

CHAPTER V – DOCUMENTS

DEPORTATIONS FROM CHERNOVITZ ON JUNE 7, 14 AND 28 1942 Nr. 148

**Extract from the interrogation of the chief prosecutor A. Bunaciu in the
trial of the first lot of war criminals, judged by the People's Tribunal**

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Distinguished President, Distinguished Judges

In the summer of the year 1942, Marinescu became chief of the “2-nd Office for Jews” having the criminal task of deporting the Jews.

What was Marinescu's method? During the night he used to assemble higher or lower governorate clerks. At about 12 o'clock at midnight, he ordered them: “Now it is the exact time to burst into people's houses, round them up and bring them to the Maccabi field. From there they were taken to Transnistria in sealed trains. There are numerous witnesses who can testify Marinescu's methods of deportation. There were terrible scenes. When the inhabitants heard the knocks on the door, everyone knew what would happen. Those who had permits to be exempted from deportation, issued even by Calotescu and Marinescu thought they were protected. However when Marinescu or his people appeared and they were shown the documents by which they were exempted from deportation, Marinescu used to answer: “I need no document, we need money”.

Only money was important to him. This explains why Polish citizens were deported, as well as sick, old people or war invalids.

During that summer, in June 1942, the Jews were so frightened when they heard knocks at the door that they committed suicide because they learned of the fate of those who had been sent to Transnistria by Calotescu.

The dramatic scenes that happened in the Nasch family had already been presented to you. Marinescu sent 4 persons to pick up 4 women, a child and an old woman. As they heard the knocks at the door, the four women poisoned themselves. Forcing the door, the guardsman and the

soldiers found the four corpses lying on the floor, an old woman and a 6-month- old baby. The soldiers were impressed by what they saw and started to cry. One of them came to report to Marinescu, telling him: Mr. Mayor we were at a family where 4 persons committed suicide and only a child and an old woman survived. We cannot take them”.

It is there that Marinescu revealed his real character, of a beast not a human being. He came to the scene, was not impressed in the least by seeing the corpses or the old woman's pain, on the contrary, he yelled at the soldier : “Why are you crying? The soldier answered simply: “Sir, I also have 2 children and an old mother at home.” What did Marinescu do when he heard this reaction of Romanian fine character? The soldier was imprisoned for 10 days and the old woman together with the baby were rounded up and deported.

MILITARY PREPARATIONS FOR MASSIVE DEPORTATIONS PLANNED FOR AUTUMN 1942 Nr. 149

**Extract from the Order of the Supreme General Staff Nr. 60.411 of July
11, 1942 to all Territorial Headquarters**

The following norms will be complied with:

The recruiting centers will report to the Supreme General Staff through territorial headquarters and hand in the lists of the Jews to be deported. At the same time, the police authorities or gendarmes will be announced to guard the Jews until they will be sent to Transnistria.

Those Jews who will violate the general instructions Nr. 55500/4, caught by the police or gendarmes, will be arrested.

The families of those who are going to be deported will remain in their dwellings and guarded by the local Jewish Central Office. Should any person run away, then the Central Jewish office will be responsible for them by local hostages. This measure will be applied to the mother, father, spouse and unmarried children who live under the same roof with the person found