

## Alexander Goldwasser (1883-)



Profession: Graduate civil engineer

23.01.1883: Born in Cracow

1906-1911: Studies at the University of Lviv; after graduation, professional practice in Cracow and Lviv

1915-1918: Soldier in World War I (Italy, Cracow)

1919-41: Independent civil engineer in Drohobycz

1941: Forced labour at gendarmerie and a sawmill

02-08/1942: Forced labour camp of Klinker-Zement; thereafter in the camp of Karpathen-Öl AG

04-10/1944: Krakow-Plaszów concentration camp

10/1944-05/1945: Schindler factory in Brünnlitz;

after the liberation five months sick in Brünnlitz (Brněnec)

1945-48: Several camps for displaced persons in Cham, Schwandorf, Bad Wörishofen, Munich; 1946-48: Head of ORT (vocational training centre for young Jews) Munich

Migration to Israel (Tel Aviv); witness against SS camp leader Friedrich Hildebrand

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*»On 25.8.1943 at around 4 am the entire camp Keramische-Werke [Klinker-Zement] was surrounded by SS men, including gendarmerie. All camp inmates had to line up in the yard ... Then we were led under military cover to the court prison of Drohobycz. After a few hours we were taken out, cell by cell. The accused selected 91 people, including two women. When the accused saw me, he immediately told me to step outside, and he immediately let my son go with me ... From the corridor we 91 persons were led to the Carpathian Oil camp, the rest stayed in prison ... [The next day] I went alone to Hildebrand. He told me that he already knew, that Dola Goldwasser was already on his list. He also assured me that he would release my wife. The next day we had to go to work. I asked a colleague there, however ... to phone about my wife and daughter. When the colleague came back, he did not answer. From his face, I immediately recognised what had happened. In fact, on that day, all those left behind in Bronica had been shot.«*

(After his testimony in Munich, 19.5.1951, Alexander Goldwasser collapsed)

### Sources:

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