DEPOSITION

of

Robert SCHROEDER

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I om Robert TOHROEDER, born of FESTENGERC/Silesic on 18-IX-1907. I can driver by trade. I am married and have 2 children. I was a somber of the NSDAP since 1933.

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on this lith it y of July 1948, hefore me, W. WILLIEBOTT, dot iled by G.-in-G. B.A.O.R.

(Sgd) .. MIERZBOWSKI, Giv. Inf.Officer GERTIFIED that this is a true translation from German into English of the Seposition of Robert SCHROELER, Marked Dep. No. 5.

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Readable part of declaration of Robert SCHROEDER, from document TNA WO 309 / 618

Deposition of Robert Schroeder

Deposition an oath of Robert SCHROEDER, male, of LAUTERSBACH / Hessen am Markplatz 23, sworn before W. WIERZBOWSKI, Civ. Inv. Officer, of Field Investigation Section, War Crime Group (NWZ), at LAUTERSBACH on this 16th day of July 1948.

I am Robert SCHROEDER, born at FESTENBERG / Silesia on 18-IX-1907. I am a driver by trade. I am married and have 2 children. I was a member of NDSAP since 1933.

In 1940 I was conscripted to the Gestapo. I worked there as a driver. In 1942 Oberregierungsrat SCHARPWINKEL took over command of the Stapo-leitstelle BRESLAU. From 1942 until the end I was his personal driver.

I remember that in **early summer of 1944** a car and a lorry were sent for the Gestapo office (Leitstelle) [Breslau] to Rawitsch. I was driving the car and **Scharpwinkel** and either Kriminalrat **Dankert** or Kriminalkommissar **Absalon** were in it.

I stopped in Rawitsch in front of the jail: the lorry drove into the prisonward. **Scharpwinkel** and his companion walked into the prison. About an hour later the lorry drove out of the prison. There were **about ten prisoners** on it. Scharpwinkel and his companion got into the car, and we drove directly to the **Gross Rosen Concentration Camp**.

Scharpwinkel told his companion on the way that the prisoners were **Frenchmen** and **Dutchmen**, who comitted sabotage. A part of them were supposed to have jumped with parachutes. They are supposed to have been arrested in France and to have been in French prisons for some time. Further Scharpwinkel told him that they had been transferred to Rawitsch **because of the threat** of an invasion. They were **to be shot** in Gross Rosen.

We handed the prisoners in at Gross Rosen to a guard detachment under the command of an Ober or Hauptscharfuehrer. They were marched off into the camp and in the direction of the crematorium. I do not know what happened to these prisoners, but afterwards Scharpwinkel said, I must assume with certainty that they were shot.

Eighteen pictures were shown to me. The pictures marked Exhibit "6" & "7" seem to be the pictures of two of the prisoners, who were then transferred from Rawitsch to Gross Rosen. I wish to add that I have seen these prisoners only for a very short time, but these two faces seem to have stayed in my memory.

About one week later, one of our drivers told me, that he had driven on **the previous day** a lorry full of prisoners from Rawitsch to Gross Rosen, and this driver had seen it. They were shot separately near the crematorium. One of the prisoners is said to have shouted: "Long live France", before being shot.

(Sgd) Robert SCHROEDER

SWORN by the said Deponent Robert SCHROEDER, voluntary, at LAUTERSBACH, on the 16th day of 1948, before me, W. WIERZBOWSKI, detailed by C.-in-C. B.A.O.R.

CERTFIED that this is the true translation from German into English of the Deposition of Robert SCHROEDER, Marked Dep. No. 5.

(Sgd) W. WIERZBOWSKI Field Investigation Section War Crime Group (NWZ) (W. WIERZBOWSKI)