

Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project

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Name of interviewee: Dougherty, Dan

Date of interview: 7/28/1995 & 1/25/1996

Summary: (SLIDESHOW; Liberator at Dachau & Allach)

Born May 30, 1925, in Ausin, Minnesota. Dan was drafted into the Army 17 days after his High School graduation. Transferred from 44th Division to 45th. He fought on the Sigfried line where he was slightly injured. He then returned and fought at Schaufenburg where Germany surrendered after 7 days. He took part in the liberation of Bavarian US prisoner of war camps and concentration camps. The 45th Division pushed toward Nüremberg, which had already fallen to the Allies. He moved on to Dachau, where he found thousands of emaciated corpselike inmates. After Dachau, they moved onto the prison/ slave camp, Allach. After Allach, they moved onto Munich, which they occupied on May 1, 1945.