



HENRYK MAŁACHOWSKI

On 23 September 1946 in Katowice, the Regional Investigative Judge in Katowice, in the person of Judge Artur Bubik, interviewed the person specified below as a witness, without oath. Having been advised of the criminal liability for making false declarations and of the wording of Article 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the witness testified as follows:

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| Name and surname | Henryk Małachowski |
| Age | 26 years old |
| Parents' names | Józef and Felicja, née Mogilska |
| Place of residence | Bytom, Żołnierza Polskiego Street 9 |
| Occupation | technician |
| Religious affiliation | Roman Catholic |
| Criminal record | none |
| Relationship to the parties | none |

I was suspected of belonging to an illegal Polish organization and of possessing weapons. As the result of a ruling by the Płock Gestapo, I was sentenced to death, but the sentence was not carried out. Instead, I was transported to Auschwitz, to the *Politische Abteilung* [Political Department], because they wanted to extract some details from me about the secret Polish organization.

I was immediately transferred to the so-called death block (no. 11). It was a detention facility for political prisoners whose investigation had not yet been completed. It was a block surrounded by a special wall, strictly isolated. There were cells 60 by 80 cm and it was there that the sittings of the Gestapo courts, the so-called *Standgericht*, took place, and so forth.



From there, I was taken to the *Politsche Abteilung* and subjected to various tortures.

As a result, I got two ribs and two vertebrae broken and about 13 teeth knocked out.

One time during the tortures I fainted, and when I came round, I noticed that I had attracted the attention of the SS chief doctor. He gave an order to transport me to the *Krankenbau* [hospital]. There, I got elastic and plaster bandages.

While I was lying there in a plaster cast, I was subjected to various experiments. I received intravenous, intramuscular and sacrum injections. Having received them, sometimes I felt hot, sometimes cold, and sometimes I fainted, and so forth (I believe I was subjected to medical experiments). After six months, I left the hospital with a corset, which I still wear today. Generally in the hospital, various experiments were performed on prisoners – there were about 200 women (mostly Jewish) who were subjected by that doctor to experiments.

Höß came to my cell with an escort, someone called my name, and then Höß gave an order to hang me twice by a hook for an hour, by the arms, which had been bent backwards.

Another example of behavior characteristic of Höß: I remember that once the Allies raided the camp. The block of shoemakers and tailors was hit (it was in August 1944). Almost 50 people were killed and 200 people were injured. Those who were seriously injured were transported to the *Krankenbau*, where I was lying. Then, I saw Höß giving flowers, a double portion of margarine, milk, sausages, etc. to the seriously wounded prisoners, while foreign reporters who were present there were filming everything (it was all done with great fanfare, the injured received great care, various dressings, etc.). After two weeks, Höß himself, accompanied by the camp doctor, returned to the hospital, gave an order to write down their numbers and to get rid of their observation charts and so forth, which meant that those prisoners would be sent straight to the crematorium. They took them there by truck. They drove back five times and apart from the wounded prisoners, they also took tuberculosis patients. We knew they were going to the crematorium.

However, I never saw Höß beat anyone.

I would like to testify regarding this matter, because my stay in Auschwitz, and in particular the two times when I was hanged by a hook on Höß's orders, have had an impact on my entire life and health.