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Summary of Oral History—Janine Pomme Guillot—ENGLISH

Janine Pomme Guillot, born in 1929 in Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne, France—near the Italian border and Chambéry; remembering her childhood; her father was an electrical engineer in a the plant; remembering the beginning of the war—sirens, etc.; schoolwork; Italian workers at her father's plant; learning Italian; shopkeepers; a Catholic village; not having much contact with Jewish children; at that time, one didn't really speak of Jews; Italian soldiers; not many memories of German soldiers; Italians and Germans in the village; the black market; making potato cakes; remembering the armistice; burning the farms; injured people; a tranquil life; staying at her grandmother's during the war; having diphtheria; "The liberation was a little foggy..."; speaking of her family; soldiers looking for her father; her father handling the dispensary, playing sports (ping-pong); never speaking of her father's work; near speaking at the table; Italian workers shot and killed, including one of her father's colleagues (Mr. Chaputin); speaking of the plant; going to church mass; never speaking of Jews....absolutely not...