

Willie Glaser: Anatomy and logistics of the Fürth deportations - A selection of documents

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Document 1: Telegram of November 20, 1941 from the District State Police Nürnberg-Fürth to the District State Police Würzburg (Original at Bavarian State Archives Würzburg # 41/18874)

Nuremberg Nr. [#] 7302 [Date] 20.11.41 [Time] 11.42 [a.m.] To the field service station, To the hand of criminal inspector Voelkl, Würzburg Very urgent

Regarding: Evacuation of Jews Procedure: Directive from 18.11.31

With regards to the change in the directive from 18.11.41, this deportation will now be carried out with freight train 6604, departure on 27.11.41 at 5.50 o'clock in Würzburg, arrival in Nuremberg 10.36 o'clock. With this, the present transport regulation is settled. District State Police Nürnberg-Fürth, By order, signed Dr. Grafenberger, Kriminalrat

[According to the archives, originally this transport should have been carried by freight train number 6842.]

Document 2: Memo of Secret State Police Würzburg regarding the deportation of the Jews from Kitzingen, dated March 20, 1942

Secret State Police State Police Post Nuremberg-Fürth Regional Post Würzburg. Würzburg, March 20, 1942.

- 1) Oberinspektor Maier from the Railway executive Würzburg was consulted regarding the frame work of the evacuation transport for 220 Jews from Kitzingen to Nuremberg. It came to light, that the Jews [from Kitzingen] could also use this direct transport, which departs Hammelburg for Nuremberg on Monday 23.3.42 and is designated for the evacuation of the Jews from Nuremberg. It was now agreed, that the train arrives Monday 23.3.42, at 10.29 o'clock in Kitzingen for a 20 minutes forced layover to embark the Jews and departs Kitzingen at 10.49 o'clock, arriving in Nuremberg at 12.15 o'clock. Other details about the embarkation of Jews in Kitzingen (use of the restrictions, group railway tickets etc.) will be discussed on Saturday March 21, 1942 with Oberinspektor Chrysam, who is the train service supervisor from Kitzingen.
- 2) Consultations were undertaken with police headquarters (police president Wicklmayr) with the effect, that on March 21, 1942 at 11.30 o'clock the police headquarter will provide for the field service post a 14 seater and a 23 seater crew car. The 14 seater is assigned for the transport of the state police officials and employees to Kitzingen and will remain until 2.00 o'clock at night at the disposition of state police.

The 23 seater will bring the 20 Jews from Würzburg to Kitzingen and must at once return to Würzburg to be put at the disposal of the police headquarter there. Furthermore, on Monday March 23, 1942 at 6.30 o'clock the police headquarter of the state police will arrange for a 14 seater crew car to transport the state police officials and 5 police constables and one sergeant as escort detail for the train from Kitzingen to Nuremberg. The acceptance of the aforesaid car and crew status was handed by Regierungsrat [government counselor] Endres to Kriminalkommissar [chief inspector] Gramowski.

3.) Keep for operation.

By order: Gramowski

Document 3: Telegram of April 25, 1942 from the District State Police Würzburg (extract)

Würzburg Nr. [#] 819 [Date] 25.04.42 [Time] 19.20 [7.20 p.m.] OE [not known abbreviation]

- A. To the Reich Main Security office, department IV B 4, for the hands of SS Obersturmbannführer [Lieutenant Colonel] Eichmann OV1A Berlin.
- B. to the commanding officer of the security police and of the SD (Security service) district Cracow.
- C. To the SS and police leader in the district of Lublin.

Regarding: Evacuation of the Jews.

Reference: As known, On April 25,1942 15.20 o'clock, the transport train Nr. DA 49 left the departure station, Würzburg main station in direction Lublin Izbica with altogether 852 Jews. [...]

[This transport included Jews from Bamberg, Fürth, Nuremberg, Schweinfurt and Würzburg.]

Document 4: Report of Würzburg State Police regarding the deportation of April 25, 1942, dated May 4, 1942 (extract)

Würzburg May 4, 1942. State Police Würzburg.

The deportation train left on April 25, 1942 from Würzburg main station at 15.20 o'clock. The train touched the following greater railway stations:

April 25, 1942 Bamberg - Loading of additional 103 Jews Lichtenfels Kronach Saalfeld

April 26, 1942 Sagan Glogau Neulauba - Borderstation Lissa Ostrowo Schieratz Zdunska-Wola Lask Pabia-Nitza Kalisch

April 27, 1942 Tomaszoc Konskie Towanowice Nieklan Skarzyska

> Radom Pionki Nastawina Deblin

April 28, 1942 Lublin - Arrival at 2.30 o'clock
Departure at 5.00 o'clock
Krupicem
Rejowiece
Krasnystaw - Arrival at 8.45 o'clock and hand over of the transport to Obersturmführer Buhl,

state police post Lublin.

The transport was handed over intact. No incidents to report. A police intervention was not necessary.

[...]

[Polish town names according German spelling.]

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