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In this interview, Vladas Arlauskas, a Roma victim of the Nazi regime, born around 1933 (year unsure) in Tytuvėnai, Lithuania, talks about his family's capture and the prison they were taken to. He describes memories of the prison and prison camp where he was captured. He recalls lots of violent and frightful moments of his life at the prison camp in the forest.

Box 1, Tape 1

**[01:] 00:48:00 – [01:] 11:40:25**  
**00:00 – 12:00**

Arlauskas begins by discussing the capture and subsequent arrest of a group he was with while they were traveling through the forest; says it was Germans who grabbed them and put them into cars without saying anything; says at that time he was with his mother and father; says the Germans took them to prison where his father was separated from him and his mother, who were forced to live in a cell together; comments that it was not bad in the prison; says guards would give them soup that tasted like water; remembers his mother giving all of hers to him; remembers lots of people being in close proximity to each other in the prison.

**[01:] 11:41:00 – [01:] 19:09:25**  
**12:01 – 19:50**

Arlauskas recalls when he was separated from his mother; says he was forcefully taken away from his mother's hands; says all of the children were taken to the prison camp [*Pravieniskės?*] in the forest, and that all of the adult women, including their mothers, remained at the prison from which they had just been taken from; says from that moment on he never saw his mother again; mentions that people who took them to the new camp spoke German but that there was somebody who would translate it into Lithuanian; recalls his first day at the prison camp in which nobody let them out and they were beaten up; says the camp was in the middle of the forest surrounded by a fence with guards were standing along it with guns and dogs; remembers that only children were at the camp, not a single adult; says there were checkups on them where guards would come, make them stand in a single line and count them by a piece of cloth tied on their arms.

**[01:] 19:10:00 – [01:] 27:39:25**  
**19:51 – 28:42**

Arlauskas says that on an average day at the camp, they only could go outside for a very short period of time and then go inside so that another group could go out; remembers having no toys

and playing with sticks, pretending the stick was a horse; says they would do nothing inside except simply sit; recalls missing his mother and crying a lot; notes that the other children would cry as well; says they were given food twice a day: soup and a small piece of bread; talks about guards making them work; says they were forced to clean and carry some things; says that if he or the other children worked slowly, they were beaten up by the guards.

**[01:] 27:40:00 – [01:] 36:24:25  
28:43 – 37:58**

Arlauskas talks about children getting sick in the camp; remembers seeing dead children lying on the floor; says children would die from starvation; notes that he was used to not eating since he grew up in Roma family, but that the other children did not survive; describes the camp as a house with different rooms filled with children; says there was no hospital in the prison camp, but they had a doctor who spoke Lithuanian; says they wore the same clothes all of the time, even when the clothes were ripped and torn later; comments about the shaving once they all got there; says they were all shaved bald at the camp; remembers a hole where they could retrieve some water; says they were punished if they did not listen; says the guards would take off their pants and hit them on the bottom with a whip; remembers being punished, and how after that they always listened because they were scared to be beaten again.