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Summary

Henry Miller, born in 1915 in Tocovo, Czechoslovakia, where his father had a farm, describes growing up the middle of 9 children; studying tailoring for three years; meeting his wife in 1935; entering the Czech army in 1937 and serving in the Sudetenland; being told to put down their weapons and not fight when the Germans entered; returning home in 1939 and finding the Hungarians in control of his hometown; being taken to work in Kiev in 1940; being encouraged by Ukrainians not to return to Czechoslovakia; returning home in March, 1944, then being forced into the ghetto in April before being taken to Birkenau in May or June; being ordered to pick up the dead bodies of Sonderkommandos who had cut the fence wire and tried to run away; being transferred to Stutthof in November before being taken to Tailfingen to work building streets; being moved to Allach in January where he survived because a friend brought him food; being liberated by Americans at the end of April while enroute to Tyrol; being transported by the Americans to Feldafing and later to Czechoslovakia; finding his girlfriend (who became his wife) and three sisters in Prague and going together to Kocise to join his brother; returning to his home in Tocovo, where he was reunited with his dog; living in a DP camp in Germany until locating his uncle in the United States who sponsored his immigration.