

## **RG-50.091.0102**

### **Summary**

Mark Moss (aka Marek Mosowich [PH]), born in the Ogrodowa neighborhood of Warsaw describes the bombing on the second day of German occupation which killed his mother and oldest brother and wounded another brother; taking the ID card of his non Jewish friend, Marian Nowakowsky[PH], after he was killed; staying with his sister, who had Aryan papers, and avoiding the ghetto until 1941 when he was identified as a Jew; fleeing to the Russian border where he was arrested in Novosibirsk and taken to a camp in Irkutsk Oblast, near Vladivostok, Siberia; being released in 1942 to join the Polish army that was under Russian command; serving at the Polish-Russian border near Lvov; being sent to officer school for eight months and becoming commissioned as a lieutenant; fighting at the front by the River Oder in 1943; getting wounded by shrapnel in 1944 and then transferred to an office position in Warsaw; observing the Majdanek trials and hangings on his way to Warsaw; deserting after the German surrender and going to Berlin with assistance organized by his sister; obtaining false documents that identified him as a German Jew and then going to the U.S. Command in Tempelhof; evading the Russians who were picking up deserters in the U.S. zone; being transported by U.S. troops to Kassel in the British zone; being contacted by a Haganah shaliach who persuaded him to go to Palestine; being stopped at sea by British troops who overcame the passengers' resistance and interned them in Cyprus; entering Palestine in 1946; serving in an intelligence unit of the Haganah; marrying his wife, whom he met in Cyprus, in 1948; immigrating to the United States in 1954 and settling in Cleveland where his brother was living; becoming a founding member of Kol Israel and working as a commercial artist.