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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,480

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00:00:06,480 --> 00:00:10,470
This is the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum

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00:00:10,470 --> 00:00:12,900
interview with Arnold
Weiss, conducted

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00:00:12,900 --> 00:00:19,020
by Gail Schwartz on August
15, 1996 in Washington, DC.

5
00:00:19,020 --> 00:00:23,220
This is tape number
two, side A. And we

6
00:00:23,220 --> 00:00:28,210
were talking about you
being in Paris in the army.

7
00:00:28,210 --> 00:00:28,710
Yeah.

8
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:39,390
Well, when the Bulge hit,
there had been a thread

9
00:00:39,390 --> 00:00:44,430
of German parachutists being--

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00:00:44,430 --> 00:00:47,760
I mean, in American
uniforms being

11
00:00:47,760 --> 00:00:53,030
dropped behind the US lines
to disrupt the communication.

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00:00:53,030 --> 00:01:00,540
So a bunch of us were
sent to augment the--

13
00:01:00,540 --> 00:01:05,160
I guess it's the CIC
detachment, the 9th Division,

14
00:01:05,160 --> 00:01:08,520
which was around Namur.

15
00:01:08,520 --> 00:01:16,500
So I spent the latter part
of the Bulge patrolling

16
00:01:16,500 --> 00:01:23,400
the canals along the Meuse to
hunt down German parachutists.

17
00:01:23,400 --> 00:01:29,040
We caught a number, but not I.
I just was cold, and miserable,

18
00:01:29,040 --> 00:01:33,090
and not very happy.

19
00:01:33,090 --> 00:01:38,535
But it was as cold a
time as I can remember.

20
00:01:38,535 --> 00:01:41,100

21
00:01:41,100 --> 00:01:47,750
Anyway, the Bulge collapsed.

22
00:01:47,750 --> 00:01:50,820
I was transferred down
to the 45th Division,

23
00:01:50,820 --> 00:01:55,890
which was south, preparing
to go across the Rhine.

24
00:01:55,890 --> 00:02:01,350
And I spent the rest of
the active war in Europe

25
00:02:01,350 --> 00:02:03,705
with that division, or
part of that division.

26
00:02:03,705 --> 00:02:06,420

27
00:02:06,420 --> 00:02:10,350
Again, intelligence was a--

28
00:02:10,350 --> 00:02:12,960
you didn't know
one day whether you

29
00:02:12,960 --> 00:02:16,150
were going to be moved out
into doing something else.

30
00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:27,370
And we did an awful lot of
things that, in retrospect,

31
00:02:27,370 --> 00:02:29,976
were probably pretty stupid.

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00:02:29,976 --> 00:02:32,860

33
00:02:32,860 --> 00:02:37,200
Spent three or four days
behind the German lines.

34
00:02:37,200 --> 00:02:42,310
We had captured a truck coming
through, a German quartermaster

35
00:02:42,310 --> 00:02:42,810

truck.

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00:02:42,810 --> 00:02:45,420

So a couple of us were picked.

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00:02:45,420 --> 00:02:49,860

And we went behind the lines,
dropping mail, and picking up

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00:02:49,860 --> 00:02:50,916

mail from agents.

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00:02:50,916 --> 00:02:53,450

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00:02:53,450 --> 00:02:54,450

That was a little dicey.

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00:02:54,450 --> 00:02:58,030

But the other guy and I were
both native German speakers,

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00:02:58,030 --> 00:03:00,050

so nobody ever caught on.

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00:03:00,050 --> 00:03:02,370

And we got back
through the lines.

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00:03:02,370 --> 00:03:05,370

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00:03:05,370 --> 00:03:06,980

And that was that.

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00:03:06,980 --> 00:03:07,910

And then--

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00:03:07,910 --> 00:03:12,400

Was it different for you to be
in Germany rather than France?

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00:03:12,400 --> 00:03:12,900
No.

49
00:03:12,900 --> 00:03:16,860

50
00:03:16,860 --> 00:03:20,340
First of all, when you're
in Alsace-Lorraine,

51
00:03:20,340 --> 00:03:24,680
which is the area
where we were at,

52
00:03:24,680 --> 00:03:26,970
there's no difference
between France and Germany.

53
00:03:26,970 --> 00:03:29,070
It's sort of half and half.

54
00:03:29,070 --> 00:03:30,580
But no.

55
00:03:30,580 --> 00:03:37,350
Look, in Nice, under these
occasions, first of all,

56
00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:39,270
your concern is for
your own safety.

57
00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:43,470
You want to stay in one piece.

58
00:03:43,470 --> 00:03:48,180
Number two, you say to yourself,
this is a hell of a lot

59
00:03:48,180 --> 00:03:52,090
better than sitting in a
foxhole and freezing to death,

60
00:03:52,090 --> 00:03:53,490
whatever it is
that you're doing.

61
00:03:53,490 --> 00:03:57,990
And thirdly, it's
a question of being

62
00:03:57,990 --> 00:04:03,160
able to keep your feet dry, and
your stomach reasonably full,

63
00:04:03,160 --> 00:04:08,880
and the other parts of your
body reasonably in order.

64
00:04:08,880 --> 00:04:10,630
You don't sleep a hell of a lot.

65
00:04:10,630 --> 00:04:17,760
And the days go by, unless
you keep a journal, which

66
00:04:17,760 --> 00:04:20,970
of course you couldn't do.

67
00:04:20,970 --> 00:04:22,470
You don't remember
all that much.

68
00:04:22,470 --> 00:04:24,890
It was flashing.

69
00:04:24,890 --> 00:04:26,820
And when you're
in combat itself,

70
00:04:26,820 --> 00:04:34,180
you're so scared
that you're really--

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00:04:34,180 --> 00:04:37,380

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00:04:37,380 --> 00:04:38,940

you push it out of
your mind, as you

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00:04:38,940 --> 00:04:42,080

do with most things
that are not pleasant.

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00:04:42,080 --> 00:04:45,990

But it didn't last
all that long.

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00:04:45,990 --> 00:04:58,560

And as we went into
Germany in, say,

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00:04:58,560 --> 00:05:00,730

February and March--
really, March

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00:05:00,730 --> 00:05:03,470

is the time I remember best.

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00:05:03,470 --> 00:05:05,150

But then it hit me
a lot more clearly.

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00:05:05,150 --> 00:05:08,460

You saw these huge long
lines of German prisoners.

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00:05:08,460 --> 00:05:10,580

We started spending
a good deal of time

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00:05:10,580 --> 00:05:13,860

interrogating these people.

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00:05:13,860 --> 00:05:18,140

And then we began

to see evidences

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00:05:18,140 --> 00:05:23,390

of what we had heard about
and suspected with respect

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00:05:23,390 --> 00:05:34,910

to what had happened to the
Jews, the Poles, Russians,

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00:05:34,910 --> 00:05:37,320

to some extent the
French, and so on.

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00:05:37,320 --> 00:05:42,910

You saw these long
lines of people fleeing.

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00:05:42,910 --> 00:05:47,990

There's this huge movement
on the road, and so on.

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00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:50,290

It got home to you pretty quick.

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00:05:50,290 --> 00:05:54,280

And as we moved towards
Nuremberg, which my division,

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00:05:54,280 --> 00:06:00,530

the 45th Division
took, then it began

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00:06:00,530 --> 00:06:04,370

to sink into me more clearly.

92

00:06:04,370 --> 00:06:13,980

And I watched the
bombardment of the town.

93

00:06:13,980 --> 00:06:20,630

A bunch of us had gotten in
from around the railway station

94
00:06:20,630 --> 00:06:23,960
into Nuremberg with
the advance elements.

95
00:06:23,960 --> 00:06:26,570
And sniping fire broke out.

96
00:06:26,570 --> 00:06:33,110
And I got the hell out
of there and told the--

97
00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:42,630
General Frederick, I guess
it was, that we were not

98
00:06:42,630 --> 00:06:44,730
liable to be able to
take the town easily,

99
00:06:44,730 --> 00:06:47,820
because the
destruction in the city

100
00:06:47,820 --> 00:06:50,850
had been so that you couldn't
even get a truck in there, let

101
00:06:50,850 --> 00:06:52,590
alone a tank.

102
00:06:52,590 --> 00:06:53,980
So he said, to hell with it.

103
00:06:53,980 --> 00:06:56,790
And he just, for about
a day, a day and a half,

104
00:06:56,790 --> 00:07:00,780
bombarded the city with not
only our division artillery,

105

00:07:00,780 --> 00:07:05,310
but with the corps artillery as
well, just razing the old city.

106
00:07:05,310 --> 00:07:06,600
I mean, it was--

107
00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:11,130
and again, I didn't have
any particular feeling.

108
00:07:11,130 --> 00:07:15,360
I did have a feeling
as we went to Furth,

109
00:07:15,360 --> 00:07:18,980
and I looked at the orphanage,
which had become a--

110
00:07:18,980 --> 00:07:22,429

111
00:07:22,429 --> 00:07:27,660
which was still occupied,
but mainly by refugees from

112
00:07:27,660 --> 00:07:29,880
[? Germanus, ?] from the east.

113
00:07:29,880 --> 00:07:32,800
There was certainly
no children left.

114
00:07:32,800 --> 00:07:35,190
And the little synagogue,
which I mentioned,

115
00:07:35,190 --> 00:07:37,500
had been just a warehouse.

116
00:07:37,500 --> 00:07:41,460
And everything had
been dumped in there.

117
00:07:41,460 --> 00:07:44,430
But that was a fairly--

118
00:07:44,430 --> 00:07:48,540
I did have some
emotional binges there.

119
00:07:48,540 --> 00:07:50,400
But again, we moved on quickly.

120
00:07:50,400 --> 00:07:58,560
And a number of us were, again,
designated to go to Dachau too,

121
00:07:58,560 --> 00:08:03,900
because there was a contingent
of important prisoners,

122
00:08:03,900 --> 00:08:07,050
political prisoners held
in Dachau, which we were

123
00:08:07,050 --> 00:08:12,070
to get out and to safeguard.

124
00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:16,320
There was [? Shisnisick, ?]
and Leon Blum, and a couple

125
00:08:16,320 --> 00:08:22,440
of cardinals, and a variety
of other important political

126
00:08:22,440 --> 00:08:23,290
figures.

127
00:08:23,290 --> 00:08:25,485
Now, who was giving
you these orders?

128
00:08:25,485 --> 00:08:27,000

Well, they came down from--

129

00:08:27,000 --> 00:08:31,560

I assume, from G-2 corps.

130

00:08:31,560 --> 00:08:38,929

But beyond that, I suppose from
SHAPE, from SHAEF headquarters.

131

00:08:38,929 --> 00:08:41,490

But they just
assembled a group of us

132

00:08:41,490 --> 00:08:45,510

from the various detachments,
and just sent us out,

133

00:08:45,510 --> 00:08:47,490

and told us to get the hell--

134

00:08:47,490 --> 00:08:49,850

try to get these people.

135

00:08:49,850 --> 00:08:52,760

Had Dachau been liberated yet?

136

00:08:52,760 --> 00:08:54,280

No, it had not been.

137

00:08:54,280 --> 00:08:57,480

We were racing down there.

138

00:08:57,480 --> 00:09:00,420

What had happened here
is that the Germans

139

00:09:00,420 --> 00:09:02,430

tried to eradicate the camps.

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00:09:02,430 --> 00:09:05,220

So there was an
SS division moving

141
00:09:05,220 --> 00:09:12,930
south from the center of Germany
to, I guess, get to Dachau

142
00:09:12,930 --> 00:09:15,120
and to obliterate it.

143
00:09:15,120 --> 00:09:21,480
And the 45th, by
going via Nuremberg,

144
00:09:21,480 --> 00:09:25,000
were heading to head them off.

145
00:09:25,000 --> 00:09:34,830
And so it was that
maneuver of the SS division

146
00:09:34,830 --> 00:09:40,440
which caused headquarters,
whichever one it was,

147
00:09:40,440 --> 00:09:44,460
to try to get there
in order to safeguard

148
00:09:44,460 --> 00:09:45,780
these important prisoners.

149
00:09:45,780 --> 00:09:50,250
I think there was also the
nephew of the king of England,

150
00:09:50,250 --> 00:09:51,090
and so on.

151
00:09:51,090 --> 00:09:58,060
They had a concentrated maybe
40 or 50 high-level prisoners.

152
00:09:58,060 --> 00:10:00,870

And they were
afraid that, if they

153
00:10:00,870 --> 00:10:04,860
fell into the hands of the
SS, they would all be killed--

154
00:10:04,860 --> 00:10:06,030
not in the hands of the SS.

155
00:10:06,030 --> 00:10:08,490
But if they eradicated
the camp, they

156
00:10:08,490 --> 00:10:10,880
would also eradicate
these people.

157
00:10:10,880 --> 00:10:12,680
And you had these names.

158
00:10:12,680 --> 00:10:13,942
Yeah, we had the--

159
00:10:13,942 --> 00:10:15,400
well, we didn't
have all the names.

160
00:10:15,400 --> 00:10:19,740
But we knew there was this
concentration of people.

161
00:10:19,740 --> 00:10:25,080
So anyway, that's what led me
into Dachau in the early period

162
00:10:25,080 --> 00:10:28,080
of probably--

163
00:10:28,080 --> 00:10:28,950
in April.

164

00:10:28,950 --> 00:10:31,610

Whatever the date is,
I don't remember now.

165

00:10:31,610 --> 00:10:33,990

And how did you get into Dachau?

166

00:10:33,990 --> 00:10:39,660

Well, a couple of us jumped
in by low-flying aircraft.

167

00:10:39,660 --> 00:10:42,080

And the others came in by Jeep.

168

00:10:42,080 --> 00:10:46,973

So you jumped onto the camp
grounds from an aircraft.

169

00:10:46,973 --> 00:10:47,820

Yeah.

170

00:10:47,820 --> 00:10:49,470

And who met you?

171

00:10:49,470 --> 00:10:51,030

Well, there had
been a revolt that

172

00:10:51,030 --> 00:10:53,340

had broken out inside the camp.

173

00:10:53,340 --> 00:10:56,820

So the camp itself was under
the control of the prisoners.

174

00:10:56,820 --> 00:11:00,510

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00:11:00,510 --> 00:11:05,420

But the perimeter was
still held by the SS.

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00:11:05,420 --> 00:11:09,900

And in part, at least,
a lot of the guards

177

00:11:09,900 --> 00:11:12,990

had disappeared from
inside the camp.

178

00:11:12,990 --> 00:11:17,580

And actually, many of them put
on prisoners' uniforms in order

179

00:11:17,580 --> 00:11:21,990

to blend in, so to speak.

180

00:11:21,990 --> 00:11:25,140

And since there was
no real record system,

181

00:11:25,140 --> 00:11:30,270

except the records kept by
the prisoners themselves,

182

00:11:30,270 --> 00:11:32,940

it was very hard to
distinguish them, and so on.

183

00:11:32,940 --> 00:11:45,585

But when the outside perimeter
collapsed, the SS withdrew.

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00:11:45,585 --> 00:11:49,580

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00:11:49,580 --> 00:11:53,760

When it became clear that the
American army was coming--

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00:11:53,760 --> 00:11:55,710

all this was a couple of days.

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00:11:55,710 --> 00:11:58,480

This was not any

long period of time.

188
00:11:58,480 --> 00:12:08,220
And so what I remember
so clearly is the master

189
00:12:08,220 --> 00:12:12,510
barracks, the big Nazi
barracks, the permanent barracks

190
00:12:12,510 --> 00:12:15,690
were on a railway siding, or
close to a railway siding.

191
00:12:15,690 --> 00:12:17,610
And there was a train
on the other side

192
00:12:17,610 --> 00:12:21,300
of the railway saying with
all kinds of dead bodies

193
00:12:21,300 --> 00:12:24,378
where the prisoners simply had
either starved, or were killed,

194
00:12:24,378 --> 00:12:25,170
or whatever it was.

195
00:12:25,170 --> 00:12:28,500
They never were unloaded.

196
00:12:28,500 --> 00:12:30,660
And it stank like hell.

197
00:12:30,660 --> 00:12:36,260
And it was a horrible place.

198
00:12:36,260 --> 00:12:38,010
It was unbelievably bad.

199
00:12:38,010 --> 00:12:42,330

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00:12:42,330 --> 00:12:48,787

Anyway, when we got there and we
were looking for these people,

201

00:12:48,787 --> 00:12:49,620

we didn't find them.

202

00:12:49,620 --> 00:12:51,360

They had been moved.

203

00:12:51,360 --> 00:12:55,080

So once the divisions
broke through,

204

00:12:55,080 --> 00:12:58,830

we kept on going to chase
after these prisoners.

205

00:12:58,830 --> 00:13:01,970

How many were in your group
of parachutists into Dachau?

206

00:13:01,970 --> 00:13:03,870

Oh, I don't remember now.

207

00:13:03,870 --> 00:13:06,840

I think the whole team was about
11 people, under 12 people.

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00:13:06,840 --> 00:13:08,070

And these are all Americans.

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00:13:08,070 --> 00:13:10,317

All Americans, Yeah.

210

00:13:10,317 --> 00:13:11,400

I don't think we had any--

211

00:13:11,400 --> 00:13:13,325

maybe we had one or

two Frenchmen with us.

212

00:13:13,325 --> 00:13:14,200

I don't remember now.

213

00:13:14,200 --> 00:13:16,860

214

00:13:16,860 --> 00:13:19,800

Did you get a chance to talk to
any of the prisoners in Dachau?

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00:13:19,800 --> 00:13:20,330

Oh, sure.

216

00:13:20,330 --> 00:13:30,120

I talked to a lot of them,
mainly to find out where--

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00:13:30,120 --> 00:13:32,700

the way the camp
was, it was divided.

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00:13:32,700 --> 00:13:33,960

You had a Russian group.

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00:13:33,960 --> 00:13:39,350

And you had a Jewish group.

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00:13:39,350 --> 00:13:45,350

You had a Polish.

221

00:13:45,350 --> 00:13:49,080

All the nationalities
were represented there.

222

00:13:49,080 --> 00:13:58,040

And some were in very bad shape.

223

00:13:58,040 --> 00:14:00,250

It was a huge
number of prisoners.

224
00:14:00,250 --> 00:14:06,170
I think later somebody told
me around 35,000 prisoners

225
00:14:06,170 --> 00:14:10,730
in Dachau at the time of, quote,
the "liberation," unquote.

226
00:14:10,730 --> 00:14:12,740
The first real liberation came--

227
00:14:12,740 --> 00:14:18,290
I think the French had
a couple of detachments

228
00:14:18,290 --> 00:14:22,100
that came through, and
then the 45th Division.

229
00:14:22,100 --> 00:14:30,620
And then the 32nd came in,
and pretty soon all of it

230
00:14:30,620 --> 00:14:34,700
moving south towards Munich,
and in the direction of Munich,

231
00:14:34,700 --> 00:14:38,210
and then further south
to Bremen, to the pass.

232
00:14:38,210 --> 00:14:41,090
Did you talk to any of
the Jewish prisoners?

233
00:14:41,090 --> 00:14:41,590
Yeah.

234
00:14:41,590 --> 00:14:42,090
Oh, yeah.

235

00:14:42,090 --> 00:14:49,120

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00:14:49,120 --> 00:14:53,040

I tried to find out who some
of them were, and so on.

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00:14:53,040 --> 00:14:58,260

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00:14:58,260 --> 00:15:00,480

I can't remember
all too clearly now.

239

00:15:00,480 --> 00:15:04,560

But they were asking
us a lot more questions

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00:15:04,560 --> 00:15:05,870

than we were asking them.

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00:15:05,870 --> 00:15:09,030

When were the Americans coming?

242

00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:12,900

And when does the food--

243

00:15:12,900 --> 00:15:14,720

is there any?

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00:15:14,720 --> 00:15:18,120

Mainly concerned with food,
and typhus, and typhoid.

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00:15:18,120 --> 00:15:19,950

All of it was
rampant in the camp.

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00:15:19,950 --> 00:15:25,320

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00:15:25,320 --> 00:15:26,940

Could they leave?

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00:15:26,940 --> 00:15:29,290

What would happen to them?

249

00:15:29,290 --> 00:15:31,900

And so on.

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00:15:31,900 --> 00:15:33,800

Again, I had no
answers, and I don't

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00:15:33,800 --> 00:15:35,520

think anybody else had it.

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00:15:35,520 --> 00:15:38,730

We were there for a
very specific purpose.

253

00:15:38,730 --> 00:15:40,800

And beyond that, we
couldn't say anything,

254

00:15:40,800 --> 00:15:43,430

because we didn't know.

255

00:15:43,430 --> 00:15:45,780

Whenever these kind
of situations occur,

256

00:15:45,780 --> 00:15:47,880

it's so fluid.

257

00:15:47,880 --> 00:15:49,650

The last guy who
knows anything is

258

00:15:49,650 --> 00:15:55,100

the guy who's in front or
immediately behind the front.

259

00:15:55,100 --> 00:15:59,490

Those are the last guys we
have learned what's going on.

260
00:15:59,490 --> 00:16:01,530
At that time, did you
know that your father

261
00:16:01,530 --> 00:16:02,630
had been taken to Dachau?

262
00:16:02,630 --> 00:16:06,460

263
00:16:06,460 --> 00:16:13,800
There was a card file that
was kept in a hollow rafter.

264
00:16:13,800 --> 00:16:18,700
And my recollection is
that he had been there.

265
00:16:18,700 --> 00:16:21,950
But the file never
said what had happened.

266
00:16:21,950 --> 00:16:24,210
They did not keep a file.

267
00:16:24,210 --> 00:16:26,670
It only said, the file--

268
00:16:26,670 --> 00:16:34,100
which had been kept,
I guess, until '42,

269
00:16:34,100 --> 00:16:36,090
because then the
influx was so huge.

270
00:16:36,090 --> 00:16:38,640
But the prisoners
themselves kept a file

271
00:16:38,640 --> 00:16:41,040
of who had passed through.

272
00:16:41,040 --> 00:16:42,335
Did you see the file?

273
00:16:42,335 --> 00:16:42,960
Yeah, I saw it.

274
00:16:42,960 --> 00:16:46,030
There was a card, a 3 by 5 card.

275
00:16:46,030 --> 00:16:49,050
It just had stuff
on one assignment.

276
00:16:49,050 --> 00:16:56,110
I think it said on there '34, or
something like that, maybe '35,

277
00:16:56,110 --> 00:17:00,840
but shortly after
Dachau was created.

278
00:17:00,840 --> 00:17:02,550
Whatever happened
to that card file?

279
00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:03,300
Do you know?

280
00:17:03,300 --> 00:17:06,119
I have no idea.

281
00:17:06,119 --> 00:17:08,040
I'm sure it went to
some intelligence unit.

282
00:17:08,040 --> 00:17:11,238
And whatever happened
to it, I don't know.

283

00:17:11,238 --> 00:17:13,880

So you left your
father's card there.

284

00:17:13,880 --> 00:17:14,380

Yeah.

285

00:17:14,380 --> 00:17:16,760

I mean, I was a soldier.

286

00:17:16,760 --> 00:17:21,610

I was moving onto
the next assignment.

287

00:17:21,610 --> 00:17:26,420

288

00:17:26,420 --> 00:17:28,880

The best we could
gather is he probably

289

00:17:28,880 --> 00:17:32,580

got away, that he'd gotten out.

290

00:17:32,580 --> 00:17:33,920

But--

291

00:17:33,920 --> 00:17:38,090

Did you feel any affinity
to the Jewish prisoners?

292

00:17:38,090 --> 00:17:38,670

Not really.

293

00:17:38,670 --> 00:17:39,170

No.

294

00:17:39,170 --> 00:17:44,250

295

00:17:44,250 --> 00:17:45,750

I couldn't say.

296

00:17:45,750 --> 00:17:51,000

There were-- don't know
what you mean by affinity.

297

00:17:51,000 --> 00:17:55,540

I mean, certainly we
felt sorry for them.

298

00:17:55,540 --> 00:17:58,740

I felt-- if that
is affinity, yes.

299

00:17:58,740 --> 00:18:03,420

If you mean by affinity
a relationship,

300

00:18:03,420 --> 00:18:04,830

the answer is probably, no.

301

00:18:04,830 --> 00:18:11,220

302

00:18:11,220 --> 00:18:12,930

First of all, most
of them didn't

303

00:18:12,930 --> 00:18:18,840

speak either German or
English, to the extent that--

304

00:18:18,840 --> 00:18:22,670

there were relatively few
German Jews in this group.

305

00:18:22,670 --> 00:18:26,190

So communication
wasn't all that easy.

306

00:18:26,190 --> 00:18:32,100

A lot of Russian Jews,
Polish Jews, French Jews,

307
00:18:32,100 --> 00:18:40,020
Italian Jews, but very few
German Jews that I recall.

308
00:18:40,020 --> 00:18:43,920
Certainly, many of
them spoke some German.

309
00:18:43,920 --> 00:18:44,525
But it was--

310
00:18:44,525 --> 00:18:50,610

311
00:18:50,610 --> 00:18:54,000
Did you stay at Dachau at night?

312
00:18:54,000 --> 00:18:57,060
Maybe two nights,
or maybe three.

313
00:18:57,060 --> 00:19:00,540
All I remember is that,
after the division got

314
00:19:00,540 --> 00:19:02,970
there, you could hear
the cluck, cluck, cluck.

315
00:19:02,970 --> 00:19:07,140
They had wooden shoes, mainly.

316
00:19:07,140 --> 00:19:12,500
Underneath where I was
staying, a window, which--

317
00:19:12,500 --> 00:19:17,250
people were walking out of
the camp in order to die,

318
00:19:17,250 --> 00:19:20,020

so they wouldn't
die inside the camp.

319
00:19:20,020 --> 00:19:22,360
That I remember fairly clearly.

320
00:19:22,360 --> 00:19:33,410

321
00:19:33,410 --> 00:19:38,840
Memories, you try to forget.

322
00:19:38,840 --> 00:19:40,100
But the place stank.

323
00:19:40,100 --> 00:19:47,533
It was terribly depressing.

324
00:19:47,533 --> 00:19:48,575
That's putting it mildly.

325
00:19:48,575 --> 00:19:54,510

326
00:19:54,510 --> 00:20:02,200
The rate of death there must
have been 2,000 or 3,000 a day.

327
00:20:02,200 --> 00:20:04,630
And this is after liberation.

328
00:20:04,630 --> 00:20:10,700
It was very bad.

329
00:20:10,700 --> 00:20:14,017

330
00:20:14,017 --> 00:20:15,600
I was delighted to
get away from that.

331

00:20:15,600 --> 00:20:18,250

332

00:20:18,250 --> 00:20:20,350

And then where did you go?

333

00:20:20,350 --> 00:20:24,250

Well, we ended up chasing
after this group of prisoners.

334

00:20:24,250 --> 00:20:34,987

We finally caught up with them
around south of Innsbruck.

335

00:20:34,987 --> 00:20:37,320

You're talking about the
well-known prisoners you were--

336

00:20:37,320 --> 00:20:41,310

337

00:20:41,310 --> 00:20:48,320

The German Wehrmacht had
taken them over, and basically

338

00:20:48,320 --> 00:20:52,140

safeguarded them from
the SS, as I remember.

339

00:20:52,140 --> 00:20:56,420

But I remember the
last day of the war,

340

00:20:56,420 --> 00:21:04,550

in Seefeld in Austria,
overlooking the [? Inn ?]

341

00:21:04,550 --> 00:21:07,250

River, and the Germans
were blowing up

342

00:21:07,250 --> 00:21:08,630

the bridge over the Inn.

343
00:21:08,630 --> 00:21:14,200
And for sheer stupidity, I
thought that took the cake.

344
00:21:14,200 --> 00:21:20,810
And we had driven a herd
of cows down a winding road

345
00:21:20,810 --> 00:21:23,450
to clear the mines.

346
00:21:23,450 --> 00:21:24,900
So that was the end of the war.

347
00:21:24,900 --> 00:21:27,900

348
00:21:27,900 --> 00:21:29,510
And then the real work began.

349
00:21:29,510 --> 00:21:30,310
Then--

350
00:21:30,310 --> 00:21:33,230
What did you do with these
well-known prisoners?

351
00:21:33,230 --> 00:21:39,220
Well, they were delivered
to division headquarters.

352
00:21:39,220 --> 00:21:44,660
Then that was the end of it,
as far as we were concerned.

353
00:21:44,660 --> 00:21:46,490
Did you talk to any of them?

354
00:21:46,490 --> 00:21:53,040
Yeah, I talked a little
bit to Leon Blum,

355
00:21:53,040 --> 00:21:54,380
the former French premier.

356
00:21:54,380 --> 00:21:58,900

357
00:21:58,900 --> 00:22:01,910
But we had been
instructed not to--

358
00:22:01,910 --> 00:22:04,850

359
00:22:04,850 --> 00:22:08,150
our job was to get them out,
and to get them to headquarters.

360
00:22:08,150 --> 00:22:10,530
And that was the
end of our chore.

361
00:22:10,530 --> 00:22:16,280
There was no-- they did not
want them to be interrogated.

362
00:22:16,280 --> 00:22:21,830
That had to be done by
specialists, and so on.

363
00:22:21,830 --> 00:22:24,890
Ours was just to
get them, period.

364
00:22:24,890 --> 00:22:26,870
Was he in good health?

365
00:22:26,870 --> 00:22:27,960
Not particularly.

366
00:22:27,960 --> 00:22:31,550
He was coughing a lot.

367
00:22:31,550 --> 00:22:37,880

368
00:22:37,880 --> 00:22:41,930
I saw him again at the
Paris Peace Conference.

369
00:22:41,930 --> 00:22:48,950
I was there as a security
officer for Secretary Burns

370
00:22:48,950 --> 00:22:51,255
and General Clay.

371
00:22:51,255 --> 00:22:54,740

372
00:22:54,740 --> 00:22:55,410
He greeted me.

373
00:22:55,410 --> 00:22:56,160
And he remembered.

374
00:22:56,160 --> 00:23:01,000
But no, I really didn't
talk with any of them.

375
00:23:01,000 --> 00:23:04,080
And then, next, what did you do?

376
00:23:04,080 --> 00:23:08,960
Well, next, we set up CIC
headquarters in Munich.

377
00:23:08,960 --> 00:23:18,140
And I was an operations officer
for what is known as Region 4

378
00:23:18,140 --> 00:23:21,426
for counterintelligence.

379

00:23:21,426 --> 00:23:23,465

I did that for about
a year and a half.

380

00:23:23,465 --> 00:23:28,188

381

00:23:28,188 --> 00:23:31,130

A variety of
different operations--

382

00:23:31,130 --> 00:23:36,230

first de-Nazification,
and chasing down

383

00:23:36,230 --> 00:23:41,420

this kind of thing, Hitler's
last will and testament.

384

00:23:41,420 --> 00:23:43,130

But then we ran--

385

00:23:43,130 --> 00:23:46,380

Well, let's talk a little bit
about that before you go on.

386

00:23:46,380 --> 00:23:49,070

OK.

387

00:23:49,070 --> 00:23:52,880

What kind of instructions did
you first get, and from whom?

388

00:23:52,880 --> 00:24:01,640

Well, they put together a
team from Supreme Headquarters

389

00:24:01,640 --> 00:24:04,585

to determine what
happened to Hitler.

390

00:24:04,585 --> 00:24:08,450

391

00:24:08,450 --> 00:24:13,340

They wanted to put to rest
that he might still be alive.

392

00:24:13,340 --> 00:24:19,780

The fear of having a uprising
in Germany was always present.

393

00:24:19,780 --> 00:24:24,750

So basically, they tried to--

394

00:24:24,750 --> 00:24:27,740

the powers that be
and intelligence

395

00:24:27,740 --> 00:24:36,050

tried to determine, if he was
dead, where was he buried?

396

00:24:36,050 --> 00:24:38,910

And this was all in
the Russian zone,

397

00:24:38,910 --> 00:24:42,050

so there were relatively few--

398

00:24:42,050 --> 00:24:43,450

access to these people.

399

00:24:43,450 --> 00:24:46,630

400

00:24:46,630 --> 00:24:53,840

And the story had gone out
that he had killed himself

401

00:24:53,840 --> 00:24:55,550

in the bunker.

402

00:24:55,550 --> 00:24:58,910

So they tried to determine
who was in the bunker,

403
00:24:58,910 --> 00:25:01,670
and who might have
survived out of that group.

404
00:25:01,670 --> 00:25:06,770
And the guy whose
responsibility this

405
00:25:06,770 --> 00:25:09,620
was Hugh Trevor-Roper,
who was then

406
00:25:09,620 --> 00:25:13,970
a major in British
intelligence in MI5.

407
00:25:13,970 --> 00:25:16,340
And he had been given
this assignment,

408
00:25:16,340 --> 00:25:20,390
since the SHAEF G-2 was a Brit.

409
00:25:20,390 --> 00:25:25,010
And then there were a number
of us who were detailed to him.

410
00:25:25,010 --> 00:25:29,110
And there was a French captain
by the name of [? Soto ?] who

411
00:25:29,110 --> 00:25:31,250
was a day officer.

412
00:25:31,250 --> 00:25:33,740
And then there were
a bunch of Americans,

413
00:25:33,740 --> 00:25:38,180
like myself, mainly who

were linguists who could--

414

00:25:38,180 --> 00:25:43,400

415

00:25:43,400 --> 00:25:48,470

so we put together
a roster of who.

416

00:25:48,470 --> 00:25:49,730

And then we would get one.

417

00:25:49,730 --> 00:25:52,160

And then we would
pick up more names.

418

00:25:52,160 --> 00:25:54,230

So you drew a picture.

419

00:25:54,230 --> 00:25:59,820

And Hugh's book, The
Last Days of Hitler,

420

00:25:59,820 --> 00:26:01,920

are really our
interrogation reports.

421

00:26:01,920 --> 00:26:03,560

That's what we found out.

422

00:26:03,560 --> 00:26:07,375

423

00:26:07,375 --> 00:26:14,420

Then we determined that one
of the people in the bunker

424

00:26:14,420 --> 00:26:19,160

was a fellow named [? Zander, ?]
a brigadier in the SS who

425

00:26:19,160 --> 00:26:27,290

had been on the staff of
Himmler and [PERSONAL NAME]..

426
00:26:27,290 --> 00:26:33,980
And so he was a
native of Munich.

427
00:26:33,980 --> 00:26:38,270
So if he had gotten
away, they assumed

428
00:26:38,270 --> 00:26:40,370
that he would try to get home.

429
00:26:40,370 --> 00:26:46,280
And so I arrested his
family, and so on.

430
00:26:46,280 --> 00:26:48,650
And nobody had seen him.

431
00:26:48,650 --> 00:26:52,520
But one mentioned that
he had a mistress.

432
00:26:52,520 --> 00:26:55,040
And so I picked up
the mistress-- just

433
00:26:55,040 --> 00:26:56,660
by sheer accident, got her.

434
00:26:56,660 --> 00:27:04,350
And she said that she had
seen him since the collapse,

435
00:27:04,350 --> 00:27:06,153
and told us where he was.

436
00:27:06,153 --> 00:27:07,820
By the time we got
there, he was working

437

00:27:07,820 --> 00:27:13,410
on a farm as a farm helper.

438

00:27:13,410 --> 00:27:18,950
And at the time
we got there, he,

439

00:27:18,950 --> 00:27:22,670
having heard that his family
had been arrested, had escaped.

440

00:27:22,670 --> 00:27:26,330
And we basically
finally hunted him

441

00:27:26,330 --> 00:27:33,410
down in a farmhouse near
Regensberg and arrested him.

442

00:27:33,410 --> 00:27:38,520
He had a gun, and tried to shoot
his way out, didn't make it.

443

00:27:38,520 --> 00:27:39,660
We took him.

444

00:27:39,660 --> 00:27:43,940
And during the interrogation,
I went after him

445

00:27:43,940 --> 00:27:46,100
pretty hard and heavy.

446

00:27:46,100 --> 00:27:48,920
He said, I suppose you
want the documents.

447

00:27:48,920 --> 00:27:50,510
And I said, yes, I did.

448

00:27:50,510 --> 00:27:53,990
I had no idea what the

hell he was talking about.

449

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:56,870

So he led us to a
suitcase at a farm

450

00:27:56,870 --> 00:28:02,690

where he had worked,
in a dry well.

451

00:28:02,690 --> 00:28:03,530

And we opened it up.

452

00:28:03,530 --> 00:28:05,510

And low and behold, we
found Hitler's last will

453

00:28:05,510 --> 00:28:09,260

and testament, which
was both his political

454

00:28:09,260 --> 00:28:10,550

and private testament.

455

00:28:10,550 --> 00:28:12,530

And the political
one was important,

456

00:28:12,530 --> 00:28:15,740

because Hitler named
Donitz as his successor,

457

00:28:15,740 --> 00:28:17,480

and then named his
cabinet for him.

458

00:28:17,480 --> 00:28:24,440

So this came in useful in
the later Nuremberg trial

459

00:28:24,440 --> 00:28:25,760

against some of these folks.

460

00:28:25,760 --> 00:28:33,590

And then there was Goebbels'
last will and declarations,

461

00:28:33,590 --> 00:28:35,531

and so on.

462

00:28:35,531 --> 00:28:40,385

And there, we also found
Hitler's marriage certificate

463

00:28:40,385 --> 00:28:44,610

to Eva Braun, which was also
attached to these papers.

464

00:28:44,610 --> 00:28:46,243

Now, these were all
original documents.

465

00:28:46,243 --> 00:28:47,160

These were not copies.

466

00:28:47,160 --> 00:28:49,130

No, these were the original.

467

00:28:49,130 --> 00:28:51,800

There were three copies
of the will apparently,

468

00:28:51,800 --> 00:28:53,540

as I remember it.

469

00:28:53,540 --> 00:28:55,760

And we caught the first one.

470

00:28:55,760 --> 00:28:59,000

And then this guy told
us who the other two

471

00:28:59,000 --> 00:29:01,520

were who had made their
way out of the bunker

472
00:29:01,520 --> 00:29:04,250
with other copies of the will.

473
00:29:04,250 --> 00:29:08,480
And Hitler, fearing one of
them would get through--

474
00:29:08,480 --> 00:29:10,020
actually, all three of them.

475
00:29:10,020 --> 00:29:14,240
But none of them
made it to Donitz.

476
00:29:14,240 --> 00:29:17,200
The collapse was so complete.

477
00:29:17,200 --> 00:29:18,190
Now, you were talking--

478
00:29:18,190 --> 00:29:19,130
you kept saying, we.

479
00:29:19,130 --> 00:29:23,340
How many people were in this
group tracking this down?

480
00:29:23,340 --> 00:29:28,980
It was Jerry [? Rosen, ?]
maybe three or four of us,

481
00:29:28,980 --> 00:29:34,350
Hugh [? Soto. ?] In
this particular thing,

482
00:29:34,350 --> 00:29:36,140
I think there were
just four of us.

483
00:29:36,140 --> 00:29:37,420
Including Hugh Trevor-Roper.

484
00:29:37,420 --> 00:29:39,030
Including Hugh, yeah.

485
00:29:39,030 --> 00:29:41,560
I had to take Hugh's
gun away from him.

486
00:29:41,560 --> 00:29:43,330
He was half blind.

487
00:29:43,330 --> 00:29:48,310
And I didn't want him to
use it, because I figured

488
00:29:48,310 --> 00:29:49,990
he would shoot me
or somebody else,

489
00:29:49,990 --> 00:29:51,990
rather than ever
shooting a target.

490
00:29:51,990 --> 00:29:55,240

491
00:29:55,240 --> 00:29:57,490
But in this arrest,
there were just,

492
00:29:57,490 --> 00:30:01,040
I think, four of us,
as I remember it.

493
00:30:01,040 --> 00:30:07,270
Anyway, it wasn't a big thing.

494
00:30:07,270 --> 00:30:09,660
What did you do right after--

495
00:30:09,660 --> 00:30:11,800
when you found it?

496
00:30:11,800 --> 00:30:14,370
Well, we delivered
the documents to--

497
00:30:14,370 --> 00:30:24,160
Hugh took the documents to
Frankfurt, to headquarters.

498
00:30:24,160 --> 00:30:26,290
They were obviously
valuable documents.

499
00:30:26,290 --> 00:30:28,630
And I think they may be
in the archives here.

500
00:30:28,630 --> 00:30:31,210
I don't know where
they finally ended up.

501
00:30:31,210 --> 00:30:38,860
But we did a whole bunch of
other things, some of which

502
00:30:38,860 --> 00:30:43,270
I consider somewhat
more important.

503
00:30:43,270 --> 00:30:47,950
We traced enemy assets--

504
00:30:47,950 --> 00:30:53,590
what happened to the Nazi
treasures, what happened

505
00:30:53,590 --> 00:31:00,160
to the gold of the Reichsbank.

506
00:31:00,160 --> 00:31:03,310
Those were a little
more meaningful things

507
00:31:03,310 --> 00:31:04,670
than this political stuff.

508
00:31:04,670 --> 00:31:05,170
But--

509
00:31:05,170 --> 00:31:11,035

510
00:31:11,035 --> 00:31:21,950
[AUDIO OUT]

511
00:31:21,950 --> 00:31:26,830
This is tape two, side
B. And you were talking

512
00:31:26,830 --> 00:31:28,190
about tracing the assets.

513
00:31:28,190 --> 00:31:32,240
What information can
you tell us about that?

514
00:31:32,240 --> 00:31:36,680
Well, the Nazis had
transferred a lot of assets

515
00:31:36,680 --> 00:31:41,240
into Switzerland using all
kinds of techniques and means.

516
00:31:41,240 --> 00:31:48,760
And we ran an investigation
on the Allianz reinsurance

517
00:31:48,760 --> 00:31:51,710
and insurance company,
because some of it

518
00:31:51,710 --> 00:31:59,570
was transfers to Switzerland
for reinsurance premiums,

519
00:31:59,570 --> 00:32:05,180
and so on, which was a means
of transferring money out

520
00:32:05,180 --> 00:32:06,200
of Germany.

521
00:32:06,200 --> 00:32:12,560
And the party and individuals
utilized all kinds of means

522
00:32:12,560 --> 00:32:15,180
to make these transfers.

523
00:32:15,180 --> 00:32:22,340
And we were trying to recover,
as part of the legitimate--

524
00:32:22,340 --> 00:32:29,240

525
00:32:29,240 --> 00:32:33,880
to determine what happened to
the assets, which Germany had.

526
00:32:33,880 --> 00:32:38,900
We did find a good deal
of gold and silver--

527
00:32:38,900 --> 00:32:43,340
not silver as much, but
gold and foreign currency--

528
00:32:43,340 --> 00:32:47,150
in the caves near Burchesgarten.

529
00:32:47,150 --> 00:32:53,000
But the GI stole a hell of a lot
of the foreign currency, some

530
00:32:53,000 --> 00:32:55,018

of which was totally
fake, which wouldn't

531
00:32:55,018 --> 00:32:56,060
have done them much good.

532
00:32:56,060 --> 00:32:58,127
But the gold--

533
00:32:58,127 --> 00:32:59,710
I don't know how
much there was of it,

534
00:32:59,710 --> 00:33:01,610
but a substantial amount.

535
00:33:01,610 --> 00:33:08,750
Most of that was kept
by the US Treasury,

536
00:33:08,750 --> 00:33:10,220
was turned over to
the US Treasury.

537
00:33:10,220 --> 00:33:12,120
And eventually it was,
of course, given back.

538
00:33:12,120 --> 00:33:14,240
But--

539
00:33:14,240 --> 00:33:15,800
How did you get
your information?

540
00:33:15,800 --> 00:33:19,420

541
00:33:19,420 --> 00:33:23,500
Some of it was done by--
before we ever got there,

542

00:33:23,500 --> 00:33:24,775
before we ever got to Germany.

543
00:33:24,775 --> 00:33:28,040

544
00:33:28,040 --> 00:33:35,190
Refugees, interrogation,
foreigners--

545
00:33:35,190 --> 00:33:38,910
there were all sources
of information.

546
00:33:38,910 --> 00:33:41,170
And these were all correlated.

547
00:33:41,170 --> 00:33:45,580
So moving into Germany, we
had a wealth of information.

548
00:33:45,580 --> 00:33:47,770
This was not done on the spot.

549
00:33:47,770 --> 00:33:50,560

550
00:33:50,560 --> 00:33:57,830
The US Treasury had an
operation in Europe,

551
00:33:57,830 --> 00:34:02,200
which was headed by
Colonel Bernstein, who

552
00:34:02,200 --> 00:34:05,950
had been assistant general
counsel of the US Treasury, who

553
00:34:05,950 --> 00:34:10,600
were the principal movers
and shakers behind this kind

554

00:34:10,600 --> 00:34:12,670
of investigation.

555

00:34:12,670 --> 00:34:15,310
And I worked with them.

556

00:34:15,310 --> 00:34:19,179
They didn't have
enough German speakers.

557

00:34:19,179 --> 00:34:21,670
And so this is how
I got acquainted

558

00:34:21,670 --> 00:34:25,090
with the US
Treasury, which later

559

00:34:25,090 --> 00:34:30,540
led them to offer me a job
when I finished law school.

560

00:34:30,540 --> 00:34:33,550
But that's what fascinated me
about international finance.

561

00:34:33,550 --> 00:34:37,810
When I found out how
these things worked,

562

00:34:37,810 --> 00:34:39,340
I became very interested in it.

563

00:34:39,340 --> 00:34:42,280

564

00:34:42,280 --> 00:34:45,610
After your experience
at Dachau, did you

565

00:34:45,610 --> 00:34:50,019
have any contact with any

of the displaced people?

566
00:34:50,019 --> 00:34:54,850
Oh, a lot of contact
with the displaced--

567
00:34:54,850 --> 00:34:55,739
with the DPs.

568
00:34:55,739 --> 00:35:02,710

569
00:35:02,710 --> 00:35:05,500
Part of it had to do with
just the security measures.

570
00:35:05,500 --> 00:35:08,920
We had a responsibility
for security.

571
00:35:08,920 --> 00:35:14,770
And there was a lot of unrest
in the DP camps always.

572
00:35:14,770 --> 00:35:22,870
And there were enough
American personnel,

573
00:35:22,870 --> 00:35:25,090
particularly military
police, and so

574
00:35:25,090 --> 00:35:32,330
on who had never
been on the front

575
00:35:32,330 --> 00:35:34,330
lines, who had
never participated

576
00:35:34,330 --> 00:35:38,890
in combat, who favored
the Germans over the DPs,

577
00:35:38,890 --> 00:35:40,720
because they were clean.

578
00:35:40,720 --> 00:35:41,470
They weren't sick.

579
00:35:41,470 --> 00:35:44,110
They weren't troublesome.

580
00:35:44,110 --> 00:35:48,490
And so there was
a constant attempt

581
00:35:48,490 --> 00:35:51,520
by the provost
marshals, and so on,

582
00:35:51,520 --> 00:35:55,365
to impose stiff order
in these DP camps.

583
00:35:55,365 --> 00:35:56,740
And these are
people who had just

584
00:35:56,740 --> 00:36:01,270
come out of concentration camps
and weren't amenable to that.

585
00:36:01,270 --> 00:36:07,180
And then they had
the additional desire

586
00:36:07,180 --> 00:36:12,590
of many of the Jewish
DPs to get to Palestine.

587
00:36:12,590 --> 00:36:21,250
And by the time the war ended
in April, by early fall,

588

00:36:21,250 --> 00:36:24,970
the Jewish brigade
was organizing

589
00:36:24,970 --> 00:36:29,710
itself to transport,
illegally, people

590
00:36:29,710 --> 00:36:33,880
from particularly
Czechoslovakia, which was

591
00:36:33,880 --> 00:36:38,570
a great supplier of arms, to--

592
00:36:38,570 --> 00:36:43,240
they had a tour going
from Czechoslovakia

593
00:36:43,240 --> 00:36:52,990
transporting both guns and
people, particularly trained

594
00:36:52,990 --> 00:37:00,000
soldiers, into Palestine.

595
00:37:00,000 --> 00:37:02,030
And this, the
British didn't like.

596
00:37:02,030 --> 00:37:05,200
And so they asked the
Americans to close the borders.

597
00:37:05,200 --> 00:37:10,840
And a bunch of us were
caught in the middle.

598
00:37:10,840 --> 00:37:15,250
We controlled CIC, to a large
extent controlled the borders,

599
00:37:15,250 --> 00:37:18,540

both from Czechoslovakia
into Bavaria,

600
00:37:18,540 --> 00:37:21,820
and from Bavaria into Austria.

601
00:37:21,820 --> 00:37:25,750
And we, of course, were
favoring the Jewish side

602
00:37:25,750 --> 00:37:27,760
of this equation.

603
00:37:27,760 --> 00:37:30,250
When you say "we," you
mean other Jewish soldiers?

604
00:37:30,250 --> 00:37:31,510
Sure.

605
00:37:31,510 --> 00:37:35,770
CIC had a high proportion
of Jewish soldiers.

606
00:37:35,770 --> 00:37:41,890
And many of them
were German Jews.

607
00:37:41,890 --> 00:37:44,728
And so--

608
00:37:44,728 --> 00:37:49,140
Did you feel a special affinity
to these other CIC soldiers?

609
00:37:49,140 --> 00:37:50,690
Oh, sure.

610
00:37:50,690 --> 00:37:54,280
We were fairly close
with each other.

611

00:37:54,280 --> 00:37:57,800

612

00:37:57,800 --> 00:38:01,210

But the CIC, and
the OSS as well,

613

00:38:01,210 --> 00:38:03,670

had a whole variety of people.

614

00:38:03,670 --> 00:38:10,180

It was, overall, a group
that were linguists.

615

00:38:10,180 --> 00:38:14,050

They didn't fit into
a military pattern.

616

00:38:14,050 --> 00:38:18,720

Many of them were
scholars, a lot

617

00:38:18,720 --> 00:38:21,010

of professors of
various languages,

618

00:38:21,010 --> 00:38:23,580

or sociology, or
whatever have you.

619

00:38:23,580 --> 00:38:27,580

And it was a fascinating
group of people to be with.

620

00:38:27,580 --> 00:38:33,790

Kids like me-- when I
was 20, 21 years old,

621

00:38:33,790 --> 00:38:39,750

to be thrown in with these folks
was a fascinating experience,

622

00:38:39,750 --> 00:38:40,750

and an interesting one.

623

00:38:40,750 --> 00:38:44,740

And obviously,
yeah, I favored what

624

00:38:44,740 --> 00:38:46,840

the brigade was trying to do.

625

00:38:46,840 --> 00:38:53,500

And we had all kinds
of Jewish people who--

626

00:38:53,500 --> 00:38:55,450

and not only Jewish
people, but a lot

627

00:38:55,450 --> 00:38:57,100

of people who favored this.

628

00:38:57,100 --> 00:39:01,120

While on the other hand,
you had the know-nothings

629

00:39:01,120 --> 00:39:08,110

who wanted to stop it, because
the Brits wanted it to stop.

630

00:39:08,110 --> 00:39:11,380

So we ran some risks.

631

00:39:11,380 --> 00:39:12,280

In what way?

632

00:39:12,280 --> 00:39:17,140

Well, while we were not in
open disobedience of orders,

633

00:39:17,140 --> 00:39:25,030

we bent them in order to
let this traffic go on.

634

00:39:25,030 --> 00:39:26,470

Can you be a little
more specific?

635

00:39:26,470 --> 00:39:28,012

I don't want to be
any more specific.

636

00:39:28,012 --> 00:39:32,230

637

00:39:32,230 --> 00:39:34,670

When you were-- I don't know
how much you can talk about.

638

00:39:34,670 --> 00:39:38,830

But when you were being
trained for intelligence work,

639

00:39:38,830 --> 00:39:40,480

did they give you a
lot of information

640

00:39:40,480 --> 00:39:44,170

about the situation of the
Jews in Europe at the time?

641

00:39:44,170 --> 00:39:46,230

Did they tell you where they--

642

00:39:46,230 --> 00:39:48,920

No, the information on--

643

00:39:48,920 --> 00:39:49,420

yes.

644

00:39:49,420 --> 00:39:52,180

There was some,
obviously, information.

645

00:39:52,180 --> 00:39:56,460

We generally knew that the
concentration camps existed,

646
00:39:56,460 --> 00:39:56,980
and so on.

647
00:39:56,980 --> 00:40:00,550
But ours was primarily
military intelligence.

648
00:40:00,550 --> 00:40:04,020
It was more learning about
the German order of battle,

649
00:40:04,020 --> 00:40:11,110
or about the structure of the
party in considerable detail,

650
00:40:11,110 --> 00:40:24,760
the setup of the German
civil military machinery.

651
00:40:24,760 --> 00:40:28,000
Yes, certainly, we knew
a lot about the Gestapo.

652
00:40:28,000 --> 00:40:32,010
We knew a lot about the
[? SD, ?] the [INAUDIBLE]..

653
00:40:32,010 --> 00:40:38,590
We learned in excruciating
detail the [INAUDIBLE],,

654
00:40:38,590 --> 00:40:42,460
which was German military
intelligence things.

655
00:40:42,460 --> 00:40:47,350
We certainly knew of the SS, and
the [INAUDIBLE] SS, as well as

656
00:40:47,350 --> 00:40:50,740
the death head SS, which were
mainly the concentration camp

657
00:40:50,740 --> 00:40:52,710
guards.

658
00:40:52,710 --> 00:40:54,550
Yeah, we had
considerable detail.

659
00:40:54,550 --> 00:40:55,760
But--

660
00:40:55,760 --> 00:40:59,850
So when you came to
Dachau, of course,

661
00:40:59,850 --> 00:41:02,000
it was devastating
to see what you saw.

662
00:41:02,000 --> 00:41:05,560
But did you know ahead of
time what you would see?

663
00:41:05,560 --> 00:41:08,120
Well, we had seen
enough on the way down.

664
00:41:08,120 --> 00:41:11,470
Dachau wasn't the first
camp that was overrun.

665
00:41:11,470 --> 00:41:13,880
The word came through
pretty fast as

666
00:41:13,880 --> 00:41:16,720
to what you would
find in these camps.

667
00:41:16,720 --> 00:41:19,840
So it didn't come as
any great surprise.

668

00:41:19,840 --> 00:41:21,720

It was the first
one that I had seen.

669

00:41:21,720 --> 00:41:27,450

But others had seen
other camps as well.

670

00:41:27,450 --> 00:41:31,380

671

00:41:31,380 --> 00:41:37,160

It became pretty broadly
known what you would find.

672

00:41:37,160 --> 00:41:40,390

And Dachau was the largest
one that I remember

673

00:41:40,390 --> 00:41:42,780

that I think was overrun.

674

00:41:42,780 --> 00:41:47,820

But there were others who
were also very sizable.

675

00:41:47,820 --> 00:41:52,710

But there were a number that
were overrun before Dachau.

676

00:41:52,710 --> 00:41:54,170

So word had gotten around.

677

00:41:54,170 --> 00:41:55,830

Yes, there had
been considerable--

678

00:41:55,830 --> 00:41:58,120

Were you in any other
camps besides Dachau?

679

00:41:58,120 --> 00:42:01,680

Well, I went-- yeah, I
traveled to Auschwitz

680
00:42:01,680 --> 00:42:04,650
to see if I could find
my grandmother, who

681
00:42:04,650 --> 00:42:07,140
had been in Thereisenstadt,
and then had been transported.

682
00:42:07,140 --> 00:42:08,598
But at the time I
got to Auschwitz,

683
00:42:08,598 --> 00:42:11,400
there was nothing
left of anything.

684
00:42:11,400 --> 00:42:14,490
That was in the Russian
zone, and a couple of months

685
00:42:14,490 --> 00:42:17,680
before I could get up there.

686
00:42:17,680 --> 00:42:19,820
But I saw it--

687
00:42:19,820 --> 00:42:20,550
Treblinka.

688
00:42:20,550 --> 00:42:23,550

689
00:42:23,550 --> 00:42:26,625
But that was the
real death factory.

690
00:42:26,625 --> 00:42:34,650

691

00:42:34,650 --> 00:42:38,910
But she had no way to--

692
00:42:38,910 --> 00:42:42,150
did she survive then?

693
00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:44,900
Were you involved with
any specific DP camps?

694
00:42:44,900 --> 00:42:47,680

695
00:42:47,680 --> 00:42:52,140
Yeah, there were two or
three of them around Munich.

696
00:42:52,140 --> 00:42:59,230
But I can't give you
chapter and verse anymore.

697
00:42:59,230 --> 00:43:01,020
I have some pictures
at home I took

698
00:43:01,020 --> 00:43:04,260
of some demonstrations
of people carrying

699
00:43:04,260 --> 00:43:09,510
the Jewish flag, and all that.

700
00:43:09,510 --> 00:43:15,000
But why I have those pictures,
I don't remember that either.

701
00:43:15,000 --> 00:43:17,400
I remember taking them.

702
00:43:17,400 --> 00:43:29,190
And the Joint had
an office in Munich.

703

00:43:29,190 --> 00:43:32,307

And I used to see
those people from time

704

00:43:32,307 --> 00:43:34,390

to time, particularly
Jewish holidays came around.

705

00:43:34,390 --> 00:43:37,380

706

00:43:37,380 --> 00:43:40,500

We reconsecrated
the temple in Furth.

707

00:43:40,500 --> 00:43:42,250

That was quite a big event.

708

00:43:42,250 --> 00:43:45,945

That was the first temple
that went back into business.

709

00:43:45,945 --> 00:43:49,220

710

00:43:49,220 --> 00:43:56,502

We took some money out of
our pockets and fixed it up.

711

00:43:56,502 --> 00:43:58,460

These are Jewish soldiers
you're talking about.

712

00:43:58,460 --> 00:44:00,540

Yeah.

713

00:44:00,540 --> 00:44:01,740

Some of us, who had--

714

00:44:01,740 --> 00:44:06,060

there were other-- I wasn't the
only guy from Nuremberg, Furth,

715
00:44:06,060 --> 00:44:10,080
who served and who knew
the [? Weissenshule, ?]

716
00:44:10,080 --> 00:44:13,260
as it was known.

717
00:44:13,260 --> 00:44:14,865
But that still functions today.

718
00:44:14,865 --> 00:44:19,740

719
00:44:19,740 --> 00:44:27,320
So yes, I didn't become
a non-believer at all.

720
00:44:27,320 --> 00:44:32,610
There were times when
I came close to it.

721
00:44:32,610 --> 00:44:36,390
What was the reaction of
the German citizens to you,

722
00:44:36,390 --> 00:44:37,830
to the American soldiers?

723
00:44:37,830 --> 00:44:43,260
Or if they knew you were Jewish,
could you sense anything?

724
00:44:43,260 --> 00:44:45,380
Well, I tried to rub it in.

725
00:44:45,380 --> 00:44:49,450
It became part of the
interrogation technique.

726
00:44:49,450 --> 00:44:53,730
If I wanted to really

upset a German,

727

00:44:53,730 --> 00:44:59,150

I would scream at
him in German and--

728

00:44:59,150 --> 00:45:00,910

Saying what kind of things?

729

00:45:00,910 --> 00:45:09,090

Well, that I've
known you people,

730

00:45:09,090 --> 00:45:11,310

for how many Jewish deaths
are you responsible?

731

00:45:11,310 --> 00:45:13,850

732

00:45:13,850 --> 00:45:16,890

It depended a lot on the kind
of interrogation I wanted to do.

733

00:45:16,890 --> 00:45:21,890

In some cases, I passed
myself solely as an American

734

00:45:21,890 --> 00:45:27,200

interested more on a
historical base saying,

735

00:45:27,200 --> 00:45:30,290

I'm from Wisconsin,
that's why I speak German.

736

00:45:30,290 --> 00:45:33,320

I tailored it to
whatever was necessary.

737

00:45:33,320 --> 00:45:37,280

But where I had the
opportunity, yes, I

738
00:45:37,280 --> 00:45:39,110
let them know very precisely.

739
00:45:39,110 --> 00:45:43,220

740
00:45:43,220 --> 00:45:45,880
And in many cases,
it worked very well.

741
00:45:45,880 --> 00:45:47,830
They got scared.

742
00:45:47,830 --> 00:45:51,012
All they wanted to do was
to finish up the interview,

743
00:45:51,012 --> 00:45:51,845
to tell me anything.

744
00:45:51,845 --> 00:45:56,030

745
00:45:56,030 --> 00:45:59,120
But again, you had to
be selective on how you

746
00:45:59,120 --> 00:46:05,810
used that kind of information.

747
00:46:05,810 --> 00:46:08,210
I became fairly skilled
at interrogation

748
00:46:08,210 --> 00:46:15,200
and did an awful
lot of it, sometimes

749
00:46:15,200 --> 00:46:17,210
just determining
where you send people

750
00:46:17,210 --> 00:46:19,130
to detailed
interrogation centers.

751
00:46:19,130 --> 00:46:21,860

752
00:46:21,860 --> 00:46:23,530
We had automatic arrest lists.

753
00:46:23,530 --> 00:46:26,680
We had other lists of people
that we were looking for,

754
00:46:26,680 --> 00:46:31,880
and the different
categories of people.

755
00:46:31,880 --> 00:46:34,910
If you catch somebody of the
rank of colonel or above,

756
00:46:34,910 --> 00:46:39,890
you send them to X or Y. But you
did a preliminary interrogation

757
00:46:39,890 --> 00:46:43,730
report so that the
next interrogator would

758
00:46:43,730 --> 00:46:47,000
know what to do,
and what to utilize,

759
00:46:47,000 --> 00:46:52,280
and what information had
already been produced.

760
00:46:52,280 --> 00:46:55,500

761

00:46:55,500 --> 00:46:58,010
You would catch people with
documents, with papers,

762
00:46:58,010 --> 00:46:58,820
and so on.

763
00:46:58,820 --> 00:47:02,220
And you would look at them.

764
00:47:02,220 --> 00:47:04,430
And you would ask them about--

765
00:47:04,430 --> 00:47:09,260
every German soldier carried
a [NON-ENGLISH],, a record,

766
00:47:09,260 --> 00:47:11,150
his own military record.

767
00:47:11,150 --> 00:47:13,100
We didn't do that
in the US Army.

768
00:47:13,100 --> 00:47:15,780
But the Germans had
a different system.

769
00:47:15,780 --> 00:47:19,160
And so you did all kinds
of detailed interrogations.

770
00:47:19,160 --> 00:47:21,755
You could carry them
out if you had the time.

771
00:47:21,755 --> 00:47:23,130
In most cases,
because there were

772
00:47:23,130 --> 00:47:24,750
so few of us who spoke German--

773

00:47:24,750 --> 00:47:26,890

and particularly, when

I was commissioned,

774

00:47:26,890 --> 00:47:29,730

we had a very few commissioned

officers who spoke German.

775

00:47:29,730 --> 00:47:32,940

And so you did double duty.

776

00:47:32,940 --> 00:47:36,776

I interrogated 18

hours a day or more.

777

00:47:36,776 --> 00:47:40,095

We had this flood of people

suddenly that you had control

778

00:47:40,095 --> 00:47:41,810

over.

779

00:47:41,810 --> 00:47:45,200

And you had to make

decisions where

780

00:47:45,200 --> 00:47:48,320

to send them, how to send

them, whether to pass them up.

781

00:47:48,320 --> 00:47:51,810

And people were just as

overworked in the next center

782

00:47:51,810 --> 00:47:52,310

up.

783

00:47:52,310 --> 00:47:55,040

So you had to

exercise some care.

784

00:47:55,040 --> 00:48:02,270

And given the few
people that could,

785
00:48:02,270 --> 00:48:05,930
then you started to hire Germans
to do the interrogations,

786
00:48:05,930 --> 00:48:08,210
because they just simply
weren't enough people.

787
00:48:08,210 --> 00:48:12,370
So you tried to find the
Germans that you could trust,

788
00:48:12,370 --> 00:48:12,930
and so on.

789
00:48:12,930 --> 00:48:16,310
And you tried to
supervise them, and so on.

790
00:48:16,310 --> 00:48:21,150
We were running a huge
intelligence operation,

791
00:48:21,150 --> 00:48:22,730
and in all different forms.

792
00:48:22,730 --> 00:48:29,690
There was a postal and
telephone intercept group.

793
00:48:29,690 --> 00:48:31,970
Once telephones
started to work again,

794
00:48:31,970 --> 00:48:34,820
you had historical units.

795
00:48:34,820 --> 00:48:39,680
You had a tremendous
variety of people

796
00:48:39,680 --> 00:48:43,930
who had to be sorted out,
people making claims.

797
00:48:43,930 --> 00:48:45,710
We talked about DP camps.

798
00:48:45,710 --> 00:48:49,970
We had to go through the
DP to see who was what.

799
00:48:49,970 --> 00:48:51,430
You had all kinds of Russians.

800
00:48:51,430 --> 00:48:54,330
The Russians were demanding
back the whole Vlasov

801
00:48:54,330 --> 00:48:59,140
group that had gone
over to the German side.

802
00:48:59,140 --> 00:49:00,600
You had all kinds of--

803
00:49:00,600 --> 00:49:03,830
and how many Russian
speakers can you

804
00:49:03,830 --> 00:49:09,810
find that you could
trust, and so on?

805
00:49:09,810 --> 00:49:16,610
So it was a time of
tremendous activity.

806
00:49:16,610 --> 00:49:19,020
And the war was over, so
everybody wanted to go home.

807

00:49:19,020 --> 00:49:20,910

They didn't want
to stick around.

808

00:49:20,910 --> 00:49:22,610

And many of us, who
were intelligence--

809

00:49:22,610 --> 00:49:26,420

we were kept, because even
though we had the Bronze Star,

810

00:49:26,420 --> 00:49:31,070

or whatever it was, you got
points for each medal you got.

811

00:49:31,070 --> 00:49:34,640

That determined your return.

812

00:49:34,640 --> 00:49:42,620

And particularly after
the war in Asia stopped,

813

00:49:42,620 --> 00:49:44,540

there was a demobilization.

814

00:49:44,540 --> 00:49:46,420

And so we got even fewer people.

815

00:49:46,420 --> 00:49:51,230

And so some of us were just
required to stay there.

816

00:49:51,230 --> 00:49:55,310

This was before, in
a hell of a hurry,

817

00:49:55,310 --> 00:49:59,150

the intelligence
turned eastward.

818

00:49:59,150 --> 00:50:05,930

And this was all a

tremendous effort.

819

00:50:05,930 --> 00:50:08,350

And I was tired.

820

00:50:08,350 --> 00:50:11,590

And I wanted to go home.

821

00:50:11,590 --> 00:50:20,960

And we had a lot of
contact with DPs,

822

00:50:20,960 --> 00:50:23,990

a lot of trying to
help some of them,

823

00:50:23,990 --> 00:50:29,990

trying to stop some of them
from foolishness that they

824

00:50:29,990 --> 00:50:31,780

were committing.

825

00:50:31,780 --> 00:50:32,570

Such as?

826

00:50:32,570 --> 00:50:35,950

Well, a tremendous amount
of black market activity.

827

00:50:35,950 --> 00:50:39,165

828

00:50:39,165 --> 00:50:41,540

They were only interested in--
they had lived through it.

829

00:50:41,540 --> 00:50:46,370

And by god, they were going
to try to get out of there,

830

00:50:46,370 --> 00:50:48,050

get as much money as they can.

831

00:50:48,050 --> 00:50:50,460

There was a lot of theft.

832

00:50:50,460 --> 00:50:53,990

And then you had to weed out
within the DP camps who were

833

00:50:53,990 --> 00:50:55,860

the DPs and who weren't.

834

00:50:55,860 --> 00:50:58,930

835

00:50:58,930 --> 00:51:02,850

So it was a time of
tremendous activity.

836

00:51:02,850 --> 00:51:06,280

Who in the DP
camps were not DPs?

837

00:51:06,280 --> 00:51:08,860

Well, there were a lot
of German sympathizers

838

00:51:08,860 --> 00:51:12,770

who had moved out as the
Russians were coming in,

839

00:51:12,770 --> 00:51:14,070

or whoever.

840

00:51:14,070 --> 00:51:18,580

And they were, quote, "DPs"
all right, except they

841

00:51:18,580 --> 00:51:21,520

were displaced because
they had fought either

842

00:51:21,520 --> 00:51:23,710
in the German
army, or they had--

843
00:51:23,710 --> 00:51:30,780
there's a whole bunch of
Croats, and Slovaks, and so on

844
00:51:30,780 --> 00:51:34,090
who had been made independent.

845
00:51:34,090 --> 00:51:42,760
And much of the death head SS
were peopled by these people.

846
00:51:42,760 --> 00:51:47,786
So you had to try to sort them
out, which wasn't easy to do.

847
00:51:47,786 --> 00:51:52,180
I know the SS got criticized
a lot that we let people go,

848
00:51:52,180 --> 00:51:54,012
and so on, and so forth.

849
00:51:54,012 --> 00:51:55,720
The reality was we
caught a hell of a lot

850
00:51:55,720 --> 00:51:58,750
more than anybody had
any right to expect,

851
00:51:58,750 --> 00:52:04,640
because just the huge
numbers were unbelievable.

852
00:52:04,640 --> 00:52:07,510
Was any of the information that
you received then eventually

853
00:52:07,510 --> 00:52:09,910

used in the Nuremberg trials?

854

00:52:09,910 --> 00:52:10,840

Yes.

855

00:52:10,840 --> 00:52:12,850

Yes, considerable.

856

00:52:12,850 --> 00:52:20,170

Much of the evidence that
was gathered, particularly

857

00:52:20,170 --> 00:52:27,430

in terms of who was responsible
for what, that was mainly done

858

00:52:27,430 --> 00:52:31,090

by US Army intelligence, and
British intelligence, and so

859

00:52:31,090 --> 00:52:32,200

on.

860

00:52:32,200 --> 00:52:36,760

The Russians would only
give it selectively.

861

00:52:36,760 --> 00:52:40,930

But I can't-- the last will
and testament was certainly

862

00:52:40,930 --> 00:52:46,870

in the record at Nuremberg,
mainly where the defense said,

863

00:52:46,870 --> 00:52:50,430

oh, we opposed Hitler.

864

00:52:50,430 --> 00:52:53,740

And he says, why did
he name you to be--

865

00:52:53,740 --> 00:52:58,570
and so on, and so forth,
this kind of thing.

866
00:52:58,570 --> 00:53:02,300
Did you actually have your
hands on Hitler's wills?

867
00:53:02,300 --> 00:53:02,800
Oh, yeah.

868
00:53:02,800 --> 00:53:03,300
No.

869
00:53:03,300 --> 00:53:04,407
No, I had it.

870
00:53:04,407 --> 00:53:04,990
In your hands.

871
00:53:04,990 --> 00:53:05,900
I had it in my hands.

872
00:53:05,900 --> 00:53:07,930
I still have a carbon
I took, and made

873
00:53:07,930 --> 00:53:10,480
what is laughingly
called a Xerox.

874
00:53:10,480 --> 00:53:11,710
I have it at home.

875
00:53:11,710 --> 00:53:12,910
It's--

876
00:53:12,910 --> 00:53:15,660
Do you remember how you felt
seeing that and holding it?

877
00:53:15,660 --> 00:53:18,790

878
00:53:18,790 --> 00:53:21,040
Well, I guess I
felt pretty good.

879
00:53:21,040 --> 00:53:23,500
We knew we had something.

880
00:53:23,500 --> 00:53:28,480
And we couldn't tell anybody.

881
00:53:28,480 --> 00:53:35,740
This was all highly
classified material.

882
00:53:35,740 --> 00:53:41,740
But yeah, we had a bit of
a celebration after that.

883
00:53:41,740 --> 00:53:43,490
Yeah, it was
fascinating to read.

884
00:53:43,490 --> 00:53:45,950
It's an interesting document.

885
00:53:45,950 --> 00:53:50,890
And we had a pretty
good idea that we

886
00:53:50,890 --> 00:53:54,230
had something really hot here.

887
00:53:54,230 --> 00:53:57,545
How did you celebrate?

888
00:53:57,545 --> 00:54:01,300
Well, I'm sure
wine was involved,

889
00:54:01,300 --> 00:54:03,620

and probably some brandy
somewhere along the line.

890
00:54:03,620 --> 00:54:07,200

891
00:54:07,200 --> 00:54:09,000
I had a very good mess.

892
00:54:09,000 --> 00:54:15,430
And I took the basic
position that, as long

893
00:54:15,430 --> 00:54:18,700
as I was forced to stay,
we were going to have

894
00:54:18,700 --> 00:54:20,710
a very comfortable existence.

895
00:54:20,710 --> 00:54:26,320
So we had a couple of
automatic arrest categories

896
00:54:26,320 --> 00:54:31,700
that we kept on, because
they were first-class chefs.

897
00:54:31,700 --> 00:54:33,130
So we served a good table.

898
00:54:33,130 --> 00:54:35,690
And what with
confidential funds,

899
00:54:35,690 --> 00:54:40,420
and so on, we were able
to trade courses for wine.

900
00:54:40,420 --> 00:54:43,540

901

00:54:43,540 --> 00:54:47,960

So we were living quite
comfortably and well.

902

00:54:47,960 --> 00:54:51,950

And our mess was the
best mess in Europe.

903

00:54:51,950 --> 00:54:54,490

And moving around
Germany then, was it

904

00:54:54,490 --> 00:54:57,870

a constant reminder of your
childhood and your family?

905

00:54:57,870 --> 00:55:01,960

No, I wouldn't--
no, I would say not.

906

00:55:01,960 --> 00:55:07,570

907

00:55:07,570 --> 00:55:10,240

There were occasional
reminders, particularly

908

00:55:10,240 --> 00:55:12,940

when I was in and
around Nuremberg.

909

00:55:12,940 --> 00:55:15,552

But beyond that, no.

910

00:55:15,552 --> 00:55:21,550

No, I couldn't say that.

911

00:55:21,550 --> 00:55:23,370

Then how long did
you stay in Europe?

912

00:55:23,370 --> 00:55:26,380

913
00:55:26,380 --> 00:55:38,070
Until February 1947.

914
00:55:38,070 --> 00:55:43,920
I stayed on first in Munich.

915
00:55:43,920 --> 00:55:50,940
And then I was transferred
up to Frankfurt

916
00:55:50,940 --> 00:55:55,230
to become an operations officer
on a more theater-wide basis.

917
00:55:55,230 --> 00:56:01,980
By that time, the interest
had wandered to the East

918
00:56:01,980 --> 00:56:09,240
and became anti-Soviet
intelligence, mainly,

919
00:56:09,240 --> 00:56:17,220
and was sent to Czechoslovakia
as an intelligence officer.

920
00:56:17,220 --> 00:56:20,450

921
00:56:20,450 --> 00:56:23,010
Got kicked out of
there, and went home.

922
00:56:23,010 --> 00:56:24,630
Why did you get
kicked out of there?

923
00:56:24,630 --> 00:56:31,110
I was running a
net into Hungary.

924

00:56:31,110 --> 00:56:32,950
And--

925
00:56:32,950 --> 00:56:34,890
What do you mean, running
a net into Hungary?

926
00:56:34,890 --> 00:56:39,130
Intelligence net, intelligence
agents placed in the various--

927
00:56:39,130 --> 00:56:44,670
places we reported
on the Russian--

928
00:56:44,670 --> 00:56:47,010
on what was happening.

929
00:56:47,010 --> 00:56:49,660
And why would you get
kicked out for that?

930
00:56:49,660 --> 00:56:53,290
Well, the Russians
didn't like that.

931
00:56:53,290 --> 00:56:53,790
Oh, I see.

932
00:56:53,790 --> 00:56:56,190
It was the Russians
who kicked you out.

933
00:56:56,190 --> 00:56:56,690
Yeah.

934
00:56:56,690 --> 00:56:59,560
They were just taking control
in Prague at that time.

935
00:56:59,560 --> 00:57:07,290
And so they decided they
would rather not have me.

936
00:57:07,290 --> 00:57:08,400
That was fine with me.

937
00:57:08,400 --> 00:57:12,030

938
00:57:12,030 --> 00:57:16,010
They gave me 24 hours
to leave the country.

939
00:57:16,010 --> 00:57:18,990
You can do that in two
hours in Czechoslovakia

940
00:57:18,990 --> 00:57:23,910
to get to Hof, to the border.

941
00:57:23,910 --> 00:57:25,590
But that was the end of it.

942
00:57:25,590 --> 00:57:27,160
And then where did
you go after that?

943
00:57:27,160 --> 00:57:28,667
I went home.

944
00:57:28,667 --> 00:57:29,750
Back to the United States.

945
00:57:29,750 --> 00:57:30,833
Back to the United States.

946
00:57:30,833 --> 00:57:35,230
Back to Janesville, Wisconsin.

947
00:57:35,230 --> 00:57:40,250
Meanwhile, I had been reunited
with my mother in London.

948

00:57:40,250 --> 00:57:47,060
And my oldest sister, I guess,
was serving in the British army

949
00:57:47,060 --> 00:57:48,930
or something like it.

950
00:57:48,930 --> 00:57:54,820
And she got married to
an Austrian Jewish boy,

951
00:57:54,820 --> 00:57:58,290
who had also served
in the British army.

952
00:57:58,290 --> 00:58:02,360
And I had brought my mother
over before I came back.

953
00:58:02,360 --> 00:58:07,910
And she moved to Janesville
with my foster mother.

954
00:58:07,910 --> 00:58:10,790
How did you make all
those arrangements?

955
00:58:10,790 --> 00:58:13,160
Well, I saved up enough
money to give her money

956
00:58:13,160 --> 00:58:17,210
to buy her a trip--

957
00:58:17,210 --> 00:58:20,000
ticket to the United
States, and sponsored her,

958
00:58:20,000 --> 00:58:22,133
went through all
that sort of thing.

959
00:58:22,133 --> 00:58:24,050

Was it very emotional
seeing your mother again

960
00:58:24,050 --> 00:58:26,642
after all those years?

961
00:58:26,642 --> 00:58:28,100
I don't think it
was, particularly.

962
00:58:28,100 --> 00:58:29,165
First of all, I
don't think we're

963
00:58:29,165 --> 00:58:30,530
that emotional people anyway.

964
00:58:30,530 --> 00:58:38,930
But we had been separated since
I was a six or seven-year-old.

965
00:58:38,930 --> 00:58:39,990
She was emotional.

966
00:58:39,990 --> 00:58:42,800
But I wasn't
particularly emotional.

967
00:58:42,800 --> 00:58:47,750
But I became good friends
with my mother over the years.

968
00:58:47,750 --> 00:58:53,540

969
00:58:53,540 --> 00:58:59,990
But anyway, then I worked
for a year in Janesville

970
00:58:59,990 --> 00:59:01,820
paying off my foster parents.

971

00:59:01,820 --> 00:59:04,100

They paid for part
of my mother's trip.

972

00:59:04,100 --> 00:59:07,070

And I worked at the
store for a while.

973

00:59:07,070 --> 00:59:10,776

And then, the next semester,
I went back to the university.

974

00:59:10,776 --> 00:59:13,670

975

00:59:13,670 --> 00:59:16,040

What did you study?

976

00:59:16,040 --> 00:59:20,810

Well, I took economics and law.

977

00:59:20,810 --> 00:59:26,240

Having lost five
years, basically, I

978

00:59:26,240 --> 00:59:31,070

decided that I had to get
through with this thing.

979

00:59:31,070 --> 00:59:35,310

So I went to undergraduate and
law school in four years flat.

980

00:59:35,310 --> 00:59:38,240

48 months was the
GI Bill of Rights.

981

00:59:38,240 --> 00:59:41,990

And I did it in the 48
months, on the nose,

982

00:59:41,990 --> 00:59:44,300

went all year round.

983
00:59:44,300 --> 00:59:47,402
Still managed to do it
cum laude, and so on.

984
00:59:47,402 --> 00:59:48,890
But did it in a hell of a hurry.

985
00:59:48,890 --> 00:59:51,540

986
00:59:51,540 --> 00:59:53,420
And then where did you go?

987
00:59:53,420 --> 00:59:58,520
Well, I went to the Treasury in
my last semester of law school

988
00:59:58,520 --> 01:00:00,020
and said, here I am, fellows.

989
01:00:00,020 --> 01:00:01,880
And they said, fine.

990
01:00:01,880 --> 01:00:05,090
So I became a lawyer
for the Treasury

991
01:00:05,090 --> 01:00:07,590
on the international
finance side

992
01:00:07,590 --> 01:00:13,630
and council to the Office
of International Finance

993
01:00:13,630 --> 01:00:18,050
in Treasury, became an
assistant to the secretary

994
01:00:18,050 --> 01:00:20,540
for congressional matters

as congressional liaison

995

01:00:20,540 --> 01:00:23,180
for the Treasury.

996

01:00:23,180 --> 01:00:28,580
And then, when Kennedy and
Nixon ran against each other,

997

01:00:28,580 --> 01:00:35,030
I decided that the congressional
liaison officer's life

998

01:00:35,030 --> 01:00:37,460
was coming to a rapid end.

999

01:00:37,460 --> 01:00:40,380
You don't survive changes of
administration, no matter what.

1000

01:00:40,380 --> 01:00:44,030
And the last bill I lobbied
through the Congress

1001

01:00:44,030 --> 01:00:46,070
was the Inter-American
Development Bank Act.

1002

01:00:46,070 --> 01:00:50,690
And I helped draft a charter.

1003

01:00:50,690 --> 01:00:55,790
So next, I became the
bank's first employee,

1004

01:00:55,790 --> 01:00:59,840
and moved over there,
and for 17, 18 years

1005

01:00:59,840 --> 01:01:05,360
was the deputy general counsel
and general counsel of the IED.

1006

01:01:05,360 --> 01:01:07,550

And that got me
into Latin America.

1007

01:01:07,550 --> 01:01:13,190

And I got a tremendous amount
of work throughout Latin--

1008

01:01:13,190 --> 01:01:16,850

every country in Latin America.

1009

01:01:16,850 --> 01:01:20,580

And then, when my oldest
son finished high school,

1010

01:01:20,580 --> 01:01:22,250

I decided I'd better
make enough money

1011

01:01:22,250 --> 01:01:23,450

so he could go to college.

1012

01:01:23,450 --> 01:01:27,280

So I went into private practice,
became a senior partner

1013

01:01:27,280 --> 01:01:29,810

in one of these large
Washington law firms,

1014

01:01:29,810 --> 01:01:33,390

and built up a Latin-American
practice, and then

1015

01:01:33,390 --> 01:01:37,460

a European practice,
and did quite well

1016

01:01:37,460 --> 01:01:40,640

until I reached the age of
67 when they got rid of me

1017

01:01:40,640 --> 01:01:43,010
when I'd reached
the automatic age.

1018
01:01:43,010 --> 01:01:47,120

1019
01:01:47,120 --> 01:01:49,460
When did you get married?

1020
01:01:49,460 --> 01:01:54,110
I got married here in
Washington in 1956.

1021
01:01:54,110 --> 01:01:56,120
And is your wife
from Europe also?

1022
01:01:56,120 --> 01:01:59,625
No, but her parents
were Greek immigrants

1023
01:01:59,625 --> 01:02:00,500
to the United States.

1024
01:02:00,500 --> 01:02:04,070

1025
01:02:04,070 --> 01:02:07,740
We have two children, two boys.

1026
01:02:07,740 --> 01:02:10,660
And we're doing quite well.

1027
01:02:10,660 --> 01:03:08,000