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00:00:29,990 --> 00:00:31,230

Good afternoon.

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00:00:31,230 --> 00:00:32,570

My name is Bernard Weinstein.

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00:00:32,570 --> 00:00:35,210

I'm the director of the Kean

College Oral Testimonies

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Project of the Holocaust

Resource Center.

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We are affiliated with

the Video Archives

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for Holocaust Testimonies

at Yale University.

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Sharing the interview with

me is Dr. Mark Lender,

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00:00:47,630 --> 00:00:52,250

and we are privileged to

welcome Dr. John T Farinella who

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00:00:52,250 --> 00:00:57,170

was with the US Air

Force at the time

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00:00:57,170 --> 00:01:01,670
of the opening of Buchenwald
concentration camp

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:01:03,050
shortly thereafter.

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00:01:03,050 --> 00:01:08,420
And he is here to give his
own story and his testimony

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00:01:08,420 --> 00:01:09,980
about what he saw at the time.

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00:01:09,980 --> 00:01:12,290
Welcome, Dr. Farinella.

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00:01:12,290 --> 00:01:13,820
Thank you.

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00:01:13,820 --> 00:01:17,210
Mark, would you like to
take the first question?

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00:01:17,210 --> 00:01:18,800
And welcome again.

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00:01:18,800 --> 00:01:21,380
Thanks for being
here, Dr. Farinella.

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00:01:21,380 --> 00:01:22,520
If we could be--

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00:01:22,520 --> 00:01:25,640
gin our discussion
with you before the war

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00:01:25,640 --> 00:01:29,430
so we can get some

background as to who you are,

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00:01:29,430 --> 00:01:32,390

where you came
from, how it was you

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:34,520

found yourself,
ultimately in Europe

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00:01:34,520 --> 00:01:37,730

at the time of the
close of the war

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00:01:37,730 --> 00:01:40,350

and the eventual
liberation of the camps.

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00:01:40,350 --> 00:01:43,668

Could we start with where
you came from and perhaps

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00:01:43,668 --> 00:01:45,710

how you found your way
into the American military

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00:01:45,710 --> 00:01:47,900

during the Second World War?

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00:01:47,900 --> 00:01:50,810

I was born and brought up
in Hartford, Connecticut,

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00:01:50,810 --> 00:01:59,270

and at the time the war broke
out, I had already been drafted

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00:01:59,270 --> 00:02:03,350

but was deferred for
almost two years,

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00:02:03,350 --> 00:02:07,030

and eventually, the

draft board did call me,

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00:02:07,030 --> 00:02:12,860

and that's how I got into
the service to begin with.

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00:02:12,860 --> 00:02:22,110

And I entered the Air
Force after being drafted.

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00:02:22,110 --> 00:02:28,510

I tried for pilot training
and didn't make it, however,

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00:02:28,510 --> 00:02:33,420

was sent to Fort Logan, Colorado
for training in engineering

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00:02:33,420 --> 00:02:37,710

and operations and
then from there

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00:02:37,710 --> 00:02:42,780

was one of 16 people
out of a group of 1,000

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00:02:42,780 --> 00:02:45,510

who were picked to go to
Europe as compared to those

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00:02:45,510 --> 00:02:47,190

who went to the South Pacific.

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00:02:47,190 --> 00:02:50,670

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00:02:50,670 --> 00:02:52,350

Apparently, we
were picked because

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00:02:52,350 --> 00:02:57,720

of our European backgrounds and
knowledge of European languages

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00:02:57,720 --> 00:03:03,630
and being sent back into
the European theater,

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00:03:03,630 --> 00:03:08,880
we had some background
for being there.

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00:03:08,880 --> 00:03:16,080
And after basic training, we
were shipped out to England,

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00:03:16,080 --> 00:03:22,830
and then eventually attached to
an Air Force training school.

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00:03:22,830 --> 00:03:26,790
And this combat
crew training school

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00:03:26,790 --> 00:03:30,990
went on for most of the
time that we were there

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00:03:30,990 --> 00:03:33,150
until after D-day.

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00:03:33,150 --> 00:03:37,440
And after D-day, when there was
no longer that much of a need

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00:03:37,440 --> 00:03:42,170
for that training school, they
began to break it up, and--

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00:03:42,170 --> 00:03:44,670
You were attached to what outfit
at the time, Mr. Farinella?

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00:03:44,670 --> 00:03:45,753
It's the Eighth Air Force?

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00:03:45,753 --> 00:03:52,500

Eighth Air Force, and I
was with the Eighth Air

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00:03:52,500 --> 00:03:57,180

Force for the major portion
of my time in Europe

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00:03:57,180 --> 00:04:02,250

and then transferred from the
Eighth to the Ninth Air Force,

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00:04:02,250 --> 00:04:05,760

and as part of the
Ninth Air Force,

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00:04:05,760 --> 00:04:10,260

we had this outfit
established that

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00:04:10,260 --> 00:04:13,860

was intended to move
on to the continent

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00:04:13,860 --> 00:04:16,589

and aid with the disarmament
of the continent.

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00:04:16,589 --> 00:04:20,850

And we were known as the
Tenth Air Disarmament Group.

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00:04:20,850 --> 00:04:27,540

Describe for us what an air
disarmament group actually did.

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00:04:27,540 --> 00:04:31,710

We were never too clear as
to what our mission was,

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00:04:31,710 --> 00:04:34,320

but we did know that
our job was to go out

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00:04:34,320 --> 00:04:38,580
and get information
and bring it back.

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00:04:38,580 --> 00:04:41,040
And examples of some
of the things that we

71
00:04:41,040 --> 00:04:45,090
did, for instance,
at Nordhausen,

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00:04:45,090 --> 00:04:51,390
we found this mine where the
V2 rockets were put together

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00:04:51,390 --> 00:04:53,160
and brought back
the information,

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00:04:53,160 --> 00:04:59,670
and actually pulled out one of
the V2 rockets out of the mine,

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00:04:59,670 --> 00:05:04,610
put it on a trailer
and shipped it back.

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00:05:04,610 --> 00:05:07,350
Where it went, we never
knew, but it got picked up

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00:05:07,350 --> 00:05:09,180
and got taken back.

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00:05:09,180 --> 00:05:17,940
Places like Schmiedebach, where
they had a hole in the mountain

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00:05:17,940 --> 00:05:20,280
and they were
taking the free air

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00:05:20,280 --> 00:05:21,840
through that hole
in the mountain,

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00:05:21,840 --> 00:05:24,240
bringing it down 400
feet on the ground,

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00:05:24,240 --> 00:05:28,240
and breaking it down into the
component parts of oxygen,

83
00:05:28,240 --> 00:05:31,170
nitrogen, and so
forth, liquefying

84
00:05:31,170 --> 00:05:35,010
the oxygen, which became a
part of the propulsion unit

85
00:05:35,010 --> 00:05:38,070
for the V2s.

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00:05:38,070 --> 00:05:41,310
We picked up
information on weather

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00:05:41,310 --> 00:05:44,880
and all kinds of information,
so we were more or less

88
00:05:44,880 --> 00:05:48,540
an information gathering
outfit, bringing it back

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00:05:48,540 --> 00:05:52,950
to our officers and
having them disseminated

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00:05:52,950 --> 00:05:53,985
to the proper channels.

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00:05:53,985 --> 00:05:56,790

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00:05:56,790 --> 00:05:59,440

And basically, that was
the mission of the--

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00:05:59,440 --> 00:06:01,360

Operated in small teams?

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00:06:01,360 --> 00:06:04,710

We operated in small groups.

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00:06:04,710 --> 00:06:09,180

Four men in a Jeep, and usually
we went out with rations.

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00:06:09,180 --> 00:06:12,310

Enough ammunition so that if
we had to defend ourselves

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00:06:12,310 --> 00:06:12,810

we could.

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00:06:12,810 --> 00:06:18,930

We didn't have much of
weaponry other than our rifles

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00:06:18,930 --> 00:06:22,830

and whatever ammunition
we took with us,

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00:06:22,830 --> 00:06:26,040

and we were pretty much alone
when we went out there were.

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00:06:26,040 --> 00:06:27,630

Four men a Jeep.

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00:06:27,630 --> 00:06:29,820

We went out to
wherever we were sent

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00:06:29,820 --> 00:06:32,820
and then came back with
whatever information we found.

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00:06:32,820 --> 00:06:35,580

105
00:06:35,580 --> 00:06:42,360
One mine we went into,
a place called Egelu.

106
00:06:42,360 --> 00:06:46,830
We brought back the information
on the Messerschmitt 262, which

107
00:06:46,830 --> 00:06:55,300
was the first jet aircraft that
ever flew in this world, and--

108
00:06:55,300 --> 00:06:57,300
Were you looking-- had
they sent you after that,

109
00:06:57,300 --> 00:06:59,258
or is this just something
that you stumbled on?

110
00:06:59,258 --> 00:07:01,500
Well, we went through
that mine, knowing

111
00:07:01,500 --> 00:07:02,970
that there was
something down there

112
00:07:02,970 --> 00:07:07,440
and that aircraft were being
put together in that mine,

113
00:07:07,440 --> 00:07:10,830
and we had to go 2,200
feet underground to pick up

114
00:07:10,830 --> 00:07:16,155
all the plans and specifications
and everything else.

115
00:07:16,155 --> 00:07:18,510
It was quite an
operation on the ground.

116
00:07:18,510 --> 00:07:19,935
An amazing operation.

117
00:07:19,935 --> 00:07:21,810
So they used to send
you out on a hunch then,

118
00:07:21,810 --> 00:07:24,480
and you really had no
specific idea of what

119
00:07:24,480 --> 00:07:26,100
it was you were really after?

120
00:07:26,100 --> 00:07:28,710
Not really, no.

121
00:07:28,710 --> 00:07:31,980
And is that a fair
description as to how

122
00:07:31,980 --> 00:07:36,870
it was then, that one of your
outfits came upon Buchenwald?

123
00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:38,610
Apparently, our
commanding officer

124
00:07:38,610 --> 00:07:43,830
had received information that
Buchenwald had been taken,

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00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:47,020
and it was a routine order.

126
00:07:47,020 --> 00:07:49,200
We were sent out--
a group of us--

127
00:07:49,200 --> 00:07:52,770
to Buchenwald to bring
back the information,

128
00:07:52,770 --> 00:07:55,410
and we had no idea what
we were going to see

129
00:07:55,410 --> 00:07:57,690
or what it was all about.

130
00:07:57,690 --> 00:07:59,740
As you had spent this
time in the service,

131
00:07:59,740 --> 00:08:02,610
particularly in an information
gathering or intelligence

132
00:08:02,610 --> 00:08:05,700
fashion, do you have
any inkling at all

133
00:08:05,700 --> 00:08:07,800
about what the Germans
had been up to as far

134
00:08:07,800 --> 00:08:10,290
as the atrocities that
were later discovered?

135
00:08:10,290 --> 00:08:11,230
Very little.

136
00:08:11,230 --> 00:08:14,730
The only inkling that

I had had prior to this

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00:08:14,730 --> 00:08:18,240
was a bit of information
that I had translated

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00:08:18,240 --> 00:08:20,610
for our squadron
medical officer that

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00:08:20,610 --> 00:08:23,850
had to do with the
bathtub experiments, where

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00:08:23,850 --> 00:08:28,800
they froze people to death
and cook people to death.

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00:08:28,800 --> 00:08:32,669
Both extreme to find out how
much a human being can actually

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00:08:32,669 --> 00:08:35,730
take in temperature extremes.

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00:08:35,730 --> 00:08:39,750
Did you-- were these documented
reports that you received

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00:08:39,750 --> 00:08:41,669
on these experiments, or--

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00:08:41,669 --> 00:08:43,409
Yes, it was a report.

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00:08:43,409 --> 00:08:46,590
It was a medical report.

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00:08:46,590 --> 00:08:48,188
Somebody has that
somewhere today.

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00:08:48,188 --> 00:08:49,230
I don't know where it is.

149
00:08:49,230 --> 00:08:50,610
Written in German?

150
00:08:50,610 --> 00:08:51,810
Written in German script.

151
00:08:51,810 --> 00:08:56,920

152
00:08:56,920 --> 00:08:59,710
But other than that,
you were absolutely

153
00:08:59,710 --> 00:09:01,030
unprepared for what you were--

154
00:09:01,030 --> 00:09:03,340
No, not for Buchenwald, no.

155
00:09:03,340 --> 00:09:07,630
Nobody could have imagined
what we came to see

156
00:09:07,630 --> 00:09:09,010
and were told about.

157
00:09:09,010 --> 00:09:11,200
Can you describe for
us, then, and being

158
00:09:11,200 --> 00:09:16,450
as specific as you care to
be, what unfolded as you came

159
00:09:16,450 --> 00:09:18,190
upon Buchenwald, what
you saw, and what

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00:09:18,190 --> 00:09:22,990

your perceptions of both you and
your compatriots was, whereas--

161
00:09:22,990 --> 00:09:25,060
Well, it was a
beautiful sunshiny

162
00:09:25,060 --> 00:09:29,560
day towards the end
of April, and we

163
00:09:29,560 --> 00:09:32,410
drove up to the
gates of Buchenwald

164
00:09:32,410 --> 00:09:40,000
and parked our vehicle, got
out, and a little redheaded boy

165
00:09:40,000 --> 00:09:48,310
in prison garb with the striped
garb met us at the gate,

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00:09:48,310 --> 00:09:54,070
and it was strange that he met
us with this kind of statement.

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00:09:54,070 --> 00:09:57,670
I want nothing from you.

168
00:09:57,670 --> 00:10:00,610
Usually, when you
were met by a refugee

169
00:10:00,610 --> 00:10:06,130
or a person who had been
liberated was [GERMAN]..

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00:10:06,130 --> 00:10:08,740
Food.

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00:10:08,740 --> 00:10:11,020
[GERMAN]

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00:10:11,020 --> 00:10:15,610
And he said, that's
not what I want.

173
00:10:15,610 --> 00:10:18,940
He said, when you go
into this place today,

174
00:10:18,940 --> 00:10:21,520
he said, the one thing
that I want you to do

175
00:10:21,520 --> 00:10:25,430
is never forget what
you see and hear here.

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00:10:25,430 --> 00:10:29,500
And here was a little
redheaded Jewish boy.

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00:10:29,500 --> 00:10:30,820
He was redheaded.

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00:10:30,820 --> 00:10:34,360
He could not be more
than 13 or 14 years old,

179
00:10:34,360 --> 00:10:37,900
and yet, he had a terrific
message that meant nothing

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00:10:37,900 --> 00:10:40,420
at that moment
until we got into it

181
00:10:40,420 --> 00:10:45,850
and began to see what
was there, and we

182
00:10:45,850 --> 00:10:49,210
did get into the hospital.

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00:10:49,210 --> 00:10:53,230

The hospital was nothing
more than a wooden shack,

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00:10:53,230 --> 00:10:56,950

and I imagine you
can still see it now.

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00:10:56,950 --> 00:11:03,010

The beds were nothing but a flat
table like this, in which three

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00:11:03,010 --> 00:11:06,670

people would be laid
in there long way

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00:11:06,670 --> 00:11:09,520

and just enough so that
they would fit in there,

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00:11:09,520 --> 00:11:13,210

and then there were tears
of these bunks one on top

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00:11:13,210 --> 00:11:18,470

of the other, and rows of them
in this so-called hospital.

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00:11:18,470 --> 00:11:22,210

And we had a guy who explained
what happened in that hospital.

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00:11:22,210 --> 00:11:25,600

How the people were lined up.

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00:11:25,600 --> 00:11:32,290

And those who were able were
let go and those who were unable

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00:11:32,290 --> 00:11:35,625

would probably be injected
with a bubble of air,

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00:11:35,625 --> 00:11:38,230

as I understood it,
and eventually they

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00:11:38,230 --> 00:11:41,350

get to the end of the line
and of course dropped dead.

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00:11:41,350 --> 00:11:49,510

The people who were actually
in those cubicles lying there,

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00:11:49,510 --> 00:11:53,320

we were told if
somebody died, they

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00:11:53,320 --> 00:11:58,450

went for days just lying there
dead, because those who lived

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00:11:58,450 --> 00:12:00,670

would take the food that
was intended for them

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00:12:00,670 --> 00:12:04,370

and they would use
it for themselves.

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00:12:04,370 --> 00:12:07,980

So nobody reported
anything or said anything.

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00:12:07,980 --> 00:12:10,530

Well, this is what we were told.

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00:12:10,530 --> 00:12:11,960

There was nobody there.

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00:12:11,960 --> 00:12:14,010

Of course the cubicles
had been cleared out.

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00:12:14,010 --> 00:12:16,470
There was nobody there
when we got there,

206
00:12:16,470 --> 00:12:22,920
and our guide then took
us to the crematoriums,

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00:12:22,920 --> 00:12:26,520
and there we were taken
into the little room

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00:12:26,520 --> 00:12:29,580
and there was a room
downstairs in which there

209
00:12:29,580 --> 00:12:36,000
were 40 jets in the ceiling
and then meat hooks all around,

210
00:12:36,000 --> 00:12:40,655
and we were told that people
went in there were told

211
00:12:40,655 --> 00:12:42,780
to take all their clothes
off, that they were going

212
00:12:42,780 --> 00:12:47,100
to have a bath, and instead
of water, of course,

213
00:12:47,100 --> 00:12:51,570
they were given the gas,
and when they had died,

214
00:12:51,570 --> 00:12:53,340
they just hung them
up on the hooks

215
00:12:53,340 --> 00:12:57,360
as I understood it all
around in that little room.

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00:12:57,360 --> 00:13:01,290

And eventually they were
simply brought upstairs

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00:13:01,290 --> 00:13:03,960

into the crematorium,
and they had

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00:13:03,960 --> 00:13:07,530

these Coke ovens, where
they had these steel cradles

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00:13:07,530 --> 00:13:11,460

and the body was laid
on steel cradle burned,

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00:13:11,460 --> 00:13:12,780

and nothing but bones.

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00:13:12,780 --> 00:13:15,960

The bones were still there when
we went up there and looked

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00:13:15,960 --> 00:13:18,360

at the crematoriums.

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00:13:18,360 --> 00:13:20,040

You had a guide, Dr. Farinella.

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00:13:20,040 --> 00:13:21,060

Who was this guy?

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00:13:21,060 --> 00:13:22,820

Was it an ally guide or--

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00:13:22,820 --> 00:13:25,800

No, it was one of
the inmates, and he

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00:13:25,800 --> 00:13:29,340

spoke very good
English, took us around,

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00:13:29,340 --> 00:13:33,030
and the young boy
that had met us

229
00:13:33,030 --> 00:13:36,090
was still out there greeting
the others coming in.

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00:13:36,090 --> 00:13:39,210
So we had another guy who
took us through and showed us

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00:13:39,210 --> 00:13:40,140
through.

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00:13:40,140 --> 00:13:44,130
Was this an
extemporaneous reaction

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00:13:44,130 --> 00:13:46,350
on the part of
the inmates or had

234
00:13:46,350 --> 00:13:51,120
this been something that
was organized by someone

235
00:13:51,120 --> 00:13:53,770
from outside the camp?

236
00:13:53,770 --> 00:13:55,710
I wouldn't know
how to answer that.

237
00:13:55,710 --> 00:13:59,430
It seemed to me that was more
or less a spontaneous kind

238
00:13:59,430 --> 00:14:03,060
of thing, where people were
just telling about the horrors

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00:14:03,060 --> 00:14:07,380

that they had just lived
through and probably would never

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00:14:07,380 --> 00:14:08,400

forget.

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00:14:08,400 --> 00:14:10,950

Can you remember any of
your immediate reaction

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00:14:10,950 --> 00:14:18,330

to what you heard or the
reaction of those around you

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00:14:18,330 --> 00:14:19,260

to what you heard?

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00:14:19,260 --> 00:14:24,690

My immediate reaction was
one of almost disgust.

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00:14:24,690 --> 00:14:27,570

You couldn't believe
what you were hearing,

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00:14:27,570 --> 00:14:32,990

and what you were
smelling was not nice.

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00:14:32,990 --> 00:14:38,580

It just was disgusting, and
it changed a beautiful day

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00:14:38,580 --> 00:14:42,450

to one of horror, is
about the size of it,

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00:14:42,450 --> 00:14:44,790

because you could
not begin to imagine

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00:14:44,790 --> 00:14:47,370

that anybody in this
world would ever treat

251

00:14:47,370 --> 00:14:49,680

human beings in this manner.

252

00:14:49,680 --> 00:14:50,850

You couldn't conceive of it.

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00:14:50,850 --> 00:14:53,130

There was no way in which
you could conceive of that.

254

00:14:53,130 --> 00:14:56,160

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00:14:56,160 --> 00:14:58,500

While you were at
the camp, was there

256

00:14:58,500 --> 00:15:01,010

any sign of German
personnel or any guards

257

00:15:01,010 --> 00:15:04,120

had been swept up with
the capture of the camp?

258

00:15:04,120 --> 00:15:07,800

No, the Germans had been removed
by the time we got there.

259

00:15:07,800 --> 00:15:12,930

There were no Germans
there, and it was mostly

260

00:15:12,930 --> 00:15:16,530

the inmates taking us in
and showing us around.

261

00:15:16,530 --> 00:15:19,480

Were you aware of any organized

relief efforts underway?

262

00:15:19,480 --> 00:15:23,610

No, we had no way
of knowing that.

263

00:15:23,610 --> 00:15:26,790

But one of the things that
the American forces usually

264

00:15:26,790 --> 00:15:30,180

did when they moved
into any of these camps

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00:15:30,180 --> 00:15:34,080

was they cleaned up the inmates,
deloused them, gave them

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00:15:34,080 --> 00:15:37,650

food, clothing, try
to take care of them

267

00:15:37,650 --> 00:15:39,720

medically if they could.

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00:15:39,720 --> 00:15:41,970

Give them all the
assistance they could,

269

00:15:41,970 --> 00:15:49,890

and apparently, a lot of
that had already been done.

270

00:15:49,890 --> 00:15:52,770

Were all of the inmates
that you saw still

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00:15:52,770 --> 00:15:54,730

dressed in those
striped uniforms?

272

00:15:54,730 --> 00:15:57,410

Yes.

273
00:15:57,410 --> 00:15:58,090
Heads shaven?

274
00:15:58,090 --> 00:16:03,170

275
00:16:03,170 --> 00:16:06,180
We didn't really look
too closely at them.

276
00:16:06,180 --> 00:16:09,470
We were so engrossed in
what we were being told.

277
00:16:09,470 --> 00:16:12,460
We were looking at the
buildings and the horror of it,

278
00:16:12,460 --> 00:16:15,570
not at the people themselves.

279
00:16:15,570 --> 00:16:19,600
It's strange to say that,
but that's the reality of it.

280
00:16:19,600 --> 00:16:22,210

281
00:16:22,210 --> 00:16:27,220
This then was close
to the end of the war.

282
00:16:27,220 --> 00:16:29,770
You spent, I take it, no
more than a day there.

283
00:16:29,770 --> 00:16:30,850
One day.

284
00:16:30,850 --> 00:16:32,200
And then back to your--

285
00:16:32,200 --> 00:16:33,520
Back to our routine.

286
00:16:33,520 --> 00:16:36,370
--report on this day with
the war winding down.

287
00:16:36,370 --> 00:16:40,250
What sort of a
report that you make?

288
00:16:40,250 --> 00:16:43,070
We simply reported
that we had been there

289
00:16:43,070 --> 00:16:46,100
and that these were
the things we had seen

290
00:16:46,100 --> 00:16:48,710
and that was the end of it.

291
00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:50,570
Our report was made,
that was the end of it

292
00:16:50,570 --> 00:16:55,010
as far as we were
concerned, and actually, we

293
00:16:55,010 --> 00:16:57,440
went right on to another job.

294
00:16:57,440 --> 00:16:59,550
It was like coming back,
they give you a report,

295
00:16:59,550 --> 00:17:01,370
and you're off again.

296
00:17:01,370 --> 00:17:06,710

And the war ended for us
in the city of Eisenach.

297
00:17:06,710 --> 00:17:09,020
In a Gasthaus in Eisenach.

298
00:17:09,020 --> 00:17:12,859
And there again we had
been sent there to pick up

299
00:17:12,859 --> 00:17:17,540
an ME 109 that we knew was
there and an FW 190 that

300
00:17:17,540 --> 00:17:20,957
had to be taken apart and
shipped back to Wright Field

301
00:17:20,957 --> 00:17:22,040
here in the United States.

302
00:17:22,040 --> 00:17:24,819

303
00:17:24,819 --> 00:17:27,369
To your knowledge,
based on your report

304
00:17:27,369 --> 00:17:30,190
back to your commanding
officer, did this go anywhere?

305
00:17:30,190 --> 00:17:32,560
Did it have anything to
do with any subsequent

306
00:17:32,560 --> 00:17:35,200
follow up investigations of
what was happening in the camps?

307
00:17:35,200 --> 00:17:36,130
We never knew.

308

00:17:36,130 --> 00:17:38,720

We never knew.

309

00:17:38,720 --> 00:17:40,670

Our report was in,
that was the end of it.

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00:17:40,670 --> 00:17:42,325

We were never given
any information

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00:17:42,325 --> 00:17:44,200

as to what was done with
the information that

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00:17:44,200 --> 00:17:44,950

was given to them.

313

00:17:44,950 --> 00:17:47,750

314

00:17:47,750 --> 00:17:51,500

When you reported this back--
and I'm trying to now get some

315

00:17:51,500 --> 00:17:54,410

feel, not only for what
your reactions were

316

00:17:54,410 --> 00:17:56,630

but as to what happened to
this kind of information.

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00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:59,990

Obviously, from the
perspective of your team,

318

00:17:59,990 --> 00:18:02,180

It didn't seem to go anywhere.

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00:18:02,180 --> 00:18:04,430

Did your commanding officer

have any reaction to this?

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00:18:04,430 --> 00:18:06,050

I mean, had he
been briefed or did

321

00:18:06,050 --> 00:18:10,520

this seem to corroborate
anything else that he'd

322

00:18:10,520 --> 00:18:13,700

heard or was he as
surprised as you were?

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00:18:13,700 --> 00:18:17,060

I believe they had
had some inkling

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00:18:17,060 --> 00:18:19,640

of what we were going to find.

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00:18:19,640 --> 00:18:21,560

They were not really
that surprised,

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00:18:21,560 --> 00:18:27,260

at least that was the feeling
I had when we reported back,

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00:18:27,260 --> 00:18:34,650

and of course it was a
disgusting thing to hear about,

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00:18:34,650 --> 00:18:39,530

and there was real anger
among some of the people

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00:18:39,530 --> 00:18:40,745

who heard the report.

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00:18:40,745 --> 00:18:43,430

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00:18:43,430 --> 00:18:48,740

And yet, it was no
different from our running

332

00:18:48,740 --> 00:18:51,920

into the DP camps where
the displaced persons were

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00:18:51,920 --> 00:18:57,510

and you had hundreds of people
living in one room, men, women,

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00:18:57,510 --> 00:19:03,000

and children all in one
room, dirty, filthy,

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00:19:03,000 --> 00:19:06,020

no medicine, no food.

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00:19:06,020 --> 00:19:09,500

You had all of that
ongoing at the time.

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00:19:09,500 --> 00:19:12,770

This was just the
worst thing that

338

00:19:12,770 --> 00:19:15,920

had ever been brought back.

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00:19:15,920 --> 00:19:21,140

Among those in your outfit,
did this information

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00:19:21,140 --> 00:19:24,800

or as it became clearer
to you what had gone on

341

00:19:24,800 --> 00:19:27,960

and that it was perhaps
part of a larger picture,

342

00:19:27,960 --> 00:19:29,750
this change your
perceptions on the enemy

343
00:19:29,750 --> 00:19:30,708
that you were fighting?

344
00:19:30,708 --> 00:19:34,430

345
00:19:34,430 --> 00:19:39,830
To an extent, but none of us
had any respect for our enemy

346
00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:42,320
at that time.

347
00:19:42,320 --> 00:19:45,620
They were not clean
fighters of any kind.

348
00:19:45,620 --> 00:19:49,010
They had used all the dirty
tactics you can imagine,

349
00:19:49,010 --> 00:19:53,780
and having seen the bombardment
of cities in England,

350
00:19:53,780 --> 00:19:55,730
having been in
London when London

351
00:19:55,730 --> 00:19:59,900
was burning like somebody had
just torched the whole city

352
00:19:59,900 --> 00:20:03,440
and seeing men, women,
and children just racing

353
00:20:03,440 --> 00:20:07,580
for their lives every

time the bombing started,

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00:20:07,580 --> 00:20:10,430
you could not have any respect
for that kind of an enemy.

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00:20:10,430 --> 00:20:13,480

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00:20:13,480 --> 00:20:16,480
Where the people that you
saw in Buchenwald primarily

357

00:20:16,480 --> 00:20:21,910
Jews, or were they people who
were also political prisoners?

358

00:20:21,910 --> 00:20:25,390
No, no, Buchenwald
was strictly Jewish.

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00:20:25,390 --> 00:20:29,620
The people we met there
were strictly Jewish,

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00:20:29,620 --> 00:20:35,200
and Schmiedebach, it was a
French concentration camp,

361

00:20:35,200 --> 00:20:39,190
and there we were told how, out
of a group of 500 Frenchmen,

362

00:20:39,190 --> 00:20:42,730
there was only a handful,
about a dozen left.

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00:20:42,730 --> 00:20:47,080
So the atrocity was
everywhere, and it

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00:20:47,080 --> 00:20:49,750
extended to groups other

than the Jewish groups.

365

00:20:49,750 --> 00:20:53,910

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00:20:53,910 --> 00:20:57,118

Well, as your military
career wound down, is it

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00:20:57,118 --> 00:20:59,160

your last assignment was
finding a German fighter

368

00:20:59,160 --> 00:21:02,400

and bringing it back
to Wright Field.

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00:21:02,400 --> 00:21:05,192

Was there anything else or
was that essentially it?

370

00:21:05,192 --> 00:21:06,900

You were mustered out,
I take it-- what--

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00:21:06,900 --> 00:21:07,620

1945-46?

372

00:21:07,620 --> 00:21:10,230

No, no.

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00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:16,440

What happened after the
Germans surrendered on May 9th,

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00:21:16,440 --> 00:21:20,050

we were sent to
redeployment depots.

375

00:21:20,050 --> 00:21:23,100

We were going to go
back to the Far East,

376

00:21:23,100 --> 00:21:29,460
and there was a
whole reassignment.

377

00:21:29,460 --> 00:21:35,460
We went from repple depple to
repple depple and then back.

378

00:21:35,460 --> 00:21:38,580
I was assigned to
a fighter group.

379

00:21:38,580 --> 00:21:40,710
We were supposed to
head for Marseilles

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00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:44,190
and just about the
time we were supposed

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00:21:44,190 --> 00:21:45,660
to head for
Marseilles, of course,

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00:21:45,660 --> 00:21:48,030
the atomic bomb was dropped.

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00:21:48,030 --> 00:21:52,950
And on August 15th, I
found myself in London.

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00:21:52,950 --> 00:21:56,430
V-J Day I walked into
the wildest celebration

385

00:21:56,430 --> 00:21:58,420
you could have ever found.

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00:21:58,420 --> 00:22:02,370
And of course, then
it was a matter

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00:22:02,370 --> 00:22:07,260
of getting everybody home,
and everything went to pieces.

388
00:22:07,260 --> 00:22:09,840
Europe was just one
nightmare of people

389
00:22:09,840 --> 00:22:13,020
just going hither, thither,
and yon and everybody

390
00:22:13,020 --> 00:22:14,070
trying to get back home.

391
00:22:14,070 --> 00:22:19,830

392
00:22:19,830 --> 00:22:22,610
And it's pretty
much your impression

393
00:22:22,610 --> 00:22:25,130
that, among those of
you who were there

394
00:22:25,130 --> 00:22:27,470
to see the camps
that the impression

395
00:22:27,470 --> 00:22:29,690
itself was, in many
respects, overwhelmed

396
00:22:29,690 --> 00:22:32,330
by the whole process
of demobilization

397
00:22:32,330 --> 00:22:35,073
and getting back
into civilian life?

398
00:22:35,073 --> 00:22:36,740

What sort of an
impression did it leave,

399
00:22:36,740 --> 00:22:38,750
I guess that's the
question answer.

400
00:22:38,750 --> 00:22:42,530
It left an impression
you'll never forget.

401
00:22:42,530 --> 00:22:44,930
That was the
immediate impression.

402
00:22:44,930 --> 00:22:50,300
However, life does go on,
and this had happened,

403
00:22:50,300 --> 00:22:54,350
but once you got home,
the war was over.

404
00:22:54,350 --> 00:22:56,720
It was pushed into
the background,

405
00:22:56,720 --> 00:23:02,810
and you began the task of
rebuilding your own life.

406
00:23:02,810 --> 00:23:05,660
And over time, how was
it your interest and

407
00:23:05,660 --> 00:23:07,610
what you had seen revived?

408
00:23:07,610 --> 00:23:08,450
It obviously did.

409
00:23:08,450 --> 00:23:10,040
Here we are.

410
00:23:10,040 --> 00:23:12,440
My life was a
very, very busy one

411
00:23:12,440 --> 00:23:17,750
from the time I left the service
up until the present day,

412
00:23:17,750 --> 00:23:22,160
and there was no time for
backtracking or reminiscing

413
00:23:22,160 --> 00:23:24,290
or looking back
over your shoulder.

414
00:23:24,290 --> 00:23:28,160
Until one evening
I was invited--

415
00:23:28,160 --> 00:23:31,310
along with the
commissioner of education--

416
00:23:31,310 --> 00:23:36,040
into a home in Westfield,
and the discussion

417
00:23:36,040 --> 00:23:38,230
centered around a
number of things

418
00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:43,670
and finally it came around
to the atrocities that

419
00:23:43,670 --> 00:23:46,110
had occurred during the war.

420
00:23:46,110 --> 00:23:50,120
And I sat there quietly
wondering, am I a part of this

421

00:23:50,120 --> 00:23:56,360
or am I not a part of this, but
since the whole thing involved

422

00:23:56,360 --> 00:23:58,430
an educational issue
whether this should

423

00:23:58,430 --> 00:24:03,800
be brought into focus as an
educational issue or not,

424

00:24:03,800 --> 00:24:06,710
I finally spoke up
and indicated that I

425

00:24:06,710 --> 00:24:11,970
had some background in terms
of what had transpired.

426

00:24:11,970 --> 00:24:16,430
And from there, I was invited
to serve on the Governor's

427

00:24:16,430 --> 00:24:20,600
Holocaust Committee, and I have
served on that committee up

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00:24:20,600 --> 00:24:23,640
to the present day.

429

00:24:23,640 --> 00:24:30,960
As an educator, how do you
feel about the teaching

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00:24:30,960 --> 00:24:36,930
of the Holocaust in schools,
and the governor's mandate

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00:24:36,930 --> 00:24:42,690
to include Holocaust education
as part of the curriculum?

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00:24:42,690 --> 00:24:48,240
I support it completely, and the
superintendent of schools I did

433

00:24:48,240 --> 00:24:51,930
have our people write an
elementary school curriculum,

434

00:24:51,930 --> 00:24:54,600
and most of the curriculum
that have been written

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00:24:54,600 --> 00:24:58,590
on the Holocaust have been at
the secondary school level,

436

00:24:58,590 --> 00:25:02,640
but I had our people sit
down and put together

437

00:25:02,640 --> 00:25:05,760
a curriculum for the
elementary grades,

438

00:25:05,760 --> 00:25:08,580
and we finally
decided that it could

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00:25:08,580 --> 00:25:12,810
be taught most advantageously
at grades six, seven, and eight.

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00:25:12,810 --> 00:25:15,780
And we did develop
a curriculum, which

441

00:25:15,780 --> 00:25:20,520
was approved by the
Board of Education

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00:25:20,520 --> 00:25:24,660
after a tremendous battle with

some community members who

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00:25:24,660 --> 00:25:29,880
tried to fight it off,
and one board member even

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00:25:29,880 --> 00:25:32,100
attempted to bring in
the Ten Commandments.

445

00:25:32,100 --> 00:25:33,780
If you're going to
teach the Holocaust,

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00:25:33,780 --> 00:25:35,550
then you've got to
teach Ten Commandments.

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00:25:35,550 --> 00:25:37,950
That's the kind of
ploy that was used,

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00:25:37,950 --> 00:25:43,380
but to the credit of the
Clark Board of Education,

449

00:25:43,380 --> 00:25:46,170
they saw fit to approve
that curriculum,

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00:25:46,170 --> 00:25:48,790
and even now, as
I understand, it

451

00:25:48,790 --> 00:25:51,337
is in use in the public schools.

452

00:25:51,337 --> 00:25:53,670
Why did you select the sixth,
seventh, and eighth grades

453

00:25:53,670 --> 00:25:56,250
particularly?

454
00:25:56,250 --> 00:26:00,480
The teachers felt that
the students would better

455
00:26:00,480 --> 00:26:02,680
understand what
this was all about

456
00:26:02,680 --> 00:26:05,580
and that would be
self-defeating you could

457
00:26:05,580 --> 00:26:13,440
teach the basic principles of
man's love for his fellow man

458
00:26:13,440 --> 00:26:16,890
at the kindergarten level
and do it indirectly.

459
00:26:16,890 --> 00:26:19,980
The direct teaching could come
at grades six, seven, and eight

460
00:26:19,980 --> 00:26:25,650
where you could show the
films that are available,

461
00:26:25,650 --> 00:26:32,160
teach the happenings that
did occur at that time,

462
00:26:32,160 --> 00:26:36,180
and have youngsters who could
put it in a proper perspective

463
00:26:36,180 --> 00:26:39,050
and gain from it.

464
00:26:39,050 --> 00:26:41,880
That was the consensus
of the staff.

465
00:26:41,880 --> 00:26:48,000
And I went along with it,
because if your staff backs it

466
00:26:48,000 --> 00:26:50,790
in that way, then
the chances are

467
00:26:50,790 --> 00:26:53,490
that they will
cause it to succeed

468
00:26:53,490 --> 00:26:58,350
when they put it into
operation in the classroom.

469
00:26:58,350 --> 00:26:59,940
And we were very successful.

470
00:26:59,940 --> 00:27:03,900
I had some very enthusiastic
teachers who took over.

471
00:27:03,900 --> 00:27:08,130
Has the introduction of the
Holocaust into the curriculum

472
00:27:08,130 --> 00:27:10,050
generated community
support as well as

473
00:27:10,050 --> 00:27:13,140
professional and staff support?

474
00:27:13,140 --> 00:27:13,640
Yes.

475
00:27:13,640 --> 00:27:14,890
--acceptance for it out there?

476
00:27:14,890 --> 00:27:16,490

Also opposition.

477

00:27:16,490 --> 00:27:18,140

Why?

478

00:27:18,140 --> 00:27:19,040

You've got both.

479

00:27:19,040 --> 00:27:22,820

You had support and
you had opposition.

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00:27:22,820 --> 00:27:30,350

You had opposition from people
who were personally threatened,

481

00:27:30,350 --> 00:27:33,980

because they might have
been of German descent.

482

00:27:33,980 --> 00:27:37,778

They were really saying, it's
not my fault that it happened.

483

00:27:37,778 --> 00:27:39,320

This may have
happened, but you can't

484

00:27:39,320 --> 00:27:43,970

blame a whole race of people
for this, but at the same time,

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00:27:43,970 --> 00:27:47,300

they were trying to negate
the whole thing, which

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00:27:47,300 --> 00:27:49,610

was wrong in itself.

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00:27:49,610 --> 00:27:53,060

Had they said, look,
OK, it happened,

488

00:27:53,060 --> 00:27:55,130

it's unfortunate
that it happened,

489

00:27:55,130 --> 00:27:57,020

but we're sorry it happened.

490

00:27:57,020 --> 00:27:59,660

Let's go on from there
and know that it's

491

00:27:59,660 --> 00:28:02,660

a new generation of
people and that they

492

00:28:02,660 --> 00:28:04,430

are different from
the people who

493

00:28:04,430 --> 00:28:06,390

perpetrated these atrocities.

494

00:28:06,390 --> 00:28:07,910

They didn't assume that stance.

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00:28:07,910 --> 00:28:13,980

They assume the stance don't
malign us, don't smear us.

496

00:28:13,980 --> 00:28:15,860

Don't dirty our names.

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00:28:15,860 --> 00:28:17,000

We will defend them.

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00:28:17,000 --> 00:28:20,750

We'll fight at all
costs kind of attitude.

499

00:28:20,750 --> 00:28:24,560

And some of these people
were very, very astute

500
00:28:24,560 --> 00:28:29,750
individuals who were
able to use strategies

501
00:28:29,750 --> 00:28:33,920
that were shrewd, calculated.

502
00:28:33,920 --> 00:28:37,610
I was accused of
being a humanist,

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00:28:37,610 --> 00:28:42,470
almost as if you were talking
about the Communist Manifesto

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00:28:42,470 --> 00:28:43,310
kind of thing.

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00:28:43,310 --> 00:28:47,530

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00:28:47,530 --> 00:28:49,000
But you're satisfied
now that there

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00:28:49,000 --> 00:28:51,250
is a great deal of support
out there in the community?

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00:28:51,250 --> 00:28:54,240
I believe there
is strong support.

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00:28:54,240 --> 00:28:56,830
I also believe that
there is an undercurrent

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00:28:56,830 --> 00:28:59,320
of strong opposition,
and you've got

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00:28:59,320 --> 00:29:03,790
to be very much aware
of that and not be

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00:29:03,790 --> 00:29:07,220
lulled into a false security.

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00:29:07,220 --> 00:29:08,050
It's there.

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00:29:08,050 --> 00:29:09,710
It's a reality.

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00:29:09,710 --> 00:29:18,380
In your own speaking
and public statements,

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00:29:18,380 --> 00:29:21,410
officially and
otherwise, have you

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00:29:21,410 --> 00:29:27,590
tried to discount or to
discredit this kind of notion

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00:29:27,590 --> 00:29:28,460
of opposition?

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00:29:28,460 --> 00:29:32,130

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00:29:32,130 --> 00:29:37,250
I've tried not to
make this a contest.

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00:29:37,250 --> 00:29:44,100
In other words, in my addresses
to various groups of people,

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00:29:44,100 --> 00:29:49,740
the objective has been to
state the facts as they are

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00:29:49,740 --> 00:29:52,320

and to follow it up
with the statement

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00:29:52,320 --> 00:29:56,790

that it is our obligation to see
to it that this does not happen

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00:29:56,790 --> 00:30:01,320

again, and usually, that's
been greeted with applause

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00:30:01,320 --> 00:30:03,990

and strong support.

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00:30:03,990 --> 00:30:08,730

My feeling has always been
it takes two to make a fight,

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00:30:08,730 --> 00:30:13,350

and if you give
credence to someone

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00:30:13,350 --> 00:30:19,170

who is trying to
either build a lie

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00:30:19,170 --> 00:30:24,930

or discredit something
with an untruth,

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00:30:24,930 --> 00:30:27,180

you're really building
their case for them,

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00:30:27,180 --> 00:30:30,280

and I've stayed out of that.

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00:30:30,280 --> 00:30:36,370

In recent years,
there has been, I

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00:30:36,370 --> 00:30:37,930
suppose it's too
strong to call it

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00:30:37,930 --> 00:30:40,090
a revisionist school
thinking about the Holocaust,

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00:30:40,090 --> 00:30:42,580
but there has been some
argument, particularly

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00:30:42,580 --> 00:30:46,340
in Europe, among some scholars
as to the extent of what

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00:30:46,340 --> 00:30:46,840
went on.

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00:30:46,840 --> 00:30:49,700
The extreme case being a
denial or a virtual denial

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00:30:49,700 --> 00:30:52,760
that it occurred,
others being that there

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00:30:52,760 --> 00:30:54,670
were mitigating circumstances.

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00:30:54,670 --> 00:30:57,040
Was there any of
that you picked up

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00:30:57,040 --> 00:30:59,770
in your arguments or
the arguments that

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00:30:59,770 --> 00:31:03,220
had to be fought at the
school district level to--

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00:31:03,220 --> 00:31:04,420

Oh, yes.

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00:31:04,420 --> 00:31:08,410

there's a strong
undercurrent of that.

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00:31:08,410 --> 00:31:13,090

It runs the whole gamut
from that never happened to,

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00:31:13,090 --> 00:31:15,220

if it did happen,
it's not as bad

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00:31:15,220 --> 00:31:17,305

as you're trying
to make it sound.

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00:31:17,305 --> 00:31:20,770

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00:31:20,770 --> 00:31:23,080

Well, you have been in
contact with this issue

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00:31:23,080 --> 00:31:28,960

on a personal basis while
you were a serviceman,

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00:31:28,960 --> 00:31:33,310

and certainly, and I would
say an equally important way

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00:31:33,310 --> 00:31:36,040

in your years as an educator.

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00:31:36,040 --> 00:31:37,690

It has been an issue.

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00:31:37,690 --> 00:31:41,620

I suppose it is not
going to go away

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00:31:41,620 --> 00:31:44,650

and your career is
ample testimony to that.

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00:31:44,650 --> 00:31:48,580

Do you have any final
comments or observations

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00:31:48,580 --> 00:31:50,810

you'd like to make about
your entire experience

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00:31:50,810 --> 00:31:53,361

on both levels
with the Holocaust?

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00:31:53,361 --> 00:31:57,050

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00:31:57,050 --> 00:32:05,690

I believe that, in having
been involved in the efforts

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00:32:05,690 --> 00:32:08,720

to build a Holocaust
curriculum for the state of New

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00:32:08,720 --> 00:32:12,390

Jersey has been a very enriching
and rewarding experience

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00:32:12,390 --> 00:32:12,890

for me.

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00:32:12,890 --> 00:32:16,240

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00:32:16,240 --> 00:32:18,970

The people with whom
we worked, Rabbi Titus

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00:32:18,970 --> 00:32:22,450

stands out very prominently.

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00:32:22,450 --> 00:32:25,030

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00:32:25,030 --> 00:32:30,730

Luna Kaufman hearing first hand
from the people who suffered

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00:32:30,730 --> 00:32:35,470

and who still bore the scars
of the terrible atrocities that

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00:32:35,470 --> 00:32:38,020

were perpetrated.

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00:32:38,020 --> 00:32:41,050

It gave you a
perspective on life

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00:32:41,050 --> 00:32:43,550

that you could not have
gained in any other way.

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00:32:43,550 --> 00:32:46,570

In other words, through
their suffering,

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00:32:46,570 --> 00:32:49,780

they can enrich
someone else's life

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00:32:49,780 --> 00:32:51,340

and give you a
better perspective

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00:32:51,340 --> 00:32:53,960

on how to deal with your
fellow human beings.

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And I have been very
grateful for the opportunity

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00:32:57,470 --> 00:32:59,830
to have served
with these people.

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00:32:59,830 --> 00:33:02,830
One question that
I would like to ask

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00:33:02,830 --> 00:33:09,170
is as my concluding
question is, do you

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00:33:09,170 --> 00:33:14,450
think that your
eyewitness experience has

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00:33:14,450 --> 00:33:22,220
been the most significant
factor in your own pursuit

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00:33:22,220 --> 00:33:24,380
of Holocaust education?

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00:33:24,380 --> 00:33:29,840
That if you had not seen what
you had seen in 1945 that you

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00:33:29,840 --> 00:33:35,220
might have gone a different
path or perhaps not been

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00:33:35,220 --> 00:33:36,960
particularly--

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00:33:36,960 --> 00:33:41,580
I think basically
having experienced it

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00:33:41,580 --> 00:33:46,230
as I did gave me
an incentive that

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00:33:46,230 --> 00:33:50,760
probably could have come from
nothing else, because I saw it.

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00:33:50,760 --> 00:33:52,210
I felt it.

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00:33:52,210 --> 00:33:52,980
I smelled it.

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00:33:52,980 --> 00:33:58,230
I knew it was there, and
the place where it happened

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00:33:58,230 --> 00:34:02,930
I was in there with the people
who had suffered with it,

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00:34:02,930 --> 00:34:06,630
and that's an
unforgettable experience,

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00:34:06,630 --> 00:34:09,600
and it stays with you.

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00:34:09,600 --> 00:34:12,449
There were times when I didn't
even dare talk about it even.

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00:34:12,449 --> 00:34:15,630
It was something you
didn't talk about.

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00:34:15,630 --> 00:34:18,270
It was too horrible
to talk about,

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00:34:18,270 --> 00:34:21,239
and people wouldn't believe you
even if you talked about it.

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00:34:21,239 --> 00:34:23,730

Like the survivors
themselves, you needed time

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00:34:23,730 --> 00:34:26,550
to distance yourself from it.

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00:34:26,550 --> 00:34:27,690
That's right.

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00:34:27,690 --> 00:34:28,860
Thank you very, very much--

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00:34:28,860 --> 00:34:29,429
Thank you.

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00:34:29,429 --> 00:34:30,096
--Dr. Farinella.

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00:34:30,096 --> 00:34:32,110
It was an honor
to have you here.

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00:34:32,110 --> 00:34:32,610
My pleasure.

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00:34:32,610 --> 00:34:36,260
[MUSIC PLAYING]

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00:34:36,260 --> 00:35:13,000