

C o p y :

Direktor Georg Behnsen
Business Manager of the
Suedwerke G.m.b.H.

Kulmbach, 2 January 1948.

A F F I D A V I T .

I, Georg BEHNSEN, residing at Kulmbach/~~Old~~, Reichelstr. 2,
after having been cautioned that by making a false affidavit
I render myself liable to punishment, hereby declare that my
statement is true and was made in order to be submitted as
evidence to the Military Tribunal in the Palace of Justice at
Nuremberg.

I have been acquainted with Herr Eberhardt since 1924.
On the many trips I made with him I got to know him as a man of
high character. When I was in serious difficulties he also helped
me in a most unselfish manner.

My wife was a Jewess (she died shortly after her de-
livery from the concentration camp Theresienstadt on account of
the inhuman treatment suffered there) and for this reason I was
not allowed in the spring of 1943 to accompany the motor vehicle
construction factory, where I held the position of a department
head, to the Alsace on the occasion of its strategic relocation.
Losing my job with Krupp would have meant my transfer to a con-
centration camp. All the relevant authorities declined to inter-
cede in my behalf. In my despair I applied to Herr Eberhardt

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who assured me of his unconditional support and - I had suffered a complete mental breakdown at that time - also tried to raise my morale. He did not let it remain a promise but he made me a binding offer of a position in his department already next day. This position, however, did not materialize, as I was then called up for compulsory labor service.

Herr Eberhardt's intervention in my behalf in his capacity as Krupp Direktor could have entailed serious consequences for him at that time. The fact that he disregarded them is indicative of his character.

For correctness sake I should like to mention that - according to the judgment of 30 April 1947 of the denazification court - I do not come under this law.

signed: Georg BEHNSEN

I heroby certify the authenticity of the foregoing signature of Herr Direktor Georg Behnsen, Kulmbach, Reichelstrasse 2, given before Oberinspektor Heer, City Councillor of the City of Kulmbach.

Kulmbach, 5 January 1948.

Seal:
City of Kulmbach

The City Council:
By Order:
(signed) Heer
Seal: (Heer) Adm. Oberinspektor