

Marie Schwartzman

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August 21, 1925 - born Marie Zausnica in Paris, France

Parents from Poland, 7 children in family

August 1941 - father arrested by SS and French gendarmes, sent to Drancy
mother ill, so Marie became head of family

July 4, 1942 - heard women and children were to be arrested, so she went to teacher's
house for 3 months

October 1942 - arrested upon her return home, taken to Drancy for 3 months

January 1943 - deported to Auschwitz

separated from her family, marched to Birkenau

hair shaved by French men prisoners, was tattooed

people would suck frozen urine to survive

tried to kill herself on electrified fence, but shot in the foot, taken to Block 25

worked there undressing people, putting them on trucks to the gas

worked in hospital for French, Poles and Communists - no medicine.

on potato commando, carried heavy stones

March-April 1944 -went to crematorium on arrival of Hungarians to sort clothes and jewelry
standing 10-12 hours a day

January 1945 - Death March, then train to Ravensbruck

February-May 1945 - In Prchin-Malkov, a labor camp

May 6, 1945 - liberated by Americans

Turned in German officer, Tauber, who was arrested.

To Paris, Grenoble for 18 months

May 1949 came to US on Queen Elizabeth

Married American soldier

Lived in Philadelphia