

Documents of Endre Hitesi

Courtesy of George Hennessy, Australia

The following documents attest to my father Endre Hitesi, who led an armed and uniformed underground resistance group in Budapest towards the end of the war.

His photo already appears on the Debrecen KehilaLink and shows the military uniform he wore in his resistance activities.


These documents were eventually brought to the attention of the Minister of Defense in Hungary, who awarded him the Hungarian Defense Medal.

In 2010, just before his 99th birthday, the Hungarian Ambassador to Australia presented him with this medal. He passed away not long before his 100th birthday.

(The documents appear in Hungarian, followed by their English translation.)

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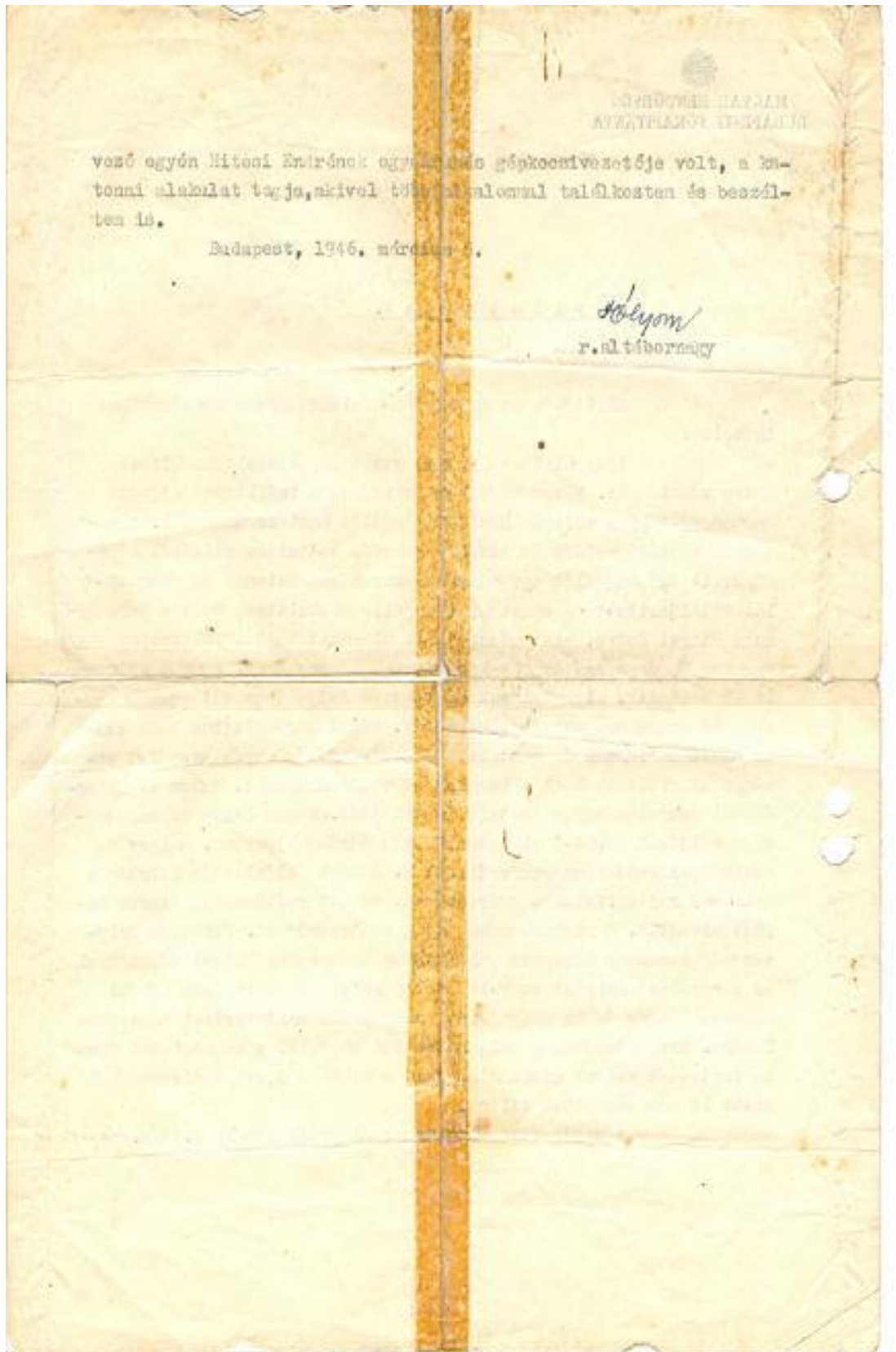
Alulírott az értekezések felkérésére a következőket
igazolom:

1944 október havában jutottam kapcsolatba Hitei
Endre őrnaggyal. Nevezett ekkor az időben a lerakított újpesti
Wernsdorfi-i gyár telephelyén működő illegális hadiüzemben volt. A ha-
düzem bujkáló női és férfiak katonák bujtatása céljából léte-
sített. Az ott bujkálók egy részét egyenruhában katonai és őrszolgá-
latot teljesített és ennek az illegális alakulatnak volt a parancs-
nokja Hitei Endre, mint őrnagy. Az alakulat tagjai fel voltak fegy-
verezve és őrszolgálatot teljesítettek kézen arra, hogy a gyártá-
lepet megvédik. Először csak az volt: a helyszínen kitartanak egy-
szem az orosz csapatok bevonuláig. Ezzel kapcsolatban nagy szá-
mú katonai tisztviselő és mentesítő intérvényelt és egyéb magaslyi ok-
mányokat elhitették elő. Később azonban magukat, hanem az ellen-
oldali mozgalmat egyéb tagjait is elhitették. Magas okmányok megse-
rítése céljából kb. 4-5 alkalommal kint jártam Újpesten, amikor is
kénséggel rendelkezésekre elhitették. Később feljelentés folytán a
nyilvántartottak a gyártáshoz, az ott rejtőzködők kisebb ré-
sét elfogták, a nagyobb rész pedig szétesződött. Véletlen foly-
tán még december hónapban találkoztam Budapesten Hitei őrnaggyal
és tárgyalást folytattam az vele szétesződött csoportjának újabb
összeeszedésére és az ellenoldali mozgalmakba való további bekapcsol-
lására. Erre részéről a teljes készség megvolt, a kapcsolatot fent
is tartották velünk mind a mai napig, még a bekövetkezett hadiellenes
miatt is nem szakítottak tőlünk.

A magán háza Budapest /Légrádi Erőly u.43/a./no-

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Hungarian Coat of Arms

The Chief Captain
of the Hungarian Police
at Budapest.

DECLARATION.

At the request of the interested parties, I, the undersigned, certify the following:

I came in contact with sublieutenant Endre Hitesi during the month of October, 1944. He was at the time at the illegal munitions works operating on the premises of the Warnsdorf factory at Ujpest, which was closed down. The munitions works was established to provide refuge for Jews and escaped soldiers living in hiding. Some of those in hiding provided military and guard duties, dressed in uniforms, and Endre Hitesi as a sublieutenant was the commander of this illegal formation. The members of the formation were armed and kept guard prepared to defend the establishment. Their intentions were to defend the place until the Russian troops entered. In connection with this they prepared a great number of forged munitions and exemption certificates and other personal documents. With these they provided not only themselves but also other members of the resistance movement. I myself went to Ujpest on some 4 or 5 occasions in order to obtain documents, at which times they readily assisted me. Later, having been denounced to them, the Hungarian Nazis raided the factory, caught some of the people hiding there, and the rest dispersed. Accidentally I again met sublieutenant Hitesi during the month of December and had discussions with him for the reorganization of his dispersed group and its further activities

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within the framework of the resistance movement. There was complete readiness on his part to achieve this aim and contact was maintained with us until due to military developments they were separated from us.

The person calling himself Sandor Barta, of

48a Legrady Karoly Street was the uniformed driver of Endre Hitesi, a member of the military formation, whom I had met and had talked to on several occasions.

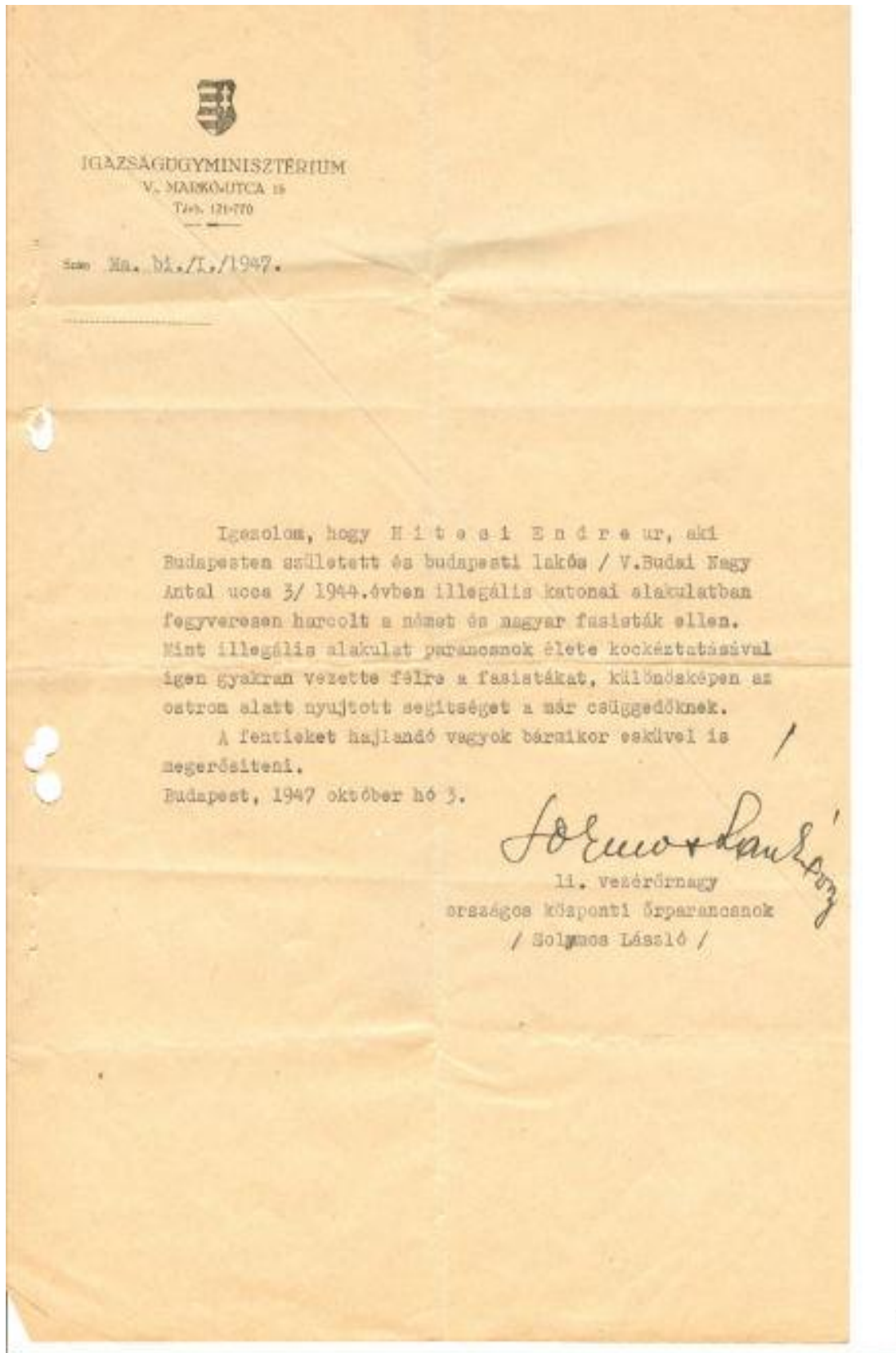
Budapest, 5th March, 1946

Sgd. SOLYOM

Police Lieutenant General.


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This is to certify that Mr. Endre HITESI, who was born in Budapest, a resident of the City of Budapest, /: address being: / 3, Budai Nagy Antal u., V.:/ during the year of 1944 saw active service with illegal military formations against German and Magyar " Fascists ". Having been the head of an illegal military formation he did even by risking his own life often mislead the Fascists; especially, during the siege of Budapest he encouraged those about to lose Hope.

I am prepared to swear to the above at any time.

Budapest, October 3, 1947.

/:Signed:/ László Solymos,
General
Chief of the National Central
Office

The above is a correct translation of the attached document

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