

Edward Novakoff

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April 9, 1926 - born in Roxbury, Massachusetts

Father came to Boston in 1912 from Kiev, tailor of naval uniforms

Mother from Eishyshok, Lithuania

December 1943 - enlisted in Army at age 17

Sent to University of Maine for spring semester

Trained at Camp Blanding, Florida and Fort Meade, Maryland

Shipped to Marseilles in 90th Infantry Division as a '745' rifleman

November 1944 - whole company except for him was wiped out south of the Bulge

January 1945 - brought out 76 prisoners in Mainz, went through southern Germany

Guard in a prison camp of former SS troops in Sulzbach-Rosenberg

May 1945 - went to Flossenburg - saw ovens and burning bodies, billows of black smoke

August 1945 - transferred to Fuerth to HQ of A Company, 26th Regiment, 1st Infantry

Nuremberg - guarded prisoners of the International Military Tribunal

came in contact with Streicher, von Ribbentrop, Speer, von Papen,

Goering, Jodel, Keitel, Doenitz, Rawder, Hess, Kesselring, Schacht

made it clear he was the only Jew in the detail

said "Ich bin ein Jude, you SOB, you killed my family" to each

other guards got autographs, he did not want any from the murderers

November 1945 - asked to be transferred to the motor pool

December 1945 - returned to the US

Went into business of manufacturing naval officer' uniforms, then banking and investments

Active in civic affairs

Created and built the largest Jewish cemetery in the Boston area