

ŁAZARZ SŁONOGÓRA

1. Personal data (name and surname, degree of rank, age, occupation, marital status):

Gunner Łazarz Słonogóra, born in 1912, a chauffeur, single; field post no. 161.

2. Date and circumstances of the arrest:

I was arrested and transported to the Peczor labor camp on 27 February 1940.

3. The name of the camp, prison, place of labor:

Peczor labor camp.

4. The description of the camp, prison, etc. (grounds, buildings, living conditions, hygiene):

We were living almost in the open air, because we had four tents for 600 people; conditions were very bad.

5. The composition of prisoners, captives, displacees (nationality, crime types, intellectual and moral level, mutual relations, etc.):

Poles, Jews, Russians, etc.

6. The life in the camp, prison, etc. (the course of an average day, work conditions, quotas, remuneration, food, clothing, social and cultural life, etc.):

Life was very bad. The work was 12–13 hours a day, quotas were very high – I did 20% a day, for which I received 400 grams of bread. Only *stakhanovites* [shock workers] received clothes.

7. The NKVD authorities' attitude towards the Poles (interrogation methods, tortures, punishments, communist propaganda, information about Poland, etc.):

The attitude of the NKVD towards us was very bad, they punished us with detention for the smallest trifle.

8. Medical care, hospitals, mortality (give the names of the dead):

I know of the dead (flight engineer from Biała Podlaska) Wiśniewski. There were more, but I do not know [their] names.

9. What kind of contact, if any, was there with your family and country?

No[ne].

10. When were you released and how did you get to the army?

I was released from Peczor on 17 September 1941, and I got a ticket to travel to Buzuluk [a city in the European part of the USSR, located by the Samara River].

Place of stay, 17 March 1943