

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:23,904

2  
00:00:23,904 --> 00:00:26,030  
We're rolling.

3  
00:00:26,030 --> 00:00:27,278  
OK.

4  
00:00:27,278 --> 00:00:28,670  
Five seconds please.

5  
00:00:28,670 --> 00:00:32,390

6  
00:00:32,390 --> 00:00:37,670  
Yeah, well, you  
asked me about names.

7  
00:00:37,670 --> 00:00:43,620  
At one time or other I used  
to know names but I forgot.

8  
00:00:43,620 --> 00:00:48,180  
It's already 50 years  
or so or almost 50 years

9  
00:00:48,180 --> 00:00:51,200  
since that time.

10  
00:00:51,200 --> 00:00:54,410  
45-- let's see, it's--

11  
00:00:54,410 --> 00:00:54,910  
That's OK.

12  
00:00:54,910 --> 00:01:00,800  
To be more accurate, 44  
years only from this wartime

13

00:01:00,800 --> 00:01:02,210  
experience.

14  
00:01:02,210 --> 00:01:05,960  
Maybe 48 years.

15  
00:01:05,960 --> 00:01:09,530  
So the tank was in the  
basement of a home you think?

16  
00:01:09,530 --> 00:01:11,680  
That's what I remember, yes.

17  
00:01:11,680 --> 00:01:14,230  
Do you remember what the  
experiments were to do?

18  
00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:20,850

19  
00:01:20,850 --> 00:01:23,205  
The effects of cold--

20  
00:01:23,205 --> 00:01:25,820

21  
00:01:25,820 --> 00:01:33,700  
the effects of cold  
temperature on human bodies.

22  
00:01:33,700 --> 00:01:46,055  
They did it for the purpose  
of their army in Russia.

23  
00:01:46,055 --> 00:01:48,780

24  
00:01:48,780 --> 00:01:56,000  
What happened if a pilot was  
shot down into freezing water

25  
00:01:56,000 --> 00:02:04,160

or into the snow and  
how to survive him--

26  
00:02:04,160 --> 00:02:05,410  
how to revive him.

27  
00:02:05,410 --> 00:02:09,830

28  
00:02:09,830 --> 00:02:15,960  
So they tried all kinds  
of different techniques,

29  
00:02:15,960 --> 00:02:20,760  
including taking these  
prisoners that they

30  
00:02:20,760 --> 00:02:24,510  
immersed in cold water  
and to revive them.

31  
00:02:24,510 --> 00:02:27,820  
Used women.

32  
00:02:27,820 --> 00:02:30,185  
Paired them up  
women, you know, who

33  
00:02:30,185 --> 00:02:37,360  
were not in normal condition.

34  
00:02:37,360 --> 00:02:38,350  
What do you mean?

35  
00:02:38,350 --> 00:02:40,000  
Just the contact with women.

36  
00:02:40,000 --> 00:02:43,540  
You know, females,  
gypsy women or whatever.

37  
00:02:43,540 --> 00:02:46,060

What do you mean by not  
in normal condition?

38  
00:02:46,060 --> 00:02:47,970  
Who were normal, you know?

39  
00:02:47,970 --> 00:02:50,500

40  
00:02:50,500 --> 00:02:52,540  
Not in a cold condition.

41  
00:02:52,540 --> 00:02:58,210  
But pair them up, a frozen  
man with a regular woman, put

42  
00:02:58,210 --> 00:03:02,830  
them together and to  
have sexual contact

43  
00:03:02,830 --> 00:03:04,780  
in order to revive the man.

44  
00:03:04,780 --> 00:03:07,360

45  
00:03:07,360 --> 00:03:17,296  
Well anyway, they experimented  
and see whether that would help

46  
00:03:17,296 --> 00:03:18,785  
or how long it would take.

47  
00:03:18,785 --> 00:03:22,550

48  
00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:24,380  
Did you read a lot  
of the documents

49  
00:03:24,380 --> 00:03:27,680  
that the Nazis produced

about this experiment?

50

00:03:27,680 --> 00:03:32,320

No, I did not read any  
such documents really.

51

00:03:32,320 --> 00:03:35,820

52

00:03:35,820 --> 00:03:39,600

I didn't get to do that.

53

00:03:39,600 --> 00:03:42,250

Not during the war  
and not after the war.

54

00:03:42,250 --> 00:03:44,780

55

00:03:44,780 --> 00:03:50,420

Even what I have with me  
I may have read some of it

56

00:03:50,420 --> 00:03:51,560

and forgot already.

57

00:03:51,560 --> 00:03:55,740

58

00:03:55,740 --> 00:03:57,990

It's so long ago.

59

00:03:57,990 --> 00:04:02,250

For instance, looking through  
this here, I know this--

60

00:04:02,250 --> 00:04:05,700

leafing through the pages  
I have some notations

61

00:04:05,700 --> 00:04:11,910

in my handwriting in pencil that

I passed on to somebody to--

62

00:04:11,910 --> 00:04:15,900

pointed it out to them,  
so I must have read it

63

00:04:15,900 --> 00:04:17,983

but I don't remember it anymore.

64

00:04:17,983 --> 00:04:22,820

65

00:04:22,820 --> 00:04:27,600

When you were, you know, taken  
to be on these work details

66

00:04:27,600 --> 00:04:29,020

and when you were in Dachau--

67

00:04:29,020 --> 00:04:30,380

Yeah.

68

00:04:30,380 --> 00:04:33,190

--what incident most  
sticks in your mind

69

00:04:33,190 --> 00:04:36,770

of all of the marches  
and the work details?

70

00:04:36,770 --> 00:04:49,560

The worst one was the day I was  
taken to this quarry, that pit

71

00:04:49,560 --> 00:04:50,440

to dig.

72

00:04:50,440 --> 00:04:57,810

73

00:04:57,810 --> 00:05:03,300

It was very frightening the

way these guards behaved,

74

00:05:03,300 --> 00:05:11,845  
shouting and threatening all the  
time with guns ready to shoot.

75

00:05:11,845 --> 00:05:15,690  
We had to move on.

76

00:05:15,690 --> 00:05:18,850  
Some had these vicious  
dogs with them.

77

00:05:18,850 --> 00:05:23,750  
And this was just the entire  
atmosphere that they created,

78

00:05:23,750 --> 00:05:26,670  
the frightening atmosphere.

79

00:05:26,670 --> 00:05:29,100  
That was one of the  
worst I remember.

80

00:05:29,100 --> 00:05:35,290

81

00:05:35,290 --> 00:05:37,800  
What was a typical  
day like in Dachau?

82

00:05:37,800 --> 00:05:42,730

83

00:05:42,730 --> 00:05:48,905  
Well, what can I say?

84

00:05:48,905 --> 00:05:51,080  
You had to get up  
early in the morning

85

00:05:51,080 --> 00:06:02,200

and get ready for  
that parade ground,

86  
00:06:02,200 --> 00:06:07,890  
march out there, come back,  
get some breakfast, which

87  
00:06:07,890 --> 00:06:15,920  
was tea with some bread,  
and then put to work,

88  
00:06:15,920 --> 00:06:16,840  
whatever it was.

89  
00:06:16,840 --> 00:06:21,220  
If there was no snow  
to shovel or whatever,

90  
00:06:21,220 --> 00:06:27,440  
just march up and  
down and double.

91  
00:06:27,440 --> 00:06:30,470  
We had to pull the  
heavy equipment--

92  
00:06:30,470 --> 00:06:32,940  
a roller, a very heavy roller.

93  
00:06:32,940 --> 00:06:34,840  
I think it was made  
out of concrete.

94  
00:06:34,840 --> 00:06:37,815

95  
00:06:37,815 --> 00:06:40,290  
In this book here  
there's a picture of it.

96  
00:06:40,290 --> 00:06:46,330



97

00:06:46,330 --> 00:06:48,110

Basically that's what it was.

98

00:06:48,110 --> 00:06:58,135

And then as the day  
passed, we had to--

99

00:06:58,135 --> 00:07:00,290

let's see, I don't even  
remember where the--

100

00:07:00,290 --> 00:07:03,470

101

00:07:03,470 --> 00:07:08,780

I guess before we got  
some supper we went again

102

00:07:08,780 --> 00:07:14,660

to the parade ground to  
be counted and stand there

103

00:07:14,660 --> 00:07:20,430

for hours on end in  
the cold weather.

104

00:07:20,430 --> 00:07:23,080

105

00:07:23,080 --> 00:07:28,310

Sometimes it--  
what was worse was

106

00:07:28,310 --> 00:07:38,400

if it was freezing  
rain in wet weather.

107

00:07:38,400 --> 00:07:40,650

And that was in  
wintertime, but I

108

00:07:40,650 --> 00:07:47,120

understand in summertime it was  
even worse to be in the heat.

109  
00:07:47,120 --> 00:07:49,160  
I was not in the  
summertime there

110  
00:07:49,160 --> 00:07:52,870  
but from what I heard  
it was even worse.

111  
00:07:52,870 --> 00:07:56,160

112  
00:07:56,160 --> 00:07:58,680  
You know, you said you  
that you ate the herring,

113  
00:07:58,680 --> 00:07:59,654  
the salted herring.

114  
00:07:59,654 --> 00:08:01,238  
Yes.

115  
00:08:01,238 --> 00:08:02,530  
Did that make you more thirsty?

116  
00:08:02,530 --> 00:08:05,540  
And did you get enough water?

117  
00:08:05,540 --> 00:08:10,920  
I suppose it must  
have gotten thirsty.

118  
00:08:10,920 --> 00:08:13,850  
Drink the tea.

119  
00:08:13,850 --> 00:08:15,100  
Mm-hmm.

120  
00:08:15,100 --> 00:08:16,850  
Could you drink water

any time you wanted?

121  
00:08:16,850 --> 00:08:20,170

122  
00:08:20,170 --> 00:08:25,180  
No, when we were out in  
the open in the parade,

123  
00:08:25,180 --> 00:08:29,200  
no, we couldn't step out to  
get a drink of water, no.

124  
00:08:29,200 --> 00:08:32,140  
We had to wait till we--

125  
00:08:32,140 --> 00:08:37,240  
or we couldn't even  
relieve ourselves

126  
00:08:37,240 --> 00:08:40,720  
when we were on a detail.

127  
00:08:40,720 --> 00:08:49,100  
Some men who had a problem  
of bladder control,

128  
00:08:49,100 --> 00:08:57,410  
they wet themselves, and  
if the Nazis saw the puddle

129  
00:08:57,410 --> 00:09:00,530  
from the urine, they--

130  
00:09:00,530 --> 00:09:02,855  
well, they beat up the prisoner.

131  
00:09:02,855 --> 00:09:06,530

132  
00:09:06,530 --> 00:09:08,692  
What were the

sanitary conditions?

133

00:09:08,692 --> 00:09:11,470

134

00:09:11,470 --> 00:09:24,235

Well, it was, I would  
say, not the worst.

135

00:09:24,235 --> 00:09:28,030

136

00:09:28,030 --> 00:09:33,280

Well, you know, I  
told you I came from--

137

00:09:33,280 --> 00:09:37,090

in Vienna we lived  
in poor conditions.

138

00:09:37,090 --> 00:09:39,460

People when they  
hear about Vienna

139

00:09:39,460 --> 00:09:43,060

they all think it's  
a beautiful town.

140

00:09:43,060 --> 00:09:52,910

It looks beautiful, but Vienna  
was full of fleas and bedbugs,

141

00:09:52,910 --> 00:09:56,960

and sanitary conditions  
in Vienna were very bad.

142

00:09:56,960 --> 00:09:59,850

143

00:09:59,850 --> 00:10:04,300

For instance, many of these  
old apartment buildings,

144

00:10:04,300 --> 00:10:09,610

they didn't have any running  
water in each apartment.

145

00:10:09,610 --> 00:10:16,760

They had maybe one  
faucet in the hallway.

146

00:10:16,760 --> 00:10:21,620

It was not a clean setting.

147

00:10:21,620 --> 00:10:25,440

And I must say in  
Dachau it was cleaner.

148

00:10:25,440 --> 00:10:26,550

There were no bedbugs.

149

00:10:26,550 --> 00:10:30,840

There were no fleas.

150

00:10:30,840 --> 00:10:33,470

Of course, occasionally  
they found some lice

151

00:10:33,470 --> 00:10:36,710

and that was only  
beneficial to us.

152

00:10:36,710 --> 00:10:44,390

But they tried to keep it clean.

153

00:10:44,390 --> 00:10:49,430

It was not where we slept--

154

00:10:49,430 --> 00:10:52,640

I think we slept on straw--

155

00:10:52,640 --> 00:10:57,260

on burlap sacks that  
were stuffed with straw.

156

00:10:57,260 --> 00:11:00,960

157

00:11:00,960 --> 00:11:08,700

We had to keep our mess  
kits meticulously clean.

158

00:11:08,700 --> 00:11:16,340

We got some soap for cleaning  
it for ourself and the utensils.

159

00:11:16,340 --> 00:11:26,640

160

00:11:26,640 --> 00:11:39,000

You know, just before I came  
to Dachau in civilian life,

161

00:11:39,000 --> 00:11:44,170

not just were already  
in Austria and Vienna,

162

00:11:44,170 --> 00:11:52,890

but I developed some bad rash  
and eczema all over my body.

163

00:11:52,890 --> 00:11:53,740

Terrible.

164

00:11:53,740 --> 00:11:56,100

I had to be hospitalized.

165

00:11:56,100 --> 00:11:59,190

They couldn't even cure me.

166

00:11:59,190 --> 00:12:05,937

I was discharged because  
the Nazis closed down

167

00:12:05,937 --> 00:12:06,520

that hospital.

168

00:12:06,520 --> 00:12:09,880

169

00:12:09,880 --> 00:12:11,890

I suffered quite a bit.

170

00:12:11,890 --> 00:12:15,100

And the minute I came  
to Dachau, my problems

171

00:12:15,100 --> 00:12:16,840

suddenly disappeared.

172

00:12:16,840 --> 00:12:20,460

173

00:12:20,460 --> 00:12:23,700

It was a dermatol--

174

00:12:23,700 --> 00:12:25,260

Dermatology?

175

00:12:25,260 --> 00:12:27,433

Yeah.

176

00:12:27,433 --> 00:12:28,350

Dermatology, whatever.

177

00:12:28,350 --> 00:12:30,910

178

00:12:30,910 --> 00:12:43,930

Strange, but-- yeah,  
you see, I was always

179

00:12:43,930 --> 00:12:46,330

underweight in civilian  
life, and believe it

180

00:12:46,330 --> 00:12:49,300

or not, eating

all this herring I

181  
00:12:49,300 --> 00:12:51,310  
managed to put on some weight.

182  
00:12:51,310 --> 00:12:52,040  
In Dachau?

183  
00:12:52,040 --> 00:12:54,780  
Yeah.

184  
00:12:54,780 --> 00:12:59,010  
Well, that doesn't-- it only  
tells you what poor conditions

185  
00:12:59,010 --> 00:12:59,910  
I lived in--

186  
00:12:59,910 --> 00:13:00,910  
At home.

187  
00:13:00,910 --> 00:13:01,410  
--at home.

188  
00:13:01,410 --> 00:13:05,630

189  
00:13:05,630 --> 00:13:10,910  
And maybe because of my  
tough life in civilian life

190  
00:13:10,910 --> 00:13:18,000  
I was preconditioned for  
being able to survive

191  
00:13:18,000 --> 00:13:20,800  
these harsh circumstances.

192  
00:13:20,800 --> 00:13:27,900

193



00:13:27,900 --> 00:13:29,100  
What were the barracks like?

194  
00:13:29,100 --> 00:13:31,938

195  
00:13:31,938 --> 00:13:40,290  
Ooh, there were bunk beds.

196  
00:13:40,290 --> 00:13:45,880  
I think two tiers or  
three tiers I believe.

197  
00:13:45,880 --> 00:13:51,260  
And I always preferred  
to be on the top tier.

198  
00:13:51,260 --> 00:13:51,760  
Why?

199  
00:13:51,760 --> 00:13:52,840  
Why?

200  
00:13:52,840 --> 00:13:56,350  
Well, in case someone--

201  
00:13:56,350 --> 00:13:59,350  
if I would be on the  
lower tier, above me

202  
00:13:59,350 --> 00:14:01,890  
would be an inmate who had--

203  
00:14:01,890 --> 00:14:06,880

204  
00:14:06,880 --> 00:14:10,675  
can go to the bathroom  
any time and urinate

205  
00:14:10,675 --> 00:14:13,360  
and it would drip on you.

206  
00:14:13,360 --> 00:14:14,530  
Something of that sort.

207  
00:14:14,530 --> 00:14:20,080

208  
00:14:20,080 --> 00:14:23,920  
They had some windows  
in the barracks

209  
00:14:23,920 --> 00:14:28,640  
on higher level and  
I got a little more--

210  
00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:34,730  
that stayed open and I got a  
little more fresh this way.

211  
00:14:34,730 --> 00:14:38,230  
I mean, that's the  
way I preferred it.

212  
00:14:38,230 --> 00:14:40,195  
How many men slept in a bunk?

213  
00:14:40,195 --> 00:14:45,710

214  
00:14:45,710 --> 00:14:49,990  
Well, one man to each--

215  
00:14:49,990 --> 00:14:52,830  
I think not together.

216  
00:14:52,830 --> 00:14:56,940  
Separate, but they were  
close together, you know?

217  
00:14:56,940 --> 00:14:59,640

218

00:14:59,640 --> 00:15:04,100

As a matter of fact, I think  
when I was on the troopships

219

00:15:04,100 --> 00:15:07,650

during the war, it was  
even more crowded and worse

220

00:15:07,650 --> 00:15:13,274

than bunks on troopships.

221

00:15:13,274 --> 00:15:17,060

222

00:15:17,060 --> 00:15:21,100

How did you keep warm enough?

223

00:15:21,100 --> 00:15:22,400

Well, I don't know.

224

00:15:22,400 --> 00:15:27,994

It's just we got some  
blanket, but we never--

225

00:15:27,994 --> 00:15:31,090

226

00:15:31,090 --> 00:15:33,625

we were always exposed to cold.

227

00:15:33,625 --> 00:15:37,180

228

00:15:37,180 --> 00:15:38,350

Got used to it.

229

00:15:38,350 --> 00:15:40,920

230

00:15:40,920 --> 00:15:41,922

Acclimatized.

231  
00:15:41,922 --> 00:15:45,020

232  
00:15:45,020 --> 00:15:46,880  
If you sit here  
long enough, you get

233  
00:15:46,880 --> 00:15:49,810  
used to this warm condition.

234  
00:15:49,810 --> 00:15:50,860  
You don't think so?

235  
00:15:50,860 --> 00:15:52,960  
I'm not sure about that.

236  
00:15:52,960 --> 00:15:58,048

237  
00:15:58,048 --> 00:15:59,590  
Were you assigned  
bunks, or could you

238  
00:15:59,590 --> 00:16:02,320  
sleep where you wanted to sleep?

239  
00:16:02,320 --> 00:16:03,610  
That I don't remember.

240  
00:16:03,610 --> 00:16:05,260  
Most likely we were assigned.

241  
00:16:05,260 --> 00:16:08,860

242  
00:16:08,860 --> 00:16:11,550  
Did you have Kapos?

243  
00:16:11,550 --> 00:16:16,400  
Did you have Kapos, the

overseers that were prisoners?

244

00:16:16,400 --> 00:16:16,900

Oh, Kapos.

245

00:16:16,900 --> 00:16:18,720

Yeah, of course.

246

00:16:18,720 --> 00:16:22,370

Do you remember yours?

247

00:16:22,370 --> 00:16:24,880

Yes.

248

00:16:24,880 --> 00:16:29,950

And I told you a couple  
of them were very nice.

249

00:16:29,950 --> 00:16:32,050

Others were very mean.

250

00:16:32,050 --> 00:16:35,920

And one of them was this  
Tutas, who was mean.

251

00:16:35,920 --> 00:16:38,680

252

00:16:38,680 --> 00:16:43,750

And amazingly, he spoke  
a beautiful language.

253

00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:44,920

Beautiful language?

254

00:16:44,920 --> 00:16:47,230

Yeah, his English--

255

00:16:47,230 --> 00:16:49,450

German was excellent.

256

00:16:49,450 --> 00:16:55,110

There was another one  
I forgot the name.

257

00:16:55,110 --> 00:17:03,860

He was-- people feared  
him quite a bit.

258

00:17:03,860 --> 00:17:11,569

But when he shouted and spoke,  
his German was just beautiful.

259

00:17:11,569 --> 00:17:12,826

Yeah.

260

00:17:12,826 --> 00:17:14,579

Shouted and spoke  
in beautiful German?

261

00:17:14,579 --> 00:17:17,750

Yeah, educated.

262

00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:19,490

But he was brutal.

263

00:17:19,490 --> 00:17:21,530

What do he do?

264

00:17:21,530 --> 00:17:22,430

This was the Titus?

265

00:17:22,430 --> 00:17:23,750

Well, shout and beat and--

266

00:17:23,750 --> 00:17:28,080

267

00:17:28,080 --> 00:17:28,580

mm-hmm.

268

00:17:28,580 --> 00:17:33,360

269  
00:17:33,360 --> 00:17:37,193  
What kind of privileges  
did the Kapos have?

270  
00:17:37,193 --> 00:17:38,110  
Privileges the Kapos--

271  
00:17:38,110 --> 00:17:38,970  
Privileges, yeah.

272  
00:17:38,970 --> 00:17:42,020  
What kind of--

273  
00:17:42,020 --> 00:17:44,270  
Oh, I don't really know.

274  
00:17:44,270 --> 00:17:47,045  
Maybe they got a little  
better food or more food.

275  
00:17:47,045 --> 00:17:55,680

276  
00:17:55,680 --> 00:18:00,150  
I would say that would  
be basically the case.

277  
00:18:00,150 --> 00:18:02,070  
Did they demand favors from--

278  
00:18:02,070 --> 00:18:06,035  
No, how could we?

279  
00:18:06,035 --> 00:18:08,235  
No, did they demand  
favors from--

280  
00:18:08,235 --> 00:18:10,140  
Did they demand favors?

281

00:18:10,140 --> 00:18:11,550  
--from the people  
they rule over?

282  
00:18:11,550 --> 00:18:15,855  
No, no, we couldn't  
offer them anything.

283  
00:18:15,855 --> 00:18:18,325

284  
00:18:18,325 --> 00:18:18,825  
No.

285  
00:18:18,825 --> 00:18:24,350

286  
00:18:24,350 --> 00:18:28,550  
You know how you said you got  
your butter and lemon juice?

287  
00:18:28,550 --> 00:18:29,330  
Lemons.

288  
00:18:29,330 --> 00:18:30,590  
Yeah, butter and lemons.

289  
00:18:30,590 --> 00:18:31,740  
Yeah.

290  
00:18:31,740 --> 00:18:33,320  
How did you do that?

291  
00:18:33,320 --> 00:18:36,010  
Did you have any-- you didn't  
have any money did you?

292  
00:18:36,010 --> 00:18:36,510  
Yes.

293  
00:18:36,510 --> 00:18:40,400



294  
00:18:40,400 --> 00:18:43,750  
We were permitted to receive  
some money from home.

295  
00:18:43,750 --> 00:18:47,700  
You see those  
receipts on top there?

296  
00:18:47,700 --> 00:18:48,200  
These?

297  
00:18:48,200 --> 00:18:50,510  
These are money order receipts.

298  
00:18:50,510 --> 00:19:02,900

299  
00:19:02,900 --> 00:19:09,810  
Yeah, I think 7 and 1/2  
marks per, I don't know,

300  
00:19:09,810 --> 00:19:11,800  
month or whatever.

301  
00:19:11,800 --> 00:19:13,060  
15 marks.

302  
00:19:13,060 --> 00:19:15,970  
15 marks per month I guess.

303  
00:19:15,970 --> 00:19:20,253

304  
00:19:20,253 --> 00:19:21,920  
But I thought you  
said that Jews weren't

305  
00:19:21,920 --> 00:19:23,150  
allowed to buy at this store?

306

00:19:23,150 --> 00:19:23,938  
Hmm?

307  
00:19:23,938 --> 00:19:26,480  
I thought you said Jews weren't  
allowed to buy at this store?

308  
00:19:26,480 --> 00:19:31,860  
No, I may have asked an Aryan  
prisoner to get it for me.

309  
00:19:31,860 --> 00:19:35,890

310  
00:19:35,890 --> 00:19:38,050  
Did it take all your money?

311  
00:19:38,050 --> 00:19:41,540  
Were the things in  
the canteen expensive?

312  
00:19:41,540 --> 00:19:46,680  
We are way overpriced, yeah.

313  
00:19:46,680 --> 00:19:53,340  
They sold also gloves or I  
don't know what other items.

314  
00:19:53,340 --> 00:19:55,590  
Not much.

315  
00:19:55,590 --> 00:19:56,978  
Maybe a comb or--

316  
00:19:56,978 --> 00:19:57,520  
I don't know.

317  
00:19:57,520 --> 00:20:03,530

318  
00:20:03,530 --> 00:20:07,060  
Did you ever see any

small children in Dachau?

319

00:20:07,060 --> 00:20:08,170

Small children?

320

00:20:08,170 --> 00:20:13,930

No, but I remember, and  
even in that book it's told,

321

00:20:13,930 --> 00:20:17,680

the impression to  
when we were standing

322

00:20:17,680 --> 00:20:24,940

on the campground  
for being counted

323

00:20:24,940 --> 00:20:30,820

and we could hear from  
distance children's voices

324

00:20:30,820 --> 00:20:34,372

and it was so  
exciting to hear it.

325

00:20:34,372 --> 00:20:40,180

But that's all I  
know about children.

326

00:20:40,180 --> 00:20:44,420

Also I knew those children  
shouting, laughing,

327

00:20:44,420 --> 00:20:45,500

they were not--

328

00:20:45,500 --> 00:20:49,320

they were the children  
of the tormentors.

329

00:20:49,320 --> 00:20:52,305

But still, it was  
nice to hear children.

330  
00:20:52,305 --> 00:20:57,670

331  
00:20:57,670 --> 00:20:59,600  
Did you witness  
public executions?

332  
00:20:59,600 --> 00:21:00,100  
No.

333  
00:21:00,100 --> 00:21:04,490

334  
00:21:04,490 --> 00:21:08,210  
Not by the Germans and  
not by the Americans.

335  
00:21:08,210 --> 00:21:17,180

336  
00:21:17,180 --> 00:21:20,280  
What about extermination  
facilities?

337  
00:21:20,280 --> 00:21:22,650  
Extermination facilities?

338  
00:21:22,650 --> 00:21:29,040  
Well, I saw them, but I didn't  
see them being used, you know,

339  
00:21:29,040 --> 00:21:30,240  
the ovens.

340  
00:21:30,240 --> 00:21:32,670  
Also in the shower  
rooms, I mean,

341  
00:21:32,670 --> 00:21:38,870  
they actually could be used  
as exterminating facility.

342  
00:21:38,870 --> 00:21:46,930  
From the shower heads they  
could have poison gas released.

343  
00:21:46,930 --> 00:21:52,180  
And I guess it  
was done at times,

344  
00:21:52,180 --> 00:21:56,860  
but I didn't see otherwise.

345  
00:21:56,860 --> 00:22:06,820  
I mean, I saw this oven that  
I was told was a crematoria,

346  
00:22:06,820 --> 00:22:10,960  
but I didn't see them in use.

347  
00:22:10,960 --> 00:22:13,150  
May have used them  
at other times.

348  
00:22:13,150 --> 00:22:15,070  
Not when I was there.

349  
00:22:15,070 --> 00:22:19,450  
Certainly afterwards, after  
my time during the war.

350  
00:22:19,450 --> 00:22:23,630

351  
00:22:23,630 --> 00:22:25,225  
Did you ever have  
any reason to see

352  
00:22:25,225 --> 00:22:28,460  
SS quarters like  
preparing or serving

353  
00:22:28,460 --> 00:22:30,990

the SS meals or anything?

354

00:22:30,990 --> 00:22:31,490

No.

355

00:22:31,490 --> 00:22:34,250

356

00:22:34,250 --> 00:22:37,830

How about the SS  
torture chambers?

357

00:22:37,830 --> 00:22:42,160

No, I didn't see any of that.

358

00:22:42,160 --> 00:22:44,050

What do you recall  
about the commandant?

359

00:22:44,050 --> 00:22:47,480

360

00:22:47,480 --> 00:22:49,850

Anything?

361

00:22:49,850 --> 00:23:00,600

No, he was-- when he appeared  
in Dachau, people worried,

362

00:23:00,600 --> 00:23:03,230

you know?

363

00:23:03,230 --> 00:23:06,180

But they had some  
high officials come

364

00:23:06,180 --> 00:23:12,610

and I am almost sure I  
saw Heinrich Himmler once.

365

00:23:12,610 --> 00:23:19,720

I mean, from what I would recall

but you know, its vague really.

366

00:23:19,720 --> 00:23:23,200

I never met Heinrich  
Himmler, but when

367

00:23:23,200 --> 00:23:29,020

I saw pictures afterwards  
and reports of Heinrich,

368

00:23:29,020 --> 00:23:32,980

I am almost sure I saw  
him without knowing

369

00:23:32,980 --> 00:23:41,488

at that time who he was  
except some high SS man.

370

00:23:41,488 --> 00:23:43,780

Do you know what he was doing  
in the camp at that time?

371

00:23:43,780 --> 00:23:47,380

No, they just came.

372

00:23:47,380 --> 00:23:48,910

Occasionally I saw them.

373

00:23:48,910 --> 00:23:51,940

And whenever some such  
groups came, for some reason

374

00:23:51,940 --> 00:23:53,325

we got a little better food.

375

00:23:53,325 --> 00:23:58,910

376

00:23:58,910 --> 00:24:07,400

Maybe they had with them  
some foreign dignitaries too.

377

00:24:07,400 --> 00:24:09,491  
I didn't know.

378  
00:24:09,491 --> 00:24:17,890  
So I had to make it appear to  
be not as terrible as it really

379  
00:24:17,890 --> 00:24:18,390  
was.

380  
00:24:18,390 --> 00:24:21,125

381  
00:24:21,125 --> 00:24:23,000  
What did you talk about  
with other prisoners?

382  
00:24:23,000 --> 00:24:25,700

383  
00:24:25,700 --> 00:24:27,250  
That I don't remember.

384  
00:24:27,250 --> 00:24:30,610  
Mostly what I tried  
to find out what

385  
00:24:30,610 --> 00:24:37,690  
was going on on the outside  
about news from the outside.

386  
00:24:37,690 --> 00:24:39,580  
What did they hear?

387  
00:24:39,580 --> 00:24:43,206

388  
00:24:43,206 --> 00:24:45,640  
News, underground news.

389  
00:24:45,640 --> 00:24:46,930  
What is going to happen?



390  
00:24:46,930 --> 00:24:50,530  
Have you heard something?

391  
00:24:50,530 --> 00:24:55,480  
You know, did you  
talk about others

392  
00:24:55,480 --> 00:25:00,490  
when they had to tell  
about their chances

393  
00:25:00,490 --> 00:25:03,990  
for getting a visa somewhere.

394  
00:25:03,990 --> 00:25:10,320  
That we talked about, and  
how soon and whatever.

395  
00:25:10,320 --> 00:25:17,290

396  
00:25:17,290 --> 00:25:19,570  
Were there any jokes  
that you recall?

397  
00:25:19,570 --> 00:25:21,950  
Jokes?

398  
00:25:21,950 --> 00:25:22,450  
No.

399  
00:25:22,450 --> 00:25:32,560

400  
00:25:32,560 --> 00:25:35,800  
It's too long ago, you know?

401  
00:25:35,800 --> 00:25:38,810  
Perhaps I did know some.

402

00:25:38,810 --> 00:25:41,704  
Didn't stay in my memory.

403  
00:25:41,704 --> 00:25:44,360

404  
00:25:44,360 --> 00:25:46,800  
How did prisoners  
treat each other?

405  
00:25:46,800 --> 00:25:49,410  
How did prisoners  
treat each other?

406  
00:25:49,410 --> 00:25:56,570  
Well, as I said, amazingly  
some behaved like beasts.

407  
00:25:56,570 --> 00:26:08,660  
And what I found so  
interesting that people coming

408  
00:26:08,660 --> 00:26:14,890  
from a better background, I mean  
with higher education or better

409  
00:26:14,890 --> 00:26:19,130  
social level, they were--

410  
00:26:19,130 --> 00:26:21,560  
some of them were terrible.

411  
00:26:21,560 --> 00:26:26,510  
And then ordinary people,  
they were wonderful.

412  
00:26:26,510 --> 00:26:31,340  
That I observed even  
during-- in my army career.

413  
00:26:31,340 --> 00:26:35,690  
The nicest people I remember  
were some hillbillies

414  
00:26:35,690 --> 00:26:38,020  
among soldiers.

415  
00:26:38,020 --> 00:26:43,060  
The finest characters,  
hillbillies.

416  
00:26:43,060 --> 00:26:45,010  
But that's talking  
about the army,

417  
00:26:45,010 --> 00:26:46,690  
and that was no different.

418  
00:26:46,690 --> 00:26:50,630

419  
00:26:50,630 --> 00:26:54,890  
And for instance, army buddy--

420  
00:26:54,890 --> 00:27:00,820  
at one time when I had to  
share a tent with him, with one

421  
00:27:00,820 --> 00:27:03,060  
of these hillbillies,  
he couldn't even

422  
00:27:03,060 --> 00:27:05,130  
read and write very well.

423  
00:27:05,130 --> 00:27:09,630  
I had to read to him the letters  
he received from his wife

424  
00:27:09,630 --> 00:27:11,910  
back in Kentucky.

425  
00:27:11,910 --> 00:27:16,930  
Well, whenever he  
received a package,

426

00:27:16,930 --> 00:27:22,030

he would never open it until  
I came and I was in the tent

427

00:27:22,030 --> 00:27:28,200

and open it in front of me  
and offered me something.

428

00:27:28,200 --> 00:27:38,160

Or I remember one time we were  
on the march all dirty, sweaty,

429

00:27:38,160 --> 00:27:44,410

and when we were ready to go  
to sleep that night in the pup

430

00:27:44,410 --> 00:27:47,460

tent, he had disappeared.

431

00:27:47,460 --> 00:27:50,980

He went to find a  
stream to wash his feet.

432

00:27:50,980 --> 00:27:53,930

He said he didn't want to  
offend me with his odor.

433

00:27:53,930 --> 00:27:57,150

434

00:27:57,150 --> 00:28:03,630

Others, educated fellows, they  
were not that considerate,

435

00:28:03,630 --> 00:28:05,430

not that nice.

436

00:28:05,430 --> 00:28:10,180

That was the same true among  
these prisoners in Dachau.

437

00:28:10,180 --> 00:28:16,485

438

00:28:16,485 --> 00:28:17,360

Were there any color?

439

00:28:17,360 --> 00:28:19,820

Any bright spots?

440

00:28:19,820 --> 00:28:21,170

Was there any color in Dachau?

441

00:28:21,170 --> 00:28:22,120

Any bright spots?

442

00:28:22,120 --> 00:28:27,340

443

00:28:27,340 --> 00:28:32,920

No, except the nice  
weather some day.

444

00:28:32,920 --> 00:28:34,635

That was a bright spot maybe.

445

00:28:34,635 --> 00:28:39,870

446

00:28:39,870 --> 00:28:43,470

Some good news from home,  
that was bright spot.

447

00:28:43,470 --> 00:28:43,980

What else?

448

00:28:43,980 --> 00:28:46,780

449

00:28:46,780 --> 00:28:53,880

Some rumors of-- they  
were mostly wrong rumors,

450

00:28:53,880 --> 00:28:57,770

but better conditions.

451

00:28:57,770 --> 00:29:03,850

452

00:29:03,850 --> 00:29:07,600

Were there any  
expressions of humor?

453

00:29:07,600 --> 00:29:11,100

Any expressions of humor?

454

00:29:11,100 --> 00:29:12,190

Not that I remember.

455

00:29:12,190 --> 00:29:20,910

456

00:29:20,910 --> 00:29:21,410

Well--

457

00:29:21,410 --> 00:29:25,540

Do you-- go ahead.

458

00:29:25,540 --> 00:29:30,470

We were talking about  
this Tutas, yeah?

459

00:29:30,470 --> 00:29:32,740

He was mean.

460

00:29:32,740 --> 00:29:37,450

And well, I mean, it's a joke.

461

00:29:37,450 --> 00:29:40,900

We used to say oh, Tutas, weh.

462

00:29:40,900 --> 00:29:48,460

Oh, it does hurt when  
Tutas came around.

463

00:29:48,460 --> 00:29:50,620

Tutas weh, you know?

464

00:29:50,620 --> 00:29:56,560

In German language it means, oh,  
does it hurt when he is around?

465

00:29:56,560 --> 00:29:59,935

Oh, Tutas-- oh, it hurt.

466

00:29:59,935 --> 00:30:03,340

467

00:30:03,340 --> 00:30:05,720

Es tut weh.

468

00:30:05,720 --> 00:30:08,760

Well, that's one little joke.

469

00:30:08,760 --> 00:30:12,970

470

00:30:12,970 --> 00:30:15,550

Do you recall any camp theaters?

471

00:30:15,550 --> 00:30:17,200

Theater?

472

00:30:17,200 --> 00:30:18,250

No.

473

00:30:18,250 --> 00:30:20,530

Singing?

474

00:30:20,530 --> 00:30:23,110

Well, maybe among ourselves.

475

00:30:23,110 --> 00:30:23,980

I don't remember.

476

00:30:23,980 --> 00:30:24,940

I think so.

477

00:30:24,940 --> 00:30:27,570

There was some entertainment.

478

00:30:27,570 --> 00:30:31,530

479

00:30:31,530 --> 00:30:32,385

Yeah.

480

00:30:32,385 --> 00:30:35,010

Did the guards ever force you to  
sing when you were on your way

481

00:30:35,010 --> 00:30:37,050

to a work detail?

482

00:30:37,050 --> 00:30:38,430

Did they force us--

483

00:30:38,430 --> 00:30:40,380

To sing on the way  
to a work detail?

484

00:30:40,380 --> 00:30:45,480

Oh, I think so, yeah.

485

00:30:45,480 --> 00:30:49,760

Marching songs or something.

486

00:30:49,760 --> 00:30:54,500

But now that you mention, but  
it's very vague in my memory

487

00:30:54,500 --> 00:30:55,000

now.

488

00:30:55,000 --> 00:31:01,090



489

00:31:01,090 --> 00:31:04,270

Do you recall any sexual  
encounters between inmates?

490

00:31:04,270 --> 00:31:05,170

Sexual encounters?

491

00:31:05,170 --> 00:31:06,620

Encounters between inmates?

492

00:31:06,620 --> 00:31:10,500

No, except what I told  
you in the shower room.

493

00:31:10,500 --> 00:31:11,000