

Alfreds RIEKSTINS

1. Name - Alfreds Riekstins
2. Other names used - none.
3. Birth place and date - 30/1/1913, Latvia.
4. Nationality by birth - Latvian.
5. Present and former nationality - Latvian.
6. Present address: not willing to give information at present.
7. Permanent residence - same.
8. Sex - male
 - Height - 168 cm.
 - Weight - 64 kg,
 - Eyes - blue-grey
 - Hair - blond
 - Complexion - light
 - Scars - none
 - Build- middle weight
 - Special marks - none
9. a) Single (engaged), b) not applicable, c) not applicable, d) not applicable, e), f), and g), not applicable.
10. Children: engaged to a Latvian; unwilling to give further data at present.
11. Education: grammar school and middle school (gymnasium) in Talsi, Latvia from the ages of 9 through 17; have lost certificates of completion.
- 12) Employment: Mõlnlyckes Textilfabrik; not willing to give further data at present.
13. Employment during the last 10 years- 4 years in the Latvian Legion; 6 years as an emigrant in Sweden; of those 6 years spent 4 years as forest worker in Värmland and one year in a Metal factory in Halstahammar.

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14. Residence during the last 10 years: 4 years in the 19th Division of the Latvian Legion; 6 years in Sweden (Värmland, Halstahammar, Mälndal.)
15. References - not willing to give.
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17. Bank credits, etc. - none
18. Languages: speak and read some German and Swedish.
19. Arrests: none.
20. Documents: Swedish foreigners pass (Svensk Främlingspass) and foreigners pass from the Republic of Latvia; not willing to give the numbers or further data.
21. Father: a) not willing to give, b) living, c) and d), not willing to give, Latvia.
22. a), c), and d) not willing to give, b) dead, e) Latvia.
23. Not willing to give any data on relatives behind the Iron Curtain; does not know of relatives in other lands.
24. Was not a member of any political parties.
25. Was not a member of any religious order.
26. Military history: in the Latvian army from the end of 1934 to the beginning of 1936 in the 7th Siguldas Infantry regiment in Gulbene, in the MG Company); was in the 19th Division of the Latvian Legion from March, 1942, to 8 May 1945 (on the northern front: Leningrad, Wolchow, Opotschka, Vidzeme, Kurzeme); chief guard (in the 8th major battle in Kurzeme as company chief); medals and rewards: sturmabzeichen (Stormaward), Nahkampf spange (close fighter's bar), Wundabzeichen (medal for wounds), Kurlandsband, Iron Cross, first and second grade, champion's cross (Ritterkreuz); left service at the time of the capitulation; was never a prisoner of war.

27. Travel abroad: Campaign in Russia, emigration to Sweden.

28. Plans: plan to emigrate to the USA; request is not yet submitted.

29. Technical knowledge: no particular technical knowledge.

30. Writings: one article on life in Wärmaland (in the Latvian emigration journal published in Sweden, "Latvju Vards.")

31. Speeches: 1950 in Köping

1950 in Hallstahammar

1951 in Göteborg

In the Latvian assembly on the theme "The Latvian Soldier as the Liberator of his People."