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Hawtin Mundy Born February 1894 16 King Edward Street New Bradwell

00:00:00 Talks about going to Königsberg with the shoemaker (Hoppy) and his niece. They go in a first class carriage on the train then get a cab to a bar. Hoppy and his niece go off leaving Hawtin and all the locals look at him because he is wearing new clothes. They then go down the main street of Königsberg looking in shop windows, which are mostly empty or very expensive, to the harbour and look at the merchant ships. From there they caught a cab to a relative who made cutlery and Hawtin is given a knife. They leave there for a club where Hawtin meets someone he believed later to be a British spy. He notices that no money exchanges hands when they get their drinks. They then go to the tannery where Hawtin picks out the leather before returning home.

00:13:53 He starts work at the Saw Mill, which had been built by the Russian Prisoners of War and where he is the only non-Russian prisoner, sharpening the saws. He gets on well with the owners son who is running the mill and used to work as an engineer in Brazil. The son lets him move into the mill and sleep there.

00:18:57 He goes out one night to spend some time with his Minner and is spotted by the policeman. Fortunately he knew the policeman because he used to clean out his pigs and nothing came of it.

00:22:54 His German boss would come and talk to him, tell him about what he did before the war and how the war was going. He told him when the war was over and asked Hawtin to come out to Brazil with him. Hawtin refused as he wanted to go home.

00:25:47 Talks about other tapes he has made and what happens when the end of the war is announced. Recites the exhortation read at every remembrance service: 'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'