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SUMMARY

Fred Kulick served with the 336th Engineer Combat Battalion (Amphibious), United States 9th Army. Near Gardelegen, Germany, in the Saar Valley, they found between 100 and 200 corpses of slave laborers who had been locked in a barn and burned to death, probably by SS guards. Their commander, Lt. Colonel Paul Bennett ordered German civilians to give the victims a decent burial. This atrocity was recorded in the battalion records. Mr. Kulick sent photographs of the victims' bodies to Yad Vashem in Israel.

He explains why he believes German citizens knew about the atrocities and the camps but were psychologically unable to admit it. He mentions a brief encounter with a group of starving American Prisoners of War in Schleswig Holstein. He relates his battalion's activities in Europe from the German surrender until he returned to the United States.

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