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Summary

Reubin Weitzman and Milton Goldberg, liberators of Nordhausen (Mittelbau-Dora) concentration camp, describe joining the 104th Infantry Division (Weitzman was part of the 329th Medical Detachment); their early experiences in the US Army stateside; their lack of awareness of the treatment of Jews in Europe prior to liberation; antisemitism in the military; landing in Cherbourg, France; fighting in Belgium and Holland; transferring to Aachen; arriving at Nordhausen not knowing it was a concentration camp initially; seeing dead bodies everywhere; experiencing shock and disbelief at what they saw; Goldberg standing by as a guard was beaten to death; the traumatized mental state of soldiers during the war; the killing of an SS soldier patient via intentional embolism; Weitzman gathering blankets from German homes in town; forcing local Germans to view the mass grave; Germans denying knowing anything about the camp; staying at Nordhausen a few days before the division moved on; Goldberg knowing a Nordhausen survivor today; importance of Holocaust education and voting; their division reuniting once a year.