

GLENN STRANBERG

Born 10/10/17 Atwater MN. Never knew any Jews before the war. Served in the army 7/42-12/45. Trained as a surgical technician to work as a scrub nurse. Went to France, landing in Marseille after D-Day and set up in Cherbourg. Eventually moved on into Germany. His unit went into Dachau a day after it was liberated. He saw bodies on railroad tracks and in boxcars. They set up a hospital in SS barracks to serve 1500 patients. There were 40 MD's, 40 nurses and 216 enlisted men. He worked in the typhus ward where some of the patients had been experimented upon by the Germans. Initially, patients could not tolerate army food and were switched to dry food. He saw the crematorium and prisoners demonstrated how bodies were moved with ice tongs and then put in the oven. Germans from community took bodies away in carts for a mass grave. Many patients mentally "deranged" and one he knew jumped out of a window and was killed. He stayed at Dachau ~1 month. People he spoke to back in MN didn't believe what he told them. He is part of the Holocaust Education Project for the past 40 years.