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Frenkel, Alfred

TAPE I

- 1.01 Alfred Frenkel, born Sept. 20, 1920 in Breslau. Describes family background and childhood. Upper middle class family, father owned coat factory. 1933 economic situation deteriorated. 1934 he was thrown out of public school and went to Jewish school. 1935 he stopped school at age 15. Family moved to Berlin and owned china store.
- 1.08 Joined Zionist Hechalutz group. They were encouraged to learn skills. Eichmann knew about their activities.
- 1.16 1938, studied carpentry in preparation for immigration to Palestine.
- 1.18 Describes Kristallnacht. Later parents tried in vain to leave Germany. Sister was sent to England.
- 1.23 March 1939. He went with his group to Holland to Vierengen[?] in North Holland, a place built by Jewish community. He describes this village camp. Head of camp was M. Katenelson. Organization and life in camp.
- 1.45 May 1940, Germany entered Holland. Describes attitude of the Dutch. Arrival of refugees from Vienna, Buchenwald, Safenhausen[?].
- 1.58 March 1941. Barbie came to village with SS and they were taken to Amsterdam. The Judenrat distributed them among families. He worked as carpenter.
- 2.10 Edelman organized the Judenrat Activities of the Judenrat.
- 2.21 May 1942, First transports to Birkenau.
- 2.26 Talks about DeWolf, philosopher and Zionist.
- 2.28 2<sup>nd</sup> transport to Westerborg and methods used by Germans to round up Jews.
- 2.37 Talks about Rvi Cohen [?] and his efforts to hide children and youth.
- 2.45 Describes Westerborg, organization and life there. He was courier between Amsterdam and Westerborg.
- 3.03 Plans to smuggle people out.
- 3.19 Extermination of Appeldern Asylum.

- 3.38 He is hiding out in Amsterdam. M. Pinkoff helps him to get false papers and he travels to France through Belgium.

## TAPE II

- 4.04 Corrects mistakes made on Tape I. Describes making false papers and coupons.
- 4.23 Arrived in Paris and worked in French rocket factory controlled by the Wehrmacht. Factory bombed out by British 1943.
- 4.30 Work in rocket factories in caves in the Loire Valley.
- 4.33 Back in Paris. Describes organization and activities bringing people from Brussels and Antwerp to Toulouse.
- 4.39 His Hechalutz group is part of the French resistance the armee Juif, active in transporting Jews to Spain. Names 'Chou Chou, a leader who was caught searching for an escape route to Switzerland and committed suicide. He names people involved in finding escape routes to Spain, Switzerland, Nice.
- 4.48 Various underground activities he was involved in how to get Wehrmacht papers.
- 4.58 Mission to find group of Jews from Nice hiding in the Alps and helping them escape to Italy. Names leaders in his group and their activities. Helping groups of children to escape to Switzerland.
- 5.11 Describes his rescue activities and ties with Italian resistance.
- 5.34 Clash with Germans.
- 5.50 His trip to Rome.
- 6.00 Returns to Paris and works in Jewish underground. Arrest by Gestapo because of false papers [Wehrmacht papers]. Describes people in jail period April-Aug 1944.
- 6.20 Interrogation and torture in jail.
- 6.49 August 1944, Americans are close to Paris and they are transported by train to Germany. Describes escape plans that could not be put into action.

## TAPE III

- 7.08 They are transported to Buchenwald. Describes camp administered by political prisoners, most socialists. Worked in factories in Dortmund. Describes work.
- 7.24 1945, works for camp commander. Describes atmosphere in camp towards the end of the war. Bombardments by allied forces.

- 7.36 The camp was evacuated and they were marched West. He escaped during an air raid.
- 7.42 After the liberation he stayed in Liebstadt until he went back to Holland.
- 7.50 Return to Amsterdam. Describes organization and absorption of refugees. The Joint sends him to France to organize illegal immigration to Palestine.
- 7.57 Reception center in a village in Pirenees[sp?] for Dutch Jews. Preparation for immigration. Relationship with Jewish community in Biarritz[sp?].
- 8.07 Camp near Marseilles and trip on the boat Arlozorof.
- 8.12 Describes sea passage, then capture by British boats. Arrival in Haifa, detention in Atlit and release to a kibbutz.