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Summary

He was born on October 26, 1926. He was born in a village, Salsk.
Before the war he lived in the village Kruchenaya Balka. His father had eight children. In 1933 life was very hard, people starved. He had two younger brothers. His father was Donskoy Cossack. Soviet government came and took harvest and other products from the villagers. Many people died from starvation.

Some people from his family died.
Cossacks' children from his day care were taken to orphanage, where their names and dates of birth were changed. It happened to him and his brothers.

His last name know is the last name of his father.

When the war began he lived in Salsk.

The Germans occupied Salsk on July 31, 1942.
He remembered 5 tanks with the Germans, when tanks were crossing the river the big one stopped and little children were pushing it out of the water.
Germans came from the North.
Germans stayed in Salsk, they occupied homes, Russians were outside of the village.
When Soviet army left, they left several cameras and phones, that children found.

Germans were cruel, people were starving, many war prisoners were killed on the spot.
First Germans killed Jews and Romanies. Nobody showed resistance.

There were three huge silo ditches, people were brought to the edge of the ditch and shot.

Usually Germans moved a group of about 30 people, they did it several times. He witnessed shooting.

One day he brought several little Jewish children home, they were separated from the group.

Jews in his village spoke Russian. Two Jewish women lived in his house, they liked to go out with different men before the war. They came from another village before the war.
Jewish refugees came on wagons. Occupation lasted from 31 July 1942 till 22 January 1943.
He remembered that Germans made small children work for them.

Salsk has a monument to the victims of the war.
Prisoners of war stayed in a camp near brick plant and worked at the plant.
They were guarded by the Germans solders.
He knew that Jews had curly hair. They saved Jewish children and one Romani boy in the house of his aunt, they survived.