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Synopsis of an interview with
Kopiec, Michael

00:00:00 Parents names were Maria ?) and Matthew (?)
Mates. The name I use here, Kopiec, is not my real name
It is the name I used several times to save my life.

00:00:30 The last time I used the name was in Germany when the Russians wanted to send
me back to Poland.

00:01:00 I lived in Saxony. When I arrived, the Americans were there. One noight, the
Americans disappeared and the Russians appeared.

00:01:30 I was coming downstairs and there were a bunch of Russians officers, and
one said that all civilians had to be taken out.

00:02:00 I asked him in Russian, "Where do you expect us to go?"

00:02:30 He asked me who I was, and I said I had just come out of a concentration camp.
He asked if I had papers and I said that I had my life, how dare he ask me for papers.

00:03:00 He said you speak very well Russian, would you like to be an intepreter.

00:03:00 I asked if I could stay in my rooms with my wife and our three friends. He said
yes. and ss I agreed. This was in July, 1~45.

00:03:30 My childhood was a beautiful one.

00:04:00 We had trees, bushes, flowers, things that I still love that I still think back
to.

00:04:30 I learned later that my father was an excellent furniture maker and carpente~r.
He made a good living; we lived in a nice house.

00:05:00 Had five sisters and one b_ other. Brother was G-o-d-e ~ Oldest sister was
Sabina. Then came Marsha. Then came twins, Celia and Esther. Then Shevra (?) Seventh, in
Hebrew.

00:05:30 They were beautiful people. We were brought up, all for one and one for all.

00:06:00 I haven't got anyone left. My father was taken away in 1941 by the Gestapo
with nine other citizens.

00:06:30 They asked for moey; the money was given but they were not released.

00:07:00 My father was working for the Gestapo. He was doing

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00:07:30 My father spoke Hebrew and German perfectly. He didn't speak Polish because he was Hungarian.

00:08:00 The Germans had great respect for my father. When he was taken away, my sister approached the Gestapo.

00:08:30 They said they had not arrested him; it was ordered by a commissioner.

00:09:00 Talks about who this man was.

00:09:30 He ordered 100 pairs of boots; they got them for him. He ordered 100 (?) They got them. Then he ordered a large sponge cake, for 20 people.

00:10:00 He asked for five bottles of vodka too. Then he lined up a group of Jews, ordered them into a room, and shot each one in the back of the head.

00:10:30 As he shot, he ate and he drank.

00:12:00 In 1939, I was in the Polish army, and I was taken prisoner by the Germans. They didn't know I was Jewish because they thought a Jew couldn't be an officer. They were right.

00:12:30 I was an exception. I didn't look Jewish; I looked Polish.

00:13:00 In the Stalag, I find out they had writers. I had two friends who were plain soldiers, Jews.

00:13:30 I met them when we were attacked by German artillery.

00:14:00 How they met.

00:14:30 When the barrage began, there was no place to go.

00:15:00 I had those two friends with me on a wagon.

00:15:30 We ended up in a cemetery, with corpses and boxes flying around. But we were safe in a grave.

00:16:00 We ended up in Lublin, and there we became P.O.s. They put us in a holding tank. u0:16:3v r fincl Ollt i~hey n~e~ r;d~r~. Max and Henie did not know how to ride a horse So I **live them** u;ick instructions and I tell the sergeant.

00:17:00 I know they have to go through Cracow, my home town, and when we get there, I'll see what I can do.

00:17:30 Cracow was a garrison town.

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00:18:00 (He speaks in German) I told the officer I was thirsty, ~ould w~ sto~ f~r a drink~
of water. He said yes.

00:18:30 We each ha~ five horses. I went into the house. The son, who was my
friend had died.

00:19:00 But he had sisters, and they screamed when I came in. I asked for water, and
showed chem through the window wh~ w~s ~h-r~.

~0-19:~0 I said someone should go quickly on a bicycle and ~ell my parents that I x~d~x~
would be at the station.

00:20:00 I couldn't go to the station. But I saw a Jewish woman in the street.

00:20:30 I told her to find the Mates' that I was here. When I arrived, my left foot
was still in the saddle, there was my mother and father.

00:21:00 I jumped off the horse and ran to them, They thought I was dead. This was 1939.

00:21:30 Jews were still free; there was no ghetto yet. Some Jewish who had escaped
had told my parents that they had seen me getting killed.

00:22:00 I never found out wjo gave them this message. My father did not believe I was
killed but my mother did.

00:22:30 Had a dream that night.

00:23:00 An artillery battery firing. I was tied so I asked a friend to take over for
me. i was lying against a gun that was not firing.

00:23:30 I fell asleep. I dreamed that I saw my mother, crying bitterly, with her arms
outstretched. This was tje eveing they said I was killed,

00:24:00 Was this the lsst time you saw your parents? I have to think back.

00:24:30 My father went right back to the camp. He had been released for six hours.

00:25:00 I cleaned myself up. I walked down the street.

00:25:30 They brought us in from ~ to

00:26:00 The horses were supposed to go on in two days.

00:26:30 There was a man who wanted to go to so we changed places. There was
my mother, a woman refugee from Cracow, and Esther. She brought me food.

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00 27 00 We were talking Jewish. Someone said, "Your father is a Jew," And I said, "Of course. And so am I."

00 27 30 After about a week, a general arrived. He wanted to choose horses for himself.

00 28 00 A German general. He chose a horse, Cavalier, a stallion. He was a killer.

00:28:30 He put his hands on his fat hips and said, "The Polish are supposed to be such good riders. Isn't there one of you who wants to show what good riders the Polish are?"

00 29 00 My big mouth, I said I would. It took three men to saddle him,

00 29! 30 He jumped out, to where the cavalry trained. I said he would get tired of running, and he did.

00 30 00 The General was standing by a wagon. I knew by the horse's gait that he could jump the wagon, and I jumped with him.

00 30 30 About five feet from the officer, the horse reared up and the officer stepped back. I said, "Don't worry. A Polish officer is riding the horse. I am in charge."

00 31 00 You do dumb things. I could have been killed. I was so full of hate. I became a well-known person in the group.

00:31:30 One evening, Esther brought me dinner. She said, Come on, let's go home. " I could have.

00 32 00 She took my arm, and we walked out. We crossed a bridge with guards at both ends. No one said a word. I got home and took off my uniform.

00 32 30 I left the house. my father was leaving schul. He said, (in yiddish) go on good health.

00 33 00 He was always in control of himself. I stayed for a few days with a friend. I went back home, they weren't looking for me.

00 33 30 My father had orders from the Gestapo to to rebuild the city bath, separate for soldiers and civilians. There was a mikvah, but the Jews were out. I worked with my father.

00 34 00 A group came in and one of them pointed to me and said, "Das is ein gefangene hirt (~H)

My father told me to get out.

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00:34:30 I climbed out the window and escaped. I didn't mention, to calm my mother, my brother went all over looking for where Polish soldiers might be interned. He ended up in ~Q ~ QQ 00:35:00 Q: Did he survive? A: No

00:35:30 He took over the carpentry business from my father. People tell me that he went to the commissar and said, (in German) "Let my family be."

00:36:00 Unfortunately, there was a high civilian official there, and he said that he and his brothers could stay, but his mother and sister had to go.

00:36:00 He went back to them, and the sisters agreed to go with their mother. They went to Trablinka.

00:36:30 Being recognized by one of the German soldiers, I knew I couldn't stay there anymore. No other town was safe.

00:37:00 I crossed the river into Russia. I found my brother. It cost me a fortune. It didn't matter, I had my brother back.

00:37:30 It was a good life, but it was nothing without the rest of the family. We wanted them to come over, but my father refused.

00:38:00 I came home, where we had been so happy-go-lucky, my brother was sitting shiva.

00:38:30 I asked if it was my mother, and he said no. He gave me the letter that had been sent by messenger.

00:39:00 I refused to sit shiva. I refused to say kaddish. I refused to believe that my father was dead. In retrospect I would say that I tried to save my mind from going crazy.

00:39:30 The rabbi said that even if he weren't dead. say kaddish and sit shiva. But I wouldn't. But they made a minion in the house for us.

00:40:00 My brother said kaddish. I stood by the door, banging my head on the wall, saying I would get them for this.

00:40:30 They killed thousands of Jews and Stalin had them put in mass graves.

00:41:00 Names were printed in Hebrew on the wall of the cemetery

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00:41:30 They surrounded the schul and set it arife with everyone in it. Things happened in my home town that my father never told me about.

00:42:00 I found out things later in the United States. The hatred built up.

00:42:30 My mind told me my father was dead; another told me he was not. This was a few days before Pesach/

00:43:00 I was called into the Russian army. I was sent to ~
The Russians were building an air base. the first one I had seen.

00:43:30 The bombers came down and went into bunkers. I didn't tell them anything, I kept my mouth shut. But the way I made my bed, they discovered.

00:44:00 I was put in charge of 100-150 men. I got them out in the morning, worked with them exercised with them.

00:44:30 June 22, 2 o'clock in the morning. I hear havy artillery and machine guns. I was familiar with them. I was only four miles from the German-Russian border.

00:45:00 I sent the men out to work, but the commander said to stop the work and take down the flag.

00:45:30 He asked to fight, to be able to pay back the GERmans fo what they did to him.

00:46:00 He said, "You don't know what war is all about."

00:46:30 I said I already fought the GermaNS. From there, we marched, ran, 20 kilometers a day.

00:47:00 I came to a shtetl called ~

00:47:30 They were a;; dressed for shabas. I saw a Jewish girl. I didn't know she was Jewish, but she looked it.

00:48:00 I asked (soeaks in Russian) "Where is the synagogue?" She answered (speaks in Russian) "Come with me."

00:48:30 The shamas came and gave me a talis. Then I see that they are bringing out the Torah. I realized this was the synagogue. Then the shamas sked me the name of my father, my name.

00:49:00 They gave me an aliyah, an honor. They called me up. I spoke to the rabbi. I told him he must not say anything.

00:49:30 If you let this information outside of here, I will be killed. Take the people out of here and run.

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00:50:00 The Germans are on the way. When they get here, they will kill everyone.

00:50:30 I shook his hand and left. Five hours later, we left they town. About ten hours later, the Germans almost caught up with us.

00:51:00 The Russians dispersed. There was no command. I tried to get on a truck. Someone pointed a gun at me, and I dropped off. I caught a horse.

00:51:30 I came to a Jewish commune. The first person I met I said, (speaks Russian) "I want to speak to the person in charge."

00:52:00 They brought me to him. I spoke to hin straight. "I don't want to be a panitur (ph) but get your people out of here as quickly as you can. The Germans are right behind."

00:52:30 He shook my hand and said (speaks in Russian) "Thank you very much."

00:53:00 I was arrested in . I was arrested because I could not say where my unit was. I looked like a deserter.

00:53:30 hen I talked with the judge, we were all let go. The Jews were to go to Ural. I said I didn't want to go, I wanted to fight. He said Stalin had given orders, all Jews were to go to Ural.

00:54:00 I said, "I have the greatest admiration for Comrade Stalin. But if you're going to send me to Ural, you might as well shoort me here." He tried to reason with me,

00:54:30 I said I wanted to fight, and he let me.

00:55:00 Before I knew it, I had a unit of my own. I taught them the difference between the SS . . . " and the various other nationalities fighting on the German side.

00:55:30 I was leading them. I was respected and admired. I had one thing on my mind - kill.

00:56:00 I had no mother, no father, no brothers, no sisters. I killed. I'm an old man today, and I still say I didn't do enough.

00:56:30 I was captured for the second time by the Germans near Cracow. We were brought before a German officer, I think he was a captain.

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00:57:00 He said (he speaks German) Getrid of them. I said speaks German again).

00:57:30 (Is asked to translate but does not~. He asked me how I spoke German so well, and I said I was from

00:58:00 My father was German, my mother Polish. I was taken prisoner. I was put in the ARMY.

)):58:30 He said I could go to the stalag, get rid of the others. I said no, these are my people.

00:59:00 I gained with the Russians. There were 5000 there. They all knew that I was an officer and a Jew. But no one said a word.

00:59:30 I went up to an Austrian and asked for a cigaret. He gave me the whole package because I spoke German.

01:00:00 -Next morning, I went up to another guard and said that I wanted to go into town, and I wanted to wash up and shave. He said, go.

01:00:30 I had a good wash, shave and breakfast, and came back to camp. They were marching to ~

01:01:00 When the German MPs came for us, there were 25 men for over 5,000 prisoners.

01:01:30 The captain said (speaks in German) not translated Q: How did he know you were Jewish?

01:02:00 I jumped up and clicked my heels. I said, (partly in German) "I am your prisoner and you can do anything you want with me. But don't call me a Jew."

01:02:30 He stepped forward, patted me on the shoulder and said that he was joking.

01:03:00 Not comprehensible.

01:03:00 I said, "I am a German and every German is a born commander." He told me to give an order for all wounded to step out.

01:03:30 I knew what that meant. So I gambled that no German could speak Russian and I said that no wounded should step out because they would be short. And I bought myself a life ticket with them again.

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01:04:00 On the march, I took a course and rode ahead, and told the townspeople that war prisoners were coming and they needed any food that could be spared.

01:04:30 I did that for the Germans too, they are in charge. When we come to the camp at ~ I know that I will have to come before a doctor.

01:05:00 Circimcised. I would be shot. I told the officer I wanted a drink of waiter. He said to wait, I said it would be hours. He said alright. I found a Polish family.

01:05:30 I said I wanted to secape. They gave me all non-military clothing. They said I should go to the ghetto. I didn't know what the ghetto was about, but I knew I should not go there I went out through a window.

01:06:00 Don't ask. I went across rivers, minefields. It took three months but I got home to my mother and five~ sisters.

01:06:30 Rode on a train for four hours with SS

01:07:00 They moved. I got a coat from the rack and sat by the window. The person in charge of the station comes to the window. I stand up, Heil Hitler.

01:07:30 He asked where my commanding officer was, and I said he ws up front. When the others ame back, they were surprised and wanted to know how I did it.

01:08:00 The organized 300 marks for me. That's what kind of talker I was. I changed trains for Warsaw. I was dressed as a Russian.

01:08:30 I was waiting outside the train and everyone was asked questions but me. When I got to my home town I saw a girl and asked for my parents, and she shook her head.

01:09:00 On the way home I saw a firnd and he asked where I was coming from.

01:09:30 He took my things and went off so they wouldn't be shocked. Now I am head of the house/

01:10:00 Ten days later, my brother dame. But I am not legal in the ghetto.

01: 10:30 The head of the ghetto sent me out to about six miles away.

01 ~ 00 There were about fifty of us.

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01 ~ 30 May I have a drink of water.? We'll break for lunch

I have to say that all my smart moves would mean nothing if I didn't survive.

01:12:00 There were times when I thought I would not survive. I went outside and sat on the stairs and I talked to God, just like I'm talking to you.

01:12:30 I gained the strength to continue. The pain was not an individual pain. The pain was for the women who went into the gas chambers.

01:13:00 The pain is for the child who cried for its mother when she was hiding because she knew if she was identified as the mother, she would go to the crematorium with the child.

01:13:30 I existed only in others. My hunger was nothing. My pain was nothing. I was not beaten. I lived in the pain of others,

01:14:00 We worked 12 hours a day. And when we got home, we had to do exercise.

01:14:30 I refused to do it. Again, I am making a hero of myself, but it is true.

01:15:00 The officer came to me and said, (speaks in German) "What's the matter with you? Aren't you a Jew?"

01:15:30 I said, (speaks in German) "I did my 12 hours work and now I want to live in peace."

01:16:00 I could see the uncertainty in his eyes. Never take your eyes off the eyes of your enemy. And he said, OK. The others didn't like me for that.

01:16:30 I didn't have to exercise and they did. They didn't have the guts. They didn't like me, but they admired me. This bastard used to shoot people when they went out to the bathroom at night/

01:17:00 On a Sunday, we weren't working, he said to me, "Don't you have a razor? Why don't you shave?" I said, "when I relax a little, I will shave, don't worry.?"

01:17:30 A catastrophic thing happened. Among the girls, one was a red head. I didn't find her attractive. Besides, this wasn't a time to think of girls.

01:18:00 One of the officers wanted to go to bed with her, and she couldn't refuse. Others reported him and he was sent to the Russian front. The girl was going to be shot.

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01:18:30 There was an air unit that took off and landed on the foeld. There was an officer there withb the Iron Cross with diamonds.

01:19:00 He used to go along the line, light a cigaret, take a puff and throw it away; light a cigaret, take a ~uff and throw it away - so others could smoke.

01:19:30 I spoke German, so we had conversations, became friend~y/ When the girl was to be shot I went to him first. He said there was nothing he could do.

01:20:00 I talked to the chief engineer. You had to talk to him through the window. He invited me in.

01:20:30 For the last time, I begged from a German. "If you have to shoot, shoot the girl who went with the officer, not all of them." Kopiec shakes his head, indiating no.

01:21:00 They sent them away. We were finished our work and 40 were selected to be sent back to the ghetto, they said.

01:21:30 One of the men was the husband of a friend. He was not a nice man. I was ashamed that he was a Jew. He was se~fish.

01:22:00 I stepped out of the line and said to the man in charge to please let Spitz go.

01:22:30 Talks in German.

01:23:00 He said, (speaks in German) "If you like him so much why don;t you stay with him."

01"23"30 Its been 45 years. I still don't understand why I put my life on the line for this son-of-a-gun. So he was the husband of a friend. Q: Didhe letthe man go ? A: Kopiec shakes his head, no.

01:24:00 On the way back to the ghetto, the German civlian in charge said, "Can I help you in an way?"

01:24:30 I call myslef an idiot for what I did.

01:25:00 They left me with two boys who were going to be shot for trying to get some food. We played cards.

01:25:30 The chief engineer said it was time. The boys stood up and said, "I want to be shot first."

01:26:00 Speaksin German) "Isn't that a sin of God to take two such boys and destroy them."

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01:26:30 He put his head down and he says, "I agree with you." "OK you kids, disappear" And they were not shot.

01:27:00 Things like this, refusing the exercise, saving the girls, saving these boys, impressed the Germans.

01:27:30 When I was taken to Auschwitz, Spring o4 '43. the SS was sheltering me. I shouldn't say it, but they did.

01:28:00 I had bloody diarrhea. They took me to the hospital. A doctor, a Yugoslav Jew, helped me.

01:28:30 The smuggled in medicine for me. I told them that if there was one chance in a million, I would save their lives. And I did.

01:29:00 Q: Can you tell something about how it was in the ghetto and now you were transported to Auschwitz?

01:29:30 There were very few local people there. They were dead already. The people were from many different towns.

01:30:00 First they took us out of there and they sent us to

01:30:30 There were about 8,000 people there. The men and women were kept separate. We did farm work. It was cold.

01:31:00 They were killing people. One man was hung from a beam, with his hands tied behind his back. He hung there until midnight when they shot him. He couldn't pass out from the pain.

01:31:30 Two women were sweeping the yard. One of the women stops for a minute, leaning on the broom. A staff sergeant sees it.

01:32:00 He shot and killed her. A man and three sons escaped with the commander's car. One son was the chauffeur.

01:32:30 They decide to shoot ten men and five women. I stand in the front line. I always stand in the front line. They choose my wife.

01:33:00 They had to lie down. I saw it. I walked. There were machine guns. It was a long walk.

01:33:30 I spoke to the sergeant and said that he is not going to shoot my wife. I will shoot her and I will shoot myself.

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01:~4:00' The officer turned the gun on me and asked what I was doing there. I said that he had chosen my wife. I knew him; I had done work for him. He asked if that was true and I said. He told me to go back to my place.

01:34:30 "If you tell me where and when you were married, and if you give the right answer, I won't shoot her."

01:35:00 I turned around and walked away. I didn't expect to hear the shot, because when you are killed, you don't hear it. But I walked back to my place.

01:35:30 I couldn't see my wife. She had passed out and the women had pulled her back.

01:36:00 She passed out because they chose another woman in her place. I didn't tell them to choose anyone else.

01:36:30 Q: When did you marry your wife.

A: 1942. You had to have permission of the Gestapo.

01:37:00 This was in the ghetto.

01:37:30 She survived the war to die of cancer. I survived the war and I don't know why.

01:38:00 About the shooting. There were two sisters. They worked for the man Kellerman.

01:38:30 Two beautiful sisters, one was married. An officer wanted to go with the unmarried sister, but she didn't want, and he shot her. He also shot the other sister.

01:39:00 A Thursday night, we were taken, men and women separately, everything was taken from us, we were taken into the wagons.

01:39:30 On the way to Auschwitz.

Q: Were you with any members of your family.

A Only my wife, but she was on a different part of the train.

01:40:00 Part of the train was separated and people went to work for Krupp. At Auschwitz, I had to run between two lines of SS who had sticks.

01:40:30 They beat and killed right there. When I came to the end of the line, I didn't know where to go so I went with the young people. And a doctor came.

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01:41:00 Mengele was there, but with the women. He was Fischer. He asked how old we were, and what was your profession. Then it was (gestures with his thumb) to live, or (points with his finger) to ds~.the gas chamber.

01:41:30 The first weeks were horrible. I was in Berchenau. I asked a French Jew, how do you find out if your wife is here.

01:42:00 He said, "Wife, husband, children . . . they all go through the chimney.

01:42:30 If I had a gun, I would have shot hem/

01:43:00 At the end of the concentration camp, he got 12 years from the French government. There are a lot of things I am ashamed to tell myself, how Jews treated Jews.

01:43:30 There was a case. I was sent down from Auschwitz to to work in a coal mine. I learned how to use the drill, how to pack dynamite in the hole.

01:44:00 The Germans were supposed to do it, but I did it for them. They b rought me milk, coffee, cheese.

01:44:30 It didn't help. My eyes went to the back of my head. I couldn't take it. The man in charge was Staff Sgt, Mohl. The French ubderground knew about him; the Brotish knew about him.

01:45:00 They said they would ge~t him. And the Russians shot a him in 1945.

01:45:30 I jumped in front of him, at attention, and I said you have given me many "chits" to go into the canteen.

01:46:00 "I have a cold. I went to the hospital and they said i didn;t have enough temperature. They wouldn't give me a couple of days leave. Can you do something for me?"

01:47:30 He said, "Go to the hospital and tell them I said you should have two days free."

01:48:00 I shouted to Mohl and he asked me what was going on.

01:48:30 I lied to him and said they said that he is not a doctor. He said he would show them who is a doctor.

01:49:~ He yelled for everyone to come out of the hospital. I thought he was going to shoot them all.

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01:49:30 You bend down on your knees and you jump like a rabbit. You roll in the snow until you turn into a snowball. Three days double bread and double soup.

01:50:00 I know if I go down to the mine again that's no good. Came an order from another camp that they need carpenters, electricians and painters.

01:50:30 I went to the registrar, he had a brother who was head of a barrack, and I told him that I had a wife and a ~Xm~n~hXX~dXXXNY a year and a half old son.

01:51:00 So he said alright, and sent me to the other camp. It was a~so a mine but I worked as a carpenter.

00:51:30 There were people there who knew me, but they didn't recognize me. There I got the bloody diarrhea and a good doctor save me. He was so proud of that. But he died.

01:52:00 Q: Where did you get your tattoo? A: The third day in Auschwitz. They do it very fast.

01:52:30 It became infected and swollen, but my body threw off the infection. Mentions various camps to which he was sent subsequently.

01:53:00 Because of the number I almost died. We were working in the rain, with a stove pipe.

01:53:30 Someone started a fire. Everything burned but my number. My number was called, but I wasn't paying attention.

01:54:00 A neighbor pushed me and I stepped forward. A Hungarian SS asked me where my coat was. I forgot and I said it was in the barrack. I was almost there when I remembered it was in the carpentry.

01:54:30 He said, oh yes, and started beating me. For ten days I didn't know what was what.

01:55:00 Every Thursday, the abulance would come round to collect the dead and very sick for the crematorium. They used to carry me out on a blanket to the dead house.

01:55:30 I used to lie. There was a father and a son. Not many fathers and sons. I used to steal potatoes.

01:56:00 One day, coming back from work, people going to work said they found the potatoes. I knew the father could not take the punishment,

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01:56:30 I stepped out of line and said, (speaks in German) "I stole the potatoes and I gave some to them." He said to step back in line.

01:57:00 I stepped out again, and again he told me to get back in line. I stepped out a third time, and he listened to me. That night, I bent over the chair to get whipped, but was only hit once.

01:57:30 He gave me a clap on the shoulder and told me to go. They made me a kapo. I didn't want to be a kapo.

01:58:00 A bunch of Dutch boys. We were building a camp. It was cold and they kept running to the fite. So they didn't get the work done. I got beaten because I was the Kapo, I was responsible.

01:58:30 I got one less stoke than I was supposed to. I said I didn't want to be Kapo over my friends and they took me off kapo.

01:59:00 Things like that came sporadically. Then ca,e March 16, 1945.

01:59:30 We were marching. I asked if we were returning to the mother camp. The officer said, yes, but we kept on marching.

01:00:00 Then we came to the city of Leibitz, where my wife was born and raised.

02:00:30 She was taken to Saxony. From there to . . . (mentions a number of places).

02:01:00 This is when I met my wife. You had to sign yourself in and out of the ghetto.

02:01:30 Interview just breaks off.