

## ANNA RAJCHEL

### 1. [Personal details:]

Volunteer Anna Rajchel, born on 24 March 1920 in Przesietnica village, Brzozów district, lwowskie voivodship, a pupil in the 2nd grade of common school, unmarried.

### 2. [Date and circumstances of arrest:]

On 10 February 1940 I was transported to the USSR together with my older brother.

### 3. [Name of the camp, prison, place of forced labor:]

Arkhangelsk Oblast, Solvychegodsk region, Nizhnalupye village.

### 4. [Description of the camp, prison:]

We were living in old, dirty barracks filled with bedbugs. Hygiene was very poor.

### 6. [Life in the camp, prison:]

Together with my brother I was working very hard floating timber. The money we received for our work wasn't enough even for food.

### 7. [The NKVD authorities' attitude towards the Poles:]

For coming late for work or missing one day of work we had to pay a penalty or we were imprisoned.

### 8. [Medical care, hospitals, mortality:]

There was almost no medical care. There were many fatalities. Some of them I can name: Zofia Bąk, Anna Młynarczyk and the whole 8-person Zubrel family.

### 9. [What kind of contact, if any, was there with your family and country?]

We had contact with our family via post.

### 10. [When you were released and how did you get to the army?]

I was released in September 1941. In November, together with my brother, we left to the south to Uzbekistan because we heard a lot about the forming of the Polish Army. We joined the Army in Guzar.