

- Q And that you were selected for the gas chamber on a parade held on the 24th December, 1941? A I do not remember exactly the date; I know it must have been a few days before Christmas time. We had been hit so severely that I simply cannot remember exact dates.
- Q Apart from the injury to your leg which you have told us about, what was the state of your health at this date, that is, before you went into the gas chamber? A I was perfectly healthy apart from having broken my leg.
- Q You have told us that you were taken to the gas chamber in morries; is that right? A That is right.
- Q Did you see anyone being taken off a lorry on the way to the crematorium? A No.
- Q About how long were you in the gas chamber in all? A I cannot say exactly, but it was only for a short period; a minute or two perhaps.
- Q How long were you in the gas chamber while gas was being introduced into the room? A Not long, for a very short time.
- Q At the time you were taken out of the gas chamber, were you suffering severely from the effects of the gas? A Yes.
- Q Would it be right to say that you were in a state of collapse? A I felt sort of giddy, being quite giddy in my head. Then a sudden blackness descended upon my eyes and like a heavy load on my chest.
- Q When you got outside was the man who took you out wearing a gas mask? A I do not know.
- Q Were you able to see properly at that time? A I was in such a state that I myself I did not know what happened to me; I did not know whether I am alive or whether I shall stay alive or what is going to happen with me.
- Q I would not like to ask you some general questions about Auschwitz. Is it the case that Auschwitz was a very large camp consisting of a number of smaller ones? A Yes.
- Q Who was the Commandant of the whole Auschwitz camp? A Kramer.
- Q Do you remember a commandant called Hoess? A Yes, I have heard his name, but I myself have never seen him.
- Q In which of the smaller camps were you? A Berkenau.
- Q And who was the commandant of Berkenau? A Kramer.
- Q Was Berkenau itself sub-divided into smaller lagers? A Yes, A., B., C., B2, and gypsy camp. It was sub-divided into smaller quarters. There was also a mixed compound for families.
- Q Can you tell us who was in charge of each of these smaller lagers? A There was only one commandant whom I know, that is Kramer; I do not know the others.
- Q Lastly, in which of these smaller lagers were you? A In Berkenau, compound A. and compound B, and in the last few days in B2B.

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