

**Rangsdorf -  
Interview with  
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I got to Germany in summer 1942 at harvest time and stayed until the end of war 1945. First we were brought to a farm, where we had to help in the harvest. In autumn they sent us to a factory, the Bückler Company in Rangsdorf. When Rangsdorf was conquered, I came to Berlin.

I worked at the Bückler factory. I had strained the wings on the airfield. Our living conditions were bad. We always had to march in a crew. We got 50 gram margarine, 100 gram sugar and bread for one week. There was also cooked food: a few potatoes. When we were allowed to go out at Sunday, we had to come back till 12 o'clock. If anybody was late, he was punished. When I was late, I and Raja Tschabar were poured over with cold water. This way life was. Outside the camp we always had to wear the sign „East“ on our breast.

I remember that we walked to the lake to swim, too. One day a boy drowned there, Timosch. I was on the moving burial, too. Hans Vogeler (Boris Kostinski) made the speech.

There were also French hard labourers in the factory. They listened to the radio and told us about the situation on the front.

Among the German workers there were quite good Germans. When I came at work, often somebody gave me a sandwich. But there were also people, who didn't understand us. When we went out on Sunday, we asked the German in Rangsdorf for any work for us. Keeping the farm clean, ironing and other things. For that we got bread.

After the liberation 1945 I went home. But I had no documents. I went to the military commissariat. One gave me a passport for three month. And one gave me the hardest work in a factory. In this factory there was no crane. I had to drag the metal myself. They treated me like an enemy.

Even 1945 I married a military man. First we had no home. Just when I was allowed to go back to Drushkowka, the situation changed. At first we rented a flat from my aunt. Then we purchased a piece of land. But now I need nothing else.

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