

Affidavit

I, Hermann KIRMSE, of Essen-Bredeneu, Alfredstrasse 250, know that I make myself liable to punishment if I submit a false affidavit, I declare under oath that my statements are true and were made in order to be submitted as evidence to the Military Tribunal at the Palace of Justice at Nuernberg.

Until 1 January 1943 I was plant manager of the press forge. The foreigners and prisoners-of-war had named spokesmen from their ranks who kept up the contact with the German plant offices and who forwarded complaints and wishes which were to be brought to the attention of the plant management.

I remember that several complaints and wishes from foreigners and prisoners-of-war were brought to my attention and received proper consideration. French prisoners-of-war, e.g. wanted to have more time off on Sundays in order to be able to wash and mend their clothes. This wish was granted as much as this was possible. Complaints and wishes concerning a change of place of work for health reasons or for reasons concerning wages were considered and settled.

Outside of that the prisoners-of-war were free to complain to the military authorities at the Stalag.

Essen, 3 April 1948.

signed: Hermann KIRMSE.

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the above signature of Herr Hermann KIRMSE, of Essen-Bredeneu, Alfredstrasse 250, executed before me, is herewith certified. Herr KIRMSE identified himself

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through his identification card for the British Zone AH 028868 AAC.

Essen, 5 April 1948.

(seal) signed: Dr. RUST  
attorney-at-law

as officially appointed deputy of the notary

Dr. BALLAS, Essen.

Statement:

Value RM 3000.-

Fee articles 144, 26, 39, RKO RM 4.--

Turnover tax 3% " 0.12  
RM 4.12

The Deputy Notary

signed: Dr. RUST