and I was led from the chamber. I attribute my escape to the fact that the daughter of a friend of mine who was an Aryan and a Doctor at Auschwitz had seen me been transported to the chamber and had told her mother who immediately appealed to Dr. Mengele. Apparently he realised that as a political prisoner I was of more value alive than dead and I was released.

"4. I think that the time taken to kill a person in this particular gas chamber would be from 15 to 20 minutes.

"5. I was told that the staffs of the prisoners who worked in the gas chamber and crematorium next doo r changed every three months., the old staff being taken to a villa in the camp to do some repair work. Here they were locked in the rooms and gas bombs thrown through the window. I estimate that in December, 1943, about 7,000 people disappeared from Auschwitz apparently by way of the gas chamber, and crematorium.

"Sworn by the said deponent Regina Bialek at Belsen Camp this 26th day of May, 1945. (Signed) Regina Bialek. Before me (Signed) A.J. Fox, Gen.List.

"I hereby certify that, the said deponent not understanding English, thi s affidavit was translated in my presence to the said dependnt before swearing and I am satisfied that its contents were fully understood by the said deponent. Dated this 26th day of May, 1945. (Signed) A.J. Fox, Capt.

"I hereby certify that I have accurately translated this affidavit to the said deponent. Dated this 26th day of May, 1945. (Signed) Charlotte Duschenes.

"The above deponent was at Belsen this 31st day of May, 1945, examined by, and resworn before me. (Signed) S.G. Champion, Major R.A. Legal Staff. No. 1 War Crimes Investigation Team.

"I hereby certify that I accurately interpreted at the examination by Major S.G. Champion. (Signed) Traute Neumann, Civilian Interpreter".

(Deposition of Regina Bialek is marked Exhibit 18, signed by the President and attached to the proceedings.)

COL. BACKHOUSE: The next one is also by Regina Bialek. It refers to Kopper and Forster and the only photograph is S.G.C.12. It might save time if I ask No. 33 (Ilse Forster) to remove the scarf that she has lately taken to wearing round her head. (The accused does so). Her head has been shaved since the trial began; she was wearing her hair long then.

"Further deposition of Regina Bialek (Female) late of Skladow, 16, Lodz, Poland, sworn before Major Savile Geoffrey Champion, Royal Artillery, Legal Staff, No. 1 War Crimes Investigation Team.

"1. Further to my deposition sworn on 26th May, 1945.

"2. I first met Helena Kopper when I travelled from Auschwitz to Belsen in the summer of 1944. During the time that we were in Belsen Camp Kopper told me that her husband and son were both members of the S.S. and that she came from Cracow. I first heard that her husband was a German from other prisoners and in order to find out the truth I told Kopper that my husband was a German. It was then that Kopper told me the story of her own husband and son. At Belsen Kopper acted as an assistant Block Altester, Block Altester and for a while as camp policeman. She was well favoured by the S.S. Kopper reported to the S.S. the names of women who were in possession of valuables etc. and the S.S. then came to those women and deprived them of that property. Women found in possession of valuables were often beaten by the S.S.

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