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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,250

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00:00:06,250 --> 00:00:09,280  
This is Susan Singer at the  
International Liberator's

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00:00:09,280 --> 00:00:12,190  
Conference in  
Washington D.C. I'm here

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00:00:12,190 --> 00:00:16,239  
to talk with Mr. Hallowell  
about his experiences

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00:00:16,239 --> 00:00:20,155  
in the liberation of  
Dachau concentration camp.

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00:00:20,155 --> 00:00:21,610  
Hello, Mr. Hallowell.

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00:00:21,610 --> 00:00:22,240  
Hello, Susan.

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00:00:22,240 --> 00:00:24,670  
Before we really begin,  
I need some information

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00:00:24,670 --> 00:00:25,900  
for the record.

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00:00:25,900 --> 00:00:29,090  
Could I have your full  
name and where you live?

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00:00:29,090 --> 00:00:31,300  
John R. Hallowell.

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00:00:31,300 --> 00:00:33,160  
I live in Lakewood, Colorado.

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00:00:33,160 --> 00:00:35,530

And what was your date of birth?

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00:00:35,530 --> 00:00:38,920

Oh, September 27, 1920.

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00:00:38,920 --> 00:00:41,980

So how old were you when  
you liberated the camp?

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00:00:41,980 --> 00:00:43,210

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00:00:43,210 --> 00:00:46,330

And what was your military unit?

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00:00:46,330 --> 00:00:51,730

I was with the 157th Infantry  
of the 45th Infantry Division.

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00:00:51,730 --> 00:00:55,208

What was your profession  
during the war, after the war?

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00:00:55,208 --> 00:00:56,000

What do you do now?

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00:00:56,000 --> 00:00:58,450

After the war, I was--

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00:00:58,450 --> 00:01:01,930

I had a degree in journalism  
from the University of Montana,

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00:01:01,930 --> 00:01:03,190

so I went into that.

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00:01:03,190 --> 00:01:04,660

I went into the  
newspaper business

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00:01:04,660 --> 00:01:07,630

right away as a reporter  
in Great Falls, Montana

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00:01:07,630 --> 00:01:09,110

after the war.

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00:01:09,110 --> 00:01:11,020

What was your rank  
during the war?

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00:01:11,020 --> 00:01:12,740

When we liberated the camp?

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00:01:12,740 --> 00:01:13,240

Uh-huh.

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00:01:13,240 --> 00:01:15,040

I was a staff  
sergeant at that time.

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00:01:15,040 --> 00:01:16,210

I see.

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00:01:16,210 --> 00:01:20,950

OK, how did you first  
hear about the camps?

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00:01:20,950 --> 00:01:25,280

Well, we heard rumors  
about the camps

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00:01:25,280 --> 00:01:27,030

from the time we got  
into Alsace-Lorraine.

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:28,572

And of course, we  
had heard something

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00:01:28,572 --> 00:01:31,180

about that kind of thing

for months and months,

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00:01:31,180 --> 00:01:33,640  
although we had never  
seen anything like that.

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00:01:33,640 --> 00:01:37,210  
Some of the other  
units in the U.S. Army

39  
00:01:37,210 --> 00:01:39,760  
had liberated camps  
ahead of this one.

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00:01:39,760 --> 00:01:42,490  
So we did know  
something about camps,

41  
00:01:42,490 --> 00:01:46,540  
but I think this one took all  
of us completely by surprise.

42  
00:01:46,540 --> 00:01:48,550  
Did you learn mostly by rumor?

43  
00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:53,200  
Or were you told by your  
officers what either to expect

44  
00:01:53,200 --> 00:01:55,630  
or what had gone on?

45  
00:01:55,630 --> 00:01:59,470  
Mostly rumor, although the  
day that we attacked the camp,

46  
00:01:59,470 --> 00:02:03,580  
we were told by the officers we  
would see something that we--

47  
00:02:03,580 --> 00:02:05,170  
would be unbelievable.

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00:02:05,170 --> 00:02:08,080

Did you have any expectations really of what

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00:02:08,080 --> 00:02:09,400

you were actually going to see?

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00:02:09,400 --> 00:02:12,130

Or just-- you just didn't know?

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00:02:12,130 --> 00:02:15,190

No, really, we didn't have any idea what we would see.

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:17,300

It was a total surprise to all of us.

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00:02:17,300 --> 00:02:21,820

And I think the emotional impact of the thing brought

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00:02:21,820 --> 00:02:25,870

about some rather drastic results.

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00:02:25,870 --> 00:02:27,940

Do you remember what day this was?

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00:02:27,940 --> 00:02:30,160

Well, I do now because I looked it up.

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00:02:30,160 --> 00:02:33,490

It was April 29th, 1945.

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00:02:33,490 --> 00:02:35,440

OK.

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00:02:35,440 --> 00:02:41,290

Could you tell me about your

actual approach to the camp?

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00:02:41,290 --> 00:02:43,330

Who you were with?

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00:02:43,330 --> 00:02:44,140

Vehicles?

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00:02:44,140 --> 00:02:45,280

And what you saw.

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00:02:45,280 --> 00:02:47,830

Just pretend you see

it in front of you.

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00:02:47,830 --> 00:02:48,610

What happened?

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00:02:48,610 --> 00:02:49,880

What was before you?

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00:02:49,880 --> 00:02:50,380

All right.

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00:02:50,380 --> 00:02:53,140

I think it was the train--

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00:02:53,140 --> 00:02:56,410

the train was what

set everyone off.

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00:02:56,410 --> 00:03:00,270

There were 40 boxcars

full of bodies.

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00:03:00,270 --> 00:03:02,950

They had brought these people

in from, I think-- we think--

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00:03:02,950 --> 00:03:04,960

Poland.

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00:03:04,960 --> 00:03:07,180

It was to be taken  
into the camp,

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00:03:07,180 --> 00:03:11,060

and the railroad tracks  
ran into the camp.

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00:03:11,060 --> 00:03:13,570

Well, as we attacked, then  
we went by this train.

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00:03:13,570 --> 00:03:16,190

And the bodies were lying--

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00:03:16,190 --> 00:03:18,490

well, they were hanging  
out the open doors.

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00:03:18,490 --> 00:03:20,800

Some people had  
been able to get out

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00:03:20,800 --> 00:03:24,730

and then had fallen  
in the field and died.

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00:03:24,730 --> 00:03:25,780

They had been starved.

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00:03:25,780 --> 00:03:32,080

They were just little skeletons  
within their prison clothing.

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00:03:32,080 --> 00:03:34,420

I was thinking, in  
connection with this,

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00:03:34,420 --> 00:03:37,360

that we've had  
something recently

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00:03:37,360 --> 00:03:39,730  
in the way of starvation  
brought to our attention

84  
00:03:39,730 --> 00:03:42,770  
by way of the IRA people  
who have starved themselves

85  
00:03:42,770 --> 00:03:43,270  
to death.

86  
00:03:43,270 --> 00:03:48,010  
And it seems as though it  
has taken them about 58 days,

87  
00:03:48,010 --> 00:03:48,940  
I guess, to do that.

88  
00:03:48,940 --> 00:03:52,380  
They were purposely trying to  
starve themselves to death.

89  
00:03:52,380 --> 00:03:53,950  
These people had been starved.

90  
00:03:53,950 --> 00:03:56,668  
They hadn't intended to do this.

91  
00:03:56,668 --> 00:03:58,960  
And they had been starved  
over a period of many months.

92  
00:03:58,960 --> 00:04:03,640  
So it's a terribly  
drastic kind of thing.

93  
00:04:03,640 --> 00:04:06,190  
What resulted from  
that was that it

94  
00:04:06,190 --> 00:04:08,350  
was the first attack in  
which I was ever involved,



95  
00:04:08,350 --> 00:04:13,025  
and I wasn't one of the  
front assault troops.

96  
00:04:13,025 --> 00:04:15,770

97  
00:04:15,770 --> 00:04:16,640  
There was no fear.

98  
00:04:16,640 --> 00:04:18,279  
We had no fear whatsoever.

99  
00:04:18,279 --> 00:04:22,310  
And our I Company  
went over the wall

100  
00:04:22,310 --> 00:04:25,190  
and shot virtually  
everything that moved.

101  
00:04:25,190 --> 00:04:28,000

102  
00:04:28,000 --> 00:04:30,590  
The towers-- the  
people in the towers--

103  
00:04:30,590 --> 00:04:32,690  
had machine guns up  
there, the Germans.

104  
00:04:32,690 --> 00:04:35,510  
And they provided  
some resistance,

105  
00:04:35,510 --> 00:04:37,340  
but they were  
sitting ducks really.

106  
00:04:37,340 --> 00:04:39,980

And our riflemen could  
get behind the buildings

107  
00:04:39,980 --> 00:04:41,690  
and pick them off.

108  
00:04:41,690 --> 00:04:44,480  
I think it was probably a  
period of about 45 minutes

109  
00:04:44,480 --> 00:04:50,240  
and we had everybody  
either dead or captured.

110  
00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:52,328  
Were you in a vehicle  
at the time or on foot?

111  
00:04:52,328 --> 00:04:53,870  
I was in-- yes, I  
was in the vehicle.

112  
00:04:53,870 --> 00:04:58,100  
I came in in a jeep behind  
the I Company assault troops.

113  
00:04:58,100 --> 00:05:00,260  
I was directly behind them.

114  
00:05:00,260 --> 00:05:04,182  
And I was there for the  
clearing of the camp

115  
00:05:04,182 --> 00:05:05,390  
and the securing of the camp.

116  
00:05:05,390 --> 00:05:07,682  
Actually, the camp was so  
big that one company couldn't

117  
00:05:07,682 --> 00:05:08,641  
secure the whole thing.

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00:05:08,641 --> 00:05:12,725

But it was pretty  
well secured by--

119

00:05:12,725 --> 00:05:15,830

well, within an hour.

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00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:16,580

OK.

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00:05:16,580 --> 00:05:18,710

Could you give us a  
description of what

122

00:05:18,710 --> 00:05:21,200

you saw, as you  
came in physically,

123

00:05:21,200 --> 00:05:23,720

of the plant of Dachau?

124

00:05:23,720 --> 00:05:26,960

As I recall, it seems  
as though the hospital

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00:05:26,960 --> 00:05:29,720

was on the left side as  
we went through the gate.

126

00:05:29,720 --> 00:05:32,820

The assault troops  
didn't open the gate.

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00:05:32,820 --> 00:05:34,305

They just went over the wall.

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00:05:34,305 --> 00:05:36,410

It must have been  
quite a jolt to see

129

00:05:36,410 --> 00:05:42,697

them come over the wall like

that, and firing at everything.

130  
00:05:42,697 --> 00:05:44,780  
But then they opened the  
gate, and we went through

131  
00:05:44,780 --> 00:05:47,180  
in the jeep.

132  
00:05:47,180 --> 00:05:53,230  
And as I recall, going  
down this main street,

133  
00:05:53,230 --> 00:05:55,160  
the enclosure was on our right.

134  
00:05:55,160 --> 00:05:57,890  
And we saw all of the  
prisoners, the survivors who

135  
00:05:57,890 --> 00:05:59,510  
were in there.

136  
00:05:59,510 --> 00:06:01,130  
And the word was  
being passed to them

137  
00:06:01,130 --> 00:06:02,690  
that the American  
troops were in,

138  
00:06:02,690 --> 00:06:04,940  
and these were American  
troops and they were friendly,

139  
00:06:04,940 --> 00:06:09,140  
and that they were liberated.

140  
00:06:09,140 --> 00:06:12,600  
There was no particular reaction  
on their part, as I recall.

141

00:06:12,600 --> 00:06:15,650  
I mean, there was  
no great elation.

142  
00:06:15,650 --> 00:06:16,370  
It was just--

143  
00:06:16,370 --> 00:06:18,507  
Well, there had just been  
a lot of machine gun fire

144  
00:06:18,507 --> 00:06:19,340  
too within the camp.

145  
00:06:19,340 --> 00:06:20,060  
That's right.

146  
00:06:20,060 --> 00:06:21,560  
And they were very startled.

147  
00:06:21,560 --> 00:06:23,302  
Did they approach you  
once this was over

148  
00:06:23,302 --> 00:06:24,260  
and try to talk to you?

149  
00:06:24,260 --> 00:06:30,530  
They came to the fence,  
looked out of the fence,

150  
00:06:30,530 --> 00:06:34,340  
and shouted occasionally.

151  
00:06:34,340 --> 00:06:36,500  
Our orders though,  
as I understand it,

152  
00:06:36,500 --> 00:06:38,180  
I was not-- as a  
staff sergeant, I'm

153

00:06:38,180 --> 00:06:39,763  
not supposed to know  
all those orders.

154  
00:06:39,763 --> 00:06:44,270  
But the orders that we had were  
to keep them in the enclosure

155  
00:06:44,270 --> 00:06:46,940  
because if they were  
let out, then they would

156  
00:06:46,940 --> 00:06:48,890  
scatter all over the place.

157  
00:06:48,890 --> 00:06:51,800  
So the effort was made  
to keep them in there

158  
00:06:51,800 --> 00:06:53,420  
at least till the next day.

159  
00:06:53,420 --> 00:06:55,520  
Were there men,  
women, and children?

160  
00:06:55,520 --> 00:06:56,630  
Just men?

161  
00:06:56,630 --> 00:06:57,350  
Who did you see?

162  
00:06:57,350 --> 00:06:59,740  
I don't remember any  
women and children.

163  
00:06:59,740 --> 00:07:00,890  
All I saw was men.

164  
00:07:00,890 --> 00:07:01,910  
You just saw men.

165

00:07:01,910 --> 00:07:04,460

Did you have specific orders on how

166

00:07:04,460 --> 00:07:08,330

to deal with them, other than trying to keep them contained?

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00:07:08,330 --> 00:07:09,660

I don't think that we did.

168

00:07:09,660 --> 00:07:10,850

I'm not aware that we did.

169

00:07:10,850 --> 00:07:12,620

I think just to keep them in there.

170

00:07:12,620 --> 00:07:18,140

And then we were later relieved by our first battalion,

171

00:07:18,140 --> 00:07:21,910

which I think provided some medical aid and that sort

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00:07:21,910 --> 00:07:22,410

of thing.

173

00:07:22,410 --> 00:07:24,560

But we were assault troops.

174

00:07:24,560 --> 00:07:26,960

And we had another objective after that--

175

00:07:26,960 --> 00:07:28,700

to go on into Munich.

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00:07:28,700 --> 00:07:32,040

So within a day or so, then we--

177

00:07:32,040 --> 00:07:34,490  
well, within that  
same day actually, we

178  
00:07:34,490 --> 00:07:36,150  
attacked toward Munich.

179  
00:07:36,150 --> 00:07:38,870  
So many of the experiences  
that these people are relating

180  
00:07:38,870 --> 00:07:44,210  
at this conference are by  
people who were in the camps

181  
00:07:44,210 --> 00:07:49,310  
a much longer time than we  
who were in the assault area.

182  
00:07:49,310 --> 00:07:49,830  
Right.

183  
00:07:49,830 --> 00:07:54,050  
It's just a different  
phase of documentation.

184  
00:07:54,050 --> 00:07:55,880  
Very often we hear  
from that end.

185  
00:07:55,880 --> 00:07:59,480  
We're just as willing  
to hear this side.

186  
00:07:59,480 --> 00:08:02,810  
Could you estimate how many  
people were in the camp

187  
00:08:02,810 --> 00:08:08,360  
when you came in, of the  
ex-inmates, as you named them?

188  
00:08:08,360 --> 00:08:09,470



Yes.

189  
00:08:09,470 --> 00:08:11,720  
I don't have to estimate it  
because I know the figure.

190  
00:08:11,720 --> 00:08:13,670  
It was 31,000.

191  
00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:14,810  
Were in the camps?

192  
00:08:14,810 --> 00:08:16,670  
Yes.

193  
00:08:16,670 --> 00:08:17,990  
In the enclosure at that time.

194  
00:08:17,990 --> 00:08:20,060  
What kind of physical  
condition were they in?

195  
00:08:20,060 --> 00:08:23,270  
Well, they were  
very much worn down.

196  
00:08:23,270 --> 00:08:33,080  
They were very thin, but  
appeared to be fairly healthy.

197  
00:08:33,080 --> 00:08:37,190  
I did have the experience of  
taking a Life photographer

198  
00:08:37,190 --> 00:08:40,010  
and a woman reporter from  
another magazine-- a U.S.

199  
00:08:40,010 --> 00:08:41,750  
magazine--

200  
00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:44,660

into the enclosure  
the day following

201  
00:08:44,660 --> 00:08:46,790  
our taking of the camp.

202  
00:08:46,790 --> 00:08:49,040  
And we just went through  
the gate at that time,

203  
00:08:49,040 --> 00:08:52,700  
and equilibrium had been  
established pretty well

204  
00:08:52,700 --> 00:08:57,560  
so that there wasn't a big move  
to try to rush out of the camp

205  
00:08:57,560 --> 00:08:58,830  
or anything like that.

206  
00:08:58,830 --> 00:09:06,860  
And so I took them in and the  
prisoners couldn't care less

207  
00:09:06,860 --> 00:09:08,780  
about the Life photographer.

208  
00:09:08,780 --> 00:09:10,040  
They just liked the uniform.

209  
00:09:10,040 --> 00:09:14,265  
And they surrounded me  
and touched the uniform.

210  
00:09:14,265 --> 00:09:15,520  
And many could speak English.

211  
00:09:15,520 --> 00:09:20,170  
And they asked me for  
my name and my hometown,

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00:09:20,170 --> 00:09:23,050  
and gave me little  
slips of paper to sign.

213  
00:09:23,050 --> 00:09:25,347  
And so I signed  
quite a few of those.

214  
00:09:25,347 --> 00:09:26,680  
That must have felt pretty good.

215  
00:09:26,680 --> 00:09:27,690  
Well, it did.

216  
00:09:27,690 --> 00:09:29,860  
It did feel really good.

217  
00:09:29,860 --> 00:09:33,340  
And then they would-- and then  
they pointed out, I think,

218  
00:09:33,340 --> 00:09:35,920  
one barracks-- it seemed  
to me one barracks--

219  
00:09:35,920 --> 00:09:37,970  
that had typhus in there.

220  
00:09:37,970 --> 00:09:39,910  
And they said, stay  
away from that one.

221  
00:09:39,910 --> 00:09:46,330  
And they pointed out the gas  
chambers and the furnaces--

222  
00:09:46,330 --> 00:09:48,220  
the furnace area.

223  
00:09:48,220 --> 00:09:51,060  
And then later, I was able  
to move around the camp

224

00:09:51,060 --> 00:09:53,290  
to see all those things.

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00:09:53,290 --> 00:09:55,460  
Did you get a tour of  
some sort or did you--

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00:09:55,460 --> 00:09:57,002  
from the prisoners,  
or from the army?

227

00:09:57,002 --> 00:09:58,570  
I think it was just a fact--

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00:09:58,570 --> 00:10:00,280  
well, they took us around.

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00:10:00,280 --> 00:10:03,540  
They took a group of us around.

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00:10:03,540 --> 00:10:06,972  
And we went into the--  
where the gas chambers were

231

00:10:06,972 --> 00:10:08,680  
where they had told  
these folks that they

232

00:10:08,680 --> 00:10:11,620  
were going to have  
a shower and then

233

00:10:11,620 --> 00:10:13,030  
they turned the gas on them.

234

00:10:13,030 --> 00:10:16,690  
I guess they were all stripped.

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00:10:16,690 --> 00:10:19,160  
And so, I remember  
the scene that's

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00:10:19,160 --> 00:10:22,720  
been photographed worldwide,  
and you see it every time they

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00:10:22,720 --> 00:10:24,720  
mention the camps--

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00:10:24,720 --> 00:10:30,650  
these bodies piled up on  
this floor near the furnaces.

239

00:10:30,650 --> 00:10:33,400  
And it's a very famous scene.

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00:10:33,400 --> 00:10:35,830  
When they had the  
TV series Holocaust,

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00:10:35,830 --> 00:10:39,070  
I saw that two or three times.

242

00:10:39,070 --> 00:10:39,570  
OK.

243

00:10:39,570 --> 00:10:43,850

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00:10:43,850 --> 00:10:49,520  
You were there a short time,  
but other than the original

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00:10:49,520 --> 00:10:52,700  
coming in with the  
tanks, with the officers,

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00:10:52,700 --> 00:10:54,380  
were they just cleared  
out immediately?

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00:10:54,380 --> 00:10:56,240  
Did you have any other orders?

248

00:10:56,240 --> 00:10:59,210

And were you assured  
that they were all out--

249

00:10:59,210 --> 00:11:00,950

guards, whatever?

250

00:11:00,950 --> 00:11:02,400

We were sure.

251

00:11:02,400 --> 00:11:03,020

That's right.

252

00:11:03,020 --> 00:11:04,400

I mean, we had everybody.

253

00:11:04,400 --> 00:11:07,160

How long did that actually take?

254

00:11:07,160 --> 00:11:10,760

It only took about 45 minutes  
to pick them all off out

255

00:11:10,760 --> 00:11:14,220

of those towers, capture them.

256

00:11:14,220 --> 00:11:15,590

We went into the hospital--

257

00:11:15,590 --> 00:11:17,850

Once they were captured,  
where did you go?

258

00:11:17,850 --> 00:11:20,955

Well, there was quite a  
little struggle with that.

259

00:11:20,955 --> 00:11:22,580

Some of those prisoners  
wanted at them.

260

00:11:22,580 --> 00:11:24,170  
And there were some  
prisoners outside

261  
00:11:24,170 --> 00:11:28,820  
of the enclosure who  
had the duties of--

262  
00:11:28,820 --> 00:11:31,520  
oh, just clean up  
kind of duties.

263  
00:11:31,520 --> 00:11:33,500  
And they had been  
entrusted with that.

264  
00:11:33,500 --> 00:11:40,190  
And there was some trouble with  
some of those folks wanting

265  
00:11:40,190 --> 00:11:42,600  
to get at those SS troops.

266  
00:11:42,600 --> 00:11:43,850  
And there were some SS troops.

267  
00:11:43,850 --> 00:11:45,590  
And there were  
some kids that they

268  
00:11:45,590 --> 00:11:48,530  
had put in there just recently.

269  
00:11:48,530 --> 00:11:50,150  
They were just young--

270  
00:11:50,150 --> 00:11:53,270  
very young soldiers,  
but they were just kids.

271  
00:11:53,270 --> 00:11:54,680  
Were you part of--

272

00:11:54,680 --> 00:11:56,420

were you then put  
in the position

273

00:11:56,420 --> 00:11:59,220

of protecting the guards  
against the ex-inmates?

274

00:11:59,220 --> 00:12:00,380

Yeah, there were, yeah.

275

00:12:00,380 --> 00:12:01,370

Our GIs were.

276

00:12:01,370 --> 00:12:01,970

That's right.

277

00:12:01,970 --> 00:12:03,590

They were in that position.

278

00:12:03,590 --> 00:12:05,290

And it was an odd  
position to be in.

279

00:12:05,290 --> 00:12:07,100

It must have been  
very difficult.

280

00:12:07,100 --> 00:12:08,240

Yeah.

281

00:12:08,240 --> 00:12:10,700

Did you see any of the  
violence between them?

282

00:12:10,700 --> 00:12:11,570

Or was there any?

283

00:12:11,570 --> 00:12:11,780

Or was it prevented?

284



00:12:11,780 --> 00:12:12,860  
There was some violence.

285  
00:12:12,860 --> 00:12:13,550  
I didn't see it.

286  
00:12:13,550 --> 00:12:14,550  
There was some violence.

287  
00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:19,880  
And in fact, I  
heard a story or two

288  
00:12:19,880 --> 00:12:24,770  
that they had overpowered  
some of our GIs,

289  
00:12:24,770 --> 00:12:27,890  
and man-handled some of  
those guards themselves

290  
00:12:27,890 --> 00:12:30,210  
and killed them.

291  
00:12:30,210 --> 00:12:31,820  
I don't know if  
that's true or not.

292  
00:12:31,820 --> 00:12:37,200  
There were pictures of  
some of these guards having

293  
00:12:37,200 --> 00:12:40,100  
been thrown in a little  
creek that ran through there.

294  
00:12:40,100 --> 00:12:41,850  
Matter of fact, in our  
regimental history,

295  
00:12:41,850 --> 00:12:43,320  
there's a picture of that.

296

00:12:43,320 --> 00:12:44,640

Some of these guards--

297

00:12:44,640 --> 00:12:46,470

it was alleged, at  
least, that they

298

00:12:46,470 --> 00:12:51,130

had been killed by these  
inmates with their hands.

299

00:12:51,130 --> 00:12:54,120

So one thing, you removed them.

300

00:12:54,120 --> 00:12:57,750

You just took them outside  
the enclosure and did what?

301

00:12:57,750 --> 00:13:00,480

Well, we just moved them  
into the general procedures,

302

00:13:00,480 --> 00:13:04,200

back to a staging area.

303

00:13:04,200 --> 00:13:07,760

And it was the same as  
if we'd captured somebody

304

00:13:07,760 --> 00:13:11,610

in any normal kind of action.

305

00:13:11,610 --> 00:13:15,300

How long was it before your  
follow-up came through?

306

00:13:15,300 --> 00:13:22,680

The First Battalion relieved  
our I Company that afternoon.

307

00:13:22,680 --> 00:13:27,510

And then the next day, our whole

Division headed out for Munich.

308

00:13:27,510 --> 00:13:29,832

And other units then  
came in, and I don't

309

00:13:29,832 --> 00:13:30,915

know which ones they were.

310

00:13:30,915 --> 00:13:33,400

So you didn't spend  
a good deal of time

311

00:13:33,400 --> 00:13:37,623

in the area talking to  
people, you know, in the town?

312

00:13:37,623 --> 00:13:39,540

No, we didn't have a lot  
of chance to do that.

313

00:13:39,540 --> 00:13:41,130

We did talk in Munich.

314

00:13:41,130 --> 00:13:43,920

I remember we were  
all so incensed that--

315

00:13:43,920 --> 00:13:47,160

when we had a chance to  
visit anyone in Munich

316

00:13:47,160 --> 00:13:49,470

because at that time  
General Eisenhower had

317

00:13:49,470 --> 00:13:52,620

a "no fraternization"  
rule in force--

318

00:13:52,620 --> 00:13:55,940

and we were not supposed  
to visit with the Germans.

319  
00:13:55,940 --> 00:13:58,170  
Usually we did that under  
the cover of darkness,

320  
00:13:58,170 --> 00:13:59,820  
we'd visit with the Germans.

321  
00:13:59,820 --> 00:14:01,140  
And we would--

322  
00:14:01,140 --> 00:14:03,150  
I think all of us  
always ask them

323  
00:14:03,150 --> 00:14:06,420  
if they didn't know what  
was going on in Dachau.

324  
00:14:06,420 --> 00:14:08,130  
And there were some  
instances where

325  
00:14:08,130 --> 00:14:11,010  
we had a chance to visit  
with people from Dachau--

326  
00:14:11,010 --> 00:14:13,400  
the little village of Dachau.

327  
00:14:13,400 --> 00:14:16,660  
They all contended-- and I  
think they contend to this day--

328  
00:14:16,660 --> 00:14:18,830  
that they didn't know  
what was going on there.

329  
00:14:18,830 --> 00:14:20,038  
Do you think that's possible?

330  
00:14:20,038 --> 00:14:22,290

It's a little hard to  
believe that that's possible.

331  
00:14:22,290 --> 00:14:25,230  
I've read some books--

332  
00:14:25,230 --> 00:14:28,110  
recently I read Adolf  
Hitler by John Toland.

333  
00:14:28,110 --> 00:14:29,820  
I think I'd read  
it before, but I

334  
00:14:29,820 --> 00:14:32,250  
guess I'd forgotten  
it so I read it again.

335  
00:14:32,250 --> 00:14:37,380  
And even the leadership  
under Hitler--

336  
00:14:37,380 --> 00:14:40,200  
Hitler for a long time  
wouldn't of course

337  
00:14:40,200 --> 00:14:43,110  
acknowledge that  
this was going on.

338  
00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:46,890  
But even the leadership--  
the people in high commands--

339  
00:14:46,890 --> 00:14:48,360  
refused to believe  
it, or at least

340  
00:14:48,360 --> 00:14:50,760  
wouldn't let themselves  
believe that this sort of thing

341  
00:14:50,760 --> 00:14:52,740

was occurring.

342

00:14:52,740 --> 00:14:55,260

And Himmler, I  
guess, was the one

343

00:14:55,260 --> 00:14:58,290

who really knew  
what was occurring,

344

00:14:58,290 --> 00:15:00,630

and was in charge of the camps.

345

00:15:00,630 --> 00:15:02,790

At about the time  
that we took Dachau,

346

00:15:02,790 --> 00:15:05,970

I think the word  
was down that they

347

00:15:05,970 --> 00:15:07,613

were to eliminate  
the camps-- or that

348

00:15:07,613 --> 00:15:09,030

is, destroy them  
so there would be

349

00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:11,100

no evidence of the atrocities.

350

00:15:11,100 --> 00:15:13,530

But it was too late because  
the Russians were moving in

351

00:15:13,530 --> 00:15:18,450

very rapidly on the one side,  
and the Americans and allied

352

00:15:18,450 --> 00:15:20,970

forces were moving in  
rapidly on the other side.

353  
00:15:20,970 --> 00:15:23,990

354  
00:15:23,990 --> 00:15:26,630  
Well, you were thrown into  
a harrowing experience

355  
00:15:26,630 --> 00:15:29,540  
very quickly and taken  
out just as fast.

356  
00:15:29,540 --> 00:15:31,970  
Yes, well, that was the  
way the situation was.

357  
00:15:31,970 --> 00:15:34,560  
And I think maybe we  
were the lucky ones.

358  
00:15:34,560 --> 00:15:36,560  
Listening to people  
at this conference,

359  
00:15:36,560 --> 00:15:40,075  
certainly we were  
the lucky ones.

360  
00:15:40,075 --> 00:15:42,350  
Possibly, but how did you  
cope with that-- just being

361  
00:15:42,350 --> 00:15:43,950  
thrown into that and out again?

362  
00:15:43,950 --> 00:15:45,530  
Do you just write home?

363  
00:15:45,530 --> 00:15:47,330  
Do you talk to your friends?

364  
00:15:47,330 --> 00:15:48,830

You know, how do  
you live with just

365  
00:15:48,830 --> 00:15:51,200  
seeing that moving  
out immediately,

366  
00:15:51,200 --> 00:15:52,790  
or-- not that  
staying would help.

367  
00:15:52,790 --> 00:15:57,230  
Well, we had been in  
the thing for two years.

368  
00:15:57,230 --> 00:16:01,370  
We had seen quite a little  
death, not to that extent.

369  
00:16:01,370 --> 00:16:04,340  
We didn't see mass  
death like that.

370  
00:16:04,340 --> 00:16:05,510  
And you steel yourself.

371  
00:16:05,510 --> 00:16:08,450  
I think people steel themselves  
to that sort of thing

372  
00:16:08,450 --> 00:16:10,970  
when it's a daily  
occurrence, or maybe

373  
00:16:10,970 --> 00:16:14,685  
every other day occurrence.

374  
00:16:14,685 --> 00:16:16,760  
It's sort of an  
impersonal kind of thing--

375  
00:16:16,760 --> 00:16:21,460  
I think death is-- unless you



know someone individually.

376  
00:16:21,460 --> 00:16:25,557  
I don't know that we  
dwelt on it as much as--

377  
00:16:25,557 --> 00:16:27,890  
of course, these people have  
dwelt on it over the years.

378  
00:16:27,890 --> 00:16:30,540

379  
00:16:30,540 --> 00:16:35,180  
So at least,  
initially, I think we

380  
00:16:35,180 --> 00:16:37,682  
took it pretty much  
in stride, but we--

381  
00:16:37,682 --> 00:16:38,390  
What about later?

382  
00:16:38,390 --> 00:16:41,990  
Was there a kind of delayed  
reaction once you realized--

383  
00:16:41,990 --> 00:16:44,988  
once you had time after  
the actual assault?

384  
00:16:44,988 --> 00:16:45,530  
I don't know.

385  
00:16:45,530 --> 00:16:47,030  
I've been trying to  
think that since I

386  
00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:48,080  
came to this conference.

387

00:16:48,080 --> 00:16:50,180

I've been trying to  
think what I did.

388

00:16:50,180 --> 00:16:53,588

I've read some people  
who said that well, they

389

00:16:53,588 --> 00:16:54,380

tried to forget it.

390

00:16:54,380 --> 00:16:56,390

I don't recall that I  
ever tried to forget it,

391

00:16:56,390 --> 00:16:58,640

but maybe subconsciously I did.

392

00:16:58,640 --> 00:17:01,260

Well, you had enough interest  
to show up at the conference.

393

00:17:01,260 --> 00:17:03,510

Oh, I'm terribly interested,  
terribly interested.

394

00:17:03,510 --> 00:17:04,430

I really am.

395

00:17:04,430 --> 00:17:09,260

Have you discussed it over  
the years to your family?

396

00:17:09,260 --> 00:17:09,914

Oh, yes.

397

00:17:09,914 --> 00:17:10,414

Yes.

398

00:17:10,414 --> 00:17:12,800

So they know exactly.

399

00:17:12,800 --> 00:17:13,460  
Yes.

400  
00:17:13,460 --> 00:17:14,150  
We have--

401  
00:17:14,150 --> 00:17:16,339  
You said you watched  
Holocaust on TV.

402  
00:17:16,339 --> 00:17:16,880  
Oh, yeah.

403  
00:17:16,880 --> 00:17:18,310  
What did you think of it?

404  
00:17:18,310 --> 00:17:21,619  
Oh, I thought it was  
tremendously well done.

405  
00:17:21,619 --> 00:17:24,920  
It revealed a lot  
of things to me--

406  
00:17:24,920 --> 00:17:27,920  
the movie-- I mean,  
the films themselves.

407  
00:17:27,920 --> 00:17:33,980  
The way the number of  
the Jews went in there,

408  
00:17:33,980 --> 00:17:35,210  
apparently even willingly.

409  
00:17:35,210 --> 00:17:39,020  
At least they went in without--

410  
00:17:39,020 --> 00:17:40,070  
what am I trying to say--

411  
00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:41,990

fighting back or  
something or other.

412  
00:17:41,990 --> 00:17:43,480  
Some of that must have occurred.

413  
00:17:43,480 --> 00:17:45,050  
They must have just done that.

414  
00:17:45,050 --> 00:17:52,280  
They must have just decided  
to accept that, or something.

415  
00:17:52,280 --> 00:17:53,900  
They had a conference  
this morning.

416  
00:17:53,900 --> 00:17:57,050  
One of the panels was  
talking about uprisings.

417  
00:17:57,050 --> 00:17:59,510  
They had just taken  
so much that they

418  
00:17:59,510 --> 00:18:01,640  
did rise up and fight back.

419  
00:18:01,640 --> 00:18:04,037  
And then for the  
most part, they were

420  
00:18:04,037 --> 00:18:05,870  
of course all eliminated  
when they did that.

421  
00:18:05,870 --> 00:18:09,410  
But there were some  
survivors here.

422  
00:18:09,410 --> 00:18:11,380  
This is a tremendous  
conference here.

423  
00:18:11,380 --> 00:18:13,685  
There are more stories--

424  
00:18:13,685 --> 00:18:16,190

425  
00:18:16,190 --> 00:18:17,540  
more stories of survival.

426  
00:18:17,540 --> 00:18:19,970  
It's a tragic thing, isn't it?

427  
00:18:19,970 --> 00:18:20,510  
Yeah.

428  
00:18:20,510 --> 00:18:23,120  
Do you think there's anything  
we can learn from this story?

429  
00:18:23,120 --> 00:18:25,910  
Oh, I'm sure there is much  
to be learned from this--

430  
00:18:25,910 --> 00:18:27,570  
that it can happen again.

431  
00:18:27,570 --> 00:18:30,680  
They are making the  
point here so many times

432  
00:18:30,680 --> 00:18:34,460  
that we must be sure not  
to let this happen again.

433  
00:18:34,460 --> 00:18:39,710  
The fact that there have  
been some 90 books apparently

434  
00:18:39,710 --> 00:18:42,020  
published now saying  
it didn't even occur.

435

00:18:42,020 --> 00:18:44,810

And the big point being  
in this conference

436

00:18:44,810 --> 00:18:48,170

apparently that we need  
to tell this story,

437

00:18:48,170 --> 00:18:53,990

and tell it as eyewitnesses  
to these occurrences.

438

00:18:53,990 --> 00:18:57,950

They make one point I'm not  
too crazy about and [LAUGHS]..

439

00:18:57,950 --> 00:19:00,150

They're saying we're  
not going to be around

440

00:19:00,150 --> 00:19:01,578

too much longer to tell that.

441

00:19:01,578 --> 00:19:03,620

Now I feel as though I'd  
just like to stay around

442

00:19:03,620 --> 00:19:05,630

a little longer than that.

443

00:19:05,630 --> 00:19:07,278

I think I mean generationally.

444

00:19:07,278 --> 00:19:07,820

That's right.

445

00:19:07,820 --> 00:19:08,458

I know.

446

00:19:08,458 --> 00:19:09,500

It's part of the problem.

447  
00:19:09,500 --> 00:19:12,650  
But it is because there  
are several generations,

448  
00:19:12,650 --> 00:19:15,230  
and it is getting removed.

449  
00:19:15,230 --> 00:19:18,740  
But as you say, it's  
difficult to say

450  
00:19:18,740 --> 00:19:20,210  
it didn't happen  
when people like

451  
00:19:20,210 --> 00:19:24,830  
you went in in the first attack  
and are willing to say that.

452  
00:19:24,830 --> 00:19:27,440  
Well, it definitely  
had happened,

453  
00:19:27,440 --> 00:19:29,760  
and these people have  
so many stories to tell.

454  
00:19:29,760 --> 00:19:32,620  
It's just terribly fascinating.

455  
00:19:32,620 --> 00:19:35,870  
And you feel as though--

456  
00:19:35,870 --> 00:19:38,780  
I'm proud of the fact that I  
was in with the assault troops.

457  
00:19:38,780 --> 00:19:43,580  
But you feel as though perhaps  
you were just on the sidelines

458

00:19:43,580 --> 00:19:45,700  
and you had a helping  
hand in this thing.

459  
00:19:45,700 --> 00:19:49,340  
And that there were  
heroes or heroines--

460  
00:19:49,340 --> 00:19:54,690  
they were those people  
who survived this thing

461  
00:19:54,690 --> 00:19:57,240  
and underwent all  
those terrible ordeals,

462  
00:19:57,240 --> 00:19:58,380  
just absolutely terrible.

463  
00:19:58,380 --> 00:20:02,460

464  
00:20:02,460 --> 00:20:05,340  
Do you think-- or do  
you know of any way

465  
00:20:05,340 --> 00:20:07,990  
to keep this alive other  
than this kind of conference?

466  
00:20:07,990 --> 00:20:09,870  
Do you think there's  
a way to teach it

467  
00:20:09,870 --> 00:20:13,980  
in school, and from  
what point of view?

468  
00:20:13,980 --> 00:20:17,160  
What would you like to  
see your kids learn about

469  
00:20:17,160 --> 00:20:20,100



in school, if you have any?

470

00:20:20,100 --> 00:20:22,290

Well, my kids have  
known about that.

471

00:20:22,290 --> 00:20:25,200

I told my kids about  
that all the time.

472

00:20:25,200 --> 00:20:28,860

As they were growing up, they  
were very much aware of that.

473

00:20:28,860 --> 00:20:33,180

I think that there is  
a move on at the moment

474

00:20:33,180 --> 00:20:35,370

to build a memorial here--

475

00:20:35,370 --> 00:20:36,780

I think in Washington, D.C.--

476

00:20:36,780 --> 00:20:37,965

and exhibits.

477

00:20:37,965 --> 00:20:40,935

478

00:20:40,935 --> 00:20:42,560

They even have the  
building picked out,

479

00:20:42,560 --> 00:20:43,410

and they're discussing that.

480

00:20:43,410 --> 00:20:44,700

I believe it's going  
to be a library.

481

00:20:44,700 --> 00:20:45,320

A library?

482  
00:20:45,320 --> 00:20:47,880

483  
00:20:47,880 --> 00:20:50,430  
That certainly  
will keep it alive.

484  
00:20:50,430 --> 00:20:52,930  
It needs to be kept alive.

485  
00:20:52,930 --> 00:20:55,080  
One of the speakers  
today made the point

486  
00:20:55,080 --> 00:20:59,025  
that the Holocaust is  
continuing, even in Vietnam.

487  
00:20:59,025 --> 00:21:02,400  
When the Americans finally  
pulled out of Vietnam,

488  
00:21:02,400 --> 00:21:05,160  
then the Holocaust  
continued again.

489  
00:21:05,160 --> 00:21:09,150  
So it isn't as though  
man's inhumanity to man

490  
00:21:09,150 --> 00:21:09,990  
has ended at all.

491  
00:21:09,990 --> 00:21:12,330  
It continues.

492  
00:21:12,330 --> 00:21:14,640  
And we're seeing  
it all the time.

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00:21:14,640 --> 00:21:16,590  
Do you think your  
experiences have colored

494  
00:21:16,590 --> 00:21:19,530  
your political views  
in what you see now

495  
00:21:19,530 --> 00:21:23,460  
in Vietnam, in the Middle  
East, and whatever?

496  
00:21:23,460 --> 00:21:25,290  
Do you think that's  
affected it more than

497  
00:21:25,290 --> 00:21:26,730  
if you hadn't been there?

498  
00:21:26,730 --> 00:21:28,950  
Oh, definitely.

499  
00:21:28,950 --> 00:21:30,250  
It's definitely affected it.

500  
00:21:30,250 --> 00:21:33,630  
And I think I'm not quite  
so blase about things

501  
00:21:33,630 --> 00:21:37,770  
as I might have been had I  
not seen those kind of things.

502  
00:21:37,770 --> 00:21:38,900  
I know that they occur.

503  
00:21:38,900 --> 00:21:40,380  
I know that these  
atrocities occur

504  
00:21:40,380 --> 00:21:47,330  
and that people can really be  
terrible toward other people,

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00:21:47,330 --> 00:21:50,170

and that these things do happen.

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00:21:50,170 --> 00:21:54,340

Would you consider the Holocaust  
more of a human problem

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00:21:54,340 --> 00:21:56,170

in the kind of way  
you've been talking now

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00:21:56,170 --> 00:21:57,837

about things happening  
around the world,

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00:21:57,837 --> 00:22:00,670

or a Jewish persecution?

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00:22:00,670 --> 00:22:02,600

Which way-- or is  
it one or the other?

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00:22:02,600 --> 00:22:08,730

Well, my tendency is to  
see it as a human problem.

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00:22:08,730 --> 00:22:12,220

Of course it was a  
Jewish persecution,

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00:22:12,220 --> 00:22:15,970

this particular one that we saw.

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00:22:15,970 --> 00:22:20,590

Hitler, after he had decided he  
was not going to win the war,

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00:22:20,590 --> 00:22:25,210

then made the elimination of  
the Jews his big objective.

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00:22:25,210 --> 00:22:29,560  
And all the time, I think during  
the war, it was continuing.

517  
00:22:29,560 --> 00:22:31,990  
But that became the  
thing he most wanted

518  
00:22:31,990 --> 00:22:35,680  
to do at the end, at least  
according to my reading.

519  
00:22:35,680 --> 00:22:39,310  
And so it was a  
persecution of the Jews,

520  
00:22:39,310 --> 00:22:43,490  
but they weren't all  
Jews in those camps.

521  
00:22:43,490 --> 00:22:46,750  
Dachau, for instance,  
I read those figures.

522  
00:22:46,750 --> 00:22:54,370  
There were 9,000 Poles in there,  
and 2,300-some Jews when we

523  
00:22:54,370 --> 00:22:56,710  
took that.

524  
00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:59,050  
Again though, they  
may be Polish Jews,

525  
00:22:59,050 --> 00:23:01,120  
so you don't know how  
to break that down.

526  
00:23:01,120 --> 00:23:02,870  
Oh, there are lots of  
other nationalities.

527

00:23:02,870 --> 00:23:03,371

Yes.

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00:23:03,371 --> 00:23:03,880

Many.

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00:23:03,880 --> 00:23:10,510

Did you hear a lot of languages  
being spoken while there?

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00:23:10,510 --> 00:23:12,550

Do you speak other languages  
other than English?

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00:23:12,550 --> 00:23:13,675

No, unfortunately, I don't.

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00:23:13,675 --> 00:23:16,780

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00:23:16,780 --> 00:23:18,160

And you can tell the Jews.

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00:23:18,160 --> 00:23:20,510

They had the Star of  
David on their uniforms.

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00:23:20,510 --> 00:23:21,430

You could tell that.

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00:23:21,430 --> 00:23:26,680

And I noticed that lots of  
those people can speak English.

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00:23:26,680 --> 00:23:30,280

They're much better than we are  
about learning other people's

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00:23:30,280 --> 00:23:32,050

languages.

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00:23:32,050 --> 00:23:32,955

True about Americans.

540  
00:23:32,955 --> 00:23:34,400  
We expect other people  
to speak English to us.

541  
00:23:34,400 --> 00:23:35,192  
Yeah, that's right.

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00:23:35,192 --> 00:23:38,320

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00:23:38,320 --> 00:23:41,000  
Do you consider yourself  
a religious person?

544  
00:23:41,000 --> 00:23:42,640  
Or were you then?

545  
00:23:42,640 --> 00:23:46,210  
Oh, I was really  
quite religious then.

546  
00:23:46,210 --> 00:23:47,830  
I may have slipped a little.

547  
00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:48,610  
Well--

548  
00:23:48,610 --> 00:23:50,783  
But I did lots of  
praying in those days.

549  
00:23:50,783 --> 00:23:52,450  
Did you have any  
thoughts about religion

550  
00:23:52,450 --> 00:23:55,870  
when you entered the camp in  
the days after-- or a religion?

551  
00:23:55,870 --> 00:23:59,870

Has that affected  
your religion at all?

552  
00:23:59,870 --> 00:24:00,820  
I don't think so.

553  
00:24:00,820 --> 00:24:05,920  
I was scared most of the  
time when I was in there--

554  
00:24:05,920 --> 00:24:10,433  
not in this camp necessarily,  
but during the war.

555  
00:24:10,433 --> 00:24:11,350  
I did lots of praying.

556  
00:24:11,350 --> 00:24:12,070  
I don't think--

557  
00:24:12,070 --> 00:24:15,880  
I think somebody said there  
were no atheists in foxholes.

558  
00:24:15,880 --> 00:24:17,710  
And I believe that's true.

559  
00:24:17,710 --> 00:24:20,680  
And I did--

560  
00:24:20,680 --> 00:24:22,450  
I was quite religious.

561  
00:24:22,450 --> 00:24:24,250  
I think I still am  
religious, but I

562  
00:24:24,250 --> 00:24:25,540  
have slipped some, all right.

563  
00:24:25,540 --> 00:24:27,737  
I have a daughter



who bawls me out.

564  
00:24:27,737 --> 00:24:30,070  
She married a minister and  
she bawls me out all the time

565  
00:24:30,070 --> 00:24:35,360  
for not being a little  
more religious than I am.

566  
00:24:35,360 --> 00:24:36,970  
Yeah.

567  
00:24:36,970 --> 00:24:39,280  
A person thinks he is  
religious in his own way.

568  
00:24:39,280 --> 00:24:42,190  
I guess I feel that way,  
but I don't demonstrate it--

569  
00:24:42,190 --> 00:24:44,320  
I was just wondering  
because it's often

570  
00:24:44,320 --> 00:24:47,530  
wondered how one keeps  
faith during either

571  
00:24:47,530 --> 00:24:51,140  
being a soldier or an  
inmate of some kind.

572  
00:24:51,140 --> 00:24:52,840  
And I was just wondering--

573  
00:24:52,840 --> 00:24:54,220  
Oh, I think you keep faith.

574  
00:24:54,220 --> 00:24:57,880  
I think anyone-- whether  
you're a soldier,

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00:24:57,880 --> 00:25:02,200

or just get into a  
difficult circumstance,

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00:25:02,200 --> 00:25:07,470

someone you care about on the  
verge of dying or something--

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00:25:07,470 --> 00:25:11,820

you're looking for some  
outside assistance.

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00:25:11,820 --> 00:25:13,682

Then I'm quick to go there--

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00:25:13,682 --> 00:25:15,390

conscience stricken--  
but I'm quick to go

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00:25:15,390 --> 00:25:17,090

looking for outside assistance.

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00:25:17,090 --> 00:25:18,150

Yeah.

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00:25:18,150 --> 00:25:20,610

Well, is there anything  
else that you'd like

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00:25:20,610 --> 00:25:21,840

to discuss before we close?

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00:25:21,840 --> 00:25:23,310

No, I don't think so.

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00:25:23,310 --> 00:25:26,470

Thank you for giving me an  
opportunity just to talk.

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00:25:26,470 --> 00:25:28,080

I thank you for  
sharing it with us.

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00:25:28,080 --> 00:25:30,530

It's been very nice.

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00:25:30,530 --> 00:25:40,000