

## **JANINA BUDZIK**

On 11 January 1946 in Radom, Investigating Judge Kazimierz Borys of the II District of the Regional Court in Radom with its seat in Radom interviewed the person mentioned hereunder as a witness, without taking an oath. Having been advised of the criminal liability for making false declarations, the witness testified as follows:

Name and surname Janina Budzik

Age 19 years old

Parents' names Stanisław and Zofia

Place of residence Firlej, commune of Wielogóra

**Occupation** laborer

Religion Roman Catholic

Criminal record none

Relationship to the parties none

I don't have much information regarding the mass executions conducted in Firlej. Only once, in the summer of 1942, did I see trucks driving in the direction of Firlej. Although they were headed for the sands, they stopped near the factory in which I worked, in all probability waiting for the return of vehicles that had gone there earlier. Not long after they resumed their journey, I heard the sound of gunshots coming from that direction. I was never an eyewitness to an execution. I once went up to the execution site after the Germans had left. I saw two pits covered with freshly heaped earth, and nearby the clothes of some murdered woman, whose body had been uncovered by dogs.

Watching through the windows of the factory in which I worked, I saw the bodies of those who had been hanged in Radom near the Warsaw highway on 15 October 1942. At 4.00 p.m. on that very day the Germans hanged ten people near the Warsaw road.



Between the autumn of 1943 and the spring of 1944, the Germans busied themselves with burning the bodies of their victims. I don't know what methods they used for this purpose. Looking from afar, I only saw fire and smoke rising above the sands, and also smelled the stench of rot and burning bodies.

I worked in Firlej in 1942 and 1943. During the remaining years of the occupation I was employed in Radom, and therefore I do not possess more information regarding the matter in question.

The report was read out.