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My most memorable moment from the occupation

It was a hot July morning. The sun was unbearably hot, the [illegible] silence was interrupted by the buzzing of flies. There were water vapors in the air. The once lively village was drowning in silence. Sometimes [a creak was heard] of the well, a figure silently flitted between the fences. "Round-up!" echoed throughout the village. Figures flitted across the fields, seeking shelter in the nearby forest. Cars stopped with a crack, from which the police jumped out. Gestapo skulls gleamed ominously on tall caps. Hollow cries of "Hende hoch!" [sic] were heard from the throats of the pursuers. The cries of women and the cries of children, whose fathers and brothers were taken away, mixed with the cursing of the Gestapo. I will remember this moment and carry it in my heart.