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2 (through the interpreter) I remember that  
3 he was discharged by the Russians, and that's the  
4 reason why he wasn't deported. I remember there  
5 was a big story.

6 The story was that the Russians tried to  
7 arrest him after the big deportations, and before  
8 the start of the war, was it?

9 (the witness) The war, but after  
10 deportation.

11 (through the interpreter) After  
12 deportations. However, he managed to escape  
13 through the rear exit of his house, and managed to  
14 hide in the river nearby.

15 Q. Did you serve under Captain Lietuvietis?

16 A. Not serve, but, I know, I remember him at  
17 that time.

18 Q. Did you serve in the self-defense at the  
19 same time with him?

20 A. Yeah, uh-huh, yeah, I remember I knew him,  
21 because we were kind of, his home -- it's so far  
22 back.

23 Q. Did you serve with him or not?

24 A. But he was in that area, he was in that  
25 area, I don't remember.

1 Q. Do you remember Elmars S'progis?

2 A. Elmars, he's one of our, yeah, Elmars is  
3 one of --

4 (through the interpreter) Yes, he is from  
5 the same course at the war academy. I was  
6 graduated at the same time.

7 Q. Did you remember him in Litene at that  
8 time?

9 A. He was in different, completely different  
10 division, he was in. Not mine, because I served in  
11 Riga at Latvian Army, one division where he was --

12 (through the interpreter) He was in  
13 Gulbene.

14 (the witness) He was in completely  
15 different --

16 Q. Now, after you served in the self-defense  
17 in Litene, you went to Riga?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And do you remember about what month that  
20 was?

21 A. Oh, it was July, August sometime.

22 Q. August of 1941?

23 A. Or September, fall, because soon  
24 thereafter I was looking after, studying at  
25 university.

1 Q. So, it was August or September 1941?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Okay, and how long did you remain in Riga?

4 A. (through the interpreter) I studied until  
5 that unit was organized, founded in January.

6 (the witness) January, in January, yeah.

7 Q. And you were a student during that time?

8 A. Right, yeah.

9 Q. And that was your only job? You didn't  
10 serve in the police?

11 A. (through the interpreter) In the Latvian  
12 association building at Riga, the Latvian officers  
13 were sort of organizing, because they thought that  
14 probably they will be mobilized again.

15 Then, as much as I didn't have to go to  
16 university evenings, I, many times I went to that  
17 building.

18 Q. And what type of work did you do there?

19 A. Not work, it was just going and waiting,  
20 sitting there waiting, what you have, because  
21 everybody was feeling some, we will have to take  
22 one or other kind of part in the war.

23 Q. So you were just waiting there for  
24 something to happen?

25 A. Yeah, yeah.

1 Q. Where was this building? What was the  
2 name of it again?

3 A. (through the interpreter) The Latvian  
4 Association Building.

5 Q. Okay, and where was it located?

6 A. In Riga, it's in middle of Riga, middle of  
7 Riga.

8 Q. Do you remember the street that it's on?  
9 You can't remember?

10 A. Too long ago.

11 Q. Did Araj's ever go there?

12 A. I have no idea. I didn't know such fellow  
13 at that time.

14 Q. You didn't know Araj's. Did you ever meet  
15 Araj's?

16 A. Besides, that was officers, officers, what  
17 I read hereafter, he wasn't officer, Araj's.

18 Q. Did you ever meet Araj's?

19 A. No -- maybe, could be, could be, when I  
20 was to Germany during second part of war in German  
21 division, he was too in that division, could be  
22 then, but could be very earlier, because I know  
23 when I read in the history now, of that division,  
24 generally Latvia soldiers, he was in that division,  
25 so it could be him.

1 Q. He was in which division?

2 A. That number -- division, do you want the  
3 number of the division? That's fifteen.

4 Q. He was in the fifteenth --

5 A. Division.

6 Q. -- division, at the same time you were in  
7 it?

8 A. If I recollect correctly.

9 But, I think what I read now in the  
10 Latvian, there are many books, Latvian war history  
11 about second war --

12 (through the interpreter) Yeah. Well, I  
13 read about many officers who were known to me, but  
14 he wasn't even an officer.

15 Q. When was it that he served in the same  
16 division as you?

17 A. It was to the end, the winter, '44, '45.

18 Q. Okay, and then after you had been in Riga,  
19 this police battalion was formed; right?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. Do you remember the month?

22 A. (through the interpreter) The unit where  
23 I served?

24 (the witness) Yeah. Is that you want?

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. January, it was after January.

2 Q. January 1942?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. And in January 1942, you went into the  
5 police battalion?

6 A. Yeah. It was not the same company size.

7 Q. I'm sorry.

8 A. Company size.

9 Q. Company size. Can you remember the name  
10 of it at all?

11 A. Just, it's --

12 THE INTERPRETER: He's asked if he could  
13 say it in German, I said yes.

14 THE WITNESS: SS Und Pozizei. Kommndeur  
15 Ostland, SS Und Police Commander Ostland.

16 THE INTERPRETER: SS Und Police Commander  
17 Ostland.

18 Q. Okay, and you said it in German; right?

19 THE INTERPRETER: That's right.

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

21 Q. In other words, this company was under the  
22 SS and police commander; right?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And how long did you serve in this company?  
25 From January 1942 until when?

1 A. I came back a couple times, because of my  
2 ulcer business. First time, I believe, couple of  
3 times I came back in hospital.

4 (through the interpreter) In hospital,  
5 yeah.

6 (the witness) And then that's '42, and  
7 then I start again in winter '42, starting, yeah.  
8 I quit all the time, because of my ulcer occurring,  
9 yeah. Then '42 started, then I was out. The  
10 winter between '42, '43, because in '43 spring was  
11 started --

12 (through the interpreter) In '43 I started  
13 in the Legion.

14 Q. Was that '43 or '44 that you started in  
15 the Legion?

16 A. '43, started in the Legion.

17 Q. Okay, but when did you start serving in  
18 the legion?

19 A. I'm trying to tell you.

20 (through the interpreter) Since I had  
21 combat experience, I was made officer, yeah.

22 Since I had the combat experience, and  
23 they wanted me to join them, but since I knew how  
24 the Germans were acting, the combat areas, and how  
25 they handled the Latvians, and how they treated

1 them, then because of the ulcer, which I had,  
2 always, I continued to get extensions.

3 Q. Okay. Now, did you serve in the police  
4 company from January 1942 until the time that you  
5 went into the Legion, or was there a time that you  
6 weren't in there?

7 A. The whole time, the reason was ulcers.

8 Q. Okay, when was it that you stopped serving  
9 in the police company?

10 A. (through the interpreter) The question is,  
11 when I was stricken from the lists or when?

12 (the witness) I didn't go to Russia anymore.

13 Q. First of all, when did you actually stop  
14 serving in the company?

15 A. Actually? It was in '42.

16 Q. The end of 1942?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Like November or December 1942?

19 A. Maybe.

20 Q. While you were in this police company, you  
21 were the company commander; right?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Okay, and did you report directly to the  
24 SS and Police Leader?

25 A. (through the interpreter) No, there were



1 some other officers with lower ranks to whom I had  
2 to report.

3 Q. Do you remember who the person was who you  
4 reported to?

5 A. There was not person, several people.

6 Q. Several people?

7 A. Depends on what.

8 Q. Were they Germans?

9 A. Germans, yeah.

10 Q. You reported directly to the Germans?

11 A. Directly.

12 Q. Do you remember what unit these Germans  
13 were in? Were they in the SS?

14 A. (through the interpreter) Well, that  
15 was a staff headquarters.

16 (the witness) Yeah, headquarters.

17 Q. Headquarters, staff of the SS and police  
18 leader?

19 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

20 Q. Now, after you left this police company at  
21 the end of 1942, where did you go?

22 A. I was studying again.

23 Q. In Riga?

24 A. Yeah, and my ulcers --

25 (through the interpreter) Well, since

1 during the war the medical situation wasn't too  
2 good and I didn't want to risk an operation.

3 Q. So, you were studying in Riga during that  
4 time?

5 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

6 Q. Now, during that time, did you also serve  
7 part time in the police in Riga?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You didn't have any police duties at all?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And until when did you continue to be a  
12 student in Riga?

13 A. In '43, I switched the faculties, '43, I  
14 remember, went from engineering to that something,  
15 so all the time, all time until '44, '44.

16 Q. And then in 1944 you went into the Latvian  
17 Legion?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And do you remember when in '44?

20 A. Because --

21 (through the interpreter) There was only  
22 a time when there was retreat and that was July  
23 1944.

24 (the witness) Yeah.

25 Q. And then you served in the Latvian Legion

1 from summer of 1944 --

2 A. Well, I still got out -- well, actually I  
3 was probably in --

4 (through the interpreter) Well, but I did  
5 receive a piece of paper that I had to serve later  
6 on, and so I didn't serve in Latvia at all. I  
7 joined the service in Germany.

8 Q. That was when, in 1944?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Oh, in 1944 you were already in Germany?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. When you joined the Latvian Legion?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. I see. When had you gone from Riga into  
15 Germany?

16 A. Fall, or winter, fall, '44. Germans were,  
17 that was already captured, Riga, it was in Russian  
18 hands in October.

19 Q. October of 1944?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Okay now, had you gone to Germany before  
22 October 1944?

23 A. No, I went first to --

24 (through the interpreter) There was the  
25 so-called fortress Kurland, and I lived there for a

1 little while in Ventspils.

2 (the witness) Yeah.

3 And then from there I went to Germany.

4 Q. Okay, you went to Germany before you  
5 joined the Latvian Legion, though?

6 A. No.

7 (through the interpreter) I was already  
8 selected for the Latvian Legion, but because of my  
9 illness, my actual date of entry was delayed.

10 (the witness) Until my release.

11 (through the interpreter) In Germany.

12 Q. Okay, I think that's all the questions I  
13 have.

14 Would you like to add anything or say  
15 anything?

16 A. Just, I still am wondering why I'm here,  
17 that's the only question.

18 Q. Well you're here to answer the questions I  
19 asked you.

20 There are documents which indicate that  
21 you served in the Security Police and --

22 A. Those documents coming from?

23 Q. You've told us that you submitted those  
24 documents to the university, but the information  
25 wasn't true.

1 A. That's not -- where are they coming,  
2 obviously? The documents, were are they coming  
3 from?

4 Q. What difference does it make where they're  
5 coming from if the information is --

6 A. Yeah, but why you know, if there could be  
7 reasons, falsifying, what is falsifying, what time,  
8 you know, but what the reason was, you know, that's  
9 what -- that's what counts, in my opinion.

10 Q. Referring again to Exhibit 7, Mr. Kalejs,  
11 it was you who falsified the information, according  
12 to your story; right?

13 A. Yeah. What time it was, when it was, was  
14 it war?

15 Q. Okay, I'm asking you about Exhibit 7.

16 A. Yeah, yeah, okay.

17 Q. Now, you've told us it was you who  
18 falsified the information; right?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q.- Okay.

21 A. What did I -- it was friends, provided me,  
22 I didn't falsify myself.

23 Q. Well, this document has the signature K.  
24 Kalejs at the bottom.

25 A. Yeah, yeah.

1 Q. Now, who provided the information here?

2 A. Friends told me what to write, you know.

3 Q. Okay, but you wrote it; right?

4 A. Oh yeah, okay, it's okay. Today when  
5 we're sitting here, some document that say you were  
6 present for whatever, that would be bad thing, a  
7 crime, you know.

8 But, you have to think when it was, how  
9 many years ago, when it was, why. That's --

10 (through the interpreter) You have to  
11 consider the situation, and why it was done.

12 Q. Okay, but in Exhibit 7, you wrote this  
13 document and you signed it, and you provided the  
14 information in here; is that right?

15 A. I don't know, no. I say, probably, they  
16 told me to do so --

17 Q. Who told you do so?

18 A. Friends who -- the names I don't remember.

19 Q. Okay, but you were the one who did it?

20 A. I wanted to get, yeah, because I wanted to  
21 enter university, true.

22 So, is that bad reason, that's no good  
23 reason, right? So, I don't think you have --

24 (through the interpreter) Yeah, perhaps  
25 you think that I'm falsifying documents, which was

1 forty years ago, to join the university and that  
2 today I'm also the same kind of person.

3 (the witness) Is that right?

4 Q. Well, what I'm concerned with, Mr. Kalejs --

5 A. This was done 44 years ago, you know,  
6 that's what it -- that's how it should be, those  
7 things handled, at least that's how I understand it,  
8 but you being American, you're thinking different  
9 ways, so you probably are thinking maybe to trust  
10 me, or not to trust me. Is that correct?

11 Q. Okay, go ahead.

12 A. You want -- you are trying to make a  
13 judgment here what kind of person I am? Is that  
14 the whole thing?

15 (through the interpreter) In other words,  
16 you're trying to determine if I'm the kind of  
17 person who could be trusted or who could not be  
18 trusted.

19 Something I did 43, 44 years ago, I mean,  
20 doesn't mean that under normal conditions I would  
21 do the same thing.

22 So, many people were taken away by the  
23 Russians, so, that was an entirely different thing  
24 then.

25 MR. MAUSNER: Okay. That's all that I

1 have.

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3 (Whereupon, there was a  
4 recess in the proceedings.)

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6 MR. MAUSNER: Okay, we're back on the  
7 record.

8 Q. Mr. Kalejs, do you remember the location  
9 in Riga where your police company was located?

10 A. Yeah, I remember, but you want the address?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. It was Raina Boulevard.

13 (through the interpreter) #27. It's  
14 possible. During the Latvian Independence Days,  
15 this was the building of the city council; correct?

16 (the witness) Council. The board, the  
17 mayor's office, could be.

18 (through the interpreter) The mayor's  
19 office.

20 (the witness) The mayor's office.

21 (through the interpreter) The Mayor and  
22 the council, City Mayor and the council.

23 I believe that that's what was there  
24 during the Independence Days in Latvia.

25 Q. And this was the headquarters in Riga of

1 the Latvian police unit that you served in; right?

2 A. Well, that's one company.

3 Q. Of the company that you served in?

4 A. Even -- I remember it was up in a --

5 (through the interpreter) In the attic.

6 (the witness) Attic, yeah, for soldiers.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. (through the interpreter) Because the big  
9 German bosses were sitting in the lower -- had  
10 their offices in lower floors.

11 Q. And the German SS and police leader had  
12 his office in the same building?

13 A. That's it, that's it, yeah.

14 Q. Mr. Kalejs, do you have any documents from  
15 during the war which would show what police unit  
16 you served in, police company?

17 A. What I had, the documents were all left  
18 over --

19 (through the interpreter) I had the pay  
20 record booklets which Germans had which was almost  
21 like a personnel index card, with all the service  
22 information in it.

23 Then when it appeared that we would be  
24 surrounded, it was destroyed.

25 Q. So, you don't have any documents at all

1 now which indicate what police company you served  
2 in?

3 A. Nothing whatsoever, nothing whatsoever.  
4 It's too bad I don't have. It just couldn't be,  
5 couldn't be.

6 Whatever, like I said, I had in that file,  
7 Latvian camps, the list was whatever I had from  
8 Latvia with me.

9 Q. I'm sorry.

10 A. Other things I had.

11 (through the interpreter) Yeah, souvenirs  
12 and the like.

13 (the witness) That went up in flames, you  
14 know. That was '47, I think, 1947.

15 Q. Oh, these documents were destroyed in 1947?

16 A. They were leftover and it was early  
17 morning, we we ran out in shorts.

18 Q. There was a fire in the DP camp?

19 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah, so nothing.

20 Q. Nothing at all?

21 A. No documents.

22 Q. Okay. Do you have anything else you want  
23 to add, Mr. Kalejs?

24 A. No, that's all I can say.  
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(Whereupon, there was a  
recess in the proceedings.)

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4 Q. Mr. Kalejs, is there anyone who lives in  
5 the United States who you can think of who can  
6 confirm your story regarding your police company?

7 A. Police company, I think we met couple of  
8 times in Riga.

9 Q. And who is that person?

10 A. Parups.

11 Q. How do you spell his name?

12 A. P-a-r-u-p-s.

13 Q. Do you know what his first name is?

14 A. Eriks.

15 Q. And he lives in Tampa?

16 A. In Petersburg.

17 Q. In St. Petersburg?

18 A. No, no, not in Petersburg, he lives in  
19 Bradenton.

20 Q. Bradenton, okay. And how did you know  
21 Mr. Parups?

22 A. He's officer, served in the Latvian Army --  
23 (through the interpreter) Together we  
24 graduated from Latvian War Academy.

25 Q. Did you know him during World War II?

1 A. Yeah. We met a couple of times in Riga.

2 Q. And do you know what his job was during  
3 World War II?

4 A. Most time he was under --

5 (through the interpreter) Most of the  
6 time he was in the resistance movement, and then he  
7 was in the Riga City Prison. He knew I was in --  
8 he knew I was in front.

9 Q. Do you happen to know his address?

10 A. Here?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. I have to look it up.

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14 (Whereupon, there was a  
15 recess in the proceedings.)

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17 MR. MAUSNER: Back on the record, after a  
18 telephone call.

19 Q. Is there anyone else -- do you know  
20 Mr. Parups' address?

21 A. No, but I have it home, I have it home.

22 Q. What was the city again he was in?

23 A. Bradenton.

24 Q. And it's near Tampa?

25 A. Near St. Petersburg.

1 Q. Near St. Petersburg, okay.

2 Is there anyone else in the United States  
3 who you can think of who could confirm your story?

4 A. You mean, talking the war time?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. Who knows? Mostly all fallen now, or  
7 knows about the -- no one, I don't think. Right  
8 now, I can't think.

9 Q. If you think of anybody, I'll give you my  
10 card and you can call me.

11 A. If you need that Mr. Parups' address --

12 Q. We can probably find it, but if we can't,  
13 I'll give you a call.

14 MR. MAUSNER: Nothing further.

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16 (Whereupon, the deposition  
17 proceeding was concluded.)

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