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TODAY We are here to get closer the story about our grandfather KARLIS HELFERS from Latvia.

We are here 3 granddaughters of Karlis: Iluta, Agita and Marite.

We are very thankful for possibility to be in Engerhafe. We can mentioned 3 special remembering years: This year is special for Engerhafe – 70 years, our grandfather Karlis was 30 when he died here, and in this year 2014 he would has 100 years birthday.

General our family is big. We always knew that Karlis has been get lost but we also had some believing years ago that he could be alive, as there were closed borders in Soviet Union time.

Then information from „data cloud” came by answer to Marite written text in a family tree for person KARLIS HELFERS. It was in the last year spring. Imke got confirmation that we are really looking for Karlis . and we get invitation to Bremen. We said – ok, somewhen, may be in the next year. But that is not enough for such active person as Imke, and she said- I am comming now!

So, together with Imke comes live story from Germany about our grandfather. We did not know in details what happened and especially – WHY? WHY HE?

Karlis family continues in the next generations, his falimy name is live.

We have got a puzzle piece in empty place in our family history. Big and important puzzle piece. Such empty places are in every family of Latvia after the Second World War. Or in battle fronts, or in concentration camps, or in Siberian legers. People were deported, and killed. Latvians are strong native. We hope so.

And if we know that Engerhafe is last place for 20 Latvians more, we will try to find relatives of them.

We have our own story about this brave lady Imke who came 1.5 thousand km to meet some Karlis relatives , if she never has been in Latvija and she didn't know who will meet her...

We have to speak about the history to other people and also explain to kids, because we can see that terrible things are happening also now in the world.