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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,470

2

00:00:01,470 --> 00:00:03,900

And what happened is that  
people who were in the hospitals

3

00:00:03,900 --> 00:00:07,500

went by freight and the people  
who were not in the hospitals

4

00:00:07,500 --> 00:00:08,400

walked.

5

00:00:08,400 --> 00:00:11,186

And the whole camp was  
evacuated to go to Dachau.

6

00:00:11,186 --> 00:00:14,760

7

00:00:14,760 --> 00:00:19,380

From what I understand now,  
and this is from a quarterback

8

00:00:19,380 --> 00:00:25,110

position which we  
didn't know at the time,

9

00:00:25,110 --> 00:00:30,653

Teddy said that he is going  
to try to run away or escape,

10

00:00:30,653 --> 00:00:32,070

but he is walking  
with the people.

11

00:00:32,070 --> 00:00:34,600

12

00:00:34,600 --> 00:00:37,710

And apparently if  
there was any food--

13  
00:00:37,710 --> 00:00:40,920  
and it isn't a long ride from  
where we were at Kochendorf

14  
00:00:40,920 --> 00:00:47,050  
or somewhere and [NON-ENGLISH]  
or something like that--

15  
00:00:47,050 --> 00:00:50,340  
and Dachau.

16  
00:00:50,340 --> 00:00:54,600  
Today maybe it's a ride of  
2 hours, 2 and 1/2, 3 hours

17  
00:00:54,600 --> 00:00:59,050  
but there might have been  
some food that they gave us.

18  
00:00:59,050 --> 00:01:01,330  
It was a war time.

19  
00:01:01,330 --> 00:01:05,019  
And our pilot, from  
what I understand,

20  
00:01:05,019 --> 00:01:08,710  
Teddy might have taken that food  
from us, from the sick people.

21  
00:01:08,710 --> 00:01:10,960  
In any case, they  
locked the wagons.

22  
00:01:10,960 --> 00:01:14,620  
Sometime in the afternoon,  
this was Tuesday afternoon,

23  
00:01:14,620 --> 00:01:15,820  
the train started moving.

24  
00:01:15,820 --> 00:01:20,160

25  
00:01:20,160 --> 00:01:30,400  
And it moved all day Tuesday,  
all night Tuesday night.

26  
00:01:30,400 --> 00:01:32,958  
Wednesday morning  
they opened the doors

27  
00:01:32,958 --> 00:01:34,750  
and they asked if there  
are any people dead

28  
00:01:34,750 --> 00:01:37,630  
and there were four  
or five people dead.

29  
00:01:37,630 --> 00:01:41,740  
So we handed them out  
and they took them out

30  
00:01:41,740 --> 00:01:42,800  
and they buried them.

31  
00:01:42,800 --> 00:01:45,670  
I know the name of the  
town of Aalen, A-A-L-E-N,

32  
00:01:45,670 --> 00:01:50,170  
and I remember that.

33  
00:01:50,170 --> 00:01:52,460  
And we traveled  
all day Wednesday,

34  
00:01:52,460 --> 00:01:57,100  
all night Wednesday, on Thursday  
morning the same procedure.

35

00:01:57,100 --> 00:01:59,580  
However, no food and no water.

36  
00:01:59,580 --> 00:02:03,500  
They just came and  
took the dead out.

37  
00:02:03,500 --> 00:02:10,090  
Thursday sometime during the  
day we got into an air raid.

38  
00:02:10,090 --> 00:02:11,730  
I don't know what  
planes, could have

39  
00:02:11,730 --> 00:02:14,380  
been English could  
have been American.

40  
00:02:14,380 --> 00:02:16,090  
I know it was a fierce air raid.

41  
00:02:16,090 --> 00:02:17,500  
We were all like that.

42  
00:02:17,500 --> 00:02:21,370  
But we could hear bombs.

43  
00:02:21,370 --> 00:02:23,270  
We could hear sirens.

44  
00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:28,360  
We could smell fire around us.

45  
00:02:28,360 --> 00:02:30,100  
We weren't hit.

46  
00:02:30,100 --> 00:02:34,700  
The guys were running all  
over and then they came back.

47  
00:02:34,700 --> 00:02:38,240

We were praying that we'd  
be hit so we can get out.

48  
00:02:38,240 --> 00:02:38,817  
We weren't.

49  
00:02:38,817 --> 00:02:42,100

50  
00:02:42,100 --> 00:02:43,870  
Again nothing happened.

51  
00:02:43,870 --> 00:02:47,770  
Thursday night we  
traveled again all night.

52  
00:02:47,770 --> 00:02:50,590  
Friday morning they  
opened the freight train

53  
00:02:50,590 --> 00:02:52,360  
and took more dead out.

54  
00:02:52,360 --> 00:02:54,860  
By that time we couldn't  
give them the dead anymore.

55  
00:02:54,860 --> 00:02:57,228  
We didn't have the strength  
to give them the dead.

56  
00:02:57,228 --> 00:02:59,020  
And by that time there  
were very few people

57  
00:02:59,020 --> 00:03:02,350  
in the car who were still alive.

58  
00:03:02,350 --> 00:03:05,230  
On Saturday morning they came  
aboard to take the dead out.

59

00:03:05,230 --> 00:03:09,090

60

00:03:09,090 --> 00:03:12,420

We finally arrived in  
Dachau Saturday night.

61

00:03:12,420 --> 00:03:15,010

62

00:03:15,010 --> 00:03:16,240

No food, no water.

63

00:03:16,240 --> 00:03:22,290

64

00:03:22,290 --> 00:03:29,160

When we arrived, two  
prisoners at Dachau

65

00:03:29,160 --> 00:03:32,280

came aboard the freight train.

66

00:03:32,280 --> 00:03:36,390

They took us down and lined  
us five people in a row

67

00:03:36,390 --> 00:03:40,200

and they put our hands  
into their pocket.

68

00:03:40,200 --> 00:03:44,430

And one guy would put his arm  
around one end of the five

69

00:03:44,430 --> 00:03:47,270

people, the other around  
the other end of the five

70

00:03:47,270 --> 00:03:49,350

and pick us up and  
took us on like this.

71

00:03:49,350 --> 00:03:50,520

That's how strong we were.

72

00:03:50,520 --> 00:03:53,020

We just couldn't  
stand on our feet.

73

00:03:53,020 --> 00:03:54,810

How many people  
survived I don't know.

74

00:03:54,810 --> 00:03:55,680

A very few.

75

00:03:55,680 --> 00:03:57,488

Maybe 10% at maximum.

76

00:03:57,488 --> 00:04:03,980

77

00:04:03,980 --> 00:04:07,350

When we finally got into Dachau  
it was late at night and we

78

00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:10,390

begged them to give us something  
to drink, give us some coffee,

79

00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:12,240

give us something to eat.

80

00:04:12,240 --> 00:04:13,670

They said the kitchen is closed.

81

00:04:13,670 --> 00:04:17,690

Can't give us anything to eat.

82

00:04:17,690 --> 00:04:21,660

Finally, after we begged them  
they brought us some water.

83

00:04:21,660 --> 00:04:24,140  
And it was late  
Saturday night we just

84  
00:04:24,140 --> 00:04:25,942  
got a drink of water, no food.

85  
00:04:25,942 --> 00:04:27,650  
And that was the first  
time you had water

86  
00:04:27,650 --> 00:04:29,150  
since you got on the train?

87  
00:04:29,150 --> 00:04:31,862  
Yeah, since Tuesday morning.

88  
00:04:31,862 --> 00:04:36,980  
I was crawling on the floor,  
crawling around, crawling

89  
00:04:36,980 --> 00:04:38,370  
on all fours, couldn't walk.

90  
00:04:38,370 --> 00:04:43,010  
All of a sudden I saw a  
familiar face, and it my father.

91  
00:04:43,010 --> 00:04:45,685  
He survived too, and he  
was on that transport.

92  
00:04:45,685 --> 00:04:48,540

93  
00:04:48,540 --> 00:04:52,890  
And on Sunday morning--

94  
00:04:52,890 --> 00:04:55,230  
In Dachau there were showers.

95  
00:04:55,230 --> 00:04:57,510



There were showers in Dachau.

96

00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:59,640

And then they made  
us take a shower.

97

00:04:59,640 --> 00:05:04,240

So the first few people  
who went to get a shower,

98

00:05:04,240 --> 00:05:07,740

I don't know why but they  
turned the hot water on

99

00:05:07,740 --> 00:05:10,740

and as soon as the people  
got in the shower they died.

100

00:05:10,740 --> 00:05:12,120

They just fell down and died.

101

00:05:12,120 --> 00:05:14,203

I don't know whether the  
hot water did it or what.

102

00:05:14,203 --> 00:05:15,600

Shocked them or something.

103

00:05:15,600 --> 00:05:18,480

I refused to go on.

104

00:05:18,480 --> 00:05:19,450

They changed it.

105

00:05:19,450 --> 00:05:27,970

They changed the hot water  
to a less hot, cool water.

106

00:05:27,970 --> 00:05:30,910

And never got processed.

107

00:05:30,910 --> 00:05:37,090

And it turned out that this  
was April 1, Easter Sunday.

108  
00:05:37,090 --> 00:05:41,710  
And on Easter Sunday we figure  
if we don't get the coffee

109  
00:05:41,710 --> 00:05:44,650  
on Sunday morning at least we're  
going to get the soup at noon

110  
00:05:44,650 --> 00:05:46,720  
because every  
concentration camp.

111  
00:05:46,720 --> 00:05:53,170  
But it turned out this was  
Easter Sunday, April 1, 1944.

112  
00:05:53,170 --> 00:05:57,130  
And one day in the year,  
and only in Dachau,

113  
00:05:57,130 --> 00:06:01,400  
on Easter Sunday they  
did not give that soup.

114  
00:06:01,400 --> 00:06:05,760  
All they did is give a piece  
of bread and a slice of salami.

115  
00:06:05,760 --> 00:06:08,410  
That's the only time we ever  
got a slice of salami in camp.

116  
00:06:08,410 --> 00:06:12,880  
But they didn't give it  
till 4:00 PM on that day.

117  
00:06:12,880 --> 00:06:15,670  
For the first time I got a  
piece of bread at 4:00 PM

118

00:06:15,670 --> 00:06:21,353  
on that Sunday after we got  
in to the block in Dachau.

119  
00:06:21,353 --> 00:06:24,071

120  
00:06:24,071 --> 00:06:28,220  
That's how we got to Dachau.

121  
00:06:28,220 --> 00:06:34,230  
We stayed in Dachau from April  
the 1st till late in April.

122  
00:06:34,230 --> 00:06:39,390  
Dachau was for me, Compared to  
Unterreixingen and Vaihinger

123  
00:06:39,390 --> 00:06:41,490  
and Kochendorf, although  
I didn't see Kochendorf,

124  
00:06:41,490 --> 00:06:44,730  
but from what I understand very  
few people survived Kochendorf.

125  
00:06:44,730 --> 00:06:49,850  
Very few people went with  
me to Kochendorf survived.

126  
00:06:49,850 --> 00:06:51,480  
Dachau, compared  
with these camps,

127  
00:06:51,480 --> 00:06:54,300  
was luxury because  
it had showers.

128  
00:06:54,300 --> 00:06:55,620  
It had water.

129  
00:06:55,620 --> 00:06:59,925  
There was the Red Cross

they brought packages.

130  
00:06:59,925 --> 00:07:04,290

131  
00:07:04,290 --> 00:07:08,220  
My father used to wear glasses.

132  
00:07:08,220 --> 00:07:12,360  
And he broke his glasses.

133  
00:07:12,360 --> 00:07:14,850  
So one day he went  
down to the toilet

134  
00:07:14,850 --> 00:07:20,400  
and he hit himself on the bed  
in his leg and it wouldn't have.

135  
00:07:20,400 --> 00:07:28,460  
It started to get worse and  
worse, almost greenish-like.

136  
00:07:28,460 --> 00:07:30,560  
They wouldn't put  
him in the hospital.

137  
00:07:30,560 --> 00:07:32,930  
But then towards  
the end of April

138  
00:07:32,930 --> 00:07:38,000  
they announced that there'll  
be a Red Cross inspection.

139  
00:07:38,000 --> 00:07:43,140  
The Red Cross guy came in.

140  
00:07:43,140 --> 00:07:45,860  
We pushed them out in  
front so the Red Cross

141

00:07:45,860 --> 00:07:46,740  
guy could see him.

142  
00:07:46,740 --> 00:07:49,310  
And when he saw what  
happened to his foot,

143  
00:07:49,310 --> 00:07:53,210  
he told the guy who was  
in charge of the block

144  
00:07:53,210 --> 00:07:54,950  
to put him in the hospital.

145  
00:07:54,950 --> 00:07:59,510  
So my father is designated to  
go next thing in the hospital.

146  
00:07:59,510 --> 00:08:01,490  
At the same time,  
the next day they

147  
00:08:01,490 --> 00:08:05,270  
decided to evacuate all  
the Jews from Dachau.

148  
00:08:05,270 --> 00:08:07,430  
So when my father went to  
the hospital in Dachau,

149  
00:08:07,430 --> 00:08:08,960  
I got evacuated.

150  
00:08:08,960 --> 00:08:10,070  
So you got separated.

151  
00:08:10,070 --> 00:08:10,940  
We got separated.

152  
00:08:10,940 --> 00:08:14,480  
He went to the hospital  
and I went on a train.

153

00:08:14,480 --> 00:08:16,650

And this is the end  
of April in '45?

154

00:08:16,650 --> 00:08:19,230

End of April '45.

155

00:08:19,230 --> 00:08:22,520

I don't know exactly  
what day in April,

156

00:08:22,520 --> 00:08:24,110

but towards the  
end of April '45.

157

00:08:24,110 --> 00:08:27,080

158

00:08:27,080 --> 00:08:31,600

And this time it was a passenger  
train, not a freight train.

159

00:08:31,600 --> 00:08:33,650

We had a passenger train.

160

00:08:33,650 --> 00:08:35,030

It Had seats and everything?

161

00:08:35,030 --> 00:08:36,409

Seats.

162

00:08:36,409 --> 00:08:39,320

We got a package before we got  
onto the train, a food package

163

00:08:39,320 --> 00:08:40,909

from Red Cross.

164

00:08:40,909 --> 00:08:43,429

I happened to get  
a Belgian package.

165

00:08:43,429 --> 00:08:45,230  
Other people got other packages.

166

00:08:45,230 --> 00:08:47,570  
But it was a food package.

167

00:08:47,570 --> 00:08:49,470  
I don't know why they  
put us on that train

168

00:08:49,470 --> 00:08:50,720  
and where they were taking us.

169

00:08:50,720 --> 00:08:51,680  
I still don't know.

170

00:08:51,680 --> 00:08:54,660  
It's still a mystery.

171

00:08:54,660 --> 00:09:00,440  
We took off from Dachau and  
went all the way to the Austrian

172

00:09:00,440 --> 00:09:08,930  
border to a small town in  
Tyrol called [NON-ENGLISH]..

173

00:09:08,930 --> 00:09:12,320

174

00:09:12,320 --> 00:09:14,330  
We stopped right  
before that and started

175

00:09:14,330 --> 00:09:15,590  
walking up the mountain.

176

00:09:15,590 --> 00:09:18,800

177

00:09:18,800 --> 00:09:25,880

When we walked up the mountain a  
man who looked to me like he is

178  
00:09:25,880 --> 00:09:29,810  
the mayor of [NON-ENGLISH],,  
I don't know maybe not,

179  
00:09:29,810 --> 00:09:35,210  
an official in either case,  
stopped us and said that

180  
00:09:35,210 --> 00:09:42,380  
Austria was no longer at war,  
and as far as he's concerned we

181  
00:09:42,380 --> 00:09:43,880  
are no longer prisoners.

182  
00:09:43,880 --> 00:09:50,570  
The war is over and  
everything we should be free.

183  
00:09:50,570 --> 00:09:56,610  
Except since he didn't do  
anything to us he cannot feed

184  
00:09:56,610 --> 00:09:57,110  
us.

185  
00:09:57,110 --> 00:09:59,870  
We've got to go back to Germany.

186  
00:09:59,870 --> 00:10:03,440  
But the SS were still there  
with the rifles and the machine

187  
00:10:03,440 --> 00:10:04,310  
guns.

188  
00:10:04,310 --> 00:10:07,550  
Apparently, had a long  
conference with the SS men.



189

00:10:07,550 --> 00:10:11,330

So they kept us overnight  
still under SS guard,

190

00:10:11,330 --> 00:10:15,790

despite the fact of  
what he said, in a barn

191

00:10:15,790 --> 00:10:19,240

in the mountains in Tyrol.

192

00:10:19,240 --> 00:10:27,230

And then the next morning, they  
took us back over to Germany.

193

00:10:27,230 --> 00:10:31,910

There I put us into a ravine  
between two mountaintops,

194

00:10:31,910 --> 00:10:37,930

set up machine guns on both  
ends, and there we were.

195

00:10:37,930 --> 00:10:40,220

I don't know what  
they intended to do.

196

00:10:40,220 --> 00:10:42,188

There were machine guns.

197

00:10:42,188 --> 00:10:43,980

There was a whole story  
about it that there

198

00:10:43,980 --> 00:10:45,840

were some women who  
came over and told them

199

00:10:45,840 --> 00:10:49,610

that they shoot us they're going  
to be punished or something.

200

00:10:49,610 --> 00:10:50,390  
I didn't see that.

201  
00:10:50,390 --> 00:10:54,070

202  
00:10:54,070 --> 00:10:58,760  
That was mostly what some  
of my Hungarian friends

203  
00:10:58,760 --> 00:11:00,740  
from Kochendorf and so on.

204  
00:11:00,740 --> 00:11:07,190  
And it was late in the  
evening, towards the evening.

205  
00:11:07,190 --> 00:11:11,450  
I don't know but it was late,  
it was dark when one of them

206  
00:11:11,450 --> 00:11:12,920  
woke me up and said, look!

207  
00:11:12,920 --> 00:11:15,260  
And what we saw is that  
the SS was changing

208  
00:11:15,260 --> 00:11:16,220  
into civilian uniforms.

209  
00:11:16,220 --> 00:11:22,240

210  
00:11:22,240 --> 00:11:25,720  
The SS are changing  
into civilian uniforms

211  
00:11:25,720 --> 00:11:31,890  
and disappearing.

212  
00:11:31,890 --> 00:11:32,940

Just leaving.

213  
00:11:32,940 --> 00:11:34,330  
Yeah.

214  
00:11:34,330 --> 00:11:41,190  
And the next thing I know is  
he is following them and going

215  
00:11:41,190 --> 00:11:43,650  
on the road and I followed him.

216  
00:11:43,650 --> 00:11:44,630  
The road was crowded.

217  
00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:47,290  
There were lots  
of people walking.

218  
00:11:47,290 --> 00:11:49,080  
This is the Brenner  
Pass, by the way.

219  
00:11:49,080 --> 00:11:49,860  
OK.

220  
00:11:49,860 --> 00:11:54,080  
There were lots of people  
walking into Germany

221  
00:11:54,080 --> 00:12:00,270  
and I just joined them,  
the prison uniform and all.

222  
00:12:00,270 --> 00:12:03,283  
Barefoot, no shoes,  
prison uniform.

223  
00:12:03,283 --> 00:12:04,950  
I don't know if the  
moon was out or not.

224

00:12:04,950 --> 00:12:06,150  
I can't tell you.

225  
00:12:06,150 --> 00:12:11,040  
But the guy next to me, he was  
either Italian or Hungarian,

226  
00:12:11,040 --> 00:12:13,800  
not German, but he spoke to me.

227  
00:12:13,800 --> 00:12:20,820  
I just shook my head and we  
walked all the way to the town.

228  
00:12:20,820 --> 00:12:23,040  
And as soon as we got to  
the town, the first street I

229  
00:12:23,040 --> 00:12:26,700  
saw I just disappeared,  
went into the first street.

230  
00:12:26,700 --> 00:12:34,620  
And there I started  
looking for an empty house.

231  
00:12:34,620 --> 00:12:44,030  
Saw a house which looked empty  
and I started getting in.

232  
00:12:44,030 --> 00:12:47,360  
Except I went to the basement.

233  
00:12:47,360 --> 00:12:48,380  
But it wasn't empty.

234  
00:12:48,380 --> 00:12:52,830  
A guy came out with a rifle  
and started making noises.

235  
00:12:52,830 --> 00:12:55,760  
Then all these foreigners,  
what are you doing in here?

236  
00:12:55,760 --> 00:12:57,200  
Who is this?

237  
00:12:57,200 --> 00:12:59,660  
I sat very quietly,  
then he went back

238  
00:12:59,660 --> 00:13:02,120  
I went to the next door so  
finally found an empty house

239  
00:13:02,120 --> 00:13:06,080  
and got in there and there were  
two or three of the Hungarians.

240  
00:13:06,080 --> 00:13:11,150  
And the four of us spent  
the night in that house.

241  
00:13:11,150 --> 00:13:16,550  
The next morning  
somebody on the street

242  
00:13:16,550 --> 00:13:20,090  
told us in Hungarian that there  
was a trainload full of sugar

243  
00:13:20,090 --> 00:13:21,110  
at the station.

244  
00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:22,770  
People are going  
down there for sugar.

245  
00:13:22,770 --> 00:13:24,820  
So I went down there too.

246  
00:13:24,820 --> 00:13:26,570  
And there were a lot  
of Germans picking up

247

00:13:26,570 --> 00:13:29,090  
sugar from that train.

248  
00:13:29,090 --> 00:13:34,170  
And so I didn't need the sugar,  
but I was looking around.

249  
00:13:34,170 --> 00:13:37,310  
There was a German  
lady, and she said to me

250  
00:13:37,310 --> 00:13:38,870  
she wants help with the sugar.

251  
00:13:38,870 --> 00:13:42,290  
And by that time I was getting  
very sick, absolutely sick.

252  
00:13:42,290 --> 00:13:43,720  
I couldn't eat anymore.

253  
00:13:43,720 --> 00:13:47,385

254  
00:13:47,385 --> 00:13:49,530  
The thing that I  
need most was sleep.

255  
00:13:49,530 --> 00:13:51,160  
All I wanted to do was sleep.

256  
00:13:51,160 --> 00:13:53,940  
So I told her that I will  
help her with the sugar

257  
00:13:53,940 --> 00:13:58,170  
if she lets me sleep in  
her house, and she agreed.

258  
00:13:58,170 --> 00:14:00,900  
So I helped her with the sugar.

259

00:14:00,900 --> 00:14:02,610

And we took it to  
her house and she

260

00:14:02,610 --> 00:14:08,850

let me sleep under the steps  
till about in the afternoon,

261

00:14:08,850 --> 00:14:11,790

maybe 2 o'clock in the  
afternoon, something like that.

262

00:14:11,790 --> 00:14:15,250

And she came running and she  
said the SS is running around.

263

00:14:15,250 --> 00:14:19,930

She's afraid, and  
I better get out.

264

00:14:19,930 --> 00:14:21,280

So I left.

265

00:14:21,280 --> 00:14:23,170

I had no place to  
go so I sat down

266

00:14:23,170 --> 00:14:25,030

on the bench, a brown bench.

267

00:14:25,030 --> 00:14:26,090

And I was sitting there.

268

00:14:26,090 --> 00:14:27,235

I couldn't go any further.

269

00:14:27,235 --> 00:14:28,060

I was sick.

270

00:14:28,060 --> 00:14:29,770

I was very sick.

271

00:14:29,770 --> 00:14:34,780

And sitting there a man  
came over in a uniform.

272

00:14:34,780 --> 00:14:37,630

Turned out the town mailman.

273

00:14:37,630 --> 00:14:40,690

He came over and he  
said, you can't sit here.

274

00:14:40,690 --> 00:14:43,370

If you sit here they're  
going to shoot you

275

00:14:43,370 --> 00:14:46,292

and Americans are coming  
in tomorrow and because

276

00:14:46,292 --> 00:14:48,250

of that they're going to  
punish the whole town.

277

00:14:48,250 --> 00:14:50,660

He said, you come with  
me and I'll hide you.

278

00:14:50,660 --> 00:14:53,290

So I went and he put  
me in the garage.

279

00:14:53,290 --> 00:14:57,970

And I sat in the  
mail truck all night.

280

00:14:57,970 --> 00:15:00,640

The Americans came  
in that night,

281

00:15:00,640 --> 00:15:03,070

sometime during the night.

282

00:15:03,070 --> 00:15:04,570



In the morning he  
came out and said,

283  
00:15:04,570 --> 00:15:06,340  
now you can come  
up to my apartment.

284  
00:15:06,340 --> 00:15:08,410  
I went up to his apartment.

285  
00:15:08,410 --> 00:15:10,810  
He asked me what I want to do  
and I said all I want to do

286  
00:15:10,810 --> 00:15:12,010  
is lay down and sleep.

287  
00:15:12,010 --> 00:15:17,590  
So he let me sleep in  
a bed in his hallway.

288  
00:15:17,590 --> 00:15:21,220  
First thing I hit the bed I  
fell asleep as far as I know.

289  
00:15:21,220 --> 00:15:24,610  
The next thing I know was  
somebody standing on top of me,

290  
00:15:24,610 --> 00:15:26,110  
shaking me, shaking me.

291  
00:15:26,110 --> 00:15:29,170  
A woman screaming,  
you can't die here!

292  
00:15:29,170 --> 00:15:32,080  
You can't die here!

293  
00:15:32,080 --> 00:15:34,120  
And they were both  
standing in front of me

294

00:15:34,120 --> 00:15:36,850

and saying that you have  
to go to our hospital.

295

00:15:36,850 --> 00:15:39,160

You can't die in here.

296

00:15:39,160 --> 00:15:43,010

Apparently, they felt  
that I was dying.

297

00:15:43,010 --> 00:15:46,060

So they gave me a pair of  
pants and I put them on

298

00:15:46,060 --> 00:15:47,350

and I started crossing.

299

00:15:47,350 --> 00:15:49,930

They showed me where the  
hospital is across the street.

300

00:15:49,930 --> 00:15:52,980

I started crossing the street.

301

00:15:52,980 --> 00:15:55,420

I went to the hospital.

302

00:15:55,420 --> 00:15:58,450

The hospital was in a  
school, in a former school.

303

00:15:58,450 --> 00:15:59,890

It had three steps.

304

00:15:59,890 --> 00:16:02,423

I had a hell of a time  
getting up those three steps.

305

00:16:02,423 --> 00:16:03,340

But I finally made it.

306

00:16:03,340 --> 00:16:05,510

I got up the steps,  
I up to the hospital.

307

00:16:05,510 --> 00:16:10,060

And then there was a doctor  
who was a German officer.

308

00:16:10,060 --> 00:16:12,490

First thing he does is  
stuck the thermometer.

309

00:16:12,490 --> 00:16:14,920

I didn't have a temperature.

310

00:16:14,920 --> 00:16:17,560

And what he told me he  
cannot accept civilians.

311

00:16:17,560 --> 00:16:20,020

I told him I'm not  
sick, I'm starving.

312

00:16:20,020 --> 00:16:21,040

I'm dying of starvation.

313

00:16:21,040 --> 00:16:22,430

I need help.

314

00:16:22,430 --> 00:16:25,980

Said I have to go to  
a civilian hospital.

315

00:16:25,980 --> 00:16:30,930

So walking outside I  
fell down the steps

316

00:16:30,930 --> 00:16:32,862

and I lay in the street.

317

00:16:32,862 --> 00:16:33,570

I just lay there.

318  
00:16:33,570 --> 00:16:35,100  
I couldn't get up.

319  
00:16:35,100 --> 00:16:36,300  
And a Jeep came by.

320  
00:16:36,300 --> 00:16:38,520  
A Jeep stopped.

321  
00:16:38,520 --> 00:16:41,610  
A guy came out and picked me up,  
put me in the back of the Jeep,

322  
00:16:41,610 --> 00:16:43,470  
took me to American  
headquarters.

323  
00:16:43,470 --> 00:16:45,930  
Two guys came out.

324  
00:16:45,930 --> 00:16:50,640  
One spoke Yiddish,  
one spoke Polish.

325  
00:16:50,640 --> 00:16:52,500  
They took me back  
to the hospital,

326  
00:16:52,500 --> 00:16:54,870  
went back to the doctor.

327  
00:16:54,870 --> 00:16:56,440  
One of the guys took out a gun.

328  
00:16:56,440 --> 00:16:58,890  
He had a gun, he must  
have been an officer.

329  
00:16:58,890 --> 00:17:01,770  
Took out the gun and  
over to the German doctor

330  
00:17:01,770 --> 00:17:05,500  
and said to him in kind  
of a semi-broken German,

331  
00:17:05,500 --> 00:17:11,160  
he said to him, you  
know he dies, you die.

332  
00:17:11,160 --> 00:17:16,170  
And after that, he put  
me in a bed, gave me IV.

333  
00:17:16,170 --> 00:17:20,490  
I was in that hospital  
until the middle of June.

334  
00:17:20,490 --> 00:17:22,349  
And this was in early May?

335  
00:17:22,349 --> 00:17:25,536  
Yeah, a German  
military hospital.

336  
00:17:25,536 --> 00:17:28,170  
It was a German military  
hospital in Mittenwald.

337  
00:17:28,170 --> 00:17:32,250  
It was a place called  
Mittenwald in Germany.

338  
00:17:32,250 --> 00:17:38,180

339  
00:17:38,180 --> 00:17:40,210  
And that's where I was  
when the war ended.

340  
00:17:40,210 --> 00:17:48,780

341

00:17:48,780 --> 00:17:51,270  
What did you do after the war?

342  
00:17:51,270 --> 00:17:56,530  
I spent several years  
in a displaced person

343  
00:17:56,530 --> 00:18:00,120  
camp and Stuttgart.

344  
00:18:00,120 --> 00:18:05,370  
I went back to Munich and  
got a high school diploma.

345  
00:18:05,370 --> 00:18:09,030  
I took an exam and I got  
a high school diploma.

346  
00:18:09,030 --> 00:18:15,030  
I went then for a short  
time to a Polish university,

347  
00:18:15,030 --> 00:18:19,470  
polytechnic, and then I switched  
over to the German polytechnic.

348  
00:18:19,470 --> 00:18:22,902  
And then I left for  
the United States.

349  
00:18:22,902 --> 00:18:24,360  
Do you remember  
what year that was?

350  
00:18:24,360 --> 00:18:26,250  
1948.

351  
00:18:26,250 --> 00:18:28,380  
January '48 I came  
to the United States.

352  
00:18:28,380 --> 00:18:38,030

353  
00:18:38,030 --> 00:18:46,070  
And by now I work as an  
engineer and design naval combat

354  
00:18:46,070 --> 00:18:48,970  
systems.

355  
00:18:48,970 --> 00:18:51,400  
That's great.

356  
00:18:51,400 --> 00:18:54,070  
And I do have  
several degrees now.

357  
00:18:54,070 --> 00:18:56,000  
I did continue my education.

358  
00:18:56,000 --> 00:18:59,410

359  
00:18:59,410 --> 00:19:03,282  
Did you find Poland and Germany  
different after the war,

360  
00:19:03,282 --> 00:19:04,990  
or was it the same  
attitude towards Jews?

361  
00:19:04,990 --> 00:19:06,940  
I never went back.

362  
00:19:06,940 --> 00:19:07,780  
Right after the war.

363  
00:19:07,780 --> 00:19:08,530  
I never went back.

364  
00:19:08,530 --> 00:19:11,550  
You never went back.

365

00:19:11,550 --> 00:19:13,320  
I was in Germany after the war.

366  
00:19:13,320 --> 00:19:17,010  
I spent three years in  
Germany from '45 through '48.

367  
00:19:17,010 --> 00:19:20,810  
Did I find it different?

368  
00:19:20,810 --> 00:19:21,520  
Yeah, I guess.

369  
00:19:21,520 --> 00:19:25,180

370  
00:19:25,180 --> 00:19:26,831  
I guess it is different.

371  
00:19:26,831 --> 00:19:29,780

372  
00:19:29,780 --> 00:19:32,180  
Anything else you'd like to say?

373  
00:19:32,180 --> 00:19:32,680  
No.

374  
00:19:32,680 --> 00:19:37,860  
Now you got the story of  
my life on till today.

375  
00:19:37,860 --> 00:19:40,820  
Right now I'm happy I'm  
in the United States.

376  
00:19:40,820 --> 00:19:44,150  
In fact, I spent two  
years in the US Army.

377  
00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:46,190  
When were you in the Army?



378

00:19:46,190 --> 00:19:47,000

'50 to '52.

379

00:19:47,000 --> 00:19:50,960

380

00:19:50,960 --> 00:19:52,300

Well, I think we're all done.

381

00:19:52,300 --> 00:19:55,020

OK, fine.

382

00:19:55,020 --> 00:19:58,000