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1. Herewith four copies of an Interim Report in respect of SIB RMP enquiries into the death of Herr WRR Hess - Allied Prisoner 7.
2. Enquiries are continuing; a further report will be submitted in due course.

Enclosure:

Report by Major [REDACTED] RMP,  
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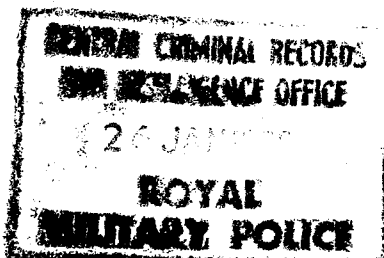
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Person deceased: Walter Richard Rudolf HESS  
Born: 26 Apr 1894 at Alexandria, Egypt

Prisoner Number 7  
Spandau Allied Prison BERLIN

1. On Mon 17 Aug 87 about 1600 hrs, information was received from Col [REDACTED]<sup>15</sup>, Chief of Staff HQ Berlin (British Sector) that earlier that afternoon, Herr Rudolf Hess (born: 26 Apr 1894) hereafter referred to as Allied Prisoner No 7, the sole remaining prisoner detained at Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin, had been conveyed to the British Military Hospital Berlin. It was intimated that Allied Prisoner No 7 was dead and the Chief of Staff directed that investigations be made surrounding the circumstances of his admittance to the hospital.

2. Enquiries within imposed limitations were immediately commenced and 'Operation Tennyson', the SIB RMP response to such information was put into effect.

3. It was learned from Lt [REDACTED]<sup>3</sup> US Army that from 1 Aug 87, elements of the 5th Bn of the 502nd US Army Infantry Regiment, McNair Barracks, Berlin, had been on guard at Spandau Allied Prison. Lt [REDACTED]<sup>3</sup> was the OC of the guard. Such duties are rotated monthly with soldiers from the four Allied governments guarding the prison. The security and care of Allied Prisoner No 7 is also administered by civilian prison warders who are employed by the four Allied Powers.

4. Investigations have revealed that about 1427 hrs on Mon 17 Aug 87, Allied Prisoner No 7 left the prison building ostensibly to go for a walk while in the charge of Mr [REDACTED]<sup>2</sup> an American civilian warden who was on duty from 0745 hrs to 1640 hrs. At that time, Mr [REDACTED] had already unlocked a summer house, which is a one storey construction (portacabin) located in the prison garden. Entry to that building is via a single door at the rear of two sliding glass doors at the front of the building. The garden is located in the north-west area of the prison grounds and about 1430 hrs Mr [REDACTED]<sup>2</sup> saw Allied Prisoner No 7, who had walked slowly from the prison building, enter the summer house via the rear door. For ease of reference, sketch plans depicting the summer house and surrounding area are attached at Annexes A-C to this report.

5. Mr [REDACTED]<sup>2</sup> provided a written statement in which he explained that after Allied Prisoner No 7 entered the summer house, he remained outside, as is normal practice by the warders. Mr [REDACTED]<sup>2</sup> stood by a tree approximately 10 metres distant from the summer house and after about five minutes, he walked over to the summer house to check the prisoner.

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On doing so, he looked through the single window located at the rear of the building and saw that Allied Prisoner No 7 was slumped on the floor inside with his back adjacent to the rear wall. Mr [REDACTED] immediately entered the building via the rear door and saw that the prisoner had a piece of electrical 'extension' cable around his neck with one end of the cable tied to the handle of the small window at the rear of the building. Mr [REDACTED] partially lifted the prisoner to release the tension on the cable and then pulled the cable from his neck. Mr [REDACTED] however, is now unable to recall if there was a knot in the cable. He continues that Allied Prisoner No 7 appeared to be alive and that his eyes were open. Consequently, Mr [REDACTED] placed a folded blanket under the prisoner's head and loosened his shirt in an attempt to make him comfortable.

6. Mr [REDACTED] has stated that he then ran to the rear entrance of the prison building and, using a telephone located on the ground floor next to a spiral staircase, he spoke with Mr [REDACTED] the acting Chief Warder from whom he requested emergency medical assistance.

7. At the relevant time, [REDACTED] was the American soldier on duty in Tower 3, which is located north-west at a distance of 126 feet from the summer house. On noting Mr [REDACTED] obvious agitation and learning from him that there was something amiss in relation to Allied Prisoner No 7, [REDACTED] informed Lt [REDACTED] at the Guardroom by radio that first-aid was required at the summer house. Lt [REDACTED] will say that he immediately went to the summer house and saw Allied Prisoner No 7 laying on the floor in the manner described by Mr [REDACTED]. Lt [REDACTED] noted that Allied Prisoner No 7 appeared unconscious, but he did have a pulse. The first medical support at the scene was by [REDACTED] a trained Field Combat Medic, who arrived at the summer house about 1450 hrs. He was followed shortly afterwards by a second US Army Medic namely [REDACTED] who arrived about 1500 hrs in possession of emergency first-aid equipment. Both these specialists immediately commenced external cardiac massage and exhaled air resuscitation (mouth-to-mouth) upon Allied Prisoner No 7. It is worthy of note that while attending to Allied Prisoner No 7, [REDACTED] noted a red mark running from ear to ear around the patient's neck.

8. Whilst the aforementioned resuscitation measures were being made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED] (UK), a warder on duty at the Gate guardhouse (block 23), telephoned the BMH, Berlin, at 1455 hrs and using the codeword 'Paradox' summonsed an ambulance and medical aid to the prison. In rapid response, Lt Col [REDACTED] the RMO 1 KOSB, travelled from Brooke Bks to the prison where he arrived about 1510 hrs. Simultaneously, an ambulance driven by Mr [REDACTED] a British civilian driver, c/o 62 Sqn RCT, BFPO 45, was dispatched from the hospital. Resuscitation measures in the prison grounds were continued by Lt Col [REDACTED] and about 1535 hrs the ambulance which contained the following persons: Allied Prisoner No 7, Lt Col [REDACTED], Mr [REDACTED] 19 (a civilian nurse employed at the prison), [REDACTED] 5, Mr [REDACTED] 8 (USA) and Mr [REDACTED] 20 (France) - both prison warders, departed for the BMH. On arrival at the hospital about 1550 hrs, Allied Prisoner No 7 was taken to a prepared ward on the 2nd floor of the hospital building where Col [REDACTED] late RAMC, the CO of the BMH, took charge. All efforts to revive Allied

Prisoner No 7 failed and at 1610 hrs that day life was pronounced extinct by Col [REDACTED] 7

9. Evidence has been adduced in relation to continuity and the formal identification of Allied Prisoner No 7. It was subsequently learned that a one page hand-written letter in the form of a suicide note was found in the clothing of Allied Prisoner No 7 following his admission to the BMH. SIB RMP, however, were not privy to the contents and therefore further comment at this juncture would be pointless.

10. Examination of the summer house within the garden area of Spandau Allied Prison revealed evidence of considerable activity and the entire floor area was strewn with medical equipment and associated debris. However, fastened to the rear window handle, positioned at a height of 1.40 m from the floor was a 2.75 m long plastic coated electric extension cable, which clearly had a loose knot in the lower region. The significance of this particular electrical cable can be gleaned from the statement of his attending warder, Mr 2 [REDACTED], a copy of which is attached to this report. No other marks or material of evidential value to suggest criminal involvement of any person was apparent during an examination of the scene. Because of free access to the summer house by all concerned with the prisoner, the lifting of latent finger impressions was not considered practical.

11. [REDACTED] 11, 5 Bn, 502 Inf Regt, US Army, was SNCO I/C Spandau Allied Prison from 1 Aug. He has stated that when familiarising himself with the various buildings within the prison grounds on 1 Aug 87, he noticed a length of electrical cable suspended from the rear window of the summer house. Sgt [REDACTED] 11 continues by relating that he again saw the cable on subsequent occasions prior to Mon 17 Aug 87, always in the position referred to above. Although yet to be confirmed through interview with the respective warders, it would appear reasonable to suggest that the electric cable found in the summer house was used to extend the flex of either of the two standard lamps therein, so as to provide sufficient length to reach the centre of the room where the prisoner's chair was situated.

12. Following his demise on Mon 17 Aug 87, the remains of Allied Prisoner No 7 were secured within the mortuary of BMH Berlin pending post-mortem examination there on Wed 19 Aug 87 by [REDACTED] 21 Professor of Forensic Medicine, London Hospital Medical College. About 0820 hrs on Wed 19 Aug 87, Col [REDACTED] 7, CO BMH Berlin, formally identified the body of Allied Prisoner No 7 to Prof [REDACTED] 21 together with pathologists from the respective Allied Powers: Lt Col [REDACTED] 22 (Brit), Lt Col [REDACTED] 23 (USA), Lt Col [REDACTED] 24 (Fr) and Lt Col [REDACTED] 25 (Sov). Post-mortem examination revealed that Allied Prisoner No 7 had died following asphyxia caused by compression of the neck. Copies of the relevant death certificate and certificate of identification are attached to this report at Annexes D-F.

13. Various pathological samples were obtained during post-mortem examination and these have been forwarded to the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, London, for toxicology and histology examination. When



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to hand, the results of these examinations will be made known to the appropriate addressees under separate cover. At this juncture, however, it is stressed that no evidence has come to light during the course of enquiries to suggest that the death of Allied Prisoner No 7 was caused other than by his own hand.

14. Nevertheless, it has been suggested to the authorities that arrangements be made for expert comparison to be made of Allied Prisoner No 7's known writings with that of the suicide note found in his possession following admission to BMH.

15. On Thu 20 Aug 87, disposal of the remains of Allied Prisoner No 7 was formally effected by the governors of Spandau Allied Prison. His body was delivered to his family by RAF transport following a flight from RAF Gatow, Berlin, to the US Air Base at Grafenwoehr near Nurnberg.

16. Copies of all relevant statements recorded during the course of these enquiries are attached to this report. The original statements, together with all clothing recovered from the deceased, have been handed to Lt Col (Retd) AH Le Tissier MBE, British Governor, Allied Prison Spandau, against receipt.

  
  
Major  
Royal Military Police

STATEMENT

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]  
Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Occupation: Correction Officer  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Identity Card No.: [REDACTED] Status: [REDACTED]  
Date arrived in Command: [REDACTED] Date to leave Command: [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] Z [REDACTED] . I am employed as a Correction Officer at the Spandau Allied Prison, Berlin.

I have been employed in this capacity since [REDACTED] .

Since I commenced employment the only prisoner that has been in the prison is Herr Rudolf Hess. Herr Hess' correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him by this title throughout the rest of this statement.

My main duties within the prison are the control of access to the prison and the supervision of Allied Prisoner No 7.

The daily routine of Allied Prisoner No 7 is as follows:

0700 hrs Allied Prisoner No 7 is checked and has his blood pressure taken by the Medical Orderly.

He then showers and for the rest of the morning until 1130 hrs he is free to do what he wants within the confines of the prison.

At 1130 hrs he is given his first meal of the day.

In the afternoon he is in the habit of going out into the garden, which is within the confines of the prison, and sitting in a summer house.

Allied Prisoner No 7 is now 93. He is able to walk unaided and appears to be in full control of his senses.

Allied Prisoner No 7 normally returns to his cell about 1700 hrs. Because of his age there is no rigid routine and he really is free to choose what he wants to do.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I commenced duty at the Spandau Allied Prison about 0745 hrs. I was allocated for gate control duties and I carried this out until 1140 hrs. Between 1140 hrs and 1200 hrs I was on my lunch break. Immediately following this I withdrew the keys to the cell block and then went immediately to the cell block in which Allied Prisoner No 7 is kept. My duties then were the supervision of the activities carried out by Allied Prisoner No 7.

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Allied Prisoner No 7 appeared to be in a very good mood and seemed cheerful.

Between 1330 hrs and 1340 hrs, I cannot be sure of the exact time, he asked me if he could go into the garden.

I gave permission for this and Allied Prisoner No 7 left to get ready. I then informed the Chief Warden of this.

Normally Allied Prisoner No 7 takes about 45 minutes to an hour to get ready however, today he was ready to go a lot quicker and we left the cell block about 1410 hrs. I recall at this time that he was wearing a shirt, sports jacket and a brown raincoat.

I took Allied Prisoner No 7 down in the lift from the cell block to the garden. I then left him in the lift whilst I went and opened the garden house.

The garden house is situated about 100 m from the lift. It is an oblong building. On the side nearest the prison is a single door, which had no window in it. Next to the door, on the left as you look at it, is a glass window. The side facing the prison wall is all glass with two sliding centrally placed glass doors.

I unlocked all three doors and then I went back for Allied Prisoner No 7, however, I saw that he was already on his way towards me so I stayed close to the garden house.

When Allied Prisoner No 7 got to the garden house he entered via the single door and immediately closed it behind him.

I went and stood by a tree, which is located about 10 m from the garden house on a side which has no windows.

This is normal practice and all the wardens are in the habit of either sitting or standing by this tree.

I waited for about five minutes, it certainly was not any longer than that, the time was now about 1435 hrs, then I went to check on the prisoner as is my normal routine. I looked in the single window. I immediately saw that Allied Prisoner No 7 was lying on his back on the floor. I would describe the position he was in as being slumped against the wall in which the window I was looking in was situated. I immediately realised something was wrong. I ran into the garden house through the nearest door. I saw that Allied Prisoner No 7 had one shoulder, I think that it was his right one, against the near wall, his legs were on the ground. I saw that an electrical cable was around his neck. I also saw that the other end of the cable was fastened round the window handle. This cable was taut and appeared to be supporting him.

I ran into the room. I lifted Allied Prisoner No 7 up to relieve the tension in the electrical cord. I then pulled the cord from his neck. I cannot recall if there was a knot in the cord. It appeared to come away quite easily.



Continuation of statement of: [REDACTED] 2 [REDACTED]

The prisoner's eyes were open and he appeared to be alive. I spoke to him. I cannot recall what I said. He was moving slightly and appeared to understand what I said or at least that I had spoken to him.

I am 100% sure that at this stage he was alive. When I released the cord I heard him take a breath.

I then laid him on his back and placed a blanket, I think it was brown, under his head to make him comfortable. I then opened his shirt and loosened his clothing.

I then left Prisoner No 7 in that position and ran to a telephone situated at the bottom of the spiral staircase leading to prisoner No 7's cell block.

I informed by telephone the Chief Warder, [REDACTED] 16 and [REDACTED] 17, the gate Warder and requested medical assistance immediately.

I then ran back to the summer house.

I saw that Allied prisoner No 7 was in the same position, his eyes were open, his mouth was open but he did not appear to be breathing.

I stayed with him for a few minutes. I am a little bit confused about the sequence of events. At some stage I ran to one of the lookout towers which is situated a short distance from the gardenhouse and asked for medical assistance. I think it was a few minutes after making the telephone call, although I cannot be sure.

The Chief Warder then arrived at the gardenhouse. He made a quick assessment of the situation and then left to summon the British Medical Authorities.

Several other people then arrived at the gardenhouse including two American Military Medical Orderlies. [REDACTED] 19 [REDACTED], the prison Medical Orderly arrived and everyone continued carrying out medical assistance.

Sometime later a British Military Ambulance arrived and I saw Allied Prisoner No 7 being put into it. [REDACTED] 20 [REDACTED] also got into the ambulance. The ambulance then left, this was about an hour after I had found Prisoner No 7 in the garden house.

I immediately put anything that I thought would be of any value to the investigation, that I knew would follow, into the summer house and I then locked all the doors.

I walked to the gatehouse and handed the key to the gardenhouse to [REDACTED] 26, the Gate Warder. I am not sure how many sets of keys there are to the garden house.

I then drove to the hospital in my private vehicle with [REDACTED] 16 and the Chief Warder's logbook and access list.

Continuation of statement of:

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I am willing to attend a post mortem to identify the body of the person known to me as Herr Rudolf Hess, Allied Prisoner No 7 to the British Medical Authority.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) 2 [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the SIB Offices Berlin on 17 Aug 87 about 2305 hrs.

(signed) 14 [REDACTED]

RMP SIB

STATEMENT

Surname: 3 [REDACTED] Forenames: 3 [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: Lt  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date to leave Service: [REDACTED]

I am 3 [REDACTED] I am an American National, presently serving at 5th Bn, 502 Inf Regt, McNair Bks, Berlin.

The Allied Forces in Berlin are responsible for the security of the Allied Military Prison Spandau. Each of the Allies takes it in turn to provide guards for the prison.

During the period of 1 Aug 87 and 21 Aug 87 it was the turn of the American Forces to provide this guard. I was detailed to be the Commander of the guard during this period.

I am aware that there is only one prisoner in Spandau Prison at the moment and that is Rudolf Hess. His correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him by that title throughout the rest of this statement.

During the period 1-21 Aug 87 my duties as the Commander of the guard were preventing Allied Prisoner No 7 from escaping, preventing anyone helping him to escape and preventing anyone causing damage to the exterior of the prison.

The responsibility of access to the prison and the supervision of Allied Prisoner No 7 lays with the prison wardens.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I left the guardhouse about 0900 hrs and went to the guardroom which is situated within the walls of Spandau Prison. I checked all the guards and made sure there were not any problems. I remained within the confines of the prison until about 1200 hrs when I returned to the guardhouse for lunch.

About 1300 hrs that day I returned to the guardroom. I walked around the interior of the prison walls and checked on my guards. My guards on duty at that time commenced at 1200 hrs and were due to be relieved at 1600 hrs. The names of the guard were:

Guardroom:

Commander of the reliefs	10 [REDACTED]
1 sentry (post 7)	27 [REDACTED]
1 sentry (post 8)	13 [REDACTED]

Continuation of statement of: [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED], 5/502 Inf Regt

Tower No 1:

1 sentry 28 [REDACTED]

Tower No 2:

1 sentry 29 [REDACTED]

Tower No 3:

1 sentry 9 [REDACTED]

Tower No 4:

1 sentry 30 [REDACTED]

Tower No 5:

1 sentry 31 [REDACTED]

Tower No 6:

1 sentry 32 [REDACTED]

Between 1420 hrs and 1425 hrs the British Warden, I do not know his name, informed me that Allied Prisoner No 7 was out of his cell and in the garden.

About five minutes after this I left the guardroom and entered the inner courtyard. I walked around the prison wall and through the prison garden. I saw that [REDACTED] 2 [REDACTED], one of the prison warders, was sitting on a bench about 10-15 feet away from the gardenhouse. I walked on a bit further towards Tower No 3. I then saw Allied Prisoner No 7 walking from the direction of the cell block towards the gardenhouse. I noticed that he was wearing a sombrero hat and a long light tan trenchcoat. I also noticed that he had a walking stick in his right hand.

I walked past the prisoner and continued doing my check. I went to Tower No 3; this is the nearest one to the gardenhouse. I saw [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED] just leaving the tower. He walked off in the direction of Tower No 2, which is away from the gardenhouse. I climbed up into the tower and looked towards the gardenhouse. The view of the gardenhouse is slightly obstructed by trees, however, at this time I saw that Allied Prisoner No 7 was still walking towards the gardenhouse.

I remained there for about three minutes, then left. I walked back to the guardroom in the opposite direction to the gardenhouse.

I returned to the guardroom and had been there for about ten minutes when a radio call was received from [REDACTED] 9 [REDACTED], who was in Tower No 3. To the best of my recollection he said that the warder had approached him and asked him if he knew First Aid and that the warden was running round as if something was wrong.

Continuation of statement of: [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED], 5/502 Inf Regt

I answered him via the radio and instructed him to remain in the tower and that I would deal with it.

I immediately left the guardroom and entered the inner courtyard via the inner right gate. I then walked past Tower 5 and 4, I then went past the gardenhouse and toward Tower 3. When I got within shouting distance I asked the sentry where the warden was. He pointed towards the prison block. I saw [REDACTED] 2 [REDACTED] near the block. I managed to attract his attention and he ran towards me. I asked him what was wrong and he told me that we had a problem. He appeared to be panicking. 2 [REDACTED] started to walk towards the gardenhouse and I followed him.

I entered the gardenhouse via the single wooden door on the side of the house facing the prison block. I immediately saw Prisoner No 7 lying on his back under the window with his feet pointing towards me. I noticed that his trenchcoat had been placed under his head. I saw that some of his shirt buttons were open, I also noticed that his eyes were wide open and staring, his mouth was open. To me he appeared to be dead. I went up to him and checked for a pulse on his left wrist. I found a very weak pulse, it was hardly noticeable. He did not appear to be breathing.

I then ran back to Tower No 3 and told him to relay to the guardroom that we needed medical assistance right away.

I then went back to the gardenhouse and checked Prisoner No 7's pulse again. I again found a very weak pulse.

I suddenly realised that our medical orderly had not been inside the garden and therefore would not know where the gardenhouse was located, so I ran back to Tower No 3 and told him to request an extra four men.

I then ran back to the left inner gate, however, by this time our medic had already entered the inner courtyard via the right inner gate.

I saw [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED] and gave him instructions to ensure that security was really tight and that anyone who was not on guard but in the prison was to report to the guardhouse.

I then ran back to the gardenhouse. When I got there [REDACTED] 4 [REDACTED], our medic, was already there together with Allied Prisoner No 7's medical orderly, whose name I do not know.

The prison medical orderly pulled the prisoner away from the wall. I saw him check for a pulse and then immediately start CPR.

After two minutes the medics told me they needed oxygen. I immediately went to Tower 3 and instructed him to radio that we needed oxygen.

I returned to the gardenhouse, the medics were still working on the prisoner.

About three minutes later our second military medic, [REDACTED] 5 [REDACTED], entered with a trauma box.

Continuation of statement of: [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED], 5/502 Inf Regt

I helped him open the box and then stood back whilst the medics carried on.

A few minutes later I left and walked back to the guardroom.

I was there for about ten minutes when the extra four guards I had requested arrived. I kept these four in the guardroom.

5-10 minutes later a British Military ambulance arrived together with a doctor who was a Lt Col. We immediately allowed them access.

The doctor left for the gardenhouse immediately and a few minutes later we let the ambulance into the inner courtyard.

I walked behind the ambulance and saw that it had stopped next to the double glass doors of the gardenhouse.

I saw that an IV was attached to the prisoner's arm. They were still doing heart message.

I decided that there was nothing I could do, so I returned to the area of the guardroom.

I was there for about 20-30 minutes when I was informed that the ambulance was coming out.

Shortly after this the ambulance left together with Allied Prisoner No 7 and [REDACTED] 5 [REDACTED].

When I first entered the gardenhouse with [REDACTED] 1 [REDACTED] there was no cord or anything around his neck. I did not see any mark on his neck either. I do not recall seeing any electric cable.

Something I have just remembered, when I was actually in Tower No 3, after walking past Allied Prisoner No 7, I believe I had been in the tower two minutes when one of the sentries, [REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED], came up to the bottom of the tower and informed me he had not seen the prisoner in the gardenhouse, although this is a little bit unusual because normally Prisoner No 7 sits in the gardenhouse in such a way that he could be seen through a window located in the wall nearest the prison building however, I did not attach any importance to this at the time.

I have today handed to [REDACTED] 14 [REDACTED] a certified true copy of the plans I am given to Spandau Prison showing the location of the towers. I have also marked on it the approximate position of the gardenhouse.

[REDACTED] 14 [REDACTED] attached an exhibit label to this marked AA/1. I have signed and dated that label.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED]

Continuation of statement of: [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED] , 5/502 Inf Regt

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the guardhouse Spandau Military Prison, Berlin, on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1500 hrs.

(signed) 14 [REDACTED]

RMP SIB

STATEMENT

Surname: 4 [REDACTED] Forenames: 4 [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: [REDACTED]  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date to leave Service: [REDACTED]

I am 4 [REDACTED], at present serving with HQ Coy, 5/502 Inf Regt in Berlin, West Germany.

I am employed as a medic with that unit and in order to qualify for that position I have completed the following courses:

1. Advanced Intellectual Training - AIT - 91A10, which gave me the qualification Field Combat Medic. This was held between about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. This course gives basic training in all aspects of medical work.

2. Emergency Medical Training - EMT - course. This course was held at the American Army Hospital in Berlin in about [REDACTED]. It gives training in all aspects of emergency medical treatment and is quite intense and detailed. I have been employed as a medic since the completion of my first course.

On 1 Aug 87, my unit commenced guard duty at Spandau Prison in West Berlin. The only prisoner held there was Herr Rudolf Hess, hereafter referred to as Prisoner No 7.

Following commencement of the guard duty, I saw Prisoner No 7 on only one occasion. This was about 1600 hrs on Sat 15 Aug 87 when I was in tower 3 on the prison periphery. I was in the company of 35 [REDACTED] and for a short while 34 [REDACTED]. When I initially went into the tower, I saw that Prisoner No 7's warden was standing outside the summer house in the prison's grounds. After a few minutes I saw Prisoner No 7 walking from the area of the summer house into the main prison building, followed by his warden. I did not see him actually emerge from the summer house and I was too far away from him to judge his demeanour. I did not see Prisoner No 7 again until Mon 17 Aug 87.

On Mon 17 Aug, between 1200 hrs and 2000 hrs, I was employed as the soldier in charge of the guards' accommodation block within the prison grounds. We call the accommodation block Spandau Bks and it is where the resident unit actually live whilst on their duty. It was my job that day to monitor personnel entering and leaving the building, checking their identities. I had telephone and radio communications with the prison guardroom which I knew was being manned by 27 [REDACTED] of my unit.



Continuation of statement of:

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About 1440 hrs that day I was at my place of duty at the entrance way to Spandau Bks, when I received a radio message from [REDACTED]<sup>27</sup>. I am certain of the time, as I checked it with my watch. [REDACTED] stated, "We need a medic right away, hurry up, don't forget your Aid bag." I ran to my room in Spandau Bks and collected my Aid Bag which contains all the equipment needed for emergency first aid. I then ran towards the main prison building and in through the door which was being held open for me by a civilian. I was then met by [REDACTED]<sup>10</sup> of my unit who led me to a gate on the right of the main building (when viewed from the prison's main gate) and passed me over to Prisoner No 7's American warden. The American warden and I then ran over to the summer house, [REDACTED]<sup>10</sup> did not come with us. I asked the warden what the matter was. He just replied, "He can't breathe, he's not breathing." He then took me into the summer house via the single door, not the glass doors. I formed the impression that he unlocked the door to gain access, but I cannot be certain of this. I then went into the summer house and saw Prisoner No 7 lying in the corner, immediately to the left of the single door. His head was in the corner, his body parallel with the wall containing the single door and window, opposite the sliding glass doors. He was flat on his back, arms either side of his body, legs stretched out and slightly apart.

He was wearing shirt and trousers, the shirt had been opened up to expose his bare chest. His eyes were open and although his body was close to the wall, it was not actually touching it, being about 2 ft from it. His head was cushioned by something, I can't recall what.

I knelt at Prisoner No 7's left hand side and carried out an initial survey. I shook his left arm, there was no response. Then I put my face close to his nose and mouth so I would feel any breath on my face. At the same time I checked the carotid pulse in his neck and watched his chest for any sign of breathing movement. I did not detect any sign of life. I then listened to his chest with my stethoscope and felt his radial pulse in his left arm. Again, there was no sign of life.

I asked the warden if he had performed CPR - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, and he replied no, and I believe he added that he did not know how to. He said that he had initially been able to detect a slight pulse.

Also during my first check, I noticed a red mark around Prisoner No 7's neck, running under his chin from ear to ear. The mark was pinkish red in colour, about an inch wide all along. I also noticed a small globule of mucous containing what appeared to be blood at Prisoner No 7's right nostril.

Before I actually carried out any action, Prisoner No 7's personal nurse arrived, I don't know his name. He arrived only seconds after myself. I told the warden to go and get oxygen and he left the building whilst myself and the nurse commenced two man CPR. The aim of this resuscitation is to stimulate the heart and to put oxygen into the lungs. It involves intermittent pressure being applied to the chest, and mouth to mouth resuscitation. The cycle is that five compressions are applied to the chest, then two breaths are blown into the lungs. The nurse

started giving mouth to mouth resuscitation, whilst I applied compressions with both my hands. I knelt to the left of Prisoner No 7 and pressed against his sternum at the centre of his chest using the heel of my right hand covered by my left hand. Each cycle should be done four times, then the patient should be checked for signs of life. The compressions are applied about one per second, and the nurse and I settled into that routine. I was applying sufficient pressure to depress Prisoner No 7's chest by about 1"-1½" initially, although as time went on and there was no response, I used more force. I recall that just after we started CPR the nurse stopped to remove Prisoner No 7's upper plate of false teeth and also that he kept moving my hands from Prisoner No 7's sternum to the area directly above his heart, although I did apply compressions in that area as well, as that was where I had been taught to apply pressure.

CPR was started about 1450 hrs and continued by different personnel until Prisoner No 7 was taken away in the ambulance about 1520 hrs.

The warden returned with oxygen after about two minutes. The oxygen was bottled on a set of wheels and a 'trauma kit', containing various medical equipment was brought with it. On my instruction the warden then elevated Prisoner No 7's feet, holding them together about 18" from the ground. Also during the initial CPR, the nurse struck Prisoner No 7 on the chest in the area of his heart three times in quick succession using the side of his fist, the little finger side. I also noticed that

S, a trained medic of my unit who arrived later and carried out some CPR compressed the prisoner's nose to carry out mouth to mouth resuscitation, squeezing his nostrils together but that he didn't release them when we were checking for signs of life, something which I have always been taught to do.

During CPR the muscles in the prisoner's left hand twitched occasionally, but on no occasion did I feel a pulse, although I gained the impression that the nurse whom I couldn't understand, could do.

S then took over the chest compressions whilst I took over the elevating of the prisoner's feet. I eventually tipped a chair on its side, padded it with a blanket and used that to support Prisoner No 7's feet.

When the oxygen arrived, S connected the bottle, tubing and mask and placed the mask onto Prisoner No 7. The mask covered his nose and mouth and was held in position by a band around the back of his head. The oxygen was turned on for about a minute, then the mask was taken off and S commenced mouth to mouth resuscitation, and I carried on with chest compressions. I also checked 'capillary refill' about three times during the attempted resuscitation. This is a method of checking the patient's circulation and involves putting pressure on the patient's nail by pinching it, then watching the colour return. Normally, colour would return immediately. When I first checked Prisoner No 7 using this method the colour returned almost immediately. The last time I did the check it took about three to five seconds indicating that the prisoner's circulation had deteriorated. When I did this check I noticed that Prisoner No 7 was initially warm, but was quite cool later. I also

noticed that the prisoner was initially pale, but that his face became a bluish colour later, particularly around the lips.

The nurse took what is called a Nasogeal Airway from the trauma kit and inserted it into Prisoner No 7's throat and trachea. The airway comprises of tubing with a connector on the end and its purpose is to maintain the patient's airway. There are two separate tubes within the one main tube, one to drain any fluid from the lungs, the other to supply air to the lungs. Only the tube supplying air to the lungs was used, and the nurse actually breathed into this, as the connector from the oxygen bottle did not fit the airway's. When the nurse initially inserted the tube, I thought I saw Prisoner No 7's eyes move, and there was a slight gagging noise, but no other response.

The British doctor then arrived and he checked pulse and eyes and listened to Prisoner No 7's chest with his stethoscope. He told us to carry on with what we were doing, apparently satisfied with our actions, but also said that he wanted an IV - Intravenous Infusion - setting up. The purpose of this is to treat shock by putting fluid into the patient. I connected up a bag of 'Lactated Ringer's Infection USP' to tubing, whilst the doctor inserted a catheter (plastic tubing) into the back of Prisoner No 7's right forearm. When a catheter is inserted a section of the tubing fills with blood, indicating that the catheter is actually in a vein. Normally, blood would flow into this section quite quickly. In Prisoner No 7's case I saw that the blood appeared to flow slowly and was very dark red in colour. This indicated to me that his circulation was bad and that there was not oxygen in the blood.

After the catheter had been inserted and the bag of fluid connected, the doctor instructed me to look after the IV. I taped the catheter to the forearm, securing it, and adjusted the flow of fluid into Prisoner No 7. The doctor said to have it flowing quickly, so I initially had the tap which controls the flow wide open, although I am unable to say how much fluid was injected into Prisoner No 7. On the instruction of the doctor I later adjusted the IV to a slower rate.

The ambulance arrived at some stage with three British medics. Oxygen tanks were brought from the vehicle together with equipment to actually pump oxygen into the patient. The oxygen tubing was connected to the Nasogeal Airway and the equipment switched on. I understood that Prisoner No 7 was getting 50% oxygen/50% air mixture and I could see his chest rising and falling as the machine pumped air into him.

The doctor then said that he wanted Prisoner No 7 to have Sodium Bicarbonate and, as I was not familiar with that type of treatment, I was unable to assist. However, I did see the doctor preparing an injection, although I didn't see him administer it. One of the British medics also handed me a small bag of 5% Dextrose solution to be administered by IV, and I replaced the bag of Ringer's solution with the dextrose. All of the solution was absorbed by Prisoner No 7 and I then replaced that bag with a second bag of Ringer's solution. By this time, 12 ~~00~~ of my unit had arrived, and as there was nowhere to hang the bag of fluid, I gave it to him to hold.

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A stretcher was brought in from the ambulance and laid beside Prisoner No 7. I steadied his head whilst 5 [redacted], the doctor, two British medics, the warden and the nurse all lifted him onto the stretcher. I then lifted the foot end of the stretcher and helped to carry it to the ambulance, which had been brought right up to the summer house. I placed the wheels of the stretcher into the grooves of the ramp of the ambulance made for the purpose and then the British medics said that they had him. 12 [redacted] was still holding the bag of fluid at this stage and as Prisoner No 7 was loaded into the back of the ambulance, the catheter was pulled from his arm as the bag was not taken into the ambulance with him. 12 [redacted] told the doctor that the catheter had been pulled from the prisoner's arm and he said he would insert another one. I don't think any injury was caused to Prisoner No 7's arm by this occurrence.

I do recall that whilst CPR was being carried out, I occasionally heard a cracking noise from Prisoner No 7's chest. I believe that this may have been due to damage to his ribs, caused by CPR.

I also remember that when the warden told me that Prisoner No 7 was not breathing, he stated that he had fallen. At no time did he mention any cord, and therefore I was under the impression that Prisoner No 7's condition had been brought on by a fall.

Also, when I went into the summer house, I did not see any electrical cable except that attached to a standard lamp that was in there. I cannot be specific about the furniture in there or where it was, but I remember that there was a large wooden coatstand in the corner where Prisoner No 7 was and two wooden chairs. At some stage, I believe, that the warden put all the furniture outside through the glass doors and I believe he did this so we had room to operate. The exception to this was the coatstand which remained where it was and the chair which I used to elevate Prisoner No 7's feet.

When the ambulance left, I resumed my normal duties and later gave my details to SIB (RMP).

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed)

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The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Spandau Prison, Berlin on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1755 hrs.

(signed)

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STATEMENT

Surname: S [REDACTED] Forenames: S [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: SP4  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date to leave Service: [REDACTED]

I was born on the [REDACTED]

I am S [REDACTED], at present serving with HQ Coy, 5th Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment at McNair Bks, West Berlin.

I am a qualified Medical Specialist. I attained my qualification in [REDACTED] after completing a 10 week 91A10 Medical Specialists' Course at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I have also attended a Basic Life Support Course in Cardio-Pulmonary at Fort Eustis, Virginia on [REDACTED].

On 1 Aug 87 I began a 21 day guard duty accompanied by 40 men from my unit.

This duty consisted of guarding Rudolf Hess, hereafter referred to as Prisoner No 7, as directed by 3 [REDACTED], the Commander of the Spandau Prison Guard, between 1 Aug and 21 Aug 87 at Spandau Prison, Spandau, West Berlin.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 I commenced a guard duty at 0400 hrs which lasted until 1200 hrs that day. Following this I went to my accommodation which is located in building 25A and slept.

About 1450 hrs that day I was awoken by 36 [REDACTED], off duty shift Commander, who said, "They need a medic over there for Hess."

I then asked 36 [REDACTED] to give me more information, however, he could not.

I then immediately dressed myself in uniform and then left the accommodation. Whilst leaving the accommodation I was approached by 37 [REDACTED] who informed me they needed oxygen for Prisoner No 7.

Accompanied by 37 [REDACTED] I then went immediately to the First Aid Station which is located in the same building as I am accommodated in. Upon entering the First Aid Station I immediately took a green metal box known as a Trauma kit.

I had never checked the contents of this box but because of my experience as a Medical Specialist I believed it to contain IV

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Infusion kit, bandages, Stethoscope, blood pressure cuff and oxygen. On top of the box marked in large white letters was marked the word 'Oxygen.'

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I then ran over to the prison main entrance accompanied by [REDACTED] and upon arrival I was allowed immediate access. Upon entering I was met by 10 [REDACTED], the duty shift Commander. 10 [REDACTED] and I then ran about 100 yards until we arrived at the white summer house. On route the Trauma kit I was carrying began to feel heavy so I handed it to 10 [REDACTED] to carry, which he did.

Upon arrival at the summer house about 1500 hrs, I noticed that the two glass doors were wide open. I observed that Prisoner No 7 was lying on his back. His head was about four feet from the right hand wall and his body was laying parallel about two feet from the rear wall.

He was wearing brown shoes, blue socks, light coloured trousers, white shirt and a light coloured sports jacket. At the corner of the summer house near the right hand glass door I saw a straw hat, overcoat and wooden cane lying neatly on the ground.

I further noticed that Prisoner No 7's shirt was undone and his chest was exposed.

19 [REDACTED], Prisoner No 7's nurse was on his knees at the head of Prisoner No 7 and was in between him and the right hand wall. He was giving Prisoner No 7 mouth to mouth resuscitation.

4 [REDACTED] was kneeling on the left side of Prisoner No 7 and was compressing the middle of his chest with both hands. 2 [REDACTED] was at this time suspending Prisoner No 7's legs slightly off the ground.

I immediately checked Prisoner No 7's pulse in his left wrist but I could not find a pulse. I then checked Prisoner No 7's eyes and found his pupils fixed and dilated.

I do not recall seeing any marks or anything around Prisoner No 7's neck.

I then recall that I checked the Trauma kit and found that it did not contain oxygen.

2 [REDACTED] then left the summer house in order to get oxygen.

2 [REDACTED] returned about five minutes later with a large cylinder of oxygen.

Whilst he was away 19 [REDACTED], 4 [REDACTED] and I continued CPR and took turns to do so. This consisted of five chest compressions and two breaths. One of us would do the compressions, one of us would do the mouth to mouth resuscitation and the other would check pulse and for any signs of life. We did this continuously with the only breaks occurring while we changed positions.

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As soon as 2 [REDACTED] had arrived with the oxygen I placed an oxygen mask over Prisoner No 7's face and oxygen was then administered for about 45 to 60 seconds. Whilst this was happening, 4 [REDACTED] was continuing to compress Prisoner No 7's chest. There was at this time no sign of life within Prisoner No 7.

I then removed the oxygen mask and 17 [REDACTED] then inserted a Nasogeal tube in Prisoner No 7's mouth and into his trachea. After this I attempted to attach the Nasogeal tube to the oxygen cylinder via the tube but this was unsuccessful as they were incompatible.

About 1507 hrs 6 [REDACTED] arrived and examined what we were doing and told us to continue, which we did. 6 [REDACTED] then began to set up an IV.

About 1510 hrs, whilst 6 [REDACTED] was placing an IV in Prisoner No 7's right hand and whilst we were still continuing CPR, a British Ambulance arrived.

From when I arrived at the summer house until the Ambulance arrived a number of people briefly entered and left the summer house. I do not recall exactly who these people were but they included 10 [REDACTED] and 3 [REDACTED]

As soon as the Ambulance arrived Prisoner No 7 was placed on a stretcher by several people including 6 [REDACTED], 19 [REDACTED], 4 [REDACTED], 12 [REDACTED], the American warden whose name I do not know and myself.

Prisoner No 7 was then placed directly in the Ambulance. The Ambulance doors were then shut and I found myself inside the Ambulance with 6 [REDACTED], 19 [REDACTED] and the American warden whose name I do not know.

Whilst Prisoner No 7 was placed into the Ambulance the IV in his right hand became dislodged and a fresh IV was started by 6 [REDACTED] in his left hand.

I wish to add that Prisoner No 7 was not placed in the Ambulance until about 1520 hrs during which time 6 [REDACTED] attempted to set up another oxygen system using the Nasogeal tube but this system failed.

Once in the Ambulance CPR continued all the way to the British Medical Hospital.

We arrived about 1547 hrs when we were met by a British medical team.

I then stopped CPR and Prisoner No 7 was taken by the British medical team.

I carried out CPR to Prisoner No 7 for about 45 minutes during which time there were no signs of life.

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This statement is true and I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) 5 [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Spandau Prison, Spandau, Berlin on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1500 hrs.

(signed) [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT**

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: Lt Col  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: RMO, 1 KOSB, BFPO 45  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (,consisting of pages 7 each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 19th day of August, 19 87 Signed: [REDACTED]

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I am Lt Col [REDACTED] RAMC, presently serving as the RMO, 1 KOSB at Brooke Bks in Berlin, West Germany.

I am a qualified and practising medical practitioner with the following qualifications:

MB BS gained in 1970 at the University of London.

D Av Med gained in 1974 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

MRCGP gained in 1979 at the Royal College of General Practitioners, London.

AFOM gained in 1980 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

DRCOG gained in 1982 at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Part of my duties in Berlin included being on standby for 'Op Paradox' when I was one of the named Medical Officers on the duty roster for that operation. 'Op Paradox' is the name given to the action to be taken when Herr Rudolf Hess, hereafter called Prisoner No 7 required emergency medical treatment at Spandau Prison where I understood he was the sole inmate.

On Mon 17 Aug 87, I was the second officer on the duty call-out list for that operation. Immediately after 1500 hrs on that day I received a telephone call at the MRS, Brooke Bks, from the CO BMH Berlin. He informed me that Op Paradox was to be initiated and that the first officer on call was already committed. I therefore collected immediately available medical equipment and drove to Spandau Prison by car.

I arrived at the prison about 1510 hrs, at the same time as the Military Ambulance from BMH Berlin. There was no escort for us at the prison but I was ushered into the main prison building. I then proceeded along a corridor to what I assumed to be Prisoner No 7's cell, but found it empty.

I called for assistance and was met by a person whom I assumed to be the prisoner's American warden. He led me outside to the summer house in the prison's grounds. On the way I asked him what had happened. He said

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words to the effect that the prisoner had been found hanged.

On arrival at the summer house I went in and saw Prisoner No 7 lying on the floor on his back with his legs elevated. He was being attended to by two US medics and a person whom I assumed to be his personal nurse.

I examined Prisoner No 7 and found that an endo-tracheal tube had been successfully introduced. This is a tube which keeps the airway open, allowing an adequate supply of oxygen to the lungs. Air was successfully entering both lungs, although the tube was leaking due to an inadequate seal. Cardiac Massage was being properly administered by the two US medics in turn. I checked for signs of life but at no time did I feel a spontaneous pulse when massage was temporarily stopped. I also saw that the pupils were fixed and dilated and that Prisoner No 7 was cyanosed - a bluish tinge was present on his exposed flesh.

I then introduced a 17 gauge venflon - a tube for administering a drip - into Prisoner No 7's right forearm. I commenced an intravenous infusion of 5% dextrose to ensure that the venflon was correctly into the vein, then immediately changed it to a solution of 8.4% sodium bicarbonate, the standard dosage in cases of cardiac arrest. I used the American bags of solutions that were present at the scene.

I then commenced giving Prisoner No 7 100% oxygen, using a portable ventilator connected to the endo-tracheal tube, whilst the US medics continued to give cardiac massage.

I examined the pharynx and found no evidence of regurgitation nor did I hear any 'moist' sounds on listening to Prisoner No 7's chest using my stethoscope. This meant that there was no fluid in the lungs or pharynx, therefore no requirement to drain them.

I was satisfied that all actions possible were being taken to resuscitate the prisoner and that those actions were being carried out correctly.

After I established that resuscitation attempts had been continuing for about 50 minutes and that there were no signs of life. I informed the CO BMH of those facts by telephone and was advised to transfer the prisoner to the BMH.

Prisoner No 7 was therefore placed on a stretcher and loaded into the Ambulance. During the loading the ventflon came out and I introduced a second one during the subsequent Ambulance journey.

A 5% dextrose solution was administered slowly via that venflon.

Other persons accompanying Prisoner No 7 to the Ambulance were his personal nurse, one of the US medics, a US officer, the Ambulance driver and another person who remained in the front of the Ambulance. The journey was uneventful, no injury was caused to the prisoner during transfer and cardiac massage was continued by the US medic when possible. Oxygen was not administered but the exhaled air resuscitation method - mouth to mouth - was carried out.

Continuation of statement of: Lt Col [REDACTED] 1 KOSB

On arrival at BMH Berlin about 1550 hrs Prisoner No 7 was transferred to his dedicated ward on the second floor of the hospital. I then assisted a US physician who had arrived there. I introduced a CVP - Central Venous Pressure Line. This is a needle introduced into the jugular vein so that drugs can be administered as directly as possible to the heart. On instructions of the physician, I administered 5 mg of atropine sulphate, a dose which I repeated a short time later. I then slowly administered 5 mg of adrenaline in 1/10,000 solution in ./ mg amounts.

I then became aware that a decision to discontinue resuscitation had been made, and there was no further medical treatment given. Death was then certified by the CO BMH.

Whilst I was in the summer house in Spandau Prison grounds, I did not see any electrical cable anywhere in the building.

(signed) [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at 2105 hrs, Wed 19 Aug 87 at BMH Berlin.

(signed) [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT**

Surname: HAMER-PHILIP

Forenames: [REDACTED]

Service No.: [REDACTED]

Rank: Col/L/RAMC

Type of Engagement: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]

Full Unit Address: BMH Berlin, BFPO 45

Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED]

Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (,consisting of pages 4 each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 20th day of August, 19 87.

Signed: [REDACTED]

I am a Commissioned Officer in the British Army, at present holding the rank of Colonel and the appointment of Commanding Officer of the British Military Hospital, West Berlin.

I am a Registered Medical Practitioner with the qualifications MB, BCh, DA, MBIM. My medical qualifications were gained between 1959 and 1962.

Since December 1986 when I assumed the appointment of CO BMH Berlin until the present I have on numerous occasions seen Rudolf Hess, the sole inmate of Spandau Military Prison and known as Allied Prisoner No 7.

At 1610 hrs on Mon 17 Aug 87 at BMH Berlin I examined Rudolf Hess who had earlier been brought to the hospital. At that time I established that life was extinct and was of the opinion that death was due to cardiac arrest following asphyxia.

I then caused the body of Hess to be placed in the coldroom adjacent to the hospital mortuary. In the presence of D Keane, A le Tissier, M Planet and IV Kolodnikov, the Governors of Spandau Military Prison, I sealed the entrances to the coldroom using a lead plumb seal. The seal was inspected by all four Governors and I retained the keys to the 'Yale' type locks in my possession until 0810 hrs on Wed 19 Aug 87.

At that time the Prison Governors again inspected the lead seals and when they were satisfied that they had not been tampered with I opened the coldroom door and removed Hess' remains.

I then identified the body of Rudolf Hess to Prof [REDACTED] of the London Hospital and this identification was confirmed by the Prison Governors. I then left the mortuary.

Later that day I returned to the mortuary area and was present when the body of Hess was sealed into a metal coffin.

This was also done in the presence of the Prison Governors.

I then locked this coffin into the Hospital Chapel of Rest and retained the keys in my possession until 0800 hrs on Thu 20 Aug 87 when I opened the Chapel of Rest and handed the sealed coffin together with a certificate of contents to A le Tissier on signature.

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Prior to the remains of Rudolf Hess being sealed into the coldroom I caused a full skeletal survey to be done in the x-ray department of the hospital.

The clothing was not removed to facilitate this however, I removed certain items from the pockets.

These items were:

- Two handkerchiefs
- Two handkerchiefs with a tube of jelly medication
- One travelling clock
- One empty tablet box
- One comb
- One spectacle case (brown) containing spectacles, three pens two pencils and one red felt tip pen
- One spectacle case (black) containing spectacles, a pencil and a blue felt tip pen
- One letter written in German and consisting of one page written in blue ink on plain white paper.

I sealed these items in an envelope which I signed. The Russian medical officer Lt Col [REDACTED] also signed the envelope.

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Later that day I handed this sealed envelope to D Keane, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Spandau Military Prison and informed him of the contents.

(signed) [REDACTED]

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The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at 1300 hrs on Thu 20 Aug 87 at BMH Berlin.

(signed) [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT

Surname: § [REDACTED] Forenames: § [REDACTED]  
Date & Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Height:  
Occupation: Correctional Officer  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Identity Card No.: Status:  
Date arrived in Command: Date to leave Command:

I am § [REDACTED], an American National presently employed as a Correctional Officer at the Allied Military Prison, Spandau, West Berlin. I have been employed at the prison since [REDACTED].

The only prisoner who has been in the prison is Rudolf Hess, whose correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7 and throughout the rest of this statement I shall refer to him as such.

Allied Prisoner No 7 is in the habit of spending the afternoons in a summer house which is located in the prison garden. Most times he would just sit in a chair in the summer house and read or sleep, later on in the afternoons he would switch on a reading light to enable him to carry on reading as dusk approached. Because of the position of his chair and the light it was necessary to use an electrical extension cable to reach the socket. There has been such a cable in the summer house since I started work.

Because of Allied Prisoner No 7's age he was not subject to strict prison rules. On occasions, to give him some privacy, I would move out of his sight however, I would stay near enough so that I could hear every move.

On Mon 17 Aug 87, I had agreed to come in early to relieve 2 [REDACTED], another of the American Correctional Officers, as he was going on holiday.

I therefore arrived at the main gate at about 1515 hrs. As I walked into the office I saw that the 'Paradox' (the code word to call an ambulance from BMH Berlin) envelope and the BMH access list envelope were open. I immediately realised that something was wrong. I saw that 17 [REDACTED], a British Prison Warder, was on the phone and asking for an escort for an ambulance.

16 [REDACTED] then instructed me that I was to travel in the ambulance with Prisoner No 7.

We both went up to the Chief Warder's Office. I was then told to go and tell 2 [REDACTED] to telephone Mr Keane. I ran into the prison garden and up to the summer house. I saw 2 [REDACTED] and he told me that Allied

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Prisoner No 7 had hung himself up. I looked into the summer house and saw Allied Prisoner No 7 lying on the floor with British and American medics rendering him first aid. I also saw that the electrical extension cable had been tied around a window handle. I have never seen this extension cable tied to the window handle before.

Allied Prisoner No 7 was then placed in the rear of a British ambulance. I got into the rear also together with 6 [REDACTED], 5 [REDACTED] and 1 [REDACTED]. In the front of the ambulance was the driver and someone else whose name I do not know.

I accompanied Allied Prisoner No 7 in the ambulance to the BMH Berlin where I handed him into the care of the British Medical Authorities.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) 8 [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the SIB Offices Berlin on Fri 21 Aug 87 about 1500 hrs.

(signed) 14 [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT

Surname: 9 [REDACTED] Forenames: q [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: [REDACTED]  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date to leave Service: [REDACTED]

I am 9 [REDACTED], presently serving with my unit, 5/502 Infantry Regt in Berlin.

On Mon 17 Aug 87, I was detailed to carry out prison guard at the Spandau Prison, Berlin, together with other members of my unit.

From looking at the shift roster for Mon 17 Aug 87, I established that I was to be on duty between 1200 hrs and 1600 hrs in observation tower No 3.

Observation tower No 3 is a concrete constructed tower situated on the rear wall of Spandau Prison. The tower is about 15-20 ft in height and overlooks the interior and exterior areas of the prison.

There are a total of six observation towers situated around the perimeter of the prison. Each tower is manned by one man. In order to facilitate communication between each tower, each tower is fitted with a telephone which has a direct line to the telephone switchboard situated within the main building near the main entrance. The switchboard is manned by another member of the prison guard.

In addition to the telephone fitted in each tower there is also a radio. The radio affords communication between each tower but is also monitored by the duty personnel on the switchboard.

I have carried out guard duties at Spandau Prison on a number of occasions, each time my duty post has always been watch tower No 3.

Looking into the prison grounds from watch tower No 3 I would describe the layout of the grounds as follows:

Looking directly opposite the tower and a distance of about 75-100 meters away is the main prison building complex. Also directly opposite the tower but a distance of about 30 meters away is a bench. The bench looks to be constructed of concrete and aluminium and does not appear to be portable.

Looking out of tower No 3 adjacent left, a distance of about 75 meters away is a small building known as the resthouse. This building is totally independent of the main prison building but is reached by a small footpath connecting the two buildings.



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The resthouse is rectangular in shape measuring about 3 meters by 7 meters. On the side of the resthouse facing watch tower No 3 are large glass windows. It is not possible to see into the building from the watch tower. I would also like to point out that it is not possible to see all of the exterior of the resthouse due to trees obstructing the view of about half of the building, nor is it possible to see any of the other watch towers from watch tower No 3.

About 1135 hrs on Mon 17 Aug 87 I reported for duty at the guard house, a building situated outside the prison walls of Spandau.

The Officer Commanding of the guard was 3 [REDACTED], the "I" in charge being [REDACTED] "I".

Following an inspection by the relief [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED], he marched myself and the rest of the guard detail into Spandau Prison.

On marching into the prison I was marched to watch tower No 3. I then climbed up into the tower where I was to remain for the next four and a quarter hours.

About 1420 hrs 10 [REDACTED] approached the foot of my tower to check that everything was in order.

I looked over the top of the tower and informed 10 [REDACTED] that everything was in order. About this point I heard a door open in the area of the main building complex. This door is situated towards the left half of the building as observed from the tower.

When the door opened I saw a man come out whom I know to be a prison warder. I do not know his name but can state that he is a Negro. I would be able to recognise this man again.

Having walked out of the main building the warder walked via the footpath to the resthouse and the resthouse door.

I would like to add at this point that the door to the resthouse is situated on the opposite side of the building to the glass window, an area of the building furthest away from my tower.

From the tower I could see the top part of the resthouse door swing outwards due to the door being opened. I know that this door is usually kept locked. Due to the position of the tower I could not see the warder only the top of the door whilst looking over the top of the resthouse.

I then saw the warder walk away from the resthouse and return to the main prison building via the connecting footpath, whereupon he entered the door I initially had opened.

The warder was only in the main building a couple of seconds when he came out again on his own. He once again walked to the summer house again. At this point he was again out of sight. I noticed as the warder walked to and from the resthouse he was looking around all the time, as though he was checking the area. On one occasion I saw him look directly up at the sky as though he was checking the weather.

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Whilst the warder was out of sight, [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED] who was still at the foot of my tower informed me he was coming up my tower to see what was happening, which he did.

Once [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED] reached the top of the tower he made a check on my telephone. I was watching [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED] when he suddenly said, "He's out." I immediately looked out of the tower in the direction of the main prison building.

On looking in this direction, I saw Rudolf Hess whom as I shall now refer to as Allied Prisoner No 7 outside the main prison building. The time would now have been between 1425 hrs and 1430 hrs.

Allied Prisoner No 7 was wearing a very large brimmed straw hat, brown in colour. The hat looked like a Mexican Sombrero. From the angle I was looking down at him, I could not see his face.

In addition to the hat Allied Prisoner No 7 was wearing a half length trenchcoat, which was also brown in colour.

I cannot remember what footwear Allied Prisoner No 7 was wearing but I do recall he was carrying a brown walking stick.

Allied Prisoner No 7 then began walking down the path in the direction of the resthouse.

Allied Prisoner No 7 took only a few steps at a time and would then stop and look around as though he was looking at the sights. He would then take a few more steps. On one occasion I saw Allied Prisoner No 7 look upwards at my tower for what I would describe as a quick glance.

I would say that it took Allied Prisoner No 7 about ten minutes to walk from the main prison building to the resthouse where I lost sight of him. Because of the size of his hat and the fact that I lost sight of it from the observation tower I presumed that Allied Prisoner No 7 went into the resthouse. It is possible however that he could have been standing close to the resthouse but not actually in it.

This was the very first time I have ever seen Allied Prisoner No 7 and therefore I am unable to comment as to whether his actions were normal or otherwise.

Whilst Allied Prisoner No 7 walked from the main prison building to the area of the summer house the prison warder was still out of my sight.

Whilst this was happening, [REDACTED] 10 [REDACTED] had left my tower but was replaced by the Officer Commanding, [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED]. Also [REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED], a member of my unit had walked from the main gate from the direction of observation tower No 4 and stood on the footpath directly opposite my tower, a distance of about 25 meters away. I believe this was because [REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED] had never seen Allied Prisoner No 7 before.

I would like to point out at this juncture that due to [REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED] walking from the direction of observation tower No 4 to my observation

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tower he walked directly past the resthouse near the door to the building.

[REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED] stood on the path for about 15 seconds, he then looked up at my tower and said, "Can you see him?"

I replied, "No, I cannot see him, he's inside", inside meaning inside the resthouse.

[REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED] then said, "I didn't see him." He then waved his hand and walked off in the direction of observation tower No 2. Observation tower No 2 is situated to the right of my tower and in the opposite direction to the resthouse.

About one minute after [REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED] walked away the OC said he was leaving my tower.

He then climbed down the tower and walked in the direction of observation tower No 2.

About 1445 hrs I saw the warder run from the direction of the resthouse towards the main building. The warder did not stick to the path but cut across the grass. Before he reached the main building he ran back in the direction of the resthouse, however, before he reached the resthouse he turned and ran towards the main building.

I believed that there was something wrong at this point because the warder was no longer wearing his dark blue jacket and tie that he had been wearing when I initially saw him at the main prison building about 1420 hrs that day. In addition it was obvious something was wrong from the way the warder was running about.

On seeing the warder behaving in this manner, I radioed through to the switchboard, whereupon the OC, [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED], answered the radio.

Upon telling my OC what I had observed, he instructed me to keep watching and to inform him of any developments.

Just as I completed sending the radio message, I looked out of the tower to see the warder run to the bottom of my tower.

The warder looked up at me and shouted, "Can you do first aid?"

I shouted back, "Yes."

I started to tell the warder that my orders were to stay in the tower at all times, but before I could finish my sentence he ran back to the resthouse.

I then radioed the switchboard and informed the OC of the warder's request. I was informed by the OC that he was on his way to my location.

As I completed this radio message the warder once again returned to the foot of my tower. Before he could say anything I told him that I had

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informed my supervisors and that they were on their way.

He replied to this, "Good job" and then ran back to the resthouse.

Shortly after this the OC arrived at my location and enquired as to where the warder was. I informed him he was at the resthouse after which he ran off in the direction of the resthouse.

A couple of seconds later the OC ran back to my tower and requested that I radio for the medics. I radioed the switchboard immediately and passed on the OC's request, informing the switchboard at the same time of the location of the OC and the warder.

About five minutes later, about 1450 hrs, ~~4~~ , the medic on duty at the time, arrived with his medical bag at the resthouse.

About this point ~~10~~ arrived at my tower and shouted up to me that I was to radio for oxygen and request extra duties to guard the front of the prison.

I carried out this order immediately.

About five minutes after I had passed the message to the switchboard I saw someone run to the resthouse carrying an oxygen tank.

Shortly after the arrival of the oxygen the warder ran to the base of my tower and informed me that I was to radio the guard on the main gate and tell him to open it up for the emergency vehicles.

The warder informed me that his radio was not working at this point. I carried out this order immediately but was informed by the main gate sentry that the emergency vehicle had just entered both gates.

I shouted to the warden and informed him of this.

A short while after this the Ambulance arrived at the scene. I cannot remember who was now actually at the scene, but there seemed to be a lot of people about.

I believe that the Ambulance arrived about 1500 hrs, but I looked at my watch when it left; it was 1520 hrs. From my position I could not see who was placed in the Ambulance.

After the Ambulance left, everyone dispersed from the scene.

About 1615 hrs Mon 17 Aug 87 I was relieved from duty. As I walked past the side of the resthouse where the door is situated I saw outside the building a sofa and a chair. I have nothing further to add to this statement.

This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(signed)

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This statement was recorded and signatures were witnessed by me at the guardhouse, Spandau Prison Berlin on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1545 hrs.

(signed)  H

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STATEMENT

Surname: 10 [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED]  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED]

Forenames: 10  
Rank: [REDACTED] Sgt  
Height: [REDACTED]

Date to leave Service: [REDACTED]

I was born on the [REDACTED]

I am 10 [REDACTED], at present serving with CS Coy, 5th Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment at McNair Bks, West Berlin.

I am presently employed as a Squad leader, a position I have held since [REDACTED].

On 1 Aug 87 I commenced guard duty at Spandau Prison, Spandau, West Berlin. This duty was due to last until 21 Aug 87.

The duty consisted of guarding Rudolf Hess, who will hereafter be referred to as Prisoner No 7, as directed by [REDACTED] 3, Commander of the Spandau Guard for the period from 1 Aug to 21 Aug 87.

My duties included being shift supervisor between midnight to 0400 and midday to 1600 hrs daily. As shift supervisor I was responsible for general discipline of my shift. I was also responsible for maintaining Army log 1594, in which I recorded any unusual occurrences and monitoring radio traffic.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 about 1200 hrs I commenced my duty as normal and my shift consisted of the following people who occupied the positions as follows:

28 [REDACTED], Watch Tower No 1  
29 [REDACTED], Watch Tower No 2  
9 [REDACTED], Watch Tower No 3  
30 [REDACTED], Watch Tower No 4  
31 [REDACTED], Watch Tower No 5  
32 [REDACTED], Watch Tower No 6  
42 [REDACTED], Switchboard/radio monitor  
13 [REDACTED], Main entrance.  
27 [REDACTED]

All of the shift have strict orders that they will remain at the same post throughout their four hour tour of duty however, should they require relief for any reason they would be relieved by the switchboard/radio monitor or the main entrance guard.

About 1420 hrs that day I walked anti-clockwise around the inside perimeter of the prison. I normally stop at each tower and speak with the guards however, on this occasion I stopped only at Watch Tower No 3

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arriving about 1430 hrs. On the way to Watch Tower No 3 I do not recall seeing anyone apart from the members of my guard shift.

Upon arrival at Watch Tower No 3 I spoke briefly with 9 [REDACTED], the Watch Tower guard. After a very short time my attention was drawn to the rear of the main prison building where Prisoner No 7 was located. I looked around and saw 2 [REDACTED], an American Warden, apparently unlocking the door to this building although I did not see him open the door. After he had done this he walked directly to the small white summer house, about 50 yards away. I then observed 2 [REDACTED] unlock the door on the side of the summer house facing the prison and walk inside. After a few seconds I saw 2 [REDACTED] open the large glass doors on the opposite side of the summer house and then stand directly in front of these doors facing the wall.

I then entered Watch Tower No 3 and climbed up to the viewing platform and then stood next to 9 [REDACTED]. We had a brief conversation. After about three or four minutes I saw Prisoner No 7 walking slowly along the path coming from the direction of the door that I had previously seen 2 [REDACTED] unlock. Prisoner No 7 was wearing brown shoes, blue socks, light trousers and a large tight brown coloured overcoat. He was also wearing a pale coloured straw hat and was using a walking cane. He was unaccompanied and I could not see 2 [REDACTED], although my view of the summer house was obscured by a tree.

I then saw Prisoner No 7 turn right onto the path which runs parallel with the wall and walk slowly towards the summer house. About half way along in between where he had turned right and the summer house I saw 3 [REDACTED] walking along the path in the opposite direction and pass Prisoner No 7 on his right side.

3 [REDACTED] then entered Watch Tower No 3 as Prisoner No 7 continued to walk slowly to the summer house. As soon as 3 [REDACTED] reached the viewing tower platform I went down. I do not recall speaking with 3 [REDACTED].

As soon as I reached the ground I saw Prisoner No 7 was still walking along the path. At this time I was standing on the same path at the junction where he had previously turned right. I stood watching him for a few seconds until he turned left off the path and was heading directly toward the summer house which was then about five feet away from him. At this I then turned around and walked directly back to the guardroom walking anti-clockwise, arriving some three minutes later. It was then about 1450 hrs.

Upon arrival I saw 13 [REDACTED], the switchboard/radio monitor. He had previously informed me that he had not seen Prisoner No 7. I then told him that if he wished to see Prisoner No 7 he was to go for a walk around the inside perimeter and have a discrete look at the summer house. Following this he was to return immediately in order that 27 [REDACTED] (main entrance) could also see Prisoner No 7.

13 [REDACTED] then left, returning some 7-10 minutes later and he informed me that he had not seen Prisoner No 7. 27 [REDACTED] heard this. I then said that it was pointless for him to go. 27

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10 [REDACTED], 5/502 Inf Regt

Whilst 13 [REDACTED] was away, 3 [REDACTED] came to the guardroom.

I wish to add that the last time I saw 2 [REDACTED] was when he was standing directly in front of the summer house.

The next thing I recall is that 37 [REDACTED] contacted the guardroom by his Watch Tower radio and stated that he wanted relieving. I then told 13 [REDACTED] to relieve him.

Whilst this was happening I received a radio message from Watch Tower No 3; 9 [REDACTED] who stated "The warden has asked me if I know how to give first aid" or words to that effect.

The reply was given by 3 [REDACTED] who stated "Stay at your post, I'll be right along" or words to that effect.

At this 3 [REDACTED] left the guardroom immediately. I then waited about two minutes until 37 [REDACTED] arrived at the guardroom. I then ran clockwise towards Tower No 3. As I approached it I saw 3 [REDACTED] was over at the summer house with 2 [REDACTED]. I recall that 3 [REDACTED] then shouted across to Tower 3 "Tell 10 [REDACTED] to get a medic" or words to that effect.

At this time 3 [REDACTED]'s view of me was obscured.

I then approached Watch Tower No 3 and told 9 [REDACTED] to radio the guardroom and tell them to get a medic.

At this time I was not sure what was happening but I believed that there was possibly a medical emergency involving Prisoner No 7, because I had seen Prisoner No 7 heading towards the summer house and 3 [REDACTED] and 2 [REDACTED] were standing outside.

I then ran back to the guardroom the same way I had come without passing the summer house.

After I arrived at the guardroom I was told that 4 [REDACTED], a medical specialist, had been called.

After about two minutes, 4 [REDACTED] arrived carrying a First Aid bag. I then ran directly to the summer house accompanied by 4 [REDACTED].

I do not recall the time.

Upon arrival at the summer house I saw that Prisoner No 7 was lying on his back. I entered through the single wooden door and Prisoner No 7's head was facing towards the left hand wall. 19 [REDACTED], a male nurse, was knelt down on Prisoner No 7's right hand side giving him mouth to mouth resuscitation. 4 [REDACTED] then knelt down on the opposite side and began compressing Prisoner No 7's chest. 2 [REDACTED] was standing in the background as was 3 [REDACTED].

I noticed at this time that Prisoner No 7 was wearing a light coloured shirt. I do not recall if it was open.



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10 [REDACTED], 5/502 Inf Regt

I do not recall seeing anything tied or any marks around Prisoner No 7's neck.

4 [REDACTED] then told me that he needed oxygen for Prisoner No 7.

I wish to add that Prisoner No 7's eyes were open as was his mouth, however, there appeared to be no sign of life.

I then left the summer house and I ran over to Watch Tower No 3 where I informed 9 [REDACTED] to get 5 [REDACTED], a medical specialist, to bring oxygen.

I then ran back to the guardroom where I was immediately met by 5 [REDACTED], who was carrying a green metal box.

5 [REDACTED] and I then ran immediately to the summer house and I carried the box.

Again I do not recall the time.

Upon arrival at the summer house the same people I have previously named were apparently still trying to revive Prisoner No 7.

5 [REDACTED] and I then opened the green metal box. There was no oxygen inside.

After a few moments 3 [REDACTED] told me to go back to the guardroom and inform everyone on standby to come in immediately. I then ran back to the guardroom and I remained there.

After a few minutes the British ambulance followed by the British doctor entered the prison.

After a few more minutes the ambulance left.

The last occasion I saw Prisoner No 7 was when I escorted 5 [REDACTED] to the summer house.

I cannot recall exact timings because everything happened quickly.

I wish to add that on the two occasions I entered the summer house I was there for a few seconds only and I do not recall seeing any cable or wire.

This statement is true and I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) 10 [REDACTED]

The above statment was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Spandau Prison, West Berlin on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1950 hrs.

(signed) 38 [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT

Surname:	11	Forenames:	11
Service No.:	[REDACTED]	Rank:	- Sgt
Type of Engagement:		Height:	
Date and Place of Birth:	[REDACTED]		
Full Unit Address:	[REDACTED]		
Date due to leave Comd:		Date to leave Service:	

I am 11 [REDACTED], presently serving with 5 Bn, 502 Inf Regt, McNair Bks, Berlin.

Between 1 - 21 Aug 87, I was detailed together with members of my unit to provide the American guard at Spandau Military Prison, Berlin.

My appointment during this period was 11 [REDACTED] in charge of the guard.

There is only one prisoner in the prison and that is Herr Rudolf Hess, whose correct title is Allied Prisoner No 7 and I shall refer to him as such throughout the rest of this statement.

My duties as 11 [REDACTED] in charge of the guard is to ensure that the guard was correctly turned out, were alert, the admin of the guard and the security of the prison.

On Mon 17 Aug 87 during the afternoon, I was in the swimming pool which is located within Spandau prison confines. About 1505 hrs that afternoon, I ntoced a lot of activity in the prison area. I immediatley got out of the pool and went to find out what was happening. I saw '55' and he gave me the hand single 'Rally.'

I immediatley got dressed and ran to the guard house where I implemented a security plan.

At no time did I see prisoner No 7 that afternoon. I remained in the Guardhouse organising the security of the prison.

The above statement is true and I have made it of my own free will.

I would just like to add that on the 1 Aug 87 when we took over duty, I walked around the prison and took a close look at the garden house, which is located within the confines of the prison.

I looked in through the four large windows I saw a length of electric cable was tied to the handle of a widnow located on the opposite wall. I have seen this cable which was still tied in the same position

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// [REDACTED], 5th Bn 502 Inf Regt

on several occasions during the period of guard. I did not see the cable during the 17 Aug 87 as I never entered the prison garden that day, the last time I saw it was I believe on 16 Aug 87.

(signed) // [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at the Guardhouse, Allied Military Prison, Spandau, Berlin, on 18 Aug 87 about 1600 hrs.

(signed) /t [REDACTED]

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Case No.: 53052/7

## STATEMENT

Surname:	12	Forenames:	12
Service No.:		Rank:	
Type of Engagement:		Height:	
Date and Place of Birth:			
Full Unit Address:			
Date due to leave Comd:		Date to leave Service:	

I am 12 , at present serving with Combat Support Company, 5/502 Inf in McNair Bks, West Berlin.

On 1 Aug 87, my unit took over guard duties at Spandau prison, West Berlin, intending to carry on those duties until 21 Aug 87. During that time we are accommodated in Spandau Bks, an accommodation block beside Spandau prison.

About 1500 hrs, Mon 17 Aug 87, I was on the top floor of Spandau Bks, getting ready for my next duty which was due to start at 1600 hrs, when the sentry on tower 1 of the the prison shouted to someone else in the accommodation block. I heard him say that a medic was needed, and I then saw 4 , followed later by 5 , running towards the main prison building. 43 of my unit then came into the rooms upstairs saying that a further four people were required. I finished dressing and went downstairs with 44 , 45 and 46 . 46 then marched us over to the main prison building where I saw a British Military ambulance reversed up against the main door of that building. 46 instructed me to escort the ambulance to the Summer House in the prison grounds, so I got into the front of ambulance and directed the driver to the Summer House, arriving there about 1520 hrs.

The medics from the ambulance went into the Summer House, whilst I moved various equipment from around the house to allow the ambulance access to either door (the Summer House has two doors - a single one, and a double set of glass doors). I moved a bench from beside the house single door and various things from bedside the glass doors. I can't remember what I moved, although I know some of it was medical equipment. At no time did I see any length of electrical cable.

After doing this, I then went into the Summer House. In there were 5 and 4 , a British Army doctor, the personal doctor of prisoner number 7. 5 and 4 were alternating in giving heart massage to prisoner number 7, whom I saw was lying on his back on the floor of the Summer House parallel with the wall opposite the glass doors. his head was in the corner, his legs were supported on an upturned chair. I saw that an IV - Intravenous Infusion - had been inserted into the central part of the back of his right forearm. When I initially went in, 4 was holding the bag for the IV and

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12 [REDACTED], 5/502 Inf Regt

also trying to do something else, so I took the bag from him and just held it. CPR was continually applied to the prisoner, and his personal nurse injected some substance into the IV bag that I was holding. The bag was changed twice during the time I was holding it, initially for a smaller bag, then for another larger one. One of the American medics made the change in both cases.

Oxygen was also being given to prisoner 7, via a tube in his throat. When I first got there, the medics were blowing into the tube, then they administered Oxygen via the tube, from three different sources: the first connector used did not fit properly, the second bottle ran out, the third fitted and operated properly.

Prisoner 7 was then put onto a stretcher. I continued to hold the IV bag with one hand, and assisted in lifting him onto the stretcher with the other. I then handed the bag to another person, I cannot recall who, so that I could keep the catheter, through which the IV was being administered, steady on his arm whilst the prisoner was being loaded into the ambulance. I did this by putting his right arm across his chest and holding it steady whilst the prisoner was actually being moved.

4 [REDACTED] and 44 [REDACTED] actually carried the stretcher. The wheels of the stretcher were guided into the grooves of the ambulance and the stretcher was then rolled into the ambulance. As the stretcher rolled into the ambulance, the movement forwards caused the catheter to be pulled out of prisoner 7's arm. I told the ambulance driver that it had come out, I didn't see any injury as a result, I believe it just pulled straight out.

Other people getting into the ambulance were 5 [REDACTED], the British Army doctor and the driver. I didn't see anyone else get in.

Myself and 44 [REDACTED] then escorted the ambulance from the prison grounds - 44 [REDACTED] ran in front, whilst I ran behind. I believe it was about 1550 hrs when the ambulance actually left the prison.

I recall that whilst I was moving the equipment outside the Summer House, prisoner 7's negro Warden was walking backwards and forwards outside. I didn't see him speak to anyone, but he looked worried and I could see that he was sweating profusely - his face was wet with droplets of perspiration. I did not see him inside the Summer House at all and do not know when he left the area.

This statement is true. I made it of own free will.

(signed) 12 [REDACTED]

The above statement was recorded and signatures witnessed by me at Spandau Prison, Berlin, on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1915 hrs.

(signed) 35 [REDACTED]

SIB (WRAC Pro)

STATEMENT

Surname: 13 Forenames: 13  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: [REDACTED]  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date to leave Service: [REDACTED]

I am 13 [REDACTED], presently serving with my unit 5/502 Infantry Regt, Combat Support Company in Berlin.

On Mon 17 Aug 87, I was detailed to carry out prison guard at the Spandau Prison Berlin, the only inmate of the prison being Rudolf Hess who I shall now refer to as Allied Prisoner No 7.

From looking at the guard shift rosta for Mon 17 Aug 87, I established that I was to be on guard duty between 1200 hrs and 1600 at point 8, which is the central switchboard.

Subsequently about 1135 hrs Mon 17 Aug 87 I reported for duty at the guardroom. The guardroom being a building situated outside the prison walls.

The Officer Commanding of the guard being 3 [REDACTED], the  
" [REDACTED] in charge being 11 [REDACTED].

Having been inspected for duty by 10 [REDACTED] of my unit the ongoing guard which included myself were marched into Spandau Prison to commence duty.

I would like to point out that point 8 is located within the main prison building complex near the main entrance on the front wall.

About 1202 hrs I actually took over duty on point 8. I remained on duty at point 8 until 1445 hrs when I received a radio message from 9 [REDACTED] a member of the guard who was manning observation post 3.

9 [REDACTED] informed me that Allied Prisoner 7 was out in the grounds, if I was interested in having a look.

Due to the fact that I was not alone at point 8, I was able to leave my duty post and go outside in the hope of seeing Allied Prisoner No 7.

Having left point 8 I walked on the footpath past observation posts 5 and 4.

Between observation points 4 and 3 is a small building known as the rest house. The rest house is about 10 meters to the right of the footpath.

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13 [REDACTED], 5/502 Infantry Regt, Combat Support Company

About 25 meters to the left of the footpath is the rear of the prison building main complex.

As you look at the rest house from the footpath there is a large tree to the right of the building, about 5 meters to the right.

Looking at the building itself there is a door and window on the side parallel to the footpath. The door is to the right of this particular side with the window being in the centre of the wall. The window is about 2 ft by 3 ft with the bottom edge about 4 ft from the ground.

As I came parallel with the tree I saw a man who I knew to be a prison warden sat near the tree on an orange bench about 3 ft in length. The warden was wearing a jacket and tie, blue in colour. I do not know the name of the warden but he is not caucasian. I would be able to recognise him again.

I carried on walking along the footpath and looked at the rest house. The door to the building was shut and I could see no one standing in the building.

Prior to my going for a walk 10 [REDACTED] had been for a walk on receiving 9 [REDACTED]'s radio message. 10 [REDACTED] informed me that Allied Prisoner No 7 was in the rest house.

Having not seen Allied Prisoner No 7, I carried on walking along the footpath until I was level with observation point 3.

I shouted up to 9 [REDACTED] and enquired him to where Allied Prisoner No 7 was. I was informed that he was in the rest house. I said that I had not seen him, then carried on walking to observation point No 2.

I have been for a walk like this on a previous occasion. This was on Fri 14 Aug 87. On this occasion Allied Prisoner No 7 was also in the rest house.

As on the occasion I have just described, the warder was seated on the bench under the tree. During both incidents he was sat doing nothing. However on the occasion on Fri 14 Aug 87 the door to the rest house was wide open and I could see the back of Allied Prisoner No 7 as he was about to sit down near the window in the rest house.

I remained at observation point No 2 until about 1615 hrs Mon 17 Aug 87 when I was relieved of my duty.

This statement is true, I have made it of my own free will.

(signed) 13 [REDACTED]

This statement was recorded and signatures were witnessed by me at the guardroom, Spandau Prison, Berlin on Tue 18 Aug 87 about 1747 hrs.

(signed) 41 [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT**

Surname: [REDACTED] Forenames: [REDACTED]  
Service No.: [REDACTED] Rank: SSgt  
Type of Engagement: [REDACTED] Height: [REDACTED]  
Date and Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Full Unit Address: [REDACTED]  
Date due to leave Comd: [REDACTED] Date due to leave Service: [REDACTED]

This statement (,consisting of pages 2 each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 19th day of August, 19 87. Signed: 34 [REDACTED]

I am SSgt Ian John Brewster RMP SIB, presently serving with 14 Det SIB RMP BAOR, Berlin, BFPO 45.

About 1430 hrs, Tue 18 Aug 87, at the guardhouse, Allied Military Prison, Spandau, Berlin, I received from [REDACTED], 5 Bn, 502 Inf Regt, Berlin a certified true copy of/a diagram of the Allied Military Prison, Spandau. 3

In my presence [REDACTED] marked on this plan the approximate position of a summer house, which was located in the prison garden.

I attached an exhibit to this diagram marked AA/1.

I have signed and dated that label.

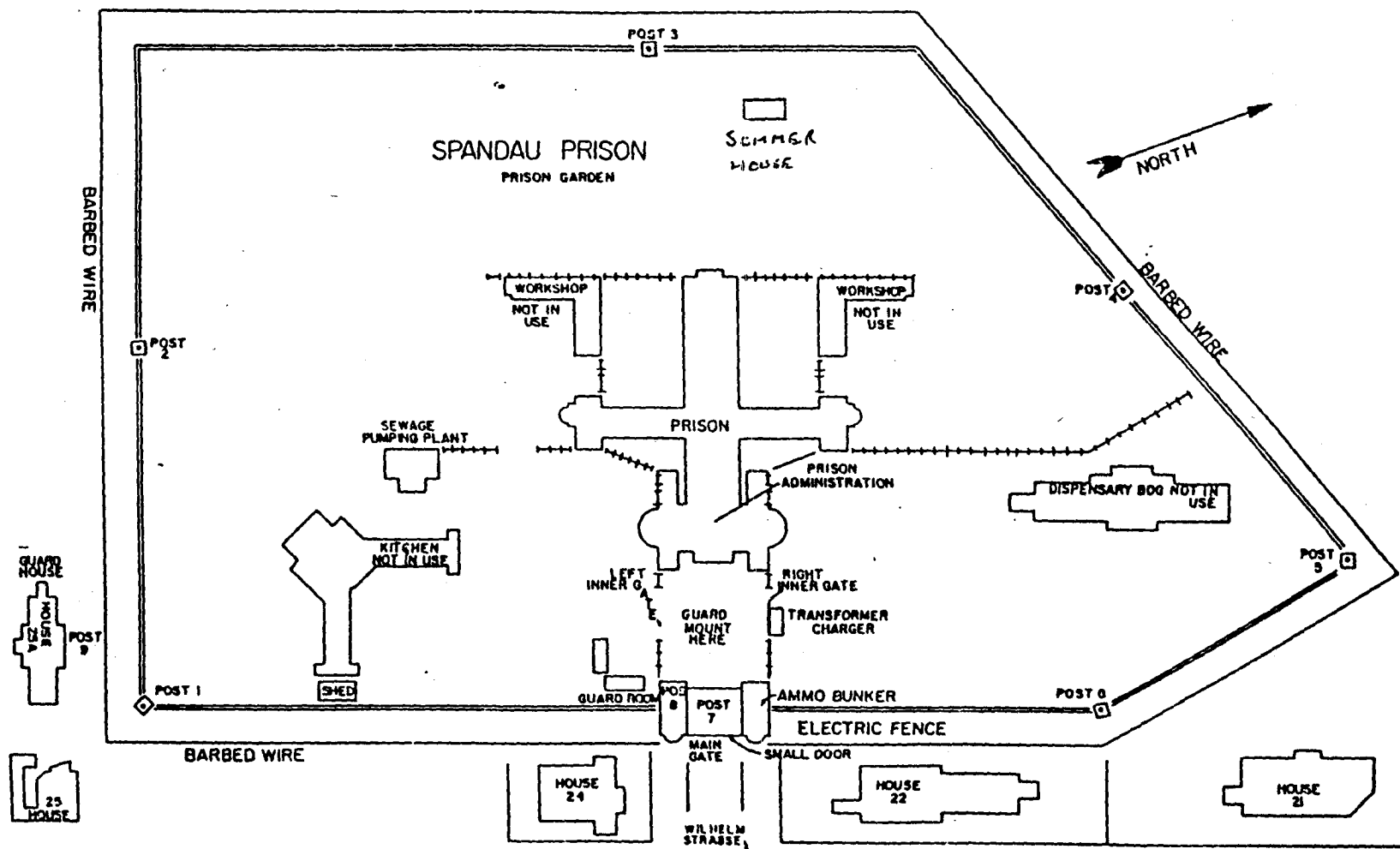
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(signed) [REDACTED]  
SSgt  
RMP SIB



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ANNEX A  
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APPENDIX H-DIAGRAM OF SPANDAU PRISON



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ANNEX B

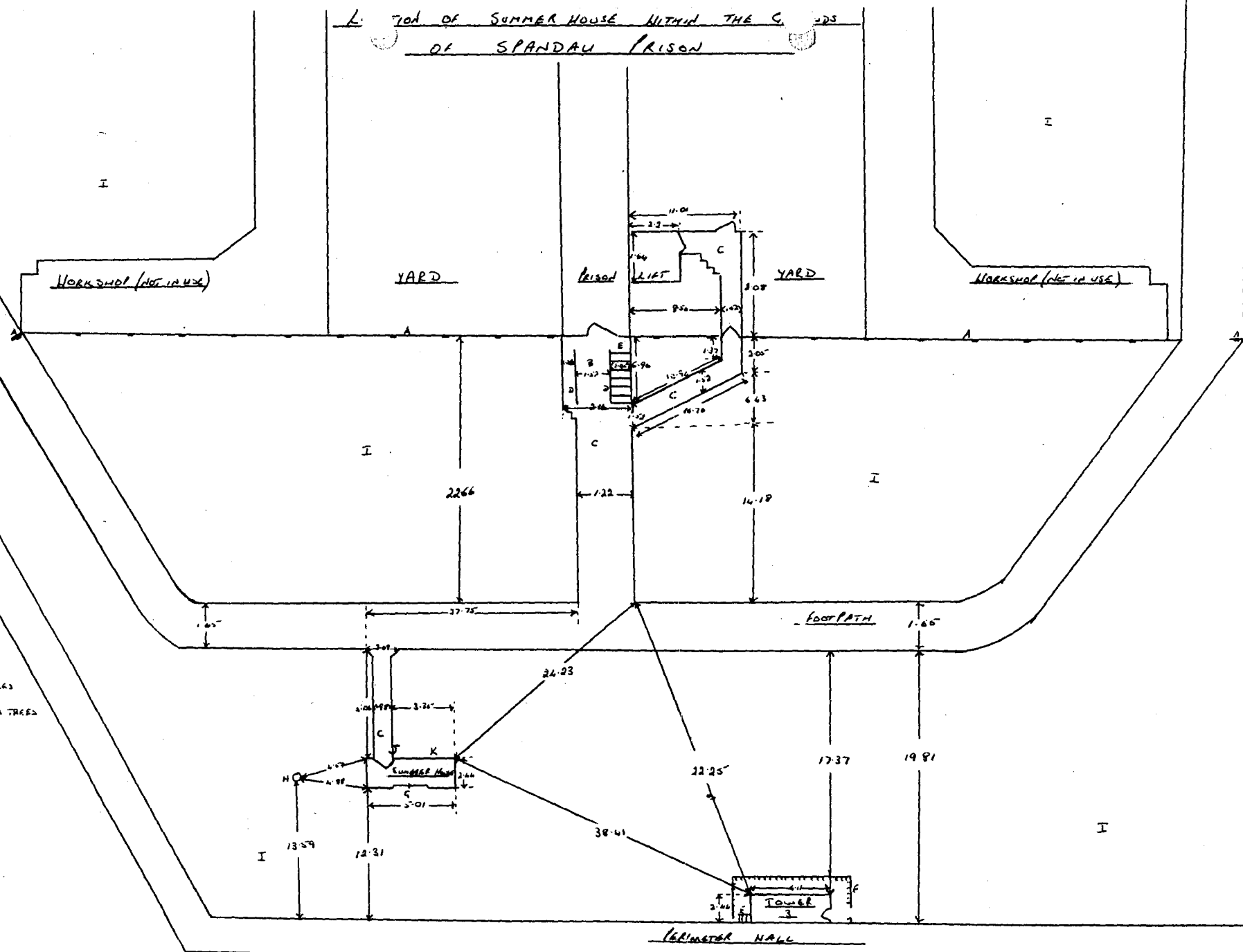
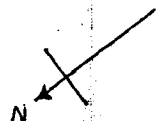
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LEGEND

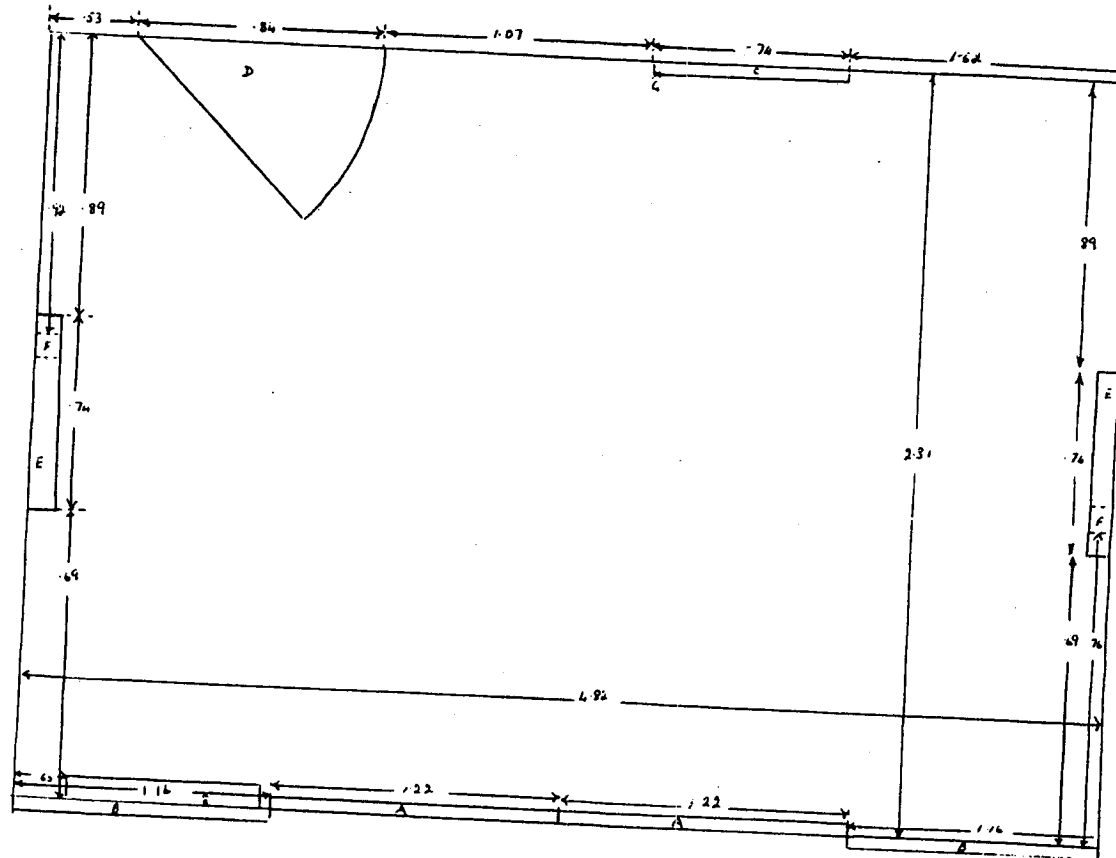
- A BRICK WALL
- B RAMP
- C SMALL FOOTPATH
- D RAILINGS
- E STEPS
- F WOODEN FENCE
- G GLASS SHADING DOORS
- H TANK
- I GRASS AREA - SHRUBS & TREES
- J CHAIR
- K BENCH



NOT TO SCALE  
MEASUREMENTS IN METERS

SKETCH PLAN DRAWN AND COMPILED BY  
24541593 CAP EASTON G.A. RMP  
247 120 CAP RMP ATT 14 DET SIB ?IPOLAS  
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SUMNER HOUSE SPANDAU PRISON (NOT TO SCALE)  
INSIDE MEASUREMENTS IN METERS  
REAR



- LEGEND
- A SLIDING GLASS DOORS
  - B FULL LENGTH WINDOW
  - C WINDOW WITH WOODEN FRAME  
WIDTH OF FRAME 0.4 NEW PANEL 5.023
  - D DOOR  
HEIGHT = 1.96m
  - E WALL HEATER  
WIDTH = 0.91  
RACE TO HEATER = 0.3C
  - F ELECTRICAL SOCKET = 0.76  
SOCKET TO LAMP = 0.91
  - G WINDOW LAVER:-  
CENTER P.N. OF WINDOW LAVER  
TO FLOOR = 1.40

FRONT



SKETCH PLAN DRAWN AND CORRECTED BY 24521593 CAP LESTON G. A. RAP  
 247 PRO LOY RHP ATT 14 DET 313 RHP 8 FPO 45-  
 20 AUG 87  
 RHP 69

ANNEX C  
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SUMNER HOUSE (INSIDE)  
HEIGHT FROM FLOOR TO CEILING = 2.26

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. This is to certify that I have examined the body of:

RUDOLF (WALTHER RICHARD) HESS - dob 26 April 1894

on this day (date) 17<sup>th</sup> August 1987 at 16.10 .....A hours  
and found life extinct.

2. In my opinion death was caused by:-

1. Primary... Cervical and pulmonary asphyxia
2. Secondary... General atherosclerosis

Date 17<sup>th</sup> August 1987 ..... BMH BERLIN

CO. 4 RMC.

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ANNEX E  
to CCRI 53052/7  
dated 25 Aug 87

DEATH CERTIFICATE

1. The late RUDOLF (WALTHER RICHARD) HESS dob 26 April 1894

2. This is to certify:

a. Cause of death:

(1) Disease or condition  
directly leading to death

(1) Asphyxia .....

.....  
due to (or as a consequence of)

(2) Antecedent causes.  
Morbidity conditions, if any,  
giving rise to the above  
cause, stating the underlying  
conditions last.

(2) Compression of the neck .....

.....  
due to (or as a consequence of)

(3) Other significant  
conditions, contributing  
to the death but not related  
to the disease or condition  
causing it.

(3) Suspension .....

b. Was the death due to natural causes? .....

no

c. Was a postmortem examination performed? .....

yes

d. Died at 16:10 ..... A hours

on 14th August ..... 1987

e. Died at (place) BTH Berlin .....

f. The body is free from infectious disease.

Berlin

Date: 19th August 1987

Rank/Appointment: 21 .....

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CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

1. I certify that I have this day identified the body in the mortuary of  
BMH Berlin on 19 AUGUST 1987

as the late ALLIED PRISONER No 7; RUDOLF (WALTHER RICHARD) HESS - DOB 26 APRIL 1894

2. Identified by COLONEL JOHN MALCOLM HAMER-PHILIP L/RAMC


Date 19 AUGUST 1987

Signature 

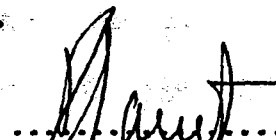
Appointment COMMANDING OFFICER  
BMH BERLIN



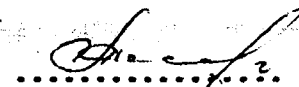
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M PLANET  
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I V KOLODNIKOV  
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