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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:24,770

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00:00:24,770 --> 00:00:27,366

In about six seconds
we can start on the EQ.

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00:00:27,366 --> 00:00:33,560

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00:00:33,560 --> 00:00:39,470

All right, to finish that story
about The Cranes of Ibycus.

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00:00:39,470 --> 00:00:43,700

Well, as I said, I was--

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00:00:43,700 --> 00:00:45,330

it came back in my memory.

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00:00:45,330 --> 00:00:49,250

It's a long ballad by Schiller.

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00:00:49,250 --> 00:00:55,160

I was able in my mind
to recite the whole--

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00:00:55,160 --> 00:00:58,070

well, I can't do it any longer.

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00:00:58,070 --> 00:01:00,080

But when I was--

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00:01:00,080 --> 00:01:07,770

during the war-- well, I got
my basic training in Florida

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00:01:07,770 --> 00:01:10,830

and then I was shipped
first to Africa

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00:01:10,830 --> 00:01:15,660
and then Italy,
France, and Germany.

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00:01:15,660 --> 00:01:21,990
And at the end of the
shooting war, I was in Berlin.

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:27,990
And I saw Hitler's
chancellery all bombed out.

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:30,525
And I went to look
at it and I stepped--

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00:01:30,525 --> 00:01:33,600

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00:01:33,600 --> 00:01:36,270
I went down his
bunker and outside--

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00:01:36,270 --> 00:01:39,270
he was apparently
burned outside.

20

00:01:39,270 --> 00:01:42,210
His body was cremated outside.

21

00:01:42,210 --> 00:01:45,090
And I must have
stepped on his ashes.

22

00:01:45,090 --> 00:01:48,000
There were ashes on
the ground all over

23

00:01:48,000 --> 00:01:55,950
and still the stretchers and
the body was carried out.

24

00:01:55,950 --> 00:02:01,320

But anyway, I remember
that, strange as it is.

25

00:02:01,320 --> 00:02:04,680

Again, I heard while
I was walking around

26

00:02:04,680 --> 00:02:11,450

it was not the winter
but it was May of '45.

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00:02:11,450 --> 00:02:16,020

And again, I saw
some cranes or geese.

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00:02:16,020 --> 00:02:18,820

So the story of The
Cranes of Ibycus

29

00:02:18,820 --> 00:02:26,590

because it came back to me where
I saw everything had been--

30

00:02:26,590 --> 00:02:31,930

31

00:02:31,930 --> 00:02:34,150

it turned out the way it did.

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:40,210

33

00:02:40,210 --> 00:02:42,410

What else?

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00:02:42,410 --> 00:02:44,510

How long were you in
Berlin after the war?

35

00:02:44,510 --> 00:02:49,130

When you went to Berlin, how
long had the war been ended?

36
00:02:49,130 --> 00:02:50,060
How long?

37
00:02:50,060 --> 00:02:52,870
Had the war been ended
when you went to Berlin?

38
00:02:52,870 --> 00:02:59,210
The armistice was
signed in May I believe.

39
00:02:59,210 --> 00:03:01,190
It was right afterwards.

40
00:03:01,190 --> 00:03:03,770
So right at the very end of
the war you went to Berlin.

41
00:03:03,770 --> 00:03:06,550

42
00:03:06,550 --> 00:03:08,890
Yeah.

43
00:03:08,890 --> 00:03:11,200
Yes, when I went to Berlin.

44
00:03:11,200 --> 00:03:13,540
And how long were you in Berlin?

45
00:03:13,540 --> 00:03:16,090
Um, I don't remember.

46
00:03:16,090 --> 00:03:19,060
Maybe two, three weeks.

47
00:03:19,060 --> 00:03:20,230
I took pictures.

48
00:03:20,230 --> 00:03:22,480

I got hold of a camera.

49

00:03:22,480 --> 00:03:29,350

I have some pictures of bombed
out Berlin and sites in Berlin

50

00:03:29,350 --> 00:03:31,167

and so on.

51

00:03:31,167 --> 00:03:31,750

Can you give--

52

00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:32,620

I have them with me.

53

00:03:32,620 --> 00:03:33,700

You have them with you?

54

00:03:33,700 --> 00:03:37,420

Yeah, I have it
downstairs in the car.

55

00:03:37,420 --> 00:03:42,340

I took it just in
case you would ask.

56

00:03:42,340 --> 00:03:43,830

Yeah, we'd like to get--

57

00:03:43,830 --> 00:03:47,920

And in five or six
seconds you can begin.

58

00:03:47,920 --> 00:03:52,180

OK, let me start by
asking you, you've

59

00:03:52,180 --> 00:03:53,740

talked a lot about
the things you

60

00:03:53,740 --> 00:03:55,930

saw the guards do in Dachau.

61
00:03:55,930 --> 00:03:57,250
Yes.

62
00:03:57,250 --> 00:03:59,170
Were all of them--

63
00:03:59,170 --> 00:04:00,880
like, were most
of them sadistic,

64
00:04:00,880 --> 00:04:02,650
or were just a few
of them sadistic?

65
00:04:02,650 --> 00:04:06,760
Or in general, what was
the typical guard like?

66
00:04:06,760 --> 00:04:13,150
Some were-- quite a
number were sadistic,

67
00:04:13,150 --> 00:04:18,250
including that priest that you
saw that article, you know?

68
00:04:18,250 --> 00:04:21,649
Titus, he was sadistic.

69
00:04:21,649 --> 00:04:22,150
He was?

70
00:04:22,150 --> 00:04:23,960
Tell us about him.

71
00:04:23,960 --> 00:04:26,680
People were afraid of him.

72
00:04:26,680 --> 00:04:29,800
He beat everybody for

minor infractions.

73

00:04:29,800 --> 00:04:33,940

74

00:04:33,940 --> 00:04:38,050

Father Titus

Brandsma, how did he

75

00:04:38,050 --> 00:04:40,870

get in a position to be cruel?

76

00:04:40,870 --> 00:04:45,040

He was put in charge

of some of the groups

77

00:04:45,040 --> 00:04:46,510

of the Jewish prisoners.

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00:04:46,510 --> 00:04:49,090

79

00:04:49,090 --> 00:04:53,365

But anyway, a number of them
were sadistic, quite sadistic.

80

00:04:53,365 --> 00:04:57,390

81

00:04:57,390 --> 00:05:01,950

They themselves were

prisoners, Aryan prisoners

82

00:05:01,950 --> 00:05:03,430

who were put in charge.

83

00:05:03,430 --> 00:05:05,920

But they were quite sadistic.

84

00:05:05,920 --> 00:05:12,250

I'm not talking about

those belonging to the SS.

85
00:05:12,250 --> 00:05:18,290
Of course, all the
SS were sadistic.

86
00:05:18,290 --> 00:05:23,600
But not all the Aryan
prisoners were sadistic.

87
00:05:23,600 --> 00:05:28,460
Some were the most wonderful
people I have ever met

88
00:05:28,460 --> 00:05:31,060
and I'll never forget.

89
00:05:31,060 --> 00:05:35,190
They were very
considerate and kind.

90
00:05:35,190 --> 00:05:37,420
Can you remember any names?

91
00:05:37,420 --> 00:05:40,540
No, I don't remember the names.

92
00:05:40,540 --> 00:05:42,730
Maybe I have it
written down somewhere,

93
00:05:42,730 --> 00:05:44,650
but it's too long ago.

94
00:05:44,650 --> 00:05:46,650
I don't remember the names.

95
00:05:46,650 --> 00:05:54,700
One was-- in civilian life,
before he was taken prisoner,

96
00:05:54,700 --> 00:05:57,370
he was a carpenter by trade.

97

00:05:57,370 --> 00:06:00,560

98

00:06:00,560 --> 00:06:07,900

But he gave us a frequently
excellent, good advice

99

00:06:07,900 --> 00:06:14,150

and told us how to stay
out of trouble and whatnot.

100

00:06:14,150 --> 00:06:15,847

What was some of
the advice he gave?

101

00:06:15,847 --> 00:06:16,430

Do you recall?

102

00:06:16,430 --> 00:06:24,360

Well, they had a canteen
where you could buy things

103

00:06:24,360 --> 00:06:25,830

if you had the money.

104

00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:27,200

Camp money?

105

00:06:27,200 --> 00:06:30,910

Yeah, if you had some money.

106

00:06:30,910 --> 00:06:35,920

Jews were not permitted
to buy much or not at all.

107

00:06:35,920 --> 00:06:39,600

And one of the things
they sold in the canteens

108

00:06:39,600 --> 00:06:44,370

was butter and lemon.

109
00:06:44,370 --> 00:06:52,680
And he told me to
help the healing

110
00:06:52,680 --> 00:07:00,500
process of the frostbite
to eat butter and lemon.

111
00:07:00,500 --> 00:07:04,940
And I took the chance and
acquired some butter and lemon.

112
00:07:04,940 --> 00:07:08,060
Now, that was very risky.

113
00:07:08,060 --> 00:07:14,080
I hid the butter very
carefully under my bunk.

114
00:07:14,080 --> 00:07:17,830
If that would have been
found, it would have been--

115
00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:20,830
it wouldn't have helped
me cure my wounds,

116
00:07:20,830 --> 00:07:22,770
it would have been
the end of my life.

117
00:07:22,770 --> 00:07:25,610

118
00:07:25,610 --> 00:07:27,410
But it helped.

119
00:07:27,410 --> 00:07:28,640
It was true.

120
00:07:28,640 --> 00:07:39,080

It was quite
noticeable, the effects

121
00:07:39,080 --> 00:07:44,250
of eating lemon and butter.

122
00:07:44,250 --> 00:07:45,700
Yeah.

123
00:07:45,700 --> 00:07:52,660
Well, also he told us
to keep a low profile.

124
00:07:52,660 --> 00:07:59,470
Don't make yourself-- just
don't make yourself noticeable

125
00:07:59,470 --> 00:08:03,260
if you can avoid it.

126
00:08:03,260 --> 00:08:07,660
That's just some of the advice.

127
00:08:07,660 --> 00:08:09,820
Do you recall anybody
else who was good to you?

128
00:08:09,820 --> 00:08:15,740
Yes, there was another
prisoner An Aryan prisoner.

129
00:08:15,740 --> 00:08:16,730
He was just--

130
00:08:16,730 --> 00:08:20,930
I don't know what he
was in private life.

131
00:08:20,930 --> 00:08:25,190
Also had some trade.

132
00:08:25,190 --> 00:08:30,050

He was very fine person.

133

00:08:30,050 --> 00:08:34,010

And talking about the
characters of people,

134

00:08:34,010 --> 00:08:36,690

even amongst the
Jewish prisoners

135

00:08:36,690 --> 00:08:40,919

there were some
impossible people.

136

00:08:40,919 --> 00:08:43,179

They were fighting
among themselves.

137

00:08:43,179 --> 00:08:44,550

They were stealing.

138

00:08:44,550 --> 00:08:54,330

And strange as it is, some of
them were-- in civilian life,

139

00:08:54,330 --> 00:08:57,375

some of them were
highly respected people.

140

00:08:57,375 --> 00:09:01,770

141

00:09:01,770 --> 00:09:11,630

There were lawyers, scientists,
but they behaved like beasts

142

00:09:11,630 --> 00:09:13,960

among themselves.

143

00:09:13,960 --> 00:09:17,060

And others, just
plain ordinary people,

144

00:09:17,060 --> 00:09:20,310
they had fine characters.

145

00:09:20,310 --> 00:09:23,100
And among the
prisoners, there were

146

00:09:23,100 --> 00:09:28,350
all kinds of people coming
from all walks of life.

147

00:09:28,350 --> 00:09:31,440
Among the Aryans
that were Gypsies.

148

00:09:31,440 --> 00:09:36,660
With me there was
the mayor of Vienna.

149

00:09:36,660 --> 00:09:44,010
There were some aristocrats,
well-known aristocrats,

150

00:09:44,010 --> 00:09:51,590
and other well-known
politicians or scientists.

151

00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:55,970

152

00:09:55,970 --> 00:10:00,440
But the character of
the people showed up

153

00:10:00,440 --> 00:10:03,950
in this kind of situation.

154

00:10:03,950 --> 00:10:09,650
The true character had nothing
to do with their education

155

00:10:09,650 --> 00:10:11,540

or their background.

156
00:10:11,540 --> 00:10:14,580

157
00:10:14,580 --> 00:10:18,070
You brought some articles
about Bruno Bettelheim.

158
00:10:18,070 --> 00:10:22,700
Oh yeah, well, it's
just an article of his

159
00:10:22,700 --> 00:10:24,540
when he died just recently.

160
00:10:24,540 --> 00:10:30,770
And I just saved it
because he was with me

161
00:10:30,770 --> 00:10:32,990
in the same barrack.

162
00:10:32,990 --> 00:10:34,800
He didn't know me,
I didn't know him,

163
00:10:34,800 --> 00:10:40,190
and I was not in touch
with him while he was

164
00:10:40,190 --> 00:10:41,900
living in the United States.

165
00:10:41,900 --> 00:10:47,150
But it's just I saved
it for my own interest.

166
00:10:47,150 --> 00:10:50,270
I just happen to
know that he was one

167

00:10:50,270 --> 00:10:52,130
of the prisoners in my group.

168
00:10:52,130 --> 00:10:56,570

169
00:10:56,570 --> 00:10:59,900
Are all the articles in
here about Titus Brandsma?

170
00:10:59,900 --> 00:11:09,500
No, these are newspaper
articles telling about some

171
00:11:09,500 --> 00:11:22,830
of the people that got executed
after Dachau was liberated.

172
00:11:22,830 --> 00:11:25,750
Did you ever testify
in a war crimes trial?

173
00:11:25,750 --> 00:11:26,250
No.

174
00:11:26,250 --> 00:11:32,050

175
00:11:32,050 --> 00:11:36,082
Were there any good
guards would you say?

176
00:11:36,082 --> 00:11:37,540
Like sometimes I've
heard survivors

177
00:11:37,540 --> 00:11:40,450
talk about good guards.

178
00:11:40,450 --> 00:11:43,040
I don't believe there
were any good guards.

179

00:11:43,040 --> 00:11:45,950

They couldn't have been
good guards because they

180

00:11:45,950 --> 00:11:47,830

wouldn't have been guards.

181

00:11:47,830 --> 00:11:52,150

They were selected to
just demean people,

182

00:11:52,150 --> 00:11:57,900

which mean characters were
selected for that type of duty.

183

00:11:57,900 --> 00:12:07,010

184

00:12:07,010 --> 00:12:09,310

What was the worst guard?

185

00:12:09,310 --> 00:12:11,000

Do you recall any worst guard?

186

00:12:11,000 --> 00:12:15,370

187

00:12:15,370 --> 00:12:21,720

Well, they were all alike.

188

00:12:21,720 --> 00:12:22,300

Quite mean.

189

00:12:22,300 --> 00:12:25,770

190

00:12:25,770 --> 00:12:32,210

This piece of paper here, is
this a poem that you wrote?

191

00:12:32,210 --> 00:12:33,590

I didn't write that poem.

192

00:12:33,590 --> 00:12:42,720

This is a poem that somebody
wrote about the peat bogs.

193

00:12:42,720 --> 00:12:45,575

You know, Dachau
was built on a--

194

00:12:45,575 --> 00:12:49,225

195

00:12:49,225 --> 00:12:51,460

the place where
Dachau was, there used

196

00:12:51,460 --> 00:12:54,370

to be a peat bog at one time--

197

00:12:54,370 --> 00:12:59,140

marshes, peat--
and you still could

198

00:12:59,140 --> 00:13:01,330

find it there and around there.

199

00:13:01,330 --> 00:13:05,590

Not in Dachau itself
but around the area.

200

00:13:05,590 --> 00:13:13,440

They used the peat for fuel
material, you know, dried peat.

201

00:13:13,440 --> 00:13:15,300

Should I go ahead
and read it, John?

202

00:13:15,300 --> 00:13:17,560

Yes please.

203

00:13:17,560 --> 00:13:20,070
Height would mean a sure death.

204
00:13:20,070 --> 00:13:24,150
Facing guns and barbed
wire greet our view.

205
00:13:24,150 --> 00:13:26,250
But for us there
is no complaining.

206
00:13:26,250 --> 00:13:28,500
Winter will, in time, be passed.

207
00:13:28,500 --> 00:13:31,800
One day we shall cry rejoicing.

208
00:13:31,800 --> 00:13:34,680
Homeland dear,
you're mine at last.

209
00:13:34,680 --> 00:13:36,630
Chorus.

210
00:13:36,630 --> 00:13:42,180
We are the peat bog soldiers.

211
00:13:42,180 --> 00:13:47,280
We are marching with our
spades to the bog far and wide

212
00:13:47,280 --> 00:13:49,110
as the eye can wander.

213
00:13:49,110 --> 00:13:51,300
Health and bog are everywhere.

214
00:13:51,300 --> 00:13:53,850
Not a bird sings
out to cheer us.

215
00:13:53,850 --> 00:13:56,580

Oaks are standing
gaunt and bare.

216
00:13:56,580 --> 00:13:57,180
Chorus.

217
00:13:57,180 --> 00:14:00,060
Up and down the
guards are pacing.

218
00:14:00,060 --> 00:14:01,500
No one can-- no one.

219
00:14:01,500 --> 00:14:03,570
No one can go through.

220
00:14:03,570 --> 00:14:06,090
This is a translation
from the German.

221
00:14:06,090 --> 00:14:08,648
I don't remember
the German words.

222
00:14:08,648 --> 00:14:09,690
It must have been a song.

223
00:14:09,690 --> 00:14:10,870
Do you remember the tune?

224
00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:11,370
No.

225
00:14:11,370 --> 00:14:14,360

226
00:14:14,360 --> 00:14:16,850
Was there very much creativity
that you saw going on?

227
00:14:16,850 --> 00:14:22,705
Writing or singing or, you

know, making up songs, poems?

228

00:14:22,705 --> 00:14:23,205

No.

229

00:14:23,205 --> 00:14:27,830

230

00:14:27,830 --> 00:14:33,440

We could, in our spare
time, amuse ourselves

231

00:14:33,440 --> 00:14:36,965

with playing chess.

232

00:14:36,965 --> 00:14:43,742

We made our own chess
boards and figures.

233

00:14:43,742 --> 00:14:46,750

That I remember.

234

00:14:46,750 --> 00:14:49,810

But the only other
thing I told you

235

00:14:49,810 --> 00:14:52,495

was these prayer
meetings that I attended.

236

00:14:52,495 --> 00:14:57,880

237

00:14:57,880 --> 00:15:04,330

I don't remember any
kind of creativity.

238

00:15:04,330 --> 00:15:07,000

Whatever happened to that rabbi
who held the prayer meetings?

239

00:15:07,000 --> 00:15:09,170

Do you know?

240
00:15:09,170 --> 00:15:10,430
That rabbi I mentioned?

241
00:15:10,430 --> 00:15:12,120
I don't know what
happened to him.

242
00:15:12,120 --> 00:15:13,750
I don't know.

243
00:15:13,750 --> 00:15:15,920
He came to the United
States I believe.

244
00:15:15,920 --> 00:15:21,490

245
00:15:21,490 --> 00:15:26,320
He was a well known name.

246
00:15:26,320 --> 00:15:27,835
Twerski, Rabbi Twerski.

247
00:15:27,835 --> 00:15:31,780

248
00:15:31,780 --> 00:15:33,910
This is a list of
your relatives?

249
00:15:33,910 --> 00:15:41,980

250
00:15:41,980 --> 00:15:42,640
Oh yeah.

251
00:15:42,640 --> 00:15:43,750
Apparently, yes.

252

00:15:43,750 --> 00:15:47,550

253

00:15:47,550 --> 00:15:50,570

I wrote to them at the inquiry.

254

00:15:50,570 --> 00:15:54,510

I wrote to the agency
inquiring about

255

00:15:54,510 --> 00:16:02,180

if they would know any of those.

256

00:16:02,180 --> 00:16:07,890

But these newspaper articles
tells you about the execution.

257

00:16:07,890 --> 00:16:11,220

Yeah, we're going to make copies
of them if that's OK with you.

258

00:16:11,220 --> 00:16:12,110

Mm-hmm.

259

00:16:12,110 --> 00:16:13,380

That's a list of names.

260

00:16:13,380 --> 00:16:14,940

Yeah.

261

00:16:14,940 --> 00:16:16,830

No, Bettelheim is not on it.

262

00:16:16,830 --> 00:16:22,806

263

00:16:22,806 --> 00:16:29,430

And I believe, I'm not too sure,
this Kurt Adler was the San

264

00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:32,230

Francisco Symphony conductor.

265
00:16:32,230 --> 00:16:34,390
Kurt Herbert Adler.

266
00:16:34,390 --> 00:16:37,020
Oh yeah, Kurt Adler.

267
00:16:37,020 --> 00:16:40,500
Yeah, I believe that's him.

268
00:16:40,500 --> 00:16:41,520
He was in Dachau.

269
00:16:41,520 --> 00:16:54,000

270
00:16:54,000 --> 00:16:58,830
When you arrived in Dachau,
were prisoners lining the fence

271
00:16:58,830 --> 00:17:01,830
shouting out names and places
to see if you knew anyone?

272
00:17:01,830 --> 00:17:07,010

273
00:17:07,010 --> 00:17:09,349
Well, no.

274
00:17:09,349 --> 00:17:15,560
But I myself had
tried to maintain--

275
00:17:15,560 --> 00:17:19,410

276
00:17:19,410 --> 00:17:22,140
find them and get in
contact through any

277

00:17:22,140 --> 00:17:28,569
of those who came in
and also those who left.

278
00:17:28,569 --> 00:17:36,220
I mean, for my own, I
maintained a contact

279
00:17:36,220 --> 00:17:37,470
with the outside world.

280
00:17:37,470 --> 00:17:41,120
So any of those
prisoners who came in

281
00:17:41,120 --> 00:17:49,640
and those who left the camp
before me, if I possibly could,

282
00:17:49,640 --> 00:17:54,970
I asked them to pass on some
information to my relatives.

283
00:17:54,970 --> 00:17:57,520
Did you ever find out if
they succeeded in doing that?

284
00:17:57,520 --> 00:18:01,350

285
00:18:01,350 --> 00:18:04,810
Not really, no.

286
00:18:04,810 --> 00:18:06,460
I don't remember that.

287
00:18:06,460 --> 00:18:09,450

288
00:18:09,450 --> 00:18:12,205
When you were at home
and you were picked up,

289

00:18:12,205 --> 00:18:14,580

was your father taken with
you, or were you the only one?

290

00:18:14,580 --> 00:18:16,220

My father was not at home.

291

00:18:16,220 --> 00:18:18,920

292

00:18:18,920 --> 00:18:20,680

I was at home.

293

00:18:20,680 --> 00:18:22,400

My mother was sick in bed.

294

00:18:22,400 --> 00:18:23,720

It was my stepmother.

295

00:18:23,720 --> 00:18:28,800

And one of my
stepsister was at home.

296

00:18:28,800 --> 00:18:30,230

But they just took me.

297

00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:33,820

298

00:18:33,820 --> 00:18:36,070

How did the-- who
came to get you?

299

00:18:36,070 --> 00:18:37,600

How many SS officers came?

300

00:18:37,600 --> 00:18:39,040

It was just--

301

00:18:39,040 --> 00:18:40,390

I don't remember.

302
00:18:40,390 --> 00:18:43,270
Either one or two
local policemen

303
00:18:43,270 --> 00:18:48,075
who had the duty to
do that, you know?

304
00:18:48,075 --> 00:18:49,350
Did you know them?

305
00:18:49,350 --> 00:18:51,120
No.

306
00:18:51,120 --> 00:18:54,720
How did they treat you
when they picked you up?

307
00:18:54,720 --> 00:18:59,110
Well, just like
officially, you know?

308
00:18:59,110 --> 00:19:01,710
Police, that's what
they had to do.

309
00:19:01,710 --> 00:19:03,977
Come with us.

310
00:19:03,977 --> 00:19:06,310
Do you think they had any
idea what would happen to you?

311
00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:08,280
Yeah.

312
00:19:08,280 --> 00:19:09,810
Yes, I did.

313
00:19:09,810 --> 00:19:17,950
Because-- I mean, it

became known right away

314
00:19:17,950 --> 00:19:20,300
all this is taking place.

315
00:19:20,300 --> 00:19:23,930

316
00:19:23,930 --> 00:19:25,520
Did you try to hide.

317
00:19:25,520 --> 00:19:27,640
No.

318
00:19:27,640 --> 00:19:30,840
Couldn't hide.

319
00:19:30,840 --> 00:19:31,500
I couldn't.

320
00:19:31,500 --> 00:19:34,070

321
00:19:34,070 --> 00:19:38,580
I was never courageous
or whatever.

322
00:19:38,580 --> 00:19:43,200
And we were very poor.

323
00:19:43,200 --> 00:19:45,820
We didn't have any money.

324
00:19:45,820 --> 00:19:47,860
You know, sometimes
it takes courage.

325
00:19:47,860 --> 00:19:50,440
Sometimes it takes money.

326
00:19:50,440 --> 00:19:53,910

Didn't have any of it.

327

00:19:53,910 --> 00:19:54,660

You were 28.

328

00:19:54,660 --> 00:19:56,350

Were you married at the time?

329

00:19:56,350 --> 00:19:56,850

No.

330

00:19:56,850 --> 00:19:59,697

331

00:19:59,697 --> 00:20:00,780

Did you have a girlfriend?

332

00:20:00,780 --> 00:20:02,140

Were you planning to be married?

333

00:20:02,140 --> 00:20:02,640

No.

334

00:20:02,640 --> 00:20:16,360

335

00:20:16,360 --> 00:20:18,820

Were you able to maintain
contact with friends and family

336

00:20:18,820 --> 00:20:21,210

at all?

337

00:20:21,210 --> 00:20:22,320

In Dachau?

338

00:20:22,320 --> 00:20:25,710

While you were there or
while you were at the jail

339

00:20:25,710 --> 00:20:28,810

before they took you there?

340

00:20:28,810 --> 00:20:29,710

No.

341

00:20:29,710 --> 00:20:33,790

Once I came to Dachau we
were permitted to write home.

342

00:20:33,790 --> 00:20:35,650

I showed you the correspondence.

343

00:20:35,650 --> 00:20:39,040

344

00:20:39,040 --> 00:20:44,390

I know one postcard,
the first postcard,

345

00:20:44,390 --> 00:20:48,830

it was a small postcard, it
took me more than an hour

346

00:20:48,830 --> 00:20:54,550

to write it because my
hands were so badly frozen.

347

00:20:54,550 --> 00:20:58,197

348

00:20:58,197 --> 00:21:00,280

Did you have to write what
they told you to write?

349

00:21:00,280 --> 00:21:02,830

350

00:21:02,830 --> 00:21:09,020

We were told what to write
and what not to write.

351

00:21:09,020 --> 00:21:14,660

Yeah, basically, you know,
we got some instructions.

352
00:21:14,660 --> 00:21:17,930

353
00:21:17,930 --> 00:21:20,520
The letters were censored.

354
00:21:20,520 --> 00:21:28,360
They were not-- each and
every letter was censored.

355
00:21:28,360 --> 00:21:31,630
Did they ever beat anybody up
because of what they wrote?

356
00:21:31,630 --> 00:21:32,710
Because it was?

357
00:21:32,710 --> 00:21:35,410
Of what they wrote or
tried to write home?

358
00:21:35,410 --> 00:21:38,515

359
00:21:38,515 --> 00:21:41,990
I don't know.

360
00:21:41,990 --> 00:21:43,090
It's possible.

361
00:21:43,090 --> 00:21:47,280
I would say most likely.

362
00:21:47,280 --> 00:21:49,020
What was the most
common punishment?

363
00:21:49,020 --> 00:21:55,020

364

00:21:55,020 --> 00:22:04,790
Solitary confinement and hanging
from the tree, from a post.

365

00:22:04,790 --> 00:22:11,900

366

00:22:11,900 --> 00:22:14,760
Yeah, or just plain beating.

367

00:22:14,760 --> 00:22:17,630

368

00:22:17,630 --> 00:22:20,000
Did you lose your ability
to feel from what you

369

00:22:20,000 --> 00:22:22,280
saw and experienced in Dachau?

370

00:22:22,280 --> 00:22:23,180
Did I lose?

371

00:22:23,180 --> 00:22:25,890
You ability to feel.

372

00:22:25,890 --> 00:22:26,390
No.

373

00:22:26,390 --> 00:22:30,070
Like to have compassion,
that sort of thing.

374

00:22:30,070 --> 00:22:32,230
No.

375

00:22:32,230 --> 00:22:36,370
You know, I told you
about this German poet

376

00:22:36,370 --> 00:22:38,470
Schiller who wrote that.

377
00:22:38,470 --> 00:22:43,060
There was another
well-known poet Goethe.

378
00:22:43,060 --> 00:22:53,660
Goethe, in his lifetime, he
once went on a trip to Italy.

379
00:22:53,660 --> 00:22:59,560
He was thrilled by what he saw
by the beautiful countryside

380
00:22:59,560 --> 00:23:01,420
and he made a statement.

381
00:23:01,420 --> 00:23:04,690

382
00:23:04,690 --> 00:23:07,950
Now, what did he say?

383
00:23:07,950 --> 00:23:12,840

384
00:23:12,840 --> 00:23:15,140
I've forgotten.

385
00:23:15,140 --> 00:23:18,440
I guess-- Naples.

386
00:23:18,440 --> 00:23:22,310
He was impressed by Naples.

387
00:23:22,310 --> 00:23:27,860
It's worse to go and see
Naples and then die, you know?

388
00:23:27,860 --> 00:23:29,540
It's worse to go and see Naples?

389
00:23:29,540 --> 00:23:31,530
Naples.

390
00:23:31,530 --> 00:23:37,830
Before you-- and after
which if you die,

391
00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:41,580
it's all right as long
as you have seen Naples

392
00:23:41,580 --> 00:23:44,140
before your death.

393
00:23:44,140 --> 00:23:46,660
I mean, he was so--

394
00:23:46,660 --> 00:23:48,700
when I came out of
Dachau, I thought

395
00:23:48,700 --> 00:23:53,680
of what Goethe said
and I said to people,

396
00:23:53,680 --> 00:23:57,310
I don't regret that I was
in Dachau as long as I

397
00:23:57,310 --> 00:23:58,570
was able to survive.

398
00:23:58,570 --> 00:24:03,310
And I said, instead of
saying to see Naples and die,

399
00:24:03,310 --> 00:24:10,040
I said, to see Dachau
and live, that was worse.

400
00:24:10,040 --> 00:24:13,400

I don't know if you
get the connection.

401
00:24:13,400 --> 00:24:14,360
I'm not sure.

402
00:24:14,360 --> 00:24:15,800
Could you explain a little more?

403
00:24:15,800 --> 00:24:20,510
Well, when people ask
me after I came out--

404
00:24:20,510 --> 00:24:25,020
what was it that you asked
me, whether I developed some--

405
00:24:25,020 --> 00:24:25,520
what?

406
00:24:25,520 --> 00:24:26,210
Feelings?

407
00:24:26,210 --> 00:24:28,230
If you lost your
ability to feel.

408
00:24:28,230 --> 00:24:35,900
No, well, I don't know why
in response to what you asked

409
00:24:35,900 --> 00:24:43,350
I said when people ask me what
my reaction was of having been

410
00:24:43,350 --> 00:24:50,310
in Dachau, I remember what
similar something Goethe had

411
00:24:50,310 --> 00:24:51,735
to say about seeing Naples.

412

00:24:51,735 --> 00:24:58,780

I said to see Dachau,
it was worth it,

413

00:24:58,780 --> 00:25:03,610

I don't regret it, as long as
I was able to live through it,

414

00:25:03,610 --> 00:25:05,220

to survive.

415

00:25:05,220 --> 00:25:07,780

In other words, see
Dachau and live.

416

00:25:07,780 --> 00:25:13,390

Instead of saying see Naples
and die, see Dachau and live.

417

00:25:13,390 --> 00:25:15,700

But you don't regret
it since you lived?

418

00:25:15,700 --> 00:25:20,770

No, I did not regret
that this happened to me.

419

00:25:20,770 --> 00:25:22,600

Why not?

420

00:25:22,600 --> 00:25:27,460

Well, it happened not to me.

421

00:25:27,460 --> 00:25:29,080

It happened to others.

422

00:25:29,080 --> 00:25:34,320

And I was glad I
was a witness to it.

423

00:25:34,320 --> 00:25:37,050

And that's why I
don't regret it and I

424
00:25:37,050 --> 00:25:42,680
don't mind talking about
it to you and to others.

425
00:25:42,680 --> 00:25:45,860
But as long as I
was able to come out

426
00:25:45,860 --> 00:25:51,320
of it alive and well without--

427
00:25:51,320 --> 00:26:01,600
of course, it must have
left some marks on my life

428
00:26:01,600 --> 00:26:03,875
and so on.

429
00:26:03,875 --> 00:26:04,750
Can you think of any?

430
00:26:04,750 --> 00:26:10,620

431
00:26:10,620 --> 00:26:12,130
I don't know.

432
00:26:12,130 --> 00:26:13,860
I think I became--

433
00:26:13,860 --> 00:26:16,920

434
00:26:16,920 --> 00:26:17,730
I don't know.

435
00:26:17,730 --> 00:26:24,480
I'm sure it must have had
some effect on my personality,

436

00:26:24,480 --> 00:26:29,640
but I cannot analyze it exactly.

437
00:26:29,640 --> 00:26:32,880
But it stands to reason.

438
00:26:32,880 --> 00:26:39,620
Anybody who comes out of
Vietnam or out of Dachau,

439
00:26:39,620 --> 00:26:42,140
it had some effect on people.

440
00:26:42,140 --> 00:26:46,875

441
00:26:46,875 --> 00:26:50,940
I didn't sit down to
analyze it that accurately.

442
00:26:50,940 --> 00:26:57,310

443
00:26:57,310 --> 00:26:59,380
What was your first
day at Dachau like?

444
00:26:59,380 --> 00:27:03,110

445
00:27:03,110 --> 00:27:04,650
That I don't remember.

446
00:27:04,650 --> 00:27:05,940
I guess scary.

447
00:27:05,940 --> 00:27:14,570

448
00:27:14,570 --> 00:27:16,640
Did you try to smuggle
any money or jewels

449
00:27:16,640 --> 00:27:20,810
sort of through processing?

450
00:27:20,810 --> 00:27:22,430
To smuggle it when?

451
00:27:22,430 --> 00:27:25,610
When you were
entering into Dachau.

452
00:27:25,610 --> 00:27:27,245
You cannot smuggle in anything.

453
00:27:27,245 --> 00:27:30,850

454
00:27:30,850 --> 00:27:33,240
It would be suicide.

455
00:27:33,240 --> 00:27:36,030
But what for?

456
00:27:36,030 --> 00:27:39,600
Did anybody-- did you
hear of cases where

457
00:27:39,600 --> 00:27:41,940
anybody succeeded in smuggling?

458
00:27:41,940 --> 00:27:43,440
And for what purpose?

459
00:27:43,440 --> 00:27:45,860
To bribe the guard?

460
00:27:45,860 --> 00:27:47,170
I don't know.

461
00:27:47,170 --> 00:27:49,510
Yeah, I've heard of

cases where people did--

462

00:27:49,510 --> 00:27:51,310

Were there some who could do it?

463

00:27:51,310 --> 00:27:52,140

Yeah.

464

00:27:52,140 --> 00:27:53,650

Yeah, they were occasionally.

465

00:27:53,650 --> 00:27:56,240

That's what the
organizing was all about.

466

00:27:56,240 --> 00:27:57,400

Yeah, I don't know.

467

00:27:57,400 --> 00:27:58,180

I didn't know.

468

00:27:58,180 --> 00:28:00,400

I had nothing anyway.

469

00:28:00,400 --> 00:28:01,600

I was very poor.

470

00:28:01,600 --> 00:28:05,220

471

00:28:05,220 --> 00:28:14,610

Talking about smuggling, well,
I was very poor when I left--

472

00:28:14,610 --> 00:28:18,630

when I was put on the train
to leave Europe after Dachau,

473

00:28:18,630 --> 00:28:20,880

you know?

474

00:28:20,880 --> 00:28:26,730

And I just had
among my belongings

475

00:28:26,730 --> 00:28:32,280

mostly some papers from
school papers that I thought

476

00:28:32,280 --> 00:28:37,290

I would need, would come in--

477

00:28:37,290 --> 00:28:41,240

would be useful to me later on.

478

00:28:41,240 --> 00:28:42,830

That's about all.

479

00:28:42,830 --> 00:28:46,430

I had hardly anything to wear.

480

00:28:46,430 --> 00:28:50,670

But my mother gave
me a silver fork.

481

00:28:50,670 --> 00:28:56,300

That was the biggest item--

482

00:28:56,300 --> 00:29:05,150

valuable of any value and I
hid it somewhere in my trunk.

483

00:29:05,150 --> 00:29:06,980

The trunk was not with me.

484

00:29:06,980 --> 00:29:10,610

It was on a different car.

485

00:29:10,610 --> 00:29:16,110

But before we left the border
from Germany to enter--

486

00:29:16,110 --> 00:29:18,160

stop?

487

00:29:18,160 --> 00:29:20,970

Yeah, he's got to
change the tape again.

488

00:29:20,970 --> 00:31:11,000