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Mark Weinberg, b. 2/17/1912, Warsaw, Poland; religious family; father/mother owned sole leather factory; 6 brothers/2 sisters/much extended family; attended private grammar then trade school; boxer/gymnast, skier in Army (Polish mountains); before 1939, first experiences with anti-Semitism, beatings of Jews, oldest brother/sister having to immigrate to Palestine, (1937) going to Germany to buy bicycle/motorbike parts & seeing Nazis marching; joining Polish Army, surrendering to Germans; lived in Polish/Christian section (border of Warsaw ghetto), "looking more German than Polish," didn't register in ghetto; Citadel not amply supplying its own Polish soldiers with bullets (gave more to Germans); joining underground, smuggling supplies into ghetto (through holes), paying off volunteer police; captured (Polish side) with false ID as Christian Pole, got rid of pistol to avoid being killed; slave labor/factory (Mark does not recall factory's name), escape to Warsaw; captured again as Christian Pole, signed up for work in Vienna (loading/unloading trains), little food, receiving clothing had been brought in from concentration camps; joined underground, sabotaging trains, providing info who/what/when/where re: the trains; accused of spying, 11 times beaten up (including at Hotel Metropole), because of injuries, suiciding by cutting veins, hanging self; survived & taken to Vienna's largest hospital, few weeks recovery; hospital exam, in disrobing, circumcision "didn't give me up," later learning "Many Germans had been circumcised," doctors declared 'Christian-type/4 generations' because of green eyes, straight ears, sharp profile"; experienced multiple imprisonments; sent to Auschwitz Sept 1943, Block 2/Auschwitz 1, imprisoned with Christian poles, Germans, Head Rabbi Jamnick (sp?) of Bolivia; received red triangle (political prisoner); got in fight, taken with Jewish prisoners to crematory, placed in Auschwitz 2 "near kitchen"; saw "old people taken to gas chamber"; Mark limping because of fight injury, Dr. Mengele asked why & believing Mark a political prisoner, asked "Are you for us or against us?" released to Block 29 & assigned "best job you can get in concentration camp - kitchen - to get food & help others," sneaked food to gypsies, potato peelings to women with babies; Auschwitz uprising; transferred with "3500 Jews & 3500 Poles" to Rauenberg; also at Auschwitz, when asked to boil "15,000 little soups meant last meal...sometimes for 1000 (taken to gas chamber), one time 1200, another time French Jews, also 6500 gypsies, 2 shots behind head to two small boys...If gas chamber dry, took 3 min to kill, if gas chamber wet, 10-20 minutes before dead. When they opened next morning, if some were still alive, they gased again. Smell was for 50 miles around"; after liberation, non-Jewish shocked to find that Jewish people looked similar as they - had been taught "Jewish look like devil."; taken to "Dachau head camp," placed in Camps 11, then 7, then 4, then once in 1, Apr 27, 1945, liberated by American Army.