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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,040

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00:00:05,040 --> 00:00:05,550
OK.

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00:00:05,550 --> 00:00:10,020
This is Neenah Ellis
interviewing Clarice MacLeod

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00:00:10,020 --> 00:00:14,440
on July 15th, 1995.

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00:00:14,440 --> 00:00:18,900
This is the first side
of that interview.

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00:00:18,900 --> 00:00:25,080
And we are in West
Park, New York.

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00:00:25,080 --> 00:00:29,710
Please tell me when and
where were you born.

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00:00:29,710 --> 00:00:35,100
I was born in Philadelphia,
New York in 1970.

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00:00:35,100 --> 00:00:36,840
And why I emphasize
the New York?

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00:00:36,840 --> 00:00:39,100
Everybody thinks it's PA.

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00:00:39,100 --> 00:00:39,600
OK, sorry.

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00:00:39,600 --> 00:00:43,920
Tell me a little bit about

the town you were raised in

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00:00:43,920 --> 00:00:44,890

and your family.

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00:00:44,890 --> 00:00:46,770

Tell me something

about your family.

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00:00:46,770 --> 00:00:49,342

We moved when I was about

three years old so I don't

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00:00:49,342 --> 00:00:50,550

remember much about the town.

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00:00:50,550 --> 00:00:53,640

But I do remember it

was mostly farmland

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00:00:53,640 --> 00:00:55,480

and they were just

building the roads.

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00:00:55,480 --> 00:00:58,480

And there was no

throughway or any of this.

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00:00:58,480 --> 00:01:04,560

And then we moved about seven

miles south to a little place

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00:01:04,560 --> 00:01:06,180

called Evans Mills.

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00:01:06,180 --> 00:01:08,110

And that's where

I went to school

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00:01:08,110 --> 00:01:13,630

and was brought up

and graduated in '35.

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00:01:13,630 --> 00:01:14,980

That's about it.

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00:01:14,980 --> 00:01:18,070

When did you decide you
wanted to be a nurse?

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00:01:18,070 --> 00:01:22,800

I think when I was in my
senior year in high school.

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00:01:22,800 --> 00:01:25,680

We didn't have much
choices in that time

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00:01:25,680 --> 00:01:27,270

as to what you
could do as a nurse,

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00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:29,680

or secretary, or teacher.

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00:01:29,680 --> 00:01:36,570

And I can remember a lecture
that our professor gave.

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00:01:36,570 --> 00:01:42,488

And he said, do what you think
you can do for the most people.

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00:01:42,488 --> 00:01:44,530

And I think that's what
decided me to be a nurse.

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00:01:44,530 --> 00:01:48,630

No special reason, really.

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00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:50,430

When did you go
to nursing school?

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00:01:50,430 --> 00:01:54,390

1935, graduated '38.

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00:01:54,390 --> 00:01:55,260

Where at?

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00:01:55,260 --> 00:01:57,330

At House of the
Samaritan in Watertown,

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00:01:57,330 --> 00:01:59,970

which is another small
city in upstate New York.

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00:01:59,970 --> 00:02:03,250

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00:02:03,250 --> 00:02:06,220

And what did you do when you got
out of nursing school in 1938?

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00:02:06,220 --> 00:02:10,800

I did general duty and
I did private duty.

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00:02:10,800 --> 00:02:13,620

And in following years, I
worked with the Visiting Nurse

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00:02:13,620 --> 00:02:16,715

Association.

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00:02:16,715 --> 00:02:20,020

Well, I guess that was after
I came back from the service.

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00:02:20,020 --> 00:02:24,790

Well, that's about it
[INAUDIBLE],, really.

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00:02:24,790 --> 00:02:30,100

When and why did you decide
to go in the service?

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00:02:30,100 --> 00:02:32,960

I had nothing to
hold me at home.

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00:02:32,960 --> 00:02:35,500

I knew that nurses were needed.

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00:02:35,500 --> 00:02:39,010

I knew that I could be covered
at home by older nurses who

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00:02:39,010 --> 00:02:40,630

had children and whatever.

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00:02:40,630 --> 00:02:43,150

And I didn't see any
reason why I shouldn't go.

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00:02:43,150 --> 00:02:46,602

And I felt I could be
of some help, I guess.

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00:02:46,602 --> 00:02:47,560

That's the only reason.

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00:02:47,560 --> 00:02:49,450

You know other people
that were going in?

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00:02:49,450 --> 00:02:50,020

No.

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00:02:50,020 --> 00:02:50,520

No?

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00:02:50,520 --> 00:02:52,540

No.

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00:02:52,540 --> 00:02:57,650

Where did you find out about
overseas service for nurses?

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00:02:57,650 --> 00:02:58,900
Something you just thought of?

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00:02:58,900 --> 00:02:59,260
Well, that was after--

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00:02:59,260 --> 00:03:01,510
No, that was after I had
gone through basic training.

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00:03:01,510 --> 00:03:05,230
And they just sent us
there, you had no idea what

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00:03:05,230 --> 00:03:06,760
you would be doing, you know.

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00:03:06,760 --> 00:03:09,390

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00:03:09,390 --> 00:03:12,810
No, they just all of a sudden
said, you're going overseas.

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00:03:12,810 --> 00:03:14,540
And you accepted that.

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00:03:14,540 --> 00:03:16,260
Well, I think you
probably expected it

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00:03:16,260 --> 00:03:17,410
at one time or another.

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00:03:17,410 --> 00:03:20,880
But no, no special.

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00:03:20,880 --> 00:03:22,470
Where did you do your basic?

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00:03:22,470 --> 00:03:24,120

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00:03:24,120 --> 00:03:26,940

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00:03:26,940 --> 00:03:29,790
What was that like?

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00:03:29,790 --> 00:03:31,530
Hard.

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00:03:31,530 --> 00:03:35,250
Did a lot of marching up
and down the boardwalk.

76
00:03:35,250 --> 00:03:36,340
Marching on the boardwalk?

77
00:03:36,340 --> 00:03:37,860
Oh, yes.

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00:03:37,860 --> 00:03:39,690
But they were very
strict, I think,

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00:03:39,690 --> 00:03:43,440
because you were
in basic training.

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00:03:43,440 --> 00:03:45,600
But enjoyed it, really.

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00:03:45,600 --> 00:03:46,950
Enjoyed it.

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00:03:46,950 --> 00:03:48,600
What other kinds
of things do you

83
00:03:48,600 --> 00:03:50,030
remember from basic training?

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00:03:50,030 --> 00:03:54,960

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00:03:54,960 --> 00:03:56,910

Nothing much, really.

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00:03:56,910 --> 00:03:59,750

I can't remember in that
we went any place special.

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00:03:59,750 --> 00:04:02,550

I can't even remember
what the meals were.

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00:04:02,550 --> 00:04:05,360

Must not have been too
good if you can't remember.

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00:04:05,360 --> 00:04:07,320

Or else it must have
been real good, yeah.

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00:04:07,320 --> 00:04:09,710

I don't know how to answer you.

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00:04:09,710 --> 00:04:11,040

No, really.

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00:04:11,040 --> 00:04:15,360

And when did you go
overseas, and how did

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00:04:15,360 --> 00:04:16,850

you find out about that time?

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00:04:16,850 --> 00:04:19,019

Oh, let's see, we had--

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00:04:19,019 --> 00:04:22,150

I was sent to South Carolina.

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00:04:22,150 --> 00:04:24,810

Well, I guess it was then
that they told us that we

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00:04:24,810 --> 00:04:28,050

were preparing to go overseas.

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00:04:28,050 --> 00:04:29,610

Because we had to
learn how to pitch

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00:04:29,610 --> 00:04:33,750

tents and dig
trenches and all this.

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00:04:33,750 --> 00:04:38,610

And I think it was
about November, maybe,

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00:04:38,610 --> 00:04:41,460

they told us that we
were going overseas.

102

00:04:41,460 --> 00:04:47,610

And we-- I can't remember
what date we got on the boat.

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00:04:47,610 --> 00:04:52,820

But I remember we arrived
December 22nd in Scotland.

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00:04:52,820 --> 00:04:53,820

And that's about it.

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00:04:53,820 --> 00:04:57,150

Do remember very
much of the crossing?

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00:04:57,150 --> 00:05:00,000

About the boat or what
it was like on the boat?

107

00:05:00,000 --> 00:05:00,810

Yes.

108
00:05:00,810 --> 00:05:02,790
There were 19 of
us in a state room

109
00:05:02,790 --> 00:05:04,380
that normally held two people.

110
00:05:04,380 --> 00:05:07,620

111
00:05:07,620 --> 00:05:11,415
I remember we were
told that we might be--

112
00:05:11,415 --> 00:05:15,270
that the Germans were
hitting with submarines.

113
00:05:15,270 --> 00:05:17,970
Might do damage to our boat.

114
00:05:17,970 --> 00:05:20,720
And we had to sleep
one night fully dressed

115
00:05:20,720 --> 00:05:21,810
and with our helmets on.

116
00:05:21,810 --> 00:05:22,680
We were told that.

117
00:05:22,680 --> 00:05:27,010

118
00:05:27,010 --> 00:05:30,040
Life on the Queen
Elizabeth was just casual

119
00:05:30,040 --> 00:05:32,980
because everything

certainly was different

120
00:05:32,980 --> 00:05:35,470
than it was in peace time.

121
00:05:35,470 --> 00:05:37,370
Was it crowded?

122
00:05:37,370 --> 00:05:37,870
Mm-hmm.

123
00:05:37,870 --> 00:05:38,370
Very.

124
00:05:38,370 --> 00:05:41,040

125
00:05:41,040 --> 00:05:43,110
And then you landed in?

126
00:05:43,110 --> 00:05:47,760
22nd of December, we landed
in Greenock, Scotland.

127
00:05:47,760 --> 00:05:51,090
From there, we went to England.

128
00:05:51,090 --> 00:05:52,290
Altrincham, I think it was.

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00:05:52,290 --> 00:05:55,210

130
00:05:55,210 --> 00:06:00,140
And then from there, we
just move in with the flow.

131
00:06:00,140 --> 00:06:04,580
We went to France, and
went to Belgium, and then

132

00:06:04,580 --> 00:06:06,510
on to Germany.

133
00:06:06,510 --> 00:06:09,320
And when you were
in Germany, then,

134
00:06:09,320 --> 00:06:14,210
you were treating men who
were coming back from battle?

135
00:06:14,210 --> 00:06:15,050
Yes, some.

136
00:06:15,050 --> 00:06:20,840
But mostly when they were
patients right off the field

137
00:06:20,840 --> 00:06:23,750
because we were the
first unit to get them

138
00:06:23,750 --> 00:06:26,090
right off the field.

139
00:06:26,090 --> 00:06:28,700
And we were seeing some.

140
00:06:28,700 --> 00:06:30,890
And sometimes, we had
to do temporary duty

141
00:06:30,890 --> 00:06:34,330
at other hospitals.

142
00:06:34,330 --> 00:06:36,370
And what was your specific job?

143
00:06:36,370 --> 00:06:38,410
Were you in a ward
or an operating room?

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00:06:38,410 --> 00:06:41,890

I was in the operating
room, anesthetist.

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00:06:41,890 --> 00:06:42,695

Anesthetist.

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00:06:42,695 --> 00:06:45,550

So I'm kind of lost as to--

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00:06:45,550 --> 00:06:51,220

I feel kind of sorry because I
like the contact with patients.

148

00:06:51,220 --> 00:06:53,500

And of course, I didn't
have much of that

149

00:06:53,500 --> 00:06:55,340

when I was working there.

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00:06:55,340 --> 00:06:58,100

151

00:06:58,100 --> 00:07:00,950

So they would come in
and you'd knock them out.

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00:07:00,950 --> 00:07:01,825

And that would be it.

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00:07:01,825 --> 00:07:03,253

That's about it.

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00:07:03,253 --> 00:07:03,920

That's about it.

155

00:07:03,920 --> 00:07:06,510

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00:07:06,510 --> 00:07:09,550

And did you ever get much

contact with them later?

157
00:07:09,550 --> 00:07:10,050
No.

158
00:07:10,050 --> 00:07:14,030
Or were you just doing that
over and over and over?

159
00:07:14,030 --> 00:07:15,515
No.

160
00:07:15,515 --> 00:07:18,948
In fact, there were very few
times that you would ever--

161
00:07:18,948 --> 00:07:20,990
well, and maybe you were
so busy that you didn't.

162
00:07:20,990 --> 00:07:26,060
And I don't know, but you
didn't contact them on the ward

163
00:07:26,060 --> 00:07:28,990
after they left the
operating room as a rule.

164
00:07:28,990 --> 00:07:31,680

165
00:07:31,680 --> 00:07:34,530
What kind of
anesthesia was used?

166
00:07:34,530 --> 00:07:37,115
Nitrous oxide and
sodium penathol.

167
00:07:37,115 --> 00:07:40,760

168

00:07:40,760 --> 00:07:43,300
I can't remember about either.

169
00:07:43,300 --> 00:07:45,610
I think probably
that was initially.

170
00:07:45,610 --> 00:07:47,860
Started a patient
out maybe on ether,

171
00:07:47,860 --> 00:07:53,800
but didn't give it to him for
the full surgical operation.

172
00:07:53,800 --> 00:07:55,200
Why was that?

173
00:07:55,200 --> 00:07:56,950
Well, because it's a
little bit too heavy,

174
00:07:56,950 --> 00:07:58,510
I think, for a long operation.

175
00:07:58,510 --> 00:08:02,500

176
00:08:02,500 --> 00:08:04,730
Or else it was the
doctor's choice.

177
00:08:04,730 --> 00:08:06,012
I don't remember.

178
00:08:06,012 --> 00:08:06,964
Don't know.

179
00:08:06,964 --> 00:08:12,210

180
00:08:12,210 --> 00:08:15,110

And that was at the
same job you always did?

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00:08:15,110 --> 00:08:19,170
Did people rotate in and
out of different jobs?

182
00:08:19,170 --> 00:08:20,160
No.

183
00:08:20,160 --> 00:08:23,880
Prior to that, I had
worked in hospitals

184
00:08:23,880 --> 00:08:26,070
before we went overseas.

185
00:08:26,070 --> 00:08:32,039
Like I was at Halloran
General in Staten Island.

186
00:08:32,039 --> 00:08:35,100
I was at Mason General, which
was a psychiatric hospital

187
00:08:35,100 --> 00:08:37,750
in New York.

188
00:08:37,750 --> 00:08:42,770
No, anesthesia was only
when I was overseas.

189
00:08:42,770 --> 00:08:44,670
And did you have special
training for that?

190
00:08:44,670 --> 00:08:45,170
No.

191
00:08:45,170 --> 00:08:48,280
The anesthetist
taught me what I knew.

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00:08:48,280 --> 00:08:50,080

I had worked in the
operating before,

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00:08:50,080 --> 00:08:56,515

but not as an anesthetist
when I was working.

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00:08:56,515 --> 00:09:03,380

195

00:09:03,380 --> 00:09:05,870

Doing that job,
do you stay there

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00:09:05,870 --> 00:09:09,350

in the operating room
during the whole procedure?

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00:09:09,350 --> 00:09:10,670

A surgery?

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00:09:10,670 --> 00:09:11,170

Yeah.

199

00:09:11,170 --> 00:09:11,670

Mm-hmm.

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00:09:11,670 --> 00:09:12,800

You do.

201

00:09:12,800 --> 00:09:15,650

What do you do
during the surgery?

202

00:09:15,650 --> 00:09:17,960

You monitor the patient.

203

00:09:17,960 --> 00:09:19,520

I mean, that's a constant thing.

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00:09:19,520 --> 00:09:24,200

You have to do that
until a surgery's over.

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00:09:24,200 --> 00:09:26,630

And of course, you'd go from
one patient to the next.

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00:09:26,630 --> 00:09:28,100

I mean, it was like today.

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00:09:28,100 --> 00:09:31,880

They schedule their surgery.

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00:09:31,880 --> 00:09:34,595

So you were constantly
monitoring the vital signs.

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00:09:34,595 --> 00:09:38,100

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00:09:38,100 --> 00:09:41,820

Were those quick surgeries?

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00:09:41,820 --> 00:09:53,107

No, a lot of repair surgeries,
mine explosions, and fractures.

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00:09:53,107 --> 00:09:54,190

No, I wouldn't call them--

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00:09:54,190 --> 00:09:57,080

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00:09:57,080 --> 00:10:00,652

I think maybe what
you mean is you

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00:10:00,652 --> 00:10:02,360

did the initial thing
there and sent them

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00:10:02,360 --> 00:10:04,430
on to a major general hospital.

217
00:10:04,430 --> 00:10:06,660
Yes, that's true, I thought.

218
00:10:06,660 --> 00:10:07,970
Yeah.

219
00:10:07,970 --> 00:10:11,390
But they weren't necessarily
like an emergency room

220
00:10:11,390 --> 00:10:14,900
situation, where you just--

221
00:10:14,900 --> 00:10:15,823
Well, yes and no.

222
00:10:15,823 --> 00:10:17,240
They were emergencies
because they

223
00:10:17,240 --> 00:10:18,920
had to be done right
away because they

224
00:10:18,920 --> 00:10:21,420
were right off the field.

225
00:10:21,420 --> 00:10:23,118
Yes, I guess probably
you would say

226
00:10:23,118 --> 00:10:24,285
they were emergencies, yeah.

227
00:10:24,285 --> 00:10:27,902

228
00:10:27,902 --> 00:10:29,750
But then they were sent

to wards afterwards

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00:10:29,750 --> 00:10:34,540
until they could be transported
to a major hospital.

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00:10:34,540 --> 00:10:36,760
And what was it like
when you were off duty?

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00:10:36,760 --> 00:10:40,060
What kinds of things did you do?

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00:10:40,060 --> 00:10:43,000
Just I guess walking.

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00:10:43,000 --> 00:10:44,020
You'd play ball.

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00:10:44,020 --> 00:10:45,610
You would read.

235

00:10:45,610 --> 00:10:49,060
You'd do anything to
pass your time away.

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00:10:49,060 --> 00:10:50,860
I don't think there
was any specific thing.

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00:10:50,860 --> 00:10:53,560
And like I said, you
made your own fun.

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00:10:53,560 --> 00:10:56,320
Because you naturally
didn't watch TV, and listen

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00:10:56,320 --> 00:11:00,280
to the radio, and all that jazz.

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00:11:00,280 --> 00:11:06,220

No, I just-- camaraderie, I
guess, with your roommates.

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00:11:06,220 --> 00:11:08,820

242
00:11:08,820 --> 00:11:09,870
You all get along?

243
00:11:09,870 --> 00:11:10,740
Oh, yeah.

244
00:11:10,740 --> 00:11:14,148
I can't remember ever
having an argument with--

245
00:11:14,148 --> 00:11:14,940
that's what I said.

246
00:11:14,940 --> 00:11:18,255
It's a good training,
good learning.

247
00:11:18,255 --> 00:11:21,000

248
00:11:21,000 --> 00:11:23,610
Being in the service, you mean?

249
00:11:23,610 --> 00:11:24,750
Well, yes.

250
00:11:24,750 --> 00:11:26,550
But I mean, even
in the hospital.

251
00:11:26,550 --> 00:11:30,000
You see, when you're
training to be a nurse,

252
00:11:30,000 --> 00:11:33,360
you're pretty much in with

a lot of other nurses.

253

00:11:33,360 --> 00:11:34,790

And you learn.

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00:11:34,790 --> 00:11:38,200

Of course, most of us knew how
to get along with other people.

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00:11:38,200 --> 00:11:40,860

But I think being
in close proximity,

256

00:11:40,860 --> 00:11:44,910

you are more aware of it maybe.

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00:11:44,910 --> 00:11:48,000

But you asked what we did and
I don't even know what we did.

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00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:50,450

But the time went fast.

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00:11:50,450 --> 00:11:52,990

And we couldn't be
out by ourselves.

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00:11:52,990 --> 00:11:56,280

You had to-- like when we
were at the concentration camp

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00:11:56,280 --> 00:11:59,160

there in Germany, you had
to have an armed guard.

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00:11:59,160 --> 00:12:01,470

And there weren't
enough available

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00:12:01,470 --> 00:12:04,230

because they were
guarding the camp.

264

00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:06,060

So you didn't get
to see too much.

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00:12:06,060 --> 00:12:09,060

266

00:12:09,060 --> 00:12:14,910

Did you mingle with the
men at all very much?

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00:12:14,910 --> 00:12:19,160

Yes, we had parties
for the enlisted men.

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00:12:19,160 --> 00:12:21,480

And you'd go to the
officers' lounge

269

00:12:21,480 --> 00:12:24,990

for either eating, or
having a drink, or whatever.

270

00:12:24,990 --> 00:12:26,250

Yeah, you mingled.

271

00:12:26,250 --> 00:12:29,586

Not all the time, but yeah.

272

00:12:29,586 --> 00:12:33,010

273

00:12:33,010 --> 00:12:37,030

And how long do you figure
you were in Germany?

274

00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:37,960

Not very long.

275

00:12:37,960 --> 00:12:44,770

276

00:12:44,770 --> 00:12:46,810

You were there for VE Day?

277

00:12:46,810 --> 00:12:47,310

Yep.

278

00:12:47,310 --> 00:12:48,160

I remember that one.

279

00:12:48,160 --> 00:12:50,900

280

00:12:50,900 --> 00:12:52,340

I think we might have luck--

281

00:12:52,340 --> 00:12:54,050

I think we might
have gone in there.

282

00:12:54,050 --> 00:12:59,050

283

00:12:59,050 --> 00:13:01,360

I know at Easter time,
we were in France

284

00:13:01,360 --> 00:13:03,860

or in Belgium, on or the other.

285

00:13:03,860 --> 00:13:10,590

So it might have been May till
I'd say maybe sometime in July.

286

00:13:10,590 --> 00:13:12,235

So it wasn't very long, really.

287

00:13:12,235 --> 00:13:13,990

We were there for
the liberation.

288

00:13:13,990 --> 00:13:17,665

Were there for-- well,
they liberated the camp.

289
00:13:17,665 --> 00:13:20,630

290
00:13:20,630 --> 00:13:24,657
And that's when our colonel
said that we could go.

291
00:13:24,657 --> 00:13:25,490
We were left behind.

292
00:13:25,490 --> 00:13:30,350
All the boys went over
to liberate the men.

293
00:13:30,350 --> 00:13:32,600
This is the 113th,
we didn't say this.

294
00:13:32,600 --> 00:13:34,520
This is no, 131st.

295
00:13:34,520 --> 00:13:35,960
131st, I'm sorry.

296
00:13:35,960 --> 00:13:37,470
Yeah, 131st.

297
00:13:37,470 --> 00:13:39,320
It was-- the full title is?

298
00:13:39,320 --> 00:13:42,080
131st Evacuation Unit.

299
00:13:42,080 --> 00:13:46,910
And they split off and
they went ahead to Austria

300
00:13:46,910 --> 00:13:48,130
and left you behind?

301
00:13:48,130 --> 00:13:50,660
No, we were already--

302
00:13:50,660 --> 00:13:53,990
they went-- oh, where were we?

303
00:13:53,990 --> 00:13:55,640
I think we were like
in [PLACE NAME],,

304
00:13:55,640 --> 00:13:58,730
and they left and
went to Austria.

305
00:13:58,730 --> 00:14:00,500
And no, there were
still some there

306
00:14:00,500 --> 00:14:05,360
because they couldn't leave
women alone in that area.

307
00:14:05,360 --> 00:14:08,390
But they-- most of them
went and liberated them.

308
00:14:08,390 --> 00:14:10,610
I think I have a
thing downstairs that

309
00:14:10,610 --> 00:14:12,800
tells about that.

310
00:14:12,800 --> 00:14:18,920
And our colonel said, when he
came back, that he was not--

311
00:14:18,920 --> 00:14:22,500

312
00:14:22,500 --> 00:14:23,770

what's the word?

313

00:14:23,770 --> 00:14:26,620
Forcing any of the nurses to go.

314

00:14:26,620 --> 00:14:28,300
We could go if we wanted to.

315

00:14:28,300 --> 00:14:32,215
And everybody but
one elected to go.

316

00:14:32,215 --> 00:14:33,590
And of course,
when we got there,

317

00:14:33,590 --> 00:14:38,100
it was quite a sensation.

318

00:14:38,100 --> 00:14:41,840
Do you remember arriving?

319

00:14:41,840 --> 00:14:43,350
What was that like?

320

00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:45,410
Well, we all went up
in trucks, of course.

321

00:14:45,410 --> 00:14:50,060
And when we got there, there
were patients intermingled.

322

00:14:50,060 --> 00:14:53,930
Some of them were dead and
some of them were still living.

323

00:14:53,930 --> 00:14:55,290
All in one room.

324

00:14:55,290 --> 00:14:57,080
There might have been

some bunks in there.

325

00:14:57,080 --> 00:15:00,230

And I guess several
maybe in a bunk.

326

00:15:00,230 --> 00:15:04,010

But I think the sad part
was that some were alive

327

00:15:04,010 --> 00:15:06,260

and some were dead.

328

00:15:06,260 --> 00:15:12,950

And we had a fine
chaplain who buried them,

329

00:15:12,950 --> 00:15:16,560

put crosses on everyone.

330

00:15:16,560 --> 00:15:20,270

In fact, I have pictures of
that somewhere downstairs.

331

00:15:20,270 --> 00:15:25,140

But that's about that, I guess.

332

00:15:25,140 --> 00:15:26,790

And what did you do there?

333

00:15:26,790 --> 00:15:29,370

What was your assignment
while you were there?

334

00:15:29,370 --> 00:15:31,230

That's when I worked
in the operating room

335

00:15:31,230 --> 00:15:34,580

and when we would get--

336

00:15:34,580 --> 00:15:36,920

well, you had to do while
patients were there what

337
00:15:36,920 --> 00:15:39,140
necessarily had to be done.

338
00:15:39,140 --> 00:15:41,720
But you'd also be
getting patients

339
00:15:41,720 --> 00:15:43,250
from outside in the interim.

340
00:15:43,250 --> 00:15:45,890
I mean, they were
always coming in.

341
00:15:45,890 --> 00:15:48,860
But we did do some work on
some of the patients that

342
00:15:48,860 --> 00:15:51,230
were there, as far as-- well,
we called them patients.

343
00:15:51,230 --> 00:15:53,420
They were really prisoners.

344
00:15:53,420 --> 00:15:56,440

345
00:15:56,440 --> 00:15:58,490
Did you set up your
tent hospital there?

346
00:15:58,490 --> 00:15:59,930
Is that what you
were working in?

347
00:15:59,930 --> 00:16:03,110
We were-- no.

348

00:16:03,110 --> 00:16:11,040

We were housed in
houses, regular houses.

349

00:16:11,040 --> 00:16:13,620

In fact, the nicest
place we stayed.

350

00:16:13,620 --> 00:16:20,160

But in the hospital itself,
they were like long, wooden--

351

00:16:20,160 --> 00:16:21,270

they weren't tents.

352

00:16:21,270 --> 00:16:25,020

We were set up in tents three
or four different times.

353

00:16:25,020 --> 00:16:28,435

But when we were there, this
was a long, wooden building.

354

00:16:28,435 --> 00:16:30,990

355

00:16:30,990 --> 00:16:33,250

And the name of
this camp was Gusen?

356

00:16:33,250 --> 00:16:34,440

Gusen.

357

00:16:34,440 --> 00:16:35,940

A subcamp of?

358

00:16:35,940 --> 00:16:38,910

Mauthausen.

359

00:16:38,910 --> 00:16:41,400

Do you have any sense of
how many people were there?

360

00:16:41,400 --> 00:16:43,260

How many when you got there?

361

00:16:43,260 --> 00:16:46,450

How many former
prisoners there were?

362

00:16:46,450 --> 00:16:46,950

No.

363

00:16:46,950 --> 00:16:50,580

And I don't know whether
I have a record of that.

364

00:16:50,580 --> 00:16:53,280

Would it have been
hundreds or thousands?

365

00:16:53,280 --> 00:16:55,350

Oh, hundreds, I'm sure.

366

00:16:55,350 --> 00:16:58,940

367

00:16:58,940 --> 00:17:01,220

Thousands, no, I don't think so.

368

00:17:01,220 --> 00:17:04,339

Because a lot of them--
well, I say a lot.

369

00:17:04,339 --> 00:17:06,170

Some of them had just taken off.

370

00:17:06,170 --> 00:17:07,550

Heavens knows where they went.

371

00:17:07,550 --> 00:17:11,990

But when they were
liberated, they just went.

372

00:17:11,990 --> 00:17:15,740

But there were still
a lot of them there.

373

00:17:15,740 --> 00:17:20,390

And you would then, every
day, go into the surgery,

374

00:17:20,390 --> 00:17:21,740

into the operating room?

375

00:17:21,740 --> 00:17:22,680

And that was your job.

376

00:17:22,680 --> 00:17:25,250

377

00:17:25,250 --> 00:17:32,320

What kinds of injuries
were you seeing?

378

00:17:32,320 --> 00:17:34,270

Or what kinds of things were?

379

00:17:34,270 --> 00:17:42,250

Well, like I said, mine
blow-ups or whatever.

380

00:17:42,250 --> 00:17:47,460

Not too much gunfire problems.

381

00:17:47,460 --> 00:17:53,050

Sometimes you'd get a patient
in who'd been shot or whatever.

382

00:17:53,050 --> 00:17:57,210

But a lot that I can
remember were mines.

383

00:17:57,210 --> 00:17:57,930

Land mines?

384

00:17:57,930 --> 00:18:02,160
Land mines that exploded
by people walking over them

385
00:18:02,160 --> 00:18:04,240
or whatever.

386
00:18:04,240 --> 00:18:06,960
And this was after the
fighting had stopped, though.

387
00:18:06,960 --> 00:18:09,150
Or were these people
who were injured before?

388
00:18:09,150 --> 00:18:12,600
No, this was-- the
fighting had stopped, yeah.

389
00:18:12,600 --> 00:18:13,780
But people were still--

390
00:18:13,780 --> 00:18:16,140
Still coming in because
those landmines weren't

391
00:18:16,140 --> 00:18:20,520
deactivated for a long time,
even after we left, I'm sure.

392
00:18:20,520 --> 00:18:23,370

393
00:18:23,370 --> 00:18:25,230
And what about--
I'd heard that there

394
00:18:25,230 --> 00:18:30,690
were people in that camp
who had been experimented

395
00:18:30,690 --> 00:18:33,330
on surgically by the Germans.

396
00:18:33,330 --> 00:18:34,330
Did you see any of that?

397
00:18:34,330 --> 00:18:34,830
I read that.

398
00:18:34,830 --> 00:18:35,550
No, no.

399
00:18:35,550 --> 00:18:37,050
You never saw that,
people who had--

400
00:18:37,050 --> 00:18:39,508
But I believe from what I read
that that probably happened,

401
00:18:39,508 --> 00:18:42,020
yes.

402
00:18:42,020 --> 00:18:48,080
I think, too, that the major
one I read about was Dachau.

403
00:18:48,080 --> 00:18:49,700
And of course, that
was earlier than

404
00:18:49,700 --> 00:18:52,264
when we went over there, too.

405
00:18:52,264 --> 00:18:55,798
No, I read a lot.

406
00:18:55,798 --> 00:19:00,270
But no, not that I am aware of.

407
00:19:00,270 --> 00:19:03,720
Did you get out and see
much of the camp itself?

408

00:19:03,720 --> 00:19:08,040

Did you see, for example,
there was a quarry.

409

00:19:08,040 --> 00:19:10,600

There were a lot of prisoners--

410

00:19:10,600 --> 00:19:12,840

Yes, when we went
to work, there was

411

00:19:12,840 --> 00:19:17,430

a long line of steps or
whatever and a quarry.

412

00:19:17,430 --> 00:19:20,940

And many mornings,
when we go, naturally,

413

00:19:20,940 --> 00:19:24,000

to have breakfast and
whatever, and go to work,

414

00:19:24,000 --> 00:19:26,370

the Russians or the Germans
had put a whole mess

415

00:19:26,370 --> 00:19:27,210

of stones in front.

416

00:19:27,210 --> 00:19:30,840

So they had to be removed
before the nurses could walk up

417

00:19:30,840 --> 00:19:34,350

to get to the camp.

418

00:19:34,350 --> 00:19:36,720

So you had to go
up those stairs?

419

00:19:36,720 --> 00:19:39,330

Did you know at the
time that prisoners

420
00:19:39,330 --> 00:19:42,750
had been forced to walk
up and down those stairs?

421
00:19:42,750 --> 00:19:44,017
Did you know about that?

422
00:19:44,017 --> 00:19:45,225
No, I didn't know about that.

423
00:19:45,225 --> 00:19:47,673

424
00:19:47,673 --> 00:19:51,390
And the crematorium,
did you see that?

425
00:19:51,390 --> 00:19:53,060
Yes, we saw that.

426
00:19:53,060 --> 00:19:54,140
We did not see it op--

427
00:19:54,140 --> 00:19:57,200
I didn't see it in operation.

428
00:19:57,200 --> 00:20:01,610
Before we arrived
there, there was

429
00:20:01,610 --> 00:20:08,430
the stench of the
crematorium, which was sad.

430
00:20:08,430 --> 00:20:11,590
But as far as being in
use when we were there,

431
00:20:11,590 --> 00:20:12,420

I never saw that.

432

00:20:12,420 --> 00:20:13,755

I don't know.

433

00:20:13,755 --> 00:20:16,020

But I'm sure that

it had been used.

434

00:20:16,020 --> 00:20:22,770

435

00:20:22,770 --> 00:20:26,850

Were you aware of

local people in Linz

436

00:20:26,850 --> 00:20:31,800

coming there for any reason

to the camp to work or just

437

00:20:31,800 --> 00:20:32,910

to see it?

438

00:20:32,910 --> 00:20:35,940

No, not to be aware--

439

00:20:35,940 --> 00:20:36,900

daily.

440

00:20:36,900 --> 00:20:42,390

They used to bring in a

truckload of personnel

441

00:20:42,390 --> 00:20:46,130

that they would go and

pick up off the street.

442

00:20:46,130 --> 00:20:48,240

US Army would do that?

443

00:20:48,240 --> 00:20:49,230

Would do that.

444
00:20:49,230 --> 00:20:54,210
Local, I mean people
from our working area.

445
00:20:54,210 --> 00:20:58,680
And many times,
the patients would

446
00:20:58,680 --> 00:21:01,890
recognize some of these
people that were picked up

447
00:21:01,890 --> 00:21:08,560
as being assessors,
abuse of people,

448
00:21:08,560 --> 00:21:11,680
which we weren't
aware of until this--

449
00:21:11,680 --> 00:21:14,860
you know, they
started coming in.

450
00:21:14,860 --> 00:21:16,990
No, as far as
viewers, I can't ever

451
00:21:16,990 --> 00:21:20,420
remember people just
coming to look around.

452
00:21:20,420 --> 00:21:24,220
But that could
happen, I suppose.

453
00:21:24,220 --> 00:21:26,740
But I don't know.

454
00:21:26,740 --> 00:21:29,710
I wouldn't think so at
that stage of the game.

455
00:21:29,710 --> 00:21:30,970
It's pretty early.

456
00:21:30,970 --> 00:21:35,200
Yeah, I don't think there would
have been people coming in

457
00:21:35,200 --> 00:21:39,010
just to view the area, no.

458
00:21:39,010 --> 00:21:41,230
But you mentioned that
some of the patients

459
00:21:41,230 --> 00:21:43,090
would recognize people.

460
00:21:43,090 --> 00:21:46,840
And do you remember
any specific incident

461
00:21:46,840 --> 00:21:49,570
like that when somebody
said something?

462
00:21:49,570 --> 00:21:50,860
No.

463
00:21:50,860 --> 00:21:52,390
I think, probably,
I was told this,

464
00:21:52,390 --> 00:21:54,400
because I was not on the wards.

465
00:21:54,400 --> 00:21:59,200
And probably, some of my nurse
friends told me about this.

466
00:21:59,200 --> 00:22:01,780
No, I did not see this.

467
00:22:01,780 --> 00:22:05,070
Yeah, you were in the
operating room all the time.

468
00:22:05,070 --> 00:22:06,410
Right.

469
00:22:06,410 --> 00:22:09,120
What about some of the people--

470
00:22:09,120 --> 00:22:13,090
the former inmates
there who were

471
00:22:13,090 --> 00:22:14,620
well enough to walk around.

472
00:22:14,620 --> 00:22:16,370
Did you see those people?

473
00:22:16,370 --> 00:22:18,960
Yes.

474
00:22:18,960 --> 00:22:22,320
They were skin and bones.

475
00:22:22,320 --> 00:22:27,420
Well, many, many
days, they would--

476
00:22:27,420 --> 00:22:31,340
like when we went there,
we naturally fed them.

477
00:22:31,340 --> 00:22:35,880
There were two doors to
each one of those barracks.

478
00:22:35,880 --> 00:22:40,980
They would come in one door
and go out the other door.

479

00:22:40,980 --> 00:22:43,560

So they were really overfed.

480

00:22:43,560 --> 00:22:46,950

But they would take
their food and bury it

481

00:22:46,950 --> 00:22:52,810

outside of the barracks.

482

00:22:52,810 --> 00:22:55,940

Because they thought sometime
that they might need it.

483

00:22:55,940 --> 00:22:57,690

They didn't know that
they were liberated.

484

00:22:57,690 --> 00:23:00,630

They didn't know too much.

485

00:23:00,630 --> 00:23:04,770

You could see, in a week's time,
how they improved and all that.

486

00:23:04,770 --> 00:23:11,890

But they really were
mentally and physically--

487

00:23:11,890 --> 00:23:14,460

I don't know the
word to describe it.

488

00:23:14,460 --> 00:23:16,620

But they would bury
their food in the ground.

489

00:23:16,620 --> 00:23:18,990

Bury their food
in hopes that when

490

00:23:18,990 --> 00:23:20,220
they could get out of there--

491
00:23:20,220 --> 00:23:22,440
I suppose they constantly
had in their mind

492
00:23:22,440 --> 00:23:24,780
that they were going
to get out, you know.

493
00:23:24,780 --> 00:23:27,280
Or would get out
some way or another.

494
00:23:27,280 --> 00:23:30,660
And they would bury their
food so that they would have

495
00:23:30,660 --> 00:23:32,280
something to take with them.

496
00:23:32,280 --> 00:23:34,410
Until we finally
got them educated

497
00:23:34,410 --> 00:23:38,340
that they could have food every
day, and three times a day,

498
00:23:38,340 --> 00:23:41,230
and that they didn't
have to do that.

499
00:23:41,230 --> 00:23:43,310
That they were liberated.

500
00:23:43,310 --> 00:23:45,240
But here, again,
where could they go?

501
00:23:45,240 --> 00:23:48,420
They had no place to go, really.

502
00:23:48,420 --> 00:23:51,430
Did you know at the time
where those people were

503
00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:52,530
or who they were?

504
00:23:52,530 --> 00:23:55,360
Did you know if they were
Jewish people or not?

505
00:23:55,360 --> 00:23:57,020
Did you know
anything about them?

506
00:23:57,020 --> 00:24:01,010

507
00:24:01,010 --> 00:24:03,590
Did you learn after
a time went by?

508
00:24:03,590 --> 00:24:04,190
No.

509
00:24:04,190 --> 00:24:09,470
I'm sure that whatever records--
and they did have some records.

510
00:24:09,470 --> 00:24:12,890
I'm sure the others could
tell you about this.

511
00:24:12,890 --> 00:24:16,240
Like Colonel Case,
who was our chaplain,

512
00:24:16,240 --> 00:24:18,650
and who did lot of this.

513
00:24:18,650 --> 00:24:21,237

Maybe a lot of the nurses
that worked on the wards

514
00:24:21,237 --> 00:24:22,070
could tell you this.

515
00:24:22,070 --> 00:24:25,280
Because they certainly
got what information

516
00:24:25,280 --> 00:24:28,280
they could from them,
and names, and numbers

517
00:24:28,280 --> 00:24:29,967
if they had any numbers.

518
00:24:29,967 --> 00:24:31,550
But I'm sure a lot
of them didn't even

519
00:24:31,550 --> 00:24:36,260
have names or numbers, and
probably couldn't remember.

520
00:24:36,260 --> 00:24:42,530
I know that there were,
I think, more Polish--

521
00:24:42,530 --> 00:24:45,200
maybe they were Polish
Jewish, I don't know,

522
00:24:45,200 --> 00:24:47,310
than there were actually
just Jewish people.

523
00:24:47,310 --> 00:24:51,320
You see, this was quite a while
after the Holocaust, really.

524
00:24:51,320 --> 00:24:55,215
Holocaust started in, what, '42?

525
00:24:55,215 --> 00:24:55,715
'43?

526
00:24:55,715 --> 00:25:01,160
And we were there in early '45.

527
00:25:01,160 --> 00:25:06,110
So a lot of this happened before
we even arrived, I'm sure,

528
00:25:06,110 --> 00:25:09,750
having watched the movie.

529
00:25:09,750 --> 00:25:11,750
You learned about it afterwards.

530
00:25:11,750 --> 00:25:13,136
In about five mi--

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00:25:13,136 --> 00:25:14,060
Excuse me.

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00:25:14,060 --> 00:25:18,620

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00:25:18,620 --> 00:25:20,485
When did you get
out of the service?

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00:25:20,485 --> 00:25:21,110
Do yo remember?

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00:25:21,110 --> 00:25:24,330

536
00:25:24,330 --> 00:25:27,750
October '45, I had a separation.

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00:25:27,750 --> 00:25:30,650

538
00:25:30,650 --> 00:25:34,820
That was-- yeah, October '45.

539
00:25:34,820 --> 00:25:41,930
And sometime in
'51, I was recalled.

540
00:25:41,930 --> 00:25:42,440
Really?

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00:25:42,440 --> 00:25:44,510
Because I didn't
realize that when

542
00:25:44,510 --> 00:25:48,140
you were separated,
that you were supposed

543
00:25:48,140 --> 00:25:50,480
to take two weeks'
training every year

544
00:25:50,480 --> 00:25:52,250
or they could recall you.

545
00:25:52,250 --> 00:25:53,660
Which they did.

546
00:25:53,660 --> 00:25:54,605
What is a separation?

547
00:25:54,605 --> 00:25:55,010
And at that time, I was married.

548
00:25:55,010 --> 00:25:56,435
I don't know the
word separation.

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00:25:56,435 --> 00:25:58,130
You were just separated.

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00:25:58,130 --> 00:26:01,700

Nobody-- at the time I
got out, nobody actually

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00:26:01,700 --> 00:26:04,280

had a so-called discharge.

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00:26:04,280 --> 00:26:05,670

Everybody was just separated.

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00:26:05,670 --> 00:26:09,590

You got your discharge later.

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00:26:09,590 --> 00:26:12,290

And I think at one time,
there was a choice, too,

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00:26:12,290 --> 00:26:15,170

whether you were discharged
or just separated.

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00:26:15,170 --> 00:26:20,600

And I think, for some reason,
I chose not to be discharged.

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00:26:20,600 --> 00:26:26,840

And I think that I did this
because thinking of retirement.

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00:26:26,840 --> 00:26:30,080

Well, I was uneducated.

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00:26:30,080 --> 00:26:39,930

And in order to do this, you
had to spend two weeks training

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00:26:39,930 --> 00:26:42,330

a year, which I didn't know.

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00:26:42,330 --> 00:26:44,910

So they recalled me
to make up, I suppose,

562
00:26:44,910 --> 00:26:47,520
for the time that I
should have spent.

563
00:26:47,520 --> 00:26:52,100
Or I say should have,
yeah, I guess it would be.

564
00:26:52,100 --> 00:26:54,900
And at that time, I was married.

565
00:26:54,900 --> 00:27:00,030
But I was stationed
in Massachusetts.

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00:27:00,030 --> 00:27:01,620
And eventually,
I got transferred

567
00:27:01,620 --> 00:27:02,970
to Fort Drum, which is very--

568
00:27:02,970 --> 00:27:05,070
10 miles within my home.

569
00:27:05,070 --> 00:27:09,060
I could live at home, except
when I was on call in the OR.

570
00:27:09,060 --> 00:27:12,090
And that was probably two
or three nights a week

571
00:27:12,090 --> 00:27:13,700
that I had to stay on call.

572
00:27:13,700 --> 00:27:16,610
And the rest of the time, I
could live at home and had it

573
00:27:16,610 --> 00:27:17,200

made.

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00:27:17,200 --> 00:27:18,530

That was pretty nice.

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00:27:18,530 --> 00:27:20,400

Yeah.

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00:27:20,400 --> 00:27:21,360

Yes.

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00:27:21,360 --> 00:27:24,430

Well, it's been 50 years.

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00:27:24,430 --> 00:27:25,200

It's a long time.

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00:27:25,200 --> 00:27:28,770

And I know that memories fade.

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00:27:28,770 --> 00:27:35,010

But what sticks with you about
that service that you did?

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00:27:35,010 --> 00:27:39,510

Especially at Gusen, at
that concentration camp.

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00:27:39,510 --> 00:27:41,110

I think it was very important.

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00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:46,860

And I'm not sorry a bit that
we went, or that I went, no.

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00:27:46,860 --> 00:27:49,700

I think it was necessary.

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00:27:49,700 --> 00:27:53,610

I think it was a good
experience, a good training.

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00:27:53,610 --> 00:27:56,430

I think that I did
a part to help.

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00:27:56,430 --> 00:28:00,222

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00:28:00,222 --> 00:28:02,120

I guess that's it.

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00:28:02,120 --> 00:28:05,000

And how do you think
you're different as

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00:28:05,000 --> 00:28:07,340

for having witnessed
what you witnessed?

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00:28:07,340 --> 00:28:11,670

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00:28:11,670 --> 00:28:14,020

I don't think I'm any
different than a lot of people.

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00:28:14,020 --> 00:28:15,510

I don't understand it.

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00:28:15,510 --> 00:28:17,970

I don't understand
how it could be done.

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00:28:17,970 --> 00:28:21,330

I don't understand a lot of
things that are going on today,

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00:28:21,330 --> 00:28:23,820

like in Bosnia and wherever.

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00:28:23,820 --> 00:28:34,410

I cannot believe that some, one
man, could be so cruel as Mr.

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00:28:34,410 --> 00:28:34,910
Hitler.

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00:28:34,910 --> 00:28:37,520

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00:28:37,520 --> 00:28:40,710
But that's the way it was.

601
00:28:40,710 --> 00:28:45,080
There will always be wars, there
will always be people like him.

602
00:28:45,080 --> 00:28:46,620
So I don't know.

603
00:28:46,620 --> 00:28:49,310
You say how different?

604
00:28:49,310 --> 00:28:51,830
I guess I was more
educated in that line.

605
00:28:51,830 --> 00:28:54,020
And that's about all.

606
00:28:54,020 --> 00:28:57,260
I just never gave it
any thought before.

607
00:28:57,260 --> 00:29:00,990
And I still can't believe
that those things happened.

608
00:29:00,990 --> 00:29:03,170
But they did.

609
00:29:03,170 --> 00:29:04,460
You never gave it any thought.

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00:29:04,460 --> 00:29:05,510
What do you mean?

611
00:29:05,510 --> 00:29:06,900
Before what?

612
00:29:06,900 --> 00:29:10,820
Before I went in the
service, I never--

613
00:29:10,820 --> 00:29:14,480
I guess I probably was aware
of it reading the papers.

614
00:29:14,480 --> 00:29:21,500
But never-- maybe then,
I just didn't believe it.

615
00:29:21,500 --> 00:29:22,340
I don't know.

616
00:29:22,340 --> 00:29:24,504
I don't know.

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00:29:24,504 --> 00:29:28,240
But never as aware as I was
when I was there and witnessed

618
00:29:28,240 --> 00:29:31,230
was we did.

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00:29:31,230 --> 00:29:34,110
Since that time,
have you had people--

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00:29:34,110 --> 00:29:36,210
have you been in
conversations with people who

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00:29:36,210 --> 00:29:39,180
don't believe that it happened?

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00:29:39,180 --> 00:29:41,227
No.

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00:29:41,227 --> 00:29:41,727
No.

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00:29:41,727 --> 00:29:44,856

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00:29:44,856 --> 00:29:50,150
In fact, my niece did a
theme when she was a senior.

626
00:29:50,150 --> 00:29:53,080
And at that time, there
had been a lot of news

627
00:29:53,080 --> 00:29:56,110
in the paper about people
not believing it happened.

628
00:29:56,110 --> 00:29:59,150
And she had cut some of
those out, sent them to me.

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00:29:59,150 --> 00:30:02,448
But no, I have not
talked with anybody who

630
00:30:02,448 --> 00:30:03,740
said it couldn't have happened.

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00:30:03,740 --> 00:30:04,240
No.

632
00:30:04,240 --> 00:30:07,560
I think everybody
felt that it was true.

633
00:30:07,560 --> 00:30:12,640
And maybe not to
the severity of it.

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00:30:12,640 --> 00:30:15,100

But they-- because

I don't think you

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00:30:15,100 --> 00:30:18,145

could believe it until

you saw it, really.

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00:30:18,145 --> 00:30:21,760

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00:30:21,760 --> 00:30:24,910

Except if you had

family or whatever.

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00:30:24,910 --> 00:30:27,130

You know, then it would

be a different story.

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00:30:27,130 --> 00:30:35,110

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00:30:35,110 --> 00:30:35,610

But.

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00:30:35,610 --> 00:30:38,500

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00:30:38,500 --> 00:30:39,460

OK.

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00:30:39,460 --> 00:30:43,300

Anything else you want to say?

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00:30:43,300 --> 00:30:45,240

No, I can't think of anything.

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00:30:45,240 --> 00:30:48,700

I'm sure that a lot of these

girls that you have interviewed

646

00:30:48,700 --> 00:30:52,540
could offer you a lot more
than I can as far as that.

647
00:30:52,540 --> 00:30:54,820
Because I wasn't in
contact with them.

648
00:30:54,820 --> 00:30:58,267
Yeah, some people were working
on wards and had a lot more.

649
00:30:58,267 --> 00:30:59,725
That made a lot of
difference, yes.

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00:30:59,725 --> 00:31:01,670
Yeah, they have
different memories.

651
00:31:01,670 --> 00:31:02,950
Yeah.

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00:31:02,950 --> 00:31:04,090
OK, thank you.

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00:31:04,090 --> 00:31:07,930
Let me say, this is the
end of the interview

654
00:31:07,930 --> 00:31:10,090
with Clarice MacLeod.

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00:31:10,090 --> 00:31:12,890
July 15th, 1995.

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00:31:12,890 --> 00:31:19,380
This is Neenah Ellis
in West Park, New York.

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00:31:19,380 --> 00:31:23,268