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Box 1, Tape 1

In this interview, Bârjac Ambrozie talks about a massacre in his birth place of Treznea in which many Romanians and Jews were killed.

[01:] 00:31:15 - [01:] 10:58:18

He gives his date and place of birth as October 26, 1927, in Treznea, Sălaj; talks about the Hungarian troops coming to his village and taking people out of their homes and into the street in order to shoot them; comments on his being taken together with his grandmother and uncle (his parents were not in the village); describes the troops intending to kill the people by lining them up one behind another, in order to kill two people with only one shot; mentions a Romanian general who spoke with the Hungarian general to let the people go; remembers running home along with other children; comments on an incident in which a sergeant wanted to kill the children, and a corporal saved them by telling them which way they had to go, in order not to be shot.

[01:] 10:58:19 - [01:] 17:23:02

He talks about his uncle wearing a uniform, which was similar to the uniform of a Romanian soldier, and how the Hungarians were shooting at him because of this; comments on his grandmother who took refuge in a house in the village; speaks about the way the dead people were gathered the day after the massacre and being taken to the cemetery; discusses the families identifying the bodies there; talks about the Jewish victims among the Romanians who were killed; comments on around three Jewish families which were taken away from the village in the beginning of 1944.