

Hans Sobotta (1912-): Perpetrator



Profession: Hairdresser

1933: joined the SA; 1934: SS

1939: deployment in Poland

1941: Commander ZAL (forced labor camp) Zaziemne, later Zborów

1942: ZAL Drohobycz and Boryslaw

1943: ZAL Lackie-Wielkie, later Janowska

1951: Sentenced for bigamy

1968: Judgement LG Stuttgart, Ks 5/65, 29.04.1968: 2.5 years for aiding and abetting the murder of at least 50 people (JuNSV 761);

1971: LG Munich, 119b Ks 2/70, 02.12.1971: life imprisonment for three crimes of murder in ZAL Bolechów, ZAL and city of Boryslaw (JuNSV 763)

At that time Bernard Mayer worked in the brush department of the Drohobycz Municipal Workshops. He remembers:

»One morning in the fall of 1942, S.S. Sobota came into our camp to inspect. Everyone was working and very scared. Besides Mr. Loevenberg and Mr. Hertzig, there were other people working in the office. Among them was a young Jewish lawyer – I don't remember his name. He was blond, tall, and had a very pretty wife. The young lawyer accompanied S.S. Sobota, who was very tall and in his early twenties, as he inspected the facility. When they approached the stairs to the second floor, without warning Sobota stopped, took out his gun, and turned toward the young lawyer. Sobota lifted the lawyer's earlobe and shot him in the head, killing him instantly. Then he slowly walks out of the building.« (Mayer, Entombed, p. 31)

Quellen: Sandkühler, „Endlösung“ in Galizien; Pohl, Ostgalizien; JuNSV 671 und 673; Mayer, Entombed – Namensschreibweise verbessert und übersetzt von KHB)