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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:59,900

2

00:00:59,900 --> 00:01:03,530

So as I said, we were put on  
the side track of the Berlin

3

00:01:03,530 --> 00:01:09,167

station to allow other more  
important trains to pass.

4

00:01:09,167 --> 00:01:11,000

And suddenly it was the  
middle of the night,

5

00:01:11,000 --> 00:01:13,560

I think was 12 or 1  
o'clock in the morning

6

00:01:13,560 --> 00:01:17,820

we began to hear bombs  
falling all over the place.

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00:01:17,820 --> 00:01:21,800

And noises here and explosions  
there and noises here.

8

00:01:21,800 --> 00:01:26,408

And naturally we  
weren't sleeping anyway.

9

00:01:26,408 --> 00:01:27,950

We knew we were in  
Berlin, because we

10

00:01:27,950 --> 00:01:34,460

could see Berlin Station  
looking through the cracks

11

00:01:34,460 --> 00:01:37,585

of the wooden door  
of the railroad car.

12

00:01:37,585 --> 00:01:41,840

And we could see fires  
burning all around us.

13

00:01:41,840 --> 00:01:43,370

And we heard more bombs falling.

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00:01:43,370 --> 00:01:46,250

And then we heard Germans  
running back and forth

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00:01:46,250 --> 00:01:50,040

with fire equipment and  
all sorts of things.

16

00:01:50,040 --> 00:01:52,430

And we said to ourselves,  
and my dad said to me,

17

00:01:52,430 --> 00:01:53,990

oh it's great, wonderful.

18

00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:56,380

And I said, great.

19

00:01:56,380 --> 00:01:58,860

Even if we were to  
get killed and burned

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00:01:58,860 --> 00:02:01,350

we would be killed by  
Americans than taken

21

00:02:01,350 --> 00:02:04,420

to another crematorium  
or to be shot elsewhere

22

00:02:04,420 --> 00:02:08,400

and to be killed by  
the hand of the Nazis.

23

00:02:08,400 --> 00:02:10,830  
No, we wanted to die  
because we knew we would,

24  
00:02:10,830 --> 00:02:14,010  
but we just didn't want to  
go by the hand of the Nazis.

25  
00:02:14,010 --> 00:02:21,510  
And I could actually feel the  
intense heat through the car,

26  
00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:25,260  
coming into our car  
from all the fires.

27  
00:02:25,260 --> 00:02:30,780  
And for some another miracle,  
if you believe in miracles,

28  
00:02:30,780 --> 00:02:33,350  
our train was not hit.

29  
00:02:33,350 --> 00:02:34,880  
Our train was not hit.

30  
00:02:34,880 --> 00:02:38,300  
And even our locomotives  
were disconnected

31  
00:02:38,300 --> 00:02:39,380  
to move the other train.

32  
00:02:39,380 --> 00:02:41,390  
We were left  
without locomotives.

33  
00:02:41,390 --> 00:02:44,000  
We were just parked  
on a side track

34  
00:02:44,000 --> 00:02:49,430  
away from the main action, a

completely insignificant part

35  
00:02:49,430 --> 00:02:53,290  
of the huge railroad station.

36  
00:02:53,290 --> 00:02:55,680  
Whole station burned.

37  
00:02:55,680 --> 00:02:57,780  
Took them a day  
and a half I think

38  
00:02:57,780 --> 00:03:01,560  
it was to get a locomotive back  
to us and to clear the tracks

39  
00:03:01,560 --> 00:03:02,550  
and to take us out.

40  
00:03:02,550 --> 00:03:04,860  
And that's when they  
took us to Sachsenhausen.

41  
00:03:04,860 --> 00:03:06,580  
Before when I said  
they took us to--

42  
00:03:06,580 --> 00:03:08,632  
I mean Oranienberg.

43  
00:03:08,632 --> 00:03:10,590  
They took us from  
Sachsenhausen to Oranienberg.

44  
00:03:10,590 --> 00:03:13,350  
But we went through Berlin.

45  
00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:18,290  
Oranienberg is another camp,  
another military installation.

46  
00:03:18,290 --> 00:03:22,400

And I don't think that too many  
Jewish prisoners were there.

47

00:03:22,400 --> 00:03:25,610

I found out later there was a  
Messerschmidt factory they were

48

00:03:25,610 --> 00:03:27,470

building with an army base.

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00:03:27,470 --> 00:03:31,030

And they were building these  
Messerschmidt fighters.

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00:03:31,030 --> 00:03:37,340

And they had big  
hangars, buildings

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00:03:37,340 --> 00:03:40,947

where they put the prisoners  
in like us, and some straw,

52

00:03:40,947 --> 00:03:42,030

and that's where we slept.

53

00:03:42,030 --> 00:03:45,050

During the day we built  
bunkers, dug ditches

54

00:03:45,050 --> 00:03:48,507

and laid pipes and all  
kinds of manual labor.

55

00:03:48,507 --> 00:03:49,340

This is what we did.

56

00:03:49,340 --> 00:03:52,880

I remember when we got there,  
this is a little detail,

57

00:03:52,880 --> 00:03:56,330

my dad said, sit  
right here and I'll

58  
00:03:56,330 --> 00:03:59,030  
go see if I can get  
us some extra straw.

59  
00:03:59,030 --> 00:04:01,280  
It was a hard concrete place.

60  
00:04:01,280 --> 00:04:05,930  
And a little while  
later, it was dark

61  
00:04:05,930 --> 00:04:08,630  
and we didn't have any light and  
there was maybe one light bulb

62  
00:04:08,630 --> 00:04:10,820  
in the entire hangar area.

63  
00:04:10,820 --> 00:04:14,468  
I saw a bunch of Germans  
kicking and beating somebody

64  
00:04:14,468 --> 00:04:15,260  
on the floor there.

65  
00:04:15,260 --> 00:04:18,000

66  
00:04:18,000 --> 00:04:22,910  
And then a little while  
later my dad returned

67  
00:04:22,910 --> 00:04:27,020  
and I was telling them about  
they were beating somebody

68  
00:04:27,020 --> 00:04:28,400  
up there, I wonder why.

69  
00:04:28,400 --> 00:04:30,650  
He didn't say nothing.

70  
00:04:30,650 --> 00:04:32,780  
And then the next day  
I saw a lot of bruises

71  
00:04:32,780 --> 00:04:35,608  
on his body, my dad's body.

72  
00:04:35,608 --> 00:04:37,150  
And I said, where  
did they come from?

73  
00:04:37,150 --> 00:04:40,540  
He said, it was me they  
were beating last night.

74  
00:04:40,540 --> 00:04:42,233  
I said, why were  
the beating you?

75  
00:04:42,233 --> 00:04:46,180

76  
00:04:46,180 --> 00:04:50,540  
He said, because I was  
going out to get some straw.

77  
00:04:50,540 --> 00:04:52,430  
So luckily no major  
damage was done.

78  
00:04:52,430 --> 00:04:56,310

79  
00:04:56,310 --> 00:04:58,580  
While it's fresh  
in my memory, I'd

80  
00:04:58,580 --> 00:05:00,330  
like to go back to  
Auschwitz for a moment.

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00:05:00,330 --> 00:05:03,000

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00:05:03,000 --> 00:05:09,200

While in Auschwitz,  
I did get sick once.

83

00:05:09,200 --> 00:05:12,370

And I got typhoid fever.

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00:05:12,370 --> 00:05:14,515

I guess it was a  
lot of people did.

85

00:05:14,515 --> 00:05:18,420

There was filth, there was  
lice all over everything,

86

00:05:18,420 --> 00:05:24,700

and of course I was burning  
up, burning up with fever.

87

00:05:24,700 --> 00:05:29,640

My dad at that  
time was a barber.

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00:05:29,640 --> 00:05:31,980

He was a barber by  
profession, so they allowed

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00:05:31,980 --> 00:05:34,470

him to be a barber in the camp.

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00:05:34,470 --> 00:05:37,960

So he was allowed to  
stay in the barracks

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00:05:37,960 --> 00:05:39,390

and just cut people's hair.

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00:05:39,390 --> 00:05:41,930



93

00:05:41,930 --> 00:05:49,370

And so he hid me under some  
blankets on the bleachers

94

00:05:49,370 --> 00:05:53,190

where we were supposed to  
be sleeping, like beds.

95

00:05:53,190 --> 00:05:58,300

And once I remember he  
got a bottle of soda pop

96

00:05:58,300 --> 00:06:01,030

for cutting somebody, say a  
little orange or strawberry

97

00:06:01,030 --> 00:06:03,580

soda pop.

98

00:06:03,580 --> 00:06:05,440

And I remember I was  
burning up with fever,

99

00:06:05,440 --> 00:06:09,850

and he gave me that bottle  
and I just downed it so fast.

100

00:06:09,850 --> 00:06:11,600

And I think that might  
have saved my life.

101

00:06:11,600 --> 00:06:14,370

There was no medicine.

102

00:06:14,370 --> 00:06:20,230

And one day I stuck  
my head out to see

103

00:06:20,230 --> 00:06:22,670

what was happening  
in the barrack,

104

00:06:22,670 --> 00:06:27,140  
and as I stuck my head  
out, one of the German SS

105  
00:06:27,140 --> 00:06:29,820  
people who happened to  
be walking and inspecting

106  
00:06:29,820 --> 00:06:30,320  
the barrack.

107  
00:06:30,320 --> 00:06:34,230  
And he saw me and he  
pulled me out and put

108  
00:06:34,230 --> 00:06:37,250  
me right in front of the  
barrack, asked me to bend down

109  
00:06:37,250 --> 00:06:41,030  
and took a big 2 by 4 and began  
hitting me across the back

110  
00:06:41,030 --> 00:06:43,090  
and across the behind,

111  
00:06:43,090 --> 00:06:45,880  
My dad says, please,  
don't hit him.

112  
00:06:45,880 --> 00:06:46,640  
He's just a child.

113  
00:06:46,640 --> 00:06:48,640  
Hit me.

114  
00:06:48,640 --> 00:06:50,800  
So after he got through  
beating me, he put my dad

115  
00:06:50,800 --> 00:06:54,470  
and asked him to bend down and  
beat him with a 2 by 4 also.

116  
00:06:54,470 --> 00:06:56,830  
And he got beat up.

117  
00:06:56,830 --> 00:07:00,600  
Luckily, I had no broken bones.

118  
00:07:00,600 --> 00:07:05,130  
And I remember I developed a  
very severe boil under my arm.

119  
00:07:05,130 --> 00:07:08,830  
I hate to go into this detail,  
but I must tell you about it.

120  
00:07:08,830 --> 00:07:13,850  
It's just getting bigger and  
bigger, and it was, I guess,

121  
00:07:13,850 --> 00:07:18,080  
the result of the typhoid fever  
because the pus kind of settled

122  
00:07:18,080 --> 00:07:20,470  
in that part of the body.

123  
00:07:20,470 --> 00:07:25,690  
And there was one Jewish  
doctor in the camp with us,

124  
00:07:25,690 --> 00:07:27,780  
but he had nothing  
to practice with.

125  
00:07:27,780 --> 00:07:30,585  
My dad asked him what  
he could do for me.

126  
00:07:30,585 --> 00:07:31,710  
Said he needs an operation.

127  
00:07:31,710 --> 00:07:32,543

It needs to open up.

128

00:07:32,543 --> 00:07:34,410

It needs to be removed.

129

00:07:34,410 --> 00:07:36,480

And my dad says, I'll  
pay anything you say.

130

00:07:36,480 --> 00:07:37,980

You know you have  
to remember my dad

131

00:07:37,980 --> 00:07:41,220

got some bread, an extra  
ration of bread to pay him.

132

00:07:41,220 --> 00:07:43,500

So I remember he  
took a razor blade,

133

00:07:43,500 --> 00:07:46,910

a regular like a Gillette razor  
blade, single-edge razor blade,

134

00:07:46,910 --> 00:07:48,920

and I think he sterilized  
it with a match

135

00:07:48,920 --> 00:07:51,730

or with a cigarette  
or something.

136

00:07:51,730 --> 00:07:55,450

And I remember he opened  
it up and was it painful.

137

00:07:55,450 --> 00:07:57,458

Was it painful.

138

00:07:57,458 --> 00:07:59,500

I think it was an abscess  
or something like that.

139  
00:07:59,500 --> 00:08:03,000  
I don't know what to call  
it, a boil or an abscess.

140  
00:08:03,000 --> 00:08:06,530  
And remember he put  
some rags in there

141  
00:08:06,530 --> 00:08:11,010  
and then wrapped it around  
and put it around my neck.

142  
00:08:11,010 --> 00:08:16,260  
And I just fell  
asleep that night.

143  
00:08:16,260 --> 00:08:18,540  
I remember I woke  
up in the morning

144  
00:08:18,540 --> 00:08:23,100  
and everything was  
just soaked with pus.

145  
00:08:23,100 --> 00:08:26,250  
Then he told me to just  
keep a rag in there

146  
00:08:26,250 --> 00:08:29,070  
as the hole gets smaller but  
always keep a rag with a tip

147  
00:08:29,070 --> 00:08:30,360  
hanging out.

148  
00:08:30,360 --> 00:08:33,679  
And eventually it got better.

149  
00:08:33,679 --> 00:08:35,590  
No infection.

150

00:08:35,590 --> 00:08:37,299  
And that too is a miracle.

151  
00:08:37,299 --> 00:08:39,980  
So I survived that part.

152  
00:08:39,980 --> 00:08:42,592  
So I just had to tell you  
about that part of Auschwitz.

153  
00:08:42,592 --> 00:08:45,190

154  
00:08:45,190 --> 00:08:47,830  
Before you leave  
Auschwitz, can you

155  
00:08:47,830 --> 00:08:50,380  
tell me about what  
kind of food were you

156  
00:08:50,380 --> 00:08:54,440  
given when you were there?

157  
00:08:54,440 --> 00:09:00,110  
I remember watery soup  
where you could just

158  
00:09:00,110 --> 00:09:02,300  
search for a potato peeling.

159  
00:09:02,300 --> 00:09:05,220  
Search for a potato  
peeling and hope there

160  
00:09:05,220 --> 00:09:07,140  
would be a little potato on it.

161  
00:09:07,140 --> 00:09:12,932

162  
00:09:12,932 --> 00:09:15,290

A portion of bread.

163

00:09:15,290 --> 00:09:16,970

An 1/8 of a loaf.

164

00:09:16,970 --> 00:09:20,420

We built a little scale  
out of two twigs of wood

165

00:09:20,420 --> 00:09:24,350

with two little strings and  
two little toothpick things

166

00:09:24,350 --> 00:09:26,990

to stick into the bread  
and hold it up and weigh

167

00:09:26,990 --> 00:09:31,850

it to make sure that nobody  
got more bread than the other.

168

00:09:31,850 --> 00:09:36,210

And my dad, being a barber, was  
able to get a little quarter

169

00:09:36,210 --> 00:09:38,240

of bread from somebody  
for cutting their hair,

170

00:09:38,240 --> 00:09:42,013

or able to get a little  
piece of cigarette.

171

00:09:42,013 --> 00:09:43,680

Although he didn't  
smoke, but he usually

172

00:09:43,680 --> 00:09:46,950

brought to the table a cigarette  
and traded to someone else

173

00:09:46,950 --> 00:09:49,390

for a little piece of bread.

174  
00:09:49,390 --> 00:09:51,840  
And I would get a  
little bit more that way

175  
00:09:51,840 --> 00:09:55,960  
than the actual portion  
designated to us.

176  
00:09:55,960 --> 00:09:58,840  
So this was your  
ration for the day?

177  
00:09:58,840 --> 00:10:00,160  
Yeah.

178  
00:10:00,160 --> 00:10:03,940  
And you said you talked about  
the activities, your work

179  
00:10:03,940 --> 00:10:06,760  
activities during the day.

180  
00:10:06,760 --> 00:10:10,540  
When you were through working,  
were you able to walk around

181  
00:10:10,540 --> 00:10:13,490  
with some freedom of movement?

182  
00:10:13,490 --> 00:10:16,090  
There was a little time  
in the late evening,

183  
00:10:16,090 --> 00:10:18,660  
if you had the strength,  
to walk around.

184  
00:10:18,660 --> 00:10:20,360  
But most of us were tired.

185  
00:10:20,360 --> 00:10:23,650



All you want to do is just take  
a drink what you can drink,

186  
00:10:23,650 --> 00:10:25,265  
the little soup that you had.

187  
00:10:25,265 --> 00:10:28,790  
They used to bring pots of  
soup, one pot for each barrack,

188  
00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:30,730  
and somehow one person  
would distribute it.

189  
00:10:30,730 --> 00:10:34,670  
We each had a little  
metal aluminum cup.

190  
00:10:34,670 --> 00:10:37,130  
And everything served  
was in that cup,

191  
00:10:37,130 --> 00:10:39,800  
so you always wore  
the cup on you.

192  
00:10:39,800 --> 00:10:41,930  
And that was it.

193  
00:10:41,930 --> 00:10:46,910

194  
00:10:46,910 --> 00:10:50,710  
I'll go back again  
to a previous camp

195  
00:10:50,710 --> 00:10:55,990  
when we were taken from  
Buchenwald going to Auschwitz.

196  
00:10:55,990 --> 00:11:07,070  
There was the portions  
of bread, and I put down

197  
00:11:07,070 --> 00:11:09,890  
my piece of bread  
for a moment while I

198  
00:11:09,890 --> 00:11:12,200  
was getting ready,  
putting on my pants,

199  
00:11:12,200 --> 00:11:15,200  
and somebody stole  
my piece of bread.

200  
00:11:15,200 --> 00:11:16,700  
And when we got on  
the train, my dad

201  
00:11:16,700 --> 00:11:18,750  
said to me, where's  
your piece of bread?

202  
00:11:18,750 --> 00:11:20,820  
And I said, I don't have it.

203  
00:11:20,820 --> 00:11:22,730  
I must have laid it down.

204  
00:11:22,730 --> 00:11:25,400  
My dad got so angry that.

205  
00:11:25,400 --> 00:11:27,200  
He got so angry.

206  
00:11:27,200 --> 00:11:28,340  
He called me stupid.

207  
00:11:28,340 --> 00:11:29,120  
He called me dumb.

208  
00:11:29,120 --> 00:11:31,130  
He said how could  
I do such a thing?

209  
00:11:31,130 --> 00:11:32,810  
And with good reason,  
because he had

210  
00:11:32,810 --> 00:11:36,740  
to share his portion  
with me, which he did.

211  
00:11:36,740 --> 00:11:38,070  
But I was stupid.

212  
00:11:38,070 --> 00:11:40,492  
I mean, it was life  
and death and I

213  
00:11:40,492 --> 00:11:41,700  
shouldn't have laid it aside.

214  
00:11:41,700 --> 00:11:43,662  
And there was no  
excuse for being young

215  
00:11:43,662 --> 00:11:44,620  
and a child, a mistake.

216  
00:11:44,620 --> 00:11:46,780  
You couldn't afford  
to make a mistake.

217  
00:11:46,780 --> 00:11:48,610  
And that was a serious mistake.

218  
00:11:48,610 --> 00:11:51,040  
And I shouldn't have  
allowed it to happen.

219  
00:11:51,040 --> 00:11:53,600  
I wasn't angry at my dad,  
I was angry at myself

220  
00:11:53,600 --> 00:11:56,240

how I could allow  
this to happen to me.

221  
00:11:56,240 --> 00:11:57,820  
I mean, I was smart--

222  
00:11:57,820 --> 00:12:00,610  
I thought I was-- and I was  
careful, I was calculating.

223  
00:12:00,610 --> 00:12:03,320  
I saved myself and I did  
everything I could right.

224  
00:12:03,320 --> 00:12:06,200  
How I got to do this,  
let this happen?

225  
00:12:06,200 --> 00:12:10,460  
Well, I learned my lesson and  
never let that happen again.

226  
00:12:10,460 --> 00:12:15,530  
Also, when you  
were at Auschwitz,

227  
00:12:15,530 --> 00:12:21,110  
when you had any time that you  
were able to socialize or talk

228  
00:12:21,110 --> 00:12:27,890  
with other people that  
were there in the camp,

229  
00:12:27,890 --> 00:12:30,650  
do you recall the things  
that you talked about

230  
00:12:30,650 --> 00:12:37,140  
or the ways that you  
were able to be social?

231  
00:12:37,140 --> 00:12:39,870

Yes, sometimes we used to sit  
on the bleachers, I remember.

232  
00:12:39,870 --> 00:12:46,920  
And I remember these two men  
that were at the railroad

233  
00:12:46,920 --> 00:12:48,390  
station when we arrived.

234  
00:12:48,390 --> 00:12:50,100  
They were from our town.

235  
00:12:50,100 --> 00:12:52,610  
We happened to be the  
same camp with them.

236  
00:12:52,610 --> 00:12:56,930  
And they were Canada and  
they were well to do.

237  
00:12:56,930 --> 00:13:01,070  
They got extra bread, an  
extra piece of meat sometimes

238  
00:13:01,070 --> 00:13:02,180  
or whatever.

239  
00:13:02,180 --> 00:13:03,470  
Just a little extra things.

240  
00:13:03,470 --> 00:13:04,850  
A little extra sugar.

241  
00:13:04,850 --> 00:13:08,180  
I remember once they  
liked me, they really

242  
00:13:08,180 --> 00:13:10,250  
liked me because I guess  
I was the smallest,

243

00:13:10,250 --> 00:13:11,450  
I was a little child.

244  
00:13:11,450 --> 00:13:13,940  
And anyway I was the  
youngest survivor

245  
00:13:13,940 --> 00:13:16,700  
of a town of 20,000 people.

246  
00:13:16,700 --> 00:13:21,030  
And I really don't know of  
any younger survivors than me

247  
00:13:21,030 --> 00:13:23,370  
from really anywhere really.

248  
00:13:23,370 --> 00:13:24,850  
I really don't know.

249  
00:13:24,850 --> 00:13:27,420  
I mean that were  
actually in the camps.

250  
00:13:27,420 --> 00:13:29,382  
And they wanted to help me.

251  
00:13:29,382 --> 00:13:30,840  
I remember one of  
them once gave me

252  
00:13:30,840 --> 00:13:35,160  
a piece of bread, black bread,  
and took a little bit of sugar

253  
00:13:35,160 --> 00:13:37,020  
and sprinkled some  
sugar on it like that

254  
00:13:37,020 --> 00:13:40,390  
and says, here, eat this.

255

00:13:40,390 --> 00:13:45,550  
And I remember tasting that  
bread and sugar and I cannot

256  
00:13:45,550 --> 00:13:48,920  
describe the taste to you.

257  
00:13:48,920 --> 00:13:51,280  
I've had good dinners here,  
but never anything as good

258  
00:13:51,280 --> 00:13:54,110  
as that was at the time.

259  
00:13:54,110 --> 00:13:55,710  
So yes, they liked me.

260  
00:13:55,710 --> 00:13:58,550  
They were good to me.

261  
00:13:58,550 --> 00:14:02,600  
The people in the camp  
never mistreated me

262  
00:14:02,600 --> 00:14:06,340  
because I was under the  
protection of my father.

263  
00:14:06,340 --> 00:14:08,090  
And my father was  
likable, too, because he

264  
00:14:08,090 --> 00:14:12,376  
used to do a lot of things  
for everybody that he could,

265  
00:14:12,376 --> 00:14:16,470  
And we were able to get by  
with just a little bit more

266  
00:14:16,470 --> 00:14:17,970  
than most.

267

00:14:17,970 --> 00:14:22,950

Not always, but in enough  
time to get a little extra.

268

00:14:22,950 --> 00:14:25,290

Do you remember things  
that people talked about?

269

00:14:25,290 --> 00:14:29,430

You mentioned a few times  
that you and your father

270

00:14:29,430 --> 00:14:33,640

seemed to be resigned that  
you were not going to--

271

00:14:33,640 --> 00:14:36,220

Well, we wondered if our  
family was still alive,

272

00:14:36,220 --> 00:14:38,970

any of our members,  
where they might be.

273

00:14:38,970 --> 00:14:41,640

If they would survive the war,  
if we would survive the war,

274

00:14:41,640 --> 00:14:43,830

how we would get together.

275

00:14:43,830 --> 00:14:46,260

And we made plans like that.

276

00:14:46,260 --> 00:14:52,950

Some of the things, we watched  
the animals outside the camp.

277

00:14:52,950 --> 00:14:54,900

We'd see a dog or bird.

278

00:14:54,900 --> 00:14:59,100



And I used to think  
how free a dog is.

279  
00:14:59,100 --> 00:15:00,953  
It can just run  
anywhere it wants to.

280  
00:15:00,953 --> 00:15:03,120  
And we are restricted in  
this camp with barbed wire,

281  
00:15:03,120 --> 00:15:04,500  
electric wire.

282  
00:15:04,500 --> 00:15:06,790  
I saw people committing suicide.

283  
00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:09,390  
I don't know why, but this  
is everyone in Auschwitz

284  
00:15:09,390 --> 00:15:12,910  
saw that so that's  
nothing unique.

285  
00:15:12,910 --> 00:15:14,715  
We saw people give up.

286  
00:15:14,715 --> 00:15:16,965  
Could you tell us about the  
people committing suicide?

287  
00:15:16,965 --> 00:15:20,550

288  
00:15:20,550 --> 00:15:23,250  
Well there was times that  
we were in Auschwitz,

289  
00:15:23,250 --> 00:15:29,110  
and the there was a wire  
on the ground, one wire,

290

00:15:29,110 --> 00:15:32,290  
and there was the wire that  
you might not go beyond.

291

00:15:32,290 --> 00:15:36,410  
Past that wire there was  
like a 20 feet or maybe more

292

00:15:36,410 --> 00:15:38,030  
kind of a death zone.

293

00:15:38,030 --> 00:15:40,040  
And then there was  
the barbed wire,

294

00:15:40,040 --> 00:15:42,470  
electrified barbed-wire fence.

295

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:47,210  
And then there was a walk  
space for the German guards

296

00:15:47,210 --> 00:15:48,260  
and the dogs to patrol.

297

00:15:48,260 --> 00:15:50,628  
And there was towers  
all around also.

298

00:15:50,628 --> 00:15:51,920  
And then there was the outside.

299

00:15:51,920 --> 00:15:53,962  
Well, you can see all the  
way through the outside

300

00:15:53,962 --> 00:15:55,810  
through all those wires.

301

00:15:55,810 --> 00:15:59,010  
So if somebody wanted  
to commit suicide,

302  
00:15:59,010 --> 00:16:02,425  
they'd run over the  
single-stranded wire,

303  
00:16:02,425 --> 00:16:04,050  
because between that  
wire and the fence

304  
00:16:04,050 --> 00:16:07,560  
was a shooting zone  
for the guards.

305  
00:16:07,560 --> 00:16:10,080  
And many of the guards  
were not German.

306  
00:16:10,080 --> 00:16:13,200  
They were Ukraines,  
Russian Ukraines

307  
00:16:13,200 --> 00:16:15,330  
that hated the Jews as  
much as the Germans.

308  
00:16:15,330 --> 00:16:20,240  
Unfortunately, they were very  
good to shoot Jewish people.

309  
00:16:20,240 --> 00:16:21,610  
So they were manning the towers.

310  
00:16:21,610 --> 00:16:25,120  
I guess they used many of the  
Germans to fight in Russia

311  
00:16:25,120 --> 00:16:29,450  
and they used Ukrainian  
Russians to guard the Jews.

312  
00:16:29,450 --> 00:16:32,990  
And some that made it across  
the wire without getting shot,

313  
00:16:32,990 --> 00:16:36,830  
they'd run over and grab  
hold of the barbed wire

314  
00:16:36,830 --> 00:16:38,570  
and become electrocuted.

315  
00:16:38,570 --> 00:16:42,400  
And you could see  
them electrocuted.

316  
00:16:42,400 --> 00:16:47,905  
And later on they'd shut the  
power off and pull them off.

317  
00:16:47,905 --> 00:16:51,280  
And I had to see that, too.

318  
00:16:51,280 --> 00:16:53,390  
So I saw a lot of  
death in my time.

319  
00:16:53,390 --> 00:16:58,300

320  
00:16:58,300 --> 00:17:03,180  
I'd like to go back now  
to the railway station

321  
00:17:03,180 --> 00:17:05,063  
and then arriving  
in Oranienberg.

322  
00:17:05,063 --> 00:17:07,230  
Arrived in Oranienberg and  
we were in those barracks

323  
00:17:07,230 --> 00:17:13,119  
that I told you during the day  
with did manual labor work.

324

00:17:13,119 --> 00:17:14,589  
Neat thing happened there.

325  
00:17:14,589 --> 00:17:19,819  
Every day around noontime  
we'd hear the approaching

326  
00:17:19,819 --> 00:17:22,609  
of bombers, heavy bombers.

327  
00:17:22,609 --> 00:17:26,119  
And we were used  
already, especially

328  
00:17:26,119 --> 00:17:29,240  
being a young child my  
hearing was very keen,

329  
00:17:29,240 --> 00:17:31,490  
and I was one of the first  
ones to hear them approach.

330  
00:17:31,490 --> 00:17:33,073  
I'd say, here come  
bombers again, Dad.

331  
00:17:33,073 --> 00:17:36,585  
And a few minutes later he'd  
say, yeah, here they are.

332  
00:17:36,585 --> 00:17:40,470  
And  
[IMITATING AIRPLANE ENGINES]..

333  
00:17:40,470 --> 00:17:42,750  
You know it's a very  
distant, heavy sound.

334  
00:17:42,750 --> 00:17:47,160  
And there was the sound  
of loaded bombers,

335  
00:17:47,160 --> 00:17:50,660

the B-20, B-17s, I don't  
know what they had then.

336  
00:17:50,660 --> 00:17:52,380  
B-9s maybe.

337  
00:17:52,380 --> 00:17:53,570  
Loaded with bombs.

338  
00:17:53,570 --> 00:17:56,540  
Immediately, the  
sirens would sound

339  
00:17:56,540 --> 00:17:58,787  
and the Germans used  
to get us all together

340  
00:17:58,787 --> 00:18:00,245  
and made us go into  
those barracks.

341  
00:18:00,245 --> 00:18:02,960

342  
00:18:02,960 --> 00:18:06,400  
Looked like hangars, like  
Moffett Field hangars,

343  
00:18:06,400 --> 00:18:07,210  
big hangars.

344  
00:18:07,210 --> 00:18:10,240  
I wondered why they kept up in  
barracks with such big hangars.

345  
00:18:10,240 --> 00:18:12,830

346  
00:18:12,830 --> 00:18:19,150  
And a few minutes later  
bombers would pass,

347

00:18:19,150 --> 00:18:21,540  
all clear siren would sound.

348  
00:18:21,540 --> 00:18:23,500  
Go back to our work.

349  
00:18:23,500 --> 00:18:27,140  
About half an hour, an hour  
later, I don't know the time,

350  
00:18:27,140 --> 00:18:33,740  
we'd hear again the planes  
return from Berlin empty.

351  
00:18:33,740 --> 00:18:35,020  
And it sounds a lot different.

352  
00:18:35,020 --> 00:18:36,890  
It was [HIGHER PITCHED IMITATING  
AIRPLANE ENGINE].

353  
00:18:36,890 --> 00:18:39,265  
It wasn't like the bombing  
[IMITATING AIRPLANE ENGINES],,

354  
00:18:39,265 --> 00:18:40,850  
like the engines laboring.

355  
00:18:40,850 --> 00:18:42,550  
And again siren would sound.

356  
00:18:42,550 --> 00:18:43,550  
Everybody in the hangar.

357  
00:18:43,550 --> 00:18:49,220  
We all get in the hangars  
and they would pass.

358  
00:18:49,220 --> 00:18:51,810  
All clear sound, back to work.

359  
00:18:51,810 --> 00:18:56,520

This went on, on a daily basis.

360

00:18:56,520 --> 00:19:01,230

One Sunday afternoon, I remember  
it was a Sunday afternoon,

361

00:19:01,230 --> 00:19:02,950

here the very same  
thing happened.

362

00:19:02,950 --> 00:19:05,220

Planes approach  
with a heavy sound.

363

00:19:05,220 --> 00:19:07,250

All in the barracks.

364

00:19:07,250 --> 00:19:09,330

All siren.

365

00:19:09,330 --> 00:19:13,110

Back to work, About 45 minutes  
later here again the planes

366

00:19:13,110 --> 00:19:14,210

come.

367

00:19:14,210 --> 00:19:17,300

I remember saying to  
my dad, sounds to me

368

00:19:17,300 --> 00:19:19,460

that they couldn't  
drop their bombs.

369

00:19:19,460 --> 00:19:20,315

They're still heavy.

370

00:19:20,315 --> 00:19:22,190

They sound the same heavy sound.

371

00:19:22,190 --> 00:19:23,450



I wonder what's wrong.

372

00:19:23,450 --> 00:19:24,890

You couldn't even  
see the planes,

373

00:19:24,890 --> 00:19:27,834

they were so high in the sky.

374

00:19:27,834 --> 00:19:29,800

And they flew in formation.

375

00:19:29,800 --> 00:19:31,600

And besides, even if  
we could see them,

376

00:19:31,600 --> 00:19:32,725

we weren't allowed outside.

377

00:19:32,725 --> 00:19:38,200

378

00:19:38,200 --> 00:19:42,460

And we're waiting for the  
all clear signal to sound,

379

00:19:42,460 --> 00:19:47,590

and suddenly we heard bombs  
falling, explosions all

380

00:19:47,590 --> 00:19:51,990

around us, fires all around us.

381

00:19:51,990 --> 00:19:54,743

382

00:19:54,743 --> 00:19:56,160

We didn't know  
what was happening.

383

00:19:56,160 --> 00:19:57,480

We couldn't believe it.

384  
00:19:57,480 --> 00:19:58,530  
How stupid could they be.

385  
00:19:58,530 --> 00:19:59,175  
They're bombing us.

386  
00:19:59,175 --> 00:20:00,175  
They're going to hit us.

387  
00:20:00,175 --> 00:20:01,350  
We're going to get killed.

388  
00:20:01,350 --> 00:20:06,330  
And it was already  
19 I think it was 44,

389  
00:20:06,330 --> 00:20:11,310  
getting near the  
latter part of the war.

390  
00:20:11,310 --> 00:20:18,470  
And soon they passed, and  
the all clear was sounded.

391  
00:20:18,470 --> 00:20:24,460  
And then a couple of days later  
we were moved out of there.

392  
00:20:24,460 --> 00:20:27,760  
And we didn't know  
what was happening.

393  
00:20:27,760 --> 00:20:30,420  
And when we stopped, we  
were taken to a place--

394  
00:20:30,420 --> 00:20:32,505  
We were taken to Dachau.

395  
00:20:32,505 --> 00:20:35,410  
We were taken to Dachau then.

396  
00:20:35,410 --> 00:20:37,620  
And I remember we asked,  
why were we moved?

397  
00:20:37,620 --> 00:20:40,140  
I mean, what was happening?

398  
00:20:40,140 --> 00:20:42,570  
And we found out there was  
a Messerschmidt factory,

399  
00:20:42,570 --> 00:20:45,870  
as I mentioned earlier, and  
it was underneath the ground.

400  
00:20:45,870 --> 00:20:49,860  
There was a pine  
forest growing over it.

401  
00:20:49,860 --> 00:20:51,450  
It was hidden.

402  
00:20:51,450 --> 00:20:54,300  
And our intelligence  
was accurate for once.

403  
00:20:54,300 --> 00:20:58,770  
They dropped all the bombs  
on the factory, destroyed

404  
00:20:58,770 --> 00:21:00,690  
the factory and the planes.

405  
00:21:00,690 --> 00:21:04,290  
Didn't drop a single bomb  
on any of those hangars

406  
00:21:04,290 --> 00:21:06,080  
where we were in.

407  
00:21:06,080 --> 00:21:08,450

None of us got hurt.

408

00:21:08,450 --> 00:21:12,880

There was no use for us  
anymore, so they moved us out.

409

00:21:12,880 --> 00:21:14,256

Put of Oranienberg.

410

00:21:14,256 --> 00:21:21,416

411

00:21:21,416 --> 00:21:22,916

Now I have to tell  
you about Dachau.

412

00:21:22,916 --> 00:21:26,570

413

00:21:26,570 --> 00:21:32,040

Dachau was a very similar camp  
to Auschwitz, but much smaller.

414

00:21:32,040 --> 00:21:34,110

They had a gas  
chamber/crematorium there.

415

00:21:34,110 --> 00:21:38,590

416

00:21:38,590 --> 00:21:41,260

Was there for a short while.

417

00:21:41,260 --> 00:21:45,290

And they put us out into a  
camp called Kaufering 11.

418

00:21:45,290 --> 00:21:48,640

I guess Dachau had  
many camps around it,

419

00:21:48,640 --> 00:21:51,370

and Kaufering 11 was near a  
town called the Landsberg.

420  
00:21:51,370 --> 00:21:54,670  
I don't know if  
you heard the name.

421  
00:21:54,670 --> 00:21:56,170  
It was a very  
beautiful little town.

422  
00:21:56,170 --> 00:22:00,300  
It reminds me of Carmel,  
California, the hills.

423  
00:22:00,300 --> 00:22:03,170  
Very pretty little town.

424  
00:22:03,170 --> 00:22:04,595  
And I don't know  
what we're doing,

425  
00:22:04,595 --> 00:22:12,910  
but I remember I used to  
get up in the morning and--

426  
00:22:12,910 --> 00:22:15,930

427  
00:22:15,930 --> 00:22:18,040  
Well first of all,  
let me go back.

428  
00:22:18,040 --> 00:22:21,750  
My dad was a barber, so  
naturally I was able to, even

429  
00:22:21,750 --> 00:22:23,798  
though I was maybe 12  
years old at the time,

430  
00:22:23,798 --> 00:22:26,340  
and we had his hand clippers--

and this is something I really

431

00:22:26,340 --> 00:22:28,200  
don't like to talk about--

432

00:22:28,200 --> 00:22:31,510  
but we got to Dachau.

433

00:22:31,510 --> 00:22:35,550  
Dad and I were in the  
barbers of our block.

434

00:22:35,550 --> 00:22:37,890  
He had a barrack  
and I had a barrack.

435

00:22:37,890 --> 00:22:39,690  
And we had to cut  
off all the hair

436

00:22:39,690 --> 00:22:42,910  
from all the men, including  
all the pubic hair.

437

00:22:42,910 --> 00:22:46,270  
And there was a lot  
of lice all over.

438

00:22:46,270 --> 00:22:48,100  
It was very dirty.

439

00:22:48,100 --> 00:22:54,440  
And I used to use the clipper  
until I couldn't squeeze it

440

00:22:54,440 --> 00:22:56,200  
anymore.

441

00:22:56,200 --> 00:22:59,200  
And this is a terrible thing  
to say, but in the process

442

00:22:59,200 --> 00:23:02,657  
to squash the lice with the  
shearing of the clippers.

443  
00:23:02,657 --> 00:23:04,490  
Such a horrible thing  
to have to talk about.

444  
00:23:04,490 --> 00:23:07,410

445  
00:23:07,410 --> 00:23:08,910  
And then they would  
spray with DDT,

446  
00:23:08,910 --> 00:23:12,575  
which was terrible pesticides.

447  
00:23:12,575 --> 00:23:14,200  
And of course there  
was never any bath.

448  
00:23:14,200 --> 00:23:15,530  
There was no bath.

449  
00:23:15,530 --> 00:23:18,550  
You just washed yourself  
in snow whenever you could.

450  
00:23:18,550 --> 00:23:22,860  
And so after a while I  
couldn't take this anymore.

451  
00:23:22,860 --> 00:23:25,540  
And my dad used to help me do  
my barrack because I couldn't

452  
00:23:25,540 --> 00:23:27,760  
finish mine all the time.

453  
00:23:27,760 --> 00:23:28,720  
I got tired.

454

00:23:28,720 --> 00:23:30,330

I couldn't do it anymore.

455

00:23:30,330 --> 00:23:31,580

We used to have hand clippers.

456

00:23:31,580 --> 00:23:34,100

It wasn't electric clippers.

457

00:23:34,100 --> 00:23:38,600

So they put me on a detail  
to go outside the camp.

458

00:23:38,600 --> 00:23:41,860

So what we did, get  
up in the morning,

459

00:23:41,860 --> 00:23:48,548

go in formation, left the gate,  
walked eight miles to an area,

460

00:23:48,548 --> 00:23:50,590

and I don't know where we  
were going but it could

461

00:23:50,590 --> 00:23:52,550

have been the Siegfried Line.

462

00:23:52,550 --> 00:23:55,280

What we're doing is building  
bunkers and carrying

463

00:23:55,280 --> 00:23:57,650

cement and building obstacles.

464

00:23:57,650 --> 00:24:02,090

And my job was to carry cement  
on my back, 50-pound cement

465

00:24:02,090 --> 00:24:07,140

sacks, from the  
train that brought



466  
00:24:07,140 --> 00:24:09,510  
the cement to the working site.

467  
00:24:09,510 --> 00:24:10,710  
There was no truck.

468  
00:24:10,710 --> 00:24:11,970  
Human labor was cheap.

469  
00:24:11,970 --> 00:24:14,550  
I mean, there was  
thousands of Jewish people

470  
00:24:14,550 --> 00:24:17,170  
that they could use that  
didn't cost them a cent.

471  
00:24:17,170 --> 00:24:19,483  
It was cheaper than  
a one single truck

472  
00:24:19,483 --> 00:24:20,900  
and didn't have  
to feed them much,

473  
00:24:20,900 --> 00:24:23,210  
so they just use the labor.

474  
00:24:23,210 --> 00:24:26,270  
And then it was all done after  
about eight or 10 hours of work

475  
00:24:26,270 --> 00:24:31,000  
we'd have to walk again 10 miles  
or eight miles back to camp.

476  
00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:34,570  
And from the powder of  
the cement, the cement

477  
00:24:34,570 --> 00:24:37,790

I remember it used  
to harden in my hair

478  
00:24:37,790 --> 00:24:39,970  
and became like a concrete  
helmet kind of like.

479  
00:24:39,970 --> 00:24:42,700  
I used to kind of  
break it up at night

480  
00:24:42,700 --> 00:24:45,490  
and pull the hair with it  
because you couldn't separate

481  
00:24:45,490 --> 00:24:49,660  
it between the sweat, the  
moisture, and the cement

482  
00:24:49,660 --> 00:24:52,943  
with cement on my  
face, all over my body,

483  
00:24:52,943 --> 00:24:54,110  
and I just couldn't wash up.

484  
00:24:54,110 --> 00:24:55,570  
If there was snow,  
I could use snow

485  
00:24:55,570 --> 00:24:59,050  
to wash it a little off,  
especially around my eyes

486  
00:24:59,050 --> 00:25:01,720  
and mouth and nose.

487  
00:25:01,720 --> 00:25:07,390  
And this went on  
for quite a while.

488  
00:25:07,390 --> 00:25:14,400  
There was a German guardhouse

right outside the gate,

489

00:25:14,400 --> 00:25:16,720

and they had their  
quarters there.

490

00:25:16,720 --> 00:25:18,340

Quarters and guardhouse.

491

00:25:18,340 --> 00:25:23,400

And there was a pit of  
garbage right near the gate.

492

00:25:23,400 --> 00:25:29,060

So I thought when it  
was time to go home

493

00:25:29,060 --> 00:25:31,350

if I could get in the  
first part of the column,

494

00:25:31,350 --> 00:25:34,730

run fast and fall in, the  
beginning of the column,

495

00:25:34,730 --> 00:25:37,520

and if I was on the right  
side, not in front, maybe three

496

00:25:37,520 --> 00:25:43,040

rows back as I passed  
the garbage pit it could

497

00:25:43,040 --> 00:25:47,120

slip into the garbage pit  
and find something edible

498

00:25:47,120 --> 00:25:48,903

and put it in my  
pockets and climb out

499

00:25:48,903 --> 00:25:50,570

before the column

marched all the way in

500

00:25:50,570 --> 00:25:52,590  
and be somewhere near the end.

501

00:25:52,590 --> 00:25:55,240  
And that's what I did.

502

00:25:55,240 --> 00:25:57,280  
So I tried a few times.

503

00:25:57,280 --> 00:26:00,475  
I jumped in the pit.

504

00:26:00,475 --> 00:26:04,320  
And I used to try it also  
where a German was just

505

00:26:04,320 --> 00:26:05,940  
in front of me.

506

00:26:05,940 --> 00:26:07,630  
And we were walking  
so close to the pit

507

00:26:07,630 --> 00:26:10,680  
that as we were near the  
gate the Germans kind of lost

508

00:26:10,680 --> 00:26:13,320  
interest in really guarding  
you because we were practically

509

00:26:13,320 --> 00:26:15,630  
there and they were ready  
to go into the guardhouse.

510

00:26:15,630 --> 00:26:18,870  
I mean, it was just so routine  
that I filled my pockets

511

00:26:18,870 --> 00:26:22,380

with rotten potatoes and  
tomatoes and some vegetables

512  
00:26:22,380 --> 00:26:23,580  
and some moldy bread.

513  
00:26:23,580 --> 00:26:26,930

514  
00:26:26,930 --> 00:26:29,720  
And then jump back in and  
made it through the gate

515  
00:26:29,720 --> 00:26:32,500  
and I got back in.

516  
00:26:32,500 --> 00:26:34,810  
In the evening there  
was this one little bulb

517  
00:26:34,810 --> 00:26:37,060  
and the whole barrack,  
over a little tiny stove,

518  
00:26:37,060 --> 00:26:39,400  
and we burn whatever we could.

519  
00:26:39,400 --> 00:26:43,360  
And I'd empty my pockets, and  
sometimes take a little water

520  
00:26:43,360 --> 00:26:45,340  
and take some of the  
bread that is covered

521  
00:26:45,340 --> 00:26:48,400  
and mold pry it away  
from it, and potato

522  
00:26:48,400 --> 00:26:52,660  
and pull away the rotten  
part, and put it in

523

00:26:52,660 --> 00:26:55,730  
and make a thick soup.

524

00:26:55,730 --> 00:27:00,270  
And my dad and I ate it, and  
also shared it with others.

525

00:27:00,270 --> 00:27:02,510  
So people used to  
guide me and protect me

526

00:27:02,510 --> 00:27:06,410  
as I slipped into the  
pit with our heavy coats

527

00:27:06,410 --> 00:27:07,970  
and the heavy  
clothes and hashmata

528

00:27:07,970 --> 00:27:09,530  
sort of hanging from us.

529

00:27:09,530 --> 00:27:14,560  
And that provided  
nourishment and that

530

00:27:14,560 --> 00:27:20,020  
helped during that period,

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00:27:20,020 --> 00:27:22,270  
I want to talk now about  
an incident happened

532

00:27:22,270 --> 00:27:24,730  
much later in  
America but relates

533

00:27:24,730 --> 00:27:27,370  
to that place in Dachau.

534

00:27:27,370 --> 00:27:34,410  
At the Dachau camp

at the guardhouse

535

00:27:34,410 --> 00:27:37,050

there was a German  
battalion flag flying there.

536

00:27:37,050 --> 00:27:39,585

And that's what we saluted  
every day with the swastika.

537

00:27:39,585 --> 00:27:41,430

I was scared and  
didn't even want

538

00:27:41,430 --> 00:27:48,820

to look at it two years  
ago, there was a convention,

539

00:27:48,820 --> 00:27:53,280

I think it was the  
42nd Armored Division,

540

00:27:53,280 --> 00:27:57,720

I'm not sure exactly what  
it was, at Long Beach

541

00:27:57,720 --> 00:27:59,010

at the Queen Mary.

542

00:27:59,010 --> 00:28:03,330

And I met a couple of men a year  
before in my service station

543

00:28:03,330 --> 00:28:08,410

in Salinas that were a  
part of the organization.

544

00:28:08,410 --> 00:28:10,460

And they usually have  
them all over the country.

545

00:28:10,460 --> 00:28:12,460

And this time it was going

to be the Queen Mary.

546  
00:28:12,460 --> 00:28:15,490  
So they called me and  
said, if we send you

547  
00:28:15,490 --> 00:28:18,250  
an invitation would you  
and your wife honor us

548  
00:28:18,250 --> 00:28:21,040  
and please come  
to the convention

549  
00:28:21,040 --> 00:28:24,790  
because it was our battalion  
that liberated camp and also

550  
00:28:24,790 --> 00:28:25,960  
that vicinity.

551  
00:28:25,960 --> 00:28:28,880  
I'll come to the liberation  
part in a little while.

552  
00:28:28,880 --> 00:28:33,250  
So I replied in writing that  
my wife and I would be honored.

553  
00:28:33,250 --> 00:28:36,960  
Well, we arrived there  
and we were the guests.

554  
00:28:36,960 --> 00:28:40,600  
And at one time there were  
several thousand people

555  
00:28:40,600 --> 00:28:44,400  
in this organization, and  
due to age many had died

556  
00:28:44,400 --> 00:28:47,290  
and now maybe 700 remained.



557  
00:28:47,290 --> 00:28:49,360  
So there were 700  
people and their wives

558  
00:28:49,360 --> 00:28:50,740  
attending the convention.

559  
00:28:50,740 --> 00:28:53,500  
And they had pictures and  
autographs and souvenirs

560  
00:28:53,500 --> 00:28:59,140  
and everything of that  
period of the war.

561  
00:28:59,140 --> 00:29:02,880  
And I gave a short  
little speech.

562  
00:29:02,880 --> 00:29:04,890  
And I was very honored.

563  
00:29:04,890 --> 00:29:07,960  
It was very moving.

564  
00:29:07,960 --> 00:29:13,390  
And then one soldier gets up  
and he says to the president,

565  
00:29:13,390 --> 00:29:15,430  
may I say something?

566  
00:29:15,430 --> 00:29:17,040  
And--

567  
00:29:17,040 --> 00:29:18,000