

A f f i d a v i t .

I, Dipl. Ing. Friedrich F i n c k h,
born on 14 April 1874 in Reutlingen,
resident at Reutlingen, Albtorplatz 1,

have been warned that I shall make myself liable to punishment for making a false statement. I declare on oath, that my affidavit is the truth and was made in order to be submitted as evidence to the American Military Tribunal III, Palace of Justice, Nuremberg, Germany.

I declare the following under oath:

From my joining the firm on 15 May 1901 to my retirement on 1 October 1943, I worked, with brief interruptions, in Artillery Development.

In July, 1936, I was made department director. My work embraced primarily the design of heavy naval guns.

From my work I am in a position to make statements on the relations of the Krupp firm and the ordnance offices of the German Navy.

In consequence of the traditional position of Krupp as supplier of heavy naval artillery, co-operation up to the end of the first world war was very good. After the end of the war, for years there was actually little close contact; only with the planning of replacements for the small navy of the Weimar Republic did the contacts naturally become more active since only Krupp came into question under the provisions of the Versailles Treaty as the sole supplier of heavy naval artillery.

The first larger order embraced the

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development of the 28 cm triple-barrelled turret for the armored ship, "Deutschland", put into service in 1932, and its two sister ships placed into service in the next few years. In the execution of the designs for the turrets, the naval command began to press for expedition, the delivery schedules were to be met at all costs, even be shortened if possible, which was most difficult for the Krupp firm since, as mentioned, it had to do with the first order of its kind since the end of the first world war, and the workshops for the most part had gone over to peace-time work and the required capacity could only be released for this purpose with difficulty. In addition, the personnel, in part, first had to adapt itself to the new tasks.

Before the beginning of and chiefly in the course of the second world war, the urgency of the manufacture of gun-turrets for the new ships was substantially increased.

Reutlingen, 16 March 1948.

(signed:) Friedrich Finckh.

Sworn to and signed to before me by Herr Friedrich Finckh, Dipl. Ing. at Reutlingen, Albtorplatz 1, identified by his identity card issued by the Landrat office at Reutlingen on 6 March 1946 (Pass No. D 10141).

Reutlingen, 16 March 1948.

Deputy of the regional and public notary,

Sihler
Justice Inspector

(signed:) Mittinger.

Circular Seal.

Fees, See Sec.39 RKO Rm 2.--.
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