

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:21,680

2  
00:01:21,680 --> 00:01:22,180  
All right.

3  
00:01:22,180 --> 00:01:25,000  
Any time.

4  
00:01:25,000 --> 00:01:25,600  
OK.

5  
00:01:25,600 --> 00:01:26,750  
Do you want to know--

6  
00:01:26,750 --> 00:01:27,250  
Sure.

7  
00:01:27,250 --> 00:01:27,880  
Go ahead.

8  
00:01:27,880 --> 00:01:28,797  
What was the question?

9  
00:01:28,797 --> 00:01:32,510  
Did your sister also do  
the same kind of work?

10  
00:01:32,510 --> 00:01:34,540  
Well, yes.

11  
00:01:34,540 --> 00:01:36,520  
We never talked  
about the work, and I

12  
00:01:36,520 --> 00:01:38,650  
didn't ask them  
what they are doing

13  
00:01:38,650 --> 00:01:41,210

or what because we didn't know.

14

00:01:41,210 --> 00:01:43,870

We had no idea what  
it is, what part.

15

00:01:43,870 --> 00:01:46,180

We knew it's an  
airplane factory.

16

00:01:46,180 --> 00:01:48,640

And if we went in  
into another hall,

17

00:01:48,640 --> 00:01:53,920

we saw sort of planes lying  
down, being on some stands.

18

00:01:53,920 --> 00:01:56,350

I remember different parts.

19

00:01:56,350 --> 00:01:58,035

But these were  
also taken apart--

20

00:01:58,035 --> 00:02:02,590

21

00:02:02,590 --> 00:02:03,970

Assembling parts?

22

00:02:03,970 --> 00:02:07,390

Were you were cleaning them?

23

00:02:07,390 --> 00:02:08,470

No.

24

00:02:08,470 --> 00:02:14,470

I can't even the nature of  
the work to describe it.

25

00:02:14,470 --> 00:02:16,610

I don't know what it was.

26

00:02:16,610 --> 00:02:21,610

I just knew that we needed  
little tools, fine tools.

27

00:02:21,610 --> 00:02:28,300

And there was like a place where  
you had to go to another hall

28

00:02:28,300 --> 00:02:32,200

and ask if you needed a  
different kind of a tool.

29

00:02:32,200 --> 00:02:39,790

If the soldier sent us to go  
and get some kind of a tool,

30

00:02:39,790 --> 00:02:43,310

he asked, he described  
gave a number or something,

31

00:02:43,310 --> 00:02:47,260

and we had to go down  
and pick it up for him.

32

00:02:47,260 --> 00:02:49,570

You know what kind  
of a plane this was?

33

00:02:49,570 --> 00:02:52,550

No.

34

00:02:52,550 --> 00:02:54,080

Absolutely not.

35

00:02:54,080 --> 00:02:58,235

No name, or a number,  
or what kind of a plane.

36

00:02:58,235 --> 00:03:01,100

37

00:03:01,100 --> 00:03:03,050

I wouldn't know.

38

00:03:03,050 --> 00:03:04,280

I wouldn't know.

39

00:03:04,280 --> 00:03:09,410

You mentioned other people  
in the same barracks,

40

00:03:09,410 --> 00:03:10,820

and he was a prisoner of war.

41

00:03:10,820 --> 00:03:11,720

Did you see him?

42

00:03:11,720 --> 00:03:13,100

Oh, not in same.

43

00:03:13,100 --> 00:03:15,520

In the next barrack.

44

00:03:15,520 --> 00:03:20,360

And after this incident,  
after this correspondence,

45

00:03:20,360 --> 00:03:22,160

they took the Germans.

46

00:03:22,160 --> 00:03:27,680

One day, I don't  
know where we were

47

00:03:27,680 --> 00:03:31,940

that they took a few of  
us, a bunch of the girls,

48

00:03:31,940 --> 00:03:40,370

to work into the  
other halls, where

49

00:03:40,370 --> 00:03:43,820  
the English prisoners were.

50  
00:03:43,820 --> 00:03:46,220  
And I don't know if  
they were bricks.

51  
00:03:46,220 --> 00:03:48,290  
They needed something.

52  
00:03:48,290 --> 00:03:53,030  
And I didn't speak  
English at that time.

53  
00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:59,600  
And they took us to work  
with them together for one

54  
00:03:59,600 --> 00:04:01,370  
short time.

55  
00:04:01,370 --> 00:04:02,720  
I don't know.

56  
00:04:02,720 --> 00:04:08,120  
They were handing, like  
in a chain reaction,

57  
00:04:08,120 --> 00:04:12,800  
handing bricks  
with the halflings,

58  
00:04:12,800 --> 00:04:16,279  
with the Jewish prisoners,  
and the English prisoners.

59  
00:04:16,279 --> 00:04:18,140  
But that only happened once.

60  
00:04:18,140 --> 00:04:21,829  
And after that, when they  
discovered the correspondence,

61

00:04:21,829 --> 00:04:25,710  
the English were taken away.

62

00:04:25,710 --> 00:04:31,190  
And they were Jewish  
prisoners men.

63

00:04:31,190 --> 00:04:33,650  
We only found out about  
that later that they

64

00:04:33,650 --> 00:04:36,620  
were in another  
barrack, that they were

65

00:04:36,620 --> 00:04:40,750  
having men around there too.

66

00:04:40,750 --> 00:04:42,370  
Other than the  
English prisoners--

67

00:04:42,370 --> 00:04:44,740  
The English prisoners were--

68

00:04:44,740 --> 00:04:45,620  
it was empty.

69

00:04:45,620 --> 00:04:47,050  
They were evacuated.

70

00:04:47,050 --> 00:04:49,800  
They were taken away  
after they discovered

71

00:04:49,800 --> 00:04:52,630  
to this correspondence.

72

00:04:52,630 --> 00:04:56,020

73

00:04:56,020 --> 00:04:59,020

They were taken away.

74

00:04:59,020 --> 00:05:02,500

What were your meals like there?

75

00:05:02,500 --> 00:05:03,580

Soup again.

76

00:05:03,580 --> 00:05:06,950

It was always just  
a bowl of soup.

77

00:05:06,950 --> 00:05:09,175

But this was edible, and bread.

78

00:05:09,175 --> 00:05:14,720

79

00:05:14,720 --> 00:05:19,270

I guess we were always hungry,  
but we were not that hungry.

80

00:05:19,270 --> 00:05:27,070

There was I think one death,  
and there were some sick people.

81

00:05:27,070 --> 00:05:32,980

They called the  
ambulance, the hospital.

82

00:05:32,980 --> 00:05:37,990

And it was a bearable situation.

83

00:05:37,990 --> 00:05:39,340

We had water.

84

00:05:39,340 --> 00:05:41,170

We had warm, running water.

85

00:05:41,170 --> 00:05:44,590

We were able to keep clean.

86  
00:05:44,590 --> 00:05:49,270  
Our hair grew out by that  
time for six, eight months.

87  
00:05:49,270 --> 00:05:51,340  
We had a little hair.

88  
00:05:51,340 --> 00:05:53,590  
And the winters--

89  
00:05:53,590 --> 00:05:56,410  
And we didn't have such  
a tremendous long walk

90  
00:05:56,410 --> 00:05:57,700  
to go to the factory.

91  
00:05:57,700 --> 00:05:59,230  
We were close by.

92  
00:05:59,230 --> 00:05:59,860  
We walked.

93  
00:05:59,860 --> 00:06:01,240  
Everything was walking.

94  
00:06:01,240 --> 00:06:06,370  
They took us in line  
with the SS women.

95  
00:06:06,370 --> 00:06:08,920  
They were our guards.

96  
00:06:08,920 --> 00:06:12,070  
And they were right  
there in every hall.

97  
00:06:12,070 --> 00:06:14,530  
They were watching over us.

98



00:06:14,530 --> 00:06:19,030  
We were not allowed to talk to  
them, to the German soldiers.

99  
00:06:19,030 --> 00:06:21,130  
They were not allowed  
to talk to us.

100  
00:06:21,130 --> 00:06:23,870

101  
00:06:23,870 --> 00:06:28,580  
And one day, so that  
German who gave me

102  
00:06:28,580 --> 00:06:32,910  
the cake was taken away,  
wasn't there anymore.

103  
00:06:32,910 --> 00:06:35,270  
And then another one came.

104  
00:06:35,270 --> 00:06:38,100  
And he went to the SS woman.

105  
00:06:38,100 --> 00:06:39,740  
And he said he is  
going to take me out

106  
00:06:39,740 --> 00:06:42,950  
to the kitchen to bring coffee.

107  
00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:46,760  
She says, you be careful.

108  
00:06:46,760 --> 00:06:49,430  
He took his gun from his drawer.

109  
00:06:49,430 --> 00:06:51,620  
He says, do you  
have sisters here?

110

00:06:51,620 --> 00:06:54,440

He knew I'm not  
going to run away.

111

00:06:54,440 --> 00:06:55,780

And we didn't go out.

112

00:06:55,780 --> 00:06:58,280

There were no wire fences there.

113

00:06:58,280 --> 00:07:02,990

And we were guarded by SS men.

114

00:07:02,990 --> 00:07:05,450

And the women were with  
us when we were lined up.

115

00:07:05,450 --> 00:07:08,810

And they walked with  
us in each hall.

116

00:07:08,810 --> 00:07:14,330

And I think that this  
man, this German soldier

117

00:07:14,330 --> 00:07:17,930

must have talked about me in  
the kitchen to the people.

118

00:07:17,930 --> 00:07:19,220

That we are human.

119

00:07:19,220 --> 00:07:22,310

I mean, they don't have horns.

120

00:07:22,310 --> 00:07:24,760

How did they describe  
how the Jews look?

121

00:07:24,760 --> 00:07:26,690

They were showing  
the caricatures.

122

00:07:26,690 --> 00:07:28,760

They were showing the Polish.

123

00:07:28,760 --> 00:07:32,990

They dressed up in the

kaftans with the earlocks,

124

00:07:32,990 --> 00:07:34,460

and I don't know.

125

00:07:34,460 --> 00:07:39,890

He said, are you going to

see that they look like us?

126

00:07:39,890 --> 00:07:42,230

He brought me over there.

127

00:07:42,230 --> 00:07:44,420

The SS woman gave

him the permission.

128

00:07:44,420 --> 00:07:49,235

And he was talking

to me, this soldier.

129

00:07:49,235 --> 00:07:50,390

In Hungarian?

130

00:07:50,390 --> 00:07:50,915

No, German.

131

00:07:50,915 --> 00:07:53,990

132

00:07:53,990 --> 00:07:56,180

Hungarian was in Auschwitz.

133

00:07:56,180 --> 00:08:00,050

134

00:08:00,050 --> 00:08:02,250

He let me stand there by myself.

135

00:08:02,250 --> 00:08:03,380

He said, you stay here.

136

00:08:03,380 --> 00:08:05,310

And he left me  
there, and he went

137

00:08:05,310 --> 00:08:08,760

in another part of the kitchen.

138

00:08:08,760 --> 00:08:12,200

And I am standing there, and  
the people have food around.

139

00:08:12,200 --> 00:08:13,850

And the women and  
they are coming

140

00:08:13,850 --> 00:08:17,630

to look at me, like  
something you come

141

00:08:17,630 --> 00:08:20,030

to see in the zoo I imagine.

142

00:08:20,030 --> 00:08:21,120

I didn't realize.

143

00:08:21,120 --> 00:08:24,020

Do you know that just as  
I was thinking about that,

144

00:08:24,020 --> 00:08:25,790

how I was standing there.

145

00:08:25,790 --> 00:08:29,390

I didn't even ask for a  
potato or a piece of cabbage.

146

00:08:29,390 --> 00:08:31,370

I remember they  
had cabbage there.

147  
00:08:31,370 --> 00:08:35,940  
And I'm standing there, and  
I'm not opening my mouth.

148  
00:08:35,940 --> 00:08:39,230  
And women there  
from the kitchen,

149  
00:08:39,230 --> 00:08:42,409  
they were coming, looking  
me, measuring me up and down,

150  
00:08:42,409 --> 00:08:44,990  
and not saying a word.

151  
00:08:44,990 --> 00:08:47,420  
And I just, it came  
back to me, and I just

152  
00:08:47,420 --> 00:08:51,500  
realized that he must  
have showed me off there.

153  
00:08:51,500 --> 00:08:53,210  
I wasn't that skinny.

154  
00:08:53,210 --> 00:08:55,970  
I must have been about--

155  
00:08:55,970 --> 00:08:58,400  
gosh, what was that?

156  
00:08:58,400 --> 00:08:59,900  
18 and 1/2.

157  
00:08:59,900 --> 00:09:02,990  
By December, I was 19.

158  
00:09:02,990 --> 00:09:09,260

And then in kilos,  
I was about 57.

159  
00:09:09,260 --> 00:09:12,740  
I mean, I was always  
thin as a child.

160  
00:09:12,740 --> 00:09:15,450

161  
00:09:15,450 --> 00:09:19,960  
But we looked like  
humans over there.

162  
00:09:19,960 --> 00:09:22,690  
Everybody else, not just me.

163  
00:09:22,690 --> 00:09:26,760  
We had enough we had  
enough food somehow.

164  
00:09:26,760 --> 00:09:27,448  
I don't know.

165  
00:09:27,448 --> 00:09:28,240  
It was the kitchen.

166  
00:09:28,240 --> 00:09:29,880  
They brought food.

167  
00:09:29,880 --> 00:09:31,410  
We had bread.

168  
00:09:31,410 --> 00:09:34,560  
Once a day was given food.

169  
00:09:34,560 --> 00:09:36,150  
But it was bearable.

170  
00:09:36,150 --> 00:09:39,630  
I mean, comparing to all  
this horrible things.

171  
00:09:39,630 --> 00:09:42,220

172  
00:09:42,220 --> 00:09:44,130  
But of course, the  
tragedy of what

173  
00:09:44,130 --> 00:09:49,230  
happened with me, and with my  
family, with Ana, and that we

174  
00:09:49,230 --> 00:09:50,310  
lost our sister.

175  
00:09:50,310 --> 00:09:53,160  
We saw our sister  
got very sick there.

176  
00:09:53,160 --> 00:09:55,830  
And she wasn't able to function.

177  
00:09:55,830 --> 00:09:59,160  
Then she was in the hospital.

178  
00:09:59,160 --> 00:10:00,870  
This was after she had been hit?

179  
00:10:00,870 --> 00:10:03,480  
After she was hit and  
after she collapsed.

180  
00:10:03,480 --> 00:10:07,230  
And for a while, I  
had her in bed there.

181  
00:10:07,230 --> 00:10:09,270  
And I tried to take care of her.

182  
00:10:09,270 --> 00:10:11,470  
And then it just didn't go.

183

00:10:11,470 --> 00:10:14,670

She was just bad.

184

00:10:14,670 --> 00:10:18,450

Bad in respect that  
as this doctor came,

185

00:10:18,450 --> 00:10:23,220

I didn't know he was a doctor,  
he ordered for her to stay,

186

00:10:23,220 --> 00:10:25,210

to soak her in warm water.

187

00:10:25,210 --> 00:10:26,520

And I sat there with her.

188

00:10:26,520 --> 00:10:28,650

I don't know what it  
was that they gave.

189

00:10:28,650 --> 00:10:29,880

It wasn't a tub.

190

00:10:29,880 --> 00:10:33,420

It was something that  
she was able to sit in.

191

00:10:33,420 --> 00:10:36,090

They were trying  
to do something.

192

00:10:36,090 --> 00:10:39,630

He was recommending.

193

00:10:39,630 --> 00:10:43,830

But she wound up in the hospital  
and was going down the drain.

194

00:10:43,830 --> 00:10:45,060

She died there.



195

00:10:45,060 --> 00:10:47,010

She died.

196

00:10:47,010 --> 00:10:47,520

She died.

197

00:10:47,520 --> 00:10:51,360

It was a very, very

sad, very sad memory

198

00:10:51,360 --> 00:10:56,340

and very sad

situation because she

199

00:10:56,340 --> 00:10:59,040

was taken to a German

hospital after that.

200

00:10:59,040 --> 00:11:05,490

And after, we were free until

the Russians came to that part.

201

00:11:05,490 --> 00:11:06,313

And that's eastern.

202

00:11:06,313 --> 00:11:07,480

You mean after the Russians?

203

00:11:07,480 --> 00:11:08,355

After the liberation.

204

00:11:08,355 --> 00:11:09,660

After the liberation.

205

00:11:09,660 --> 00:11:12,070

But she was sick

through the whole time.

206

00:11:12,070 --> 00:11:13,410

And she was taken in.

207

00:11:13,410 --> 00:11:17,310  
I was in that ambulance  
that went to the hospital.

208  
00:11:17,310 --> 00:11:19,920

209  
00:11:19,920 --> 00:11:22,140  
We went to a hospital.

210  
00:11:22,140 --> 00:11:25,170  
And I came next  
day to visit her.

211  
00:11:25,170 --> 00:11:26,340  
I got a bicycle.

212  
00:11:26,340 --> 00:11:30,550  
I was doing some translations  
there, German and Russian.

213  
00:11:30,550 --> 00:11:33,330  
Then they brought into  
that camp where we were,

214  
00:11:33,330 --> 00:11:35,880  
they brought in the Germans.

215  
00:11:35,880 --> 00:11:40,587  
They captured them, German  
soldiers and people.

216  
00:11:40,587 --> 00:11:41,670  
They were riding the bike.

217  
00:11:41,670 --> 00:11:42,748  
They were running away.

218  
00:11:42,748 --> 00:11:43,290  
I don't know.

219  
00:11:43,290 --> 00:11:46,830

They captured them,  
did the Russians.

220  
00:11:46,830 --> 00:11:48,270  
And they brought them in.

221  
00:11:48,270 --> 00:11:52,860  
And I got a bicycle  
from the Russians.

222  
00:11:52,860 --> 00:11:55,100  
The other one took  
it away on the road

223  
00:11:55,100 --> 00:11:56,820  
as I was going to the hospital.

224  
00:11:56,820 --> 00:11:59,460  
I rode into the hospital.

225  
00:11:59,460 --> 00:12:06,910  
But the sister.

226  
00:12:06,910 --> 00:12:10,720  
They were sisters there, nuns.

227  
00:12:10,720 --> 00:12:17,410  
She told me that there was no  
hope for her, that she died.

228  
00:12:17,410 --> 00:12:20,860  
I brought her some comfort.

229  
00:12:20,860 --> 00:12:23,390  
To try to maybe if  
she's going to eat,

230  
00:12:23,390 --> 00:12:25,870  
she's going to have some food.

231  
00:12:25,870 --> 00:12:26,890  
They couldn't save her.

232  
00:12:26,890 --> 00:12:29,080  
She said they couldn't save her.

233  
00:12:29,080 --> 00:12:30,580  
Did you speak with her?

234  
00:12:30,580 --> 00:12:33,160  
She didn't speak.

235  
00:12:33,160 --> 00:12:34,150  
She didn't.

236  
00:12:34,150 --> 00:12:36,310  
She was in very bad shape.

237  
00:12:36,310 --> 00:12:38,690  
She was sick for a  
couple of months,

238  
00:12:38,690 --> 00:12:41,560  
and it just fell  
down completely.

239  
00:12:41,560 --> 00:12:42,220  
Not eating.

240  
00:12:42,220 --> 00:12:43,210  
How long was she sick?

241  
00:12:43,210 --> 00:12:48,010  
She must have been sick for  
about a couple of months.

242  
00:12:48,010 --> 00:12:53,515  
Without food and just  
in very bad, bad shape.

243  
00:12:53,515 --> 00:12:59,785

244

00:12:59,785 --> 00:13:03,170

The nun said that there  
was nothing they could do.

245

00:13:03,170 --> 00:13:06,460

They have two people in a room.

246

00:13:06,460 --> 00:13:09,760

There was a Dutch woman  
who was also very sick.

247

00:13:09,760 --> 00:13:10,930

And she was with us.

248

00:13:10,930 --> 00:13:13,180

And she was still alive.

249

00:13:13,180 --> 00:13:16,210

She said that they  
can save her, but they

250

00:13:16,210 --> 00:13:20,170

couldn't do anything for Edith.

251

00:13:20,170 --> 00:13:24,490

Did anyone ever tell you  
what was wrong with her?

252

00:13:24,490 --> 00:13:25,060

No.

253

00:13:25,060 --> 00:13:26,800

I did not see a doctor.

254

00:13:26,800 --> 00:13:29,170

And I didn't have any advice.

255

00:13:29,170 --> 00:13:30,660

Nobody is there with me.

256

00:13:30,660 --> 00:13:33,910

My cousin, they were older.

257  
00:13:33,910 --> 00:13:40,690  
And my little sister, Ana,  
I let her be with my cousin,

258  
00:13:40,690 --> 00:13:42,190  
with Blanche.

259  
00:13:42,190 --> 00:13:43,930  
I was there alone.

260  
00:13:43,930 --> 00:13:47,860  
And there were lots  
of sick people.

261  
00:13:47,860 --> 00:13:55,060  
I mean, they had a hall before  
they placed them in the rooms.

262  
00:13:55,060 --> 00:14:01,660  
The people who were in the  
hospital and in the camp.

263  
00:14:01,660 --> 00:14:05,290  
We never saw any doctor  
or anybody to speak to.

264  
00:14:05,290 --> 00:14:07,990  
I hope that some  
of the people were

265  
00:14:07,990 --> 00:14:12,520  
able to recuperate because the  
ones that were in bad shape.

266  
00:14:12,520 --> 00:14:18,640  
I remember this woman who was  
placed with her in one room.

267  
00:14:18,640 --> 00:14:24,890  
And she was a very bad shape  
in my opinion at that time.

268

00:14:24,890 --> 00:14:27,110

But I didn't know  
what was happening.

269

00:14:27,110 --> 00:14:29,290

Maybe she started  
eating, or maybe they

270

00:14:29,290 --> 00:14:32,920

were able to save her.

271

00:14:32,920 --> 00:14:34,190

But not Edith.

272

00:14:34,190 --> 00:14:34,690

No.

273

00:14:34,690 --> 00:14:36,580

Did Edith say anything to you?

274

00:14:36,580 --> 00:14:37,470

Never.

275

00:14:37,470 --> 00:14:37,970

Never.

276

00:14:37,970 --> 00:14:39,640

She never spoke.

277

00:14:39,640 --> 00:14:44,260

The one thing she was saying,  
the one thing before they

278

00:14:44,260 --> 00:14:48,280

took her, before this was in--

279

00:14:48,280 --> 00:14:51,760

this was a good question  
because she says,

280

00:14:51,760 --> 00:14:55,990

you know, I can see our mother.

281

00:14:55,990 --> 00:14:58,390

I can see her violet blue eyes.

282

00:14:58,390 --> 00:15:02,800

That was probably the only  
thing that during her illness

283

00:15:02,800 --> 00:15:05,260

that she told me.

284

00:15:05,260 --> 00:15:08,050

That she saw my mother's eyes.

285

00:15:08,050 --> 00:15:10,600

That she's looking at us.

286

00:15:10,600 --> 00:15:20,890

Like she shook up, like when  
you wake up because she really

287

00:15:20,890 --> 00:15:21,610

wasn't there.

288

00:15:21,610 --> 00:15:23,110

She wasn't speaking.

289

00:15:23,110 --> 00:15:26,980

And I don't know her  
mind was in there.

290

00:15:26,980 --> 00:15:28,840

Because she stopped eating.

291

00:15:28,840 --> 00:15:30,940

Just didn't want to eat.

292

00:15:30,940 --> 00:15:33,250

Whatever little there  
was, she didn't want to.



293

00:15:33,250 --> 00:15:35,350

And she got very  
weak, very sick.

294

00:15:35,350 --> 00:15:37,120

Even more sick.

295

00:15:37,120 --> 00:15:39,130

And how will she when she died?

296

00:15:39,130 --> 00:15:42,460

She was 23.

297

00:15:42,460 --> 00:15:45,040

She was born in December, '21.

298

00:15:45,040 --> 00:15:50,740

And she was she was 23 and 1/2.

299

00:15:50,740 --> 00:15:56,980

She was, in '44, she  
was 23 in December.

300

00:15:56,980 --> 00:16:03,610

And she died and  
May because we were

301

00:16:03,610 --> 00:16:05,880

liberated May 8th  
when the war ended.

302

00:16:05,880 --> 00:16:08,540

That's where we were liberated.

303

00:16:08,540 --> 00:16:13,030

And you arrived in October.

304

00:16:13,030 --> 00:16:13,795

To Germany.

305

00:16:13,795 --> 00:16:17,340

306  
00:16:17,340 --> 00:16:19,670  
And we're there until May.

307  
00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:21,805  
What do you remember  
about liberation?

308  
00:16:21,805 --> 00:16:26,510

309  
00:16:26,510 --> 00:16:29,900  
I remember one thing  
before we were liberated,

310  
00:16:29,900 --> 00:16:37,940  
they were saying they are  
going to evacuate the factory.

311  
00:16:37,940 --> 00:16:40,820  
And they're going to  
take us, and we're

312  
00:16:40,820 --> 00:16:41,900  
going to go with them.

313  
00:16:41,900 --> 00:16:43,980  
And this and this  
people are going to go.

314  
00:16:43,980 --> 00:16:46,470  
The rest go with them.

315  
00:16:46,470 --> 00:16:52,070  
It didn't come about because  
I guess they didn't have time.

316  
00:16:52,070 --> 00:16:55,250  
And there was nowhere  
to go I imagine.

317

00:16:55,250 --> 00:17:00,050  
One day, I noticed huddle  
the soldiers together.

318  
00:17:00,050 --> 00:17:05,960  
Across from the hall  
where our table was,

319  
00:17:05,960 --> 00:17:09,619  
he told me he was a blacksmith.

320  
00:17:09,619 --> 00:17:13,380  
He was about 52 years old.

321  
00:17:13,380 --> 00:17:16,880  
And he said, I have  
some sugar there.

322  
00:17:16,880 --> 00:17:20,599  
Some cube sugar.

323  
00:17:20,599 --> 00:17:22,430  
And I got a little apple.

324  
00:17:22,430 --> 00:17:26,180  
And they said I don't know if  
they had anything enough to eat

325  
00:17:26,180 --> 00:17:29,990  
or was it problems there  
to already in Germany.

326  
00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:31,730  
But he said, you  
can help yourself.

327  
00:17:31,730 --> 00:17:36,110  
He didn't dare to give it to me,  
but he says you can have some.

328  
00:17:36,110 --> 00:17:43,100  
And that he was  
somehow the brain

329  
00:17:43,100 --> 00:17:46,190  
or what the soldiers  
huddled together.

330  
00:17:46,190 --> 00:17:48,710  
A bunch of them  
came from that hall.

331  
00:17:48,710 --> 00:17:50,270  
And they did some drawing.

332  
00:17:50,270 --> 00:17:54,560  
And I imagine what I  
figured out that they

333  
00:17:54,560 --> 00:17:58,790  
were doing the planning of  
how the front, how the war was

334  
00:17:58,790 --> 00:18:01,730  
going because I don't  
know if it was a paper

335  
00:18:01,730 --> 00:18:03,680  
or just on the desk  
there that they

336  
00:18:03,680 --> 00:18:06,120  
had some marking and doing.

337  
00:18:06,120 --> 00:18:07,790  
And then they left.

338  
00:18:07,790 --> 00:18:09,950  
I told this to the girls.

339  
00:18:09,950 --> 00:18:11,660  
Let's go and check this out.

340  
00:18:11,660 --> 00:18:13,550  
There is something

that they were showing.

341

00:18:13,550 --> 00:18:16,550

I wanted to see what  
they were writing, what

342

00:18:16,550 --> 00:18:19,110

they were drawing in there.

343

00:18:19,110 --> 00:18:23,480

And this also came to me because  
not very long after that,

344

00:18:23,480 --> 00:18:24,750

we were liberated.

345

00:18:24,750 --> 00:18:27,860

So this is they were  
discussing the front

346

00:18:27,860 --> 00:18:31,280

and how the war is progressing,  
or what is happening,

347

00:18:31,280 --> 00:18:33,560

or how they are surrounded.

348

00:18:33,560 --> 00:18:39,850

But towards the end, and that  
was like the beginning of May,

349

00:18:39,850 --> 00:18:46,520

and two days or so before  
the end of the war,

350

00:18:46,520 --> 00:18:50,840

we heard the shooting  
and the cannons.

351

00:18:50,840 --> 00:18:53,390

And I don't know, but  
we heard shooting.

352

00:18:53,390 --> 00:18:57,320

And we said, we didn't know who  
is coming or what's happening.

353

00:18:57,320 --> 00:19:01,040

And when we woke up  
the next day, May 8th,

354

00:19:01,040 --> 00:19:02,750

there was nobody there.

355

00:19:02,750 --> 00:19:06,250

And then the Russians came.

356

00:19:06,250 --> 00:19:09,980

And that was our liberation.

357

00:19:09,980 --> 00:19:15,200

But I was very sad.

358

00:19:15,200 --> 00:19:17,750

Happy, sad.

359

00:19:17,750 --> 00:19:21,847

I then went to town,  
brought some meat in there.

360

00:19:21,847 --> 00:19:23,180

They said they're going to cook.

361

00:19:23,180 --> 00:19:26,550

And we said we are never  
going to have enough potatoes.

362

00:19:26,550 --> 00:19:29,330

We're going to be happy  
to have a potato just

363

00:19:29,330 --> 00:19:30,590

to fill up on potatoes.

364

00:19:30,590 --> 00:19:37,170

365

00:19:37,170 --> 00:19:38,850

And then what happened?

366

00:19:38,850 --> 00:19:41,170

What happened.

367

00:19:41,170 --> 00:19:42,720

Well, my sister died.

368

00:19:42,720 --> 00:19:51,170

And we started out.

369

00:19:51,170 --> 00:19:54,560

We said, well, everything  
fell apart there.

370

00:19:54,560 --> 00:19:58,160

Everybody was going wherever  
they wanted to go, to town.

371

00:19:58,160 --> 00:20:04,350

And they were going  
into German houses,

372

00:20:04,350 --> 00:20:08,330

took bath, and had some compost.

373

00:20:08,330 --> 00:20:12,350

They had the jars with fruits.

374

00:20:12,350 --> 00:20:14,060

And we are ready.

375

00:20:14,060 --> 00:20:15,350

So we have to go.

376

00:20:15,350 --> 00:20:16,410

We're going to leave.

377

00:20:16,410 --> 00:20:20,600

And I don't know  
how we found our way

378

00:20:20,600 --> 00:20:22,450

to start out to go home.

379

00:20:22,450 --> 00:20:23,570

We're going home.

380

00:20:23,570 --> 00:20:24,440

Where is home?

381

00:20:24,440 --> 00:20:26,630

We are going where we came from.

382

00:20:26,630 --> 00:20:32,250

383

00:20:32,250 --> 00:20:34,150

And we started going.

384

00:20:34,150 --> 00:20:38,070

We went towards Czechoslovakia.

385

00:20:38,070 --> 00:20:38,960

That's where I was.

386

00:20:38,960 --> 00:20:40,470

You heard about Bratislava.

387

00:20:40,470 --> 00:20:44,900

388

00:20:44,900 --> 00:20:46,250

Did we go to Prague?

389

00:20:46,250 --> 00:20:49,080

We didn't go into Prague.

390



00:20:49,080 --> 00:20:51,065

No, it wasn't that  
time in Prague.

391

00:20:51,065 --> 00:20:55,550

392

00:20:55,550 --> 00:20:56,780

I don't know what route.

393

00:20:56,780 --> 00:20:58,130

How did we--

394

00:20:58,130 --> 00:20:59,540

You went south?

395

00:20:59,540 --> 00:21:01,250

We went south.

396

00:21:01,250 --> 00:21:03,410

But who was the  
leader who told us?

397

00:21:03,410 --> 00:21:05,540

How did we start out?

398

00:21:05,540 --> 00:21:07,190

Who was with you?

399

00:21:07,190 --> 00:21:10,620

Well, my sisters and cousin.

400

00:21:10,620 --> 00:21:12,590

This Blanche.

401

00:21:12,590 --> 00:21:14,360

The four of us work together.

402

00:21:14,360 --> 00:21:18,590

No, six, four.

403

00:21:18,590 --> 00:21:23,990

And Zeldy Yunger and her cousin.

404

00:21:23,990 --> 00:21:25,635

So we were five of us together.

405

00:21:25,635 --> 00:21:29,120

406

00:21:29,120 --> 00:21:30,440

Did you walk?

407

00:21:30,440 --> 00:21:31,670

We started walking.

408

00:21:31,670 --> 00:21:33,800

I think we went to the railroad.

409

00:21:33,800 --> 00:21:35,340

No.

410

00:21:35,340 --> 00:21:38,580

How did we get out of Zittau?

411

00:21:38,580 --> 00:21:40,340

I never gave it a thought.

412

00:21:40,340 --> 00:21:42,140

Did you have any money?

413

00:21:42,140 --> 00:21:43,550

No.

414

00:21:43,550 --> 00:21:46,020

No.

415

00:21:46,020 --> 00:21:48,540

There was no money.

416

00:21:48,540 --> 00:21:49,710

We got somehow--

417  
00:21:49,710 --> 00:21:52,740  
I don't know how we got to  
Czechoslovakia because there

418  
00:21:52,740 --> 00:21:55,350  
was already Jewish community.

419  
00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:57,990  
And they were already,  
they wanted names.

420  
00:21:57,990 --> 00:22:06,090  
And they gave us a  
few crowns, money.

421  
00:22:06,090 --> 00:22:09,390  
But we were traveling  
for nothing.

422  
00:22:09,390 --> 00:22:10,965  
We had no tickets, no money.

423  
00:22:10,965 --> 00:22:15,150

424  
00:22:15,150 --> 00:22:18,270  
I know that it took  
us two weeks at least.

425  
00:22:18,270 --> 00:22:27,120  
Two weeks to get  
home, to my hometown.

426  
00:22:27,120 --> 00:22:29,870  
I don't know how we started out.

427  
00:22:29,870 --> 00:22:31,400  
I cannot.

428  
00:22:31,400 --> 00:22:32,880  
I can't recall.

429  
00:22:32,880 --> 00:22:35,180  
You remember walking?

430  
00:22:35,180 --> 00:22:36,350  
I remember walking.

431  
00:22:36,350 --> 00:22:38,070  
How did we find the station?

432  
00:22:38,070 --> 00:22:42,810  
I mean, somebody showed  
us the railroad station.

433  
00:22:42,810 --> 00:22:44,460  
And we were walking, of course.

434  
00:22:44,460 --> 00:22:48,250  
The bicycle that I got  
to go to the hospital,

435  
00:22:48,250 --> 00:22:52,990  
I got it from a Russian officer.

436  
00:22:52,990 --> 00:22:55,140  
He took it from the German.

437  
00:22:55,140 --> 00:22:57,030  
He said, you don't  
need it anyway.

438  
00:22:57,030 --> 00:22:59,460  
And I said, you pick one out.

439  
00:22:59,460 --> 00:23:03,750  
And I rode down to the  
hospital to see my sister.

440  
00:23:03,750 --> 00:23:05,145  
And I was going back.

441

00:23:05,145 --> 00:23:07,780

442

00:23:07,780 --> 00:23:11,220

The Russians, the soldiers  
were picking up things.

443

00:23:11,220 --> 00:23:13,500

They were taking  
everything away.

444

00:23:13,500 --> 00:23:14,520

I said I got it.

445

00:23:14,520 --> 00:23:15,740

I said I am Jewish.

446

00:23:15,740 --> 00:23:20,430

He says, you give me the  
bicycle. s And that's it.

447

00:23:20,430 --> 00:23:23,650

They were taking it away.

448

00:23:23,650 --> 00:23:25,620

And so I walked back.

449

00:23:25,620 --> 00:23:31,550

I think it was about 10,  
12-kilometer distance.

450

00:23:31,550 --> 00:23:36,890

Well, when the group  
of you was going back.

451

00:23:36,890 --> 00:23:39,340

Like you said, you  
got to Czechoslovakia,

452

00:23:39,340 --> 00:23:43,100

and you were given  
some money there.

453

00:23:43,100 --> 00:23:49,400

We somehow somehow  
bypassed Bohemia.

454

00:23:49,400 --> 00:23:53,240

We wound up in Moravia  
and in Slovakia.

455

00:23:53,240 --> 00:23:57,740

I don't know how we got  
looking at the map--

456

00:23:57,740 --> 00:24:00,520

457

00:24:00,520 --> 00:24:04,880

You got into Moravia  
directly and to Slovakia.

458

00:24:04,880 --> 00:24:05,900

Then to Slovakia.

459

00:24:05,900 --> 00:24:11,570

Because we were in  
Bratislava and in Kosice.

460

00:24:11,570 --> 00:24:16,280

And I tell you one  
dangerous thing

461

00:24:16,280 --> 00:24:18,020

that I don't know  
how it happened.

462

00:24:18,020 --> 00:24:20,120

There was no room  
inside in the train.

463

00:24:20,120 --> 00:24:25,340

And I arrived home on the  
top of the train on the roof.

464

00:24:25,340 --> 00:24:27,575

And there were bridges,  
and there were things.

465

00:24:27,575 --> 00:24:29,920

Tunnels?

466

00:24:29,920 --> 00:24:37,790

I don't know where I got on that  
there was no more room to get.

467

00:24:37,790 --> 00:24:38,690

And I arrived.

468

00:24:38,690 --> 00:24:42,080

And I remember there  
was one of our tenants,

469

00:24:42,080 --> 00:24:44,720

why she came to the  
railroad station,

470

00:24:44,720 --> 00:24:47,570

to see who is coming  
home who survived.

471

00:24:47,570 --> 00:24:52,730

Because she grabbed  
things whatever she could.

472

00:24:52,730 --> 00:24:53,930

And she was watching.

473

00:24:53,930 --> 00:24:56,450

She asked me, where is mother?

474

00:24:56,450 --> 00:24:58,040

I couldn't talk to her.

475

00:24:58,040 --> 00:25:03,110

I just said, she isn't.

476

00:25:03,110 --> 00:25:06,950

477

00:25:06,950 --> 00:25:08,540

After when we arrived home.

478

00:25:08,540 --> 00:25:11,300

But I cannot give you  
any details in there.

479

00:25:11,300 --> 00:25:14,180

Can you give us a date?

480

00:25:14,180 --> 00:25:15,645

Two weeks.

481

00:25:15,645 --> 00:25:16,520

Would be May or June?

482

00:25:16,520 --> 00:25:18,770

It was still May.

483

00:25:18,770 --> 00:25:20,630

It was still May.

484

00:25:20,630 --> 00:25:24,410

And I know that that  
summer was coming.

485

00:25:24,410 --> 00:25:27,320

And I can't even  
tell you how long

486

00:25:27,320 --> 00:25:31,280

we stay there because  
when we came home,

487

00:25:31,280 --> 00:25:34,460

my brother-in-law was there.

488

00:25:34,460 --> 00:25:38,300

My sister who was married, he



survived in the forced labor

489  
00:25:38,300 --> 00:25:39,860  
camp.

490  
00:25:39,860 --> 00:25:42,260  
And he was the elder.

491  
00:25:42,260 --> 00:25:44,870  
He occupied a Jewish house.

492  
00:25:44,870 --> 00:25:47,420  
And there were already  
some girls home.

493  
00:25:47,420 --> 00:25:49,730  
They opened the kitchen.

494  
00:25:49,730 --> 00:25:54,200  
He ran to the peasants into  
the village and got food.

495  
00:25:54,200 --> 00:25:57,390  
And there was pots  
of food cooking.

496  
00:25:57,390 --> 00:25:59,030  
There was food.

497  
00:25:59,030 --> 00:26:00,740  
He managed that.

498  
00:26:00,740 --> 00:26:04,070  
He was fantastic about that.

499  
00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:13,400  
He was able to, I think, he even  
found my cousin's cow for her.

500  
00:26:13,400 --> 00:26:15,300  
He found some fur coat.

501

00:26:15,300 --> 00:26:18,920

I mean, he was just  
fantastic what he took over

502

00:26:18,920 --> 00:26:23,600

and how he managed  
the situation.

503

00:26:23,600 --> 00:26:26,030

Morris Salmanovic.

504

00:26:26,030 --> 00:26:31,970

That was my brother-in-law,  
Blanche's husband.

505

00:26:31,970 --> 00:26:35,430

What happened when  
you went to your home?

506

00:26:35,430 --> 00:26:38,720

Our home was empty.

507

00:26:38,720 --> 00:26:40,250

Four walls.

508

00:26:40,250 --> 00:26:45,620

Nothing was broken, but  
things were emptied.

509

00:26:45,620 --> 00:26:52,500

Furniture, nothing  
in the whole house.

510

00:26:52,500 --> 00:26:58,340

And we had several houses  
there and the bakery.

511

00:26:58,340 --> 00:27:02,660

And it was a whole  
yard that we had there.

512

00:27:02,660 --> 00:27:05,840

And Jews lived there.

513

00:27:05,840 --> 00:27:09,920

And there was nothing any place.

514

00:27:09,920 --> 00:27:13,250

And I mentioned to you,  
when I left last time

515

00:27:13,250 --> 00:27:20,040

after the interview, that  
what stood out of my mind

516

00:27:20,040 --> 00:27:24,300

so much is that we had a  
very special candelabra.

517

00:27:24,300 --> 00:27:27,960

Friday night, my  
mother lit the candles.

518

00:27:27,960 --> 00:27:34,890

And this was a candle stick that  
my father had made especially.

519

00:27:34,890 --> 00:27:39,020

A silver candle, about  
five branch candelabra.

520

00:27:39,020 --> 00:27:40,330

It was my favorite.

521

00:27:40,330 --> 00:27:43,210

I loved it so much because  
I was able, as a child,

522

00:27:43,210 --> 00:27:44,890

to take it apart.

523

00:27:44,890 --> 00:27:47,620

They were put  
together in pieces.

524

00:27:47,620 --> 00:27:49,440

It was a stand.

525

00:27:49,440 --> 00:27:53,010

And then the upper part sits in.

526

00:27:53,010 --> 00:27:55,050

And then the branches.

527

00:27:55,050 --> 00:27:57,150

And I used to clean that.

528

00:27:57,150 --> 00:27:58,950

That was my favorite.

529

00:27:58,950 --> 00:28:03,780

My aunt, who gave  
me the pictures

530

00:28:03,780 --> 00:28:07,050

who survived because  
she was here in America.

531

00:28:07,050 --> 00:28:11,760

They came to Chicago  
and to California.

532

00:28:11,760 --> 00:28:15,420

She came home in 1922.

533

00:28:15,420 --> 00:28:19,140

And she didn't stay in Europe.

534

00:28:19,140 --> 00:28:22,110

Luckily, they didn't stay.

535

00:28:22,110 --> 00:28:25,350

They came back to  
the United States.

536

00:28:25,350 --> 00:28:27,420

My father gave her a pair.

537

00:28:27,420 --> 00:28:30,570

He had made a candelabra.

538

00:28:30,570 --> 00:28:33,120

The identical.

539

00:28:33,120 --> 00:28:33,990

And she had that.

540

00:28:33,990 --> 00:28:36,720

That was 1922.

541

00:28:36,720 --> 00:28:39,690

And she gave that to me, hers.

542

00:28:39,690 --> 00:28:41,100

She said, this is for you.

543

00:28:41,100 --> 00:28:43,800

544

00:28:43,800 --> 00:28:46,770

Beautiful.

545

00:28:46,770 --> 00:28:47,850

And I have that.

546

00:28:47,850 --> 00:28:53,560

547

00:28:53,560 --> 00:28:56,560

Did you stay in your  
house, in your home?

548

00:28:56,560 --> 00:28:58,510

Not in my home.

549

00:28:58,510 --> 00:29:02,920

We didn't stay

there because there

550

00:29:02,920 --> 00:29:07,390

was a little bit of danger  
with the Russian soldiers.

551

00:29:07,390 --> 00:29:09,430

They were very wild.

552

00:29:09,430 --> 00:29:14,830

Some of the girls, some little  
friends were insulted by,

553

00:29:14,830 --> 00:29:17,350

not the Germans,  
but the Russians.

554

00:29:17,350 --> 00:29:18,880

Just insulted?

555

00:29:18,880 --> 00:29:19,855

Well, raped.

556

00:29:19,855 --> 00:29:22,930

557

00:29:22,930 --> 00:29:31,120

And we were in our house,  
and there was a soldier.

558

00:29:31,120 --> 00:29:33,430

My brother-in-law was with me.

559

00:29:33,430 --> 00:29:36,910

And the soldier.

560

00:29:36,910 --> 00:29:44,320

I don't remember how he  
approached me or what it was,

561

00:29:44,320 --> 00:29:48,640

but my brother-in-law

stood between us,

562

00:29:48,640 --> 00:29:52,510  
and he grabbed for his revolver.

563

00:29:52,510 --> 00:29:53,420  
I was safe.

564

00:29:53,420 --> 00:29:56,050  
I mean, nothing happened.

565

00:29:56,050 --> 00:29:58,120  
We didn't go back to our house.

566

00:29:58,120 --> 00:30:01,670  
I was just looking through  
what was going there.

567

00:30:01,670 --> 00:30:03,020  
What was happening.

568

00:30:03,020 --> 00:30:04,330  
But the house was empty.

569

00:30:04,330 --> 00:30:10,240  
And this was a bigger house  
where he settled down.

570

00:30:10,240 --> 00:30:12,370  
It was a big, big yard there.

571

00:30:12,370 --> 00:30:17,740  
And where the people who arrived  
home, there weren't too many.

572

00:30:17,740 --> 00:30:20,470  
Not everybody came back.

573

00:30:20,470 --> 00:30:21,100  
Yes.

574

00:30:21,100 --> 00:30:23,530  
Why why did I want to go back?

575  
00:30:23,530 --> 00:30:29,500  
Because I knew by this  
time, mother isn't.

576  
00:30:29,500 --> 00:30:31,420  
Blanche isn't.

577  
00:30:31,420 --> 00:30:33,160  
Something happened in Auschwitz.

578  
00:30:33,160 --> 00:30:36,250  
It must be true.

579  
00:30:36,250 --> 00:30:42,100  
And Edith died there with me.

580  
00:30:42,100 --> 00:30:48,220  
Being with me together  
and my brother.

581  
00:30:48,220 --> 00:30:49,720  
Maybe he survived.

582  
00:30:49,720 --> 00:30:55,880  
I mean, that's the place  
to go home if he made it.

583  
00:30:55,880 --> 00:30:57,710  
But he didn't.

584  
00:30:57,710 --> 00:30:58,330  
I waited.

585  
00:30:58,330 --> 00:30:59,110  
I waited.

586  
00:30:59,110 --> 00:31:02,950  
And nobody was  
telling me anything.



587  
00:31:02,950 --> 00:31:04,600  
They didn't want to tell me.

588  
00:31:04,600 --> 00:31:07,960  
His friends came, and they  
told my brother-in-law.

589  
00:31:07,960 --> 00:31:09,460  
They still didn't tell me.

590  
00:31:09,460 --> 00:31:15,410  
They were not going to tell  
me that he didn't survive.

591  
00:31:15,410 --> 00:31:19,690  
But there we were in that house.

592  
00:31:19,690 --> 00:31:28,930  
And I remember a Russian officer  
talking with a rabbi survived.

593  
00:31:28,930 --> 00:31:32,920  
The rabbi that I had talked to.

594  
00:31:32,920 --> 00:31:38,572  
And he came and talked to me  
in the ghetto, Teitelbaum.

595  
00:31:38,572 --> 00:31:41,320

596  
00:31:41,320 --> 00:31:42,830  
He came back.

597  
00:31:42,830 --> 00:31:47,590  
And the two of  
them were talking.

598  
00:31:47,590 --> 00:31:52,270  
The Russian officer who  
was Jewish with a rabbi.

599

00:31:52,270 --> 00:31:55,930

They were discussing they were  
talking politics and discussing

600

00:31:55,930 --> 00:31:58,570

religion and communism.

601

00:31:58,570 --> 00:32:05,380

But my view was I said,  
the war isn't over, I said.

602

00:32:05,380 --> 00:32:06,430

They looked at me.

603

00:32:06,430 --> 00:32:09,820

I said, communism and  
capitalism is going

604

00:32:09,820 --> 00:32:11,500

to be some problem in here.

605

00:32:11,500 --> 00:32:14,560

It's not at that point.

606

00:32:14,560 --> 00:32:19,000

I remember that so well  
that I was talking.

607

00:32:19,000 --> 00:32:28,420

But this Russian officer  
told us, leave away.

608

00:32:28,420 --> 00:32:30,520

Go away from here.

609

00:32:30,520 --> 00:32:33,820

Because at that time, they  
already knew that this remains.

610

00:32:33,820 --> 00:32:37,260

This goes to Russia. s It

never was Russia before.

611  
00:32:37,260 --> 00:32:38,740  
It used to be Hungary.

612  
00:32:38,740 --> 00:32:41,590  
Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

613  
00:32:41,590 --> 00:32:43,420  
But they gave it to Russia.

614  
00:32:43,420 --> 00:32:44,080  
Ukraine.

615  
00:32:44,080 --> 00:32:48,100  
I mean, Ukraine is Russia too.

616  
00:32:48,100 --> 00:32:49,790  
He advised us.

617  
00:32:49,790 --> 00:32:52,780  
And he told the rabbi,  
have your folks leave.

618  
00:32:52,780 --> 00:32:55,660  
And within a short time,  
whatever we were still

619  
00:32:55,660 --> 00:32:57,130  
waiting, who comes home.

620  
00:32:57,130 --> 00:33:00,460  
And then our brother-in-law  
packed us and sent us

621  
00:33:00,460 --> 00:33:03,340  
across the border to Romania.

622  
00:33:03,340 --> 00:33:04,750  
Where?

623

00:33:04,750 --> 00:33:10,270  
We went to Romania, to this  
Transylvanian town, Satu Mare.

624  
00:33:10,270 --> 00:33:17,120

625  
00:33:17,120 --> 00:33:19,640  
Did your brother-in-law  
come with you?

626  
00:33:19,640 --> 00:33:20,600  
Not yet.

627  
00:33:20,600 --> 00:33:24,620  
He wasn't through,  
but he sent us.

628  
00:33:24,620 --> 00:33:29,000  
My cousin, Lindsay, came  
back by that time too.

629  
00:33:29,000 --> 00:33:35,300  
And Blanche left to go to  
Hungary because her husband,

630  
00:33:35,300 --> 00:33:40,100  
she was married already, and she  
had her husband from Hungary.

631  
00:33:40,100 --> 00:33:47,390  
Budapest, different parts  
that was deeper into Hungary.

632  
00:33:47,390 --> 00:33:49,700  
So she went there.

633  
00:33:49,700 --> 00:33:53,480  
And I don't know when  
Lindsay came back.

634  
00:33:53,480 --> 00:33:56,900  
We didn't talk exactly,

but she came back.

635  
00:33:56,900 --> 00:33:59,410  
And Lindsay was  
Blanche's sister.

636  
00:33:59,410 --> 00:34:00,430  
A younger sister.

637  
00:34:00,430 --> 00:34:03,470  
We were separated in Auschwitz.

638  
00:34:03,470 --> 00:34:13,159  
And she and my sister, the  
three of us, our brother-in-law

639  
00:34:13,159 --> 00:34:17,239  
sent us over to Romania.

640  
00:34:17,239 --> 00:34:18,389  
When was that?

641  
00:34:18,389 --> 00:34:20,840  
Do you remember the date?

642  
00:34:20,840 --> 00:34:21,620  
OK.

643  
00:34:21,620 --> 00:34:25,486  
This must have been  
during the summer in '45.

644  
00:34:25,486 --> 00:34:27,590  
Already in '45?

645  
00:34:27,590 --> 00:34:28,522  
We didn't stay there.

646  
00:34:28,522 --> 00:34:30,230  
So you were only home  
a couple of months?

647

00:34:30,230 --> 00:34:31,370

Yes.

648

00:34:31,370 --> 00:34:33,170

There was nothing there for us.

649

00:34:33,170 --> 00:34:36,739

But we stayed home.

650

00:34:36,739 --> 00:34:40,190

The summer time, I know that  
we went to the river to swim.

651

00:34:40,190 --> 00:34:42,170

We had a river there.

652

00:34:42,170 --> 00:34:43,250

The Tisza.

653

00:34:43,250 --> 00:34:44,110

You know the Tisza?

654

00:34:44,110 --> 00:34:46,830

I know where the Tisza is.

655

00:34:46,830 --> 00:34:47,870

And we loved that.

656

00:34:47,870 --> 00:34:50,000

We used to go  
there every summer.

657

00:34:50,000 --> 00:34:52,280

That's where we were swimming.

658

00:34:52,280 --> 00:34:54,920

And I know that the  
Russians were out there,

659

00:34:54,920 --> 00:34:56,270

and they did their own wash.

660  
00:34:56,270 --> 00:34:58,250  
How primitive.

661  
00:34:58,250 --> 00:35:06,110  
Do you know that they occupied  
Jewish homes there, the houses.

662  
00:35:06,110 --> 00:35:08,810  
And the whole family  
lived in one room.

663  
00:35:08,810 --> 00:35:12,560  
If there were six rooms, they  
didn't know what to do with it.

664  
00:35:12,560 --> 00:35:13,620  
They all lived in one.

665  
00:35:13,620 --> 00:35:15,890  
They were so behind.

666  
00:35:15,890 --> 00:35:16,790  
So behind.

667  
00:35:16,790 --> 00:35:18,860  
I don't think they still.

668  
00:35:18,860 --> 00:35:22,550  
You read what they left in  
Czechoslovakia, in Prague.

669  
00:35:22,550 --> 00:35:24,470  
I mean, in Czechoslovakia.

670  
00:35:24,470 --> 00:35:28,340

671  
00:35:28,340 --> 00:35:33,470  
But they told this, I mean,  
a quiet way, this officer

672

00:35:33,470 --> 00:35:34,880  
because he was Jewish.

673

00:35:34,880 --> 00:35:36,710  
He said, get your folks out.

674

00:35:36,710 --> 00:35:37,520  
And that's how.

675

00:35:37,520 --> 00:35:40,340  
And what happened and  
you went to Romania?

676

00:35:40,340 --> 00:35:41,540  
Oh, I had family.

677

00:35:41,540 --> 00:35:43,880  
I had some cousins there.

678

00:35:43,880 --> 00:35:46,910  
I had cousins there.

679

00:35:46,910 --> 00:35:53,000  
And they were also in  
concentration camp.

680

00:35:53,000 --> 00:35:57,890  
This cousin's wife came back.

681

00:35:57,890 --> 00:35:59,090  
She had children.

682

00:35:59,090 --> 00:36:01,940  
And they gave the children  
to the older folks.

683

00:36:01,940 --> 00:36:05,360  
Her older sister or  
the mother-in-law.

684

00:36:05,360 --> 00:36:07,970



She had two young girls.

685

00:36:07,970 --> 00:36:09,230

And they came back.

686

00:36:09,230 --> 00:36:12,480

And they had a store, a  
little business there.

687

00:36:12,480 --> 00:36:16,430

And then they sold it  
to my brother-in-law.

688

00:36:16,430 --> 00:36:17,300

And we stayed.

689

00:36:17,300 --> 00:36:19,790

Oh, there is still a  
long story from that.

690

00:36:19,790 --> 00:36:22,790

I can't recall.

691

00:36:22,790 --> 00:36:24,380

Do you want me to finish today?

692

00:36:24,380 --> 00:36:35,394

693

00:36:35,394 --> 00:36:39,320

Eva, in Zittau, you  
were prowling for food

694

00:36:39,320 --> 00:36:42,150

for your sister, Edith.

695

00:36:42,150 --> 00:36:45,770

For all of you, actually.

696

00:36:45,770 --> 00:36:48,680

How did you happen to be  
able to get to the kitchen?

697  
00:36:48,680 --> 00:36:52,550  
Do you know that this is a  
very good question because it

698  
00:36:52,550 --> 00:37:00,950  
brought back something  
very drastic shall

699  
00:37:00,950 --> 00:37:08,660  
I say because one girl in  
our room made a false key.

700  
00:37:08,660 --> 00:37:13,670  
We were able to go and get  
some food in the warehouse.

701  
00:37:13,670 --> 00:37:16,100  
And do you know that  
that's when we found out

702  
00:37:16,100 --> 00:37:19,430  
that there were man working,  
and they did the same.

703  
00:37:19,430 --> 00:37:21,860  
And they caught some  
of them, but they

704  
00:37:21,860 --> 00:37:24,240  
didn't suspect the girls.

705  
00:37:24,240 --> 00:37:25,880  
It was only our room.

706  
00:37:25,880 --> 00:37:30,620  
And at night, we will go to  
the bathroom or whatever, you

707  
00:37:30,620 --> 00:37:32,390  
put a sheet on our--

708

00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:34,460  
they were prowling  
as you said it.

709  
00:37:34,460 --> 00:37:37,010

710  
00:37:37,010 --> 00:37:39,110  
And it was a very  
dangerous thing.

711  
00:37:39,110 --> 00:37:40,100  
And it was night.

712  
00:37:40,100 --> 00:37:43,640  
And I don't know  
how she found out.

713  
00:37:43,640 --> 00:37:47,390  
She came from the Satu Mare from  
this town that I went later.

714  
00:37:47,390 --> 00:37:50,060  
I have never seen  
her after that.

715  
00:37:50,060 --> 00:37:51,330  
But she was clever.

716  
00:37:51,330 --> 00:37:52,460  
She made a key.

717  
00:37:52,460 --> 00:37:57,890  
And we were able  
to get vegetables.

718  
00:37:57,890 --> 00:38:00,378  
Beets, some potatoes.

719  
00:38:00,378 --> 00:38:00,920  
I don't know.

720

00:38:00,920 --> 00:38:02,960  
It wasn't such a variety.

721  
00:38:02,960 --> 00:38:05,720  
But there was food there.

722  
00:38:05,720 --> 00:38:07,310  
And we didn't do  
it too many times.

723  
00:38:07,310 --> 00:38:08,820  
It was a very dangerous.

724  
00:38:08,820 --> 00:38:11,360  
And as I say, the  
man were caught.

725  
00:38:11,360 --> 00:38:13,580  
They were punished badly.

726  
00:38:13,580 --> 00:38:17,480  
But besides that, I  
was just always out.

727  
00:38:17,480 --> 00:38:20,750  
As I didn't know in Auschwitz  
and in the beginning,

728  
00:38:20,750 --> 00:38:21,515  
I got smarter.

729  
00:38:21,515 --> 00:38:24,410  
As I got half a year  
older, I got smarter.

730  
00:38:24,410 --> 00:38:27,540  
Of being out, and  
being on my feet,

731  
00:38:27,540 --> 00:38:33,200  
and looking out of where  
you can get something.

732

00:38:33,200 --> 00:38:39,470

Because I remember this  
also that I was out there.

733

00:38:39,470 --> 00:38:40,980

And they were bringing bread in.

734

00:38:40,980 --> 00:38:45,350

And I was able to bring bread,  
and we all got a little extra.

735

00:38:45,350 --> 00:38:47,880

And in the kitchen, I  
just went in the kitchen.

736

00:38:47,880 --> 00:38:49,670

And I said, I have  
a sick sister.

737

00:38:49,670 --> 00:38:52,550

Could I get something extra?

738

00:38:52,550 --> 00:38:54,170

They gave me the potato.

739

00:38:54,170 --> 00:38:56,430

And they told me  
how you can bake it.

740

00:38:56,430 --> 00:38:59,060

I put it there into the ash.

741

00:38:59,060 --> 00:39:01,760

That happened maybe  
once or twice.

742

00:39:01,760 --> 00:39:02,840

I went the second time.

743

00:39:02,840 --> 00:39:05,010

Maybe I didn't get anymore.

744

00:39:05,010 --> 00:39:08,330

But at the time, and I was  
hurt, then I got the soup.

745

00:39:08,330 --> 00:39:10,860

There was leftover food.

746

00:39:10,860 --> 00:39:14,990

And I happened to be in the  
right place at the right time.

747

00:39:14,990 --> 00:39:17,930

748

00:39:17,930 --> 00:39:19,910

Because then, I was prowling.

749

00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:26,060

Yes, I was always trying to get  
a little extra, little food.

750

00:39:26,060 --> 00:39:28,350

Were there Germans  
in the kitchen?

751

00:39:28,350 --> 00:39:28,850

No.

752

00:39:28,850 --> 00:39:30,170

They were all halflings.

753

00:39:30,170 --> 00:39:31,940

They were all our people.

754

00:39:31,940 --> 00:39:35,160

I mean, they were older than me.

755

00:39:35,160 --> 00:39:40,130

And they were more capable,  
or they were used to work.

756

00:39:40,130 --> 00:39:43,590

I never was used to do  
anything of that sort.

757

00:39:43,590 --> 00:39:47,870

They had help at home  
when I was younger.

758

00:39:47,870 --> 00:39:51,680

759

00:39:51,680 --> 00:39:53,480

What did I know about cooking?

760

00:39:53,480 --> 00:39:56,900

But they were our people.

761

00:39:56,900 --> 00:39:59,900

762

00:39:59,900 --> 00:40:04,310

When you went to the airport to  
call the storehouse for food--

763

00:40:04,310 --> 00:40:05,060

At night.

764

00:40:05,060 --> 00:40:05,900

Stealing.

765

00:40:05,900 --> 00:40:07,730

Yes, stealing.

766

00:40:07,730 --> 00:40:09,740

What time or hour?

767

00:40:09,740 --> 00:40:10,970

Oh, who knows?

768

00:40:10,970 --> 00:40:12,320

The middle of the night.

769

00:40:12,320 --> 00:40:15,680

Or sometimes, we had checkups.

770

00:40:15,680 --> 00:40:17,510

They used to come and  
turn the light on.

771

00:40:17,510 --> 00:40:22,010

They were checking on  
us during the night.

772

00:40:22,010 --> 00:40:28,850

And going for the food for  
four into the warehouse.

773

00:40:28,850 --> 00:40:31,850

That was during the night.

774

00:40:31,850 --> 00:40:32,730

During the night.

775

00:40:32,730 --> 00:40:34,590

After checkup?

776

00:40:34,590 --> 00:40:36,230

That wasn't a regular checkup.

777

00:40:36,230 --> 00:40:39,110

That was a surprise kind.

778

00:40:39,110 --> 00:40:42,780

They were checking on us.

779

00:40:42,780 --> 00:40:45,520

But it was a very  
dangerous thing to do.

780

00:40:45,520 --> 00:40:46,520

That's for sure.

781

00:40:46,520 --> 00:40:49,430



I don't know how long that  
lasted, how many times.

782  
00:40:49,430 --> 00:40:51,380  
But I went once.

783  
00:40:51,380 --> 00:40:53,150  
And Edith went.

784  
00:40:53,150 --> 00:40:55,910  
But oh, she came back with  
such a pounding heart.

785  
00:40:55,910 --> 00:40:57,240  
I said, let's not do that.

786  
00:40:57,240 --> 00:40:59,020  
She was so scared.

787  
00:40:59,020 --> 00:41:00,290  
So was I.

788  
00:41:00,290 --> 00:41:01,760  
There were no lights?

789  
00:41:01,760 --> 00:41:02,910  
No lights.

790  
00:41:02,910 --> 00:41:03,960  
No lights.

791  
00:41:03,960 --> 00:41:04,580  
No lights.

792  
00:41:04,580 --> 00:41:08,610  
She said, just, it's  
down there on the floor.

793  
00:41:08,610 --> 00:41:10,580  
And they were in piles.

794

00:41:10,580 --> 00:41:11,780  
And they were delivering.

795  
00:41:11,780 --> 00:41:14,420  
I don't know how she knew  
where the warehouse was.

796  
00:41:14,420 --> 00:41:16,850  
I didn't where the things were.

797  
00:41:16,850 --> 00:41:20,240  
But we were able  
to get hold of--

798  
00:41:20,240 --> 00:41:23,180  
And Blanche, she went.

799  
00:41:23,180 --> 00:41:26,980  
She was by herself and took  
such good care of herself.

800  
00:41:26,980 --> 00:41:28,550  
I was angry at her.

801  
00:41:28,550 --> 00:41:30,110  
Never got any advice.

802  
00:41:30,110 --> 00:41:31,770  
Never helped me with Edith.

803  
00:41:31,770 --> 00:41:37,520  
And I told her she  
was for herself.

804  
00:41:37,520 --> 00:41:40,640  
In Auschwitz, she met,  
her husband was there too.

805  
00:41:40,640 --> 00:41:44,210  
And somehow, he  
was able to throw

806

00:41:44,210 --> 00:41:47,690  
over the barbed wire some.

807  
00:41:47,690 --> 00:41:50,930  
He was able to help them  
in a little way too.

808  
00:41:50,930 --> 00:41:52,940  
They didn't tell us.

809  
00:41:52,940 --> 00:41:56,030  
Well, I don't know.

810  
00:41:56,030 --> 00:42:00,400  
I said, another thing  
that is very important,

811  
00:42:00,400 --> 00:42:03,860  
my saying with my mind  
that occurred to me.

812  
00:42:03,860 --> 00:42:07,940  
I said, we were  
condemned to live.

813  
00:42:07,940 --> 00:42:11,330  
The rest of the family, the  
people who died, they died.

814  
00:42:11,330 --> 00:42:14,210  
I said, we were  
condemned to life.

815  
00:42:14,210 --> 00:42:16,850  
That was my saying.

816  
00:42:16,850 --> 00:42:20,610  
Because it was a very tough.

817  
00:42:20,610 --> 00:42:21,720  
It was a tough thing.

818

00:42:21,720 --> 00:42:22,220  
Why?

819  
00:42:22,220 --> 00:42:24,060  
Exactly us?

820  
00:42:24,060 --> 00:42:24,725  
Why me?

821  
00:42:24,725 --> 00:42:28,800

822  
00:42:28,800 --> 00:42:31,960  
Life has been tough anyway.

823  
00:42:31,960 --> 00:42:34,960

824  
00:42:34,960 --> 00:42:39,700  
There is no peace in our soul.

825  
00:42:39,700 --> 00:42:44,120

826  
00:42:44,120 --> 00:42:46,940  
Well, the reason  
I'm able to go on

827  
00:42:46,940 --> 00:42:49,370  
and the things that have  
happened to me is probably,

828  
00:42:49,370 --> 00:42:53,090  
but what I have  
clung to what I did.

829  
00:42:53,090 --> 00:42:56,090  
My physical workout.

830  
00:42:56,090 --> 00:42:59,170  
That must have helped me out.

831

00:42:59,170 --> 00:45:03,000