- 1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,320 He tells me we can do it.
- 2 00:00:01,320 --> 00:00:04,510
- 3 00:00:04,510 --> 00:00:06,600 This is a United States--
- 4 00:00:06,600 --> 00:00:08,600 I didn't do anything wrong.
- 5 00:00:08,600 --> 00:00:10,300 You won't do a thing wrong.
- 6 00:00:10,300 --> 00:00:11,760 I know you won't.
- 7 00:00:11,760 --> 00:00:13,430 They put me in jail.
- 8 00:00:13,430 --> 00:00:14,620 No, no, no.
- 9 00:00:14,620 --> 00:00:17,400 Because--
- 10 00:00:17,400 --> 00:00:21,360 This is a United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 11 00:00:21,360 --> 00:00:25,120 interview with Mr. Lucian Pawlowski.
- 12 00:00:25,120 --> 00:00:25,620 Yeah.
- 13 00:00:25,620 --> 00:00:31,640 On May 24, 2019 in

Fort Pierce, Florida.

14 00:00:31,640 --> 00:00:32,759 Yes.

15 00:00:32,759 --> 00:00:37,290 Thank you, Mr. Pawlowski for agreeing to speak with us today

16 00:00:37,290 --> 00:00:39,600 to share your story and to let us

17 00:00:39,600 --> 00:00:42,410 know something of your experiences.

18 00:00:42,410 --> 00:00:43,500 OK.

19 00:00:43,500 --> 00:00:46,540 I'm going to start with very basic questions.

20 00:00:46,540 --> 00:00:47,040 Yes.

21 00:00:47,040 --> 00:00:48,700 And then we go from there, OK?

22 00:00:48,700 --> 00:00:49,200 All right.

23 00:00:49,200 --> 00:00:51,810 And the first part I'll ask you about

24 00:00:51,810 --> 00:00:56,190 is a lot of questions about life before World War II--

25 00:00:56,190 --> 00:00:57,750 absolutely before.

26 00:00:57,750 --> 00:01:02,370 So my first one is can you tell me the date of your birth?

27 00:01:02,370 --> 00:01:03,300 When were you born?

28 00:01:03,300 --> 00:01:07,860 May 17, 1925.

29 00:01:07,860 --> 00:01:10,240 May 17th, 1925.

30 00:01:10,240 --> 00:01:10,740 Yeah.

31 00:01:10,740 --> 00:01:14,310 And today is May 24th, so you just had a birthday.

32 00:01:14,310 --> 00:01:15,570 Happy birthday.

33 00:01:15,570 --> 00:01:16,260 Thank you.

34 00:01:16,260 --> 00:01:21,150 OK, and when you were born, what was your name at birth?

35 00:01:21,150 --> 00:01:22,560 Is it the same as now?

36 00:01:22,560 --> 00:01:23,610 Yeah, the same.

37 00:01:23,610 --> 00:01:24,135 Lucian. 00:01:24,135 --> 00:01:24,635 Lucian.

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00:01:24,635 --> 00:01:26,340 Lucian.

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00:01:26,340 --> 00:01:29,880

Did you have a

baptized name, too?

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00:01:29,880 --> 00:01:30,700

A middle name?

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00:01:30,700 --> 00:01:31,570

I think so.

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00:01:31,570 --> 00:01:35,910

This I don't remember

baptizing me.

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00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:40,260

But my name was from

the beginning Lucian.

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00:01:40,260 --> 00:01:41,640

No middle name.

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00:01:41,640 --> 00:01:42,780

No.

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 $00:01:42,780 \longrightarrow 00:01:44,370$

Lucian Pawlowski.

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00:01:44,370 --> 00:01:44,900

OK.

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00:01:44,900 --> 00:01:46,320

That's a last name.

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 $00:01:46,320 \longrightarrow 00:01:47,430$

OK.

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00:01:47,430 --> 00:01:49,350 First, Lucian.

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:50,570 All right, Lucian.

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00:01:50,570 --> 00:01:52,530 Lucian Pawlowski.

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00:01:52,530 --> 00:01:55,245 And you were born in May 17th, 1925.

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00:01:55,245 --> 00:01:57,750 1925 in Lublin.

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00:01:57,750 --> 00:01:58,800 In Lublin.

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00:01:58,800 --> 00:02:00,600 Yeah, Lublin.

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00:02:00,600 --> 00:02:04,300 For those people who don't know, tell us where is Lublin?

59

00:02:04,300 --> 00:02:04,800 Pardon?

60

00:02:04,800 --> 00:02:06,490 Where is Lublin?

61

00:02:06,490 --> 00:02:10,419 Lublin is in the middle of Poland.

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00:02:10,419 --> 00:02:13,380 That's what you can say.

63

00:02:13,380 --> 00:02:16,410

Is it far from Warsaw?

64 00:02:16,410 --> 00:02:18,490 Not very far from Warsaw.

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00:02:18,490 --> 00:02:18,990 No?

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00:02:18,990 --> 00:02:19,490

67 00:02:19,490 --> 00:02:20,130 OK.

68

00:02:20,130 --> 00:02:23,580 Yeah, Vilnius is very far from Warsaw.

very far from warsaw.

69 00:02:23,580 --> 00:02:24,090 Yes.

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00:02:24,090 --> 00:02:26,500 Yeah, but not Lublin.

71 00:02:26,500 --> 00:02:27,000 Not Lublin.

72 00:02:27,000 --> 00:02:27,500 No.

73 00:02:27,500 --> 00:02:29,730 OK, so tell me.

74 00:02:29,730 --> 00:02:33,150 Were you the only child or did you have brothers and sisters?

75 00:02:33,150 --> 00:02:34,500 No, I have my brother.

76 00:02:34,500 --> 00:02:37,740 He was killed during the action during the war.

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00:02:37,740 --> 00:02:39,520 We'll talk about that in a bit.

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00:02:39,520 --> 00:02:40,020 Yeah.

79 00:02:40,020 --> 00:02:42,270 What was your brother's name?

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00:02:42,270 --> 00:02:42,990

Leonard.

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00:02:42,990 --> 00:02:43,870

Leonard.

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00:02:43,870 --> 00:02:44,370

Yeah.

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00:02:44,370 --> 00:02:46,260

Was he was he older or younger?

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00:02:46,260 --> 00:02:47,190

Older.

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 $00:02:47,190 \longrightarrow 00:02:48,420$

He was older than you.

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 $00:02:48,420 \longrightarrow 00:02:49,170$

Yeah.

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00:02:49,170 --> 00:02:50,280

When was he born?

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00:02:50,280 --> 00:02:52,080

What was the year

that he was born?

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00:02:52,080 --> 00:02:56,730

90 00:02:56,730 --> 00:02:59,830 He died a long time ago.

91 00:02:59,830 --> 00:03:07,238 So I'm thinking I don't know any better something like that.

92 00:03:07,238 --> 00:03:11,160 How about was he a year older or two years older than you?

93 00:03:11,160 --> 00:03:13,050 Do you know how much older than you he was?

94 00:03:13,050 --> 00:03:16,230 Oh, he was about five years older than I.

95 00:03:16,230 --> 00:03:19,530 Oh, so he might have been born in 1920.

96 00:03:19,530 --> 00:03:21,690 Yeah, oh, I think so.

97 00:03:21,690 --> 00:03:23,320 1920, 1921?

98 00:03:23,320 --> 00:03:26,610 But he was--

99 00:03:26,610 --> 00:03:31,070 I started to go to gymnasium, and he was finishing already.

100 00:03:31,070 --> 00:03:31,920 OK.

101 00:03:31,920 --> 00:03:33,340 OK, so he was your big brother. 102 00:03:33,340 --> 00:03:33,840 Yeah.

103

00:03:33,840 --> 00:03:35,910 Lyceum He was going to Lyceum.

104 00:03:35,910 --> 00:03:36,580 OK.

105 00:03:36,580 --> 00:03:40,090 At the [NON-ENGLISH],, the gymnasium.

106 00:03:40,090 --> 00:03:42,900 We'll talk about those things, but right now I

107 00:03:42,900 --> 00:03:46,110 want to find out more about your family.

108 00:03:46,110 --> 00:03:48,330 And tell me.

109 00:03:48,330 --> 00:03:50,580 What was your father's name?

110 00:03:50,580 --> 00:03:52,300 Lucian Pawlowski.

111 00:03:52,300 --> 00:03:54,190 So you were named after you father?

112 00:03:54,190 --> 00:03:55,650 Yeah, yeah

113 00:03:55,650 --> 00:03:56,430 OK.

114

00:03:56,430 --> 00:04:01,690 And do you know what year your father was born?

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00:04:01,690 --> 00:04:02,640

116

00:04:02,640 --> 00:04:03,420

No?

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00:04:03,420 --> 00:04:05,646

He was older than I am.

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00:04:05,646 --> 00:04:06,542

Yeah.

119

00:04:06,542 --> 00:04:08,334

Yeah.

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00:04:08,334 --> 00:04:11,460

But do you think he was

born in the 20th century

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00:04:11,460 --> 00:04:13,920

or already in the 19th century?

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00:04:13,920 --> 00:04:15,460

I think 19.

123

00:04:15,460 --> 00:04:16,200

Ah ha.

124

00:04:16,200 --> 00:04:17,100

Yeah.

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 $00:04:17,100 \longrightarrow 00:04:18,110$

He was born-- OK.

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 $00:04:18,110 \longrightarrow 00:04:20,459$

Yeah, because that's was--

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00:04:20,459 --> 00:04:26,250 he was about 40 years older than I am.

128 00:04:26,250 --> 00:04:29,240 So he was not a young man when he had you--

129 00:04:29,240 --> 00:04:30,400 when you were born.

130 00:04:30,400 --> 00:04:30,900 What?

131 00:04:30,900 --> 00:04:34,560 Your father was not so young when you were born.

132 00:04:34,560 --> 00:04:35,580 No.

133 00:04:35,580 --> 00:04:38,790 I don't think so.

134 00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:41,550 Did he serve in World War I?

135 00:04:41,550 --> 00:04:43,650 Was he in the--

136 00:04:43,650 --> 00:04:46,230 He served in World War I.

137 00:04:46,230 --> 00:04:46,830 Yeah?

138 00:04:46,830 --> 00:04:47,400 Yeah.

139 00:04:47,400 --> 00:04:48,660 Under which army?

00:04:48,660 --> 00:04:50,400 And whose army was he?

141

00:04:50,400 --> 00:04:52,560 I wouldn't tell you exactly.

142

00:04:52,560 --> 00:04:53,430 You don't know.

143

00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:54,930 No, I don't remember.

144

00:04:54,930 --> 00:04:57,330 Probably some Polish army.

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00:04:57,330 --> 00:04:58,380 That's all.

146

00:04:58,380 --> 00:05:00,160 OK.

147

00:05:00,160 --> 00:05:04,590 Or if not, then they're French or English--

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00:05:04,590 --> 00:05:07,615 against the German, of course.

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00:05:07,615 --> 00:05:09,990 But you don't know which army he would have been part of.

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00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:12,990 No, I don't think

I can remember.

151

00:05:12,990 --> 00:05:13,560 OK.

152

00:05:13,560 --> 00:05:16,290

Maybe I knew, but

I forgot about it.

153

00:05:16,290 --> 00:05:17,430

OK.

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00:05:17,430 --> 00:05:19,420

Now what about your mother?

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 $00:05:19,420 \longrightarrow 00:05:21,390$

What was her name?

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 $00:05:21,390 \longrightarrow 00:05:22,290$

Rosalia.

157

 $00:05:22,290 \longrightarrow 00:05:22,800$

Rosalia.

158

00:05:22,800 --> 00:05:23,520

Yeah.

159

 $00:05:23,520 \longrightarrow 00:05:25,740$

And her maiden name?

160

00:05:25,740 --> 00:05:27,090

Mordzinska.

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00:05:27,090 --> 00:05:28,136

Mordzinska?

162

00:05:28,136 --> 00:05:28,636

Yeah.

163

00:05:28,636 --> 00:05:29,940

Ah ha.

164

00:05:29,940 --> 00:05:33,340

Were your parents

both from Lublin?

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00:05:33,340 --> 00:05:33,840

Pardon?

166 00:05:33,840 --> 00:05:36,390 Were your parents from Lublin?

167 00:05:36,390 --> 00:05:38,730 Had they been born themselves in Lublin.

168 00:05:38,730 --> 00:05:40,590 No, they were born in Poland--

169 00:05:40,590 --> 00:05:41,760 some part.

170 00:05:41,760 --> 00:05:43,470 You know, but in Lublin.

171 00:05:43,470 --> 00:05:47,610 Were they from the same place that you were born?

172 00:05:47,610 --> 00:05:48,970 I don't know.

173 00:05:48,970 --> 00:05:54,780 I don't-- my father was born in Warsaw.

174 00:05:54,780 --> 00:05:58,440 And mother was not very far from it,

175 00:05:58,440 --> 00:06:01,050 but from I don't know-- from the place.

176 00:06:01,050 --> 00:06:01,590 OK.

177 00:06:01,590 --> 00:06:02,090 Yeah. 178 00:06:02,090 --> 00:06:05,340 Did both of them have brothers and sisters?

179 00:06:05,340 --> 00:06:06,045 No.

180 00:06:06,045 --> 00:06:07,530 Just brother.

181 00:06:07,530 --> 00:06:08,610 That's for you.

182 00:06:08,610 --> 00:06:10,260 Yeah, only one brother.

183 00:06:10,260 --> 00:06:12,630 OK, and your father.

184 00:06:12,630 --> 00:06:15,150 Did he have brothers and sisters--

185 00:06:15,150 --> 00:06:17,070 your father?

186 00:06:17,070 --> 00:06:19,740 Yes, he had.

187 00:06:19,740 --> 00:06:24,630 But we were living in Vilnius, and they living in Warsaw.

188 00:06:24,630 --> 00:06:25,260 I thought you--

189 00:06:25,260 --> 00:06:25,890 His brother.

190 00:06:25,890 --> 00:06:27,730 I thought you lived in Lublin? 191 00:06:27,730 --> 00:06:28,230 Pardon?

192

00:06:28,230 --> 00:06:30,570 I thought you were born in Lublin.

193

00:06:30,570 --> 00:06:31,170 Yeah.

194

00:06:31,170 --> 00:06:31,710 OK.

195

00:06:31,710 --> 00:06:32,210 Yeah.

196

00:06:32,210 --> 00:06:33,750 Did you grow up in Lublin?

197

00:06:33,750 --> 00:06:35,675 Yeah, no.

198

00:06:35,675 --> 00:06:36,175 Oh.

199

00:06:36,175 --> 00:06:40,230 Oh, I was living over there, but then father

200

00:06:40,230 --> 00:06:42,887 was transferred to Vilnius.

201

00:06:42,887 --> 00:06:43,470

What was the--

202

00:06:43,470 --> 00:06:46,110 Because he was a police officer--

203

00:06:46,110 --> 00:06:48,390

high-ranking police officer.

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:49,800

Oh, I see.

205

00:06:49,800 --> 00:06:51,000

I see.

206

00:06:51,000 --> 00:06:56,250

And what kind of duties did your father have?

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00:06:56,250 --> 00:06:57,270

What kind of what?

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00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:58,590

Responsibilities.

209

 $00:06:58,590 \longrightarrow 00:07:00,200$

What did he do as

a high-ranking--

210

00:07:00,200 --> 00:07:08,510

Well, he was the commissar.

211

 $00:07:08,510 \longrightarrow 00:07:13,410$

That meant he had about

50 policemen under him.

212

00:07:13,410 --> 00:07:14,340

OK.

213

 $00:07:14,340 \longrightarrow 00:07:15,790$

OK.

214

 $00:07:15,790 \longrightarrow 00:07:17,610$

Was he like a police chief?

215

00:07:17,610 --> 00:07:19,890

Yeah, that's right.

216

00:07:19,890 --> 00:07:21,120 Yeah.

217 00:07:21,120 --> 00:07:22,810 And was he a police chief in Lublin?

218 00:07:22,810 --> 00:07:25,680

219 00:07:25,680 --> 00:07:27,690 I don't remember that.

220 00:07:27,690 --> 00:07:29,460 I was too young to know.

221 00:07:29,460 --> 00:07:32,700 OK, and do you remember when--

222 00:07:32,700 --> 00:07:38,480 how old you were when you moved to Vilnius?

223 00:07:38,480 --> 00:07:42,990 About 12, 13 years old.

224 00:07:42,990 --> 00:07:45,850 OK, so that would have been 1937, 1938.

225 00:07:45,850 --> 00:07:50,610 I went to the powszechna gymnasium.

226 00:07:50,610 --> 00:07:51,910 What is powszechna?]

227 00:07:51,910 --> 00:07:56,190 Powszechna that mean that everybody goes, you know--

228 00:07:56,190 --> 00:07:56,690

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1, 2, 3.
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00:07:56,690 --> 00:07:58,260 Like elementary school?

230

00:07:58,260 --> 00:07:59,040 Yeah.

231

00:07:59,040 --> 00:07:59,540 Pardon?

232

00:07:59,540 --> 00:08:00,620 Elementary school.

233

00:08:00,620 --> 00:08:03,590 The first school-- grade school.

234

00:08:03,590 --> 00:08:04,400 Yeah.

235

00:08:04,400 --> 00:08:05,480 Elementary.

236

00:08:05,480 --> 00:08:08,780 That was the elementary school.

237

00:08:08,780 --> 00:08:12,290 And then after I finish elementary school

238

00:08:12,290 --> 00:08:14,330 I went to gymnasium.

239

00:08:14,330 --> 00:08:14,930 OK.

240

00:08:14,930 --> 00:08:17,270 That's high school.

241

00:08:17,270 --> 00:08:19,580

Let's stay with

elementary school.

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00:08:19,580 --> 00:08:23,810 How many years did elementary school last?

243

00:08:23,810 --> 00:08:25,520 How many grades were there?

244

00:08:25,520 --> 00:08:27,290 Two.

245

 $00:08:27,290 \longrightarrow 00:08:27,980$

246

00:08:27,980 --> 00:08:33,110 Two only, because I was taken by Russians to Russia.

247

00:08:33,110 --> 00:08:34,740 That's in gymnasium, right?

248

00:08:34,740 --> 00:08:35,240 Pardon?

249

00:08:35,240 --> 00:08:36,690 That's when you were in high school.

250

00:08:36,690 --> 00:08:37,190 Yeah, yeah.

251

00:08:37,190 --> 00:08:39,260 I'm talking in grade school.

252

00:08:39,260 --> 00:08:42,169 When are you in grade school, how many years did that last?

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00:08:42,169 --> 00:08:43,143 Seven.

00:08:43,143 --> 00:08:46,020 Seven or eight, something like that.

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00:08:46,020 --> 00:08:46,700 OK.

256

00:08:46,700 --> 00:08:49,990 Yeah, seven, eight.

257

00:08:49,990 --> 00:08:50,770 Yeah.

258

00:08:50,770 --> 00:08:54,230 OK, was your family well off?

259

00:08:54,230 --> 00:08:54,730 Pardon?

260

00:08:54,730 --> 00:08:57,910 Was your family well off?

261

00:08:57,910 --> 00:09:00,850 Did you did your father make a lot of money

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00:09:00,850 --> 00:09:03,130 being a police chief?

263

00:09:03,130 --> 00:09:04,480 Probably did.

264

00:09:04,480 --> 00:09:05,350 Yeah.

265

00:09:05,350 --> 00:09:07,300 He had his own car.

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00:09:07,300 --> 00:09:08,440

He had his own car.

00:09:08,440 --> 00:09:09,640 Yeah.

268

00:09:09,640 --> 00:09:14,140 And not his, but--

269

00:09:14,140 --> 00:09:15,515 OK.

270

00:09:15,515 --> 00:09:16,390 It was the company's.

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00:09:16,390 --> 00:09:17,140 He got to use it.

272

00:09:17,140 --> 00:09:18,700 He was using it.

273

00:09:18,700 --> 00:09:20,800 OK.

274

00:09:20,800 --> 00:09:24,406 Do you know whether he was--

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00:09:24,406 --> 00:09:28,510 was he a police chief for all of Vilnius or part--

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00:09:28,510 --> 00:09:32,530 No, no, part of the Vilna.

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00:09:32,530 --> 00:09:37,240 Vilnius was divided maybe before four parts

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00:09:37,240 --> 00:09:40,430 like this, or 3 parts.

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00:09:40,430 --> 00:09:45,070 So he was one of the parts in the middle of Vilnius. 280 00:09:45,070 --> 00:09:46,560 So he was in the center.

281 00:09:46,560 --> 00:09:49,440 Yeah, Mickevichius gatve.

282 00:09:49,440 --> 00:09:52,150 Oh, so you're saying on the central street?

283 00:09:52,150 --> 00:09:52,650 Yeah.

284 00:09:52,650 --> 00:09:55,030 And what was the name of that street?

285 00:09:55,030 --> 00:09:55,780 The center street?

286 00:09:55,780 --> 00:09:57,070 Tatarska.

287 00:09:57,070 --> 00:09:58,060 Tatarska.

288 00:09:58,060 --> 00:09:59,650 And you mentioned another one.

289 00:09:59,650 --> 00:10:00,790 Mickevich?

290 00:10:00,790 --> 00:10:02,230 Yeah.

291 00:10:02,230 --> 00:10:03,370 Mickevichius gatve

292 00:10:03,370 --> 00:10:04,768 That's in Lithuanian.

00:10:04,768 --> 00:10:05,560

Mickevichius gatve.

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00:10:05,560 --> 00:10:07,720 How would you say it in Polish?

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00:10:07,720 --> 00:10:09,790

Ulica Mickiewicza

296

00:10:09,790 --> 00:10:14,510

297

00:10:14,510 --> 00:10:15,220

Yeah.

298

00:10:15,220 --> 00:10:19,380

And was this where his precinct was?

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00:10:19,380 --> 00:10:22,480

Where was your father's precinct?

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00:10:22,480 --> 00:10:24,340

You know, the place he went to work?

301

00:10:24,340 --> 00:10:25,620

In Polish.

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 $00:10:25,620 \longrightarrow 00:10:26,560$

No, no, no, no.

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00:10:26,560 --> 00:10:30,820

My question is do you know the street where your father had

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00:10:30,820 --> 00:10:31,690

the police station?

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00:10:31,690 --> 00:10:34,428

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00:10:34,428 --> 00:10:35,470 Tatarska and Mickevicius.

307

00:10:35,470 --> 00:10:38,420

308

00:10:38,420 --> 00:10:38,990

OK.

309

00:10:38,990 --> 00:10:39,390

Street.

310

00:10:39,390 --> 00:10:39,890

OK.

311

00:10:39,890 --> 00:10:41,240 Tatarska and Mickevicius gatve.

Tatarska and whickevicius gatve.

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 $00:10:41,240 \longrightarrow 00:10:45,110$

Let's cut the

camera for a second.

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00:10:45,110 --> 00:10:46,520

Now we can roll.

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00:10:46,520 --> 00:10:51,260

OK, so I just spoke with

your wife and daughter,

315

00:10:51,260 --> 00:10:56,870

and they told me that your

father's first name was Ludvig.

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00:10:56,870 --> 00:10:57,620

Is that right?

317

00:10:57,620 --> 00:10:58,120

No, no.

00:10:58,120 --> 00:10:58,850 Lucian.

319

00:10:58,850 --> 00:11:00,200 Lucian was your father's name?

320

00:11:00,200 --> 00:11:01,610 Yeah, mine.

321

00:11:01,610 --> 00:11:02,540

That's your name.

322

00:11:02,540 --> 00:11:03,800

Yeah, my name.

323

00:11:03,800 --> 00:11:04,460

Yeah.

324

00:11:04,460 --> 00:11:05,170

Your father?

325

00:11:05,170 --> 00:11:06,770

Lucian Pawlowski.

326

00:11:06,770 --> 00:11:08,270

And your papa?

327

00:11:08,270 --> 00:11:10,040

Your papa's name?

328

00:11:10,040 --> 00:11:11,660

Pawlowski.

329

00:11:11,660 --> 00:11:13,370

And his first name was Ludvig?

330

00:11:13,370 --> 00:11:14,790

Lucian, too.

331

00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:15,290

00:11:15,290 --> 00:11:19,570 I don't know why they do it, but what I can do.

333

00:11:19,570 --> 00:11:21,000 OK, all right.

334

00:11:21,000 --> 00:11:21,500 We'll--

335

00:11:21,500 --> 00:11:23,450 I couldn't do nothing about it.

336

00:11:23,450 --> 00:11:25,820 All right, they say it was Ludvig.

337

00:11:25,820 --> 00:11:27,880 You're saying your father's name was Lucian.

338

00:11:27,880 --> 00:11:28,380 Yeah.

339

00:11:28,380 --> 00:11:28,730 It's OK.

340

00:11:28,730 --> 00:11:29,060 Yeah.

341

00:11:29,060 --> 00:11:29,780 We'll go forward.

342

00:11:29,780 --> 00:11:32,460 My brother was Leonard.

343

00:11:32,460 --> 00:11:33,500

Leonard.

344

00:11:33,500 --> 00:11:35,300 OK.

345

00:11:35,300 --> 00:11:36,710 Older brother.

346

00:11:36,710 --> 00:11:37,700 The one who was--

347

00:11:37,700 --> 00:11:39,040 So we had--

348

00:11:39,040 --> 00:11:44,930 I had a brother, but he got killed during the action.

349

00:11:44,930 --> 00:11:48,260 So your father's in Vilnius where you lived.

350

00:11:48,260 --> 00:11:50,570 Yeah.

351

00:11:50,570 --> 00:11:54,800 Your father's police station where he worked

352

00:11:54,800 --> 00:11:58,010 was at the corner of Mickiewicz and Tatarska.

353

00:11:58,010 --> 00:11:59,300 Tatarska, yeah.

354

00:11:59,300 --> 00:12:02,930 Did you ever visit him there at the police station?

355

00:12:02,930 --> 00:12:06,590 He was working next door.

356

00:12:06,590 --> 00:12:09,060

Oh, so you lived right next door.

357

00:12:09,060 --> 00:12:15,050 Because he was-- his office and the police

358

00:12:15,050 --> 00:12:18,740 was on the first floor, but on the right.

359

00:12:18,740 --> 00:12:21,770 And we were on the left.

360

00:12:21,770 --> 00:12:22,820 Something like it.

361

00:12:22,820 --> 00:12:25,730 Then he was on the left, I was on the right.

362

00:12:25,730 --> 00:12:26,360 OK.

363

00:12:26,360 --> 00:12:27,350 Anyway.

364

00:12:27,350 --> 00:12:29,540 Do you remember the number?

365

00:12:29,540 --> 00:12:33,700 Mickiewicz number what?

366

00:12:33,700 --> 00:12:36,700 I don't know.

367

00:12:36,700 --> 00:12:38,710 That's OK.

368

00:12:38,710 --> 00:12:40,420 I really forgot about this.

00:12:40,420 --> 00:12:41,140 That's OK.

370

00:12:41,140 --> 00:12:44,525 I should remember, but--

371

00:12:44,525 --> 00:12:45,025

12?

372

 $00:12:45,025 \longrightarrow 00:12:47,710$

373

00:12:47,710 --> 00:12:51,400 Not very far from the church.

374

00:12:51,400 --> 00:12:52,420 From the cathedral.

375

00:12:52,420 --> 00:12:53,210 Cathedral.

376

00:12:53,210 --> 00:12:53,710 Yeah.

377

00:12:53,710 --> 00:12:55,290 You know, not very far.

378

00:12:55,290 --> 00:12:58,780 Actually, I know exactly what you're talking about.

379

00:12:58,780 --> 00:13:00,940 That corner-- this is a main street.

380

00:13:00,940 --> 00:13:06,010 Main street-- Mickevichius gatve to the church.

381

00:13:06,010 --> 00:13:08,140 Cathedral-- big cathedral.

00:13:08,140 --> 00:13:09,280

Remember that?

383

00:13:09,280 --> 00:13:09,820

Oh, yeah.

384

00:13:09,820 --> 00:13:11,290

Beautiful.

385

00:13:11,290 --> 00:13:16,720

So you were about 12 or 13 when

you moved there from Lublin.

386

00:13:16,720 --> 00:13:17,390

Yeah.

387

00:13:17,390 --> 00:13:21,160

OK, and tell me about

the kind of place

388

00:13:21,160 --> 00:13:24,040

you lived in in Vilnius.

389

00:13:24,040 --> 00:13:25,760

What was the apartment like?

390

00:13:25,760 --> 00:13:27,060

What did it look like?

391

00:13:27,060 --> 00:13:30,624

392

00:13:30,624 --> 00:13:36,430

One part was my father's office.

393

00:13:36,430 --> 00:13:42,700

The other part was our bedrooms and dining room and bedrooms.

394

00:13:42,700 --> 00:13:44,650

OK, and was this--

395

00:13:44,650 --> 00:13:51,160 Two bedrooms, and then the kitchen and corridor

396

00:13:51,160 --> 00:13:52,780 to the kitchen.

397

00:13:52,780 --> 00:13:53,770 Yeah.

398

00:13:53,770 --> 00:13:55,270 That's a beautiful place.

399

00:13:55,270 --> 00:13:56,260 Yeah.

400

00:13:56,260 --> 00:13:57,220 Was it--

was it

401 00:13:57,220 --> 00:13:58,866

Balcony-- small balcony.

402

00:13:58,866 --> 00:13:59,866 You had a small balcony?

403

00:13:59,866 --> 00:14:00,890 Excuse me, can we cut?

404

00:14:00,890 --> 00:14:01,390 Yes.

405

00:14:01,390 --> 00:14:04,390

406

00:14:04,390 --> 00:14:08,320 Did the dog-- so was this a building that was built

407

00:14:08,320 --> 00:14:10,150

in the 19th century--

408

00:14:10,150 --> 00:14:11,830 the place you lived?

P100

409

00:14:11,830 --> 00:14:15,340

Did it have high

ceilings, was it stone?

410

00:14:15,340 --> 00:14:17,270 What floor did you live on?

411

00:14:17,270 --> 00:14:19,220

On second floor.

412

00:14:19,220 --> 00:14:27,160

OK, and I take it you had

indoor plumbing and electricity?

413

00:14:27,160 --> 00:14:28,390

Yeah, oh yeah.

414

00:14:28,390 --> 00:14:29,640

Beautiful.

415

00:14:29,640 --> 00:14:30,540

Yeah, of course.

416

00:14:30,540 --> 00:14:32,200

OK, how was the place heated?

417

00:14:32,200 --> 00:14:34,810

418

00:14:34,810 --> 00:14:36,470

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419

00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:38,040

Oh, those kinds of ovens?

420

00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:38,850

The coal--

421

00:14:38,850 --> 00:14:42,160 About two or three of them.

422

00:14:42,160 --> 00:14:44,350 So it was with coal?

423

00:14:44,350 --> 00:14:49,660 During the cold, you have to put the coal in and stir it up

424

00:14:49,660 --> 00:14:51,160 to keep warm.

425

00:14:51,160 --> 00:14:54,430 You know how cold it was.

426

00:14:54,430 --> 00:14:56,620 It's in the north, so it can get pretty cold.

427

00:14:56,620 --> 00:14:57,350 It's cold.

428

00:14:57,350 --> 00:14:57,850 Yeah.

429

00:14:57,850 --> 00:15:02,260 Really beautiful, though, the [SPEAKING POLISH]..

430

00:15:02,260 --> 00:15:05,470 So you're talking about the kind of ovens that were there.

431

00:15:05,470 --> 00:15:08,410 There are these tiled ovens.

432

00:15:08,410 --> 00:15:09,850

Is that what you're talking about?

433 00:15:09,850 --> 00:15:11,140 The what?

434 00:15:11,140 --> 00:15:12,250 The way you heated.

435 00:15:12,250 --> 00:15:13,570 The place you heated.

436 00:15:13,570 --> 00:15:17,260 You'd put something-some coal inside.

437 00:15:17,260 --> 00:15:18,350 Not me.

438 00:15:18,350 --> 00:15:20,440 there was somebody else to do it.

439 00:15:20,440 --> 00:15:21,490 OK.

440 00:15:21,490 --> 00:15:22,690 I didn't do it.

441 00:15:22,690 --> 00:15:28,150 OK, did your mother have help in the house?

442 00:15:28,150 --> 00:15:29,120 Yeah.

443 00:15:29,120 --> 00:15:29,710 OK.

444 00:15:29,710 --> 00:15:31,180 Of course.

445 00:15:31,180 --> 00:15:34,810 Well, what kind of help did she have?

446

00:15:34,810 --> 00:15:41,710 The lady that cook everything, and mother help her.

447

00:15:41,710 --> 00:15:46,560 Not much, but anything--

448

00:15:46,560 --> 00:15:48,300 that's it.

449

00:15:48,300 --> 00:15:51,960 Were there any other servants?

450

00:15:51,960 --> 00:15:55,890 No, just in the kitchen--

451

00:15:55,890 --> 00:15:58,140 the lady.

452

00:15:58,140 --> 00:15:59,970 Polish lady, of course.

453

00:15:59,970 --> 00:16:03,750 And then my mother together.

454

00:16:03,750 --> 00:16:05,772 For dinners, yes.

455

00:16:05,772 --> 00:16:08,760 Breakfast, nothing [INAUDIBLE].

456

00:16:08,760 --> 00:16:14,190 So your father, he had an office in his apartment

457

00:16:14,190 --> 00:16:15,000 where you lived.

458

00:16:15,000 --> 00:16:15,810 Yeah.

459

00:16:15,810 --> 00:16:18,600 And right next door was the police station.

460

00:16:18,600 --> 00:16:19,200 Yeah.

461

00:16:19,200 --> 00:16:19,860 OK.

462

00:16:19,860 --> 00:16:22,920 Yeah, that was the one building.

463

00:16:22,920 --> 00:16:23,770 See?

464

00:16:23,770 --> 00:16:27,990 On lower was police officer and the jail,

465

00:16:27,990 --> 00:16:34,680 and then on the first floor there was father's office.

466

00:16:34,680 --> 00:16:40,140 Yeah, and our bedrooms and dining rooms and kitchen.

467

00:16:40,140 --> 00:16:44,040 Did you ever see anybody in the jail?

468

00:16:44,040 --> 00:16:44,820 No.

469

00:16:44,820 --> 00:16:46,110

No?

470

00:16:46,110 --> 00:16:47,940

I was in jail.

471

00:16:47,940 --> 00:16:49,720

Yeah, that's later.

472

00:16:49,720 --> 00:16:52,600

That's later.

473

00:16:52,600 --> 00:16:54,120

But when you would go--

474

00:16:54,120 --> 00:16:59,160

when you would see your

father in the police station,

475

00:16:59,160 --> 00:17:01,920

paint for me a picture

of what it looked like.

476

00:17:01,920 --> 00:17:05,010

When you'd go in there,

what would you see?

477

00:17:05,010 --> 00:17:06,599

Very nice gentlemen.

478

00:17:06,599 --> 00:17:07,140

Yeah?

479

00:17:07.140 --> 00:17:09.897

Handsome, very nice gentlemen.

480

00:17:09,897 --> 00:17:10,480

What kind of--

481

 $00:17:10,480 \longrightarrow 00:17:11,520$

Good father.

482

00:17:11,520 --> 00:17:13,140

Yeah?

483

00:17:13,140 --> 00:17:13,829 Oh, yeah.

484

00:17:13,829 --> 00:17:18,510

485

00:17:18,510 --> 00:17:19,200 I love him.

486

00:17:19,200 --> 00:17:19,920 What kind of a personality--

487

00:17:19,920 --> 00:17:20,520 I love him.

488

00:17:20,520 --> 00:17:22,730 My mother was beautiful, too.

489

00:17:22,730 --> 00:17:23,230 Yeah?

i caii.

490

00:17:23,230 --> 00:17:24,950

Yeah.

491

00:17:24,950 --> 00:17:29,570 What kind of personality did your father have?

492

493

00:17:29,570 --> 00:17:31,440 Very strong.

00:17:31,440 --> 00:17:32,360

Well, I would think.

494

00:17:32,360 --> 00:17:33,050 Oh, yeah.

495

00:17:33,050 --> 00:17:34,900

I had to be careful.

496

00:17:34,900 --> 00:17:36,350

Yeah?

497

00:17:36,350 --> 00:17:39,920 Just in case I didn't do it.

498

00:17:39,920 --> 00:17:40,620

Oh, really?

499

00:17:40,620 --> 00:17:41,180

Oh, yeah.

500

00:17:41,180 --> 00:17:42,440

Was he a strict guy?

501

00:17:42,440 --> 00:17:45,020

502

00:17:45,020 --> 00:17:48,510

Yeah, but I don't

have any problem.

503

00:17:48,510 --> 00:17:50,000

Yeah.

504

00:17:50,000 --> 00:17:52,640 And your mother, what kind

of personality did she have?

505

 $00:17:52,640 \longrightarrow 00:17:54,000$

She was very quiet.

506

00:17:54,000 --> 00:17:56,450

She was good [INAUDIBLE],,

because she died.

507

00:17:56,450 --> 00:17:57,900

She-- in Russia.

508

00:17:57,900 --> 00:17:58,400

I know.

509

00:17:58,400 --> 00:17:59,670 We'll talk about this.

510

00:17:59,670 --> 00:18:03,320 When they take us

to Siberia, she

511

00:18:03,320 --> 00:18:08,090 died over there, because there was no medication for her.

512

00:18:08,090 --> 00:18:11,000 They didn't have any medication.

513

00:18:11,000 --> 00:18:17,610 She had the medication

from home, finish, died.

514

00:18:17,610 --> 00:18:20,690 That's it.

515

00:18:20,690 --> 00:18:24,500 Tell me what was she

like as a person.

516

00:18:24,500 --> 00:18:25,910 Very nice.

517

00:18:25,910 --> 00:18:27,040

Very mother.

518

00:18:27,040 --> 00:18:27,540

Yeah?

519

00:18:27,540 --> 00:18:29,630

I love her very much.

520

 $00:18:29,630 \longrightarrow 00:18:31,080$

Was she quiet?

521

00:18:31,080 --> 00:18:31,580

Pardon?

522 00:18:31,580 --> 00:18:34,131 Was she a more quiet person? 523 00:18:34,131 --> 00:18:34,631 Very. 524

524 00:18:34,631 --> 00:18:38,100 No, I didn't hear her hollering.

525 00:18:38,100 --> 00:18:38,600 OK.

526 00:18:38,600 --> 00:18:40,460 No, I don't remember.

527 00:18:40,460 --> 00:18:41,600 OK.

528 00:18:41,600 --> 00:18:44,150 OK, we'll come--

529 00:18:44,150 --> 00:18:50,090 Maybe sometimes in the kitchen, but that was not my business.

530 00:18:50,090 --> 00:18:53,060 Which one were you closer to-- mother or father?

531 00:18:53,060 --> 00:18:53,960 Father.

532 00:18:53,960 --> 00:18:54,500 Yeah?

00:18:54,500 --> 00:18:55,550 Yeah.

534 00:18:55,550 --> 00:19:01,820 Well, I saw mother every time, but father not so often.

535

00:19:01,820 --> 00:19:05,210

He usually was busy as an officer,

536

00:19:05,210 --> 00:19:06,560

Did he ever--

537

00:19:06,560 --> 00:19:09,290

--because he was

high-ranking officer.

538

00:19:09,290 --> 00:19:15,440

He got about 30 or 40

policemen under his command.

539

00:19:15,440 --> 00:19:19,910

Did you ever go with

him when he was working?

540

00:19:19,910 --> 00:19:21,950

No.

541

00:19:21,950 --> 00:19:23,090

Did he ever talk about--

542

00:19:23,090 --> 00:19:26,600

I go with him, but

when he went fishing.

543

00:19:26,600 --> 00:19:29,840

When you went

fishing, not working.

544

00:19:29,840 --> 00:19:33,200

That's a day-- only one time that I could go with him.

545

00:19:33,200 --> 00:19:35,960

00:19:35,960 --> 00:19:38,150 And your brother-did your brother--

547

00:19:38,150 --> 00:19:40,350 he's was older?

548

00:19:40,350 --> 00:19:45,020 Yeah, he was going higher to the high school--

549

00:19:45,020 --> 00:19:45,890 very high school.

550

00:19:45,890 --> 00:19:48,320 He was-- no.

Tie was-- no

551

00:19:48,320 --> 00:19:49,130 But he died.

552

00:19:49,130 --> 00:19:51,300 And where did you go to school?

553

00:19:51,300 --> 00:19:51,800 Pardon?

554

00:19:51,800 --> 00:19:54,920 Where did you go to school?

555

00:19:54,920 --> 00:19:56,450 In Vilnius, yeah.

556

00:19:56,450 --> 00:19:58,520 Yeah, what was the name of your school?

557

00:19:58,520 --> 00:19:59,870

Mickevicius

558

00:19:59,870 --> 00:20:01,270

Also Mickevicius?

559

00:20:01,270 --> 00:20:04,190 No, no wait a minute.

560

00:20:04,190 --> 00:20:06,335

I can't remember now exactly.

561

00:20:06,335 --> 00:20:09,000

562

00:20:09,000 --> 00:20:11,610

Mickevicius?

563

00:20:11,610 --> 00:20:14,010

Something like this.

564

00:20:14,010 --> 00:20:14,520

Yeah.

565

00:20:14,520 --> 00:20:15,930

Was it a public school?

566

00:20:15,930 --> 00:20:17,010

Public, yeah.

567

00:20:17,010 --> 00:20:17,510

Yeah.

568

 $00:20:17,510 \longrightarrow 00:20:18,750$

Did you walk there?

569

00:20:18,750 --> 00:20:19,860

Yeah.

570

00:20:19,860 --> 00:20:21,150

Did you walk to school?

571

00:20:21,150 --> 00:20:22,200

Yeah, walk.

572

00:20:22,200 --> 00:20:28,710

It's not very far from my place to the gymnasium.

573

00:20:28,710 --> 00:20:29,990

No, OK.

574

00:20:29,990 --> 00:20:33,077

To the school, to the gymnasium.

575

 $00:20:33,077 \longrightarrow 00:20:34,410$

And you don't remember the name?

576

00:20:34,410 --> 00:20:36,660

577

00:20:36,660 --> 00:20:39,990

The name of the gymnasium.

578

00:20:39,990 --> 00:20:44,040

Something like

Slowadska or Mickiewicz.

579

00:20:44,040 --> 00:20:45,500

Something like this.

580

00:20:45,500 --> 00:20:49,200

OK, do you remember

the street it was on?

581

00:20:49,200 --> 00:20:49,740

The what?

582

00:20:49,740 --> 00:20:51,750

Do you remember the

street it was on?

583

00:20:51,750 --> 00:21:03,490

584

00:21:03,490 --> 00:21:04,900

Niemiecka.

585 00:21:04,900 --> 00:21:05,830 Ah.

586 00:21:05,830 --> 00:21:09,820 Niemiecka and the other that was going this way.

587 00:21:09,820 --> 00:21:10,570 OK.

588 00:21:10,570 --> 00:21:13,180 Niemiecka here and there next.

589 00:21:13,180 --> 00:21:15,220 OK, Niemiecka So that's--

590 00:21:15,220 --> 00:21:21,730

591 00:21:21,730 --> 00:21:23,720 Slowadskego.

592 00:21:23,720 --> 00:21:27,070 something like that.

593 00:21:27,070 --> 00:21:28,570 A long time ago.

594 00:21:28,570 --> 00:21:31,000 I know.

595 00:21:31,000 --> 00:21:34,242 But if it was on the Niemiecka Street, did you--

596 00:21:34,242 --> 00:21:36,700 Niemiecka ja, ulica, Niemiecka welka, Slowadskego Tatarska.

597 00:21:36,700 --> 00:21:44,230 598 00:21:44,230 --> 00:21:46,810 How long would it take you to get to school--

599

00:21:46,810 --> 00:21:49,720 to gymnasium from your home?

600

00:21:49,720 --> 00:21:52,000 About 15 minutes walking.

601

00:21:52,000 --> 00:21:53,490 Running mostly.

602

00:21:53,490 --> 00:21:56,950 Yeah, well, it's a small city.

603

00:21:56,950 --> 00:22:01,510 You can get many places in not so much time.

604

00:22:01,510 --> 00:22:06,220 Had to go upstairs a little bit and then go to the gymnasium.

605

00:22:06,220 --> 00:22:07,180 Yeah.

606

00:22:07,180 --> 00:22:10,240 Now did you pass through the Jewish quarter

607

00:22:10,240 --> 00:22:12,350 when you would go to school?

608

00:22:12,350 --> 00:22:14,590 Did you pass through the Jewish quarter?

609

00:22:14,590 --> 00:22:15,200

No.

610 00:22:15,200 --> 00:22:15,700 No? 611

00:22:15,700 --> 00:22:17,230 No.

612 00:22:17,230 --> 00:22:23,440 Jewish quarters were not very far from where we were living,

613 00:22:23,440 --> 00:22:27,130 but it's a different street.

614 00:22:27,130 --> 00:22:29,650 I don't remember it now.

615 00:22:29,650 --> 00:22:32,020 Not very far.

616 00:22:32,020 --> 00:22:32,560 Oh, yeah.

617 00:22:32,560 --> 00:22:34,960 There was a lot of Jewish over there.

618 00:22:34,960 --> 00:22:35,620 Yeah?

619 00:22:35,620 --> 00:22:37,105 Yeah, good guys.

620 00:22:37,105 --> 00:22:39,700

621 00:22:39,700 --> 00:22:41,470 All business.

622 00:22:41,470 --> 00:22:43,960 Did you go shopping in the Jews quarter? 623 00:22:43,960 --> 00:22:45,280 Yeah.

624

00:22:45,280 --> 00:22:49,810 They only-- there were Jewish stores everywhere in Vilnius.

625 00:22:49,810 --> 00:22:52,520

626 00:22:52,520 --> 00:22:55,570 Maybe some.

627 00:22:55,570 --> 00:22:59,020 Did you have any kids in school who were--

628 00:22:59,020 --> 00:23:00,610 when you went to school in gymnasium--

629 00:23:00,610 --> 00:23:02,020 Oh, yeah.

630 00:23:02,020 --> 00:23:04,840 They come from Trakai.

631 00:23:04,840 --> 00:23:05,870 You know Trakai?

632 00:23:05,870 --> 00:23:06,370 Yeah.

633 00:23:06,370 --> 00:23:08,440 That's where there was the lake--

634 00:23:08,440 --> 00:23:13,650 this beautiful lake I used to go to him during vacation. 635 00:23:13,650 --> 00:23:14,150 Did you?

636 00:23:14,150 --> 00:23:18,190 Yeah, swimming and fishing.

637 00:23:18,190 --> 00:23:22,015 And we had a boat, so we can use the boat.

638 00:23:22,015 --> 00:23:25,060 So this was outside of town-- outside of Vilnius

639 00:23:25,060 --> 00:23:26,260 a little bit.

640 00:23:26,260 --> 00:23:31,270 And it's an old castle called Trakai now and Troki in Polish.

641 00:23:31,270 --> 00:23:33,850 Yeah.

642 00:23:33,850 --> 00:23:38,230 But I was asking about in your classroom.

643 00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:41,410 Were all the kids Polish?

644 00:23:41,410 --> 00:23:43,270 Yeah, all Polish.

645 00:23:43,270 --> 00:23:44,150 OK.

646 00:23:44,150 --> 00:23:47,260 Well, not exactly, no.

647 00:23:47,260 --> 00:23:48,880 But they speak Polish.

648

00:23:48,880 --> 00:23:50,230

They speak Polish.

649

00:23:50,230 --> 00:23:51,710

Yeah

650

00:23:51,710 --> 00:23:58,420

I think Ukrainian or

something like that.

651

00:23:58,420 --> 00:24:01,890

Were there Jewish

kids in your school?

652

00:24:01,890 --> 00:24:03,190

Not in my class.

653

00:24:03,190 --> 00:24:05,170

I don't remember.

654

00:24:05,170 --> 00:24:06,268

Maybe.

655

00:24:06,268 --> 00:24:07,060

You don't remember.

656

 $00:24:07,060 \longrightarrow 00:24:07,720$

Who knows.

657

00:24:07,720 --> 00:24:09,220

You don't remember.

658

00:24:09,220 --> 00:24:12,070

The class was about 35 people.

659

 $00:24:12,070 \longrightarrow 00:24:12,730$

That's a lot.

660

00:24:12,730 --> 00:24:13,330

Yeah.

661 00:24:13,330 --> 00:24:14,140 It's big.

662

00:24:14,140 --> 00:24:14,890 It's a lot.

663

00:24:14,890 --> 00:24:19,130

664

00:24:19,130 --> 00:24:21,140 What did I want to ask now?

665

00:24:21,140 --> 00:24:24,380

Were there any

Lithuanians in your class?

666

00:24:24,380 --> 00:24:27,650

No, I don't think.

667

00:24:27,650 --> 00:24:31,040 Next to us they there was the Lithuanian school.

668

00:24:31,040 --> 00:24:34,730 So were there different schools according to whether--

669

00:24:34,730 --> 00:24:37,760

Yeah, I was going to the Polish, but they

670

00:24:37,760 --> 00:24:40,970 had a Lithuanian school, too.

671

00:24:40,970 --> 00:24:41,600

OK.

672

 $00:24:41,600 \longrightarrow 00:24:42,170$

Yeah.

673

00:24:42,170 --> 00:24:46,320 OK, and what about-- did Jews have a separate school as well?

674

00:24:46,320 --> 00:24:47,210 Yeah.

675

00:24:47,210 --> 00:24:48,890 What about the Jewish people?

676

00:24:48,890 --> 00:24:53,070 Jewish-- I remember them praying.

677

00:24:53,070 --> 00:24:54,590 That's all what I can remember.

678

00:24:54,590 --> 00:24:58,240

679

00:24:58,240 --> 00:25:09,170 In the street they had a house over there and a big place

680

00:25:09,170 --> 00:25:12,800 so they go and pray over there.

681

00:25:12,800 --> 00:25:16,820 Well, near your school on Niemiecka Street.

682

00:25:16,820 --> 00:25:19,940 No, not very far.

683

00:25:19,940 --> 00:25:21,080 Not too far.

684

00:25:21,080 --> 00:25:24,590 There was some place called the Great Synagogue--

685

00:25:24,590 --> 00:25:30,610 a very large synagogue not far from your school street.

686

00:25:30,610 --> 00:25:35,850 I don't think it was synagogue, but I remember them--

687

00:25:35,850 --> 00:25:37,160 they always pray.

688

00:25:37,160 --> 00:25:38,370 They always were praying.

689

00:25:38,370 --> 00:25:38,870 Over there.

690

00:25:38,870 --> 00:25:43,430 Maybe it was, but I didn't care about it.

691

00:25:43,430 --> 00:25:44,960 OK.

692

00:25:44,960 --> 00:25:46,440 I had a good friend--

693

00:25:46,440 --> 00:25:47,180 Jewish.

694

00:25:47,180 --> 00:25:48,470 Did you?

695

00:25:48,470 --> 00:25:49,820 Very good.

696

00:25:49,820 --> 00:25:51,950 What was his name?

697

00:25:51,950 --> 00:25:52,760

Motek.

698

00:25:52,760 --> 00:25:56,330

Motek.

699

00:25:56,330 --> 00:25:57,162

Motek.

700

00:25:57,162 --> 00:25:57,920

Oh, yeah.

701

00:25:57,920 --> 00:25:59,600

Very nice guy.

702

00:25:59,600 --> 00:26:01,200

Did he live in your building?

703

00:26:01,200 --> 00:26:01,700

Pardon?

704

00:26:01,700 --> 00:26:04,400

How did you get to meet him?

705

00:26:04,400 --> 00:26:07,580

In school, in this, ja.

706

 $00:26:07,580 \longrightarrow 00:26:11,750$

OK, do you remember

Motek's last name?

707

00:26:11,750 --> 00:26:13,700

No.

708

00:26:13,700 --> 00:26:16,970

Very nice guy.

709

00:26:16,970 --> 00:26:20,900

We always play together.

710

00:26:20,900 --> 00:26:26,600

How old were you when you

became friends with him?

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711
00:26:26,600 --> 00:26:28,070
Much younger than now.
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712 00:26:28,070 --> 00:26:32,510

713 00:26:32,510 --> 00:26:36,200 Maybe 15 or 12, something like this.

714 00:26:36,200 --> 00:26:39,320 Do you know what happened to Motek No.

715 00:26:39,320 --> 00:26:39,980 You don't.

716 00:26:39,980 --> 00:26:44,160 No, because we moved to Vilnius.

717 00:26:44,160 --> 00:26:44,660 OK.

718 00:26:44,660 --> 00:26:47,660 And then in Vilnius there was some Jews,

719 00:26:47,660 --> 00:26:50,060 but I never saw them.

720 00:26:50,060 --> 00:26:50,840 So I thought--

721 00:26:50,840 --> 00:26:54,500 There was a-- it was a street--

722 00:26:54,500 --> 00:26:55,970 Niemiecka.

723 00:26:55,970 --> 00:26:59,780 And they were living over there having stores.

724

00:26:59,780 --> 00:27:02,330

Mostly the stores.

725

00:27:02,330 --> 00:27:04,213 Jews-- that's all what they had.

726

00:27:04,213 --> 00:27:07,190

727

 $00:27:07,190 \longrightarrow 00:27:08,420$

But nice guys.

728

00:27:08,420 --> 00:27:10,640

They were very nice guys.

729

00:27:10,640 --> 00:27:12,530

I like matzo.

730

00:27:12,530 --> 00:27:13,710

Remember matzo.

731

00:27:13,710 --> 00:27:14,210

Yeah.

732

00:27:14,210 --> 00:27:15,980

Very good.

733

00:27:15,980 --> 00:27:18,440

Every time they brought to us.

734

00:27:18,440 --> 00:27:18,950

Yeah?

735

00:27:18,950 --> 00:27:23,960

Yeah, because my father was police high-ranking officer.

736

00:27:23,960 --> 00:27:28,250

So they would bring

the good matzo.

737

00:27:28,250 --> 00:27:32,960 Did your father ever talk about what was going on in his work

738

00:27:32,960 --> 00:27:34,070 when he came home?

739

00:27:34,070 --> 00:27:35,060 No.

INO.

740

00:27:35,060 --> 00:27:36,080

No, never.

741

00:27:36,080 --> 00:27:36,620

No?

742

00:27:36,620 --> 00:27:38,242

No.

743

 $00:27:38,242 \longrightarrow 00:27:39,200$

He never talked about--

744

 $00:27:39,200 \longrightarrow 00:27:45,320$

He always talking about

if I did something wrong.

745

 $00:27:45,320 \longrightarrow 00:27:46,280$

Really?

746

 $00:27:46,280 \longrightarrow 00:27:50,150$

Then, you know.

747

00:27:50,150 --> 00:27:51,800

But he was very good.

748

 $00:27:51,800 \longrightarrow 00:27:54,590$

My mother, too.

749

00:27:54,590 --> 00:27:56,240

They loved each other.

750

00:27:56,240 --> 00:27:57,010

Very nice.

751

00:27:57,010 --> 00:28:00,770

752

00:28:00,770 --> 00:28:02,610

You had a radio at home, yes?

753

00:28:02,610 --> 00:28:03,110

Pardon?

754

00:28:03,110 --> 00:28:05,220

You had a radio at home?

755

00:28:05,220 --> 00:28:06,230

Did you have a radio?

756

00:28:06,230 --> 00:28:06,730

Radio?

757

00:28:06,730 --> 00:28:07,400

Sure.

758

00:28:07,400 --> 00:28:09,310

Did you have a telephone?

759

00:28:09,310 --> 00:28:11,120

Yes.

760

00:28:11,120 --> 00:28:14,000

My father had it all.

761

00:28:14,000 --> 00:28:15,530

OK.

762

00:28:15,530 --> 00:28:16,520

The telephone.

763

00:28:16,520 --> 00:28:18,770

Radio, telephone.

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00:28:18,770 --> 00:28:21,590

Where did you get most

of your news from?

765

00:28:21,590 --> 00:28:23,040

Where did your family get most--

766

00:28:23,040 --> 00:28:23,540

Radio.

767

00:28:23,540 --> 00:28:24,350

From the radio.

768

00:28:24,350 --> 00:28:25,190

From the radio?

769

00:28:25,190 --> 00:28:25,970

Yeah.

770

00:28:25,970 --> 00:28:26,900

OK.

771

00:28:26,900 --> 00:28:28,670

Just radio.

772

00:28:28,670 --> 00:28:29,780

No television.

773

00:28:29,780 --> 00:28:30,860

No.

774

 $00:28:30,860 \longrightarrow 00:28:33,830$

Did your father read newspapers?

775

00:28:33,830 --> 00:28:35,210

Yeah.

776

00:28:35,210 --> 00:28:37,135 Was there any particular newspaper he read?

777 00:28:37,135 --> 00:28:40,050

778 00:28:40,050 --> 00:28:46,430 I don't remember what kind of, but he always read some papers.

779 00:28:46,430 --> 00:28:46,930 Yeah.

780 00:28:46,930 --> 00:28:51,850 OK, was your father political at all?

781 00:28:51,850 --> 00:28:52,350 What?

782 00:28:52,350 --> 00:28:55,620 Did your father have political views?

783 00:28:55,620 --> 00:28:57,450 I guess so.

784 00:28:57,450 --> 00:28:58,230 Do you know--

785 00:28:58,230 --> 00:29:04,890 But I can't tell you what kind, but he was very, very good guy,

786 00:29:04,890 --> 00:29:07,930 and they liked him very much--

787 00:29:07,930 --> 00:29:09,907 all the policemen that I remember.

788

00:29:09,907 --> 00:29:10,740 Oh, did they really?

789

00:29:10,740 --> 00:29:12,270 Yeah.

790

00:29:12,270 --> 00:29:13,706 Can we cut for a second?

791

00:29:13,706 --> 00:29:15,105

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792

00:29:15,105 --> 00:29:17,320

793

00:29:17,320 --> 00:29:17,820

OK.

794

00:29:17,820 --> 00:29:21,960

795

00:29:21,960 --> 00:29:26,160

What did your father think of Marshal Pilsudski?

796

00:29:26,160 --> 00:29:27,190

I don't know.

797

00:29:27,190 --> 00:29:28,770

How can I know?

798

00:29:28,770 --> 00:29:31,186

OK, so he never

talked about him?

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00:29:31,186 --> 00:29:33,874

Well, everybody loved Pilsudski.

800

00:29:33,874 --> 00:29:36,780

00:29:36,780 --> 00:29:39,240 He built that Poland.

802

00:29:39,240 --> 00:29:39,740 Yeah.

803

00:29:39,740 --> 00:29:41,970

Yeah.

804

00:29:41,970 --> 00:29:43,410

Jozef Pilsudski.

805

00:29:43,410 --> 00:29:45,690

Marshal Jozef Pilsudski.

806

 $00:29:45,690 \longrightarrow 00:29:47,430$

Do you remember when he died?

807

 $00:29:47,430 \longrightarrow 00:29:49,230$

Oh, yeah.

808

 $00:29:49,230 \longrightarrow 00:29:50,100$

That was terrible.

809

 $00:29:50,100 \longrightarrow 00:29:53,370$

810

 $00:29:53,370 \longrightarrow 00:30:03,270$

When he died, he was going on

the train, so we go over there

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00:30:03,270 --> 00:30:05,620

and waited for him to pass it.

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 $00:30:05,620 \longrightarrow 00:30:06,120$

Really?

813

00:30:06,120 --> 00:30:08,370

With the-- yeah.

814

00:30:08,370 --> 00:30:10,170

Yeah, where he was laying.

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00:30:10,170 --> 00:30:11,640 Because they took him.

816

00:30:11,640 --> 00:30:13,380 I don't know where to.

817

00:30:13,380 --> 00:30:15,780 I don't remember.

818

00:30:15,780 --> 00:30:19,820 But forever he must go to Krakow, maybe,

819

00:30:19,820 --> 00:30:21,130 or some place like that.

820

00:30:21,130 --> 00:30:21,710 I think so.

821

00:30:21,710 --> 00:30:22,210 Yeah.

822

00:30:22,210 --> 00:30:25,670 Were you living in Lublin when he died or in Vilna?

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00:30:25,670 --> 00:30:27,000 No, in Vilna.

824

00:30:27,000 --> 00:30:27,660 OK.

825

00:30:27,660 --> 00:30:28,780 Yeah, in Vilna.

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00:30:28,780 --> 00:30:31,600 OK, well, his mother is--

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00:30:31,600 --> 00:30:32,100

Pardon?

828

00:30:32,100 --> 00:30:36,050

His mother is buried in

Vilnius in the Rasu cemetery.

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00:30:36,050 --> 00:30:37,830

Pilsudski's mother.

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 $00:30:37,830 \longrightarrow 00:30:38,610$

My mother?

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 $00:30:38,610 \longrightarrow 00:30:39,450$

No, no, no.

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 $00:30:39,450 \longrightarrow 00:30:41,220$

Pilsudski's mother.

833

00:30:41,220 --> 00:30:43,050

Oh, Pilsudski's mother.

834

 $00:30:43,050 \longrightarrow 00:30:45,930$

Is buried in Vilna

from what I know.

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00:30:45,930 --> 00:30:49,540

He was a little bit north of--

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00:30:49,540 --> 00:30:52,530

Pilsudski-- north of Vilnius.

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 $00:30:52,530 \longrightarrow 00:30:53,030$

Yeah.

838

 $00:30:53,030 \longrightarrow 00:30:53,530$

Yeah.

839

 $00:30:53,530 \longrightarrow 00:30:57,510$

840

00:30:57,510 --> 00:31:02,100

I wish I go to Vilnius again.

841

00:31:02,100 --> 00:31:04,110 So tell me.

842

00:31:04,110 --> 00:31:06,210 Kalbek lietuviskai!

843

00:31:06,210 --> 00:31:08,490 That means to speak in Lithuanian.

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00:31:08,490 --> 00:31:11,520 No, I speak--

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00:31:11,520 --> 00:31:17,160 I was working in the restaurant, and I had to run.

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00:31:17,160 --> 00:31:23,400 I was about 14, 15, 16, and I was working, because we didn't

847

00:31:23,400 --> 00:31:25,560 have the money, you know?

848

00:31:25,560 --> 00:31:27,150 We'll come to these moments.

849

00:31:27,150 --> 00:31:30,660 Right now I'm still talking about life before the war.

850

00:31:30,660 --> 00:31:31,500 Yeah.

851

00:31:31,500 --> 00:31:33,960

So I want to ask you--

852

 $00:31:33,960 \longrightarrow 00:31:36,510$

853

00:31:36,510 --> 00:31:42,210 over the radio, did you hear about what was going on

854

00:31:42,210 --> 00:31:44,070 in the wider world?

855

00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:47,040 About what's going on with Poland?

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00:31:47,040 --> 00:31:48,990 What's going on with Germany?

857

00:31:48,990 --> 00:31:50,930 What's going on with Russia?

858

00:31:50,930 --> 00:31:55,032 Did people talk about these things?

859

00:31:55,032 --> 00:32:01,090 Yeah, well nobody wanted to have the war, you know?

860

00:32:01,090 --> 00:32:03,870 Were people talking about War?

861

00:32:03,870 --> 00:32:07,300 They were talking, of course, but what you can do?

862

00:32:07,300 --> 00:32:08,530 They were fighting.

863

00:32:08,530 --> 00:32:09,030 Yeah.

864

00:32:09,030 --> 00:32:13,090

00:32:13,090 --> 00:32:16,270 Do you remember your father talking about what

866 00:32:16,270 --> 00:32:17,800 would happen if there's a war?

867 00:32:17,800 --> 00:32:20,940

868 00:32:20,940 --> 00:32:27,340 It was too short probably, because the Russians

869 00:32:27,340 --> 00:32:29,340 took the other part of Poland.

870 00:32:29,340 --> 00:32:31,440 And they took us away.

871 00:32:31,440 --> 00:32:33,030 OK, we'll come to this.

872 00:32:33,030 --> 00:32:35,820 What I want to find out is did you--

873 00:32:35,820 --> 00:32:40,050 when World War II happened, do you

874 00:32:40,050 --> 00:32:44,245 remember where you were the day the war started?

875 00:32:44,245 --> 00:32:54,455

876 00:32:54,455 --> 00:32:58,190 In 1939.

877 00:32:58,190 --> 00:33:00,410 Yeah, September 1st, 1939.

878 00:33:00,410 --> 00:33:02,240 1939.

879

00:33:02,240 --> 00:33:04,790 December or-- no, no.

880

00:33:04,790 --> 00:33:05,950 September.

881

00:33:05,950 --> 00:33:06,920 September.

882

00:33:06,920 --> 00:33:07,640 September, yeah.

883

00:33:07,640 --> 00:33:11,230 Do you remember hearing about the war starting?

884

00:33:11,230 --> 00:33:12,140 Yeah.

885

00:33:12,140 --> 00:33:13,330 How did you learn?

886

00:33:13,330 --> 00:33:14,330 How did you hear about--

887

00:33:14,330 --> 00:33:15,830 Radio-- from the radio.

888

00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:18,170 OK, so what happened?

889

00:33:18,170 --> 00:33:21,830 After you hear from the radio that the war starts--

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00:33:21,830 --> 00:33:24,770

Then the other--

891 00:33:24,770 --> 00:33:28,430 Germans were going from the west.

892 00:33:28,430 --> 00:33:33,590 The Soviets and Russia comes from east.

893 00:33:33,590 --> 00:33:36,720 Did you expect the Soviets to be coming?

894 00:33:36,720 --> 00:33:37,220 No.

895 00:33:37,220 --> 00:33:42,110 No, we didn't expect, but we were taken by Soviets.

896 00:33:42,110 --> 00:33:42,830 I know.

897 00:33:42,830 --> 00:33:47,420 Because Vilnius, you know, it was belong to Russia.

898 00:33:47,420 --> 00:33:49,030 Well eventually, but not them.

899 00:33:49,030 --> 00:33:53,240 Yeah, and then they took us to Siberia.

900 00:33:53,240 --> 00:33:54,100 We'll get there.

901 00:33:54,100 --> 00:33:54,600 Yeah.

902 00:33:54,600 --> 00:33:59,690 What I want to find out is between the time the war starts

903

00:33:59,690 --> 00:34:03,650 and you're taken to

Siberia, what happens?

904

00:34:03,650 --> 00:34:06,585

How does life change?

905

00:34:06,585 --> 00:34:10,190

Does your father stay being a police chief?

906

00:34:10,190 --> 00:34:11,719

No.

907

00:34:11,719 --> 00:34:13,024

No, he was not.

908

00:34:13,024 --> 00:34:15,830

909

 $00:34:15,830 \longrightarrow 00:34:25,460$

He went out from the police together with the policemen.

910

 $00:34:25,460 \longrightarrow 00:34:28,100$

He was inter--

911

 $00:34:28,100 \longrightarrow 00:34:29,510$

Interrogated?

912

00:34:29,510 --> 00:34:33,830

Yeah, and he moved to Warsaw.

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 $00:34:33,830 \longrightarrow 00:34:34,429$

I see.

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00:34:34,429 --> 00:34:35,840

So your father--

00:34:35,840 --> 00:34:42,889 Yeah, and he left in Vilnius, and he escaped and moved

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00:34:42,889 --> 00:34:45,110 to Warsaw.

917

00:34:45,110 --> 00:34:53,060 So how soon after the war starts does he leave?

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00:34:53,060 --> 00:34:54,350 After what?

919

00:34:54,350 --> 00:34:58,730 The war starts in September 1939.

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00:34:58,730 --> 00:35:03,050 And how soon after the war starts

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00:35:03,050 --> 00:35:04,790 does your father leave for Warsaw?

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00:35:04,790 --> 00:35:08,110

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00:35:08,110 --> 00:35:08,980 Was it the next day?

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00:35:08,980 --> 00:35:11,110 A couple of days before.

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00:35:11,110 --> 00:35:12,980 He left even a few days before?

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00:35:12,980 --> 00:35:17,650

Yeah, because he had to go to the policemen.

00:35:17,650 --> 00:35:18,250 Yeah.

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00:35:18,250 --> 00:35:19,480 Why would they have to go?

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00:35:19,480 --> 00:35:22,390

I don't know.

930

00:35:22,390 --> 00:35:24,340

How do I know?

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00:35:24,340 --> 00:35:27,220

OK, OK.

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00:35:27,220 --> 00:35:32,390

They tried to escape from

Russians not to be killed

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00:35:32,390 --> 00:35:34,030

or something like that.

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00:35:34,030 --> 00:35:36,760

And they go to Lithuania.

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 $00:35:36,760 \longrightarrow 00:35:40,720$

They were prisoners

in Lithuania.

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00:35:40,720 --> 00:35:41,320

Your father?

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 $00:35:41,320 \longrightarrow 00:35:44,230$

And then father,

he moved to Warsaw,

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00:35:44,230 --> 00:35:48,520

because he was born in Warsaw.

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00:35:48,520 --> 00:35:51,760

But we were still in Vilnius.

940 00:35:51,760 --> 00:35:57,730 OK, so the policemen and your father leave Vilna--

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00:35:57,730 --> 00:35:58,460 Vilnius--

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00:35:58,460 --> 00:35:58,960 Yeah.

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00:35:58,960 --> 00:36:01,540 And they go through Lithuania.

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00:36:01,540 --> 00:36:06,940 They had to go, together with all the police officers.

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00:36:06,940 --> 00:36:09,550 So they cross the border into Lithuania.

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00:36:09,550 --> 00:36:11,290 Yeah, in Lithuania.

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00:36:11,290 --> 00:36:13,270 And you say they were taken prisoner there?

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00:36:13,270 --> 00:36:17,710 Yeah, then from Lithuania he went to Warsaw,

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00:36:17,710 --> 00:36:18,377 because he was--

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00:36:18,377 --> 00:36:19,293 So they were released.

951

00:36:19,293 --> 00:36:19,810 Yeah.

00:36:19,810 --> 00:36:22,900 OK, and from there he goes to Warsaw.

953

00:36:22,900 --> 00:36:24,470 Yeah.

954

00:36:24,470 --> 00:36:27,790 And did he phone you to tell you he arrived?

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00:36:27,790 --> 00:36:29,350 We couldn't talk.

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00:36:29,350 --> 00:36:31,150 We didn't do nothing.

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00:36:31,150 --> 00:36:32,080 You didn't know.

958

00:36:32,080 --> 00:36:40,540 Yeah, because not very far away the Russians come in,

959

00:36:40,540 --> 00:36:42,940 took us to Siberia.

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00:36:42,940 --> 00:36:47,200 Because we were very dangerous people.

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00:36:47,200 --> 00:36:48,340 Of course.

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00:36:48,340 --> 00:36:49,420 Of course.

963

00:36:49,420 --> 00:36:56,620 Tell me, do you remember what month they took you to Siberia?

00:36:56,620 --> 00:36:58,090 Do you remember when that was?

965

00:36:58,090 --> 00:37:01,470

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00:37:01,470 --> 00:37:08,064 It was maybe June, maybe sooner.

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00:37:08,064 --> 00:37:10,210

Something like June.

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 $00:37:10,210 \longrightarrow 00:37:12,740$

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00:37:12,740 --> 00:37:19,940 And was it right

away in 1940 or 1941?

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00:37:19,940 --> 00:37:21,320

'41.

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00:37:21,320 --> 00:37:23,410

1941.

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00:37:23,410 --> 00:37:26,840

Wait, either '40 or '41.

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 $00:37:26,840 \longrightarrow 00:37:29,720$

I don't remember exactly.

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00:37:29,720 --> 00:37:35,940

Because we only stay about one year more in Vilnius, and then

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00:37:35,940 --> 00:37:38,870

the Russians came

and they took us.

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00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:40,950

Because they were

looking for father,

977 00:37:40,950 --> 00:37:44,990 but they couldn't get him, so they took us.

978 00:37:44,990 --> 00:37:47,900 Put it in a train and go to Siberia.

979 00:37:47,900 --> 00:37:51,448

980 00:37:51,448 --> 00:37:52,240 But wait a minute--

981 00:37:52,240 --> 00:37:59,390 We were lucky, because German start war with the Russians,

982 00:37:59,390 --> 00:38:05,050 and they wanted as many soldiers as they could.

983 00:38:05,050 --> 00:38:08,060 So we joined the Polish army over there,

984 00:38:08,060 --> 00:38:18,500 but we moved from Russia to Egypt, and from Egypt to Italy.

985 00:38:18,500 --> 00:38:20,750 We'll talk about all these things.

986 00:38:20,750 --> 00:38:21,260 Yeah.

987 00:38:21,260 --> 00:38:25,790 There are so many details to ask you about.

00:38:25,790 --> 00:38:28,430 So I still want to go back.

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00:38:28,430 --> 00:38:32,840 I want to go back to right the time when your father leaves.

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00:38:32,840 --> 00:38:34,370 What?

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00:38:34,370 --> 00:38:38,430 When your father leaves with the other policemen for Warsaw.

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00:38:38,430 --> 00:38:41,670 Yeah, OK, that was 1939.

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00:38:41,670 --> 00:38:43,020 That's 1939.

994

00:38:43,020 --> 00:38:43,520 Yeah.

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00:38:43,520 --> 00:38:51,320 All right, in 1939 in Vilna, what soldiers marched in?

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00:38:51,320 --> 00:38:54,020 Was it Russian soldiers who marched in to Vilna,

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00:38:54,020 --> 00:38:56,570 or was it other soldiers?

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00:38:56,570 --> 00:39:02,480 I think it was mostly Lithuanian,

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00:39:02,480 --> 00:39:08,990 because Lithuania was feeling used to us

00:39:08,990 --> 00:39:11,930 belonging to Lithuania before.

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00:39:11,930 --> 00:39:13,250 OK.

1002

00:39:13,250 --> 00:39:16,070 Whatever happened that Poland got it.

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00:39:16,070 --> 00:39:16,790

I don't know.

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00:39:16,790 --> 00:39:19,430

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00:39:19,430 --> 00:39:22,400 I know it was a beautiful place--

1006

00:39:22,400 --> 00:39:23,370 very nice.

1007

00:39:23,370 --> 00:39:23,870 Yeah.

1008

00:39:23,870 --> 00:39:26,330 So when your father left--

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00:39:26,330 --> 00:39:27,290 Rivers.

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00:39:27,290 --> 00:39:28,790

Yeah.

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00:39:28,790 --> 00:39:32,900 When your father left, the change that happened

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00:39:32,900 --> 00:39:36,750

was that Lithuanian soldiers marched in, yes?

1013 00:39:36,750 --> 00:39:37,250 Yeah.

1014 00:39:37,250 --> 00:39:40,250 And so does this come under Lithuanian control?

1015 00:39:40,250 --> 00:39:41,540 Yeah.

1016 00:39:41,540 --> 00:39:42,230 Yeah.

1017 00:39:42,230 --> 00:39:47,480 OK, how does life go on for you, your mother, and your brother?

1018 00:39:47,480 --> 00:39:51,560 What happens with your family at that time?

1019 00:39:51,560 --> 00:39:53,160 I had to go to work.

1020 00:39:53,160 --> 00:39:55,580 My brother had to go to work.

1021 00:39:55,580 --> 00:39:56,360 In Vilna.

1022 00:39:56,360 --> 00:39:57,080 Yeah.

1023 00:39:57,080 --> 00:39:58,127 What did you have to do?

1024 00:39:58,127 --> 00:39:58,960 What were you doing?

1025 00:39:58,960 --> 00:40:03,620 I went to the restaurant that we used to go,

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00:40:03,620 --> 00:40:05,960 and I was working over there.

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00:40:05,960 --> 00:40:07,490 So you became a waiter.

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00:40:07,490 --> 00:40:10,850 Yeah, not the waiter, but the helper.

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00:40:10,850 --> 00:40:11,450 OK.

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00:40:11,450 --> 00:40:15,320 Yeah, because we knew the guy that owned it.

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00:40:15,320 --> 00:40:16,550 Yeah, very nice.

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00:40:16,550 --> 00:40:18,710 And why couldn't you continue school?

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00:40:18,710 --> 00:40:19,490 Pardon?

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00:40:19,490 --> 00:40:22,030 Why could you not continue school?

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00:40:22,030 --> 00:40:24,350 No, I went to the school, too.

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00:40:24,350 --> 00:40:27,110 But from the school I went to work.

1037 00:40:27,110 --> 00:40:28,220 Yeah.

1038 00:40:28,220 --> 00:40:32,255 OK, did you continue living in your apartment?

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00:40:32,255 --> 00:40:32,990 Pardon?

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00:40:32,990 --> 00:40:34,670 The apartment that your father had.

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00:40:34,670 --> 00:40:39,650 Yeah, we have to

leave the apartment.

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00:40:39,650 --> 00:40:40,267

Different.

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00:40:40,267 --> 00:40:41,142 Have to go, you know.

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00:40:41,142 --> 00:40:42,406 Oh, really?

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00:40:42,406 --> 00:40:43,700 Where did you move to?

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00:40:43,700 --> 00:40:46,490

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00:40:46,490 --> 00:40:51,050 Some-- not very far from church.

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00:40:51,050 --> 00:40:54,100

In Vilnius.

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00:40:54,100 --> 00:40:58,430

Anyway, long time ago for that.

00:40:58,430 --> 00:40:59,120 I know.

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00:40:59,120 --> 00:41:02,270 I know I'm asking you all kinds of questions

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00:41:02,270 --> 00:41:06,350 that are so unexpected.

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00:41:06,350 --> 00:41:09,680 But at any rate, so your mother--

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00:41:09,680 --> 00:41:11,330 My mother, yeah, she died.

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00:41:11,330 --> 00:41:12,290 I know.

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00:41:12,290 --> 00:41:14,630 We'll come to the details about that.

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00:41:14,630 --> 00:41:18,620 What kind of work was your brother doing at this time?

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00:41:18,620 --> 00:41:21,650 When your father is gone and you were going to school

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00:41:21,650 --> 00:41:25,670 and working in the restaurant, what is your brother doing?

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00:41:25,670 --> 00:41:28,220 He was playing piano.

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00:41:28,220 --> 00:41:29,795 Oh, he was playing piano.

00:41:29,795 --> 00:41:32,630 Yeah, he had the orchestra, you know,

1063 00:41:32,630 --> 00:41:36,590 and they're going here there to play.

1064 00:41:36,590 --> 00:41:39,350 And he earned money this way?

1065 00:41:39,350 --> 00:41:40,200 No.

1066 00:41:40,200 --> 00:41:40,750 No?

1067 00:41:40,750 --> 00:41:41,250 No.

1068 00:41:41,250 --> 00:41:44,990 Mother, she was mostly sick.

1069 00:41:44,990 --> 00:41:47,450 What was her illness?

1070 00:41:47,450 --> 00:41:52,070 I don't know, but she was sick mostly.

1071 00:41:52,070 --> 00:41:52,790 Did she stay--

1072 00:41:52,790 --> 00:41:55,610 She didn't feel good, you know.

1073 00:41:55,610 --> 00:41:56,150 OK.

1074 00:41:56,150 --> 00:41:58,960 And she died. 1075 00:41:58,960 --> 00:42:02,600 But not in Vilnius.

1076 00:42:02,600 --> 00:42:04,900 She died in Russia.

1077 00:42:04,900 --> 00:42:07,030 They took us to Russia, and you know

1078 00:42:07,030 --> 00:42:11,320 and that she didn't have any medication, and she died.

1079 00:42:11,320 --> 00:42:13,840

1080 00:42:13,840 --> 00:42:22,520 Tell me, war first started--

1081 00:42:22,520 --> 00:42:23,040 Pardon?

1082 00:42:23,040 --> 00:42:29,190 In 1939 when the war first starts, from what I know

1083 00:42:29,190 --> 00:42:32,790 Vilnius comes under Lithuanian control.

1084 00:42:32,790 --> 00:42:39,480 And that is probably in the fall of '39.

1085 00:42:39,480 --> 00:42:40,610 Yeah.

1086 00:42:40,610 --> 00:42:43,050 Oh, it's was very nice.

00:42:43,050 --> 00:42:43,710 Oh, yeah?

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00:42:43,710 --> 00:42:44,970 Oh, yeah.

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00:42:44,970 --> 00:42:47,550 No problems, nothing.

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00:42:47,550 --> 00:42:48,510 OK.

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00:42:48,510 --> 00:42:49,740 I was working.

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00:42:49,740 --> 00:42:52,950 I could go to school, and I was working,

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00:42:52,950 --> 00:42:56,430 because father didn't work.

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00:42:56,430 --> 00:42:58,090 I mean, he was not in.

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00:42:58,090 --> 00:43:00,160 We didn't have any money.

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00:43:00,160 --> 00:43:04,110 We had a room and furniture, everything,

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00:43:04,110 --> 00:43:07,670 but there we had to pay.

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00:43:07,670 --> 00:43:08,940 Yeah.

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00:43:08,940 --> 00:43:14,040 So my brother was working and I was working.

00:43:14,040 --> 00:43:18,180

How did your brother earn money?

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00:43:18,180 --> 00:43:22,580

Well, he was a very

good piano player.

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00:43:22,580 --> 00:43:23,080

Yes.

1103

00:43:23,080 --> 00:43:28,170

So they have the orchestra, and he was playing on the piano.

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00:43:28,170 --> 00:43:29,790

Did he make money from that?

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00:43:29,790 --> 00:43:30,340

Yeah.

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00:43:30,340 --> 00:43:30,870

Oh, yeah.

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 $00:43:30,870 \longrightarrow 00:43:32,160$

Oh, he got paid for this.

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 $00:43:32,160 \longrightarrow 00:43:33,275$

Oh, yeah.

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00:43:33,275 --> 00:43:33,775

OK.

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00:43:33,775 --> 00:43:38,600

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 $00:43:38,600 \longrightarrow 00:43:40,760$

Oh, my train of thought.

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00:43:40,760 --> 00:43:43,370

And in 1940--

00:43:43,370 --> 00:43:45,350 1940.

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00:43:45,350 --> 00:43:53,160 In July 1940, Lithuania, which now Vilna is part of,

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00:43:53,160 --> 00:43:56,670 becomes incorporated into the Soviet Union.

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00:43:56,670 --> 00:43:57,960 Oh, yeah?

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00:43:57,960 --> 00:44:00,630 You didn't-- I was going to ask you.

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00:44:00,630 --> 00:44:05,790 It must have something happened, because the Lithuanians didn't

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00:44:05,790 --> 00:44:07,470 like Russians.

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00:44:07,470 --> 00:44:08,250 I know.

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00:44:08,250 --> 00:44:09,180 What happened?

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00:44:09,180 --> 00:44:11,730 I don't know why.

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00:44:11,730 --> 00:44:17,850 Then I was already in Russia probably when it happened.

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00:44:17,850 --> 00:44:19,030 Yeah.

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00:44:19,030 --> 00:44:21,040 Well, I don't know.

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00:44:21,040 --> 00:44:21,960 I don't know.

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00:44:21,960 --> 00:44:26,070 See, I'm trying to place your deportation.

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00:44:26,070 --> 00:44:32,340 There was a major deportation from Vilna in June 1941.

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00:44:32,340 --> 00:44:33,090 That's it.

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00:44:33,090 --> 00:44:34,770 That what we went to.

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00:44:34,770 --> 00:44:35,370 OK.

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00:44:35,370 --> 00:44:36,870 Yeah, in June.

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00:44:36,870 --> 00:44:37,440 Yeah.

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00:44:37,440 --> 00:44:39,170 Because I remember the month.

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00:44:39,170 --> 00:44:39,670 Yeah.

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00:44:39,670 --> 00:44:40,050 June.

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00:44:40,050 --> 00:44:40,550

June.

00:44:40,550 --> 00:44:42,420 It was June.

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00:44:42,420 --> 00:44:48,990 But before then, in Vilna, had the Soviets come and taken over

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 $00:44:48,990 \longrightarrow 00:44:51,360$ from the Lithuanians?

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 $00:44:51,360 \longrightarrow 00:44:53,490$ There were some Soviets, too.

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 $00:44:53,490 \longrightarrow 00:44:54,060$ Yeah?

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 $00:44:54,060 \longrightarrow 00:44:56,430$ Yeah.

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00:44:56,430 --> 00:44:58,740 How did you see the presence?

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00:44:58,740 --> 00:45:00,390 Did you see soldiers in the streets--

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 $00:45:00,390 \longrightarrow 00:45:01,110$ Russian soldiers?

1147 00:45:01,110 --> 00:45:04,080

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 $00:45:04,080 \longrightarrow 00:45:07,710$ No, I don't think that they were on the streets.

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00:45:07,710 --> 00:45:12,810 They usually stay, you know, on [INAUDIBLE] places--

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00:45:12,810 --> 00:45:13,410

Other places.

1151 00:45:13,410 --> 00:45:15,180

--where they're supposed to be.

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00:45:15,180 --> 00:45:16,320 Like their barracks.

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00:45:16,320 --> 00:45:21,960 But there was a Lithuanian police office.

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00:45:21,960 --> 00:45:25,620 Police-- Lithuanians.

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00:45:25,620 --> 00:45:30,150 And did they go into the same police station

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00:45:30,150 --> 00:45:32,100 your father worked in?

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00:45:32,100 --> 00:45:32,880 Yeah.

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00:45:32,880 --> 00:45:34,870 Oh, yeah.

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00:45:34,870 --> 00:45:37,970 But there was then Italians, not Polish.

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00:45:37,970 --> 00:45:38,770 Yeah.

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00:45:38,770 --> 00:45:40,540 Yeah.

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00:45:40,540 --> 00:45:43,900 Finally got its own town.

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00:45:43,900 --> 00:45:45,430

That's it.

1164 00:45:45,430 --> 00:45:47,710 OK.

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00:45:47,710 --> 00:45:51,130 It did belong to Lithuania, I think.

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00:45:51,130 --> 00:45:54,370 Yes, Vilnius belonged to Lithuania.

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00:45:54,370 --> 00:45:59,530 But how it happened-did Poland got it?

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00:45:59,530 --> 00:46:01,090 I don't know.

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00:46:01,090 --> 00:46:02,350 I can't tell you.

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00:46:02,350 --> 00:46:04,134 OK, that's OK.

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00:46:04,134 --> 00:46:06,550 Vilnius-- beautiful place.

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00:46:06,550 --> 00:46:07,610 Beautiful.

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00:46:07,610 --> 00:46:08,110 I know.

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00:46:08,110 --> 00:46:11,540 River-- remember river over there.

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00:46:11,540 --> 00:46:13,840

Yeah.

00:46:13,840 --> 00:46:19,240 Tell me-- do you remember the place that you moved to

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00:46:19,240 --> 00:46:21,220 with your mother and your brother?

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00:46:21,220 --> 00:46:22,030 Yeah.

1179

00:46:22,030 --> 00:46:24,460 OK, after your father leaves and you had

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00:46:24,460 --> 00:46:25,930 to leave the nice apartment.

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00:46:25,930 --> 00:46:29,260 Yeah, now we have to leave this place and go to the--

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 $00:46:29,260 \longrightarrow 00:46:32,770$

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00:46:32,770 --> 00:46:39,590 it was-- so it was far away from the place where we moved.

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00:46:39,590 --> 00:46:40,090 Yeah?

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00:46:40,090 --> 00:46:40,990 Yeah.

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00:46:40,990 --> 00:46:41,800 And was it smaller?

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00:46:41,800 --> 00:46:48,985 There was our friends' property or something like that,

00:46:48,985 --> 00:46:53,560 so they let that stay over there until the Russians came

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00:46:53,560 --> 00:46:55,570 in and took us away.

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00:46:55,570 --> 00:47:00,880 Do you remember the day that the Russians came?

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00:47:00,880 --> 00:47:05,200 It was in June.

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00:47:05,200 --> 00:47:06,730 Yeah, in June.

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00:47:06,730 --> 00:47:09,580 Was it nighttime or daytime?

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00:47:09,580 --> 00:47:10,750 Nighttime.

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00:47:10,750 --> 00:47:11,440 Nighttime?

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00:47:11,440 --> 00:47:12,550 Yeah, nighttime.

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00:47:12,550 --> 00:47:16,360 About 12:00 or something like that, even more.

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00:47:16,360 --> 00:47:21,700 Put us on the truck and took to the station.

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00:47:21,700 --> 00:47:25,750 Well, tell me-- did they knock on the door?

00:47:25,750 --> 00:47:26,650 How did--

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00:47:26,650 --> 00:47:32,050 Yeah, knock at the door with the rifle.

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00:47:32,050 --> 00:47:33,520 Yeah.

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00:47:33,520 --> 00:47:37,120 OK, backing up.

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00:47:37,120 --> 00:47:39,200 One of the Russians--

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00:47:39,200 --> 00:47:41,920 he was standing by the door.

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00:47:41,920 --> 00:47:44,840 And they said don't take this.

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00:47:44,840 --> 00:47:47,020 And this guy told me--

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00:47:47,020 --> 00:47:47,890 take this.

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00:47:47,890 --> 00:47:49,930 Warm things.

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00:47:49,930 --> 00:47:51,730 Warm things.

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00:47:51,730 --> 00:47:54,110 So one of them was telling you to take things?

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00:47:54,110 --> 00:47:55,030 Yeah.

00:47:55,030 --> 00:47:57,100 And the others were saying no, leave it.

1214 00:47:57,100 --> 00:47:59,870 Yeah, no they didn't--

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00:47:59,870 --> 00:48:04,580 slow to take the warm things.

1216 00:48:04,580 --> 00:48:05,380 And did you?

1217 00:48:05,380 --> 00:48:11,188 Yeah, we had to, because we were going to Russia, you know.

1218 00:48:11,188 --> 00:48:13,480 How much time did they give you to pack?

1219 00:48:13,480 --> 00:48:16,240

1220 00:48:16,240 --> 00:48:19,450 I don't remember how long it was.

1221 00:48:19,450 --> 00:48:21,040 Not too long.

1222 00:48:21,040 --> 00:48:24,190 When you got on the truck, was it daytime already?

1223 00:48:24,190 --> 00:48:24,970 Night.

1224 00:48:24,970 --> 00:48:27,230 It still was nighttime when you were on the truck? 00:48:27,230 --> 00:48:28,570 Yeah, night.

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00:48:28,570 --> 00:48:29,140 Night.

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00:48:29,140 --> 00:48:32,110 And you say your mother was not feeling.

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00:48:32,110 --> 00:48:33,610 No.

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00:48:33,610 --> 00:48:38,260 So how did she manage to get from her--

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00:48:38,260 --> 00:48:39,730 you know, if she's ill--

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00:48:39,730 --> 00:48:42,520 Whatever we could do, we take it.

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00:48:42,520 --> 00:48:44,110 That's all what we could do.

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00:48:44,110 --> 00:48:44,920 OK.

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00:48:44,920 --> 00:48:46,180 They hurry up.

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00:48:46,180 --> 00:48:47,290 Go, go.

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00:48:47,290 --> 00:48:47,980 Sit down.

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00:48:47,980 --> 00:48:50,200

Sit down.

1238 00:48:50,200 --> 00:48:52,450 And when you were on the truck, did you

1239 00:48:52,450 --> 00:48:56,500 see anybody else you knew?

1240 00:48:56,500 --> 00:49:01,060 Not on the truck, but when we get in the wagon,

1241 00:49:01,060 --> 00:49:04,180 then we saw the guys that--

1242 00:49:04,180 --> 00:49:11,510 I mean, the man and wife and his daughter.

1243 00:49:11,510 --> 00:49:12,010 Yeah.

1244 00:49:12,010 --> 00:49:13,100 And you knew those people.

1245 00:49:13,100 --> 00:49:13,600 Yeah.

1246 00:49:13,600 --> 00:49:14,860 We knew them.

1247 00:49:14,860 --> 00:49:16,870 And we stayed together over there.

1248 00:49:16,870 --> 00:49:19,375 Did anybody tell you why you were being taken?

1249 00:49:19,375 --> 00:49:23,380 00:49:23,380 --> 00:49:26,890 Because we were Polish.

1251

00:49:26,890 --> 00:49:27,520 That's all.

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1252 00:49:27,520 --> 00:49:31,430

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00:49:31,430 --> 00:49:37,120 Had you been expecting this, or was it a total surprise?

1254

00:49:37,120 --> 00:49:42,080 Not very much, but it happened.

1255

00:49:42,080 --> 00:49:43,100 Yeah.

1256

00:49:43,100 --> 00:49:46,070 We knew that they taking.

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00:49:46,070 --> 00:49:49,790 But maybe we would say yeah, we move from this place.

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00:49:49,790 --> 00:49:52,020 We go to this place.

1259

00:49:52,020 --> 00:49:57,230 But still they still knew about that and took us.

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00:49:57,230 --> 00:50:01,810 Because my mother was my father's wife.

1261

00:50:01,810 --> 00:50:02,570 Yeah.

1262

00:50:02,570 --> 00:50:06,770

They couldn't get

him, so they took us--

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00:50:06,770 --> 00:50:12,030 me, my brother, and mother.

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00:50:12,030 --> 00:50:15,480 And your father, as far as you know, is in Warsaw.

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00:50:15,480 --> 00:50:17,280 Yeah, he was in Warsaw.

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00:50:17,280 --> 00:50:20,700 He escaped from the concentration camp

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00:50:20,700 --> 00:50:28,260 that he was holding, and went to Warsaw.

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00:50:28,260 --> 00:50:35,220 And do you know how he spent the war years?

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00:50:35,220 --> 00:50:36,595 What happened to him in Warsaw?

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00:50:36,595 --> 00:50:39,340

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00:50:39,340 --> 00:50:44,650 To tell you, since they took us to Russia,

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00:50:44,650 --> 00:50:46,210

I don't know nothing.

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00:50:46,210 --> 00:50:47,230 About your father.

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00:50:47,230 --> 00:50:49,150

Yeah.

1275 00:50:49,150 --> 00:50:52,510 Probably he's dead already.

1276 00:50:52,510 --> 00:50:55,750 Did your father survive the war?

1277 00:50:55,750 --> 00:50:56,290 Pardon?

1278 00:50:56,290 --> 00:50:58,480 Did your father survive?

1279 00:50:58,480 --> 00:50:59,900 I don't think so.

1280 00:50:59,900 --> 00:51:02,590 I don't think so.

1281 00:51:02,590 --> 00:51:06,010 Can we cut the camera a little bit?

1282 00:51:06,010 --> 00:51:07,480 Yeah, yeah.

1283 00:51:07,480 --> 00:51:08,680 Wait a minute.

1284 00:51:08,680 --> 00:51:10,310 Now here's the thing.

1285 00:51:10,310 --> 00:51:10,810 OK.

1286 00:51:10,810 --> 00:51:11,570 [INAUDIBLE]

1287 00:51:11,570 --> 00:51:13,410

00:51:13,410 --> 00:51:14,140 --sitting down.

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00:51:14,140 --> 00:51:14,700 It's OK.

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00:51:14,700 --> 00:51:18,072 It's just I have this temptation.

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00:51:18,072 --> 00:51:20,910

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00:51:20,910 --> 00:51:22,800 Tell me.

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00:51:22,800 --> 00:51:24,450 I think it got clarified.

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00:51:24,450 --> 00:51:26,640 We spoke with your wife and your daughter.

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00:51:26,640 --> 00:51:29,970 Your father did survive World War II.

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00:51:29,970 --> 00:51:31,080 Probably.

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00:51:31,080 --> 00:51:31,750 Yeah.

1298

00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:33,930 OK, did you meet

him after the war?

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00:51:33,930 --> 00:51:35,720

Did you ever see your father again?

00:51:39,800 --> 00:51:41,270 Yes, one time.

1302

00:51:41,270 --> 00:51:43,590 I think I remember him.

1303

00:51:43,590 --> 00:51:44,780

OK.

1304

00:51:44,780 --> 00:51:48,260

I don't remember

what, where it was.

1305

00:51:48,260 --> 00:51:56,340

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00:51:56,340 --> 00:52:00,210 But he was he was living

I think in Warsaw.

1307

00:52:00,210 --> 00:52:01,230

OK.

1308

 $00:52:01,230 \longrightarrow 00:52:03,240$

So anyway, he's

out of the picture.

1309

00:52:03,240 --> 00:52:07,270

He knew that Mama is dead.

1310

00:52:07,270 --> 00:52:12,000

So I don't know if he

get married or what.

1311

 $00:52:12,000 \longrightarrow 00:52:13,170$

No, I don't know.

1312

00:52:13,170 --> 00:52:15,360

I don't think so.

00:52:15,360 --> 00:52:19,920 I saw him, Mila, didn't I?

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00:52:19,920 --> 00:52:23,520 Yeah, you saw him a couple years after.

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00:52:23,520 --> 00:52:24,420 Yeah.

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00:52:24,420 --> 00:52:26,520 OK, after the war.

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00:52:26,520 --> 00:52:27,630 Yes.

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00:52:27,630 --> 00:52:28,680 After the war.

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00:52:28,680 --> 00:52:31,680 OK, so your father survives the war.

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00:52:31,680 --> 00:52:34,620 You see him again a few years afterwards,

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00:52:34,620 --> 00:52:39,150 but you don't know what his experiences were.

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00:52:39,150 --> 00:52:44,280 But I was in the army, and we moved to England,

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00:52:44,280 --> 00:52:53,640 because we were with the English outfit.

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00:52:53,640 --> 00:52:55,590

So that's it.

00:52:55,590 --> 00:52:57,750

So tell me this.

1326

00:52:57,750 --> 00:53:02,850

Let's go back to when

the Soviets take you.

1327

 $00:53:02,850 \longrightarrow 00:53:06,270$

And then you're taken

by truck to a train.

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00:53:06,270 --> 00:53:06,770

Yeah.

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00:53:06,770 --> 00:53:10,990

And in the train you recognize

a family that you knew.

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00:53:10,990 --> 00:53:11,490

Yeah.

1331

00:53:11,490 --> 00:53:11,990

OK.

1332

00:53:11,990 --> 00:53:14,430

1333

00:53:14,430 --> 00:53:20,520

Was there any announcement as

to why you were being taken?

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 $00:53:20,520 \longrightarrow 00:53:21,060$

No.

1335

00:53:21,060 --> 00:53:24,900

Nobody said I'm arresting you because you did this,

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00:53:24,900 --> 00:53:27,090

or I'm arresting

you because you are

00:53:27,090 --> 00:53:29,460 the relative of this person?

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00:53:29,460 --> 00:53:31,620 It's just pack your bags and go.

1339

00:53:31,620 --> 00:53:32,370 Yeah.

1340

00:53:32,370 --> 00:53:34,290 OK.

1341 00:53:34,290 --> 00:53:35,520

So where did you go?

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00:53:35,520 --> 00:53:38,790 Where did they take you?

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00:53:38,790 --> 00:53:39,945 Where did they take you?

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00:53:39,945 --> 00:53:42,540

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00:53:42,540 --> 00:53:46,410

Altaysky Krai

Novosibirskaya Oblast.

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00:53:46,410 --> 00:53:47,040

Oh, yeah.

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00:53:47,040 --> 00:53:48,060

That's far away.

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00:53:48,060 --> 00:53:50,650

That's it.

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 $00:53:50,650 \longrightarrow 00:53:54,600$

Altaysky Krai

Novosibirskaya Oblast.

1350 00:53:54,600 --> 00:53:55,170 Yeah.

1351 00:53:55,170 --> 00:53:56,940 How long did it take to get there?

1352 00:53:56,940 --> 00:54:00,180

1353 00:54:00,180 --> 00:54:04,980 About two, three weeks.

1354 00:54:04,980 --> 00:54:09,600 And what was it like on that journey in the train?

1355 00:54:09,600 --> 00:54:14,640 Once in a while we got buckets of soup.

1356 00:54:14,640 --> 00:54:17,520 Once in a while, buckets of soup.

1357 00:54:17,520 --> 00:54:20,030 How many people were in the train?

1358 00:54:20,030 --> 00:54:24,060 I can't tell you, but quite a few.

1359 00:54:24,060 --> 00:54:25,320 Yeah?

1360 00:54:25,320 --> 00:54:29,415 And the family that you knew, do you know why they were taken?

1361 00:54:29,415 --> 00:54:32,980

00:54:32,980 --> 00:54:36,880 Who knows why they took us.

1363

00:54:36,880 --> 00:54:38,560 And they took them.

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00:54:38,560 --> 00:54:39,580 For nothing.

1 of nothing

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00:54:39,580 --> 00:54:42,730

Because we are Polish or something like this.

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00:54:42,730 --> 00:54:47,050

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00:54:47,050 --> 00:54:49,940

But the Russian

people were nice.

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00:54:49,940 --> 00:54:51,700

Very nice.

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00:54:51,700 --> 00:54:53,290

Very nice.

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00:54:53,290 --> 00:54:54,422

Except the--

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00:54:54,422 --> 00:55:00,490

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00:55:00,490 --> 00:55:01,160

The government.

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00:55:01,160 --> 00:55:02,360

The people ruled.

1374

 $00:55:02,360 \longrightarrow 00:55:02,860$

Yeah.

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00:55:02,860 --> 00:55:09,950

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00:55:09,950 --> 00:55:17,060 Describe for me the space that you were in on that train.

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00:55:17,060 --> 00:55:22,065 Were you in a passenger car?

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00:55:22,065 --> 00:55:22,565 No.

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00:55:22,565 --> 00:55:23,285

Passenger.

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00:55:23,285 --> 00:55:27,110

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1382

00:55:27,110 --> 00:55:30,290 Oh, my gosh.

00:55:30,290 --> 00:55:31,820

What did it look like?

1383

00:55:31,820 --> 00:55:32,730 Luxury.

1384

00:55:32,730 --> 00:55:34,340

We had luxury.

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00:55:34,340 --> 00:55:40,470

Everybody got a special chair to sit down or lay down

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00:55:40,470 --> 00:55:41,330

if you want to.

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00:55:41,330 --> 00:55:44,450

1388 00:55:44,450 --> 00:55:46,520 OK, if it wasn't that--

1389 00:55:46,520 --> 00:55:47,180 can we cut?

1390 00:55:47,180 --> 00:55:49,850

1391 00:55:49,850 --> 00:55:51,440 Do you want to take a break?

1392 00:55:51,440 --> 00:55:52,850 No.

1393 00:55:52,850 --> 00:55:54,770 There are quite a few questions.

1394 00:55:54,770 --> 00:55:56,180 There are quite a few questions.

1395 00:55:56,180 --> 00:56:04,700 OK, make all the questions and let me go home.

1396 00:56:04,700 --> 00:56:05,660 I know.

1397 00:56:05,660 --> 00:56:10,340 But answer me this.

1398 00:56:10,340 --> 00:56:12,770 You're not from FBI, no?

1399 00:56:12,770 --> 00:56:13,270 No.

1400 00:56:13,270 --> 00:56:16,760 No, no, no, no. 1401 00:56:16,760 --> 00:56:20,060 But I understand it wasn't a passenger car.

1402 00:56:20,060 --> 00:56:21,950 What I'm asking-what I want you to do

1403 00:56:21,950 --> 00:56:24,110 is describe what it was like.

1404 00:56:24,110 --> 00:56:25,880 What was the car like?

1405 00:56:25,880 --> 00:56:31,250 Lots of people were laying on the floor.

1406 00:56:31,250 --> 00:56:32,490 That's it.

1407 00:56:32,490 --> 00:56:33,800 There was no place to sleep?

1408 00:56:33,800 --> 00:56:35,640 No.

1409 00:56:35,640 --> 00:56:38,640 Were there many people to each wagon?

1410 00:56:38,640 --> 00:56:40,130 Probably.

1411 00:56:40,130 --> 00:56:43,110 I don't remember, but a lot of people--

1412 00:56:43,110 --> 00:56:47,190 as much as you could have in.

00:56:47,190 --> 00:56:52,440 And your mother-- if she was ill, this kind of situation

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00:56:52,440 --> 00:56:54,030 isn't helpful.

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00:56:54,030 --> 00:56:56,750 Well, she had some medication, but that's all.

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00:56:56,750 --> 00:56:57,540 OK.

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00:56:57,540 --> 00:57:01,710 Yeah, until she get medication, then

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00:57:01,710 --> 00:57:04,320 she couldn't live any more.

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00:57:04,320 --> 00:57:06,780 On the train, was there anybody who

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00:57:06,780 --> 00:57:08,830 died during those three weeks?

1421

00:57:08,830 --> 00:57:09,660 No.

1422

00:57:09,660 --> 00:57:10,320 No.

1423

00:57:10,320 --> 00:57:11,700 OK.

1424

00:57:11,700 --> 00:57:13,080 I don't remember that.

1425

00:57:13,080 --> 00:57:14,800

No.

1426

00:57:14,800 --> 00:57:16,890 Well, then we know each other.

1427

00:57:16,890 --> 00:57:20,700

1428

00:57:20,700 --> 00:57:24,870 What did people talk

about on that train?

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00:57:24,870 --> 00:57:25,980 What's going to happen?

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00:57:25,980 --> 00:57:28,570

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00:57:28,570 --> 00:57:31,470

Where are we going?

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00:57:31,470 --> 00:57:33,333

We're going east, east, east.

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00:57:33,333 --> 00:57:36,720

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00:57:36,720 --> 00:57:40,510

We would rather go to

China, but we couldn't go.

1435

00:57:40,510 --> 00:57:42,060

You couldn't go that far east.

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00:57:42,060 --> 00:57:45,990

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00:57:45,990 --> 00:57:52,673

And what did I want to say?

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00:57:52,673 --> 00:57:53,715

Were there people crying?

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 $00:57:53,715 \longrightarrow 00:57:57,290$

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00:57:57,290 --> 00:57:59,310 Maybe kids.

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00:57:59,310 --> 00:58:01,300 There were some kids crying.

1442

00:58:01,300 --> 00:58:01,800 Yeah.

1443

 $00:58:01,800 \longrightarrow 00:58:05,420$

1444

00:58:05,420 --> 00:58:07,970 And here's a more personal question.

1445

00:58:07,970 --> 00:58:11,510 Forgive me for asking this, but it comes up.

1446

00:58:11,510 --> 00:58:13,790 How did people relieve themselves?

1447

00:58:13,790 --> 00:58:17,160 Where did you go to the toilet if you're all on this one car?

1448

00:58:17,160 --> 00:58:17,660 Yeah.

1449

 $00:58:17,660 \longrightarrow 00:58:22,230$

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00:58:22,230 --> 00:58:28,110 Once in a while you had to go to the door, and that's it.

1451 00:58:28,110 --> 00:58:29,340 So you opened the door?

1452 00:58:29,340 --> 00:58:31,170 No.

1453 00:58:31,170 --> 00:58:32,130 But over there.

1454 00:58:32,130 --> 00:58:35,450

1455 00:58:35,450 --> 00:58:37,300 So it became unsanitary.

1456 00:58:37,300 --> 00:58:40,170

1457 00:58:40,170 --> 00:58:43,140 But when they stopped, they cleaned up a little,

1458 00:58:43,140 --> 00:58:44,310 but then that's it.

1459 00:58:44,310 --> 00:58:45,810 And then we go.

1460 00:58:45,810 --> 00:58:48,060 I see.

1461 00:58:48,060 --> 00:58:52,500 Soldiers were standing up so nobody escape.

1462 00:58:52,500 --> 00:58:54,100 And how did the soldiers behave?

1463 00:58:54,100 --> 00:58:57,408

00:58:57,408 --> 00:58:58,632

You know what?

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00:58:58,632 --> 00:59:02,400

When they come to us,

soldiers-- one soldier

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00:59:02,400 --> 00:59:05,580

was standing by the door.

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00:59:05,580 --> 00:59:09,600

And there they

let, you know where

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00:59:09,600 --> 00:59:11,400

we're going to take some stuff.

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00:59:11,400 --> 00:59:12,100

Stuff.

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 $00:59:12,100 \longrightarrow 00:59:13,290$

Stuff.

1471

00:59:13,290 --> 00:59:18,720

And this guy put the

hot warm stuff on.

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00:59:18,720 --> 00:59:21,900

Good warm stuff on.

1473

00:59:21,900 --> 00:59:24,885

Because he knew

we go to Siberia.

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00:59:24,885 --> 00:59:26,400

Oh, that's where

they're taking you.

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 $00:59:26,400 \longrightarrow 00:59:32,600$

And he said in Russian

[SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

1476 00:59:32,600 --> 00:59:34,380

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00:59:34,380 --> 00:59:35,430 And what does that mean?

1478

00:59:35,430 --> 00:59:36,630 He was saying it.

1479

00:59:36,630 --> 00:59:37,140 Yeah.

1480

00:59:37,140 --> 00:59:42,060 And they was taking-- no, no you don't have to take nothing.

1481

00:59:42,060 --> 00:59:46,380 And you will see [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

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00:59:46,380 --> 00:59:48,690 Can you understand Russian?

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00:59:48,690 --> 00:59:51,030 Could you speak Russian at the time?

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00:59:51,030 --> 00:59:53,520 I understand a little.

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00:59:53,520 --> 00:59:59,040 Not too much, but Russian and Polish are very close,

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00:59:59,040 --> 01:00:00,360 you know.

1487

01:00:00,360 --> 01:00:01,890 And how old were you?

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01:00:01,890 --> 01:00:02,610 At this point--

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01:00:02,610 --> 01:00:03,820

Meaning my age?

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01:00:03,820 --> 01:00:06,135

Yeah, how old were you

when you were taken?

1491

01:00:06,135 --> 01:00:11,440

1492

01:00:11,440 --> 01:00:13,030

How old I could be.

1493

01:00:13,030 --> 01:00:15,670

1494

01:00:15,670 --> 01:00:18,310

14, 15?

1495

01:00:18,310 --> 01:00:19,750

OK.

1496

01:00:19,750 --> 01:00:23,350

Not anymore than that.

1497

01:00:23,350 --> 01:00:24,640

Were you afraid?

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01:00:24,640 --> 01:00:25,270

Pardon?

1499

01:00:25,270 --> 01:00:26,390

Were you afraid?

1500

01:00:26,390 --> 01:00:26,890

No.

1501

01:00:26,890 --> 01:00:29,500

1502 01:00:29,500 --> 01:00:34,120 I was afraid about my mother, because she was sick.

1503 01:00:34,120 --> 01:00:40,160 And so me and my brother, we were OK.

1504 01:00:40,160 --> 01:00:43,370

1505 01:00:43,370 --> 01:00:45,540 And where did they take you to?

1506 01:00:45,540 --> 01:00:46,040 Pardon?

1507 01:00:46,040 --> 01:00:49,940 Where did they take you to?

1508 01:00:49,940 --> 01:00:54,080 When you went to Novosibirsk Altaysky Krai, when the train

1509 01:00:54,080 --> 01:00:57,350 stopped, what did you see?

1510 01:00:57,350 --> 01:00:58,190 Where were you?

1511 01:00:58,190 --> 01:01:01,490

1512 01:01:01,490 --> 01:01:04,580 Big, big country.

1513 01:01:04,580 --> 01:01:06,040 Only the countryside?

1514

01:01:06,040 --> 01:01:07,680 Only the country.

1515

01:01:07,680 --> 01:01:09,080 Maybe a station.

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01:01:09,080 --> 01:01:10,790

That's what was it.

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01:01:10,790 --> 01:01:13,550 And the rest was nothing.

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01:01:13,550 --> 01:01:16,460 And what did you do?

1519

01:01:16,460 --> 01:01:18,440

We go in further.

1520

01:01:18,440 --> 01:01:19,700 On foot?

1521

01:01:19,700 --> 01:01:20,690 No.

1522 01:01:20,690 --> 01:01:21,320

By train.

1523

01:01:21,320 --> 01:01:22,450

By train.

1524

01:01:22,450 --> 01:01:22,950

OK.

1525

01:01:22,950 --> 01:01:26,450

All the way to Siberia.

1526

01:01:26,450 --> 01:01:30,050

And when the train

finally stopped--

1527

01:01:30,050 --> 01:01:31,370

when it finally stopped--

1528

01:01:31,370 --> 01:01:34,730

They put us on the train.

1529

01:01:34,730 --> 01:01:49,620

On the-- know no train, but the car.

1530

01:01:49,620 --> 01:01:50,785

In a truck?

1531

 $01:01:50,785 \longrightarrow 01:01:51,720$

Truck, yeah.

1532

01:01:51,720 --> 01:01:56,760

And back to the place that

we were supposed to stay.

1533

01:01:56,760 --> 01:01:59,140

And what does was that place?

1534

01:01:59,140 --> 01:02:03,030

What was the place you

were supposed to stay?

1535

01:02:03,030 --> 01:02:05,880

Kolkhoz.

1536

01:02:05,880 --> 01:02:06,820

A kolkhoz.

1537

01:02:06,820 --> 01:02:07,370

Kolkhoz.

1538

 $01:02:07,370 \longrightarrow 01:02:16,830$

They making everything

for the bread.

1539

01:02:16,830 --> 01:02:18,030

They were growing wheat?

01:02:18,030 --> 01:02:18,930

What?

1541

01:02:18,930 --> 01:02:22,450

Was it growing wheat

at the kolkhoz?

1542

01:02:22,450 --> 01:02:26,520

They grow something,

but I don't know.

1543

01:02:26,520 --> 01:02:27,630

Grow something.

1544

 $01:02:27,630 \longrightarrow 01:02:29,220$

I don't know.

1545

01:02:29,220 --> 01:02:32,050

I don't remember.

1546

 $01:02:32,050 \longrightarrow 01:02:32,550$

OK.

1547

01:02:32,550 --> 01:02:34,962

Can we cut for a second?

1548

01:02:34,962 --> 01:02:36,420

I think you're

dad's getting tired.

1549

01:02:36,420 --> 01:02:41,820

Russians hit Germans, so

they needed the soldiers.

1550

01:02:41,820 --> 01:02:50,490

And our General Anders, he rose and he organized Polish army

1551

01:02:50,490 --> 01:02:52,020

in Russia.

1552

01:02:52,020 --> 01:02:56,610 They let us know together, come to the one place.

1553

01:02:56,610 --> 01:03:02,070 They give us the food, they give us the dress and everything,

1554

01:03:02,070 --> 01:03:04,620 and we go to the front.

1555

01:03:04,620 --> 01:03:06,820 OK, we'll come to that.

1556

01:03:06,820 --> 01:03:08,810 But right now we'll have a short break.

1557

01:03:08,810 --> 01:03:09,660 Pardon?

1558

01:03:09,660 --> 01:03:12,060 We're going to have a little bit of a break,

1559

01:03:12,060 --> 01:03:16,350 and then I'll ask you in a little while more questions.

1560

01:03:16,350 --> 01:03:18,480 Yeah.

1561

01:03:18,480 --> 01:03:20,340 [SPEAKING POLISH]

[SPEAKING POLISH

01:03:20,340 --> 01:03:23,730

1563

01:03:23,730 --> 01:03:25,410

What did you say?

1564

01:03:25,410 --> 01:03:27,270

Let him have [INAUDIBLE].

1565 01:03:27,270 --> 01:03:27,960 It's fine.

1566 01:03:27,960 --> 01:03:28,680 It's fine.

1567 01:03:28,680 --> 01:03:29,400 He's fine.

1568 01:03:29,400 --> 01:03:31,530 He's fine.

1569 01:03:31,530 --> 01:03:32,430 OK.

1570 01:03:32,430 --> 01:03:38,610 All right, before the break, we were talking about Siberia.

1571 01:03:38,610 --> 01:03:39,270 Yeah.

1572 01:03:39,270 --> 01:03:42,750 You were taken to a kolkhoz, you said.

1573 01:03:42,750 --> 01:03:46,980 Tell people who don't know what a kolkhoz is what it was.

1574 01:03:46,980 --> 01:03:49,230 What kind of a place is tha kolkhoz?

1575 01:03:49,230 --> 01:03:51,240 [SPEAKING POLISH]

1576 01:03:51,240 --> 01:03:51,930 Kolkhoz? 1577 01:03:51,930 --> 01:03:53,580 Yeah, what is it?

1578 01:03:53,580 --> 01:03:55,800 It's a place where all the people are

1579 01:03:55,800 --> 01:03:59,910 working for me for one place.

1580 01:03:59,910 --> 01:04:05,970 OK, is it a factory?

1581 01:04:05,970 --> 01:04:07,110 No.

1582 01:04:07,110 --> 01:04:08,560 Is it a farm?

1583 01:04:08,560 --> 01:04:09,060 [INAUDIBLE]

1584 01:04:09,060 --> 01:04:10,770 Yeah, only the farm.

1585 01:04:10,770 --> 01:04:13,020 It's a farm, OK.

1586 01:04:13,020 --> 01:04:15,420 And from what I understand, a kolkhoz

1587 01:04:15,420 --> 01:04:20,090 is a farm that is a collective farm.

1588 01:04:20,090 --> 01:04:24,480 About a collective farm, I don't know.

1589 01:04:24,480 --> 01:04:25,800 1590 01:04:25,800 --> 01:04:27,060 What kind of--

1591 01:04:27,060 --> 01:04:30,970 For me it was something new

that I come in, you know?

1592 01:04:30,970 --> 01:04:34,950 I was only a boy at that time.

1593 01:04:34,950 --> 01:04:37,320 Tell me-- what happened with you?

1594 01:04:37,320 --> 01:04:40,920 What did you do at the kolkhoz?

1595 01:04:40,920 --> 01:04:42,630 What was your job?

1596 01:04:42,630 --> 01:04:44,940 Nothing.

1597 01:04:44,940 --> 01:04:46,140 You didn't have to work?

1598 01:04:46,140 --> 01:04:48,142 No.

1599 01:04:48,142 --> 01:04:48,850 Did your brother?

1600 01:04:48,850 --> 01:04:49,750 I was too young.

1601 01:04:49,750 --> 01:04:52,410 My brother, my mother-- yes.

1602 01:04:52,410 --> 01:04:54,640 I was kid.

1603

01:04:54,640 --> 01:04:56,252 So you didn't have to work yet.

1604

01:04:56,252 --> 01:04:56,752

Yeah

1605

01:04:56,752 --> 01:05:01,060

1606

01:05:01,060 --> 01:05:04,570

I don't remember

what I was doing.

1607

01:05:04,570 --> 01:05:06,430

What kind of work

did your brother do?

1608

01:05:06,430 --> 01:05:07,090

Huh?

1609

01:05:07,090 --> 01:05:11,240

What kind of work did your

brother do on the kolkhoz?

1610

01:05:11,240 --> 01:05:14,350

I don't know.

1611

01:05:14,350 --> 01:05:16,300

Was there food to eat?

1612

01:05:16,300 --> 01:05:17,560

I don't remember.

1613

01:05:17,560 --> 01:05:21,640

I don't know what they

were doing in that farm.

1614

 $01:05:21,640 \longrightarrow 01:05:22,750$

I don't know.

1615 01:05:22,750 --> 01:05:23,590 OK.

1616 01:05:23,590 --> 01:05:24,610 Where did you get--

1617 01:05:24,610 --> 01:05:27,810 I can't give you the answer if I don't know.

1618 01:05:27,810 --> 01:05:28,640 Of course.

1619 01:05:28,640 --> 01:05:29,750 I don't know.

1620 01:05:29,750 --> 01:05:32,770 I don't know what they did.

1621 01:05:32,770 --> 01:05:34,420 Been long time ago.

1622 01:05:34,420 --> 01:05:35,800 I was kid.

1623 01:05:35,800 --> 01:05:36,820 OK.

1624 01:05:36,820 --> 01:05:38,380 OK.

1625 01:05:38,380 --> 01:05:40,480 I don't know.

1626 01:05:40,480 --> 01:05:41,650 You need to turn it off?

1627 01:05:41,650 --> 01:05:42,150 OK.

1628

01:05:42,150 --> 01:05:42,834 Turn it off.

1629 01:05:42,834 --> 01:05:46,450

1630 01:05:46,450 --> 01:05:47,850 We're off now, I take it.

1631 01:05:47,850 --> 01:05:49,060 No.

1632 01:05:49,060 --> 01:05:52,072 We're running?

1633 01:05:52,072 --> 01:05:53,030 Do you want me to stop?

1634 01:05:53,030 --> 01:05:55,860 Of course.

1635 01:05:55,860 --> 01:05:58,790 OK, what was it that you wanted to tell me?

1636 01:05:58,790 --> 01:06:00,870 Yeah.

1637 01:06:00,870 --> 01:06:09,150 OK, when they released us from this, because we could--

1638 01:06:09,150 --> 01:06:11,620 there was a war with them.

1639 01:06:11,620 --> 01:06:13,695 And we had the Polish--

1640 01:06:13,695 --> 01:06:16,230 01:06:16,230 --> 01:06:22,470 probably something that they didn't tolerate.

1642 01:06:22,470 --> 01:06:27,090 So we went to the town, and there was a town

1643 01:06:27,090 --> 01:06:29,730 in which there was a garden.

1644 01:06:29,730 --> 01:06:39,630 And in the garden was a scene like for the players and piano.

1645 01:06:39,630 --> 01:06:44,280 And nobody can play piano, except my brother,

1646 01:06:44,280 --> 01:06:46,620 because my brother was perfect.

1647 01:06:46,620 --> 01:06:47,310 In piano.

1648 01:06:47,310 --> 01:06:50,910 So he was a piano player.

1649 01:06:50,910 --> 01:06:51,990 In Siberia?

1650 01:06:51,990 --> 01:06:54,062 Yeah, in Siberia.

1651 01:06:54,062 --> 01:06:55,020 Isn't that interesting?

1652 01:06:55,020 --> 01:06:56,430 Yeah.

1653 01:06:56,430 --> 01:06:58,080 Did he get more money? 1654 01:06:58,080 --> 01:07:00,070 Did he get something special from that?

1655 01:07:00,070 --> 01:07:02,580 I don't know.

1656 01:07:02,580 --> 01:07:05,495 I know I got more bread to eat.

1657 01:07:05,495 --> 01:07:07,390 Well, that's the more important thing.

1658 01:07:07,390 --> 01:07:07,890 Yeah.

1659 01:07:07,890 --> 01:07:09,300 Oh, yeah.

1660 01:07:09,300 --> 01:07:10,380 Was there bread?

1661 01:07:10,380 --> 01:07:12,360 Were you hungry there?

1662 01:07:12,360 --> 01:07:13,860 Always.

1663 01:07:13,860 --> 01:07:14,520 Yeah?

1664 01:07:14,520 --> 01:07:17,550 Always hungry.

1665 01:07:17,550 --> 01:07:20,130 I could eat, eat, eat.

1666 01:07:20,130 --> 01:07:20,760 Well, tell me. 1667 01:07:20,760 --> 01:07:23,400 What kind of food did you have?

1668 01:07:23,400 --> 01:07:24,060 Pardon?

1669 01:07:24,060 --> 01:07:26,175 What kind of food was there in Siberia?

1670 01:07:26,175 --> 01:07:29,400

1671 01:07:29,400 --> 01:07:32,700 To tell you the truth, I don't even remember.

1672 01:07:32,700 --> 01:07:36,960 I was too young to remember.

1673 01:07:36,960 --> 01:07:38,160 Did you have potatoes?

1674 01:07:38,160 --> 01:07:41,290 My mother did something-coked something.

1675 01:07:41,290 --> 01:07:42,720 Called what, I don't know.

1676 01:07:42,720 --> 01:07:44,860 I don't remember.

1677 01:07:44,860 --> 01:07:46,290 I don't know.

1678 01:07:46,290 --> 01:07:49,620 Until we joined the Polish army.

1679 01:07:49,620 --> 01:07:56,100 So when you joined the Polish army, how did that happen?

1680 01:07:56,100 --> 01:07:58,995 You were imprisoned or you were in--

1681 01:07:58,995 --> 01:08:01,710 Well, yeah.

1682 01:08:01,710 --> 01:08:08,010 We find out they did tell us Polish army organizing

1683 01:08:08,010 --> 01:08:10,020 in Russia.

1684 01:08:10,020 --> 01:08:13,620 And they let us go to join the army.

1685 01:08:13,620 --> 01:08:14,850 Did your mother go, too?

1686 01:08:14,850 --> 01:08:16,390 Oh, yeah-- no.

1687 01:08:16,390 --> 01:08:18,300 My brother and me.

1688 01:08:18,300 --> 01:08:20,960 My mother left home.

1689 01:08:20,960 --> 01:08:23,520 You mean she stayed behind?

1690 01:08:23,520 --> 01:08:24,270 Yeah.

1691 01:08:24,270 --> 01:08:26,130 Was she still alive?

01:08:26,130 --> 01:08:28,710 No, she died a long time ago.

1693

01:08:28,710 --> 01:08:34,229 OK, did she die before you left for the army?

1694

01:08:34,229 --> 01:08:36,540 No, after.

1695

01:08:36,540 --> 01:08:38,380 Yeah.

1696

01:08:38,380 --> 01:08:41,950 After we find out that she's dead.

1697

01:08:41,950 --> 01:08:45,370 They let us know, and we buried her.

1698

01:08:45,370 --> 01:08:46,460 And that's all.

1699

01:08:46,460 --> 01:08:51,670 But she was laying in a hospital, but she was dying.

1700

01:08:51,670 --> 01:08:57,859 And we took her out, which [SPEAKING POLISH]

1701

01:08:57,859 --> 01:09:02,950 you know that we put her in the grave.

1702

01:09:02,950 --> 01:09:04,074 And where is she buried?

1703

01:09:04,074 --> 01:09:06,700

1704 01:09:06,700 --> 01:09:08,983 There was a cemetery--

1705 01:09:08,983 --> 01:09:12,680 Russian cemetery.

1706 01:09:12,680 --> 01:09:15,740 Where they had a place you couldn't put--

1707 01:09:15,740 --> 01:09:18,729 only in this.

1708 01:09:18,729 --> 01:09:23,740 Did you have a possibility to put a stone up for your mother?

1709 01:09:23,740 --> 01:09:25,060 Is there a marker?

1710 01:09:25,060 --> 01:09:27,370 No.

1711 01:09:27,370 --> 01:09:32,370 They dig the hole--

1712 01:09:32,370 --> 01:09:34,319 deep hole.

1713 01:09:34,319 --> 01:09:42,359 So they let the body in, put few step--

1714 01:09:42,359 --> 01:09:43,290 Some dirt?

1715 01:09:43,290 --> 01:09:47,330 Yeah, so they cover her up, and that's it.

1716 01:09:47,330 --> 01:09:51,740 1717 01:09:51,740 --> 01:09:55,910 No [SPEAKING POLISH] I mean, no.

1718 01:09:55,910 --> 01:09:59,180

1719 01:09:59,180 --> 01:10:01,970 [SPEAKING POLISH]

1720 01:10:01,970 --> 01:10:08,230

1721 01:10:08,230 --> 01:10:10,790 [INAUDIBLE]

1722 01:10:10,790 --> 01:10:12,050 Were there prayers?

1723 01:10:12,050 --> 01:10:14,400 Was there a mass for her?

1724 01:10:14,400 --> 01:10:19,150 No, there was no.

1725 01:10:19,150 --> 01:10:20,560 OK, can we cut for a second?

1726 01:10:20,560 --> 01:10:22,530 If you could say the same thing now on tape--

1727 01:10:22,530 --> 01:10:23,030 [INAUDIBLE]

1728 01:10:23,030 --> 01:10:26,080 If you believe in something, they kill you.

1729 01:10:26,080 --> 01:10:29,600 You say there is a God, no siree.

1730

01:10:29,600 --> 01:10:30,520

There is no God.

1731

01:10:30,520 --> 01:10:31,320

There is Stalin.

1732

01:10:31,320 --> 01:10:31,950

That's all.

1733

01:10:31,950 --> 01:10:34,450

[SPEAKING POLISH]

1734

01:10:34,450 --> 01:10:39,580

1735

01:10:39,580 --> 01:10:41,200

Yeah.

1736

01:10:41,200 --> 01:10:44,170

[SPEAKING POLISH]

1737

01:10:44,170 --> 01:10:53,830

1738

01:10:53,830 --> 01:10:54,430

Yeah.

1739

01:10:54,430 --> 01:10:58,200

So no priest, no

marker, nothing.

1740

01:10:58,200 --> 01:11:01,480

OK, and then you went

to join the army?

1741

01:11:01,480 --> 01:11:02,650

Yeah.

1742

01:11:02,650 --> 01:11:03,970 Tell me about that.

1743

01:11:03,970 --> 01:11:07,220

1744

01:11:07,220 --> 01:11:10,540 How did you find all of the other people?

1745

01:11:10,540 --> 01:11:12,410 Where did they come from?

1746

01:11:12,410 --> 01:11:14,380 And who is General Anders?

1747

01:11:14,380 --> 01:11:16,340 Yeah.

1748

01:11:16,340 --> 01:11:16,940 OK.

1749

01:11:16,940 --> 01:11:19,070 We read it in the paper that they

1750

01:11:19,070 --> 01:11:23,240 organize in Poland Polish army.

1751

01:11:23,240 --> 01:11:24,110 OK.

1752

01:11:24,110 --> 01:11:25,700 In Russia.

1753

01:11:25,700 --> 01:11:28,430 And where in Russia did you join them?

1754

01:11:28,430 --> 01:11:28,970

What place?

01:11:28,970 --> 01:11:35,300

1756

01:11:35,300 --> 01:11:37,100 I can't remember that.

1757

01:11:37,100 --> 01:11:37,600 OK.

1758

01:11:37,600 --> 01:11:44,210 I can't tell you exactly the name of it,

1759

01:11:44,210 --> 01:11:46,430 but it was the Polish army.

1760

01:11:46,430 --> 01:11:47,210 Yeah.

1761

01:11:47,210 --> 01:11:50,220 Was it far from where you were in Altaysky Krai?

1762

01:11:50,220 --> 01:11:55,070 They let all the Polish prisoners, you know?

1763

01:11:55,070 --> 01:11:57,350 You know, because Russians--

1764

01:11:57,350 --> 01:12:00,070 they have a Polish prison there.

1765

01:12:00,070 --> 01:12:01,820 They let them out.

1766

01:12:01,820 --> 01:12:04,800 They organized in one place.

1767

01:12:04,800 --> 01:12:09,710 The action as I remember

that place, but I forgot now.

1768

01:12:09,710 --> 01:12:11,240 Years ago.

1769

01:12:11,240 --> 01:12:13,730 I was kid almost.

1770

01:12:13,730 --> 01:12:15,170 Now, did you tell me--

1771

01:12:15,170 --> 01:12:20,700 I had two years to join the army.

1772

01:12:20,700 --> 01:12:23,360 Yeah, I was 16, but you know.

1773

01:12:23,360 --> 01:12:25,490 They wouldn't take I was 18.

1774

01:12:25,490 --> 01:12:28,070 I said I'm 18.

1775

01:12:28,070 --> 01:12:28,970 And they took you?

1776

01:12:28,970 --> 01:12:30,230 They asked me the question.

1777

01:12:30,230 --> 01:12:32,030 I don't have anything.

1778

01:12:32,030 --> 01:12:35,360 The Russians took it away from me.

1779

01:12:35,360 --> 01:12:37,550 You mean all your identification papers.

1780

01:12:37,550 --> 01:12:38,480 No.

1781

01:12:38,480 --> 01:12:39,140 Nothing.

1782

01:12:39,140 --> 01:12:39,640

Yeah.

1783

01:12:39,640 --> 01:12:42,540 OK, was your brother with you?

1784

01:12:42,540 --> 01:12:43,460

Pardon?

1785

01:12:43,460 --> 01:12:45,530

Did you go together with your brother?

1786

01:12:45,530 --> 01:12:47,660

Yeah, with my brother.

1787

01:12:47,660 --> 01:12:48,740

Older brother.

1788

01:12:48,740 --> 01:12:52,110

Did you stay with your brother the entire time?

1789

01:12:52,110 --> 01:12:55,790 Yeah, for a few months, yes.

reall, for a few months, yes

1790

01:12:55,790 --> 01:12:56,840

Together.

1791

01:12:56,840 --> 01:13:00,750

Until we moved from

Russia to Iraq.

1792

01:13:00,750 --> 01:13:01,250

Tell me.

01:13:01,250 --> 01:13:03,740 How did you leave

Russia to Iraq?

1794

01:13:03,740 --> 01:13:05,160

How did that happen?

1795

01:13:05,160 --> 01:13:05,660

What?

1796

01:13:05,660 --> 01:13:10,280

How did you leave

Russia for Iraq or Iran?

1797

01:13:10,280 --> 01:13:11,840

With the trains.

1798

01:13:11,840 --> 01:13:12,830

With the trains?

1799

01:13:12,830 --> 01:13:14,720

Yeah.

1800

01:13:14,720 --> 01:13:15,380

OK.

1801

01:13:15,380 --> 01:13:17,030

Yeah, with the trains.

1802

01:13:17,030 --> 01:13:20,270

Did you go by boat

at all or just train?

1803

01:13:20,270 --> 01:13:20,900

Pardon?

1804

01:13:20,900 --> 01:13:22,850

Did you go by boat at all?

1805

01:13:22,850 --> 01:13:23,350

No.

01:13:23,350 --> 01:13:23,960

No

1807

01:13:23,960 --> 01:13:25,370

By train.

1808

01:13:25,370 --> 01:13:26,240

OK.

1809

01:13:26,240 --> 01:13:30,940 Yeah, it was --what's the name?

1810

01:13:30,940 --> 01:13:33,630

1811

01:13:33,630 --> 01:13:36,960

I forgot.

1812

01:13:36,960 --> 01:13:40,840

But we joined the army.

1813

01:13:40,840 --> 01:13:45,280

Then the army organized by General Anders.

1814

01:13:45,280 --> 01:13:47,225

And we moved to Egypt.

1815

01:13:47,225 --> 01:13:50,270

1816

 $01:13:50,270 \longrightarrow 01:13:51,710$

No-- Iraq.

1817

01:13:51,710 --> 01:13:56,510

From Iraq to Egypt, and

from Egypt to Italy--

1818

01:13:56,510 --> 01:13:57,950

fighting.

01:13:57,950 --> 01:14:02,360

So did you have any basic training in Egypt?

1820

01:14:02,360 --> 01:14:03,020

Yeah.

1821

01:14:03,020 --> 01:14:03,570

You did?

1822

01:14:03,570 --> 01:14:04,070

Yeah.

1823

01:14:04,070 --> 01:14:05,870

Oh, yeah.

1824

01:14:05,870 --> 01:14:07,220

How long?

1825

01:14:07,220 --> 01:14:08,355

What was that all about?

1826

01:14:08,355 --> 01:14:17,690

1827

01:14:17,690 --> 01:14:20,000

Like a radio station.

1828

01:14:20,000 --> 01:14:21,980

Not a radio station, but the--

1829

01:14:21,980 --> 01:14:27,470

1830

 $01:14:27,470 \longrightarrow 01:14:32,510$

that you talk by

the telephones--

1831

01:14:32,510 --> 01:14:33,680

by the radio.

01:14:33,680 --> 01:14:34,310 OK.

1833

01:14:34,310 --> 01:14:34,940 Yeah.

1834

01:14:34,940 --> 01:14:37,310 OK, so it was like a radio operator.

1835

01:14:37,310 --> 01:14:39,590 Yeah, radio operator.

1836

01:14:39,590 --> 01:14:41,210 Was that your job--

1837

01:14:41,210 --> 01:14:42,920 to be a radio operator?

1838

01:14:42,920 --> 01:14:48,890 Until sometimes, and then I joined the different place

1839

01:14:48,890 --> 01:14:50,930 to fight.

1840

01:14:50,930 --> 01:14:52,730 I was in the--

1841

01:14:52,730 --> 01:15:00,694

1842

01:15:00,694 --> 01:15:05,560 anyway, we went to the army.

1843

01:15:05,560 --> 01:15:10,390 We joined the army, and we stay here in Kirkuk.

1844

01:15:10,390 --> 01:15:13,686

From Kirkuk we went to the front.

1845

01:15:13,686 --> 01:15:15,460 And that's it.

1846

01:15:15,460 --> 01:15:18,010 Well, where was the front?

1847

01:15:18,010 --> 01:15:19,510 Where was the front?

1848

01:15:19,510 --> 01:15:22,150 The front was someplace.

1849

01:15:22,150 --> 01:15:25,210 I don't remember where.

1850

01:15:25,210 --> 01:15:27,520 Was it in Italy?

1851

01:15:27,520 --> 01:15:28,030 No.

1852

01:15:28,030 --> 01:15:28,720 No?

1853

01:15:28,720 --> 01:15:30,670 No.

1854

01:15:30,670 --> 01:15:33,290 Somewhere I don't know.

1855

01:15:33,290 --> 01:15:34,250 Did you fight--

1856

01:15:34,250 --> 01:15:40,700

In the first place we had to go to exercise.

1857

01:15:40,700 --> 01:15:49,880

So they give us time to organize and General Anders.

1858

01:15:49,880 --> 01:15:52,820 Maybe you heard about that name.

1859

01:15:52,820 --> 01:15:55,850 General Anders-- he organized.

1860

01:15:55,850 --> 01:15:57,920 Who is General Anders?

1861

01:15:57,920 --> 01:16:05,090 General Anders was the one guy that organized all those armies

1862

01:16:05,090 --> 01:16:06,190 in Poland--

1863

01:16:06,190 --> 01:16:07,640 in Russia.

1864

01:16:07,640 --> 01:16:08,390 OK.

1865

01:16:08,390 --> 01:16:11,030 Yeah.

1866

01:16:11,030 --> 01:16:17,600 He was released from the jail.

1867

01:16:17,600 --> 01:16:18,590 Yeah.

1868

01:16:18,590 --> 01:16:20,350 Who's jail?

1869

01:16:20,350 --> 01:16:23,650

Who put him in jail?

1870

01:16:23,650 --> 01:16:25,630

Russians.

1871 01:16:25,630 --> 01:16:29,900 He was a Polish general, so they grab him.

1872

01:16:29,900 --> 01:16:32,740 You know, whatever it is.

1873

01:16:32,740 --> 01:16:37,450 You never head about General Anders?

1874

01:16:37,450 --> 01:16:40,250 I wanted you to tell me who he was.

1875

01:16:40,250 --> 01:16:42,950 No, but I was under him.

1876

01:16:42,950 --> 01:16:47,350 But I was in a different-there was fifth division,

1877

01:16:47,350 --> 01:16:49,360 sixth division.

1878

01:16:49,360 --> 01:16:55,090 Yeah, I was in [SPEAKING POLISH]

1879

01:16:55,090 --> 01:17:01,500

1880

01:17:01,500 --> 01:17:03,460 You were in the sixth division?

1881

01:17:03,460 --> 01:17:04,570 Pardon?

1882

01:17:04,570 --> 01:17:08,940

Were you in the sixth division you said?

01:17:08,940 --> 01:17:09,610

1884

01:17:09,610 --> 01:17:12,450 [SPEAKING POLISH]

1885

01:17:12,450 --> 01:17:15,610

1886

01:17:15,610 --> 01:17:17,880 Either the 5th or 5.

1887

01:17:17,880 --> 01:17:18,985 I don't remember.

1888

01:17:18,985 --> 01:17:25,070

1889

01:17:25,070 --> 01:17:27,230 But my brother was killed.

1890

01:17:27,230 --> 01:17:28,520 Tell me about that.

1891

01:17:28,520 --> 01:17:30,290 How did this happen?

1892

01:17:30,290 --> 01:17:31,040 I don't know.

1893

01:17:31,040 --> 01:17:33,680 He was in a different company.

1894

01:17:33,680 --> 01:17:37,220 I was in a different company, and then I

1895

01:17:37,220 --> 01:17:39,410 find out that he was killed.

01:17:39,410 --> 01:17:41,390

What battle was this?

1897

01:17:41,390 --> 01:17:42,680

In Monte Cassino.

1898

01:17:42,680 --> 01:17:43,730

In Monte Cassino?

1899

01:17:43,730 --> 01:17:44,720

Yeah.

1900

01:17:44,720 --> 01:17:48,120

Did you fight in the

Battle of Monte Cassino?

1901

01:17:48,120 --> 01:17:49,830

I was lucky.

1902

 $01:17:49,830 \longrightarrow 01:17:52,140$

I didn't.

1903

01:17:52,140 --> 01:17:53,010

But he did.

1904

01:17:53,010 --> 01:17:56,210

1905

01:17:56,210 --> 01:17:59,300

Because I was moved out.

1906

01:17:59,300 --> 01:18:02,420

I got sick or something.

1907

01:18:02,420 --> 01:18:06,710

I had to be removed

to go to hospital.

1908

01:18:06,710 --> 01:18:07,250

I see.

01:18:07,250 --> 01:18:10,460 And then I find out that my brother was killed.

1910

01:18:10,460 --> 01:18:11,120 I see.

1911

01:18:11,120 --> 01:18:13,440 Yeah.

1912

01:18:13,440 --> 01:18:15,400 So then you were all alone.

1913

01:18:15,400 --> 01:18:15,900 Pardon?

1914

01:18:15,900 --> 01:18:18,180 Then you were all alone.

1915

01:18:18,180 --> 01:18:24,730 Well, there was the Polish guys, too in the hospital.

1916

01:18:24,730 --> 01:18:26,610 Yeah.

1917

01:18:26,610 --> 01:18:28,620 Then I was only alone.

1918

01:18:28,620 --> 01:18:35,370 My mother had died, my brother was killed, and I left alone.

1919

01:18:35,370 --> 01:18:38,820 But I was in the army then.

1920

01:18:38,820 --> 01:18:42,660 And from the army we moved to Iraq.

1921

01:18:42,660 --> 01:18:47,700

From Iraq we went to Egypt.

1922

01:18:47,700 --> 01:18:50,610 From Egypt we went to the front.

1923

01:18:50,610 --> 01:18:52,510 And the front was at Monti--

1924

01:18:52,510 --> 01:18:53,010 In.

1925

01:18:53,010 --> 01:18:53,520 Italy

1926

01:18:53,520 --> 01:18:54,420 In Italy.

1927

01:18:54,420 --> 01:18:54,990 Yeah.

1928

01:18:54,990 --> 01:18:55,500 OK.

1929

01:18:55,500 --> 01:19:00,040 Oh, we had to go up to Monte Cassino.

1930

01:19:00,040 --> 01:19:02,550 Oh, so you had to climb Monte Cassino?

1931

01:19:02,550 --> 01:19:03,150 Pardon?

1932

01:19:03,150 --> 01:19:04,880 Did you have to go up a hill?

1933

01:19:04,880 --> 01:19:05,760 Yeah.

1934

01:19:05,760 --> 01:19:09,150

No, slowly, slowly.

1935

01:19:09,150 --> 01:19:11,910

Germans were very strong, you know.

1936

01:19:11,910 --> 01:19:15,250

1937

01:19:15,250 --> 01:19:19,430 So when there was the battle, you were in the hospital.

1938

01:19:19,430 --> 01:19:22,330 Yeah, I was wounded one thing.

1939

01:19:22,330 --> 01:19:23,380

You were wounded?

1940

01:19:23,380 --> 01:19:26,550

Yeah, in the leg.

1941

01:19:26,550 --> 01:19:28,815

So you had been taking part--

1942

01:19:28,815 --> 01:19:29,565

you had been shot?

1943

01:19:29,565 --> 01:19:32,130

Yeah, and then I find

out when I come back--

1944

01:19:32,130 --> 01:19:37,030

I find out that my

brother was killed.

10/15

01:19:37,030 --> 01:19:37,780

Yeah.

1946

01:19:37,780 --> 01:19:40,510

Did you-- were you

able to bury him?

01:19:40,510 --> 01:19:41,404

No.

1948

01:19:41,404 --> 01:19:42,298

No?

1949

01:19:42,298 --> 01:19:44,086

No.

1950

01:19:44,086 --> 01:19:45,740

Did you see him again?

1951

01:19:45,740 --> 01:19:46,250

No.

1952

01:19:46,250 --> 01:19:47,570

Did it-- so you didn't--

1953

01:19:47,570 --> 01:19:51,140

No, I know where

he's laying, yeah.

1954

01:19:51,140 --> 01:19:51,950

That's all.

1955

01:19:51,950 --> 01:19:55,370

But I couldn't lay him

out, because I was out

1956

01:19:55,370 --> 01:19:58,100

in the hospital,

and he was killed.

1957

01:19:58,100 --> 01:19:59,540

Oh, I see.

1958

01:19:59,540 --> 01:20:00,050

Yeah.

1959

01:20:00,050 --> 01:20:01,270

So who buried him?

1960

01:20:01,270 --> 01:20:04,660

1961

01:20:04,660 --> 01:20:06,310 Some other guys.

1962

01:20:06,310 --> 01:20:06,880 OK.

1963

01:20:06,880 --> 01:20:07,870 Yeah.

1964

01:20:07,870 --> 01:20:09,800 OK.

1965

01:20:09,800 --> 01:20:14,720 They're not going to leave anybody laying.

1966

01:20:14,720 --> 01:20:16,010 They take it up.

1967

01:20:16,010 --> 01:20:22,250 You know, they're a special company to move the--

1968

01:20:22,250 --> 01:20:23,000 The bodies.

1969

01:20:23,000 --> 01:20:25,910 Yeah, wounded or killed.

1970

01:20:25,910 --> 01:20:26,810 Yeah.

1971

01:20:26,810 --> 01:20:35,820 OK, and after that, how long did you stay in this hospital?

1972

01:20:35,820 --> 01:20:38,250 I did not come back.

1973

01:20:38,250 --> 01:20:39,600 Did you fight again?

1974

01:20:39,600 --> 01:20:41,130 Yeah, no.

1975

01:20:41,130 --> 01:20:42,630 You never fought again?

1976

01:20:42,630 --> 01:20:45,210 War over.

1977

01:20:45,210 --> 01:20:47,160 Quiet already.

1978

01:20:47,160 --> 01:20:50,010 When the war was over, were you still in Italy?

1979

01:20:50,010 --> 01:20:50,670 Yeah.

1980

01:20:50,670 --> 01:20:51,300 Yeah?

1981

01:20:51,300 --> 01:20:51,930 Yeah.

1982

01:20:51,930 --> 01:20:54,510 OK.

1983

01:20:54,510 --> 01:21:01,781 In Italy, and then they took us to England.

1984

01:21:01,781 --> 01:21:04,100

We go to England.

1985

01:21:04,100 --> 01:21:05,570 We stay in England.

1986

01:21:05,570 --> 01:21:09,010 That's it.

1987 01:21:09,010 --> 01:21:12,580 That's what was working over there-- everywhere.

1988

01:21:12,580 --> 01:21:17,200 So when the war was over, you were able to go to England

1989

01:21:17,200 --> 01:21:18,190 and work in England.

1990

01:21:18,190 --> 01:21:22,860

1991

01:21:22,860 --> 01:21:25,530 I wouldn't be able to work--

1992

01:21:25,530 --> 01:21:27,000 to go to England.

1993

01:21:27,000 --> 01:21:29,460 They take us to England.

1994

01:21:29,460 --> 01:21:30,240 They took you.

1995

01:21:30,240 --> 01:21:37,230 All the battalions, and then our Polish army.

1996

01:21:37,230 --> 01:21:40,590 And then OK, over there everybody

1997

01:21:40,590 --> 01:21:47,250 got to go to get the work,

wherever he may be able to,

1998 01:21:47,250 --> 01:21:49,350 and start your family.

1999 01:21:49,350 --> 01:21:50,700 That's it.

2000 01:21:50,700 --> 01:21:53,950 And so you didn't go back to Poland?

2001 01:21:53,950 --> 01:21:59,610 No, no I couldn't go to Poland because no use.

2002 01:21:59,610 --> 01:22:07,290 Poland was occupied by the Russians-- the Russians, yeah.

2003 01:22:07,290 --> 01:22:11,790 Did you know-- did you try to get in touch with your father?

2004 01:22:11,790 --> 01:22:16,210 No, I didn't know where he is.

2005 01:22:16,210 --> 01:22:18,730 Did he try to find you?

2006 01:22:18,730 --> 01:22:20,990 One time I saw him.

2007 01:22:20,990 --> 01:22:22,880 Only one time.

2008 01:22:22,880 --> 01:22:24,260 That's it.

2009 01:22:24,260 --> 01:22:30,070 And then he goes away and I stay home. 2010 01:22:30,070 --> 01:22:32,800 That it.

2011

01:22:32,800 --> 01:22:33,880 Where did you see him?

2012

01:22:33,880 --> 01:22:34,922 When you were in England?

2013

01:22:34,922 --> 01:22:40,220

2014

01:22:40,220 --> 01:22:45,590 I don't remember if in England, in Italy.

2015

01:22:45,590 --> 01:22:49,000 I think in England.

2016

01:22:49,000 --> 01:22:55,180 Ah, anyway he's no more alive.

2017

01:22:55,180 --> 01:23:00,260 And mother dead, and brother dead.

2018

01:23:00,260 --> 01:23:04,860 Whole family, except me so far.

2019

01:23:04,860 --> 01:23:08,810

2020

01:23:08,810 --> 01:23:14,010 But you have another family now-- the family you started.

2021

01:23:14,010 --> 01:23:14,510 Yeah.

2022

01:23:14,510 --> 01:23:19,230

2023 01:23:19,230 --> 01:23:20,190 [INAUDIBLE]

2024 01:23:20,190 --> 01:23:25,880

2025 01:23:25,880 --> 01:23:26,830 I was lucky.

2026 01:23:26,830 --> 01:23:31,830

2027 01:23:31,830 --> 01:23:33,930 What was the hardest part in all of this?

2028 01:23:33,930 --> 01:23:34,740 Pardon?

2029 01:23:34,740 --> 01:23:36,960 What was the hardest part for you

2030 01:23:36,960 --> 01:23:38,530 in all of this that happened?

2031 01:23:38,530 --> 01:23:41,770

2032 01:23:41,770 --> 01:23:47,680 Hardest things it was in Russia, because you couldn't

2033 01:23:47,680 --> 01:23:51,280 have enough bread to eat.

2034 01:23:51,280 --> 01:23:53,600 Always hungry.

2035

01:23:53,600 --> 01:23:56,500 OK, what did people eat in Russia?

2036 01:23:56,500 --> 01:23:57,190 I don't know.

2037 01:23:57,190 --> 01:24:06,500 I don't know what they eat, how they eat food.

2038 01:24:06,500 --> 01:24:08,530 I was it on the--

2039 01:24:08,530 --> 01:24:12,980 when I joined the army, they give you food.

2040 01:24:12,980 --> 01:24:18,320 You know, they had to give you food from the one time.

2041 01:24:18,320 --> 01:24:22,620

2042 01:24:22,620 --> 01:24:25,200 Yeah.

2043 01:24:25,200 --> 01:24:28,350 Did many people from the kolkhoz go to the army--

2044 01:24:28,350 --> 01:24:30,720 to the Polish army?

2045 01:24:30,720 --> 01:24:32,670 No, we only were two--

2046 01:24:32,670 --> 01:24:33,690 two of us.

2047 01:24:33,690 --> 01:24:34,410 Really?

2048

01:24:34,410 --> 01:24:38,130 Yeah, [INAUDIBLE] Russians.

2049

01:24:38,130 --> 01:24:39,080

I see.

2050

01:24:39,080 --> 01:24:39,740

I see.

2051

01:24:39,740 --> 01:24:42,455

I see.

2052

01:24:42,455 --> 01:24:46,810

And they fight Germans, too.

2053

01:24:46,810 --> 01:24:50,420

2054

01:24:50,420 --> 01:24:51,905

Did you ever go back to Poland?

2055

01:24:51,905 --> 01:24:54,470

2056

01:24:54,470 --> 01:24:57,820

Yes, I went one time.

2057

01:24:57,820 --> 01:25:00,190

How many years later?

2058

01:25:00,190 --> 01:25:01,075

How many years?

2059

01:25:01,075 --> 01:25:03,940

2060

01:25:03,940 --> 01:25:07,136

Maybe 10, 15.

2061 01:25:07,136 --> 01:25:07,636 Yeah.

2062 01:25:07,636 --> 01:25:16,440

2063 01:25:16,440 --> 01:25:20,790 Did your children ask you about what happened during the war?

2064 01:25:20,790 --> 01:25:23,940 Did your children ask you about what you had gone through?

2065 01:25:23,940 --> 01:25:25,110 I told them.

2066 01:25:25,110 --> 01:25:25,950 You told them.

2067 01:25:25,950 --> 01:25:28,470

2068 01:25:28,470 --> 01:25:29,220 They never ask me.

2069 01:25:29,220 --> 01:25:29,970 I told them.

2070 01:25:29,970 --> 01:25:38,470

2071 01:25:38,470 --> 01:25:39,220 Here.

2072 01:25:39,220 --> 01:25:41,920 There is my orders.

2073 01:25:41,920 --> 01:25:44,630 OK, those are some medals and some photos. 2074 01:25:44,630 --> 01:25:46,480 And we're going to film those.

2075 01:25:46,480 --> 01:25:48,930 The one on the top is the highest.

2076 01:25:48,930 --> 01:25:49,960 We'll take those down.

2077 01:25:49,960 --> 01:25:51,655 [SPEAKING POLISH]

2078 01:25:51,655 --> 01:25:53,290

2079 01:25:53,290 --> 01:25:58,445 OK, well, is there anything else you'd like to say today?

2080 01:25:58,445 --> 01:25:58,945 Pardon?

2081 01:25:58,945 --> 01:26:02,410 Or is there anything else you'd like to add to your interview

2082 01:26:02,410 --> 01:26:03,520 today?

2083 01:26:03,520 --> 01:26:04,870 No.

2084 01:26:04,870 --> 01:26:05,380 No?

2085 01:26:05,380 --> 01:26:08,830 I think you asked too many questions.

2086

01:26:08,830 --> 01:26:09,865 I'm sorry.

2087

01:26:09,865 --> 01:26:12,300 I'm sorry.

2088

01:26:12,300 --> 01:26:13,750 Yeah.

2089

01:26:13,750 --> 01:26:14,810 Well, what I just--

2090

01:26:14,810 --> 01:26:18,070 No, you asked the questions, I had to answer it.

2091

01:26:18,070 --> 01:26:18,660 That's it.

2092

01:26:18,660 --> 01:26:21,490 But I said, OK.

2093

01:26:21,490 --> 01:26:23,180 I answered all the questions.

2094

01:26:23,180 --> 01:26:24,088 Thank you.

2095

01:26:24,088 --> 01:26:25,130 Thank you for doing that.

2096

01:26:25,130 --> 01:26:28,450 Thank you very much for--

2097

01:26:28,450 --> 01:26:30,940 What I will do now, though, is I will--

2098

01:26:30,940 --> 01:26:33,430 if you could remain seated for a minute,

01:26:33,430 --> 01:26:35,260

I will conclude the interview.

2100

01:26:35,260 --> 01:26:39,220

This concludes the United

States Holocaust Memorial Museum

2101

01:26:39,220 --> 01:26:47,350

interview with Mr. Lucian

Pawlowski on May 24, 2019.

2102

01:26:47,350 --> 01:26:50,920

And now we will film

some of your medals

2103

01:26:50,920 --> 01:26:52,540

and your photographs.

2104

01:26:52,540 --> 01:26:53,260

OK, thank you.

2105

01:26:53,260 --> 01:26:56,080

2106

01:26:56,080 --> 01:26:59,260

This is 15 seconds of room tone.

2107

01:26:59,260 --> 01:27:00,195

Huh?

2108

01:27:00,195 --> 01:27:01,320

He's talking to the camera.

2109

01:27:01,320 --> 01:27:18,870

2110

 $01:27:18,870 \longrightarrow 01:27:23,620$

You know Yeah

whenever you're ready

2111

01:27:23,620 --> 01:27:27,970

Mr. Pawlowski, who is this in this photograph right here?

2112

01:27:27,970 --> 01:27:28,630

Where?

2113

01:27:28,630 --> 01:27:29,243

Right here.

2114

01:27:29,243 --> 01:27:30,160

Can you see where my--

2115

01:27:30,160 --> 01:27:30,660

That's me.

2116

 $01:27:30,660 \longrightarrow 01:27:31,550$

That's you.

2117

01:27:31,550 --> 01:27:32,290

Yeah.

2118

01:27:32,290 --> 01:27:34,120

How old were you here?

2119

01:27:34,120 --> 01:27:34,780

Pardon?

2120

01:27:34,780 --> 01:27:36,300

How old were you here?

2121

01:27:36,300 --> 01:27:38,510

I don't know.

2122

01:27:38,510 --> 01:27:40,080

You don't know?

2123

 $01:27:40,080 \longrightarrow 01:27:41,020$

Were you in the army?

2124

 $01:27:41,020 \longrightarrow 01:27:42,340$

Different picture.

2125 01:27:42,340 --> 01:27:43,150 That's it.

2126 01:27:43,150 --> 01:27:43,650 OK.

2127 01:27:43,650 --> 01:27:45,370 [INAUDIBLE]

2128 01:27:45,370 --> 01:27:46,650 Was he-- you can say.

2129 01:27:46,650 --> 01:27:47,230 Yeah.

2130 01:27:47,230 --> 01:27:48,560 He was in the army.

2131 01:27:48,560 --> 01:27:50,140 He was in the army at that time.

2132 01:27:50,140 --> 01:27:50,640 Yes.

2133 01:27:50,640 --> 01:27:52,930 OK, this is what your wife is telling me.

2134 01:27:52,930 --> 01:27:55,510 All right, so you were in the army at that time?

2135 01:27:55,510 --> 01:28:00,190 Right there in those three, one of them are me.

2136 01:28:00,190 --> 01:28:02,740 Oh, one of these three is you as well? 01:28:02,740 --> 01:28:04,430 Yeah, on the right.

2138

01:28:04,430 --> 01:28:05,080

Yeah.

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01:28:05,080 --> 01:28:08,260

OK, we'll see this picture.

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01:28:08,260 --> 01:28:10,800

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01:28:10,800 --> 01:28:13,610

And that was you in the army with two friends?

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01:28:13,610 --> 01:28:15,030

Yeah, [INAUDIBLE].

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01:28:15,030 --> 01:28:15,930

OK.

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01:28:15,930 --> 01:28:18,360

Yeah, from my company.

2145

01:28:18,360 --> 01:28:20,820

And what is this in the middle?

2146

 $01:28:20,820 \longrightarrow 01:28:21,400$

Pardon?

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 $01:28:21,400 \longrightarrow 01:28:25,380$

What is this metal that

I see in the middle?

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01:28:25,380 --> 01:28:31,110

First one is a

[SPEAKING POLISH] That means

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01:28:31,110 --> 01:28:34,080

that I was a good soldier like.

2150 01:28:34,080 --> 01:28:34,950 OK.

2151 01:28:34,950 --> 01:28:44,280 Yeah, and the other on the

Yeah, and the other on the south is the name of this.

2152 01:28:44,280 --> 01:28:45,300 The Polish Eagle?

2153 01:28:45,300 --> 01:28:46,530 Yeah, Polish Eagle.

2154 01:28:46,530 --> 01:28:48,480 So that's the one that's just below it.

2155 01:28:48,480 --> 01:28:51,480 Yeah, and these are the English--

2156 01:28:51,480 --> 01:28:52,410 all English.

2157 01:28:52,410 --> 01:28:54,390 And they give it to you.

2158 01:28:54,390 --> 01:28:59,550 I don't know what kind of to tell you exactly.

2159 01:28:59,550 --> 01:29:01,980 You have to ask the English.

2160 01:29:01,980 --> 01:29:04,650 OK, but these are all the medals you

2161 01:29:04,650 --> 01:29:06,990 got as part of being in the British forces? 2162 01:29:06,990 --> 01:29:08,010 Yeah.

2163 01:29:08,010 --> 01:29:08,565 All English.

2164 01:29:08,565 --> 01:29:12,100

2165 01:29:12,100 --> 01:29:13,630 There we go.

2166 01:29:13,630 --> 01:29:15,240 Let's take a look at all of these.

2167 01:29:15,240 --> 01:29:16,090 This looks good.

2168 01:29:16,090 --> 01:29:20,060

2169 01:29:20,060 --> 01:29:24,380 Do you remember the name of what division you were in and what--

2170 01:29:24,380 --> 01:29:25,160 Yeah.

2171 01:29:25,160 --> 01:29:27,080 What was it?

2172 01:29:27,080 --> 01:29:31,730 56-- [POLISH].

2173 01:29:31,730 --> 01:29:32,555 Sixth division.

2174 01:29:32,555 --> 01:29:36,980 2175 01:29:36,980 --> 01:29:39,545 [SPEAKING POLISH]

2176 01:29:39,545 --> 01:29:45,100

2177 01:29:45,100 --> 01:29:47,530 You can say it in Polish.

2178 01:29:47,530 --> 01:29:50,300 [SPEAKING POLISH]

2179 01:29:50,300 --> 01:30:02,150

2180 01:30:02,150 --> 01:30:02,650 Go ahead.

2181 01:30:02,650 --> 01:30:06,820 [SPEAKING POLISH]

2182 01:30:06,820 --> 01:30:13,900

2183 01:30:13,900 --> 01:30:17,300 Somebody will then know what that is.

2184 01:30:17,300 --> 01:30:20,260 And now if we can stop the camera for a minute

2185 01:30:20,260 --> 01:30:21,490 after we finish panning.

2186 01:30:21,490 --> 01:30:26,750

2187 01:30:26,750 --> 01:30:29,660 [SPEAKING POLISH] 2188 01:30:29,660 --> 01:30:42,070

2189

01:30:42,070 --> 01:30:43,080

So Mr. Pawlowski.

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01:30:43,080 --> 01:30:43,810

Yeah?

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01:30:43,810 --> 01:30:47,800

You see this little

medal on your jacket?

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01:30:47,800 --> 01:30:48,640

Which one?

2193

01:30:48,640 --> 01:30:52,090

The one on top-- the small one--

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01:30:52,090 --> 01:30:54,400

the small one that

looks like it's English.

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01:30:54,400 --> 01:30:58,450

Can you tell me about that?

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01:30:58,450 --> 01:30:59,980

Which one?

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01:30:59,980 --> 01:31:01,050

She cannot-- OK.

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01:31:01,050 --> 01:31:01,560

Tell now.

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01:31:01,560 --> 01:31:02,650

Oh, this one.

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01:31:02,650 --> 01:31:05,140

Yeah, what's that?

01:31:05,140 --> 01:31:08,020 It says on the top.

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01:31:08,020 --> 01:31:10,780 Is it from the Polish or the British army?

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01:31:10,780 --> 01:31:15,260 No, that's in English.

2204

01:31:15,260 --> 01:31:16,630 Everything in English.

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01:31:16,630 --> 01:31:18,970 We belong to England.

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01:31:18,970 --> 01:31:19,780 OK.

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01:31:19,780 --> 01:31:20,480 Yeah, all the--

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01:31:20,480 --> 01:31:23,170 I think it says here as a veteran of the armed forces.

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01:31:23,170 --> 01:31:24,040 [INAUDIBLE]

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01:31:24,040 --> 01:31:26,530 Yeah, I think that's something of what it says.

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01:31:26,530 --> 01:31:28,880 It was the latest one from England.

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01:31:28,880 --> 01:31:32,170

OK, so this is new?

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01:31:32,170 --> 01:31:33,910

When you say the latest one?

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01:31:33,910 --> 01:31:37,390 Yeah, maybe 10, 15 years ago.

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01:31:37,390 --> 01:31:38,890 No, no.

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01:31:38,890 --> 01:31:40,690 --just got that from England.

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01:31:40,690 --> 01:31:42,650 OK.

2218

01:31:42,650 --> 01:31:44,030 OK.

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01:31:44,030 --> 01:31:44,600 Yeah.

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01:31:44,600 --> 01:31:45,250 All right.

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01:31:45,250 --> 01:31:47,210 A long time ago.

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01:31:47,210 --> 01:31:48,960 Wait a minute.

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01:31:48,960 --> 01:31:52,370 I got it from England when I was in England--

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01:31:52,370 --> 01:31:53,140 OK.

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01:31:53,140 --> 01:31:55,070 -- right after the war.

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01:31:55,070 --> 01:31:55,820

Can you cut just--

2227 01:31:55,820 --> 01:31:56,750 We're rolling.

2228 01:31:56,750 --> 01:31:59,030 OK, what this pin says--

2229 01:31:59,030 --> 01:32:04,250 this small pin-- is His Majesty's Armed Forces Veteran.

2230 01:32:04,250 --> 01:32:06,260 Yeah, that's it.

2231 01:32:06,260 --> 01:32:07,820 All right, thank you very much.

2232 01:32:07,820 --> 01:32:09,170 Everything.

2233 01:32:09,170 --> 01:32:12,530 OK, thank you very much, Mr. Pawlowski.

2234 01:32:12,530 --> 01:32:15,110 No problems.

2235 01:32:15,110 --> 01:32:15,710 Thanks.

2236 01:32:15,710 --> 01:32:16,960 Bye.