

Testimony of Meyer Slomovicz

b. 1922, Dragovo (CZ)

(a.k.a. Max Solomon)

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My Uncle Max was visiting us for the holidays and he mentioned the slaughter of Jews that occurred Babi Yar, on 29-30 September 1941, in a ravine near Kiev.

Almost 35,000 Jews were slaughtered in a single operation as well as 100,000-150,000 others, including gypsies (Roma), various ethnic groups, Russians, etc. This two-day massacre occurred after a decision by the military governor, Major-General Kurt Eberhard, the Police Commander for Army Group South, SS-Obergruppenführer Friedrich Jeckeln, and the Einsatzgruppe C Commander Otto Rasch. It was carried out by Sonderkommando 4a soldiers, along with the aid of the SD and SS Police Battalions.

This was most notorious massacre in WWII, considered "the largest single massacre in the history of the Holocaust."

Many of the men had been marched to the area from Dragovo. My Uncle was there, and he saw the young Nazi who was supposed to shoot him in the head, as he lay on the ground. From what my Uncle said, "their eyes met, and the young Nazi shot and grazed my Uncle's head, not capable of killing him."

My Uncle continued with, "I passed out, and when I came to, all sorts of bodies were piled upon me, including family members. I climbed out of the ravine/trench/grave and ran."

I share this with you because there would have been lots of people from Dragovo. I am guessing that the boys and men were marched out to their death. The women and girls and small children were taken later.

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