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Answer

(1) I was studying Veterinary Medicine in 1912. This school located Marmara sea shore european side of Istanbul, near Sultan Ahmed mosque. This school control from Turkish government. Free for student, food, clothing. Education was Free and Civilian school -

(2) I was in the school when Balkan War Broke up. about month later, all the schools and collage taken up for military junta and they transferred to Hospital. I was student divided all Hospital. Like I was in my school ass. doctor, until war is over

(3) 1914 I went Marash for three months vacation. month after I was in Marash. Turkey government declare general mobilization of military force. than month later all the collage student called up for military school six months training. then I went Istanbul join military academy. about month later 2nd world war declared - about month later all collage and school taken for Hospital. Our military academy moved to Hassen Tahsin patha's summer place down Marmara sea shore to Anatoly side this mansion Hassis contain eight rooms



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After four months training, military school commander gave me situation as a second lieutenant, and they decided to make a manoeuvre so he appointed me commander for the manoeuvre. I organize every thing and manoeuvre starts between 4000 students & 2000 of them attacked and decide 2000 of them withdrawer. during the manoeuvre I was commanding on the horse bay. couple our later, I saw 10-12 Riders coming from mountain top. From prince yourself Irredlin's summer villa top of the mountain, and they were watching us. around 4 o'clock afternoon manoeuvre was over. I was tired than I went to my room to make rest. about our latter school manager send to me one student. To see him I dressed up went his office he told me that war secretary Unver pasha wants see me. than with him we go to field and see Unver pasha and german general for dergelze pasha and more 1/2 dozen generals and their addo. My school manager introduce me to Unver pasha. I gave military salute. and he asked me, are you commanding this manoeuvre. and I said



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yes pasha hasrettery. and he said We were
waching during the maneur. you did very
well I congratulat you. than he ask me
whats my name. and I said Avedis effendi
Seferian and he said are you armenians
I said yes pasha hasrettery. than he shake
hand with me I salud again and went
my room. hour later after I make little
rest. they call me bag. and lock me up
in one room. without knowing what
was the cause. Then next day, they transfe-
red me to Istanbul secretary of wars. pri-
son. same night from the prison they took
14 armenians whom one of them I know
De Benni. and same night they hang
them. about month later they send me
to police Muduri Oumrouisic to prison.

There I see 200-300 well known armenians
arrested and they were gone deported on known
destination. those are lawyer doctors
goverment Representative. I was wearing
lieutenant ~~of~~ uniforms. when they see
me. they ask me why I was arrested
I said I don't know. than Three days later
one potteman come down to prison and he
said you are going to marash to court
marshaling. If you have money we transport



you with the train. If not you have to walk
with one gandaruc. That voyage take about
Twenty days. I said I don't have such mo-
ney, than they gave me three days to think
over, before the three day over. I was searching
every possibility to find some money and go
with train, meanwhile I found some
way to get money. from Shakil Islam
Turkish (pop) ^{of the all world of money} who is my Home town people
and 4 years school time one to week
I was going there hours, and he likes me
as a son. Then after three days over policemen
come get ready you go Marash by the
walking. If you don't have money. I said
I am gone see the Shakil Islam say to say
some money. they admired when I gave
his name. Rightway they took me to
"Mudery oumoussini's" office, he ask me couple
question, I said his just like my father
than he order to policeman to hire one cart
to bring me down his office (Shakil Islam's)
then we went up there, by the way his eminence
took the telephone and conversation start, saying
to him that this family are royal government
don't making trouble during the journey, and his
eminence gave eight Gold Lira to policeman
my train fare and accompanying policeman fare



and beside that amount he gave two gold
lira to spend for Hotel and Restaurant &
in three days we reach the manastir and
they put me prison Rishmay.

(4) 1915 after I reach manastir, three weeks
later, they took me down Court House. They read
my letter in turkish language. Major ask me
that do I write this letter, I said I dont
remember. that was happen 2 years ago
and than they show me my handwriting
I said yes, I wrote it. Than he told me
you dont shame to write this kind letter,
Government give you free Education Free
clothing Free Food, and you still working against
the government. I said "Bayim" this letter
was wrote two years ago, and I was very
young to judg. If you are Good gusteps
you judg me with my service to country
and than they took me bag to prison.

(5) my father's sister was married to
Krikor Kherlakian, whose father Kevoik aga
Kherlakian and his wife Khatoon 1896 came
to Istanbul to see Sultan Abdul Hamid, for
his Good service Sultan wants to see him



then he gave him and his wife Gold medals and Gold
Swords and Golden made "Nargela"

(6) military Court Secretary "zakaria effendi"
Friend my Cousin Mikhael Kherlakian
he told him my case is very serious case and
he advice him to be ~~good~~ make Good Friendship with
the court marshal chairman Major Husein Bay.

my cousin offer some money - but zakaria effendi
said you can't buy his life with money. only
the way be Friend. Inviting your house and give
several party's his house - about 5-6 times
he gave party's and last party's time he order
to servant, serve golden Nargela. when ma-
jor saw the Nargela, admired, and he told the
Sultan apdul Hamid's gift to my Grand father

(7) then after 11 months in prison, major
and secretary zakaria effendi they destroyed
all the records, and very small Guild they
sentence me six months suspension and
and they order civil government to release
from prison, and they write to damascus and
Istanbul that I was hanged. and they told
me you have to discipline until the war is over.

after I released from prison I went to ^{Alexan} ~~Alexan~~
where my cousin Mikhael Kherlakian was
contractor German's Company. they dug in
tunnel between bagche and Islahie



and my cousin get mailman job for me with different name. my cousin was very close friends. Morf and Gobel. this two engineers was. picked up about 7-8 thousand all young armenians from Road to devedzgor to work in the tunnel. this tunnel connect main railway

Fr istanbul to bagdad -

(8) after 6 months turkish government decided to deport all armenians from tunnel working and replace turk laborer -

about 8-10 thousand armenians deported via marash, antakya, herizik to the shore of Euphrat River. through this journey about 5 thousand armenians killed on the Road - when I arrived River. I decided Runaway from there to Aleppo. If I stay some night near River next morning they send us to devedzgor. then I came aleppo then damascus. I found my family in damascus where they deported years ago.

(9) after armistice, British occupied damascus, aleppo, antakya and marash. all the armenians by British order return Home town. Fr damascus we came aleppo with Train and To marash with Cart -

(10) British occupation we didn't have any organization for defence. because everything



Was going orderly and smooth. after French occupa-
tion and armenian legionaire came marash -
turk start preparation, against French and ar-
menians, then we start organize our own
diffens - we tried get some guns from
alippo and adana - us, armenians elect
a committee to take care guns and ammunition
by French Commander's ordre we divide marash
city bulwin 7 section, I was charge about
seven street around calé and Governement
Building. we were surrounded heavy turk
population. Every Saturday we have bring
report latin church French Commander
about turks activity and our activity
day before xmas Saturday I couldn't go to
latin church because Road was very danger-
ous. then Sunday morning we went to
xmas church. I saw up there 12 armenian
Legionnaires, and I ask sargeant to invite the
soldier our house to entertain them, but
sargeant refuse, saying we have ordre to
go back kiskla 12 o'clock. then I decided
to entertain soldier in church school.
befor mass over I send church genator
to turkish store to buy candy and other

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So while party was gone from my House
one person come after me. and I went
Home. I see latin church French Commander
and his add as a interpreter -

I ask French Commander couple doz. Substis
for our safety. he says they can desert
like the souldier. If any trouble start
in three hours we can occupy the
city. and I said Commander this section
of city heavy populite turkish section.
if you dont send some Souldier. We gone
Leave our House to go safety place
and he said. you are well known fami-
ly in this section. If you leave this
House, turk you be more suspicious, that's
why you shouldnt take that kind step
and he said in case trouble start can
you defend yourself three ours and I said
my Commander we can stand 5 days
not for three ours and he ask me how
many guns you have. I said we have abt.
15 guns. he said can I see them. I bring
one of French Army gun. so we brought



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Adana. O he said this French army gun.
I said so what. We gone defend about
150 life. they are in my house. then
he shut his mouth. after X^{mas} dinner
his gone his headquarters.

(11) Tash Khan my Business place
we had office up there and all kind Merch
doing we ^{have} three rooms in the Tash Khan
we store all Merchandizing. Our Business
is export import Business. we importing
from Adana Carasin oil by the wagon and
traced manufactured in Adana. and from
Marash we sent all kind animal skin wild
or domestic. as mink. Rabbit and so on
we have in Tash Khan about \$50000 worth
animal skin. so we left everything up there
after French army withdrawal from that sect
about 4-5000 armenians was in the Tash Khan
and vicinity store. part this people midnight
go out the city and follow the French army
and part of it go to Catholic Church without
any body killed.
(12) Then we follow French army at that time



Col Norneand's Column Reached Suburb of
Marash, they were unloading big guns
and after that they start Bombardment
Turkish section. and start withdraw from
Kishla, Latin Church. and 1st church
of protestant and Bard Shobe —

(12) Gen. Querritt was Head man in French
army. I remember my best man Rafail Kher
Lahian get married in Marash before three
weeks fight start. Even general Querritt
was best man at ^{the} wedding.

Mr Rafail Kherlahian was governor of
Aintab then he came Marash and
get married he was active in politics
he was lawyer and he did important work
Marash story.

after the war he went Paris, 1924

I went Paris to marry my Cousin's ~~daughter~~
Mihran Kherlahian daughter and Mr Rafa
el Kherlahian was my Bestman he died in

(13) after fight start Kherlahian family
were their house in Kouyoujah Street
6-7 day later they decided go more safety
place. Near 1st church of protestant, Boulogne



House. they stay about ~~2~~ ¹² weeks same
House after French withdrawal night time
they decided to go after the French soldiers.
the morning about 2000 people they
open the door and they try to reach their
army - Mean while near the Shakoby
mosque Abedis aga Kherlakian get
Boud Shah. Most the people turn back.
their old place. But 2-300 Hundred
people broke up line try get out the
city. the turks surround them and
Massacred protect all of them except
Dr artin der gazarian Kerop tutunyan
and dievan pamboukian and Favaat Kher
lakian. Safely reach French Column
at Eloglou.