

Testimony of Treblinka survivor, Yankel Wiernik

“Transports from Bulgaria began to arrive... they were eliminated like the others. The Bulgarian Jews were tall, strong and manly. When we looked at a man like that, we didn't want to believe that only twenty minutes later he would end his life in the gas chamber. These fine-looking Jews would hardly let the hangmen kill them so easily.

A small quantity of gas was introduced into the chambers, and the asphyxiation process went on all night. They suffered for a long time until they breathed their last. They also suffered terribly before entering the chambers. The hangmen were jealous of the victim's fine appearance and maltreated them that much more...”

Yiddish original: **Yankel Wiernik, *A Yahr In Treblinka [A Year in Treblinka]*, New-York: 1944, p. 40.**

English translation: **Yitzhak Arad, *Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka – The Operation Reinhard Death Camps*, Indiana:1999, p. 145.**