

Interviewee: GOLDSTEIN, Arthur  
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## SUMMARY

Arthur Goldstein served in the 80th Infantry Division, 305th Medical Battalion during World War II. He mentions encountering an Italian priest who had been tortured and prisoners of war left behind by German soldiers, including Colonel Hallen, a war correspondent who had been mistreated.

When Mr. Goldstein liberated Dachau Concentration camp he found piles of corpses scattered throughout the camp, mass graves, charred remains of civilians tied to railroad tracks who were burned to death, and evidence that many prisoners were obviously killed just prior to liberation. He went inside a room full of ovens as well as a gas chamber. He saw a few surviving inmates stoning a German guard. Other inmates described atrocities committed by the guards. His medical unit fed and cared for the approximately 50 survivors and evacuated them to the base hospital. Sometime after leaving Dachau, he found several hundred women, imprisoned in a barn, who had been used as sex slaves by German soldiers. He mentions showing pictures he took of the bodies at Dachau to German-Americans, some of whom denied that this actually happened.

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### SUBJECT HEADINGS

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