



JÓZEF JACKOWSKI

On 16 November 1948 the Magistrates' Court in Zwoleń, with Judge Łowicki presiding and with the participation of a reporter, Gwarek, interviewed the person mentioned hereunder as a witness. Having advised the witness of the criminal liability for making false declarations and of the significance of the oath, the judge took an oath therefrom, following which the witness testified as follows:

Name and surname	Józef Jackowski
Age	45 years old
Parents' names	Jan and Marianna
Place of residence	Babin, commune of Grabów
Occupation	farmer
Criminal record	none
Relationship to the parties	none

This happened before the harvest of 1942 (I do not remember the date). I was in my farmyard, and from there I heard rifle shots. I looked out into the road, and from a distance of 300 m saw two German gendarmes walk out of the rye growing by the roadside. After a while they got into a passing motor car which then drove up to my homestead. The two gendarmes entered my farmyard and ordered me to take a spade and accompany them. When we approached the point of the road at which they had exited the field, they told me that next to the stone, in the rye, were the bodies of two dead bandits, and instructed me to bury them on the spot within one hour. I obeyed the order. I recognized the two victims as Józef and Bronisław Śmietanka, blacksmiths. I know neither the reasons for the execution, nor the surnames of the gendarmes.