or furlough, his place was taken by SS First Lieutenant Mueller.

Q Was he younger or older than you are?

A He was much younger. He was approximately 30 years of age.

Q How come that he got that job of deputy and not you, as the oldest officer?

A That was an order by Colonel Ziereis, who couldn't stand me

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at all. And he ordered that directly that Mueller would take the job of deputy.

Q And how about leaves? Who was in charge of leaves?

A If an application for leave was made, as far as enlisted men and junior officers were concerned, one had to make an application and the company commander would have to endorse it; and then the request went to SS Major Obermeier and then, further, it went to SS Colonel Ziereis.

Q In other words, he had to decide the matter?

A Ziereis granted or refused the leave, and there was nothing one could do about it.

Q And who signed?

A Ziereis himself, or sometimes, for Ziereis, Obermeier.

Q Were there any regulations in this camp by Ziereis that if a guard would kill or injure a prisoner he would get extra leave time?

A No, that never existed. I never heard it from my company or any other company that any leave time was granted for any other reason but a leave request.

Q Did any soldiers receive any gratifications for anything they had performed in the line of duty?

A That never happened in my company. I would have to know that. No one ever received anything from me, and nothing ever came from higher up.

Q Could you tell the court in a few words, Mr. Schuettauf, what happened during one day in the concentration camp of Gusen? One day of your work.

A The guards were requested by the headquarters of the Protective

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Custody Camp for the various details, and they were furnished by the company who had duty that day. Suppose my company would have had an out detail and they were placed by the Company Sergeant, it was placed on the bulletin board so every man would know about it, and then the guards would, in close formation already assembled as far as their details were concerned, march down to the camp entrance, where they would wait a few steps away from the entrance. And if I was on duty there, I took the guard mount there, and the guards were the day before already instructed as to their special orders.

PRESIDENT: The court will take a recess for 15 minutes.

(Whereupon the court recessed at 1550 hours.)

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(Whereupon the court reconvened at 1600 hours.)

PRESIDENT: The court will come to order.

PROSECUTION: Let the record show that all the members of the court, the prosecution, the defense, the accused, the court interpreter and court reporter that were present at previous sessions are present now. The accused, Schuettauf, is still on the stand.

ERICK SCHUETTAUF, an accused, voluntarily resumed the stand and testified further in his own behalf as follows:
(After having been reminded that he was still under oath)

DIRECT EXAMINATION (CONT'D)

QUESTIONS BY DR. KLUGE:

Q Would you continue to tell the court about your daily work?

A When I was on duty I went down to the main gate and there a chain of guards was set up already. And the chain of guards reported then through their non commissioned officers and junior officers that the chain of guards is closed, which means that the last guard has taken his post. And then I had to report to the Protective Custody Commander that the guard chain is standing and that the guards accompanying the out details are ready.

Q That was in the morning. What happened afterwards?

A And then the prison details marched out. They marched to the quarry into the other out details.

Q How did the guards march, the ones who went down to the quarry?

A As soon as an entire guard chain was posted the

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first detail to leave was the one going to the quarry.

Q And they were accompanied by whom?

A They were only accompanied by the block leaders and capos. Guards did not go with them.

Q Why?

A Because the guard chain was posted and the prisoners had to work within that guard chain.

Q Did you have anything to do with the control of work details in the quarry?

A I was only charged with the guards and matters pertaining to the guards. Whether the prisoners worked or what type of work they performed was not part of my job.

Q Did it happen that maybe as a matter of interest you once visited the details of your own initiative?

A No, I never went to the quarry just in order to see the work details.

Q You once were supposed to have said to a detail leader there, "Those criminals are just lazy around here". What do you have to say about that?

A No, I never made any such remark or never anything like that to my detail leader or any other person in the quarry or any other place. May I say something to that and explain why? The detail leaders knew very well that I as a guard member could not tell him anything. He could have given me an answer, "That is none of your business".

Q Who was he subordinate to?

A Then all the detail leaders and block leaders were subordinate to their Protective Camp Custody Leader.

Q Once there was supposed to be a beating in your presence where 25 corpses were supposed to be left over where the prisoners were beating themselves. Do you remember such an instance?

A I don't remember any such instance and I don't know where it was supposed to be and I never heard about anything like that.

Q Did you ever give instructions to your guards where and what time?

A The guards were only instructed in the guards quarters and they were only given the general order and the special order of the camp.

Q Did any of the prisoners ever have the possibility to listen to one of those instructions?

A The only possibility that he sneaked into the company quarters or that he hid some place around there.

Q What were your instructions to the guards so far as relationship to the prisoners is concerned?

A Every relationship to the prisoners was strictly forbidden according to standing and basic guard regulations. Everything talked outside the line of duty to the prisoners was forbidden.

Q Did you especially stress that fact by telling the guards to keep a distance in meters from your prisoners?

A I especially instructed my guards to act according to basic guard orders to keep distant from the prisoners six meters; if the territory would permit it, even further.

Q Were there any violations of this order?

A During inspections I found guards who violated that order and I reprimanded them and I also brought it to the attention of the Guard Commander.

Q Did you have any business in the bunker of the protective custody camp?

A I never had anything to do in the bunker in the line of duty and I never visited the bunker. The bunker was in the camp entrance building.

Q If a prisoner would be punished by going through the bunker who would bring him there?

A We didn't find those things out even. Those things were matters pertaining only to the protective custody leader.

Q Did you ever witness an occasion where fliers were shot down or when they came down in a parachute?

A I only now found out in my charge sheet or during interrogations that in July, 1944, fliers parachuted to safety there. I, myself, have never seen any such fliers. When this allegedly has happened I was in Vienna from June until August 1944.

Q Do you remember the exact date?

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A I can't remember the exact date. I only know that two or three days after I got to the new camp there was a heavy air raid. There was heavy casualty amongst my guards. Maybe it can be found out that way.

Q Where did you live?

A Vienna, Elizabeth Street, No. 16 and at that time I was also registered with the police in Vienna.

Q Were you told anything about the flier incident when you got back to Gusen?

A Even there I wasn't told anything about that. I only found out about those things while I was imprisoned.

Q Who took part in executions if such executions happened in the Camp Gusen?

A I, myself did not know anything about such executions, nor did I ever witness any of those. I only found out about those later when Riemer or Vaessen was present. And otherwise I do not know.

Q Did you hear anything about the way the people were killed in that camp if there were any executions?

A I only found out about these particulars here in Dachau.

Q Did you ever go through a lineup in Dachau here?

A Yes, two or three times.

Q Were there any people there who accused you of any special crime?

A Once it was said that I cussed the prisoners. I called them criminals. Otherwise the only thing which was

held against me was that I was supposed to have prevented the escape of prisoners through my instructions to the guards.

DR. KLUGE: No further questions.

CROSS EXAMINATION

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTION:

Q Do you know exactly when you were in Floridsdorf?

A From June until August, 1944. I cannot give you the exact date. I would not want to take an oath on that.

Q Were you interrogated very closely on these dates at some previous time?

A No, I don't know whether anyone especially asked me for those days. May I add something? I only remember one time in when I was interrogated about that flier case. At that time I still had my Army Pay Book with me. This Army Pay Book had the date of my transfer and that was taken away from me at that time.

Q Are you sure of the months you were there regardless of the dates within the month?

A I am absolutely sure that it was from June, July, and August.

Q Are you sure you didn't leave there after August?

A No, I remember exactly because the administrator of the Officer's club gave me the food ration stamps for the month of June, and for the month of July he sent them afterward and for the month of August I received them in Vienna because I was registered with the police there.

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Q PROSECUTION: Will the court reporter mark this document as Prosecution's Exhibit 14 for identification?

(The document referred to was marked Prosecution's Exhibit 14 for identification.)

QUESTIONS BY PROSECUTION:

Q I show you Prosecution's Exhibit 14 for identification and I ask you what this is? What is it that you have in your hands?

A That is a questionnaire which was given by me in Dachau.

Q Did you fill that out?

A Yes, I filled that out myself.

Q What dates did you put down there for the dates you were in Floridsdorf?

A Approximately the 16th of June 1944 until the 30th of July 1944. I put "approximately" there because I didn't exactly know the dates.

PROSECUTION: I offer this in evidence.

DEFENSE COUNSEL: No objection.

LAW MEMBER: Prosecution's Exhibit 14 will be received in evidence.

(The document heretofore marked Prosecution's Exhibit 14 for identification was received in evidence, is attached hereto and made a part of the record.)

PROSECUTION: I ask the court reporter to mark the English translation as Prosecution's Exhibit 14A for identification and I offer that in evidence.

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