

Marcel Bercau (born Marcel Bercovivi)

Marcel Bercau was born on October 17, 1920 in Paris, France and describes his family; his deportation to Drancy in 1941; remaining in Drancy with his father and brother for a year before they were deported to Germany; going to Auschwitz, where he worked as an earth-worker and then as a bricklayer; working in the *schlosser-electriker* division, which allowed him to find a little bit of extra food; the evacuation of Auschwitz on January 17, 1945; going on a death march with 60,000 other prisoners and traveling through the snow and the cold with no food; arriving in Gleiwitz, where they were put in open cattle cars and transported to Oranienburg; the German abandonment of Landsberg, where he was being held; being rescued and taken to Augsburg, where there was a repatriation camp; and returning to Paris to start a family.