

JAN FAJDEK

On 19 November 1947, the Municipal Court in Iłża with Judge M. Pytlewski presiding, interviewed the person specified below as a witness, without administering an oath. Having been advised of the criminal liability for making false declarations and of the provisions of Article 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the witness testified as follows:

Name and surname	Jan Fajdek
Age	17 years old
Parents' names	Józef and Władysława, née Domagała
Place of residence	Podsuliszka village, Zalesice commune
Occupation	farmer, lives with his mother
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Criminal record	none
Relationship to the parties	brother of the victim Bronisław Fajdek

On 14 August 1944, our village of Podsuliszka was surrounded by the Germans who were quartered in our village and at the Modrzejowice estate. Their uniforms were black and green. They took all of the men and four women, and detained them at the Modrzejowice estate. 26 or 28 of the young men, including my brother Bronisław, were assigned numbers. The youth were separated from the elders. I found myself in the latter group. Having been separated, we didn't know that the men who had been assigned numbers were taken to the forest for execution. After we were released, on 15 August 1944, at 9.00–10.00 a.m., we learnt that the Germans had escorted them in the early morning to the Pakosław Forest and shot them there.

12 were killed, 4 were wounded and died shortly afterwards, while the rest – about 12 people – escaped. I don't know why they were executed. My brother Bronisław was not in the pit,

but in the forest. Mother buried him on the third day in the cemetery in Skaryszew. I didn't know these Germans and I don't know if I would be able to recognize any of them today.

The report was read out.