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Summary

Claude Blanvin, born on November, 26th 1925, in Oise (Paris Area)

Family

Father : Robert Blanvin

Mother : Lucie Benoit (spelled phonetically)

Sisters : Lise, born in 1920, Jacqueline, born in 1927

Brother : Jacques born in 1922

Summary

He spent his youth in a 700-inhabitant village (the village name is not disclosed by the witness; other sources state he was born in Cinqueux, Oise), close to Compiègne.

All his mother's side family was Catholic and very religious.

The German Army entered the village on June, 15th 1940. Following the occupation, he joined with his brother Jacques the French Resistance.

He was arrested on August, 17th 1944 in Compiègne, then transferred to Royal Lieu. Thereafter, he was sent in the last convoy to the Buchenwald concentration camp. As he met Jehovah witnesses in the Buchenwald concentration camp, he embraced the religion.

He was set free when the American Army liberated the camp in April 1945.