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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:28,850

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00:00:28,850 --> 00:00:32,060
This is Ray Kaner from the
Center for Holocaust Studies,

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00:00:32,060 --> 00:00:36,980
1609, Avenue J, Brooklyn, New
York, interviewing Mr. Richard

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00:00:36,980 --> 00:00:38,750
Elberfeld, Hamilton, Ohio.

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00:00:38,750 --> 00:00:41,630

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00:00:41,630 --> 00:00:45,380
Could you tell me, please,
when did you enter the army?

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00:00:45,380 --> 00:00:47,930
Were you drafted
or you volunteered?

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00:00:47,930 --> 00:00:50,810
No, I volunteered for the
American Field Service,

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00:00:50,810 --> 00:00:54,650
which was an ambulance unit
attached to the British Army

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00:00:54,650 --> 00:00:58,850
in May of 1943.

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00:00:58,850 --> 00:01:02,880
I was sent to India for
a little over a year,

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00:01:02,880 --> 00:01:06,020

and then was transferred to the
European Theater of Operation

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00:01:06,020 --> 00:01:09,350
in 1944.

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:11,690
What was your rank?

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00:01:11,690 --> 00:01:13,340
We actually had no rank.

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00:01:13,340 --> 00:01:16,170
We were considered,
I hate to say it,

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00:01:16,170 --> 00:01:19,820
but camp followers in
that we were volunteers

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00:01:19,820 --> 00:01:23,900
attached to the Army
doing medical work.

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00:01:23,900 --> 00:01:29,710
Could you tell me which camp you
liberated, and what day was it?

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00:01:29,710 --> 00:01:32,840
It was the first part
of April in 1945.

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00:01:32,840 --> 00:01:37,580
We were detached
to Bergen-Belsen,

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00:01:37,580 --> 00:01:40,490
and we were there for
approximately four weeks

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00:01:40,490 --> 00:01:42,640
from the time we
entered the camp.

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00:01:42,640 --> 00:01:45,320
Could you tell me,
what did you find

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00:01:45,320 --> 00:01:47,690
when you entered
Bergen-Belsen, being that I

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00:01:47,690 --> 00:01:49,880
am a survivor of Bergen-Belsen?

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00:01:49,880 --> 00:01:54,590
I was there from December
'44 until the liberation,

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00:01:54,590 --> 00:01:59,030
which was April 15, 1945.

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00:01:59,030 --> 00:02:02,570
Well, we found thousands
of unburied bodies

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00:02:02,570 --> 00:02:04,130
when we went in.

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00:02:04,130 --> 00:02:06,500
We found other
thousands of people

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00:02:06,500 --> 00:02:10,729
who were near death, who were
in the huts or in the fields,

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00:02:10,729 --> 00:02:13,640
in the compounds near the huts.

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00:02:13,640 --> 00:02:18,440
And our responsibility was to
clear these people to take them

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00:02:18,440 --> 00:02:23,450

to the clearing station, to wash them, delouse them, and send

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00:02:23,450 --> 00:02:26,280

them on to casualty clearing stations.

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00:02:26,280 --> 00:02:29,480

Did you find a lot of people dying still

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00:02:29,480 --> 00:02:30,500

while you were there?

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00:02:30,500 --> 00:02:33,620

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00:02:33,620 --> 00:02:36,660

Literally thousands died after we entered the camp.

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00:02:36,660 --> 00:02:39,030

I don't know the exact number of people.

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00:02:39,030 --> 00:02:41,240

I don't know that anyone knows that figure.

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00:02:41,240 --> 00:02:44,600

When did you come to Bergen-Belsen?

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00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:46,220

I can't give you the exact date.

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00:02:46,220 --> 00:02:52,500

It was sometime right after the middle of April of 1945.

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00:02:52,500 --> 00:02:54,440

Did you still find all these bodies

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00:02:54,440 --> 00:02:58,460
that were lying for four
weeks that weren't buried?

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00:02:58,460 --> 00:03:00,560
Well, we found
bodies in all states

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00:03:00,560 --> 00:03:03,770
of decay and
decomposition, bodies

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00:03:03,770 --> 00:03:07,770
that should have been removed
long before they were.

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00:03:07,770 --> 00:03:10,400
We were not involved in
that particular project.

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00:03:10,400 --> 00:03:12,290
That was done by the
Germans who were there

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00:03:12,290 --> 00:03:14,675
when we took the camp over.

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00:03:14,675 --> 00:03:17,165
But you were responsible
for what the Germans--

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00:03:17,165 --> 00:03:18,660
you gave them orders.

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00:03:18,660 --> 00:03:20,510
Yes.

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00:03:20,510 --> 00:03:22,250
Now, what did the Germans do?

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00:03:22,250 --> 00:03:24,800

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00:03:24,800 --> 00:03:25,670
Did they clean up?

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00:03:25,670 --> 00:03:27,470
Did they bury?

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00:03:27,470 --> 00:03:29,000
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

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00:03:29,000 --> 00:03:29,900
What?

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00:03:29,900 --> 00:03:33,328
The population from
Bergen-Belsen, the village,

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00:03:33,328 --> 00:03:34,370
did they come to witness?

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00:03:34,370 --> 00:03:37,407
Yes, we went out and got
people from the village

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00:03:37,407 --> 00:03:38,240
and brought them in.

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00:03:38,240 --> 00:03:42,050
They also were engaged in the
work of clearing the camp.

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00:03:42,050 --> 00:03:43,970
Could you please
tell me your reaction

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00:03:43,970 --> 00:03:46,040
when you came to
Bergen-Belsen and when

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00:03:46,040 --> 00:03:48,590
you found what you found?

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00:03:48,590 --> 00:03:55,970
Of course, it's a statement that
really, it's been over work,

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00:03:55,970 --> 00:03:57,320
but just abject horror.

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00:03:57,320 --> 00:04:00,870
I mean, I had no idea that
anything like this existed.

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00:04:00,870 --> 00:04:02,780
I knew there were
concentration camps,

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00:04:02,780 --> 00:04:06,440
but I didn't know the enormity
of the concentration camps

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00:04:06,440 --> 00:04:10,130
and what went on there, the
men, the women the children,

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00:04:10,130 --> 00:04:14,150
and the state of death many of
them were in, or near death.

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00:04:14,150 --> 00:04:16,070
Before you liberated
Bergen-Belsen,

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00:04:16,070 --> 00:04:19,050
didn't the Army prepare you?

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00:04:19,050 --> 00:04:19,550
No.

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00:04:19,550 --> 00:04:20,870
Did you have any knowledge?

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00:04:20,870 --> 00:04:23,720

Did they know in the service?

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00:04:23,720 --> 00:04:27,110

We were told on one day that the next day, our assignment would

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00:04:27,110 --> 00:04:31,890

be at Bergen-Belsen, and maybe I was particularly naive,

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00:04:31,890 --> 00:04:33,470

but I didn't know what Bergen-Belsen

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00:04:33,470 --> 00:04:35,630

was until I got there.

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00:04:35,630 --> 00:04:39,140

Now, could you explain the location and what you found?

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00:04:39,140 --> 00:04:40,250

How did it look?

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00:04:40,250 --> 00:04:41,360

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00:04:41,360 --> 00:04:48,110

It was in northwestern Germany, not too far from Bremen,

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00:04:48,110 --> 00:04:50,360

in the country, an isolated camp.

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00:04:50,360 --> 00:04:54,270

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00:04:54,270 --> 00:04:58,300

That's about all I really know or remember about the location.

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00:04:58,300 --> 00:05:01,800
You still saw the barracks,
which were later on--

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00:05:01,800 --> 00:05:03,030
We worked in the barracks.

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00:05:03,030 --> 00:05:05,160
Part of our duty was
to go into the barracks

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00:05:05,160 --> 00:05:07,860
and clear the people
out of the barracks

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00:05:07,860 --> 00:05:11,670
to make determinations
as to who we should save,

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00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:14,010
who we should not save-- who
we should attempt to save,

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00:05:14,010 --> 00:05:14,970
I should say.

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00:05:14,970 --> 00:05:19,080
Who had priority to be saved?

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00:05:19,080 --> 00:05:22,440
Well, in my mind, I can't
speak for the others who

103
00:05:22,440 --> 00:05:25,110
worked there, but I sort
of naturally gave priority,

104
00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:27,360
I think, to women.

105
00:05:27,360 --> 00:05:29,760
Now, in today's world, that
probably wouldn't go over

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00:05:29,760 --> 00:05:35,310

too well, but that's the way we felt at the time, and children.

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00:05:35,310 --> 00:05:40,950

I also would like to ask you how many people were helping out,

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00:05:40,950 --> 00:05:45,690

and what did you do when you found these very sick people?

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00:05:45,690 --> 00:05:47,070

Because I was there.

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00:05:47,070 --> 00:05:50,550

I was one of the people that was taken out from the barracks,

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00:05:50,550 --> 00:05:58,260

and we were put in to hospitals to where the SS were before,

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00:05:58,260 --> 00:06:03,420

and there was also a cleaning process of the inmates.

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00:06:03,420 --> 00:06:06,210

Where you taking part of this cleaning process,

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00:06:06,210 --> 00:06:10,590

of cleaning the inmates before they entered another place?

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00:06:10,590 --> 00:06:11,590

Yes, we did.

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00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:16,440

Could you tell please what you found, and how did they do it?

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00:06:16,440 --> 00:06:21,510

Well, we would go into a
hut and we would separate--

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00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:23,700

first of all, we would try
and separate the living

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00:06:23,700 --> 00:06:25,680

from the dead.

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00:06:25,680 --> 00:06:29,800

People would be stuck together
due to human excrement.

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00:06:29,800 --> 00:06:30,750

They had been there.

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00:06:30,750 --> 00:06:34,320

Most of the people were
unable to even move.

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00:06:34,320 --> 00:06:38,040

We would carry
them from the hut.

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00:06:38,040 --> 00:06:41,610

We would strip their clothing,
strip the filthy blankets

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00:06:41,610 --> 00:06:42,720

from them.

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00:06:42,720 --> 00:06:45,120

They would be taken then
to a washing station,

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00:06:45,120 --> 00:06:48,870

and would be washed and
shaved and deloused.

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00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:51,660

And then from that
point on, we were

129
00:06:51,660 --> 00:06:52,800
sort of out of the picture.

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00:06:52,800 --> 00:06:55,950
They were taken on to the
German hospital or whatever,

131
00:06:55,950 --> 00:06:58,020
where they would
receive further care.

132
00:06:58,020 --> 00:07:03,040
Because I remember that
many nurses from Sweden,

133
00:07:03,040 --> 00:07:09,148
from Holland, Red Cross, came
and volunteered to wash us.

134
00:07:09,148 --> 00:07:09,690
That's right.

135
00:07:09,690 --> 00:07:17,640
Because we were with lice
in our skin, and also,

136
00:07:17,640 --> 00:07:20,250
all these sick
people with typhoid.

137
00:07:20,250 --> 00:07:23,160
I don't know whether you
remember, they shaved again.

138
00:07:23,160 --> 00:07:23,970
Yeah.

139
00:07:23,970 --> 00:07:26,580
Everybody had to be--

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00:07:26,580 --> 00:07:28,860
They were shaved and deloused.

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00:07:28,860 --> 00:07:30,990
And also with DDT, remember.

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00:07:30,990 --> 00:07:32,040
Powdered with DDT.

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00:07:32,040 --> 00:07:34,800
Yeah.

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00:07:34,800 --> 00:07:40,920
Now, how long did this
cleaning process--

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00:07:40,920 --> 00:07:43,710
because I was already in
hospital, I don't know--

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00:07:43,710 --> 00:07:44,640
did this take?

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00:07:44,640 --> 00:07:45,810
A few weeks?

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00:07:45,810 --> 00:07:48,330
How long?

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00:07:48,330 --> 00:07:51,930
Well, as I said, I was
there for four weeks,

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00:07:51,930 --> 00:07:54,420
and I think the
process was still

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00:07:54,420 --> 00:07:57,300
going on when I was transferred
out of there at the end of four

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00:07:57,300 --> 00:07:59,550
weeks, so I don't really know.

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00:07:59,550 --> 00:08:03,060
While you were there,
what did the Germans do?

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00:08:03,060 --> 00:08:04,560
What was their reaction?

155
00:08:04,560 --> 00:08:07,830
Did you speak to
anybody about what

156
00:08:07,830 --> 00:08:09,720
they did to other human beings?

157
00:08:09,720 --> 00:08:12,390
Well, our relationship with
the Germans at the time

158
00:08:12,390 --> 00:08:15,030
was very strained,
because we went

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00:08:15,030 --> 00:08:19,380
to this little village near
there and recruited Germans,

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00:08:19,380 --> 00:08:21,480
and it was not on
a volunteer basis,

161
00:08:21,480 --> 00:08:24,561
to come in and work in the camp.

162
00:08:24,561 --> 00:08:25,920
The town was Celle, wasn't it.

163
00:08:25,920 --> 00:08:26,630
That's right.

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00:08:26,630 --> 00:08:27,510
This was closest little town.

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00:08:27,510 --> 00:08:28,927
And many of the
people in the town

166
00:08:28,927 --> 00:08:31,110
denied that they even
knew the camp was there.

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00:08:31,110 --> 00:08:34,650
And you could almost see
the camp from the town,

168
00:08:34,650 --> 00:08:36,909
but they had no knowledge of it.

169
00:08:36,909 --> 00:08:39,480
Did you see any children
in Bergen-Belsen?

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00:08:39,480 --> 00:08:40,440
Yes, I did.

171
00:08:40,440 --> 00:08:44,130
OK, could you tell please
where did you find them,

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00:08:44,130 --> 00:08:47,280
under which circumstances?

173
00:08:47,280 --> 00:08:52,290
Well, the children, I can
remember one group of children

174
00:08:52,290 --> 00:08:55,650
who were in a, I suppose
for lack of a better phrase,

175
00:08:55,650 --> 00:08:58,602
it would be a sub-barracks
inside the camp,

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00:08:58,602 --> 00:09:00,060
because when we
went in, there were

177
00:09:00,060 --> 00:09:04,260
children standing at the fence
looking through the wire.

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00:09:04,260 --> 00:09:07,680
And one sort of an indelible
impression that I have

179
00:09:07,680 --> 00:09:10,560
is rather a nasty
thing to say, but I

180
00:09:10,560 --> 00:09:14,250
was with a friend of mine,
and I saw this one child who

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00:09:14,250 --> 00:09:18,270
looked as if perhaps someone
had dumped a bowl of tapioca

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00:09:18,270 --> 00:09:19,680
over his head.

183
00:09:19,680 --> 00:09:21,360
And I made the
comment, that's rather

184
00:09:21,360 --> 00:09:23,130
a strange thing on that child.

185
00:09:23,130 --> 00:09:25,800
And my friend told
me that these were

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00:09:25,800 --> 00:09:29,130
louse nits or eggs
that were completely

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00:09:29,130 --> 00:09:31,230
over the child's head.

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00:09:31,230 --> 00:09:33,030
Now, there was an
example of one who

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00:09:33,030 --> 00:09:36,285
got priority treatment, this
little child, I remember.

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00:09:36,285 --> 00:09:37,035
This little child.

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00:09:37,035 --> 00:09:37,535
Yeah.

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00:09:37,535 --> 00:09:40,020
Well, I have to tell you that
three weeks before we were

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00:09:40,020 --> 00:09:42,240
liberated, there was no water.

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00:09:42,240 --> 00:09:42,810
Yeah.

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00:09:42,810 --> 00:09:47,580
And I myself didn't
wash for nine weeks

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00:09:47,580 --> 00:09:50,040
and didn't take off my clothes.

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00:09:50,040 --> 00:09:53,485
So I know what was
going on, that this

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00:09:53,485 --> 00:09:57,940
was an epidemic of typhoid
fever because of the lice,

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00:09:57,940 --> 00:10:01,600

and they didn't do
anything to help.

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00:10:01,600 --> 00:10:05,800

They didn't give us the water to
drink, never mind the washing.

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00:10:05,800 --> 00:10:10,190

So I can imagine what you found,
because when I was liberated,

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00:10:10,190 --> 00:10:14,210

by the first group of British
Army, when they came in,

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00:10:14,210 --> 00:10:19,540

they came in with masks
and gloves and boots.

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00:10:19,540 --> 00:10:21,430

The whole body was
complex because they

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00:10:21,430 --> 00:10:26,320

were afraid to be
in contact with us.

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00:10:26,320 --> 00:10:27,400

I believe that.

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00:10:27,400 --> 00:10:32,170

Now, I would like to
know also, since you

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00:10:32,170 --> 00:10:36,970

saw this camp, what
was your feeling,

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00:10:36,970 --> 00:10:40,750

and did this affect you
for the rest of your life?

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00:10:40,750 --> 00:10:46,210

Did this change your
way of thinking?

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00:10:46,210 --> 00:10:48,370

Well, the only way
really that I think

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00:10:48,370 --> 00:10:54,220

it changed my way of thinking,
it might sound a little trite

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00:10:54,220 --> 00:10:58,700

to say it, but along with
thousands of other people,

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00:10:58,700 --> 00:11:01,900

I had no idea that
this was going on.

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00:11:01,900 --> 00:11:04,630

I knew that Hitler was
persecuting the Jewish people

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00:11:04,630 --> 00:11:07,450

and certain other
groups of people,

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00:11:07,450 --> 00:11:12,820

but I had no idea of the
enormity of the crime,

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00:11:12,820 --> 00:11:16,090

for lack of a better phrase,
I'd say a crime against humanity

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00:11:16,090 --> 00:11:18,340

that he was perpetrating
at the time,

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00:11:18,340 --> 00:11:22,150

until I got to Belsen, until
I saw the suffering that

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00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:24,910
was there, and the complete
inhumanity of one group

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00:11:24,910 --> 00:11:27,170
of people towards another.

223
00:11:27,170 --> 00:11:29,260
And it has affected me.

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00:11:29,260 --> 00:11:32,920
I mean, in recent years,
it hasn't, but at the time,

225
00:11:32,920 --> 00:11:35,020
it did, and for several
months afterwards.

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00:11:35,020 --> 00:11:40,540
I was released from the
service in June of '45,

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00:11:40,540 --> 00:11:43,030
and I had some
emotional problems

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00:11:43,030 --> 00:11:45,520
that I think were pretty
directly tied into what

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00:11:45,520 --> 00:11:47,110
I had done at the Belsen camp.

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00:11:47,110 --> 00:11:49,750
Did you need medical help
because of this situation?

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00:11:49,750 --> 00:11:51,568
No, I needed psychiatric help.

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00:11:51,568 --> 00:11:52,360

But you did get it?

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00:11:52,360 --> 00:11:52,860

Yes.

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00:11:52,860 --> 00:11:55,300

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00:11:55,300 --> 00:11:58,782

What do you say when a person approaches you and says

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00:11:58,782 --> 00:12:00,990

this never happened, this is imagination of the Jews?

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00:12:00,990 --> 00:12:03,573

I'd say they're damn fools and don't know what they're talking

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00:12:03,573 --> 00:12:05,840

about, because they don't.

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00:12:05,840 --> 00:12:07,030

It was there.

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00:12:07,030 --> 00:12:10,330

There was no question that it existed and that it happened.

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00:12:10,330 --> 00:12:13,830

Now, you never spoke to the Germans there?

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00:12:13,830 --> 00:12:16,510

No.

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00:12:16,510 --> 00:12:19,570

The only thing that we spoke to the Germans about at the camp

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00:12:19,570 --> 00:12:22,720

was to order them to do
the work that we laid out

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00:12:22,720 --> 00:12:23,530
for them to do.

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00:12:23,530 --> 00:12:26,340

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00:12:26,340 --> 00:12:29,900
Now, is there anything
else that you remember,

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00:12:29,900 --> 00:12:33,420
that you would like
to tell, experiences

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00:12:33,420 --> 00:12:39,730
pertaining to the Holocaust and
to liberation of Bergen-Belsen?

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00:12:39,730 --> 00:12:43,080
I can't think of nothing else
that I'd want to say, no.

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00:12:43,080 --> 00:12:48,420
I'm really honored to
be at this conference,

252
00:12:48,420 --> 00:12:50,130
if that's what you mean.

253
00:12:50,130 --> 00:12:51,810
But I can think
of nothing further

254
00:12:51,810 --> 00:12:54,660
about the liberation that
hasn't been told countless times

255
00:12:54,660 --> 00:12:56,040
by other people.

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00:12:56,040 --> 00:13:00,400

Well, are you speaking to
your children, to your family,

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00:13:00,400 --> 00:13:01,500

about your experiences?

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00:13:01,500 --> 00:13:05,430

Or you kept it all these
years without letting it--

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00:13:05,430 --> 00:13:08,010

No, I've said very
little about it.

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00:13:08,010 --> 00:13:11,010

There was a news release
in a local paper last week,

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and one of my children, who's
30, called me on the phone

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and asked me about it, and
said he'd never realized that I

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00:13:17,430 --> 00:13:20,230

had been involved in this.

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And for quite a
few years, I don't

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think I ever did talk to
anyone very much about it.

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Now, at this time, did you know
that so many Jews were killed?

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00:13:33,330 --> 00:13:35,170
You mean at the time
of the liberation?

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00:13:35,170 --> 00:13:35,670
Yes.

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00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:37,530
No, I didn't.

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00:13:37,530 --> 00:13:39,610
I knew that many
had been, but I had

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00:13:39,610 --> 00:13:42,270
no idea of the magnitude of it.

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00:13:42,270 --> 00:13:45,630
Also, I would like to ask you,
before you entered the service,

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00:13:45,630 --> 00:13:50,280
did you know what's
going on in Europe?

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00:13:50,280 --> 00:13:51,430
I think so.

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00:13:51,430 --> 00:13:54,120
I think I had an idea
that Hitler was definitely

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00:13:54,120 --> 00:13:59,160
antisemitic and that he had
a program to destroy Jews,

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00:13:59,160 --> 00:14:03,090
but I didn't realize it
was as effective as it was

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00:14:03,090 --> 00:14:06,510
and as widespread as it was.

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00:14:06,510 --> 00:14:09,870

Now, being that you
were in the Army,

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00:14:09,870 --> 00:14:12,300

and I know that you saw
many things happening

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to your friends,
did this shock you

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when you saw how people
were dying without a reason,

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without being shot?

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It bothered me a lot,
because I had been in,

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as I mentioned earlier, in the
Asiatic Theater of Operation,

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and we were directly
involved with combat troops.

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We were in Italy in the
fall and winter of '44,

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and these were people, the
ones that we worked with,

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the casualties, were young
men who were soldiers.

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And part of the risk
of being a soldier,

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whether you like it or not,
is that you run the risk

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of being shot or wounded.

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The people in the concentration
camp were civilians.

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They were men, women, children.

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There was a great deal
of difference in my mind.

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Tell me, did you take
any maps, diaries,

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photographs, documents
from Germany?

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00:15:19,260 --> 00:15:21,470

No, I didn't.

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00:15:21,470 --> 00:15:23,570

You didn't care to be reminded?

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00:15:23,570 --> 00:15:25,560

Yeah.

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OK, now I think this
will close our interview,

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00:15:32,570 --> 00:15:34,360

and I thank you very much.

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00:15:34,360 --> 00:15:36,890

Oh, you're welcome.

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00:15:36,890 --> 00:15:37,850

Thank you.

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00:15:37,850 --> 00:15:39,740

Being that I am a
survivor of Bergen-Belsen

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and you are a liberator.

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You're the first
survivor I've ever met.

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We waited for many years.

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To be liberated.

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Right.

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