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During the war Frank was a private in the 76th Infantry. He discusses coming to a totally Catholic town near the Rhine in German. where it turned out that the whole town was hiding 2 couples. The townspeople had even given furniture and other things to the Jews so that the house would look Catholic. They were hidden successfully for the entire war.

Frank was serving with Sidney Rider, who was sent to take over his F company. Their assignment was to accompany freight trains that had people who were going to be repatriated. There was one soldier for every 2 cars, and they travelled from Chemnitz to Weimar. This was 2 weeks after the war ended.

When they got to Weimar and went through a building, they found themselves in Buchenwald. He saw stacks of dead bodies, dead babies, eye glasses and other things. Frank was discussing this while going through a series of photos that he had bought from someone in Buchenwald. He found the scene horrible.

Frank makes fun of the Nazis calling for Aryan purity and beauty, since they had people like tiny Goebbels and fat Goering, etc. He is said that the young people now don't know much about this period in history. He went back to Germany in 1967 and saw that it was very modern. He said now is a different time and one cannot keep fighting the war.