

Kurt Roberg
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May 16, 1924 - Born in Celle, Germany
Only Jew out of 200 students at his school, experienced anti-Semitism

1936 - Older brother Hans went to Holland
1937 - Family store closed, mother applied for visas to US.
November 1938 - Kristallnacht - father taken to Oranienburg camp and returned on
December 17th a broken man

December 24, 1938 - Kurt went to Holland.
March 1939 - parents arrive in Holland
April 5, 1940 - Parents and brother left for US. Kurt remained to learn a trade.
May 10, 1940 - Kurt interned for 4 days because he had a German passport.
Passport destroyed during bombing. Moved to Gouda to relatives.

January 31, 1941 - got US visa, left with a children's group of 13 to Berlin. Group could not
get visas, were assigned to do groundskeeping at Wannsee, a SS retreat
May 19, 1941 - Left Berlin in sealed railroad car to Paris, Spain, to Lisbon, Portugal
May 27, 1941 - Tried to get passenger list for ship "Excambria", no list
May 31, 1941 - Stood on platform, his name was 3rd to last

June 1, 1941 - Boat sailed. Arrived in US 10 days later. Was told his visa expired on May
31st and could not enter. Taken to Ellis Island for 4 weeks.
Lived with relatives in New York, worked in a machine shop

July 1943 - Went into Army. Sent to the Pacific.
April 9, 1946 - Discharged from Army, completed high school, went to college at night,
worked in merchandising and marketing
1957 - married, had 2 children

November 1998 - went back to Celle for Kristallnacht anniversary, organized a
synagogue service.