

## STATEMENT

The undersigned Paulina Merar, I declare the following regarding the questions I am asked:

My name is Paulina Merar, 24 years old, born in Leova commune, Kahul County, of Jewish origin, mosaic religion, daughter of Isac and Surie, married to the doctor Boris Ghitermann of Jewish origin, I have no children, I am a charity nurse by profession.

Together with my husband we were employed at the hospital in Leova he as a doctor, and I as a charity sister.

When the Romanians came - the Romanian Army - they took all of us Jews and put us in the camp in Seleteni. From that locality we went with the convoy to Tarutino commune, from where we came to Berezovka.

Two months ago in Berezovka, I broke my hand, in fact, after the incident, I was admitted to the hospital in this locality, where I stayed for about 15 days, during which time I recovered from the hospital.

When I left the hospital, I had a temperature, and passing through the Jewish camp where I was interned, Mr. Colonel, a doctor, found that I was suffering from typhus, as a result of which I was admitted to the hospital again, where I stayed until 4 days ago, when I left the hospital cured.

After I left the hospital, since the Jewish camp had only existed in Berezovka, I went to the lodging of the woman Maria Hercenko where I stayed until today. The named woman giving me a place to rest and the necessary food, for which I have not paid her anything until now.

Both Mr. Major Commander of the Legion as well as a Lieutenant from the Legion, telling me both Mr. Major, as well as a lieutenant whose name you do not know, as well as Mr. Deputy Herghelegiu, that I can stay in this woman's house.

I stayed with this woman until the evening when I was picked up by the gendarmes and brought to the praetorate.

Attached is the declaration that I support and sign myself after it has been read to me.

Paulina Merar  
January 24, 1942

The individual Paulina Merar, aged 24, from Cahul County, of Jewish ethnic origin, profession sister of charity.

In June, she was sent to the camp in Saleteni. From here transferred with the convoy to Berezovca, and with the convoy to Bodanovka and on the way to Mostovoi, with the approval of a Gendarmerie Platoonerv, she was returned to Berezovka together with the individual Erlichmann Lida falling ill. She was admitted to the hospital in Berezovka, where she stayed until 4 days ago, when she was cured of the disease in which she was suffering from "exanthematic typhus".

After his discharge from the hospital, with the approval of the Major Commander of the Legion, she moved into a private house, namely to the woman Marcenko Maria from Str. Pervomaisc 14, where she stayed until today evening, together with the individual Erlichmann Lida and Paulina Merar.

### C O N C L U S I O N

The above-mentioned Jews tried to evade the regime of the Jews to be interned in the camp through the methods and tricks shown to each one separately, managing to stay in Berezovka in private houses for (20 days?). As everyone declares, it turns out that the Berezovka Gendarmerie Legion knew of everyone's existence in Berezovka.

The undersigned does not find any fault with the hosts where the aforementioned stayed, as it has been proven that these Jews were received in the host with the approval of the Legion.

Praetor M.U. Mandra  
Major Micoare Nicolae