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Martin Tatar b. Chicago 7/20/1915; liberator Dachau (1945 age 30), Army captain, participated in Jewish Brigade, picking up refugees on front, housing in downtown Naples, Italy, "sneaking them out to Palestine...most were young"; participated Battle of Bulge & 2nd reinforcement command/Belgium; discovering Belgian Catholic Church hiding 50 Jews; Martin's efforts to encourage them to go to Israel, but they were afraid to trust, fearful Germans would usurp; transfer to Worms, Germany; Martin, of Jewish faith, & aware of concentration camps, insisted on Dachau assignment, "I've got to get down there."; first entering, seeing "living skeletons...freight train cars loaded with bodies; recalls survivor so weak but able to strike a guard with a shovel; Martin's disgust for Dachau townspeople who claimed, "'We didn't know what was going on in there.' They could have smelled it, the ovens, the flesh."; told, "200 a day were dying...You can't explain this to people who don't witness it - beyond imagination."; prisoners ethnicities, "no Italians, there were French, Polish, few from Belgium...I didn't see any children."; Martin's joy reuniting years later with Dachau survivor he had liberated - more imp to Martin than his war medals; seeing scaffolding for hangings; Martin, able to speak Yiddish, liberating people in barracks "like seeing a beaten dog...their inability to accept that they were free"; seeing Dachau's "sub-standard medical facility"; in crematory, Martin presumes Germans had tried cleaning up but saw bones; Martin stayed 4-5 days in Dachau area (Apr 1945); prisoner uniforms; liberators' reactions, repulsion; also liberated nearby Russian workcamp, 150 people, all Russians, "not as ill-treated" as Dachau, one woman prisoner took command, "I'm bringing all these people back to Russia."; returning to base and telling Dachau story to soldiers who couldn't absorb (Jewish chaplain understood) "I could understand (their indifferent reaction) - it was hard to believe."; return to States, shared pictures of Dachau with nephew & wife but for the most part didn't share with anyone, including family, "There are experiences in life that you can't erase."; closing thought, "Jews have to wake up. Who knows if some day, freedom might cease in the US?"