

JEROME GOLDMAN
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Jerome Goldman was in the US Army in a unit out of Fort Hayes, Colorado when he went to Manchester, England to train with an intelligence unit. He was already married and had a child and they went back to Mansfield Ohio when he went overseas. He was in a German-speaking unit of about 6 men. He describes his training in detail in England. He was first sent to France and then was with the Allies when they liberated Dachau. He said there was a large contingent of allied troops; many Germans were surrendering. There was little resistance but a lot of chaos.

Jerome and his partner, Ernie Greenwald, another Jew, were among those who were to gather information. Before they went into the camp they were doused with DDT, a new chemical to prevent typhus. The allies started setting up medical treatment centers, food areas, delousing stations. When Jerome and Ernie went into one of the bunkers and told inmates they were Jewish, some kissed their hands and cried.

Jerome describes the various ways the Germans tortured people and said that the monstrosity was beyond comprehension. In the actual city of Dachau, you could smell the horrible odor, yet people said they didn't know anything about the camp. He describes finding 50-60 boxcars filled with dead and dying people. They treated the ones that were still living and made the townspeople. Help in the effort. Jerome also describes in detail the methods used for the gas chamber and the crematoria. He said he now lives in the best country in the world.