

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:11,280

2
00:00:11,280 --> 00:00:14,400
Once we start, they're going
to look at you for a while

3
00:00:14,400 --> 00:00:15,495
and adjust the lights.

4
00:00:15,495 --> 00:00:19,370

5
00:00:19,370 --> 00:00:21,430
This one, what do you think?

6
00:00:21,430 --> 00:00:23,370
Sandy, is it distracting?

7
00:00:23,370 --> 00:00:25,610
This is our roll one
with Leo Bretholz.

8
00:00:25,610 --> 00:00:26,750
And this is camera one?

9
00:00:26,750 --> 00:00:31,750
[INDISTINCT CONVERSATION]

10
00:00:31,750 --> 00:00:32,250
[BEEP]

11
00:00:32,250 --> 00:00:34,090
Take one.

12
00:00:34,090 --> 00:00:35,590
Should I just lean back?

13
00:00:35,590 --> 00:00:37,390
Yeah, you do whatever you want.

14
00:00:37,390 --> 00:00:40,610
But you can look at me.

15
00:00:40,610 --> 00:00:44,490
Can you briefly
and simply tell me

16
00:00:44,490 --> 00:00:47,065
what the underground
was like in France?

17
00:00:47,065 --> 00:00:50,920

18
00:00:50,920 --> 00:00:53,050
The French underground
movement was made up

19
00:00:53,050 --> 00:00:57,220
of two major organizations.

20
00:00:57,220 --> 00:01:00,815
One was what was called the FFI.

21
00:01:00,815 --> 00:01:05,830
That was the abbreviation
for Forces francaises de

22
00:01:05,830 --> 00:01:08,515
l'Intérieur, the French
Forces of the Interior.

23
00:01:08,515 --> 00:01:11,020

24
00:01:11,020 --> 00:01:16,300
And the other one was FTPF,
Francs-Tireurs et Partisans

25
00:01:16,300 --> 00:01:22,120
Francais, Snipers

and Partisans--

26

00:01:22,120 --> 00:01:23,270

what you might call a--

27

00:01:23,270 --> 00:01:26,850

28

00:01:26,850 --> 00:01:28,410

what do you call
these organizations

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00:01:28,410 --> 00:01:33,870

that fight the governments
and the establishment?

30

00:01:33,870 --> 00:01:38,230

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00:01:38,230 --> 00:01:41,730

Francs-Tireurs-- what do
call them in the Middle East?

32

00:01:41,730 --> 00:01:42,570

They're called the--

33

00:01:42,570 --> 00:01:43,350

The guerillas?

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00:01:43,350 --> 00:01:46,380

The guerillas, right.

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00:01:46,380 --> 00:01:47,930

That was the second group.

36

00:01:47,930 --> 00:01:52,920

The difference between these two
groups were very fundamental.

37

00:01:52,920 --> 00:01:59,180

FFI was under the direction of
the exiled French government

38
00:01:59,180 --> 00:02:02,180
in London.

39
00:02:02,180 --> 00:02:06,380
Charles de Gaulle was the
man who gave the instructions

40
00:02:06,380 --> 00:02:10,110
and gave the directives.

41
00:02:10,110 --> 00:02:12,600
The others were Francs-Tireurs
Partisans guerrillas.

42
00:02:12,600 --> 00:02:14,200
And they worked on their own.

43
00:02:14,200 --> 00:02:15,900
They had their own
command and did not

44
00:02:15,900 --> 00:02:22,630
listen to the directives that
came from London because they

45
00:02:22,630 --> 00:02:24,510
had a special interest.

46
00:02:24,510 --> 00:02:25,950
They had an interest
to maintain,

47
00:02:25,950 --> 00:02:29,530
for instance, the
French infrastructure.

48
00:02:29,530 --> 00:02:31,450
Because once they were
coming back as victors,

49
00:02:31,450 --> 00:02:34,510

they wouldn't want to
have to rebuild so much.

50
00:02:34,510 --> 00:02:38,170
Or they had an interest to
protect, namely in properties.

51
00:02:38,170 --> 00:02:40,000
Let's say there was
an English-owned--

52
00:02:40,000 --> 00:02:42,760
British-owned-- property
somewhere in the center

53
00:02:42,760 --> 00:02:44,260
of France.

54
00:02:44,260 --> 00:02:46,090
And in that factory--

55
00:02:46,090 --> 00:02:48,100
and that factory
was now producing

56
00:02:48,100 --> 00:02:49,840
raw materials for the Germans.

57
00:02:49,840 --> 00:02:52,530

58
00:02:52,530 --> 00:02:56,220
Now the FTPF would
go after those places

59
00:02:56,220 --> 00:02:58,740
and bomb them or destroy them.

60
00:02:58,740 --> 00:03:01,170
The French Forces
of the Interior

61

00:03:01,170 --> 00:03:05,370
would be interested in not
having these factories produce

62
00:03:05,370 --> 00:03:07,710
those tanks or those
weapons, but they

63
00:03:07,710 --> 00:03:11,060
would like to maintain
the property as an entity.

64
00:03:11,060 --> 00:03:14,820
So how to do one and not do
the other without destroying?

65
00:03:14,820 --> 00:03:18,330
So there were these dichotomies.

66
00:03:18,330 --> 00:03:23,280
But FTPF didn't listen
to it and did their own.

67
00:03:23,280 --> 00:03:26,040
The French Forces of the
Interior had a command,

68
00:03:26,040 --> 00:03:28,860
and that, as I said,
came out of London.

69
00:03:28,860 --> 00:03:33,000
And they had their military
or paramilitary commanders

70
00:03:33,000 --> 00:03:33,960
here and there.

71
00:03:33,960 --> 00:03:38,280
The FTPF chose their leaders
from within their ranks

72
00:03:38,280 --> 00:03:40,440

who were ragtag people.

73

00:03:40,440 --> 00:03:44,900

Now what did the FTPF include?

74

00:03:44,900 --> 00:03:48,410

This was 1941, '42.

75

00:03:48,410 --> 00:03:51,560

That was just six years after
the end of the Spanish Civil

76

00:03:51,560 --> 00:03:52,520

War.

77

00:03:52,520 --> 00:03:56,570

So they had people who had
come from Spain as refugees

78

00:03:56,570 --> 00:04:00,380

and were glad to take up arms
against the German fascists

79

00:04:00,380 --> 00:04:01,130

again.

80

00:04:01,130 --> 00:04:05,690

There were deserters, to be
sure, from the German Army.

81

00:04:05,690 --> 00:04:08,300

Now the Germans had
incorporated into their army

82

00:04:08,300 --> 00:04:11,930

some people from Russia,
from the Eastern Occupied

83

00:04:11,930 --> 00:04:14,990

Territories-- the Georgians
especially, and Ukrainians.

84

00:04:14,990 --> 00:04:18,140
They were rabidly
pro German, in fact.

85
00:04:18,140 --> 00:04:20,060
So some of them,
after having been

86
00:04:20,060 --> 00:04:22,400
incorporated into
the German Army

87
00:04:22,400 --> 00:04:25,820
and were then taken prisoners,
escaped from the prison camps

88
00:04:25,820 --> 00:04:27,920
maybe and joined the FTPF.

89
00:04:27,920 --> 00:04:30,590
Or they were disenchanted
with the German Army

90
00:04:30,590 --> 00:04:34,100
and decided, well, this is
not for us, and deserted.

91
00:04:34,100 --> 00:04:35,900
And then there were
real German deserters.

92
00:04:35,900 --> 00:04:38,900
Then there were a lot of
people from Alsace-Lorraine,

93
00:04:38,900 --> 00:04:41,970
those people who had been--

94
00:04:41,970 --> 00:04:44,910
quite a few pro-German
but many anti-German.

95
00:04:44,910 --> 00:04:46,890

So when the Lorraine
people, who were

96
00:04:46,890 --> 00:04:51,630
taken into the
German Army, refused

97
00:04:51,630 --> 00:04:54,540
to go along with them because
at heart they were French.

98
00:04:54,540 --> 00:04:57,240
That reason had changed
hands so many times.

99
00:04:57,240 --> 00:04:58,380
They were deserters.

100
00:04:58,380 --> 00:05:02,820
And then last but not
least, there were the Jews.

101
00:05:02,820 --> 00:05:07,560
And the Jews had formed a group
that was called Armée Juive,

102
00:05:07,560 --> 00:05:10,060
the Jewish Army.

103
00:05:10,060 --> 00:05:13,360
That group was not
so much into fighting

104
00:05:13,360 --> 00:05:17,230
as into more harassing.

105
00:05:17,230 --> 00:05:22,510
Roadblocks, blowing up tracks,
going into little villages

106
00:05:22,510 --> 00:05:27,760
and attack gendarmerie
station and get some arms

107
00:05:27,760 --> 00:05:29,410
if they were available.

108
00:05:29,410 --> 00:05:32,140
But mainly to produce
false identification

109
00:05:32,140 --> 00:05:34,690
cards and administrative
things that

110
00:05:34,690 --> 00:05:38,440
would help people hide
out safely, escape safely,

111
00:05:38,440 --> 00:05:41,050
children to be
transported to Spain--

112
00:05:41,050 --> 00:05:43,480
to Portugal through Spain--
perhaps to North Africa

113
00:05:43,480 --> 00:05:44,290
or to Switzerland.

114
00:05:44,290 --> 00:05:50,110
Now the group that I finally
wound up with in Limoges was

115
00:05:50,110 --> 00:05:54,010
one of those Armée Juive.

116
00:05:54,010 --> 00:05:55,660
The group was called--

117
00:05:55,660 --> 00:05:59,680
the whole Armée Juive was
really called the Sixth.

118
00:05:59,680 --> 00:06:05,740

That was a nomenclature that
was given, that we adopted.

119
00:06:05,740 --> 00:06:11,550
Or whoever was in charge decided
that's what it will be called,

120
00:06:11,550 --> 00:06:13,290
the Sixth.

121
00:06:13,290 --> 00:06:14,730
The Sixth didn't mean much.

122
00:06:14,730 --> 00:06:16,030
Didn't mean anything, in fact.

123
00:06:16,030 --> 00:06:18,180
It was just drawn
out of the air.

124
00:06:18,180 --> 00:06:20,880
But to the French
Milice especially-- that

125
00:06:20,880 --> 00:06:29,640
was the French collaborationist
paramilitary group

126
00:06:29,640 --> 00:06:32,520
that was under Vichy.

127
00:06:32,520 --> 00:06:36,650
And they did the dirty work
for the Gestapo, in fact.

128
00:06:36,650 --> 00:06:39,870
But to them the Sixth
was something ominous,

129
00:06:39,870 --> 00:06:43,710
something to be watched,
looked out for, watched for,

130

00:06:43,710 --> 00:06:46,620
or be afraid of perhaps.

131

00:06:46,620 --> 00:06:48,120
Why?

132

00:06:48,120 --> 00:06:51,270
Because in their mind, if
we were called the Sixth,

133

00:06:51,270 --> 00:06:53,730
there must have been a first,
and a second, and a third,

134

00:06:53,730 --> 00:06:55,720
and a fourth, and a fifth.

135

00:06:55,720 --> 00:06:58,170
So to them the
Sixth was something

136

00:06:58,170 --> 00:07:01,830
that was sixth in
succession of a series.

137

00:07:01,830 --> 00:07:04,030
And to us it didn't mean much.

138

00:07:04,030 --> 00:07:07,080
This was mainly
what I, personally,

139

00:07:07,080 --> 00:07:11,010
was engaged in after
my various escapes,

140

00:07:11,010 --> 00:07:17,430
and when I finally acquired that
nom de guerre, that French name

141

00:07:17,430 --> 00:07:20,010
Max Henri Lefevre.

142

00:07:20,010 --> 00:07:24,480
And our group did this, produced
these false identification

143

00:07:24,480 --> 00:07:25,860
cards.

144

00:07:25,860 --> 00:07:28,620
To be sure, the French
Resistance, the Maquis,

145

00:07:28,620 --> 00:07:34,440
was formed in the southeast
of France in the French Alps,

146

00:07:34,440 --> 00:07:38,520
and in the area where I first
was, in the Rhone Valley.

147

00:07:38,520 --> 00:07:41,280
But that resistance
group in northern part,

148

00:07:41,280 --> 00:07:43,140
in the northern part
of France, above--

149

00:07:43,140 --> 00:07:45,660
north of the demarcation line--

150

00:07:45,660 --> 00:07:49,200
did not really mean
much until shortly

151

00:07:49,200 --> 00:07:54,780
after the landing in
Normandy in June of 1944.

152

00:07:54,780 --> 00:07:56,800
That's when they got
more into action.

153

00:07:56,800 --> 00:07:59,250

And that's when the police
in France joined up.

154

00:07:59,250 --> 00:08:02,040

Up to that moment in the
northern part of France,

155

00:08:02,040 --> 00:08:05,340

the Maquis and the Resistance
was not so much organized

156

00:08:05,340 --> 00:08:10,860

as mainly people individually
started resisting and grouping

157

00:08:10,860 --> 00:08:12,840

because in the northern
part of France,

158

00:08:12,840 --> 00:08:16,980

the Germans had pretty
much the run of things,

159

00:08:16,980 --> 00:08:20,740

if not the collaboration
of many people

160

00:08:20,740 --> 00:08:24,670

in Paris, including
perhaps the police.

161

00:08:24,670 --> 00:08:32,710

And there's an interesting
book out by Davy Jones.

162

00:08:32,710 --> 00:08:37,120

The book is called Paris
in the Third Reich.

163

00:08:37,120 --> 00:08:44,059

Not "and" the Third Reich,
in which he propounds

164
00:08:44,059 --> 00:08:46,400
the idea that had
Germany won that war,

165
00:08:46,400 --> 00:08:48,860
Paris would have become the
capital of his New Europe

166
00:08:48,860 --> 00:08:58,130
because that was the main gem
in the crown of his conquests.

167
00:08:58,130 --> 00:09:00,530
He always wanted--
Hitler always wanted

168
00:09:00,530 --> 00:09:03,570
Paris to be the showpiece.

169
00:09:03,570 --> 00:09:10,420
So he propounds the idea
that the French may have even

170
00:09:10,420 --> 00:09:12,835
gone along with the New Order.

171
00:09:12,835 --> 00:09:14,210
So in the northern
part of France

172
00:09:14,210 --> 00:09:17,065
there wasn't much resistance,
to make a long story short.

173
00:09:17,065 --> 00:09:20,080
Our-- the southern part was
where the beginning was.

174
00:09:20,080 --> 00:09:25,060
And this was basically
what the resistance did.

175

00:09:25,060 --> 00:09:27,100

There many arrests,
many people killed,

176

00:09:27,100 --> 00:09:29,680

many people executed--
summarily executed.

177

00:09:29,680 --> 00:09:31,480

Very good friend of
mine, Eugene Bass

178

00:09:31,480 --> 00:09:34,720

was killed in Saint-Junien
in southern France

179

00:09:34,720 --> 00:09:37,420

when he delivered
a pack of ID cards

180

00:09:37,420 --> 00:09:39,790

and was arrested at the
train station by the Germans,

181

00:09:39,790 --> 00:09:41,830

and two shots into the head.

182

00:09:41,830 --> 00:09:45,130

He's listed in that book
D'Aportation des Juifs as one

183

00:09:45,130 --> 00:09:48,610

summarily executed.

184

00:09:48,610 --> 00:09:52,660

185

00:09:52,660 --> 00:09:56,290

It was hit and miss.

186

00:09:56,290 --> 00:10:00,000

It was run-- what

it amounted to be

187
00:10:00,000 --> 00:10:03,630
one step ahead of your
pursuers then you had it made.

188
00:10:03,630 --> 00:10:05,130
It was not something
that we could

189
00:10:05,130 --> 00:10:08,100
say was so well
organized that if it

190
00:10:08,100 --> 00:10:10,650
had endured for much
longer that we would

191
00:10:10,650 --> 00:10:11,880
have come out the winners.

192
00:10:11,880 --> 00:10:14,420
I don't think so.

193
00:10:14,420 --> 00:10:16,320
Armies-- the German
armies were defeated.

194
00:10:16,320 --> 00:10:18,870
And that spelled the end of it.

195
00:10:18,870 --> 00:10:25,710
But as an outfit, in
hindsight, it was an adventure.

196
00:10:25,710 --> 00:10:29,250
But I don't think, as the
outfit was constituted

197
00:10:29,250 --> 00:10:31,620
or the whole movement
was constituted,

198
00:10:31,620 --> 00:10:33,900
they could have
fought the Germans

199
00:10:33,900 --> 00:10:38,070
on an even playing field.

200
00:10:38,070 --> 00:10:39,120
They had all the tanks.

201
00:10:39,120 --> 00:10:40,350
They had all the ammunition.

202
00:10:40,350 --> 00:10:44,110
But things turned
out differently.

203
00:10:44,110 --> 00:10:46,478
How did your group
get away with things?

204
00:10:46,478 --> 00:10:51,260

205
00:10:51,260 --> 00:10:51,850
Roll two.

206
00:10:51,850 --> 00:10:52,350
Take two.

207
00:10:52,350 --> 00:11:03,174

208
00:11:03,174 --> 00:11:05,150
[BEEP]

209
00:11:05,150 --> 00:11:10,010
And I want to go back to your
specific resistance activities

210
00:11:10,010 --> 00:11:10,850

in your group.

211
00:11:10,850 --> 00:11:13,010
And I want you to tell a
little bit about how you

212
00:11:13,010 --> 00:11:14,450
were able to get away with it.

213
00:11:14,450 --> 00:11:18,090

214
00:11:18,090 --> 00:11:20,040
After my various escapes--

215
00:11:20,040 --> 00:11:25,620
the one from the train in
motion, the deportation

216
00:11:25,620 --> 00:11:33,480
train, and later a jail sentence
and I served nine months.

217
00:11:33,480 --> 00:11:36,920
And again a forced labor
camp, and again being

218
00:11:36,920 --> 00:11:40,580
taken to a train
to a work detail,

219
00:11:40,580 --> 00:11:45,440
escaping again this time
from a standing train.

220
00:11:45,440 --> 00:11:50,510
I was contacted by my
friend, a young fellow,

221
00:11:50,510 --> 00:11:52,460
who had escaped with me.

222

00:11:52,460 --> 00:11:53,540
We had communicated.

223
00:11:53,540 --> 00:11:56,150
And he knew where I was
hiding after my last escape.

224
00:11:56,150 --> 00:12:00,940
And he sent me false
identification papers.

225
00:12:00,940 --> 00:12:04,640
What he sent me, basically,
was a birth certificate,

226
00:12:04,640 --> 00:12:10,040
which served later to establish
an identity and identification

227
00:12:10,040 --> 00:12:13,100
cards and ration
cards and everything

228
00:12:13,100 --> 00:12:15,500
that was connected
with legalizing your--

229
00:12:15,500 --> 00:12:20,430
legalizing as it were,
my false identity.

230
00:12:20,430 --> 00:12:23,160
And I could live with
that under the regime.

231
00:12:23,160 --> 00:12:26,350
And after the war, if
I would have wanted to,

232
00:12:26,350 --> 00:12:29,460
I could have continued
that particular identity--

233

00:12:29,460 --> 00:12:31,860
in that identity.

234
00:12:31,860 --> 00:12:34,470
So after my last
escape and hiding out,

235
00:12:34,470 --> 00:12:38,040
I was sent these papers with
a letter of recommendation

236
00:12:38,040 --> 00:12:41,160
to join up with a
group in the Rhone

237
00:12:41,160 --> 00:12:46,590
Valley in a little town called
Saint-Vallier, south of Lyon,

238
00:12:46,590 --> 00:12:51,540
which at the time was a
hotbed of Gestapo activity

239
00:12:51,540 --> 00:12:55,980
under the aegis of Klaus Barbie.

240
00:12:55,980 --> 00:13:01,550
I joined with that group
in November of 1943

241
00:13:01,550 --> 00:13:05,090
not really knowing
what that group was.

242
00:13:05,090 --> 00:13:08,418
To me it was a place where I'm
going to go to hide out with

243
00:13:08,418 --> 00:13:10,460
other young people who
had run away, with other--

244
00:13:10,460 --> 00:13:12,290

not just young people--

245
00:13:12,290 --> 00:13:14,120
men who had run away.

246
00:13:14,120 --> 00:13:16,440
It had nothing to do
with children or women.

247
00:13:16,440 --> 00:13:20,750
But when I got there, I knew
after a few hours what it was.

248
00:13:20,750 --> 00:13:23,610
Speaking to people who they
were, where they came from,

249
00:13:23,610 --> 00:13:25,550
and I realized I
had just been sent

250
00:13:25,550 --> 00:13:35,610
to a place where we will do
illegal underground activities.

251
00:13:35,610 --> 00:13:39,780
What happened in that particular
area or in this particular camp

252
00:13:39,780 --> 00:13:44,930
was mainly instructions.

253
00:13:44,930 --> 00:13:50,060
How to circulate with our
papers without being detected.

254
00:13:50,060 --> 00:13:55,910
What to say if we were in
a place like a restaurant

255
00:13:55,910 --> 00:14:00,260
and an inspection team
came in, a patrol came in.

256
00:14:00,260 --> 00:14:05,060
How to act, and act natural,
and to never speak or let

257
00:14:05,060 --> 00:14:08,540
on that you speak the language
other than what you are,

258
00:14:08,540 --> 00:14:09,740
a Frenchmen.

259
00:14:09,740 --> 00:14:11,990
Don't fall into traps.

260
00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:18,370
And they were teaching some of
us young people certain trades

261
00:14:18,370 --> 00:14:22,030
there too, so that the
time should not go entirely

262
00:14:22,030 --> 00:14:25,600
with the knowledge
that within some time,

263
00:14:25,600 --> 00:14:28,240
we will be sent to
certain areas where

264
00:14:28,240 --> 00:14:32,970
they can use our services--

265
00:14:32,970 --> 00:14:35,860
underground activity.

266
00:14:35,860 --> 00:14:38,380
Little did we know at
the time when I got there

267
00:14:38,380 --> 00:14:40,570

that in a few months
later, we would

268
00:14:40,570 --> 00:14:43,930
be notified by the
mayor of that village

269
00:14:43,930 --> 00:14:45,280
that there will be a raid.

270
00:14:45,280 --> 00:14:50,080
Evidently that mayor knew
what this camp was all about.

271
00:14:50,080 --> 00:14:55,120
But we were notified that there
will be a raid on the centre de

272
00:14:55,120 --> 00:14:58,720
pr^{Ã©}-apprentissage, a center
for pre-apprenticeship.

273
00:14:58,720 --> 00:14:59,980
That's what it was called.

274
00:14:59,980 --> 00:15:02,800
A name that was innocuous.

275
00:15:02,800 --> 00:15:04,660
Didn't mean much.

276
00:15:04,660 --> 00:15:07,630
They gave us the uniforms
of the Compagnon de France

277
00:15:07,630 --> 00:15:11,050
so that we were incorporated
into that whole image of New

278
00:15:11,050 --> 00:15:13,840
Europe.

279

00:15:13,840 --> 00:15:18,190
And the majority of the people
in this camp were Jewish.

280
00:15:18,190 --> 00:15:23,140
My friend who had sent me
to that camp with a letter

281
00:15:23,140 --> 00:15:25,950
had that from his brother.

282
00:15:25,950 --> 00:15:31,720
And his brother had
a friend of his--

283
00:15:31,720 --> 00:15:33,160
as he explained to me--

284
00:15:33,160 --> 00:15:34,975
had already had a contact.

285
00:15:34,975 --> 00:15:36,100
That's what they did there.

286
00:15:36,100 --> 00:15:39,010
And little did we know that
when that mayor notified us

287
00:15:39,010 --> 00:15:41,710
that we will-- this is the time
when we would have to disband.

288
00:15:41,710 --> 00:15:43,870
And the whole thing
was disbanded.

289
00:15:43,870 --> 00:15:49,260
And 60 or 80 of us
who were there--

290
00:15:49,260 --> 00:15:52,500
that was less than 100--

291

00:15:52,500 --> 00:15:59,080

were sent into various
areas of Vichy France.

292

00:15:59,080 --> 00:16:03,830

And I was sent into
an area near Limoges,

293

00:16:03,830 --> 00:16:06,230

a little town called Chalus.

294

00:16:06,230 --> 00:16:13,540

And in Chalus, I connected
with the Jewish underground.

295

00:16:13,540 --> 00:16:16,510

And we were there to produce
false identification cards.

296

00:16:16,510 --> 00:16:19,600

That was our main endeavor.

297

00:16:19,600 --> 00:16:21,400

Very good friend of
mine who was part

298

00:16:21,400 --> 00:16:28,433

of this group, a young lady
by the name of Marianne Cohn,

299

00:16:28,433 --> 00:16:30,350

just a couple of weeks--
three or four weeks--

300

00:16:30,350 --> 00:16:37,750

before the liberation, had been
put in charge of a children's

301

00:16:37,750 --> 00:16:41,197

convoy to Switzerland.

302

00:16:41,197 --> 00:16:43,030

And arriving near the
border of Switzerland,

303
00:16:43,030 --> 00:16:47,170
near the town of Annemasse,
she and her truck driver

304
00:16:47,170 --> 00:16:52,420
in the truck were stopped by a
Nazi patrol that materialized

305
00:16:52,420 --> 00:16:53,380
at the last moment.

306
00:16:53,380 --> 00:16:59,770
And the kids were actually in
plain view of the Swiss border.

307
00:16:59,770 --> 00:17:01,600
Soon freedom would be theirs.

308
00:17:01,600 --> 00:17:05,470
But that never came
because they were arrested.

309
00:17:05,470 --> 00:17:07,750
They were beaten
about, not the kids.

310
00:17:07,750 --> 00:17:10,990
The kids were then handled
by the mayor of Annemasse

311
00:17:10,990 --> 00:17:13,660
who said he was
going to put himself

312
00:17:13,660 --> 00:17:16,660
in charge of these kids.

313
00:17:16,660 --> 00:17:19,140
Marianne Cohn was arrested.

314
00:17:19,140 --> 00:17:21,770
The truck driver was arrested.

315
00:17:21,770 --> 00:17:24,880
She was interrogated.

316
00:17:24,880 --> 00:17:26,560
She didn't divulge anything.

317
00:17:26,560 --> 00:17:28,540
And then the henchman
from Lyon came

318
00:17:28,540 --> 00:17:31,680
to interrogate her in her cell.

319
00:17:31,680 --> 00:17:38,550
The story wound up with her
being killed with a spade

320
00:17:38,550 --> 00:17:40,860
to her skull.

321
00:17:40,860 --> 00:17:44,760
And for a week-- a few weeks
later, after the liberation,

322
00:17:44,760 --> 00:17:47,520
her body was found
in a shallow grave

323
00:17:47,520 --> 00:17:50,830
together with
another prisoner lady

324
00:17:50,830 --> 00:17:52,480
who was with her in the cell.

325
00:17:52,480 --> 00:17:58,630
And then a poem was found
in her pocket of a jacket--

326

00:17:58,630 --> 00:18:01,150

of a bloodstained jacket--
where she had written about

327

00:18:01,150 --> 00:18:05,740

the hobnailed booth and the--

328

00:18:05,740 --> 00:18:10,000

you have key chains in
your fists and you are--

329

00:18:10,000 --> 00:18:12,440

but I am not giving in and
all that sort of thing.

330

00:18:12,440 --> 00:18:13,780

And I'm not going to speak.

331

00:18:13,780 --> 00:18:15,790

I'll talk tomorrow
but not today.

332

00:18:15,790 --> 00:18:18,910

And she never had a
chance to talk or to not

333

00:18:18,910 --> 00:18:20,260

to talk because she was--

334

00:18:20,260 --> 00:18:23,170

335

00:18:23,170 --> 00:18:26,650

she said, tomorrow I will
be betray, not today.

336

00:18:26,650 --> 00:18:29,890

You can't get me to
betray today, tomorrow.

337

00:18:29,890 --> 00:18:32,740

I know what you are doing, but

I know what I am going to do.

338
00:18:32,740 --> 00:18:39,030
And then she was going to
slit her wrists with a file,

339
00:18:39,030 --> 00:18:40,470
but she never got to that.

340
00:18:40,470 --> 00:18:41,160
She was killed.

341
00:18:41,160 --> 00:18:46,080
Anyway, that was the tragic
story of one of our people.

342
00:18:46,080 --> 00:18:50,370
And when you go on the war
front and you shoot it out

343
00:18:50,370 --> 00:18:53,340
with the Milice or the
Germans, that's a quick thing.

344
00:18:53,340 --> 00:18:55,500
It's either them or us.

345
00:18:55,500 --> 00:18:59,670
And that's sort of
action out in the field.

346
00:18:59,670 --> 00:19:02,470
But there is more to the
underground than the field

347
00:19:02,470 --> 00:19:05,280
and the confrontations.

348
00:19:05,280 --> 00:19:08,010
There is that resistance of--

349
00:19:08,010 --> 00:19:11,460

350
00:19:11,460 --> 00:19:15,270
sacrifice, and doing
what you think is right.

351
00:19:15,270 --> 00:19:19,470
And this, Marianne
Cohn really personified

352
00:19:19,470 --> 00:19:24,330
everything that was
good in a person, that

353
00:19:24,330 --> 00:19:25,330
knew what she was doing.

354
00:19:25,330 --> 00:19:26,490
She was very studious.

355
00:19:26,490 --> 00:19:32,730
She was very pert little person,
loved children, and loved life.

356
00:19:32,730 --> 00:19:34,950
A poet a musician.

357
00:19:34,950 --> 00:19:41,030
And that was also part of that
underground, that resistance,

358
00:19:41,030 --> 00:19:46,060
that had to be there
because documentation

359
00:19:46,060 --> 00:19:48,330
was very important.

360
00:19:48,330 --> 00:19:52,730
In fact, it was on the
10th of June 1944 that

361

00:19:52,730 --> 00:19:56,870
was the destruction of
the village of Oradour--

362
00:19:56,870 --> 00:20:00,740
that I was on my way to
Oradour with a pack of cards,

363
00:20:00,740 --> 00:20:02,540
identification cards.

364
00:20:02,540 --> 00:20:05,630
And my friend Eugene Bass
took a batch of cards

365
00:20:05,630 --> 00:20:08,570
to go to Saint-Junien,
a village beyond.

366
00:20:08,570 --> 00:20:09,500
Why did he do that?

367
00:20:09,500 --> 00:20:12,050
Because his mother was in
that village hiding out.

368
00:20:12,050 --> 00:20:15,320
So he took that area
because at the same time

369
00:20:15,320 --> 00:20:16,910
he could visit with his mother.

370
00:20:16,910 --> 00:20:19,370
So when he arrived
at the train station,

371
00:20:19,370 --> 00:20:21,410
they caught him with these
cards and killed him.

372
00:20:21,410 --> 00:20:25,280
And when we were on the train,

on that commuter train between

373

00:20:25,280 --> 00:20:28,220

Limoges and Oradour-sur-Glane--

374

00:20:28,220 --> 00:20:30,350

that's the village

that on the 10th of May

375

00:20:30,350 --> 00:20:33,752

was burned to the

ground, 900-some people.

376

00:20:33,752 --> 00:20:36,340

You may have heard of it.

377

00:20:36,340 --> 00:20:40,400

Women and children put into

a church to be photographed.

378

00:20:40,400 --> 00:20:42,550

And then the church

was burned down

379

00:20:42,550 --> 00:20:45,735

to the ground with straw and

hay on the outside and gasoline

380

00:20:45,735 --> 00:20:46,360

poured over it.

381

00:20:46,360 --> 00:20:49,100

And that was the

tragedy of Oradour.

382

00:20:49,100 --> 00:20:51,490

And when we were on that

train going to Oradour

383

00:20:51,490 --> 00:20:53,470

and we saw the

German column proceed

384

00:20:53,470 --> 00:20:57,030

alongside on the country
road next to the train,

385

00:20:57,030 --> 00:21:00,580

next to the railroad
track, we knew

386

00:21:00,580 --> 00:21:03,650

that they're going somewhere
for some sort of action.

387

00:21:03,650 --> 00:21:06,210

So some of us decided we are
not going to go to Oradour.

388

00:21:06,210 --> 00:21:07,460

We're not going to go further.

389

00:21:07,460 --> 00:21:11,070

In fact, the next
stop, we will get off

390

00:21:11,070 --> 00:21:13,070

because when the Germans
go into that direction,

391

00:21:13,070 --> 00:21:16,300

we don't want to go in
that same direction.

392

00:21:16,300 --> 00:21:18,940

That was also part of
the learning process.

393

00:21:18,940 --> 00:21:22,610

When you see trouble
that you cannot--

394

00:21:22,610 --> 00:21:28,120

don't want to be involved
in, just find another way.

395

00:21:28,120 --> 00:21:29,140

Be one step ahead.

396

00:21:29,140 --> 00:21:31,310

Think ahead.

397

00:21:31,310 --> 00:21:32,810

So we got off a station before.

398

00:21:32,810 --> 00:21:35,850

We found out that
whoever descended

399

00:21:35,850 --> 00:21:39,860

from the train in Oradour, from
the train, was also arrested,

400

00:21:39,860 --> 00:21:43,430

was part of the killing--

401

00:21:43,430 --> 00:21:45,250

was killed right in Oradour.

402

00:21:45,250 --> 00:21:50,370

So there was another time when
I escaped just by sheer luck

403

00:21:50,370 --> 00:21:53,710

because I decided
not to go to Oradour.

404

00:21:53,710 --> 00:21:55,710

The first things were escapes.

405

00:21:55,710 --> 00:22:03,450

This was not an escape but just
a preemptive sort of decision

406

00:22:03,450 --> 00:22:05,670

that had to be made.

407

00:22:05,670 --> 00:22:08,170
The cards were never delivered.

408
00:22:08,170 --> 00:22:11,380
And the people to whom they
would have been delivered

409
00:22:11,380 --> 00:22:12,810
were no longer alive anyway.

410
00:22:12,810 --> 00:22:30,130

411
00:22:30,130 --> 00:22:33,850
--to deliver some
cards when I collapsed

412
00:22:33,850 --> 00:22:36,880
because I had a hernia,
a strangulation hernia.

413
00:22:36,880 --> 00:22:40,150
And I had an incident in a
park where a nurse walked by

414
00:22:40,150 --> 00:22:42,730
and she says, you will have
to be taken to the hospital.

415
00:22:42,730 --> 00:22:47,110
And I resisted that because they
would recognize circumcision.

416
00:22:47,110 --> 00:22:49,930
And in France--

417
00:22:49,930 --> 00:22:52,450
French people do not get
circumcised, you see--

418
00:22:52,450 --> 00:22:54,520
the non-Jews.

419

00:22:54,520 --> 00:22:57,060
And I wound up in the hospital.

420

00:22:57,060 --> 00:22:59,160
And it was an
emergency operation.

421

00:22:59,160 --> 00:23:03,090
And when I woke up there was
this nun, a Catholic hospital

422

00:23:03,090 --> 00:23:03,870
nun.

423

00:23:03,870 --> 00:23:08,490
Her name was Saint Joan of Arc,
a beautiful black-eyed young

424

00:23:08,490 --> 00:23:12,180
nun, about maybe 19,
20, 21 years old.

425

00:23:12,180 --> 00:23:16,560
And she-- when I woke up and I
had a hot [INAUDIBLE] of-- hot

426

00:23:16,560 --> 00:23:19,590
water bottle at my feet because
I had that infection, you know,

427

00:23:19,590 --> 00:23:24,750
and I had a drain in my
stomach there, groin--

428

00:23:24,750 --> 00:23:26,910
she said to me,
you don't have to--

429

00:23:26,910 --> 00:23:28,620
as long as I'm in
this ward, she says,

430

00:23:28,620 --> 00:23:31,060
you don't have to
worry about anything.

431
00:23:31,060 --> 00:23:32,410
That's what she said to me.

432
00:23:32,410 --> 00:23:33,850
Later when I wrote
to the hospital

433
00:23:33,850 --> 00:23:35,380
to get some
documentation on that--

434
00:23:35,380 --> 00:23:38,770
I needed that for
Germany for compensation,

435
00:23:38,770 --> 00:23:41,170
that sort of thing--

436
00:23:41,170 --> 00:23:44,100
I asked in that letter that I
wrote to the administration,

437
00:23:44,100 --> 00:23:47,735
is Sister Joan of Arc by any
chance still at your hospital?

438
00:23:47,735 --> 00:23:49,610
They said, no, she was
transferred somewhere.

439
00:23:49,610 --> 00:23:51,760
They said, either
Normandy or Brittany.

440
00:23:51,760 --> 00:23:53,080
I think it was Normandy.

441
00:23:53,080 --> 00:23:55,990
She's in another hospital, but

if we have some communication

442
00:23:55,990 --> 00:23:58,480
with her, if we have a
chance to speak to her,

443
00:23:58,480 --> 00:24:01,210
we'll tell her that
you asked about her.

444
00:24:01,210 --> 00:24:03,640
And it's nice that
you did ask about her.

445
00:24:03,640 --> 00:24:07,060
So that was-- there
was a rabbi in--

446
00:24:07,060 --> 00:24:10,270
later was the Grand Rabbi of
Strasbourg Abraham Deutsch.

447
00:24:10,270 --> 00:24:13,240
And he was the fellow
through whose offices

448
00:24:13,240 --> 00:24:14,990
we always had our communication.

449
00:24:14,990 --> 00:24:21,700
But he was a rabbi in Limoges,
but he had all this information

450
00:24:21,700 --> 00:24:26,850
and letters and instructions
came through his office,

451
00:24:26,850 --> 00:24:27,350
really.

452
00:24:27,350 --> 00:24:29,858
And when I was in
that hospital, I still

453

00:24:29,858 --> 00:24:31,900
made sure that I was in
touch with Rabbi Deutsch,

454

00:24:31,900 --> 00:24:34,000
that he knew what was
happening to me because I

455

00:24:34,000 --> 00:24:37,870
had gone to deliver some cards
and dropped right in the--

456

00:24:37,870 --> 00:24:41,800
well, to get some information
from kids in an orphanage

457

00:24:41,800 --> 00:24:43,960
to see what they
needed to be done--

458

00:24:43,960 --> 00:24:46,900
and all of a sudden had
disappeared off the street.

459

00:24:46,900 --> 00:24:49,390
So I had to send message
to Rabbi Deutsch later

460

00:24:49,390 --> 00:24:52,750
after a couple of days after
I had sort of gotten out

461

00:24:52,750 --> 00:24:54,490
of anesthesia.

462

00:24:54,490 --> 00:24:57,400
So these were all
little incidents

463

00:24:57,400 --> 00:25:03,880
that were part of that whole
mosaic of events, you know.

464

00:25:03,880 --> 00:25:06,190

All right, now let's
not do the train now.

465

00:25:06,190 --> 00:25:07,540

Let's go back.

466

00:25:07,540 --> 00:25:12,130

And why don't you tell me how
your distant cousin saved you

467

00:25:12,130 --> 00:25:13,810

when you were hiding.

468

00:25:13,810 --> 00:25:16,030

Just tell me that little story.

469

00:25:16,030 --> 00:25:20,720

Annie-- how she saved you when
you were hiding in the attic.

470

00:25:20,720 --> 00:25:23,380

Oh, Annie, yeah.

471

00:25:23,380 --> 00:25:28,660

She's now a lady of
69 living in Belgium.

472

00:25:28,660 --> 00:25:33,260

What happened was
that before we were--

473

00:25:33,260 --> 00:25:38,950

before I had my escape, I
lived in this town Caunterets.

474

00:25:38,950 --> 00:25:40,670

You know, all these--

475

00:25:40,670 --> 00:25:43,750

all the information there--

476

00:25:43,750 --> 00:25:47,420

lived in this town Caunterets
near the-- not I lived there.

477

00:25:47,420 --> 00:25:51,220

We were sent there as Jews to
go into what was called forced

478

00:25:51,220 --> 00:25:55,480

residence, rÃ©sidence
assignÃ©e, assigned residence.

479

00:25:55,480 --> 00:25:57,940

Again there was a mayor
responsible for letting

480

00:25:57,940 --> 00:25:59,980

us know that there will
be a raid, so some of us

481

00:25:59,980 --> 00:26:00,970

took to the mountains.

482

00:26:00,970 --> 00:26:04,160

483

00:26:04,160 --> 00:26:07,520

About a handful of us took
to the mountains to hide out.

484

00:26:07,520 --> 00:26:11,720

Annie, who was with her parents
there, was a Belgian citizen.

485

00:26:11,720 --> 00:26:14,750

And Belgians and Luxembourgers
and Dutch people,

486

00:26:14,750 --> 00:26:18,290

at first, were never as
much affected by that

487

00:26:18,290 --> 00:26:21,800
as people who had come from
Austria, Germany, Poland,

488

00:26:21,800 --> 00:26:25,220
the East, or apatride,
meaning stateless people.

489

00:26:25,220 --> 00:26:27,140
And then she was a girl.

490

00:26:27,140 --> 00:26:29,570
And women were not
immediately-- some of them

491

00:26:29,570 --> 00:26:32,960
were under some sort
of dispensation there.

492

00:26:32,960 --> 00:26:36,260
But men and young men,
of course, were taken.

493

00:26:36,260 --> 00:26:38,330
When we came back
from the mountain,

494

00:26:38,330 --> 00:26:40,340
I knew that I was no
longer able to live

495

00:26:40,340 --> 00:26:43,010
in this town of Cauterets, which
was near the Spanish border,

496

00:26:43,010 --> 00:26:45,950
about two or three miles
away from the Spanish border.

497

00:26:45,950 --> 00:26:49,040
An enclave from which it
was very hard to get away

498

00:26:49,040 --> 00:26:49,838
and to get to.

499

00:26:49,838 --> 00:26:51,005
But that's what they wanted.

500

00:26:51,005 --> 00:26:52,455
Wanted us sort of captive.

501

00:26:52,455 --> 00:26:56,540

502

00:26:56,540 --> 00:26:58,310
I decided within a
day or two we will

503

00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:59,990
have to get away from here.

504

00:26:59,990 --> 00:27:03,560
I will have to get away because
I could no longer be there.

505

00:27:03,560 --> 00:27:05,540
Out of the 1,500
or so people who

506

00:27:05,540 --> 00:27:07,700
had been confined--
the Jews-- there

507

00:27:07,700 --> 00:27:10,880
was just about maybe
a couple hundred left.

508

00:27:10,880 --> 00:27:13,415
And I went up to the attic
in the place where we lived.

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00:27:13,415 --> 00:27:17,510

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00:27:17,510 --> 00:27:20,180

My family, distant
cousin, they said,

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00:27:20,180 --> 00:27:22,970

you will stay up in the attic
until a few days from now

512

00:27:22,970 --> 00:27:25,070

when you will be
able to leave here.

513

00:27:25,070 --> 00:27:28,880

When all the tumult had
died down and there's

514

00:27:28,880 --> 00:27:34,040

no longer maybe
inspection or patrols.

515

00:27:34,040 --> 00:27:36,140

And I went up to that
attic and stayed there

516

00:27:36,140 --> 00:27:39,350

with a little bit of
provision that I took along.

517

00:27:39,350 --> 00:27:46,960

And there was a cot on the
side that I was lying on,

518

00:27:46,960 --> 00:27:50,050

and a wooden door,
as it is in attics,

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00:27:50,050 --> 00:27:52,150

like a storage
place with a lock--

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00:27:52,150 --> 00:27:53,230

a padlock on the outside.

521

00:27:53,230 --> 00:27:55,420
And that wooden door had panels.

522

00:27:55,420 --> 00:27:57,820
And through these panels
there were cracks.

523

00:27:57,820 --> 00:27:59,820
You could actually peep
and see what's going on.

524

00:27:59,820 --> 00:28:04,180
So I had to be sure that I
was out of the range of vision

525

00:28:04,180 --> 00:28:06,040
if somebody would
look in, and was

526

00:28:06,040 --> 00:28:08,200
right on the side
standing against the wall

527

00:28:08,200 --> 00:28:10,510
or lying down or
sitting on that bed.

528

00:28:10,510 --> 00:28:15,340
At one point, I heard from time
to time my cousin would come up

529

00:28:15,340 --> 00:28:16,152
anyway, would say--

530

00:28:16,152 --> 00:28:18,610
would find out if I'm all right,
if I need anything, water,

531

00:28:18,610 --> 00:28:19,700
or anything like that.

532

00:28:19,700 --> 00:28:22,720

And they would supply me
in these couple of days.

533
00:28:22,720 --> 00:28:27,220
But at one point one
afternoon, I hear steps.

534
00:28:27,220 --> 00:28:28,780
And they were not
the usual steps

535
00:28:28,780 --> 00:28:34,170
of that young woman
or her mother.

536
00:28:34,170 --> 00:28:38,100
But there were several
steps, and there were noises.

537
00:28:38,100 --> 00:28:42,840
And I was in there and
moved my head to the crack,

538
00:28:42,840 --> 00:28:43,680
and peeped out.

539
00:28:43,680 --> 00:28:46,740
And there was Annie and
two gendarmes with her.

540
00:28:46,740 --> 00:28:49,690

541
00:28:49,690 --> 00:28:57,456
And they wanted to know who had
the key to that lock to the--

542
00:28:57,456 --> 00:28:58,920
that's what I
heard them ask her.

543
00:28:58,920 --> 00:29:02,080
She says, I don't know, we just

moved in here a few months ago

544

00:29:02,080 --> 00:29:03,950
and never had access to this.

545

00:29:03,950 --> 00:29:06,890
But the person, the
landlord who owns this--

546

00:29:06,890 --> 00:29:08,900
what was called a villa
or something like that,

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00:29:08,900 --> 00:29:13,160
it was called la
pergola, Spanish name--

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00:29:13,160 --> 00:29:17,240

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00:29:17,240 --> 00:29:19,550
they may have the
key, but we would

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00:29:19,550 --> 00:29:22,110
have to get in touch
with them to get the key.

551

00:29:22,110 --> 00:29:24,170
But what is it?

552

00:29:24,170 --> 00:29:28,430
We are looking for this fellow
that was living here with you--

553

00:29:28,430 --> 00:29:30,530
like they looked
for others also.

554

00:29:30,530 --> 00:29:33,780
She says, well, he ran away.

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00:29:33,780 --> 00:29:36,575
He ran away, never heard
from him or some such excuse.

556
00:29:36,575 --> 00:29:39,902

557
00:29:39,902 --> 00:29:41,860
And when they were debating
the issue, the key,

558
00:29:41,860 --> 00:29:49,900
whether to get in or go get the
key, they try to get near her.

559
00:29:49,900 --> 00:29:55,650
And touched her and
sort of told her

560
00:29:55,650 --> 00:30:00,300
that if she would give
in to their wishes,

561
00:30:00,300 --> 00:30:03,360
they would just forget
about the whole thing.

562
00:30:03,360 --> 00:30:08,100
And when I heard that, it just
sent a shiver down my spine.

563
00:30:08,100 --> 00:30:11,840
And they bent down
over her, and tried

564
00:30:11,840 --> 00:30:16,220
to caress her and
fondle her and kiss her.

565
00:30:16,220 --> 00:30:20,030
And she resisted to
some extent, but also

566

00:30:20,030 --> 00:30:24,440
didn't want to make it
to annoy them too much

567
00:30:24,440 --> 00:30:28,650
or anger them too much, so
that they shouldn't get back.

568
00:30:28,650 --> 00:30:31,940
And after a while,
they just got down

569
00:30:31,940 --> 00:30:34,880
with her-- walked down
the steps again with her.

570
00:30:34,880 --> 00:30:39,120
And I don't know really
what happened after that.

571
00:30:39,120 --> 00:30:42,830
But there was Annie,
and due to the fact

572
00:30:42,830 --> 00:30:46,190
that she sort of
played along with them,

573
00:30:46,190 --> 00:30:48,470
I think they did not
insist on getting the key

574
00:30:48,470 --> 00:30:51,110
or maybe breaking the door down.

575
00:30:51,110 --> 00:30:56,630
But in their perception, someone
who just disappears overnight--

576
00:30:56,630 --> 00:30:59,840
because they had
all our names and we

577

00:30:59,840 --> 00:31:02,960
had to register every
two weeks with the mayor.

578
00:31:02,960 --> 00:31:06,450
Another thing, as a
follow up to that.

579
00:31:06,450 --> 00:31:09,030
A couple of years
ago, I sent a note

580
00:31:09,030 --> 00:31:13,230
to the city hall
in Cauterets just

581
00:31:13,230 --> 00:31:14,970
to inquire about the
name of the mayor

582
00:31:14,970 --> 00:31:17,520
because I never knew the
name, telling him also

583
00:31:17,520 --> 00:31:21,060
that he had done some good
for us by notifying us,

584
00:31:21,060 --> 00:31:22,630
and that I live now in America.

585
00:31:22,630 --> 00:31:27,060
And I might write
some memoirs or just

586
00:31:27,060 --> 00:31:30,240
write some mementos on
the-- and it would be good

587
00:31:30,240 --> 00:31:31,500
for me to know his name.

588
00:31:31,500 --> 00:31:33,870

And they said of course
the mayor died since then

589

00:31:33,870 --> 00:31:38,310
but we have his son's name and
he lives in Limoges, in fact.

590

00:31:38,310 --> 00:31:40,740
And he's about 80 years old now.

591

00:31:40,740 --> 00:31:45,480
So that was the story in
the attic in Cauterets.

592

00:31:45,480 --> 00:31:48,210
See, when you first
said Annie, it so

593

00:31:48,210 --> 00:31:50,790
happens I have a cousin Annie
who lives here in America.

594

00:31:50,790 --> 00:31:53,070
And for a moment I didn't--

595

00:31:53,070 --> 00:31:53,852
Yeah.

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00:31:53,852 --> 00:31:55,560
In fact, I'm going to
see them in Belgium

597

00:31:55,560 --> 00:31:59,720
when I go there this May.

598

00:31:59,720 --> 00:32:00,220
OK.

599

00:32:00,220 --> 00:32:04,100
We're probably running
out of [INAUDIBLE]..

600

00:32:04,100 --> 00:32:07,970
Can you [BEEP] that comical
story you mentioned once about

601
00:32:07,970 --> 00:32:16,060
the flash [BEEP] when you
were stopped to have your--

602
00:32:16,060 --> 00:32:21,270
God-- That was after my escape.

603
00:32:21,270 --> 00:32:22,410
It's interesting.

604
00:32:22,410 --> 00:32:25,900
You bring all that back, then
you saw the film, naturally,

605
00:32:25,900 --> 00:32:26,440
the clip.

606
00:32:26,440 --> 00:32:30,550

607
00:32:30,550 --> 00:32:38,530
After my escape from the
train in northern France,

608
00:32:38,530 --> 00:32:41,950
I made my way back
to the southern zone

609
00:32:41,950 --> 00:32:45,700
below the demarcation
line into a town

610
00:32:45,700 --> 00:32:47,470
called Bagnères-de-Bigorre.

611
00:32:47,470 --> 00:32:52,360
That was also a town where
we were sent on assigned

612

00:32:52,360 --> 00:32:54,385
residence, forced residence.

613

00:32:54,385 --> 00:32:55,610
Had many friends there.

614

00:32:55,610 --> 00:32:58,300
There were many of us
Jewish families there.

615

00:32:58,300 --> 00:33:02,680
And we lived there
for, oh, maybe close

616

00:33:02,680 --> 00:33:05,350
to a year, over
half a year anyway.

617

00:33:05,350 --> 00:33:09,160
And from that town we were
later sent to Cauterets.

618

00:33:09,160 --> 00:33:11,110
But when I came back,
after my escape,

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00:33:11,110 --> 00:33:13,242
I went down to
Bagnères-de-Bigorre

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00:33:13,242 --> 00:33:14,650
because there I had friends.

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00:33:14,650 --> 00:33:17,950
And I knew the family
Spierer, who lived there,

622

00:33:17,950 --> 00:33:21,430
would probably take
me in because that's

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00:33:21,430 --> 00:33:24,370

the family I stayed with after
I ran away from Caunterets.

624
00:33:24,370 --> 00:33:27,550
And then I was deported, and
then I came back to them.

625
00:33:27,550 --> 00:33:28,780
OK, we got to stop.

626
00:33:28,780 --> 00:33:30,820
We got to change.

627
00:33:30,820 --> 00:33:33,020
Camera roll four, take six.

628
00:33:33,020 --> 00:33:35,000