

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:59,643

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00:00:59,643 --> 00:01:00,810
(film logistics) 10 seconds.

3
00:01:00,810 --> 00:01:08,470

4
00:01:08,470 --> 00:01:09,490
OK.

5
00:01:09,490 --> 00:01:13,480
You mentioned this Jewish
man was telling you about how

6
00:01:13,480 --> 00:01:14,950
he buried the diamonds?

7
00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:17,920
Did he mean that he
buried them with people?

8
00:01:17,920 --> 00:01:19,150
No, no, no.

9
00:01:19,150 --> 00:01:22,210

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00:01:22,210 --> 00:01:26,230
The sorting out of the
people that came like I

11
00:01:26,230 --> 00:01:31,750
came on December the 10th,
1943, into that station which

12
00:01:31,750 --> 00:01:33,020
was very close to the ovens.

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00:01:33,020 --> 00:01:37,540

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00:01:37,540 --> 00:01:41,800

As I said, the people
were going to the place

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00:01:41,800 --> 00:01:43,960

where they were going
to go to the ovens,

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00:01:43,960 --> 00:01:46,250

gassed, and so forth,
which I haven't seen.

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00:01:46,250 --> 00:01:49,180

So I don't know exactly
what happened to them.

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00:01:49,180 --> 00:01:51,230

These people had
luggage with them.

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00:01:51,230 --> 00:01:55,090

So once they were
gone, he was in charge.

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00:01:55,090 --> 00:01:57,608

I got a problem with my voice.

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00:01:57,608 --> 00:01:58,900

There's some water right there.

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00:01:58,900 --> 00:02:06,230

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00:02:06,230 --> 00:02:08,690

No way, it happened.

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00:02:08,690 --> 00:02:13,460

So he had to take care
of this of the luggage.

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00:02:13,460 --> 00:02:15,530

And naturally, he
found this thing.

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00:02:15,530 --> 00:02:17,330

The German weren't
around because they

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00:02:17,330 --> 00:02:19,140

couldn't care less.

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00:02:19,140 --> 00:02:21,770

They weren't bright enough to
realize that these people could

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00:02:21,770 --> 00:02:27,740

have tried to get stuff with
them in case they could barter

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00:02:27,740 --> 00:02:30,650

or some way get food later on.

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00:02:30,650 --> 00:02:36,890

But he saw these things, and
these people were already gone.

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00:02:36,890 --> 00:02:42,290

It becomes very
unnatural if you want.

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00:02:42,290 --> 00:02:46,520

A body here, body
there, 200 on a pile.

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00:02:46,520 --> 00:02:48,260

It is like very common.

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00:02:48,260 --> 00:02:50,450

You don't pay much
attention after a while.

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00:02:50,450 --> 00:02:51,620

You dehumanize.

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00:02:51,620 --> 00:02:52,700

That's all.

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00:02:52,700 --> 00:02:55,130

And this guy was
fortunate enough

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00:02:55,130 --> 00:02:58,790

that he was eventually going
to go through the same thing.

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00:02:58,790 --> 00:03:02,780

No choice, but he decided,
and he told me that,

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00:03:02,780 --> 00:03:09,500

that he had buried in the yards
by the ovens different diamonds

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00:03:09,500 --> 00:03:10,070

and whatever.

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:13,220

He didn't particularly tell
me everything he put in there.

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00:03:13,220 --> 00:03:15,770

He just gave me an
idea what he did,

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00:03:15,770 --> 00:03:18,560

and I recall he was
among the strongest

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00:03:18,560 --> 00:03:23,240

yet because some of these
luggages or suitcases

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00:03:23,240 --> 00:03:27,650

had food which he could dispose.

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00:03:27,650 --> 00:03:32,600

That was part of his benefit
for doing the dirty work.

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00:03:32,600 --> 00:03:35,720

So he was, in my
book, strong enough

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00:03:35,720 --> 00:03:37,730

that when that week
we were on the train

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00:03:37,730 --> 00:03:41,630

together from the station where
we slept in a pile of coal,

52

00:03:41,630 --> 00:03:43,822

he was with us against the wall.

53

00:03:43,822 --> 00:03:45,530

And when some of these
guys in the middle

54

00:03:45,530 --> 00:03:48,330

wanted to pull me away from
there, and I had no hair,

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00:03:48,330 --> 00:03:50,300

they grabbed me
by the ears, and I

56

00:03:50,300 --> 00:03:52,460

would scream to the
buddies next to me,

57

00:03:52,460 --> 00:03:55,760

and they would help me out
and push the guys away.

58

00:03:55,760 --> 00:04:01,220

So we had time to talk
the whole week on a train,

59

00:04:01,220 --> 00:04:03,260

and he told us different
things like this.

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00:04:03,260 --> 00:04:08,420

And like I said, that
Dutch guy, by the way,

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00:04:08,420 --> 00:04:10,310

spoke French
otherwise I wouldn't

62

00:04:10,310 --> 00:04:14,450

know how to communicate with
him in Dutch in Holland.

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00:04:14,450 --> 00:04:17,700

And what happened to
him after, I don't know.

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00:04:17,700 --> 00:04:21,470

It's just one of those things
where you meet a lot of people,

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00:04:21,470 --> 00:04:23,540

and they have to
understand another thing.

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00:04:23,540 --> 00:04:26,190

You realize, in 1943--

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00:04:26,190 --> 00:04:28,400

I mean, in 1993--

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00:04:28,400 --> 00:04:30,890

50 years ago.

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00:04:30,890 --> 00:04:33,440

And it's the first
time I talk about it

70

00:04:33,440 --> 00:04:41,780

into a situation where I give a story of my life, if you want.

71
00:04:41,780 --> 00:04:44,720
I could have done this 20 years ago, 30 years ago,

72
00:04:44,720 --> 00:04:46,460
or 10 years ago, whenever.

73
00:04:46,460 --> 00:04:53,240
It never occurred to me that it was that important until you

74
00:04:53,240 --> 00:04:56,160
reach a certain age, and you say to yourself,

75
00:04:56,160 --> 00:04:59,990
if you don't do it, nobody will realize, really, what happened.

76
00:04:59,990 --> 00:05:03,417
And eventually, two generations, even the next generation

77
00:05:03,417 --> 00:05:04,250
might not even know.

78
00:05:04,250 --> 00:05:06,350
I know some young, Jewish people.

79
00:05:06,350 --> 00:05:11,480
They know about it, but it's so far back.

80
00:05:11,480 --> 00:05:15,320
50 years ago is another generation.

81
00:05:15,320 --> 00:05:21,020
So if, in any way, what I try to

explain of my particular life,

82

00:05:21,020 --> 00:05:27,020

I think it's something
worthwhile to talk about.

83

00:05:27,020 --> 00:06:17,790

84

00:06:17,790 --> 00:06:19,080

OK.

85

00:06:19,080 --> 00:06:23,190

You mentioned homemade
knives in camp.

86

00:06:23,190 --> 00:06:24,600

Yes.

87

00:06:24,600 --> 00:06:28,920

Can you tell me a
bit about those?

88

00:06:28,920 --> 00:06:33,750

As you might recall, I mentioned
the factory was pretty large,

89

00:06:33,750 --> 00:06:38,270

and there was always
scraps thrown on the side.

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00:06:38,270 --> 00:06:43,310

It was not always cleaned
up and thrown in some bins.

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00:06:43,310 --> 00:06:49,850

So for the purpose of us, if
it wasn't even for the food,

92

00:06:49,850 --> 00:06:54,200

you'd get bored all day long,
and not to think about food

93

00:06:54,200 --> 00:06:56,690

because you're hungry,
we used to pick up

94

00:06:56,690 --> 00:06:59,760

some of those scraps of metal.

95

00:06:59,760 --> 00:07:03,350

Some of them were
light, like aluminum.

96

00:07:03,350 --> 00:07:06,020

I remember some were
white, and it was just

97

00:07:06,020 --> 00:07:09,350

like a side of a can.

98

00:07:09,350 --> 00:07:12,530

And so you would pick
it up, and the thing

99

00:07:12,530 --> 00:07:16,310

that amazed me all the time
is that in the place where

100

00:07:16,310 --> 00:07:19,820

we had to go wash ourselves,
there was water and sand,

101

00:07:19,820 --> 00:07:20,810

like I said.

102

00:07:20,810 --> 00:07:23,180

So you put some
sand in some water,

103

00:07:23,180 --> 00:07:28,040

and you went back and forth
on a stone about the size

104

00:07:28,040 --> 00:07:30,140

of a big egg, let's say.

105

00:07:30,140 --> 00:07:33,410

And you go back and forth long
enough till it gets sharp,

106

00:07:33,410 --> 00:07:34,790

and we used that.

107

00:07:34,790 --> 00:07:40,370

It's more or less a
question of feeling

108

00:07:40,370 --> 00:07:43,910

that you have either a knife or
something to defend yourself,

109

00:07:43,910 --> 00:07:47,450

not that somebody is going
to jump you like nowadays,

110

00:07:47,450 --> 00:07:52,970

you hear these people in
jail, like a revolt in one

111

00:07:52,970 --> 00:07:54,710

of the jails and
some of the inmates

112

00:07:54,710 --> 00:07:56,960

got killed because whatever.

113

00:07:56,960 --> 00:07:58,290

That wasn't the same purpose.

114

00:07:58,290 --> 00:08:02,660

The purpose we
were making knives

115

00:08:02,660 --> 00:08:09,260

is because it could be
useful for our own use,

116

00:08:09,260 --> 00:08:13,220

either if we get something
to eat that is hard

117

00:08:13,220 --> 00:08:16,970

or to whittle on a piece of
wood just to pass the time,

118

00:08:16,970 --> 00:08:18,980

not to think all
the time about food.

119

00:08:18,980 --> 00:08:22,070

That's basically
why we did this.

120

00:08:22,070 --> 00:08:25,460

But you had to watch
not to have seen

121

00:08:25,460 --> 00:08:27,860

by the kapo in the barrack.

122

00:08:27,860 --> 00:08:31,400

So we usually kept it
on our possession, which

123

00:08:31,400 --> 00:08:34,669

was we had two pockets
here and a jacket

124

00:08:34,669 --> 00:08:38,159

with a pocket on this side,
so we usually put it in here.

125

00:08:38,159 --> 00:08:40,400

It wasn't a huge thing.

126

00:08:40,400 --> 00:08:41,809

We couldn't have done very much.

127

00:08:41,809 --> 00:08:44,070

It was, like I said,
sometimes aluminum,

128
00:08:44,070 --> 00:08:49,340
which was very pliable, and it
wouldn't do, really, the job.

129
00:08:49,340 --> 00:08:53,030
It helped when we got those
beets, to cut the beets.

130
00:08:53,030 --> 00:08:53,780
That's about it.

131
00:08:53,780 --> 00:08:57,580

132
00:08:57,580 --> 00:09:00,730
Going back to the
early period of the war

133
00:09:00,730 --> 00:09:06,490
when you were in Dijon, you
say people from Alsace-Lorraine

134
00:09:06,490 --> 00:09:09,070
and portions of France
didn't like the Germans,

135
00:09:09,070 --> 00:09:11,800
but did you have any fear?

136
00:09:11,800 --> 00:09:12,310
Fears?

137
00:09:12,310 --> 00:09:16,450
Fear, rather than
dislike of the Germans?

138
00:09:16,450 --> 00:09:17,410
Was there any fear?

139

00:09:17,410 --> 00:09:21,520
Well, you have to realize prior
to even that the Nazis were

140
00:09:21,520 --> 00:09:25,960
in existence, the French
had between the Germans

141
00:09:25,960 --> 00:09:30,260
always a natural enemy
between each other.

142
00:09:30,260 --> 00:09:34,990
They had a World War I, they
had an 1870 they fought.

143
00:09:34,990 --> 00:09:38,510
And when you go to school,
that's what you are taught.

144
00:09:38,510 --> 00:09:41,470
The natural enemy of the
French were the Germans.

145
00:09:41,470 --> 00:09:44,870
I'm sure the Germans had
the same thing in Germany.

146
00:09:44,870 --> 00:09:48,370
So the question was not so
much that we had a fear.

147
00:09:48,370 --> 00:09:53,170
When the Germans came into Dijon
and we saw some of the Germans

148
00:09:53,170 --> 00:09:57,370
in the streets, we
were speaking French.

149
00:09:57,370 --> 00:10:00,790
Some Germans spoke
French who understand us.

150

00:10:00,790 --> 00:10:04,960

So we never said the word

"boche," which means--

151

00:10:04,960 --> 00:10:08,380

it's a derogatory

word for German,

152

00:10:08,380 --> 00:10:10,210

but they could understand this.

153

00:10:10,210 --> 00:10:16,480

So we came upon a new

word, and the Germans

154

00:10:16,480 --> 00:10:18,190

didn't know what it meant.

155

00:10:18,190 --> 00:10:20,380

It was called [FRENCH] for.

156

00:10:20,380 --> 00:10:25,510

It's an insect just like they

have here in Napa with the wine

157

00:10:25,510 --> 00:10:29,770

grapes, some insect

is killing the grapes,

158

00:10:29,770 --> 00:10:35,140

there's a potato insect called

[FRENCH] that kills the potato.

159

00:10:35,140 --> 00:10:38,710

So we got to the point,

I didn't invent it.

160

00:10:38,710 --> 00:10:41,380

It was among the

French people when

161

00:10:41,380 --> 00:10:44,380

you want to talk
dirty about a German,

162
00:10:44,380 --> 00:10:46,150
you said the
[FRENCH] are coming.

163
00:10:46,150 --> 00:10:47,910
Watch it.

164
00:10:47,910 --> 00:10:51,110
you said that in
French, the Germans

165
00:10:51,110 --> 00:10:55,220
didn't know what it meant,
but between ourselves, we

166
00:10:55,220 --> 00:10:56,600
use that word.

167
00:10:56,600 --> 00:11:01,940
Now, as I mentioned before,
at that time, when they came,

168
00:11:01,940 --> 00:11:05,780
I was between 17 and 20
in Dijon at that time.

169
00:11:05,780 --> 00:11:10,520
When you're that young, you
don't pay that much attention

170
00:11:10,520 --> 00:11:12,200
to fear.

171
00:11:12,200 --> 00:11:13,520
You want to be macho.

172
00:11:13,520 --> 00:11:17,210
You want to be able to say,
I'm not afraid of them.

173

00:11:17,210 --> 00:11:20,700

And so you act sometimes
in a funny way.

174

00:11:20,700 --> 00:11:23,750

I called my friend,
Paul, we had gone

175

00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:27,260

to have a drink in the
cafe, and we're coming out,

176

00:11:27,260 --> 00:11:31,220

and there were some Germans
crossing the other way,

177

00:11:31,220 --> 00:11:32,900

and some of them were drunk.

178

00:11:32,900 --> 00:11:37,010

So we started to
curse them in French

179

00:11:37,010 --> 00:11:39,150

and say all kinds of things.

180

00:11:39,150 --> 00:11:42,200

And in normal circumstances,
you don't do this

181

00:11:42,200 --> 00:11:45,290

because you're looking for
headaches, something like that.

182

00:11:45,290 --> 00:11:48,110

Somebody might grab
you, and they have guns.

183

00:11:48,110 --> 00:11:50,060

We don't have guns.

184

00:11:50,060 --> 00:11:51,880

But we're looking at that time.

185
00:11:51,880 --> 00:11:53,900
You see, you have
to make a difference

186
00:11:53,900 --> 00:11:59,120
between a German soldier
that's in the war.

187
00:11:59,120 --> 00:12:01,850
If you want it or
not, he's in the army.

188
00:12:01,850 --> 00:12:07,580
And the Nazi, which is
the elite that nothing

189
00:12:07,580 --> 00:12:10,790
counts, but in Nazi and the
Germans, that's a difference.

190
00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:14,060
You can't act the same
way in front of the Nazis

191
00:12:14,060 --> 00:12:16,690
as you would in front
of a German soldier.

192
00:12:16,690 --> 00:12:22,860

193
00:12:22,860 --> 00:12:28,330
I'm understanding where
your mind was working then

194
00:12:28,330 --> 00:12:31,480
when you were 17 years old.

195
00:12:31,480 --> 00:12:34,450
Still, in all, do you
recall any newspaper

196
00:12:34,450 --> 00:12:38,590
accounts of the Germans going
into the state land or--

197
00:12:38,590 --> 00:12:39,250
Yes.

198
00:12:39,250 --> 00:12:43,810
You got to remember the German's
propaganda was well tuned

199
00:12:43,810 --> 00:12:48,760
in with Goebbels', and
the French newspapers

200
00:12:48,760 --> 00:12:51,130
were taken over by the Germans.

201
00:12:51,130 --> 00:12:56,080
Although it was in French, the
publishers the editors were

202
00:12:56,080 --> 00:12:59,200
French, they had to publish
what the Germans told

203
00:12:59,200 --> 00:13:00,340
them to publish.

204
00:13:00,340 --> 00:13:02,980
So most of the time,
you read the papers,

205
00:13:02,980 --> 00:13:07,510
and the war was going on in
Africa, they never were losing.

206
00:13:07,510 --> 00:13:09,640
They were always winning,
the Germans, wherever.

207

00:13:09,640 --> 00:13:11,320
Tobruk was one of
the places where

208
00:13:11,320 --> 00:13:14,170
they were fighting
in the year '42,

209
00:13:14,170 --> 00:13:20,560
'43, and especially
Stalingrad, which was already

210
00:13:20,560 --> 00:13:23,710
in the later '43, '44.

211
00:13:23,710 --> 00:13:26,800
I had an experience,
which had nothing

212
00:13:26,800 --> 00:13:28,220
to do with this
particular thing,

213
00:13:28,220 --> 00:13:31,540
but it gives you an idea
how the Germans work

214
00:13:31,540 --> 00:13:36,520
on the sense of propaganda
and in the sense of being

215
00:13:36,520 --> 00:13:41,080
able to maneuver the press.

216
00:13:41,080 --> 00:13:47,020
In the war, the Germans worked
so much with their own people

217
00:13:47,020 --> 00:13:51,410
that once they controlled
Europe, it was the same thing.

218
00:13:51,410 --> 00:13:54,160

They controlled it so much so
that some French people that

219
00:13:54,160 --> 00:13:56,570
believed the Germans,
that's what we call

220
00:13:56,570 --> 00:13:58,610
the collaborators in France.

221
00:13:58,610 --> 00:13:59,890
There was a lot of them.

222
00:13:59,890 --> 00:14:02,260
Barbie was one of
them, the one that

223
00:14:02,260 --> 00:14:05,110
was in Lyon and the people.

224
00:14:05,110 --> 00:14:10,180
Now, in 1940, '41,
after I came back

225
00:14:10,180 --> 00:14:13,720
from that little town
near Cognac and Bordeaux,

226
00:14:13,720 --> 00:14:20,560
I had met two ladies that
were from the suburb of Lille,

227
00:14:20,560 --> 00:14:22,390
in the North of France.

228
00:14:22,390 --> 00:14:25,390
Their husbands
were in the mines.

229
00:14:25,390 --> 00:14:27,430
They were engineers
in the mines,

230

00:14:27,430 --> 00:14:32,990

and these ladies walked
from Lille to Paris,

231

00:14:32,990 --> 00:14:36,620

running away from the Germans
and finally, by train, we

232

00:14:36,620 --> 00:14:40,520

met in this small
town by Cognac.

233

00:14:40,520 --> 00:14:45,530

And this lady had
some valuables,

234

00:14:45,530 --> 00:14:49,590

I forgot exactly what it
was, like titles, bonds,

235

00:14:49,590 --> 00:14:52,940

whatever, in a tin
that in France,

236

00:14:52,940 --> 00:14:56,900

they have [FRENCH],,
tins of cookies.

237

00:14:56,900 --> 00:15:00,090

And that was full of
documents that had value.

238

00:15:00,090 --> 00:15:04,050

So when we found out the Germans
are coming on that main road

239

00:15:04,050 --> 00:15:06,380

that I want to see
them, she asked

240

00:15:06,380 --> 00:15:10,370

me to bury this box for
her in the backyard where

241
00:15:10,370 --> 00:15:11,850
we were staying.

242
00:15:11,850 --> 00:15:16,820
And so I did it, and it turns
out the Germans didn't come.

243
00:15:16,820 --> 00:15:20,690
She got that stuff she
went back in May of '40.

244
00:15:20,690 --> 00:15:21,410
The war ended.

245
00:15:21,410 --> 00:15:22,190
She went back.

246
00:15:22,190 --> 00:15:26,420
She corresponded with me,
and her husband asked me

247
00:15:26,420 --> 00:15:28,370
what I'm doing and so forth.

248
00:15:28,370 --> 00:15:31,500
To make a long story
a little shorter,

249
00:15:31,500 --> 00:15:34,340
I decided to go up
north because remember,

250
00:15:34,340 --> 00:15:36,020
I told you when I
enlisted in the army,

251
00:15:36,020 --> 00:15:38,360
I want to go to Gibraltar.

252
00:15:38,360 --> 00:15:42,710
Prior to the army, in '40,

my idea is to go north--

253

00:15:42,710 --> 00:15:45,020

Holland, Belgium,
close to England,

254

00:15:45,020 --> 00:15:49,550

cross the channel, go
to England to fight.

255

00:15:49,550 --> 00:15:53,460

So when I went up to
Lille, first of all,

256

00:15:53,460 --> 00:15:57,880

I went to work in
a bakery in Lille,

257

00:15:57,880 --> 00:16:00,110

and it was three days a week.

258

00:16:00,110 --> 00:16:03,380

They had material to bake.

259

00:16:03,380 --> 00:16:05,810

I remember there was peanut oil.

260

00:16:05,810 --> 00:16:06,890

There was no more butter.

261

00:16:06,890 --> 00:16:09,800

We made some bakery
goods with peanut oil.

262

00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:11,930

And all of a sudden,
there's nothing anymore.

263

00:16:11,930 --> 00:16:13,670

But I have to explain.

264

00:16:13,670 --> 00:16:15,290

I was about 19 at the time.

265

00:16:15,290 --> 00:16:17,870

I lived in a place, and
there was other fellows.

266

00:16:17,870 --> 00:16:21,170

One was a policeman, which
was anti-German, actually,

267

00:16:21,170 --> 00:16:24,590

was a part of the French group.

268

00:16:24,590 --> 00:16:31,970

And he got me a job in an
office of the railroad, which

269

00:16:31,970 --> 00:16:34,250

was nationalized, SNCF--

270

00:16:34,250 --> 00:16:36,650

Societe Nationale
des Chemins de fer .

271

00:16:36,650 --> 00:16:40,190

I go to work as a
telephone operator.

272

00:16:40,190 --> 00:16:47,060

Now, there was German
employees of the railroad.

273

00:16:47,060 --> 00:16:50,480

They had uniforms, but
it was not military.

274

00:16:50,480 --> 00:16:54,710

And there were some military
there too in that office group

275

00:16:54,710 --> 00:17:03,530

where I was, and I come to
that saying about propaganda.

276

00:17:03,530 --> 00:17:06,920

What my job was
to, by telephone,

277

00:17:06,920 --> 00:17:11,569

connect train stations
south of Paris,

278

00:17:11,569 --> 00:17:14,910

going up north towards Germany.

279

00:17:14,910 --> 00:17:20,040

So some of the things
that I did then

280

00:17:20,040 --> 00:17:24,630

and I had contact with
some Germans, I understood.

281

00:17:24,630 --> 00:17:26,910

They didn't know I spoke German.

282

00:17:26,910 --> 00:17:29,778

I was listening to
the telephone, what

283

00:17:29,778 --> 00:17:31,320

we were supposed to
do, and they told

284

00:17:31,320 --> 00:17:36,840

me there's a train coming from
Normandy going to Germany.

285

00:17:36,840 --> 00:17:40,110

Content, butter.

286

00:17:40,110 --> 00:17:42,810

A week or two weeks
later, the French papers

287

00:17:42,810 --> 00:17:49,350
had a great headline, "Germany
brings butter to France

288
00:17:49,350 --> 00:17:51,480
to help the population."

289
00:17:51,480 --> 00:17:53,670
They took the butter
from Normandy,

290
00:17:53,670 --> 00:17:57,630
brought it to Germany,
and put it in barrels,

291
00:17:57,630 --> 00:18:01,590
and it had the German
eagle with a swastika.

292
00:18:01,590 --> 00:18:05,490
We knew that's the butter
they took from Normandy

293
00:18:05,490 --> 00:18:08,610
and brought it back
from Germany into France

294
00:18:08,610 --> 00:18:11,340
for propaganda purposes.

295
00:18:11,340 --> 00:18:18,100
I was there in February
to June of 1940,

296
00:18:18,100 --> 00:18:25,380
and among these things,
we had to have convoys

297
00:18:25,380 --> 00:18:27,660
of military that left France.

298
00:18:27,660 --> 00:18:33,270
So when a train went towards

Germany or came from Germany,

299

00:18:33,270 --> 00:18:36,910

we had to notify their stations.

300

00:18:36,910 --> 00:18:40,350

There was no telegram

wiring or whatever.

301

00:18:40,350 --> 00:18:47,820

We used to get a Convoy

Volga, Convoy Carpachian.

302

00:18:47,820 --> 00:18:50,310

Now remember,

that's before Russia

303

00:18:50,310 --> 00:18:53,730

got into war with the Germans.

304

00:18:53,730 --> 00:18:58,140

We had convoys of Germans

going to Russia, towards Russia

305

00:18:58,140 --> 00:19:02,375

anyway, not to Russia, with

a Convoy Volga, Carpachian.

306

00:19:02,375 --> 00:19:03,750

Where were they

going, to Africa?

307

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:04,350

No.

308

00:19:04,350 --> 00:19:08,640

So we knew from the

railroad that this

309

00:19:08,640 --> 00:19:11,610

is what was going to

happen, that these troops

310

00:19:11,610 --> 00:19:14,160
are going to open a new front.

311

00:19:14,160 --> 00:19:18,500
Even prior to this, found
through the German guy,

312

00:19:18,500 --> 00:19:24,930
civilian, that they had put
Czechs and Austrian soldiers

313

00:19:24,930 --> 00:19:30,730
on barges to land in
England in early '40.

314

00:19:30,730 --> 00:19:34,360
Maybe-- I'm trying to
remember when it was.

315

00:19:34,360 --> 00:19:37,750

316

00:19:37,750 --> 00:19:42,220
It was '41 because May
'40, it was armistice.

317

00:19:42,220 --> 00:19:46,840
In '41, I was in that
country by Lille.

318

00:19:46,840 --> 00:19:50,770
They had these Austrian
Czechs on barges trying

319

00:19:50,770 --> 00:19:56,830
to invade England, and that's
when the English put petroleum

320

00:19:56,830 --> 00:20:01,480
on the Dover Cliffs and put the
fire on, so they never landed.

321

00:20:01,480 --> 00:20:05,080

And some of these guys, they
hooked them on those barges.

322

00:20:05,080 --> 00:20:07,570

They didn't want to go
because they were targets.

323

00:20:07,570 --> 00:20:09,940

Go to England like this.

324

00:20:09,940 --> 00:20:12,630

You get stuck.

325

00:20:12,630 --> 00:20:15,600

Anyway, I digress right
now something else.

326

00:20:15,600 --> 00:20:17,880

What I'm trying to
say, the Germans

327

00:20:17,880 --> 00:20:21,870

were the masters of propaganda,
that if you tell a lie long

328

00:20:21,870 --> 00:20:25,170

enough, it becomes the truth.

329

00:20:25,170 --> 00:20:28,890

And that we learned by the way
the Germans, with Goebbels,

330

00:20:28,890 --> 00:20:32,640

and then politics,
that they were

331

00:20:32,640 --> 00:20:38,520

able to hide fairly well
the question of the camps.

332

00:20:38,520 --> 00:20:41,760

Unfortunately, now

that I'm 70s, I

333

00:20:41,760 --> 00:20:45,670

realize what happened this
country before I got here.

334

00:20:45,670 --> 00:20:46,620

They knew.

335

00:20:46,620 --> 00:20:48,380

They knew here.

336

00:20:48,380 --> 00:20:51,780

A lot of people didn't
care for Roosevelt,

337

00:20:51,780 --> 00:20:54,840

and Roosevelt is the one
guy, in my mind, that

338

00:20:54,840 --> 00:20:59,160

sticks like the guy
that saved my skin.

339

00:20:59,160 --> 00:21:02,430

Because if he hadn't
sent the troops

340

00:21:02,430 --> 00:21:06,540

to fight and open a new front,
I wouldn't have survived.

341

00:21:06,540 --> 00:21:09,270

Eventually, there was
a limitation how far

342

00:21:09,270 --> 00:21:13,280

you can go on that diet.

343

00:21:13,280 --> 00:21:18,020

So you have to look at it as
far as the question you put me

344

00:21:18,020 --> 00:21:22,670

about the propaganda, they
were the masters of that.

345

00:21:22,670 --> 00:21:29,240

You could have easily swayed
people to the German cause

346

00:21:29,240 --> 00:21:32,750

unless you were really
a patriot, a guy that

347

00:21:32,750 --> 00:21:36,470

wanted to fight bad
enough, like I did.

348

00:21:36,470 --> 00:21:39,710

When I got to Lille, I
wanted to go to England.

349

00:21:39,710 --> 00:21:42,860

I even met in a
place I was eating,

350

00:21:42,860 --> 00:21:46,520

a fellow that showed
me the Daily Mail

351

00:21:46,520 --> 00:21:49,340

or some English
paper that was two

352

00:21:49,340 --> 00:21:52,370

days old in the
middle of the war,

353

00:21:52,370 --> 00:21:54,710

and the Germans are around us.

354

00:21:54,710 --> 00:21:59,720

When he saw me, he was ready
to recruit me to go to England.

355

00:21:59,720 --> 00:22:06,890

And he gave me two choices,
one, to go to Ostend in Belgium,

356

00:22:06,890 --> 00:22:13,280

and there was a
fishing trawler guy.

357

00:22:13,280 --> 00:22:16,190

He would leave the middle
of the night with guys,

358

00:22:16,190 --> 00:22:20,240

and a hydroplane would pick
up these guys from England.

359

00:22:20,240 --> 00:22:23,150

He could fly low altitude
and could do this.

360

00:22:23,150 --> 00:22:24,590

That's one way.

361

00:22:24,590 --> 00:22:29,300

The other way was to volunteer
to work on an airfield

362

00:22:29,300 --> 00:22:31,910

where the Germans were,
and among these workers

363

00:22:31,910 --> 00:22:33,290

were pilots.

364

00:22:33,290 --> 00:22:37,880

They would grab a German
Stuka plane and fly you off.

365

00:22:37,880 --> 00:22:40,130

Well, that was too
dangerous for me,

366

00:22:40,130 --> 00:22:44,280
but working for that railroad
thing, I had a band here,

367
00:22:44,280 --> 00:22:48,650
and I could travel all over
that area, even in Belgium,

368
00:22:48,650 --> 00:22:50,210
for free.

369
00:22:50,210 --> 00:22:54,500
And my shift of work had three
shifts, and one of the shifts

370
00:22:54,500 --> 00:22:56,930
stopped at 7:00 in the morning.

371
00:22:56,930 --> 00:22:59,960
And after this, I had
almost two days off,

372
00:22:59,960 --> 00:23:02,420
and the next shift was
a third day at 1 o'clock

373
00:23:02,420 --> 00:23:03,770
in the afternoon.

374
00:23:03,770 --> 00:23:08,420
I took all my belongings,
sent them by train

375
00:23:08,420 --> 00:23:12,440
to my folks in 1941
to Dijon, and I

376
00:23:12,440 --> 00:23:15,290
took a bag a little
bigger than this

377
00:23:15,290 --> 00:23:19,010
with some underwear, socks,

toothbrush, and shaving,

378

00:23:19,010 --> 00:23:22,580
and off I went to Ostend.

379

00:23:22,580 --> 00:23:24,740
Now, you have to
understand what happened.

380

00:23:24,740 --> 00:23:29,450
France was divided into,
and among the northern part

381

00:23:29,450 --> 00:23:32,430
that was occupied,
it was a red zone.

382

00:23:32,430 --> 00:23:37,820
It was close to Calais,
Cherbourg, and Belgium.

383

00:23:37,820 --> 00:23:39,530
That was a red zone.

384

00:23:39,530 --> 00:23:43,520
So Lille was a red
zone, but because I

385

00:23:43,520 --> 00:23:46,220
worked in the railroad,
I had a card signed

386

00:23:46,220 --> 00:23:49,250
by the general of the
German troops in Paris

387

00:23:49,250 --> 00:23:53,210
and then one from Brussels that
I could travel 24 hours a day,

388

00:23:53,210 --> 00:23:54,140
if I had to.

389

00:23:54,140 --> 00:23:57,020

So there was a curfew, but
I had this, and I could go.

390

00:23:57,020 --> 00:23:59,060

So I got to Brussels.

391

00:23:59,060 --> 00:24:02,270

There's two railroad stations,
one, north and then south.

392

00:24:02,270 --> 00:24:05,220

I come with the south, I
had to go to the north,

393

00:24:05,220 --> 00:24:08,250

and here we go towards Ostend.

394

00:24:08,250 --> 00:24:11,790

And maybe 50 miles
before you hit the coast,

395

00:24:11,790 --> 00:24:14,550

the antiaircraft is
pointing toward England,

396

00:24:14,550 --> 00:24:15,720

and I passed this.

397

00:24:15,720 --> 00:24:17,160

There's control on the train.

398

00:24:17,160 --> 00:24:18,570

No problem.

399

00:24:18,570 --> 00:24:20,670

I go out in Ostend.

400

00:24:20,670 --> 00:24:24,870

There's very few civilians in
the street, and I don't know.

401

00:24:24,870 --> 00:24:29,010
I'm supposed to go to a street
called Antwerp, Antwerp Street,

402

00:24:29,010 --> 00:24:30,720
[FRENCH].

403

00:24:30,720 --> 00:24:34,260
Now, I see a lady in the
street, and I go towards her,

404

00:24:34,260 --> 00:24:36,540
but I'm afraid.

405

00:24:36,540 --> 00:24:37,680
How do I speak?

406

00:24:37,680 --> 00:24:39,550
They have a different
accent over there?

407

00:24:39,550 --> 00:24:41,900
How do I ask her?

408

00:24:41,900 --> 00:24:46,900
And so I was going to ask her,
I see the street sticking out.

409

00:24:46,900 --> 00:24:50,230
That was Antwerp, where
I'm supposed to go,

410

00:24:50,230 --> 00:24:51,830
so I didn't speak to her.

411

00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:52,830
So I started going.

412

00:24:52,830 --> 00:24:56,380
Remember, the
towns in Belgium, I

413

00:24:56,380 --> 00:25:00,310
don't know of now, but then,
cobblestoned, big cobblestones,

414

00:25:00,310 --> 00:25:02,450
and the sidewalk, same thing.

415

00:25:02,450 --> 00:25:06,090
It was very-- it's not wood.

416

00:25:06,090 --> 00:25:09,520
So I'm walking, and all of
a sudden, I see a tea salon.

417

00:25:09,520 --> 00:25:11,557
I come in front,
and I was looking.

418

00:25:11,557 --> 00:25:13,390
Did they have some baked
goods or something?

419

00:25:13,390 --> 00:25:17,320
And as I'm looking, I
see in the side two--

420

00:25:17,320 --> 00:25:20,170
like in the movies-- this
guy with leather coats

421

00:25:20,170 --> 00:25:22,060
following me.

422

00:25:22,060 --> 00:25:24,405
And I was so close
to that place,

423

00:25:24,405 --> 00:25:26,280
that Antwerp Street
where I supposed to meet,

424

00:25:26,280 --> 00:25:28,660

was across the
street of a church.

425
00:25:28,660 --> 00:25:31,270
A tailor on the first floor,
like in a movie, that's

426
00:25:31,270 --> 00:25:33,640
where I'm supposed
to go see this guy

427
00:25:33,640 --> 00:25:35,680
to bring me to England.

428
00:25:35,680 --> 00:25:37,930
And I never went there
because I saw these guys.

429
00:25:37,930 --> 00:25:42,100
I went into the tea salon,
and as soon as I sat down,

430
00:25:42,100 --> 00:25:44,380
they come up, ask
me for my papers.

431
00:25:44,380 --> 00:25:49,900
I had this thing, so they asked
me, what are you doing here?

432
00:25:49,900 --> 00:25:52,840
So I said, well, I
work, just as you see.

433
00:25:52,840 --> 00:25:58,180
I worked that was the day
before, I'd say at 7 o'clock

434
00:25:58,180 --> 00:26:00,790
in the morning, and my
name is Blankenberg.

435
00:26:00,790 --> 00:26:03,670

And next to us is a town
called Blankenberge,

436
00:26:03,670 --> 00:26:06,070
I wanted to see the town.

437
00:26:06,070 --> 00:26:08,080
I told them this.

438
00:26:08,080 --> 00:26:09,850
And they said to me,
you know, this is not

439
00:26:09,850 --> 00:26:12,620
the place to go because
this is the red zone.

440
00:26:12,620 --> 00:26:16,610
We've got anti-aircraft
shooting and everything.

441
00:26:16,610 --> 00:26:19,120
So they told me to go
back to Worcester Station.

442
00:26:19,120 --> 00:26:21,580
There's a hotel requisitioned
for the Germans,

443
00:26:21,580 --> 00:26:24,760
and stay there.

444
00:26:24,760 --> 00:26:26,680
I said, OK, if
that's what you say.

445
00:26:26,680 --> 00:26:29,710
So what I did, I
didn't go there.

446
00:26:29,710 --> 00:26:30,890
They told me to go there.

447

00:26:30,890 --> 00:26:35,543

I went back to the station
in the railroad station.

448

00:26:35,543 --> 00:26:37,210

First train that was
leaving, I took it.

449

00:26:37,210 --> 00:26:38,260

I wasn't paying anything.

450

00:26:38,260 --> 00:26:39,490

I could take any train.

451

00:26:39,490 --> 00:26:43,180

That train got back to
Brussels, and I was so

452

00:26:43,180 --> 00:26:46,960

disgusted that I was that
close, that I couldn't do it.

453

00:26:46,960 --> 00:26:52,720

So I looked, and the schedule
of trains is on a large board

454

00:26:52,720 --> 00:26:54,940

and it starts at midnight.

455

00:26:54,940 --> 00:26:59,200

Well, 5 after midnight is 0.05.

456

00:26:59,200 --> 00:27:04,030

And between 0.05 and
a couple of trains

457

00:27:04,030 --> 00:27:06,280

leaving after,
there's a train that

458

00:27:06,280 --> 00:27:13,090

says Brussels, Namur,

Luxembourg, Metz, and I look

459

00:27:13,090 --> 00:27:14,740
at the end, there's Dijon.

460

00:27:14,740 --> 00:27:20,650
Just to see the name Dijon in
Brussels, I took that train.

461

00:27:20,650 --> 00:27:22,900
I got home where
my parents were.

462

00:27:22,900 --> 00:27:25,420
My suitcases weren't there yet.

463

00:27:25,420 --> 00:27:27,730
They see me arrive,
I was two days

464

00:27:27,730 --> 00:27:29,920
and two nights on that train.

465

00:27:29,920 --> 00:27:34,600
And they had painted black
paint and the windows

466

00:27:34,600 --> 00:27:36,640
so that when you have
the lights inside,

467

00:27:36,640 --> 00:27:38,320
they can't see it outside.

468

00:27:38,320 --> 00:27:42,700
But the soot from the
train, the smoke, my face

469

00:27:42,700 --> 00:27:45,310
was so black, when I got home,
they looked at me and said,

470

00:27:45,310 --> 00:27:46,900
where you're coming from?

471
00:27:46,900 --> 00:27:49,540
And I explained to them
what I tried to do.

472
00:27:49,540 --> 00:27:52,270
And I reached there, that
was the first attempt

473
00:27:52,270 --> 00:27:54,880
that I missed, then I went
to work in the bakery.

474
00:27:54,880 --> 00:27:56,200
They took my father.

475
00:27:56,200 --> 00:27:59,650
And then I tried to Africa,
and I didn't make it.

476
00:27:59,650 --> 00:28:04,470
That shows you that somehow,
you try to do something,

477
00:28:04,470 --> 00:28:06,880
it doesn't always
work, and maybe it had

478
00:28:06,880 --> 00:28:09,880
to go through this Auschwitz.

479
00:28:09,880 --> 00:28:14,870
But prior to Auschwitz,
I was willing to lay down

480
00:28:14,870 --> 00:28:19,470
my body for fighting
against the Germans.

481
00:28:19,470 --> 00:28:21,520
Because when you're young

and you go to school,

482

00:28:21,520 --> 00:28:23,687

that's what you're taught,
and that's what I thought

483

00:28:23,687 --> 00:28:25,690

was my future.

484

00:28:25,690 --> 00:28:29,940

I wasn't among the people that
had businesses or had money

485

00:28:29,940 --> 00:28:31,560

that you could buy yourself out.

486

00:28:31,560 --> 00:28:33,150

I had nothing of the sort.

487

00:28:33,150 --> 00:28:35,310

So I had to go by
my natural instinct,

488

00:28:35,310 --> 00:28:37,860

and my natural instinct
was to go fight.

489

00:28:37,860 --> 00:28:39,435

As a Frenchman, or as a Jew?

490

00:28:39,435 --> 00:28:42,000

As a Frenchman.

491

00:28:42,000 --> 00:28:44,550

Can you tell me why, when
you were born in France,

492

00:28:44,550 --> 00:28:47,190

you were not a
naturalized citizen?

493

00:28:47,190 --> 00:28:48,915

No, I was born in France.

494

00:28:48,915 --> 00:28:50,040

Why were you not a citizen?

495

00:28:50,040 --> 00:28:54,180

I was not a citizen because I
learned in the last few years

496

00:28:54,180 --> 00:28:58,980

when I had to prove, I told
them at the consulate here,

497

00:28:58,980 --> 00:29:00,120

I was born in France.

498

00:29:00,120 --> 00:29:00,330

No.

499

00:29:00,330 --> 00:29:00,510

No.

500

00:29:00,510 --> 00:29:01,468

That's not good enough.

501

00:29:01,468 --> 00:29:05,440

You have to prove that
you're a French citizen.

502

00:29:05,440 --> 00:29:08,120

So I figured it's
nothing special.

503

00:29:08,120 --> 00:29:13,830

So I send to different
offices, and finally, I

504

00:29:13,830 --> 00:29:16,170

get a naturalization
paper that I'm

505

00:29:16,170 --> 00:29:19,560

a French citizen
by naturalization,

506
00:29:19,560 --> 00:29:21,210
although I was born in France.

507
00:29:21,210 --> 00:29:22,650
Remember, we're not talking
about the United States.

508
00:29:22,650 --> 00:29:23,817
You're born here, you're an.

509
00:29:23,817 --> 00:29:26,030
American regardless.

510
00:29:26,030 --> 00:29:29,300
You can be Black, white,
Chinese, whatever.

511
00:29:29,300 --> 00:29:32,270
You're an American as
long as you're born here.

512
00:29:32,270 --> 00:29:33,380
Correct?

513
00:29:33,380 --> 00:29:34,310
Not in France.

514
00:29:34,310 --> 00:29:36,500
I got the papers to prove it.

515
00:29:36,500 --> 00:29:41,330
But I only started in '79
when I went for my pension

516
00:29:41,330 --> 00:29:43,700
and I had to prove that
I was born in France

517
00:29:43,700 --> 00:29:46,550

that I was a Frenchman, citizen.

518

00:29:46,550 --> 00:29:49,040

And then I get this
thing and I realize

519

00:29:49,040 --> 00:29:51,950

and I wouldn't remember
because it was in the '30s.

520

00:29:51,950 --> 00:29:54,560

I must have been about 8 or 10.

521

00:29:54,560 --> 00:29:56,810

I have no recollection at all.

522

00:29:56,810 --> 00:29:58,865

I automatically
figured I was born

523

00:29:58,865 --> 00:30:01,410

in France-- they didn't ask
me when I enlist in the army,

524

00:30:01,410 --> 00:30:03,320

are you a citizen?

525

00:30:03,320 --> 00:30:06,440

They didn't ask me was
I naturalized, nothing.

526

00:30:06,440 --> 00:30:10,340

Were you aware of any
collaborators in Dijon?

527

00:30:10,340 --> 00:30:12,920

Only of one person,
and I guess that person

528

00:30:12,920 --> 00:30:16,610

was involved with
me in the sense

529

00:30:16,610 --> 00:30:22,310
that among the reasons that I
tried to bring forward how come

530

00:30:22,310 --> 00:30:25,010
they came there to pick me up.

531

00:30:25,010 --> 00:30:28,380
That's not why they
go looking for a Jew.

532

00:30:28,380 --> 00:30:32,580
It had to be the head
cook was Alsatian.

533

00:30:32,580 --> 00:30:36,690
And that guy, when he
was talking with us,

534

00:30:36,690 --> 00:30:40,950
he more or less
was French minded.

535

00:30:40,950 --> 00:30:43,390
His wife wasn't.

536

00:30:43,390 --> 00:30:46,920
And when you're
young, sometimes you

537

00:30:46,920 --> 00:30:51,900
say things, which
I suppose I must

538

00:30:51,900 --> 00:30:54,210
have done this or
somebody around me

539

00:30:54,210 --> 00:30:56,190
did this or said this.

540

00:30:56,190 --> 00:30:58,380

She ran around with
Germans, the wife.

541
00:30:58,380 --> 00:31:02,750
She was-- to give
you an idea, she

542
00:31:02,750 --> 00:31:06,950
resembled blonde Greta Garbo,
not Greta Garbo, Marlene

543
00:31:06,950 --> 00:31:10,140
Dietrich, that type of woman.

544
00:31:10,140 --> 00:31:15,500
And so she didn't mingle
with us, but among the guys,

545
00:31:15,500 --> 00:31:19,460
we used to say there's a
French word that says [FRENCH]..

546
00:31:19,460 --> 00:31:22,290

547
00:31:22,290 --> 00:31:25,470
So we used to sing
among us the [FRENCH]..

548
00:31:25,470 --> 00:31:28,650
meaning the cook
is cuckold, cocu.

549
00:31:28,650 --> 00:31:31,620
Cocu means the wife runs around.

550
00:31:31,620 --> 00:31:38,160
And I guess she did go
around with a German, and she

551
00:31:38,160 --> 00:31:42,540
could have been the one that
brought us after the Germans

552
00:31:42,540 --> 00:31:47,490
that I was a Jew or
hiding there, something.

553
00:31:47,490 --> 00:31:48,300
I'm not sure.

554
00:31:48,300 --> 00:31:49,920
I never found out.

555
00:31:49,920 --> 00:31:52,350
I never looked to find out.

556
00:31:52,350 --> 00:31:56,460
I didn't even,
after the war, found

557
00:31:56,460 --> 00:32:00,630
what happened to the
fellow that put me there,

558
00:32:00,630 --> 00:32:03,510
to work there for
the underground.

559
00:32:03,510 --> 00:32:05,670
He was head of the underground.

560
00:32:05,670 --> 00:32:08,880
Only thing I found out is
that when I was caught,

561
00:32:08,880 --> 00:32:10,920
there was a whole
group of guys that

562
00:32:10,920 --> 00:32:14,130
were taken from the underground,
and among the guys who

563
00:32:14,130 --> 00:32:16,320

were taken, this guy was taken.

564

00:32:16,320 --> 00:32:19,250

When I came back, my mind
wasn't looking for him.

565

00:32:19,250 --> 00:32:22,530

I had my friend
Paul and his family.

566

00:32:22,530 --> 00:32:24,430

I knew my little
brother was gone,

567

00:32:24,430 --> 00:32:26,430

and my sister was
here and everything.

568

00:32:26,430 --> 00:32:30,300

And it took me very
little time, although when

569

00:32:30,300 --> 00:32:36,150

you say I left there in
'47, between '45 and '47,

570

00:32:36,150 --> 00:32:37,770

it's almost two years.

571

00:32:37,770 --> 00:32:42,660

But I come back in
'45 in June to Dijon,

572

00:32:42,660 --> 00:32:46,710

and that summer is
where this fellow,

573

00:32:46,710 --> 00:32:49,200

Mandy Blatt went
to New York, and I

574

00:32:49,200 --> 00:32:52,342

started to think about it, start

to write a letter in French.

575

00:32:52,342 --> 00:32:53,550

By the time I get to papers--

576

00:32:53,550 --> 00:32:57,030

See, the French
quotas, at that time

577

00:32:57,030 --> 00:32:58,890

there was quotas of
where you were born.

578

00:32:58,890 --> 00:33:02,550

Being born in
France, it was open.

579

00:33:02,550 --> 00:33:04,210

In other words, it
took three months,

580

00:33:04,210 --> 00:33:06,408

and I was able to leave France.

581

00:33:06,408 --> 00:33:08,700

There were some French guys
that were in the consulate,

582

00:33:08,700 --> 00:33:11,280

American embassy.

583

00:33:11,280 --> 00:33:13,650

They were born in
China, French parents.

584

00:33:13,650 --> 00:33:15,150

It's Chinese.

585

00:33:15,150 --> 00:33:17,520

They wouldn't give them papers.

586

00:33:17,520 --> 00:33:19,890

Did you stay in Dijon
while you were waiting,

587
00:33:19,890 --> 00:33:21,870
or did you go elsewhere?

588
00:33:21,870 --> 00:33:26,340
Well, I stayed in
Dijon with some peers.

589
00:33:26,340 --> 00:33:31,680
I went to Paris to get
to find out, if I could,

590
00:33:31,680 --> 00:33:35,010
from the federation
of these people.

591
00:33:35,010 --> 00:33:38,310
There was a federation that was
formed, and I joined it in '46.

592
00:33:38,310 --> 00:33:40,580
I have the paper here with me.

593
00:33:40,580 --> 00:33:43,890
It looks like a passport, not
a passport, an identity card.

594
00:33:43,890 --> 00:33:48,990
It says which camp I was,
it had my picture, 1946.

595
00:33:48,990 --> 00:33:53,700
And in between, I went to
that recuperation place

596
00:33:53,700 --> 00:33:56,730
where I met these
people that were going

597
00:33:56,730 --> 00:34:00,690
either Israel or the United

States, where I met the Eckles,

598

00:34:00,690 --> 00:34:04,655

but all the rest of the time

I was in Dijon up to March

599

00:34:04,655 --> 00:34:06,390

of '47, no February.

600

00:34:06,390 --> 00:34:09,510

Because I left in

February, France, and I

601

00:34:09,510 --> 00:34:10,949

got to New York March of 4th.

602

00:34:10,949 --> 00:34:13,670

I took the week on

the SS Washington.

603

00:34:13,670 --> 00:34:16,980

Sure, I can tell you which boat,

who was in the boat with me.

604

00:34:16,980 --> 00:34:23,610

I met an English war

bride married to a GI,

605

00:34:23,610 --> 00:34:27,540

and what we had,

the main room-- when

606

00:34:27,540 --> 00:34:30,840

it was a luxury ship,

where they had a dance

607

00:34:30,840 --> 00:34:34,860

hall and everything--

was turned around

608

00:34:34,860 --> 00:34:37,030

were you tables of 10 people.

609

00:34:37,030 --> 00:34:40,800

It was still like a troop ship.

610

00:34:40,800 --> 00:34:44,730

And so people slept in bunks.

611

00:34:44,730 --> 00:34:49,710

And I happened to be in a
cabin, but where usually that's

612

00:34:49,710 --> 00:34:53,699

a cabin for a couple, there were
four people, no more than that.

613

00:34:53,699 --> 00:34:56,400

There was a bed for
an American, and it

614

00:34:56,400 --> 00:35:00,240

was two beds on the side,
one above the other.

615

00:35:00,240 --> 00:35:07,410

And so on that voyage,
we went from New Harvard

616

00:35:07,410 --> 00:35:11,610

to Southampton that picked up
maybe 400 or 500 women that

617

00:35:11,610 --> 00:35:13,830

were rejoining or
going and getting

618

00:35:13,830 --> 00:35:16,680

married to American GIs.

619

00:35:16,680 --> 00:35:22,860

So there was even a Scotch
red head that was Jewish,

620

00:35:22,860 --> 00:35:26,370

I'll never forget,
with a Scottish brogue.

621
00:35:26,370 --> 00:35:29,820
Just like the mayor of Dublin
there was a Jewish guy.

622
00:35:29,820 --> 00:35:31,510
Remember.

623
00:35:31,510 --> 00:35:32,010
Devalet?

624
00:35:32,010 --> 00:35:33,150
No not Devalet.

625
00:35:33,150 --> 00:35:34,590
There was another name.

626
00:35:34,590 --> 00:35:35,850
I forgot his name.

627
00:35:35,850 --> 00:35:40,440
So anyway, this
Scottish girl, we

628
00:35:40,440 --> 00:35:43,170
had groups of French people
singing French songs,

629
00:35:43,170 --> 00:35:44,920
the Scottish and so forth.

630
00:35:44,920 --> 00:35:48,180
So I remember I'm walking
on the deck, and this lady--

631
00:35:48,180 --> 00:35:51,230

632
00:35:51,230 --> 00:35:53,090
you're going to laugh,

you don't believe me.

633

00:35:53,090 --> 00:35:57,560

Her name was Marsha
Loxeley, L-0-X-E-L-E-Y.

634

00:35:57,560 --> 00:36:00,990

I got the ship's
manifest for the people.

635

00:36:00,990 --> 00:36:04,700

And she spoke but English,
and I didn't speak in English.

636

00:36:04,700 --> 00:36:08,590

So we got to talk, and there
was a boat that was passing,

637

00:36:08,590 --> 00:36:11,930

and I remember saying, chimney.

638

00:36:11,930 --> 00:36:14,240

I want to say, there's smoke
coming out of the chimney.

639

00:36:14,240 --> 00:36:15,380

I couldn't say that.

640

00:36:15,380 --> 00:36:18,620

And that just shows you
that you can communicate

641

00:36:18,620 --> 00:36:20,520

with all kinds of people.

642

00:36:20,520 --> 00:36:23,450

And my point was
at that time, it's

643

00:36:23,450 --> 00:36:27,040

just like people that
go to the moon now.

644

00:36:27,040 --> 00:36:29,680

To me, going from France
to America on that boat

645

00:36:29,680 --> 00:36:31,090

was like going to the moon.

646

00:36:31,090 --> 00:36:33,040

Because I had not
the slightest-- sure,

647

00:36:33,040 --> 00:36:37,450

I knew some American actors
from the American movies

648

00:36:37,450 --> 00:36:39,130

that they showed in
France, but that's

649

00:36:39,130 --> 00:36:41,170

all I knew about America.

650

00:36:41,170 --> 00:36:44,530

I remember The Last
of the Mohicans

651

00:36:44,530 --> 00:36:48,010

and the movie, all that
stuff about the cowboys,

652

00:36:48,010 --> 00:36:50,230

like all young guys, you know.

653

00:36:50,230 --> 00:36:56,080

And so that's the thing,
that you leave a continent

654

00:36:56,080 --> 00:37:00,760

and still, 3,000
miles on the water.

655

00:37:00,760 --> 00:37:05,830

It's 5,000 kilometers for me at
that time to get to New York.

656
00:37:05,830 --> 00:37:09,230

657
00:37:09,230 --> 00:37:14,030
Have you spoken
about the Holocaust

658
00:37:14,030 --> 00:37:15,950
in the 50 years
that have gone by?

659
00:37:15,950 --> 00:37:17,033
Did anybody, except your--

660
00:37:17,033 --> 00:37:18,950
Well, you have to
understand, when I first

661
00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:24,260
came to this country
and my aunt in New York,

662
00:37:24,260 --> 00:37:27,350
she lived in Brooklyn, so I
stayed with her for a while.

663
00:37:27,350 --> 00:37:30,710
And sure, they asked
me a lot of questions,

664
00:37:30,710 --> 00:37:33,860
but it doesn't
stick out in my mind

665
00:37:33,860 --> 00:37:38,120
that I talk to them like
I'm talking to you now.

666
00:37:38,120 --> 00:37:43,490
I didn't explain

pieces to emphasize

667

00:37:43,490 --> 00:37:46,783

the atrocity, the bad
things that I brought up.

668

00:37:46,783 --> 00:37:48,450

And most of the time,
I would say, well,

669

00:37:48,450 --> 00:37:50,690

that's all I'm going
to talk because I think

670

00:37:50,690 --> 00:37:53,090

you got the idea what happened.

671

00:37:53,090 --> 00:38:00,230

And then when I met my
wife in June 7, 1947,

672

00:38:00,230 --> 00:38:07,220

I also talked about
some, but I don't

673

00:38:07,220 --> 00:38:11,420

recall that I could
openly speak for hours

674

00:38:11,420 --> 00:38:13,910

and tell all this,
because I figured

675

00:38:13,910 --> 00:38:18,830

it isn't something that will
change her idea about me

676

00:38:18,830 --> 00:38:20,300

or my idea about her.

677

00:38:20,300 --> 00:38:22,260

We had a new life
in front of us,

678

00:38:22,260 --> 00:38:24,210

and we were looking
for the future.

679

00:38:24,210 --> 00:38:27,870

And as we went on and that Mandy
Blatt had been in the camp,

680

00:38:27,870 --> 00:38:32,390

he told his stories
from Poland that he

681

00:38:32,390 --> 00:38:36,290

was in a group of people,
and they started shooting.

682

00:38:36,290 --> 00:38:38,360

He fell down, and
people fell on him,

683

00:38:38,360 --> 00:38:40,550

and he never even got a scratch.

684

00:38:40,550 --> 00:38:43,790

They shot through the whole
bunch, and he survived.

685

00:38:43,790 --> 00:38:47,210

Now, he mentioned many other
things, and as I said before,

686

00:38:47,210 --> 00:38:51,430

the people from Poland
were like this since 1939,

687

00:38:51,430 --> 00:38:53,960

the ghetto in
Warsaw, all of this.

688

00:38:53,960 --> 00:38:57,500

And where he was, I don't know
exactly where he was from,

689

00:38:57,500 --> 00:39:02,360

but he was a drummer in
an orchestra, a band that

690

00:39:02,360 --> 00:39:05,480

was on a cruise ship that was
going from Poland to South

691

00:39:05,480 --> 00:39:06,410

America.

692

00:39:06,410 --> 00:39:09,440

In '39, just before
the war broke out,

693

00:39:09,440 --> 00:39:11,450

he came back to
Poland, and that's

694

00:39:11,450 --> 00:39:13,770

how he was caught in that group.

695

00:39:13,770 --> 00:39:19,700

And when I met him in '45, he
was going to the United States,

696

00:39:19,700 --> 00:39:23,540

and that's because of
him, I got involved

697

00:39:23,540 --> 00:39:25,430

to come to the United States.

698

00:39:25,430 --> 00:39:28,520

And as I said before,
10 years about,

699

00:39:28,520 --> 00:39:33,560

I tried to-- to tell you the
truth, my son was born in 1950.

700

00:39:33,560 --> 00:39:35,480
He didn't even know
I was Blankenberg

701
00:39:35,480 --> 00:39:38,150
till he was about 16.

702
00:39:38,150 --> 00:39:42,350
I didn't feel that why should
he live with the idea of what

703
00:39:42,350 --> 00:39:43,970
I went through.

704
00:39:43,970 --> 00:39:47,990
Let him enjoy life,
and he's big enough

705
00:39:47,990 --> 00:39:50,820
to realize that
what I went through,

706
00:39:50,820 --> 00:39:54,080
he's going to read about it,
he's going to hear about it,

707
00:39:54,080 --> 00:39:56,820
he's going to be involved
with other people.

708
00:39:56,820 --> 00:40:00,230
And then finally, we got to
the point where I told my wife,

709
00:40:00,230 --> 00:40:03,020
maybe he should know
that he's a Blankenberg.

710
00:40:03,020 --> 00:40:06,260
And so that's how we started.

711
00:40:06,260 --> 00:40:10,070
You married Sarah on July 1948.

712
00:40:10,070 --> 00:40:11,600
July 3, 1948.

713
00:40:11,600 --> 00:40:12,100
Yes.

714
00:40:12,100 --> 00:40:15,860
What do you remember
about your wedding day?

715
00:40:15,860 --> 00:40:20,660
It's not too difficult to
remember because she had--

716
00:40:20,660 --> 00:40:26,300
I remember, my life up to then
was very, anti-- not anti;

717
00:40:26,300 --> 00:40:28,490
the word is not anti--

718
00:40:28,490 --> 00:40:30,980
away from the religion
really, if you want to,

719
00:40:30,980 --> 00:40:33,230
the Jewish faith.

720
00:40:33,230 --> 00:40:38,150
I was not that much involved,
but her name being Rabinowitz,

721
00:40:38,150 --> 00:40:42,910
she had in her family cantors
and rabbis and all that.

722
00:40:42,910 --> 00:40:50,540
And so her mother's
uncle was Papa David.

723
00:40:50,540 --> 00:40:52,340

That's what she called them.

724

00:40:52,340 --> 00:40:55,460

And she was 23, and Papa
David is the one that

725

00:40:55,460 --> 00:40:59,270

took us like he was a family.

726

00:40:59,270 --> 00:41:02,210

And he took me to the temple.

727

00:41:02,210 --> 00:41:08,930

Phonetically, I learned for the
wedding in Hebrew and all this.

728

00:41:08,930 --> 00:41:16,310

And he was a guy that really
got us involved with the wedding

729

00:41:16,310 --> 00:41:17,550

ceremony.

730

00:41:17,550 --> 00:41:21,830

And the daughter of
this for Papa David

731

00:41:21,830 --> 00:41:26,480

was in New York, very
involved with catering,

732

00:41:26,480 --> 00:41:28,520

so we had catering.

733

00:41:28,520 --> 00:41:34,760

And at that time,
my aunt was with us.

734

00:41:34,760 --> 00:41:37,730

I have pictures of
the whole family--

735

00:41:37,730 --> 00:41:41,360
my wife, my sister
that I brought up

736
00:41:41,360 --> 00:41:45,470
from France in May of
'48 to be at the wedding.

737
00:41:45,470 --> 00:41:46,970
She was at the wedding.

738
00:41:46,970 --> 00:41:51,840
She had no family except
she had Tanta Tuba.

739
00:41:51,840 --> 00:41:56,030
I remember Papa David and his
wife, Uncle Izzy, my uncle,

740
00:41:56,030 --> 00:41:59,153
and my aunt is the only one
I can't remember her name is.

741
00:41:59,153 --> 00:42:01,280
Isn't that something?

742
00:42:01,280 --> 00:42:03,890
No, I can't remember.

743
00:42:03,890 --> 00:42:07,160
And so of this picture
of that wedding,

744
00:42:07,160 --> 00:42:10,290
I'm the only one alive.

745
00:42:10,290 --> 00:42:13,010
Now, you see, regardless
of the Holocaust,

746
00:42:13,010 --> 00:42:15,170
now we have a new life.

747

00:42:15,170 --> 00:42:20,070

I got things with people
that were at my wedding,

748

00:42:20,070 --> 00:42:25,580

1948, and my sister
passed away in '82,

749

00:42:25,580 --> 00:42:30,050

my wife passed away in '83,
and the rest of the family.

750

00:42:30,050 --> 00:42:36,230

Although my aunt--
it's a mental block.

751

00:42:36,230 --> 00:42:38,840

I can't remember her name.

752

00:42:38,840 --> 00:42:44,030

My mother's name was Zeisel, and
Zeisel was Suzanne in France,

753

00:42:44,030 --> 00:42:45,200

and her, I don't remember.

754

00:42:45,200 --> 00:42:47,420

Uncle Izzy was her husband.

755

00:42:47,420 --> 00:42:51,320

He was a Litvak. so he was
always talking about-- see,

756

00:42:51,320 --> 00:42:57,710

I was a guy from France, and
I reacted like I'm big enough.

757

00:42:57,710 --> 00:42:58,610

I know what to do.

758

00:42:58,610 --> 00:43:01,010

He'd give me ideas

what I should do,

759

00:43:01,010 --> 00:43:03,020

but what was I going
to do in Brooklyn?

760

00:43:03,020 --> 00:43:05,450

I'm involved with
the French hotels,

761

00:43:05,450 --> 00:43:08,220

and I have a future of my own.

762

00:43:08,220 --> 00:43:08,970

I get married.

763

00:43:08,970 --> 00:43:10,012

They went to the wedding.

764

00:43:10,012 --> 00:43:14,930

My aunt was a type of lady
that she thought with my looks

765

00:43:14,930 --> 00:43:18,110

and what I know, I should
have married some rich lady,

766

00:43:18,110 --> 00:43:20,150

a rich girl.

767

00:43:20,150 --> 00:43:22,970

She don't realize that
life is not done that way.

768

00:43:22,970 --> 00:43:25,580

Because happiness
comes not from money.

769

00:43:25,580 --> 00:43:27,770

Happiness comes how you feel.

770

00:43:27,770 --> 00:43:30,140

She had felt that
she had no family.

771
00:43:30,140 --> 00:43:31,850
She had a grandmother
that passed away

772
00:43:31,850 --> 00:43:36,290
before we got married, and
I needed someone to guide,

773
00:43:36,290 --> 00:43:40,220
to be taken along on a voyage.

774
00:43:40,220 --> 00:43:42,240
That's the way I looked at it.

775
00:43:42,240 --> 00:43:43,760
And I was a good talker.

776
00:43:43,760 --> 00:43:48,050
I explained to her what I
want to do, and she was--

777
00:43:48,050 --> 00:43:51,100
if I had said to her, tomorrow,
we're going to pack a case,

778
00:43:51,100 --> 00:43:54,950
and we're going to go to Alaska,
OK, we go to Alaska tomorrow.

779
00:43:54,950 --> 00:43:57,020
That's what you think is
going to be best for us,

780
00:43:57,020 --> 00:43:58,970
she would follow me anywhere.

781
00:43:58,970 --> 00:44:02,180
And it was such a
blind faith in me

782

00:44:02,180 --> 00:44:05,322

that I had to repay
with faith in her.

783

00:44:05,322 --> 00:44:06,650

See?

784

00:44:06,650 --> 00:44:09,860

And that's how I had
a life for 35 years.

785

00:44:09,860 --> 00:44:12,410

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00:44:12,410 --> 00:44:17,930

Sometimes, you think, how can
you have this kind of life

787

00:44:17,930 --> 00:44:22,700

and then get with a
second wife and a new life

788

00:44:22,700 --> 00:44:30,530

and be able to give that feeling
of love to somebody else?

789

00:44:30,530 --> 00:44:32,060

You love somebody for so--

790

00:44:32,060 --> 00:44:37,190

But what the camp taught
me is that you cannot dwell

791

00:44:37,190 --> 00:44:38,450

in the past.

792

00:44:38,450 --> 00:44:40,070

You cannot change the past.

793

00:44:40,070 --> 00:44:45,400

You can only better
the future, have

794

00:44:45,400 --> 00:44:50,480

people that are with you
enjoy life to the fullest.

795

00:44:50,480 --> 00:44:53,620

I went with my new wife
four times to France.

796

00:44:53,620 --> 00:44:58,620

I drove with her from
Canada to Mexico.

797

00:44:58,620 --> 00:45:02,050

She's 20 years younger than me,
and I guarantee you to this day

798

00:45:02,050 --> 00:45:07,210

and yesterday, she had to go to
Walnut Creek in a big office.

799

00:45:07,210 --> 00:45:09,130

She's a big shot in the bank.

800

00:45:09,130 --> 00:45:12,250

She's an officer,
a loan officer,

801

00:45:12,250 --> 00:45:16,750

and she deals with France
a lot, and we speak French.

802

00:45:16,750 --> 00:45:19,090

As soon as I see her,
I can't speak English.

803

00:45:19,090 --> 00:45:24,040

Oh, I can, but I'm so more at
home with her speaking French.

804

00:45:24,040 --> 00:45:27,490

And so I went to
take her in the city,

805

00:45:27,490 --> 00:45:31,030

brought her to Walnut Creek,
listen to the Giant games.

806

00:45:31,030 --> 00:45:33,340

Just as the game was
over, she came out,

807

00:45:33,340 --> 00:45:35,590

we went home, I fixed supper.

808

00:45:35,590 --> 00:45:37,450

I fixed the food.

809

00:45:37,450 --> 00:45:42,820

I enjoy it because she gained
20 pounds when she's with me,

810

00:45:42,820 --> 00:45:46,060

but she was 50 this year.

811

00:45:46,060 --> 00:45:48,820

I'm 71-- 70.

812

00:45:48,820 --> 00:45:50,320

I have a funny habit.

813

00:45:50,320 --> 00:45:52,420

I'm always more
than I really am.

814

00:45:52,420 --> 00:45:56,740

I recall when I
was about 56, I had

815

00:45:56,740 --> 00:45:59,140

a place in South San Francisco.

816

00:45:59,140 --> 00:46:00,460

We were making granola.

817

00:46:00,460 --> 00:46:03,640

I invented a way to
make a new granola,

818

00:46:03,640 --> 00:46:09,400

and I sold Oroweat 20,000
pounds a month of granola.

819

00:46:09,400 --> 00:46:11,650

They put one ounce
on each granola

820

00:46:11,650 --> 00:46:15,490

loaf of bread of this granola,
and they used 20,000 pounds

821

00:46:15,490 --> 00:46:16,540

a month.

822

00:46:16,540 --> 00:46:20,500

And I worked it with somebody
out of the bakery from Oroweat

823

00:46:20,500 --> 00:46:23,080

and worked a thing.

824

00:46:23,080 --> 00:46:25,360

Now, why did I bring
this subject up?

825

00:46:25,360 --> 00:46:25,990

I lost--

826

00:46:25,990 --> 00:46:27,880

Your youth.

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00:46:27,880 --> 00:46:28,840

My youth.

828

00:46:28,840 --> 00:46:30,100

How young you are.

829

00:46:30,100 --> 00:46:31,060

Oh, yes.

830

00:46:31,060 --> 00:46:32,110

Correct.

831

00:46:32,110 --> 00:46:34,060

Now, I had some
employees, and I had

832

00:46:34,060 --> 00:46:37,600

some Mexican guys in the 20s.

833

00:46:37,600 --> 00:46:43,130

And the sacks of oats to make
the granola came in 50 pounds.

834

00:46:43,130 --> 00:46:44,380

And I see this guy.

835

00:46:44,380 --> 00:46:50,460

We had 400 sacks coming on a
truck from Utah from Conagra.

836

00:46:50,460 --> 00:46:52,030

Company was called Conagra.

837

00:46:52,030 --> 00:46:56,560

We bought 20,000 sacks
of 50 pounds each,

838

00:46:56,560 --> 00:46:59,980

and we had to put about
30 or 40 sacks in it now.

839

00:46:59,980 --> 00:47:02,170

And I see this
guy, and I thought

840

00:47:02,170 --> 00:47:03,492

he wasn't doing the job right.

841

00:47:03,492 --> 00:47:05,950

So I went in the truck and I
took one in each hand and say,

842

00:47:05,950 --> 00:47:06,730

you see?

843

00:47:06,730 --> 00:47:07,880

I'm 60 years old.

844

00:47:07,880 --> 00:47:12,140

I was only 54, 55, and
I got to call myself 60.

845

00:47:12,140 --> 00:47:15,280

And since that time,
I always give myself--

846

00:47:15,280 --> 00:47:17,710

some people tell me,
well, how old are you?

847

00:47:17,710 --> 00:47:18,730

I say 72.

848

00:47:18,730 --> 00:47:20,800

I'm really 70.

849

00:47:20,800 --> 00:47:23,710

It's a funny habit I picked up.

850

00:47:23,710 --> 00:47:28,180

Sure enough, once you
hit 70, things change.

851

00:47:28,180 --> 00:47:32,440

In your mind, you can
want to feel like always,

852

00:47:32,440 --> 00:47:33,460

but it does change.

853

00:47:33,460 --> 00:47:34,750

It's just like a car.

854

00:47:34,750 --> 00:47:36,790

There's too much
mileage on it, so you

855

00:47:36,790 --> 00:47:38,680

got to change the
oil once in a while.

856

00:47:38,680 --> 00:47:39,640

I go to the doctor.

857

00:47:39,640 --> 00:47:41,200

I lived for 20 years.

858

00:47:41,200 --> 00:47:43,180

I never seen a doctor.

859

00:47:43,180 --> 00:47:49,630

I went once in '57, before we
went to France for a checkup.

860

00:47:49,630 --> 00:47:52,570

And the guy said,
well, your just tired,

861

00:47:52,570 --> 00:47:56,280

and I didn't take any medicine.

862

00:47:56,280 --> 00:47:58,800

Go ahead.

863

00:47:58,800 --> 00:48:04,890

Looking back on your
early years in France,

864

00:48:04,890 --> 00:48:09,900

what words would you use
to describe those years?

865

00:48:09,900 --> 00:48:15,930

In a sense, I'm trying to
figure out how to explain this.

866

00:48:15,930 --> 00:48:19,950

It was not what you
call a happy life.

867

00:48:19,950 --> 00:48:22,680

First of all, you have
to realize my parents

868

00:48:22,680 --> 00:48:24,150

came from Poland.

869

00:48:24,150 --> 00:48:27,220

When I was at the age
of going to school,

870

00:48:27,220 --> 00:48:28,500

I went to Catholic school.

871

00:48:28,500 --> 00:48:32,370

There was no Jewish life.

872

00:48:32,370 --> 00:48:39,690

And so I knew to my
parents of the holidays,

873

00:48:39,690 --> 00:48:44,400

but in the school, your
environment is with Catholics

874

00:48:44,400 --> 00:48:46,140

with a prayer, not here here.

875

00:48:46,140 --> 00:48:50,100

Here they don't have a prayer,
but not a Catholic school,

876

00:48:50,100 --> 00:48:53,525

a public school, you have

a prayer when you start,

877

00:48:53,525 --> 00:48:56,520

and when you go home,
there's a prayer.

878

00:48:56,520 --> 00:48:59,400

And sure enough, I
had some friends.

879

00:48:59,400 --> 00:49:02,880

I remember one guy by
the name of Stivaldi.

880

00:49:02,880 --> 00:49:06,520

His father was a mason from
Italy, came to work there,

881

00:49:06,520 --> 00:49:09,310

and this guy was
a buddy of mine.

882

00:49:09,310 --> 00:49:13,530

So one afternoon, they got to
go to catechism with the priest.

883

00:49:13,530 --> 00:49:14,370

Everybody is going.

884

00:49:14,370 --> 00:49:14,870

I follow.

885

00:49:14,870 --> 00:49:16,222

I don't know where I'm going.

886

00:49:16,222 --> 00:49:16,805

I'm following.

887

00:49:16,805 --> 00:49:19,410

And there's this
big, tall priest.

888

00:49:19,410 --> 00:49:20,460
You, Jew.

889
00:49:20,460 --> 00:49:23,170
You're not coming with
us, and he chased me away.

890
00:49:23,170 --> 00:49:26,460
I looked like I was
a pariah, somebody

891
00:49:26,460 --> 00:49:28,890
that had leper or something.

892
00:49:28,890 --> 00:49:32,070
And I'm talking about
what could have been eight

893
00:49:32,070 --> 00:49:34,980
or nine or something like this.

894
00:49:34,980 --> 00:49:37,530
And again, I've got to explain.

895
00:49:37,530 --> 00:49:40,620
We didn't have lots of money.

896
00:49:40,620 --> 00:49:42,720
My father worked in a factory.

897
00:49:42,720 --> 00:49:45,870
And even when my mother
had this restaurant

898
00:49:45,870 --> 00:49:50,310
and we went with
pushcarts on the fares,

899
00:49:50,310 --> 00:49:51,293
we took it for granted.

900
00:49:51,293 --> 00:49:51,960

That's our life.

901
00:49:51,960 --> 00:49:55,170
We never had any ambitions
of what the future is going.

902
00:49:55,170 --> 00:49:56,940
No, we don't think about that.

903
00:49:56,940 --> 00:49:59,250
You follow your path.

904
00:49:59,250 --> 00:50:03,420
And with my parents,
we had, what

905
00:50:03,420 --> 00:50:05,107
you call a fairly nice life.

906
00:50:05,107 --> 00:50:05,940
There's no question.

907
00:50:05,940 --> 00:50:08,820
I mentioned to you that
we only spoiled the kids.

908
00:50:08,820 --> 00:50:11,550
We were spoiled in a
sense, what is spoiled?

909
00:50:11,550 --> 00:50:14,190
In your eyes, what
you think is spoiled.

910
00:50:14,190 --> 00:50:16,860
Really, I can't say
they gave us a bicycle

911
00:50:16,860 --> 00:50:18,240
and they gave us toys.

912
00:50:18,240 --> 00:50:19,648

We didn't have these things.

913

00:50:19,648 --> 00:50:21,690

And what you don't have
and you don't know about,

914

00:50:21,690 --> 00:50:24,250

you don't miss.

915

00:50:24,250 --> 00:50:27,370

But it wasn't what
you call a happy life.

916

00:50:27,370 --> 00:50:33,400

My youth was more, not
desperation, but matter

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00:50:33,400 --> 00:50:35,420

of fact, that's your life.

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00:50:35,420 --> 00:50:37,460

You can't do nothing about it.

919

00:50:37,460 --> 00:50:40,360

So as things got
worsened with the war,

920

00:50:40,360 --> 00:50:44,290

you had already started to
feel that toughness, what

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00:50:44,290 --> 00:50:46,670

life was all about.

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00:50:46,670 --> 00:50:49,810

And so as I said, I
wasn't a soft kid.

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00:50:49,810 --> 00:50:50,785

I was already hardened.

924

00:50:50,785 --> 00:51:03,570

925
00:51:03,570 --> 00:51:06,086
I think it's time
for the pictures.

926
00:51:06,086 --> 00:51:11,440
I had a question I wanted to
ask him, if you don't mind.

927
00:51:11,440 --> 00:51:11,940
Yeah.

928
00:51:11,940 --> 00:51:16,480

929
00:51:16,480 --> 00:51:21,040
The fellow who was
your friend briefly

930
00:51:21,040 --> 00:51:23,620
at the end, who worked at the--

931
00:51:23,620 --> 00:51:24,120
Ovens.

932
00:51:24,120 --> 00:51:28,270
--back at the ovens and
who said that he had buried

933
00:51:28,270 --> 00:51:30,520
diamonds and things like that.

934
00:51:30,520 --> 00:51:33,110
Did he ever tell you what became
of those things he buried?

935
00:51:33,110 --> 00:51:33,610
No.

936
00:51:33,610 --> 00:51:38,120
Because you see,

when you get freedom,

937

00:51:38,120 --> 00:51:45,100

where you see these
trucks of GIs that took us

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00:51:45,100 --> 00:51:50,710

from that depot in
Germany into Holland,

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00:51:50,710 --> 00:51:53,080

we all, more or
less, spread out.

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00:51:53,080 --> 00:51:57,440

This guy shared my life
about three months.

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00:51:57,440 --> 00:52:03,500

And when he mentioned this,
it meant nothing to me.

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00:52:03,500 --> 00:52:06,970

I thought of it quite often
after when I got back,

943

00:52:06,970 --> 00:52:11,620

but as I said, I got to
Holland, and within days, we

944

00:52:11,620 --> 00:52:13,690

went through Belgium
and into France.

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00:52:13,690 --> 00:52:15,880

And I remember the
white bread, but the guy

946

00:52:15,880 --> 00:52:16,930

was out of my sight.

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00:52:16,930 --> 00:52:20,050

I never got to see

him ever again.

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00:52:20,050 --> 00:52:21,800

And once in a while,
I was wondering,

949

00:52:21,800 --> 00:52:26,480

did he go back to get
it, or did he survive.

950

00:52:26,480 --> 00:52:30,190

Many things could have happened
to him too towards the end.

951

00:52:30,190 --> 00:52:34,930

When I didn't see him
anymore was in Ravensbruck,

952

00:52:34,930 --> 00:52:39,020

when we split up more or less.

953

00:52:39,020 --> 00:52:40,930

And as I said we
were kind of weak

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00:52:40,930 --> 00:52:43,780

and we had no time to think.

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00:52:43,780 --> 00:52:47,140

Although, I have some papers
that I was able to write down

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00:52:47,140 --> 00:52:51,400

names and addresses of people
that were around so in case

957

00:52:51,400 --> 00:52:53,740

one of us doesn't come
back, the other one

958

00:52:53,740 --> 00:52:57,040

would get in touch or something.

959

00:52:57,040 --> 00:52:58,930

And the funniest
part, once I got back,

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00:52:58,930 --> 00:53:01,570

it's just like I didn't
want to get involved

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00:53:01,570 --> 00:53:03,160

with anybody with anything.

962

00:53:03,160 --> 00:53:06,340

I do recall in Paris
meeting in the subway

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00:53:06,340 --> 00:53:09,450

some of the guys that
had been in the camp

964

00:53:09,450 --> 00:53:11,950

and that I was telling them,
I'm going to the United States.

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00:53:11,950 --> 00:53:15,970

And one guy said to me, I'm
going to the United States too,

966

00:53:15,970 --> 00:53:19,630

and I met him in New York.

967

00:53:19,630 --> 00:53:24,520

But it's just like you
want to cut your past.

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00:53:24,520 --> 00:53:27,640

I say what I did,
isn't maybe natural.

969

00:53:27,640 --> 00:53:32,470

Maybe other people try
to nurture a friendship.

970

00:53:32,470 --> 00:53:34,740

I was doing just the opposite.

971

00:53:34,740 --> 00:53:40,450

It was too much bad remembrance
that I try to so much

972

00:53:40,450 --> 00:53:45,430

to get into a new life so that
when I met my wife, which was I

973

00:53:45,430 --> 00:53:48,550

got there in March before 1947.

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00:53:48,550 --> 00:53:51,940

In June the seventh, I met her,
so that's what, three months?

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00:53:51,940 --> 00:53:54,790

So the first three months,
I was involved in the hotels

976

00:53:54,790 --> 00:54:01,360

where people spoke French
to me and no connection

977

00:54:01,360 --> 00:54:03,190

with the past.

978

00:54:03,190 --> 00:54:05,080

Most of the French
people that were there

979

00:54:05,080 --> 00:54:07,750

from pre World War II.

980

00:54:07,750 --> 00:54:10,360

They didn't know what the German
and Nazis were except what

981

00:54:10,360 --> 00:54:12,100

they read in the paper.

982

00:54:12,100 --> 00:54:17,080

That's where also, I had this
chef in the Waldorf, which

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00:54:17,080 --> 00:54:20,790

talked to me when I introduced
myself, and they heard my name

984

00:54:20,790 --> 00:54:22,960

and said, you're not
French, you're German.

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00:54:22,960 --> 00:54:26,395

So I said to him, look, if I'm
here, it's because I'm French.

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00:54:26,395 --> 00:54:28,480

I'm not German.

987

00:54:28,480 --> 00:54:31,240

I didn't want to
antagonize them,

988

00:54:31,240 --> 00:54:34,930

so I wouldn't have the job,
but it didn't please me at all.

989

00:54:34,930 --> 00:54:36,700

But I realized who he was.

990

00:54:36,700 --> 00:54:40,300

There's a guy that
left France in 1916.

991

00:54:40,300 --> 00:54:43,780

He deserted in one,
being the army, 1916.

992

00:54:43,780 --> 00:54:46,450

And when I met him in
'47,s we became friends,

993

00:54:46,450 --> 00:54:47,420
once I worked there.

994
00:54:47,420 --> 00:54:50,020
And he said to me, my
children are born here,

995
00:54:50,020 --> 00:54:51,520
I can never go back to France.

996
00:54:51,520 --> 00:54:54,850
I said I hit the
French territory,

997
00:54:54,850 --> 00:54:56,830
I'd be arrested as a deserter.

998
00:54:56,830 --> 00:54:59,080
They have a record of this guy.

999
00:54:59,080 --> 00:55:03,880
So he never went back and his
name was Florio, Joseph Florio.

1000
00:55:03,880 --> 00:55:06,490
Very good baker, a good chef.

1001
00:55:06,490 --> 00:55:11,230
But again, this guy
hadn't gone through a war.

1002
00:55:11,230 --> 00:55:15,430
I worked there in 1949,
so I met him in '49.

1003
00:55:15,430 --> 00:55:19,150
And these people
in the hotels here,

1004
00:55:19,150 --> 00:55:23,530
you have to understand
also, the Waldorf Astoria

1005

00:55:23,530 --> 00:55:25,270
was a huge hotel.

1006

00:55:25,270 --> 00:55:29,650
In 1949, '50, General
Motors had an exhibition

1007

00:55:29,650 --> 00:55:32,140
of the new cars in
the main ballroom.

1008

00:55:32,140 --> 00:55:38,440
They paid \$75,000 a day in 1950
for the executive in the hotel

1009

00:55:38,440 --> 00:55:40,810
plus the renting a room.

1010

00:55:40,810 --> 00:55:46,540
And there was a
lot of Jewish, not

1011

00:55:46,540 --> 00:55:51,640
firms, a Jewish organization
that had parties.

1012

00:55:51,640 --> 00:55:55,960
The main ballroom held
5,000 people and a banquet.

1013

00:55:55,960 --> 00:56:02,620
And so I worked part of the time
making ice cream for the hotel.

1014

00:56:02,620 --> 00:56:05,830
The chef that asked me if I'm--
they told me that you're not

1015

00:56:05,830 --> 00:56:06,880
French, you're German.

1016

00:56:06,880 --> 00:56:08,960

Eventually, we
became good friends.

1017
00:56:08,960 --> 00:56:11,050
He saw I was working properly.

1018
00:56:11,050 --> 00:56:14,470
So he says to me, did you
ever work making ice cream.

1019
00:56:14,470 --> 00:56:15,730
I said, yes, in France.

1020
00:56:15,730 --> 00:56:18,010
What I didn't tell them,
we made two or three quarts

1021
00:56:18,010 --> 00:56:20,440
with a hand, with
a little machine.

1022
00:56:20,440 --> 00:56:27,620
This hotel was bought by
Hilton chain, and pioneers

1023
00:56:27,620 --> 00:56:32,570
of the hotel where were
Oscar of the Waldorf.

1024
00:56:32,570 --> 00:56:37,460
It was a number one hotel
in whole of New York.

1025
00:56:37,460 --> 00:56:40,070
But then it changed
to the Hilton,

1026
00:56:40,070 --> 00:56:42,380
and I worked in ice cream.

1027
00:56:42,380 --> 00:56:48,350
I realized the first full year
I worked there in 1950, '51,

1028
00:56:48,350 --> 00:56:53,000
I manufactured enough ice
cream to make \$100,000 profit

1029
00:56:53,000 --> 00:56:54,440
for the hotel.

1030
00:56:54,440 --> 00:56:58,310
I was getting \$80
a week with food.

1031
00:56:58,310 --> 00:57:02,630
So that prompted me to go in
business for myself in '52.

1032
00:57:02,630 --> 00:57:04,070
Show me the pictures.

1033
00:57:04,070 --> 00:57:06,140
I think it's time
to see the pictures.

1034
00:57:06,140 --> 00:57:08,800

1035
00:57:08,800 --> 00:57:09,440
We'll stop.

1036
00:57:09,440 --> 00:57:21,910

1037
00:57:21,910 --> 00:57:26,090
And please tell us
about this photo.

1038
00:57:26,090 --> 00:57:26,590
Yes.

1039
00:57:26,590 --> 00:57:28,460
This is my mother.

1040

00:57:28,460 --> 00:57:36,940

This picture was taken
approximately in 1919, 1920.

1041

00:57:36,940 --> 00:57:38,305

I presume she was in her 30s.

1042

00:57:38,305 --> 00:57:42,140

1043

00:57:42,140 --> 00:57:46,540

And these pictures
being in my possession

1044

00:57:46,540 --> 00:57:48,430

is really remarkable.

1045

00:57:48,430 --> 00:57:55,240

They were sent to her sister in
New York prior to World War II.

1046

00:57:55,240 --> 00:57:58,510

And when I came to the
United States in 1947,

1047

00:57:58,510 --> 00:58:01,630

my aunt was gracious
enough to hand me

1048

00:58:01,630 --> 00:58:04,120

a lot of pictures
of my family, which

1049

00:58:04,120 --> 00:58:11,530

I had none whatsoever in 1947.

1050

00:58:11,530 --> 00:58:15,610

And please tell us
about this photo.

1051

00:58:15,610 --> 00:58:18,880

This is also a picture

that I received

1052
00:58:18,880 --> 00:58:22,560
from my aunt showing
my father standing,

1053
00:58:22,560 --> 00:58:24,790
pouring a drink to his friend.

1054
00:58:24,790 --> 00:58:26,830
And in the back
of the picture, it

1055
00:58:26,830 --> 00:58:31,390
says this is a
picture from 1913.

1056
00:58:31,390 --> 00:58:35,250
And I guess my father
was pretty young there.

1057
00:58:35,250 --> 00:58:41,130

1058
00:58:41,130 --> 00:58:44,150
Let me see this
for just a second.

1059
00:58:44,150 --> 00:58:46,180
OK, tell us about this, please.

1060
00:58:46,180 --> 00:58:49,060
This picture also
is from my mother,

1061
00:58:49,060 --> 00:58:53,950
but it was taken
in France in 1930.

1062
00:58:53,950 --> 00:58:59,700
And I guess between this one
and the first one I showed,

1063

00:58:59,700 --> 00:59:02,850

there is over 10
years difference.

1064

00:59:02,850 --> 00:59:05,820

She must be in her
early 40s here.

1065

00:59:05,820 --> 00:59:14,500

1066

00:59:14,500 --> 00:59:15,780

Tell us about this, please.

1067

00:59:15,780 --> 00:59:18,530

Yeah, this picture was taken
while I was in the service,

1068

00:59:18,530 --> 00:59:23,840

in the French
army, in July 1942.

1069

00:59:23,840 --> 00:59:31,400

And as you can see, it's been
pretty much used by the fact

1070

00:59:31,400 --> 00:59:36,000

that I kept it in my
wallet for a long time.

1071

00:59:36,000 --> 00:59:38,780

How could this survive the war?

1072

00:59:38,780 --> 00:59:41,840

It was also given
to my friend, Paul.

1073

00:59:41,840 --> 00:59:42,980

He had it.

1074

00:59:42,980 --> 00:59:45,720

And then after the

war, he gave it to me.

1075
00:59:45,720 --> 00:59:46,820
I had nothing.

1076
00:59:46,820 --> 00:59:49,220
The place where they
took me and where

1077
00:59:49,220 --> 00:59:52,670
they took me to the
Gestapo, I never got back--

1078
00:59:52,670 --> 00:59:56,120
whatever suitcase of
clothing or whatever I had

1079
00:59:56,120 --> 00:59:59,390
was never recuperated.

1080
00:59:59,390 --> 01:00:03,530
And as I said, when I
came to this country,

1081
01:00:03,530 --> 01:00:08,570
I had whatever my friend, Paul,
in Dijon gave me as pictures

1082
01:00:08,570 --> 01:00:11,270
and what my aunt in
New York gave me.

1083
01:00:11,270 --> 01:00:16,700

1084
01:00:16,700 --> 01:00:18,200
Tell us about this
photo, please.

1085
01:00:18,200 --> 01:00:23,990
This picture really brings back
some fond memories, pre World

1086

01:00:23,990 --> 01:00:28,880

War II, where we had
fairs in the small towns,

1087

01:00:28,880 --> 01:00:34,850

and among different stores,
they took pictures of children.

1088

01:00:34,850 --> 01:00:36,695

And this doesn't
happen to be a car.

1089

01:00:36,695 --> 01:00:39,320

It's just a cardboard
front of a car.

1090

01:00:39,320 --> 01:00:43,010

And I sat at the
wheel, driving the car.

1091

01:00:43,010 --> 01:00:47,180

I can see I wear a
funny kind of hat.

1092

01:00:47,180 --> 01:00:52,070

The fellow next to
me is my cousin.

1093

01:00:52,070 --> 01:00:53,847

His sister is sitting behind me.

1094

01:00:53,847 --> 01:00:54,680

This is your cousin?

1095

01:00:54,680 --> 01:00:55,400

Right.

1096

01:00:55,400 --> 01:00:56,130

This is you.

1097

01:00:56,130 --> 01:00:56,630

Yeah.

1098
01:00:56,630 --> 01:00:57,700
This is the sister.

1099
01:00:57,700 --> 01:00:58,200
Right.

1100
01:00:58,200 --> 01:01:01,580
That's my sister, and the
other one is my cousin, Elsa.

1101
01:01:01,580 --> 01:01:04,940
That's a sister and
brother on both sides.

1102
01:01:04,940 --> 01:01:06,740
They're brother and sister.

1103
01:01:06,740 --> 01:01:12,080
My wife and the father of these
two were brother and sister.

1104
01:01:12,080 --> 01:01:16,670
And so as you can see even
then, I was the one that drove.

1105
01:01:16,670 --> 01:01:18,230
They always looked up to me.

1106
01:01:18,230 --> 01:01:19,710
I don't know why.

1107
01:01:19,710 --> 01:01:25,100
I guess at this particular
time, I must be about 12.

1108
01:01:25,100 --> 01:01:27,230
My sister was born in '25.

1109
01:01:27,230 --> 01:01:29,630
She had to be about nine.

1110

01:01:29,630 --> 01:01:31,640

He was about my age.

1111

01:01:31,640 --> 01:01:35,010

He was taken from France to
Germany, never came back.

1112

01:01:35,010 --> 01:01:37,790

She survived the
war with her parents

1113

01:01:37,790 --> 01:01:43,250

and must be alive
in Metz, France,

1114

01:01:43,250 --> 01:01:46,340

married and had two children
the last time I heard of her.

1115

01:01:46,340 --> 01:01:49,510

1116

01:01:49,510 --> 01:01:51,180

Must be in her 60s now.

1117

01:01:51,180 --> 01:01:55,390

1118

01:01:55,390 --> 01:01:57,030

Tell us about this
photo, please.

1119

01:01:57,030 --> 01:02:00,400

This is also a
picture of my mother

1120

01:02:00,400 --> 01:02:04,030

that was taken during
the war, World War II,

1121

01:02:04,030 --> 01:02:05,710

in the early '40s.

1122
01:02:05,710 --> 01:02:08,740
And I guess you can
see the difference

1123
01:02:08,740 --> 01:02:12,970
between the first
picture in Warsaw,

1124
01:02:12,970 --> 01:02:19,150
the second one as a young
woman in France, and this,

1125
01:02:19,150 --> 01:02:24,490
she must have been close
to 50 in this picture.

1126
01:02:24,490 --> 01:02:26,140
If I'm not mistaken,
that picture

1127
01:02:26,140 --> 01:02:29,500
was taken a few months
before they took her away

1128
01:02:29,500 --> 01:02:30,970
in a camp in Germany.

1129
01:02:30,970 --> 01:02:38,570

1130
01:02:38,570 --> 01:02:40,400
It slipped, kind of.

1131
01:02:40,400 --> 01:02:41,750
Tell us about this, please.

1132
01:02:41,750 --> 01:02:42,260
Yes.

1133
01:02:42,260 --> 01:02:44,530
This is my oldest brother.

1134
01:02:44,530 --> 01:02:50,090
He was born in 1911
in Warsaw, and that's

1135
01:02:50,090 --> 01:02:52,820
the only picture I have of him.

1136
01:02:52,820 --> 01:02:55,890
That was given to
me by his wife,

1137
01:02:55,890 --> 01:03:02,060
and it's an enlargement
of a passport picture,

1138
01:03:02,060 --> 01:03:07,960
and it was taken
in July of 1943.

1139
01:03:07,960 --> 01:03:14,020
He is the one fellow I saw just
before the Germans took me.

1140
01:03:14,020 --> 01:03:16,630
I went to see him
that same morning,

1141
01:03:16,630 --> 01:03:20,320
and he was telling me to watch.

1142
01:03:20,320 --> 01:03:23,830
I work in a very dangerous
place and something

1143
01:03:23,830 --> 01:03:25,180
might happen to me.

1144
01:03:25,180 --> 01:03:28,480
Like an omen that day, I
was taken by the Germans,

1145

01:03:28,480 --> 01:03:31,180
and I never saw
him alive anymore.

1146
01:03:31,180 --> 01:03:36,770
He passed away in
June '44, maybe

1147
01:03:36,770 --> 01:03:40,350
a little earlier because I
was in Germany at the time,

1148
01:03:40,350 --> 01:03:44,960
and I found out he was
killed by the Germans, shot

1149
01:03:44,960 --> 01:03:49,660
in his bed in May or June '44.

1150
01:03:49,660 --> 01:03:53,980
Because France was liberated
just about that time.

1151
01:03:53,980 --> 01:03:57,520
He went through the whole war
just a last few days left.

1152
01:03:57,520 --> 01:04:03,370

1153
01:04:03,370 --> 01:04:04,510
Tell us about this, please.

1154
01:04:04,510 --> 01:04:09,010
Well, this happens to be my
sister sitting in a chair,

1155
01:04:09,010 --> 01:04:13,150
and I with my dumb look.

1156
01:04:13,150 --> 01:04:17,920
I realized when I saw this
picture for the first time

1157
01:04:17,920 --> 01:04:22,420
how much one can change.

1158
01:04:22,420 --> 01:04:25,870
And I can't recall
when it was made,

1159
01:04:25,870 --> 01:04:30,370
but I was born in 1922,
my sister, in 1925.

1160
01:04:30,370 --> 01:04:35,290
If she's three years old, so
therefore, it has to be 1928,

1161
01:04:35,290 --> 01:04:39,220
and I was '22, '28.

1162
01:04:39,220 --> 01:04:44,830
Yeah, 1928, '29,
that's my guess.

1163
01:04:44,830 --> 01:04:58,360

1164
01:04:58,360 --> 01:04:59,530
Tell us about this, please.

1165
01:04:59,530 --> 01:05:05,130
This is my youngest
brother, born in 1933.

1166
01:05:05,130 --> 01:05:08,050
His name is Victor,
and it's also

1167
01:05:08,050 --> 01:05:11,350
the only picture I have of him.

1168
01:05:11,350 --> 01:05:16,570
He was taken by the Germans

in 1944 at the age of 11

1169
01:05:16,570 --> 01:05:19,460
to a concentration
camp in Germany,

1170
01:05:19,460 --> 01:05:20,550
and he never came back.

1171
01:05:20,550 --> 01:05:23,170

1172
01:05:23,170 --> 01:05:24,160
Name is Victor.

1173
01:05:24,160 --> 01:05:27,510

1174
01:05:27,510 --> 01:05:30,280
Do you know where the
picture was taken?

1175
01:05:30,280 --> 01:05:32,150
No, and there is no
date in the back.

1176
01:05:32,150 --> 01:05:37,880
And if he's born in 1933,
he was taken '44, that's 11.

1177
01:05:37,880 --> 01:05:44,090
I guess he's about 9 or 10
at this particular time.

1178
01:05:44,090 --> 01:05:51,470
Yeah, it had to be '43 because
my sister had this picture,

1179
01:05:51,470 --> 01:05:56,210
and when my mother was taken in
July of '42, he lived with her,

1180

01:05:56,210 --> 01:06:00,140
and she had this
picture taken in '43.

1181
01:06:00,140 --> 01:06:02,300
Therefore, he had
to be about 10.

1182
01:06:02,300 --> 01:06:06,430

1183
01:06:06,430 --> 01:06:09,460
The following year, in
'44, he went to Germany.

1184
01:06:09,460 --> 01:06:20,980

1185
01:06:20,980 --> 01:06:21,490
OK.

1186
01:06:21,490 --> 01:06:24,640
Tell us about this
photo, please.

1187
01:06:24,640 --> 01:06:28,390
I couldn't tell you when it
was taken, but as you see,

1188
01:06:28,390 --> 01:06:31,315
these two children with
their father and mother

1189
01:06:31,315 --> 01:06:34,600
are the two that
were in the picture

1190
01:06:34,600 --> 01:06:37,480
with that assimilated car.

1191
01:06:37,480 --> 01:06:45,250
And my uncle is the husband
of this woman, which lived

1192
01:06:45,250 --> 01:06:47,980
in Hayange, where I was born.

1193
01:06:47,980 --> 01:06:50,770
He was taken with my father
prisoner by the Germans

1194
01:06:50,770 --> 01:06:53,530
and brought to
Hayange, in Lowell.

1195
01:06:53,530 --> 01:06:59,680
And again, going by the
age of the children,

1196
01:06:59,680 --> 01:07:06,100
if he was born in
1923, he's about 12.

1197
01:07:06,100 --> 01:07:09,790
1935 '36, I would say
that picture was taken.

1198
01:07:09,790 --> 01:07:11,320
And he's the brother of whom?

1199
01:07:11,320 --> 01:07:12,327
My mother.

1200
01:07:12,327 --> 01:07:13,660
He's the brother of your mother?

1201
01:07:13,660 --> 01:07:16,700
Yes, and he also had a
sister, like my mother,

1202
01:07:16,700 --> 01:07:19,720
the sister from New York
that brought me to New York.

1203
01:07:19,720 --> 01:07:22,840

And she gave me that
picture because I

1204
01:07:22,840 --> 01:07:29,650
had none of the family, which
is my uncle, aunt, and cousins.

1205
01:07:29,650 --> 01:07:31,000
His name?

1206
01:07:31,000 --> 01:07:36,830
Heidenberg is my mother's maiden
name, and he's Heidenberg.

1207
01:07:36,830 --> 01:07:39,100
Yitzchak, that's
what I remember.

1208
01:07:39,100 --> 01:07:40,510
Her, I don't remember her name.

1209
01:07:40,510 --> 01:07:42,100
He was very proud.

1210
01:07:42,100 --> 01:07:46,210
I went to visit him in
1958 for the first time,

1211
01:07:46,210 --> 01:07:49,510
and he had in the
basement of the house,

1212
01:07:49,510 --> 01:07:52,990
because they had large basements
in those days in France,

1213
01:07:52,990 --> 01:07:56,050
he had his push cart, and
he made a living with this.

1214
01:07:56,050 --> 01:07:59,140
And he showed it to me,
and he said, you see,

1215
01:07:59,140 --> 01:08:03,070
this house belongs to
me, and this push cart

1216
01:08:03,070 --> 01:08:07,540
had me earn a living, and
that's how I bought this house.

1217
01:08:07,540 --> 01:08:10,790

1218
01:08:10,790 --> 01:08:13,610
There's a man-- he never was
bothered with the Germans,

1219
01:08:13,610 --> 01:08:17,960
but he lived to the age
of 78, and he smoked

1220
01:08:17,960 --> 01:08:19,310
a pack of cigarettes a day.

1221
01:08:19,310 --> 01:08:22,520
And then he had a
lot of black coffee.

1222
01:08:22,520 --> 01:08:25,708
He was telling me he
enjoyed black coffee

1223
01:08:25,708 --> 01:08:26,750
when I went to visit him.

1224
01:08:26,750 --> 01:08:30,029

1225
01:08:30,029 --> 01:08:31,920
OK, tell us about this, please.

1226
01:08:31,920 --> 01:08:35,069
This, I guess, had

to be about a year

1227

01:08:35,069 --> 01:08:38,729

after the picture that
was taking with my sister

1228

01:08:38,729 --> 01:08:46,740

where she's sitting on a chair,
and I have no recollection

1229

01:08:46,740 --> 01:08:48,189

where that was taken.

1230

01:08:48,189 --> 01:08:52,649

But she has to be maybe 6
there, and I'm about 9 or 10.

1231

01:08:52,649 --> 01:08:58,120

There's a three years
difference between her and me.

1232

01:08:58,120 --> 01:09:01,420

The one thing I enjoy is
the hair, lots of hair.

1233

01:09:01,420 --> 01:09:11,979

1234

01:09:11,979 --> 01:09:13,930

OK, tell us about this, please.

1235

01:09:13,930 --> 01:09:15,819

This happens to
be a picture taken

1236

01:09:15,819 --> 01:09:18,819

in Nice, in the South
of France, and I

1237

01:09:18,819 --> 01:09:22,090

realized I had another picture
of my oldest brother because he

1238

01:09:22,090 --> 01:09:24,460

was living there
away from his family

1239

01:09:24,460 --> 01:09:28,300

because it was occupied
by the Italians,

1240

01:09:28,300 --> 01:09:32,500

and the Italians did not
pursue the Jews as much

1241

01:09:32,500 --> 01:09:33,160

as the Germans.

1242

01:09:33,160 --> 01:09:34,870

So you went there.

1243

01:09:34,870 --> 01:09:41,410

And this is my girlfriend
that I had met in Dijon,

1244

01:09:41,410 --> 01:09:46,270

and I wanted so much to
come back after the war

1245

01:09:46,270 --> 01:09:47,859

to meet her again.

1246

01:09:47,859 --> 01:09:48,939

And we took this.

1247

01:09:48,939 --> 01:09:51,939

We took a trip by
train from Dijon,

1248

01:09:51,939 --> 01:09:55,150

and we went through
the demarcation

1249

01:09:55,150 --> 01:09:59,330

line between the occupied

zone and non-occupied zone.

1250

01:09:59,330 --> 01:10:04,720

And if you look on my
lap, I have some flowers.

1251

01:10:04,720 --> 01:10:08,170

Because in Nice, they
had a large market

1252

01:10:08,170 --> 01:10:13,360

that was selling flowers, and
this happens to be carnations.

1253

01:10:13,360 --> 01:10:16,450

I had bought a
bouquet of carnations.

1254

01:10:16,450 --> 01:10:21,670

What was her name, the
name of your girlfriend?

1255

01:10:21,670 --> 01:10:22,850

Let's see.

1256

01:10:22,850 --> 01:10:25,240

I remember this
lady is over 60 now.

1257

01:10:25,240 --> 01:10:32,840

What happened, you see
here, Paulette Goce.

1258

01:10:32,840 --> 01:10:34,460

Paulette.

1259

01:10:34,460 --> 01:10:38,450

See, these guys, I
send my girlfriend,

1260

01:10:38,450 --> 01:10:44,480

they send her postcards,
asking for food.

1261
01:10:44,480 --> 01:10:48,980
She had called a sister-in-law,
some other places,

1262
01:10:48,980 --> 01:10:54,750
"Dear Madam," and that's
April '43 from Auschwitz.

1263
01:10:54,750 --> 01:10:59,630
Does she know how important
she was to your survival?

1264
01:10:59,630 --> 01:11:01,010
No.

1265
01:11:01,010 --> 01:11:07,370
My niece, in Dijon, when
I met her, the last time I

1266
01:11:07,370 --> 01:11:10,040
was in France, she
says to me, you

1267
01:11:10,040 --> 01:11:13,180
know, you remember Paulette?

1268
01:11:13,180 --> 01:11:15,050
And she got me by surprise.

1269
01:11:15,050 --> 01:11:24,660
She was born in 1940, my
niece, and this is 1943.

1270
01:11:24,660 --> 01:11:27,830
How come she knows
about this Paulette?

1271
01:11:27,830 --> 01:11:29,780
So she looked with
a smile at me.

1272

01:11:29,780 --> 01:11:35,420
She's my neighbor, and
she found out Blankenberg,

1273
01:11:35,420 --> 01:11:39,530
so we talked, and
she talked to her.

1274
01:11:39,530 --> 01:11:43,500
She was a grandmother,
and she was widowed.

1275
01:11:43,500 --> 01:11:48,120
So what she does, she
gives me her name, address,

1276
01:11:48,120 --> 01:11:50,120
and telephone number.

1277
01:11:50,120 --> 01:11:50,810
You know what?

1278
01:11:50,810 --> 01:11:52,520
I couldn't call her.

1279
01:11:52,520 --> 01:11:55,490
I couldn't call her
because what was

1280
01:11:55,490 --> 01:12:01,080
I going to tell her that she
helped me so much to survive,

1281
01:12:01,080 --> 01:12:03,860
but when I came
back, she was gone.

1282
01:12:03,860 --> 01:12:09,450
So it would maybe open wounds
many, many years later.

1283
01:12:09,450 --> 01:12:15,800
So I get my courage to call her

when I got from Dijon to Paris,

1284

01:12:15,800 --> 01:12:19,280
and I called her from Paris,
and I said hello to her,

1285

01:12:19,280 --> 01:12:22,250
and we said a couple of
words, not very much.

1286

01:12:22,250 --> 01:12:25,790
But I hate to see
a grandmother now

1287

01:12:25,790 --> 01:12:30,800
when I see her like this
in the picture I have.

1288

01:12:30,800 --> 01:12:33,810
It's again, a matter of opinion.

1289

01:12:33,810 --> 01:12:35,270
Maybe I did the wrong thing.

1290

01:12:35,270 --> 01:12:46,320
I don't know, but
in those days, I

1291

01:12:46,320 --> 01:12:48,120
remember that was a
nice trip, by the way.

1292

01:12:48,120 --> 01:12:53,060

1293

01:12:53,060 --> 01:12:53,900
OK.

1294

01:12:53,900 --> 01:13:00,020
This picture is of
my sister in 1946.

1295

01:13:00,020 --> 01:13:07,050
She was in the
French army, and I

1296
01:13:07,050 --> 01:13:12,360
guess she gave me this when
I came back from Germany.

1297
01:13:12,360 --> 01:13:17,760
And she also, at that time,
you can see the transformation

1298
01:13:17,760 --> 01:13:21,570
of an adult from a
child, where I sat

1299
01:13:21,570 --> 01:13:25,860
with her when she was about 5.

1300
01:13:25,860 --> 01:13:27,600
Here she had to be--

1301
01:13:27,600 --> 01:13:30,150
in 1946, she was born in '25--

1302
01:13:30,150 --> 01:13:33,160
she was 21 years old.

1303
01:13:33,160 --> 01:13:39,520
She had a girl born in '43
that was three years old,

1304
01:13:39,520 --> 01:13:47,770
and she passed away in
1982 from breast cancer.

1305
01:13:47,770 --> 01:13:49,950
She has a second family.

1306
01:13:49,950 --> 01:13:54,540
She remarried in this country,
and she has a boy and a girl

1307

01:13:54,540 --> 01:14:01,230

from the second husband
and very nice children.

1308

01:14:01,230 --> 01:14:02,782

It's the next one.

1309

01:14:02,782 --> 01:14:06,150

Let me see if the date,
when you look at it.

1310

01:14:06,150 --> 01:14:07,410

Tell us about this, please.

1311

01:14:07,410 --> 01:14:12,720

This happens to be my sister
with her daughter, Lillian,

1312

01:14:12,720 --> 01:14:16,680

and also was taken while
she was in the army.

1313

01:14:16,680 --> 01:14:19,320

And she gave me this picture
when I left for the United

1314

01:14:19,320 --> 01:14:21,330

States in 1947.

1315

01:14:21,330 --> 01:14:24,660

And I just happened to
read in the back of it.

1316

01:14:24,660 --> 01:14:27,810

It says, "To my dear
brother, Maurice,

1317

01:14:27,810 --> 01:14:32,310

the sole survivor
of our family."

1318

01:14:32,310 --> 01:14:39,810

And my sister wrote for the
daughter, "To my Uncle Maurice.

1319
01:14:39,810 --> 01:14:42,900
She couldn't say the R,
and she called me Molisse,

1320
01:14:42,900 --> 01:14:47,100
M-O-L-I-S-S-E. That's what
is written in the back

1321
01:14:47,100 --> 01:14:49,900
of the card.

1322
01:14:49,900 --> 01:14:53,350
I have to also mention
that this girl that

1323
01:14:53,350 --> 01:14:59,170
is on the lap of my sister
happens to be born in '43,

1324
01:14:59,170 --> 01:15:03,940
so she is going to
be 50 in October,

1325
01:15:03,940 --> 01:15:06,010
and she has a daughter
that's married,

1326
01:15:06,010 --> 01:15:08,530
and there's one that's
going to be married in May.

1327
01:15:08,530 --> 01:15:11,660
And if everything goes well,
I'll be at her marriage

1328
01:15:11,660 --> 01:15:13,870
at the end of this
month in New York.

1329
01:15:13,870 --> 01:15:21,550

1330
01:15:21,550 --> 01:15:24,710
If you could tell us
about this photo, please.

1331
01:15:24,710 --> 01:15:25,210
Yes.

1332
01:15:25,210 --> 01:15:29,020
This is a picture of my sister.

1333
01:15:29,020 --> 01:15:32,980
She came to Dijon visit me
before I left for the United

1334
01:15:32,980 --> 01:15:38,650
States, and it's
all a period of time

1335
01:15:38,650 --> 01:15:41,890
where she was in Germany,
in occupation, working

1336
01:15:41,890 --> 01:15:47,590
for the military post
office in censorship.

1337
01:15:47,590 --> 01:16:01,320
Taken in, my guess has to
be in the fall of 1946.

1338
01:16:01,320 --> 01:16:03,450
And tell us about this, please.

1339
01:16:03,450 --> 01:16:04,260
Yes.

1340
01:16:04,260 --> 01:16:11,500
This is a picture of my niece,
Lilian that was born in 1943.

1341

01:16:11,500 --> 01:16:15,900
And I guess it has
to be 1948, prior

1342
01:16:15,900 --> 01:16:17,370
to coming to the United States.

1343
01:16:17,370 --> 01:16:21,690
It's like a passport
picture, and it

1344
01:16:21,690 --> 01:16:26,730
was taken just before she
came to the United States

1345
01:16:26,730 --> 01:16:27,420
with her mother.

1346
01:16:27,420 --> 01:16:32,890

1347
01:16:32,890 --> 01:16:35,810
You want this one?

1348
01:16:35,810 --> 01:16:36,950
Tell us about this, please.

1349
01:16:36,950 --> 01:16:37,970
Yes.

1350
01:16:37,970 --> 01:16:41,180
This is a photo of
my oldest brother's

1351
01:16:41,180 --> 01:16:44,960
wife and their two children.

1352
01:16:44,960 --> 01:16:50,000
It had to be taken
some time in 1945,

1353
01:16:50,000 --> 01:16:55,160

where the father had
been gone maybe a year.

1354
01:16:55,160 --> 01:17:03,320
And this lady, Suzanne,
was born in 1907.

1355
01:17:03,320 --> 01:17:05,780
She was four years
older than my brother,

1356
01:17:05,780 --> 01:17:12,030
and she passed away two years
ago and never remarried.

1357
01:17:12,030 --> 01:17:19,970
She brought up those two girls,
born 11, 12 months apart,

1358
01:17:19,970 --> 01:17:24,140
one in January of '40,
the other one in 1941.

1359
01:17:24,140 --> 01:17:29,420
The one on her
right is Francois,

1360
01:17:29,420 --> 01:17:33,110
and the one on the
left is Colette.

1361
01:17:33,110 --> 01:17:37,490
And as I mentioned,
this was taken in '45,

1362
01:17:37,490 --> 01:17:41,120
and they're both over
50 years of age now.

1363
01:17:41,120 --> 01:17:43,520
I saw them last year in France.

1364
01:17:43,520 --> 01:17:52,660

1365

01:17:52,660 --> 01:17:56,980

This picture is a
part of my new life

1366

01:17:56,980 --> 01:18:02,860

when I got to the United States,
and I had met my future wife.

1367

01:18:02,860 --> 01:18:06,490

And we had outings in a
place called Bear Mountain.

1368

01:18:06,490 --> 01:18:08,590

That's North of New York.

1369

01:18:08,590 --> 01:18:10,960

And we used to go for picnics.

1370

01:18:10,960 --> 01:18:14,890

The fellow with me
happens to be her cousin,

1371

01:18:14,890 --> 01:18:18,940

and he happens to
teach me how to drive

1372

01:18:18,940 --> 01:18:21,550

a car in New York City.

1373

01:18:21,550 --> 01:18:27,160

And had to be just before
1949 because I got my license

1374

01:18:27,160 --> 01:18:32,500

to drive a car in New
York in February of 1949,

1375

01:18:32,500 --> 01:18:34,870

and we're trying to be
funny there, I guess.

1376

01:18:34,870 --> 01:18:40,090

1377

01:18:40,090 --> 01:18:45,790

This picture is all
people that worked

1378

01:18:45,790 --> 01:18:48,370

with my sister in
occupation in Germany.

1379

01:18:48,370 --> 01:18:52,210

As you can see, there's
German writing on the wall.

1380

01:18:52,210 --> 01:18:54,310

That's the place
where she was staying

1381

01:18:54,310 --> 01:18:56,890

while she was in
occupation in Germany,

1382

01:18:56,890 --> 01:18:59,500

and it's all people
that worked with her.

1383

01:18:59,500 --> 01:19:02,110

She is the one with
a white collar.

1384

01:19:02,110 --> 01:19:05,110

And as you can see,
she's the nicest looking.

1385

01:19:05,110 --> 01:19:06,900

So she's in the front
row right there?

1386

01:19:06,900 --> 01:19:07,480

Right there.

1387

01:19:07,480 --> 01:19:17,150

1388

01:19:17,150 --> 01:19:18,740

Tell us about this, please.

1389

01:19:18,740 --> 01:19:24,890

This happens to be a picture of myself, taken in March of 1946.

1390

01:19:24,890 --> 01:19:34,550

And I had sent this to my aunt that had never seen me.

1391

01:19:34,550 --> 01:19:38,690

She just knew that I was the sole survivor.

1392

01:19:38,690 --> 01:19:40,640

So I sent her this picture.

1393

01:19:40,640 --> 01:19:45,650

In March 46, I didn't speak any English,

1394

01:19:45,650 --> 01:19:48,770

but to dictionary, I wrote in the back,

1395

01:19:48,770 --> 01:19:53,780

"Best regard, from your nephew.

1396

01:19:53,780 --> 01:20:02,720

March 1946."

1397

01:20:02,720 --> 01:20:03,950

Tell us about this, please.

1398

01:20:03,950 --> 01:20:09,440

This picture was taken in 1947.

1399

01:20:09,440 --> 01:20:14,870

I met my future wife
then in June 7, 1947,

1400
01:20:14,870 --> 01:20:18,740
and we had an engagement party.

1401
01:20:18,740 --> 01:20:26,120
And just before the wedding,
maybe six months before,

1402
01:20:26,120 --> 01:20:29,420
we took this in a studio.

1403
01:20:29,420 --> 01:20:33,830
And unfortunately, this picture
is nicer than the wedding

1404
01:20:33,830 --> 01:20:36,680
pictures, in my opinion.

1405
01:20:36,680 --> 01:20:38,835
Although, they didn't
come out too badly.

1406
01:20:38,835 --> 01:20:46,390

1407
01:20:46,390 --> 01:20:48,470
OK.

1408
01:20:48,470 --> 01:20:51,610
This is a wedding invitation.

1409
01:20:51,610 --> 01:20:59,320
We had a catered
affair in July 3, 1948.

1410
01:20:59,320 --> 01:21:04,780
And Sarah Rabinowitz,
my bride at that time,

1411
01:21:04,780 --> 01:21:13,360

had a pretty fair group of
people that were cantors.

1412
01:21:13,360 --> 01:21:18,580
And so we went to the
congregation, and she said it,

1413
01:21:18,580 --> 01:21:21,580
I can see, in the
Bronx, New York.

1414
01:21:21,580 --> 01:21:29,290
And that was in 1948.

1415
01:21:29,290 --> 01:21:34,220
And we lived on 1254
Sherman Avenue in the Bronx.

1416
01:21:34,220 --> 01:21:36,640
I just remembered that yet.

1417
01:21:36,640 --> 01:21:39,690

1418
01:21:39,690 --> 01:21:41,550
All right.

1419
01:21:41,550 --> 01:21:46,200
I noticed that our wedding
picture, after all, isn't

1420
01:21:46,200 --> 01:21:47,760
as bad as I thought it was.

1421
01:21:47,760 --> 01:21:50,490

1422
01:21:50,490 --> 01:21:53,460
Engagement picture looked
much nicer, I thought,

1423
01:21:53,460 --> 01:21:55,680

but it's still nice.

1424
01:21:55,680 --> 01:22:00,390
Very nice picture
taken July 3, 1948.

1425
01:22:00,390 --> 01:22:05,610
And I recall I received some
telegrams, and in that time,

1426
01:22:05,610 --> 01:22:10,530
one of the cousins of my
wife showed me a telegram.

1427
01:22:10,530 --> 01:22:12,630
And I guess it had to be a fake.

1428
01:22:12,630 --> 01:22:15,690
There was a telegram
from Harry Truman.

1429
01:22:15,690 --> 01:22:19,650
Congratulations on the
wedding, but I don't think

1430
01:22:19,650 --> 01:22:21,160
Truman sent it.

1431
01:22:21,160 --> 01:22:25,230
Somebody that wanted to
make me feel, well, I guess.

1432
01:22:25,230 --> 01:22:31,050

1433
01:22:31,050 --> 01:22:32,970
might--

1434
01:22:32,970 --> 01:22:33,740
OK.

1435
01:22:33,740 --> 01:22:37,290

This also, is an individual picture

1436
01:22:37,290 --> 01:22:42,830
of myself taken at the wedding, July 3, 1948.

1437
01:22:42,830 --> 01:22:46,850
I guess I don't have to explain that I look very happy.

1438
01:22:46,850 --> 01:22:53,410
A lot of changes have occurred since World War II.

1439
01:22:53,410 --> 01:22:57,480
First of all, I'm back to normal as far as my face,

1440
01:22:57,480 --> 01:23:01,140
and life was very good to me.

1441
01:23:01,140 --> 01:23:05,910
I really started a very nice 35 years with my wife.

1442
01:23:05,910 --> 01:23:13,150

1443
01:23:13,150 --> 01:23:14,530
All right.

1444
01:23:14,530 --> 01:23:18,700
This picture had to be taken just a few weeks after us

1445
01:23:18,700 --> 01:23:20,590
coming back from our honeymoon.

1446
01:23:20,590 --> 01:23:23,590
We lived in the Bronx, New York.

1447

01:23:23,590 --> 01:23:27,280
And above on the
roof, it was flat top,

1448
01:23:27,280 --> 01:23:40,590
and we had that picture
taken in July of 1948.

1449
01:23:40,590 --> 01:23:41,860
You look very happy.

1450
01:23:41,860 --> 01:23:42,360
Yeah.

1451
01:23:42,360 --> 01:23:48,320

1452
01:23:48,320 --> 01:23:53,570
This picture was taken on our
honeymoon in Montreal, Canada.

1453
01:23:53,570 --> 01:23:56,890
We stayed at the
Hotel Mount Royal.

1454
01:23:56,890 --> 01:24:02,570
And as you can imagine, when
you're on your honeymoon,

1455
01:24:02,570 --> 01:24:04,970
the rest of the
world doesn't count.

1456
01:24:04,970 --> 01:24:08,090
We were having a very good time.

1457
01:24:08,090 --> 01:24:14,120
We visited all good part
of that area in Canada.

1458
01:24:14,120 --> 01:24:17,600
And we had no car
yet at that time.

1459
01:24:17,600 --> 01:24:23,740
Went by train and used the
bus to go to different places.

1460
01:24:23,740 --> 01:24:35,470
That's July 1948.

1461
01:24:35,470 --> 01:24:36,680
OK.

1462
01:24:36,680 --> 01:24:41,380
This picture was taken
with my wife's cousin

1463
01:24:41,380 --> 01:24:43,510
in Central Park, New York.

1464
01:24:43,510 --> 01:24:47,530
We rented bikes, and somebody--

1465
01:24:47,530 --> 01:24:49,570
I don't even remember
who took that picture--

1466
01:24:49,570 --> 01:24:57,050
but it was taken also,
in the summer of 1948.

1467
01:24:57,050 --> 01:25:00,730
That's the fellow that
taught me how to drive a car.

1468
01:25:00,730 --> 01:25:09,460

1469
01:25:09,460 --> 01:25:10,930
OK.

1470
01:25:10,930 --> 01:25:12,670
This happens to be
on the same roof

1471
01:25:12,670 --> 01:25:16,250
that we took a picture
of my wife and I,

1472
01:25:16,250 --> 01:25:17,570
when we just get married.

1473
01:25:17,570 --> 01:25:21,910
This happens to be when
my son was six weeks old,

1474
01:25:21,910 --> 01:25:26,440
and he was born
on April 27, 1950.

1475
01:25:26,440 --> 01:25:30,850
And as you can see by
his hair, the night

1476
01:25:30,850 --> 01:25:37,330
he was born at 10:00 PM, at
10:30, I was at the hospital.

1477
01:25:37,330 --> 01:25:42,700
And I asked the nurse through
the glass which one was my son.

1478
01:25:42,700 --> 01:25:45,730
She says the papoose, the
one with a lot of hair.

1479
01:25:45,730 --> 01:25:48,430

1480
01:25:48,430 --> 01:25:53,530
And that was April
27 on a Thursday.

1481
01:25:53,530 --> 01:25:58,600
And that Saturday, I went to the
hospital with a portable radio,

1482

01:25:58,600 --> 01:26:03,190

listening to the Giants
on the Giant-Dodger game.

1483

01:26:03,190 --> 01:26:07,990

And my wife said, you're making
too much noise with this radio.

1484

01:26:07,990 --> 01:26:10,180

Said, well, you better
get used to the Giants

1485

01:26:10,180 --> 01:26:12,220

because he's got to
listen to the Giants

1486

01:26:12,220 --> 01:26:13,580

the rest of his life.

1487

01:26:13,580 --> 01:26:15,610

And it happens to
be to this day,

1488

01:26:15,610 --> 01:26:18,550

when we meet, we always
talk about the Giants.

1489

01:26:18,550 --> 01:26:21,730

He's a Giant fan like I am.

1490

01:26:21,730 --> 01:26:26,050

By the way, his first words were
papa, mama, and the third word

1491

01:26:26,050 --> 01:26:29,320

was Bobby Thomson.

1492

01:26:29,320 --> 01:26:31,960

In 1951, Bobby
Thomson hit a home

1493

01:26:31,960 --> 01:26:35,140

run to win the pennant
for the Giants,

1494
01:26:35,140 --> 01:26:39,670
and that's what he heard my wife
scream at home, Bobby Thomson,

1495
01:26:39,670 --> 01:26:43,400
so that's what he
said, Bobby Thomson.

1496
01:26:43,400 --> 01:26:43,900
Yes.

1497
01:26:43,900 --> 01:26:48,460

1498
01:26:48,460 --> 01:26:49,120
OK.

1499
01:26:49,120 --> 01:26:54,310
Yeah, this happens to be my son
when he was five months old,

1500
01:26:54,310 --> 01:26:56,740
and the arm that
I can see holding

1501
01:26:56,740 --> 01:27:02,080
him is a cousin of my wife
that was responsible for us

1502
01:27:02,080 --> 01:27:07,390
meeting, my wife and I. And
the person you see on the edge

1503
01:27:07,390 --> 01:27:10,600
there is her daughter.

1504
01:27:10,600 --> 01:27:16,060
And she was pretty hefty
lady, and by that arm,

1505

01:27:16,060 --> 01:27:17,500

I recognize her.

1506

01:27:17,500 --> 01:27:24,300

I haven't seen her

in close to 35 years.

1507

01:27:24,300 --> 01:27:26,577

By the way, she's

not alive anymore.

1508

01:27:26,577 --> 01:27:32,050

1509

01:27:32,050 --> 01:27:33,330

Tell us about this, please.

1510

01:27:33,330 --> 01:27:36,670

This happens to be

my wife and my son.

1511

01:27:36,670 --> 01:27:39,530

It was taken in New Jersey.

1512

01:27:39,530 --> 01:27:45,800

He was born in New York in

April, and as soon as possible,

1513

01:27:45,800 --> 01:27:49,960

I was looking for a place to

live outside of New York City,

1514

01:27:49,960 --> 01:27:52,370

and we found an apartment.

1515

01:27:52,370 --> 01:27:56,080

It was called Garden

Apartment in New Jersey.

1516

01:27:56,080 --> 01:27:59,620

And we lived-- in the

background, you see house.

1517
01:27:59,620 --> 01:28:01,390
That's where we lived.

1518
01:28:01,390 --> 01:28:04,570
It was apartments,
and I assume he's

1519
01:28:04,570 --> 01:28:13,370
got to be about eight
months old, 1950, '51.

1520
01:28:13,370 --> 01:28:15,320
Yeah.

1521
01:28:15,320 --> 01:28:27,500
This must be 1951.

1522
01:28:27,500 --> 01:28:28,070
OK.

1523
01:28:28,070 --> 01:28:31,400
December 1951.

1524
01:28:31,400 --> 01:28:34,340
We lived in this apartment
that we just showed you

1525
01:28:34,340 --> 01:28:40,100
in a previous picture,
and December '51,

1526
01:28:40,100 --> 01:28:44,990
he was just a little bit over
a year and a half, I would say.

1527
01:28:44,990 --> 01:28:49,640
And I was working
in New York City,

1528
01:28:49,640 --> 01:28:52,370
and my wife stayed home

when the boy was born,

1529

01:28:52,370 --> 01:29:03,270

and we lived there in
1951, in New Jersey.

1530

01:29:03,270 --> 01:29:04,530

All right.

1531

01:29:04,530 --> 01:29:10,560

This happens to be
Miami Beach in 1952.

1532

01:29:10,560 --> 01:29:14,550

I had worked at the Waldorf
Astoria up to that time,

1533

01:29:14,550 --> 01:29:17,190

and I wanted to go in
business for myself.

1534

01:29:17,190 --> 01:29:22,860

And we took a trip to Miami by
car with my son and my wife,

1535

01:29:22,860 --> 01:29:25,260

and that picture
was taken there.

1536

01:29:25,260 --> 01:29:31,350

And in September 1952, I
opened my first bakery business

1537

01:29:31,350 --> 01:29:36,450

in New Jersey, and that
was in July of 1952.

1538

01:29:36,450 --> 01:29:39,380

Therefore, he has to be about
two years and three months old

1539

01:29:39,380 --> 01:29:41,160

there.

1540
01:29:41,160 --> 01:29:46,050
By the way, the hotel for the
week cost me \$30, in the hotel.

1541
01:29:46,050 --> 01:29:49,440
One week at Miami Beach, \$30.

1542
01:29:49,440 --> 01:29:59,110

1543
01:29:59,110 --> 01:30:00,460
OK.

1544
01:30:00,460 --> 01:30:06,290
This happens to be at a picnic
someplace in New Jersey.

1545
01:30:06,290 --> 01:30:09,910
My wife in the background,
my sister in the forefront

1546
01:30:09,910 --> 01:30:12,810
with her daughter, Lillian--

1547
01:30:12,810 --> 01:30:15,220
that's the girl born in '43--

1548
01:30:15,220 --> 01:30:18,460
and my son born in 1950.

1549
01:30:18,460 --> 01:30:22,200
And I think everybody
looks very happy.

1550
01:30:22,200 --> 01:30:30,810

1551
01:30:30,810 --> 01:30:32,610
OK.

1552

01:30:32,610 --> 01:30:37,380
This happens to be my son with
a sombrero that I'm holding,

1553
01:30:37,380 --> 01:30:43,200
with the neighbor's boy, which
enjoyed playing with my son.

1554
01:30:43,200 --> 01:30:46,770
His name is Joseph, and
my son called him Jofish.

1555
01:30:46,770 --> 01:30:49,800
He couldn't pronounce
the name properly.

1556
01:30:49,800 --> 01:30:55,290
And as you can see, he's got
a Mexican outfit somehow.

1557
01:30:55,290 --> 01:30:56,700
I don't even remember why.

1558
01:30:56,700 --> 01:31:01,110
The place we lived was that
door just above my left ear,

1559
01:31:01,110 --> 01:31:05,200
that door there, was a
two-bedroom apartment.

1560
01:31:05,200 --> 01:31:08,520
And each door had an
apartment separately.

1561
01:31:08,520 --> 01:31:15,060
And the one is on the right,
was another on the ground,

1562
01:31:15,060 --> 01:31:16,770
and on the left,
then on the ground,

1563

01:31:16,770 --> 01:31:20,170
and the other door is upstairs.

1564
01:31:20,170 --> 01:31:23,010
And so all the families
there, as I said,

1565
01:31:23,010 --> 01:31:25,800
we were young, married
couples, and everybody

1566
01:31:25,800 --> 01:31:27,580
was very friendly.

1567
01:31:27,580 --> 01:31:31,680
I remember being there
when they launched Sputnik.

1568
01:31:31,680 --> 01:31:33,540
I happened to go
out in the night

1569
01:31:33,540 --> 01:31:36,990
to look out to see the
first Sputnik in the air.

1570
01:31:36,990 --> 01:31:39,150
Just about those
years, I forgot.

1571
01:31:39,150 --> 01:31:46,830
We left there in 1959, so it
had to be some time before '59.

1572
01:31:46,830 --> 01:31:52,520
This picture was taken
in 1951, and that's

1573
01:31:52,520 --> 01:31:58,380
before they had that
'51 Dodger-Giant playoff

1574
01:31:58,380 --> 01:32:03,570

game in the World Series between
the Giants and the Yankees.

1575

01:32:03,570 --> 01:32:11,280
And DiMaggio was still playing
in 1951, in the World Series.

1576

01:32:11,280 --> 01:32:13,200
That's my recollection
of that picture.

1577

01:32:13,200 --> 01:32:20,380

1578

01:32:20,380 --> 01:32:21,220
OK.

1579

01:32:21,220 --> 01:32:25,210
This happens to be a picture
taken some place in New York,

1580

01:32:25,210 --> 01:32:30,880
I can't recall where, with
my sister, my son that I'm

1581

01:32:30,880 --> 01:32:35,080
holding, and my sister's
daughter, Lillian.

1582

01:32:35,080 --> 01:32:39,970
And it's in the summer, and I
wear some kind of a T-shirt.

1583

01:32:39,970 --> 01:32:44,860
And if I can't recall, it had
to be some place in Long Island

1584

01:32:44,860 --> 01:32:47,800
where my sister,
while she was working,

1585

01:32:47,800 --> 01:32:52,930
had her daughter stay in a home

where they took care of her

1586
01:32:52,930 --> 01:32:56,460
while she would work.

1587
01:32:56,460 --> 01:32:59,530
That building doesn't tell
me exactly where it is,

1588
01:32:59,530 --> 01:33:03,280
but it's some place
in Long Island.

1589
01:33:03,280 --> 01:33:16,380
The year had to be 1951.

1590
01:33:16,380 --> 01:33:16,890
OK.

1591
01:33:16,890 --> 01:33:19,140
This happens to
be a picture taken

1592
01:33:19,140 --> 01:33:29,110
on the roof at 1254
Sherman Avenue in the Bronx

1593
01:33:29,110 --> 01:33:31,030
before my son was born.

1594
01:33:31,030 --> 01:33:33,790

1595
01:33:33,790 --> 01:33:37,660
This must be about '48, '49.

1596
01:33:37,660 --> 01:33:42,678
That's my sister with my wife
and her daughter, Lillian.

1597
01:33:42,678 --> 01:33:44,220
And if you can see

in the background,

1598
01:33:44,220 --> 01:33:51,610
there's a clothesline with
clothes being dried outside.

1599
01:33:51,610 --> 01:33:52,390
It's on the roof.

1600
01:33:52,390 --> 01:33:56,950
It was a four-story
building in the Bronx.

1601
01:33:56,950 --> 01:33:59,580
And at that time, my
son wasn't born yet.

1602
01:33:59,580 --> 01:34:05,364

1603
01:34:05,364 --> 01:34:07,060
What about this place?

1604
01:34:07,060 --> 01:34:10,710
Yes, this happens to
be my wife and my son.

1605
01:34:10,710 --> 01:34:15,480
And if I try to remember
when it was taken,

1606
01:34:15,480 --> 01:34:23,100
it had to be when he was
about three or maybe four,

1607
01:34:23,100 --> 01:34:26,610
therefore, in 1954.

1608
01:34:26,610 --> 01:34:34,170
And I guess we went to a
resort some place on vacation,

1609

01:34:34,170 --> 01:34:39,810
and I took this picture there,
up in the Catskills some place.

1610
01:34:39,810 --> 01:34:48,030

1611
01:34:48,030 --> 01:34:49,260
Tell us about this place.

1612
01:34:49,260 --> 01:34:53,460
This happens to be in
the summer of 1949.

1613
01:34:53,460 --> 01:34:59,700
I went to work at the Catskills
in a resort hotel as a baker,

1614
01:34:59,700 --> 01:35:02,970
and my wife left
her job and went

1615
01:35:02,970 --> 01:35:05,235
to work in the same
place in the office.

1616
01:35:05,235 --> 01:35:08,130

1617
01:35:08,130 --> 01:35:11,220
Not far away from that
place where we worked,

1618
01:35:11,220 --> 01:35:16,350
there was this
French boxer that was

1619
01:35:16,350 --> 01:35:20,220
training to fight Jake LaMotta.

1620
01:35:20,220 --> 01:35:22,870
Knowing that he was
there, I went to visit him

1621
01:35:22,870 --> 01:35:25,860
and he had us take
a picture with him.

1622
01:35:25,860 --> 01:35:27,450
Very nice.

1623
01:35:27,450 --> 01:35:30,360
And Jake LaMotta got hurt.

1624
01:35:30,360 --> 01:35:35,280
They couldn't stage the fight,
so he went back to France.

1625
01:35:35,280 --> 01:35:40,050
Upon his return to have the
match with Jake LaMotta,

1626
01:35:40,050 --> 01:35:43,470
the plane crashed in the
ocean near the Azores,

1627
01:35:43,470 --> 01:35:47,080
and he passed away
at that crash.

1628
01:35:47,080 --> 01:35:50,520
Marcel Cerdan was a
fighter, well-known

1629
01:35:50,520 --> 01:35:52,980
by the American troops
in Africa because he

1630
01:35:52,980 --> 01:35:57,100
fought many an American military
guy, and he beat them all.

1631
01:35:57,100 --> 01:36:01,050
He was a champion of
the world middleweight.

1632

01:36:01,050 --> 01:36:06,120

And this is a picture that's
pretty rare about this man.

1633

01:36:06,120 --> 01:36:11,280

And my wife and I, 1949, I
was two years in a country.

1634

01:36:11,280 --> 01:36:13,680

I don't look like
an immigrant there.

1635

01:36:13,680 --> 01:36:17,100

I have a tie and a suit,
working in a bakery,

1636

01:36:17,100 --> 01:36:23,460

but I guess I went right
to become an American.

1637

01:36:23,460 --> 01:36:26,612

And I don't regret it.

1638

01:36:26,612 --> 01:36:28,134

Do you want to--

1639

01:36:28,134 --> 01:36:30,860

1640

01:36:30,860 --> 01:36:32,240

OK.

1641

01:36:32,240 --> 01:36:36,620

As I mentioned in the previous
pictures about my son,

1642

01:36:36,620 --> 01:36:40,790

he was used to
listening to ball games

1643

01:36:40,790 --> 01:36:43,550

when he was just a few days old.

1644
01:36:43,550 --> 01:36:49,940
And whenever we went to the
ballpark, he enjoyed it.

1645
01:36:49,940 --> 01:36:53,330
He realized if I like it,
he's going to like it too.

1646
01:36:53,330 --> 01:36:59,420
He was lefty, but he never
played much baseball.

1647
01:36:59,420 --> 01:37:04,760
He became pretty big
at the age of 17, 18.

1648
01:37:04,760 --> 01:37:06,350
He was 6 foot 2".

1649
01:37:06,350 --> 01:37:12,200
He played football in
San Jose Lynbrook High,

1650
01:37:12,200 --> 01:37:14,820
played football in high school.

1651
01:37:14,820 --> 01:37:16,250
That's it.

1652
01:37:16,250 --> 01:37:19,100
But there, you can see
he's got a nice smile,

1653
01:37:19,100 --> 01:37:24,080
and my guess he's about
six years old there.

1654
01:37:24,080 --> 01:37:33,120

1655
01:37:33,120 --> 01:37:33,990

OK.

1656

01:37:33,990 --> 01:37:38,430

This happens to be in 1950
at the Waldorf Astoria

1657

01:37:38,430 --> 01:37:44,370

Hotel, where I worked making
ice cream for the hotel.

1658

01:37:44,370 --> 01:37:49,500

And this vat contained
roughly 100 gallons

1659

01:37:49,500 --> 01:37:54,630

of ice cream preparation.

1660

01:37:54,630 --> 01:37:57,120

And what we did,
I explained this

1661

01:37:57,120 --> 01:38:04,680

to the gentleman, which was
one of the office big shots.

1662

01:38:04,680 --> 01:38:07,770

And they wanted to have a
picture taken while we're

1663

01:38:07,770 --> 01:38:09,720

working on the ice cream.

1664

01:38:09,720 --> 01:38:13,890

We manufactured about 400
gallons of ice cream per day

1665

01:38:13,890 --> 01:38:16,710

in containers of
2 and 1/2 gallons.

1666

01:38:16,710 --> 01:38:20,970

I had two helpers,
shift of eight hours,

1667
01:38:20,970 --> 01:38:24,570
of which we
manufactured six hours.

1668
01:38:24,570 --> 01:38:28,680
One hour of cleaning beforehand.

1669
01:38:28,680 --> 01:38:31,080
We had to team up
all the equipment

1670
01:38:31,080 --> 01:38:36,420
at a very high temperature to
kill the bacteria, and one hour

1671
01:38:36,420 --> 01:38:42,510
after we finished to steam all
the equipment at the hotel.

1672
01:38:42,510 --> 01:38:45,330
They were very much
afraid of things

1673
01:38:45,330 --> 01:38:47,580
that are happening
now with contamination

1674
01:38:47,580 --> 01:38:50,490
with coli bacteria.

1675
01:38:50,490 --> 01:38:56,010
So we had inspectors from a
private company, chemists,

1676
01:38:56,010 --> 01:39:00,000
take samples of our
ice cream to see if it

1677
01:39:00,000 --> 01:39:03,780
had a certain amount of coli.

1678

01:39:03,780 --> 01:39:07,800

You can kill all
the bacteria 100%,

1679

01:39:07,800 --> 01:39:11,670

but enough that
nobody would get sick.

1680

01:39:11,670 --> 01:39:15,340

Now, in this particular
period of time

1681

01:39:15,340 --> 01:39:18,510

I worked there, as I said,
that was six hours of work.

1682

01:39:18,510 --> 01:39:21,720

The rest of the time,
my help would clean.

1683

01:39:21,720 --> 01:39:30,210

We all walked around with
boots up to our knees

1684

01:39:30,210 --> 01:39:33,930

because the refrigerator freezer
that we put the ice cream in

1685

01:39:33,930 --> 01:39:35,820

was at 20 below zero.

1686

01:39:35,820 --> 01:39:40,110

So when we went in, we
put army surplus coats

1687

01:39:40,110 --> 01:39:45,690

from people that were in Alaska,
with a hood and the boots.

1688

01:39:45,690 --> 01:39:50,550

And as I said, we manufactured
400 gallons a day of ice cream.

1689

01:39:50,550 --> 01:39:56,400

1690

01:39:56,400 --> 01:39:59,340

That was slide 60 on this.

1691

01:39:59,340 --> 01:40:02,050

Yes.

1692

01:40:02,050 --> 01:40:02,720

OK.

1693

01:40:02,720 --> 01:40:06,400

By 1959, we left the
East Coast, and we

1694

01:40:06,400 --> 01:40:13,810

came to California, cross
country, and via Los Angeles,

1695

01:40:13,810 --> 01:40:15,850

where my wife had some cousins.

1696

01:40:15,850 --> 01:40:18,850

But as you can recall,
I mentioned to you

1697

01:40:18,850 --> 01:40:22,630

that baseball wise, I
followed the Giants.

1698

01:40:22,630 --> 01:40:27,250

And so we approached north
towards San Francisco,

1699

01:40:27,250 --> 01:40:31,150

and somehow, we
came with highway 99

1700

01:40:31,150 --> 01:40:38,030

to the center of California,
and we landed in San Jose.

1701

01:40:38,030 --> 01:40:40,750

In the first few
days we were there,

1702

01:40:40,750 --> 01:40:46,690

I met this fellow working
in a bakery, a French guy,

1703

01:40:46,690 --> 01:40:48,910

and we became friends--

1704

01:40:48,910 --> 01:40:53,620

that's the fellow on the left
with his wife, my wife, and I--

1705

01:40:53,620 --> 01:40:58,240

in the back of the house we
bought when we got to San Jose.

1706

01:40:58,240 --> 01:41:05,410

My first property that
I bought for \$19,100,

1707

01:41:05,410 --> 01:41:09,280

three-bedroom house, and
that's the yard behind.

1708

01:41:09,280 --> 01:41:12,010

And the trees you see in the
background, apricot trees

1709

01:41:12,010 --> 01:41:20,320

in bloom, so it had to be
in 1960, prior to have maybe

1710

01:41:20,320 --> 01:41:24,490

May or June of 1960.

1711

01:41:24,490 --> 01:41:29,710

And just about that time,
I opened a bakery business,

1712

01:41:29,710 --> 01:41:44,130
and this fellow worked for
me in 1960, in San Jose.

1713
01:41:44,130 --> 01:41:47,400
When I mentioned
in the last picture

1714
01:41:47,400 --> 01:41:51,120
that we opened a bakery
business in San Jose.

1715
01:41:51,120 --> 01:41:53,800
This was the opening day.

1716
01:41:53,800 --> 01:41:56,310
We all wore these chef's hats.

1717
01:41:56,310 --> 01:41:59,430
My wife was in the front
with the customers,

1718
01:41:59,430 --> 01:42:02,520
and I worked in the back.

1719
01:42:02,520 --> 01:42:05,160
At that time, I started
with two bakers,

1720
01:42:05,160 --> 01:42:10,800
and we stayed there till 1967.

1721
01:42:10,800 --> 01:42:13,770
As you can see, by my
arm on the left side,

1722
01:42:13,770 --> 01:42:16,750
I had already gained
weight at that time,

1723
01:42:16,750 --> 01:42:24,150
and that happens
to be 33 years ago.

1724
01:42:24,150 --> 01:42:26,910
I would say I haven't
changed too, too much

1725
01:42:26,910 --> 01:42:30,180
weight wise in 30 years.

1726
01:42:30,180 --> 01:42:32,535
I weight about the same,
give or take five pounds.

1727
01:42:32,535 --> 01:42:41,060

1728
01:42:41,060 --> 01:42:42,000
OK.

1729
01:42:42,000 --> 01:42:45,920
This is a picture
of my friend, Paul,

1730
01:42:45,920 --> 01:42:48,050
in the center with his wife.

1731
01:42:48,050 --> 01:42:51,080
My friend, Paul, I met in 1959.

1732
01:42:51,080 --> 01:42:54,260
And over the years,
we've been in contact,

1733
01:42:54,260 --> 01:42:59,120
and he happens to send
me this picture in 1955,

1734
01:42:59,120 --> 01:43:05,630
where the lady sitting is his
wife's sister and her husband,

1735
01:43:05,630 --> 01:43:09,920
which he wrote their

names because I had never

1736
01:43:09,920 --> 01:43:12,440
met that couple.

1737
01:43:12,440 --> 01:43:19,160
And he was a very rugged,
outgoing guy, my friend, Paul.

1738
01:43:19,160 --> 01:43:21,020
And that is another
situation with him.

1739
01:43:21,020 --> 01:43:25,550
His family name is
Prost, P-R-O-S-T,

1740
01:43:25,550 --> 01:43:27,620
and he doesn't know
anything about Germany.

1741
01:43:27,620 --> 01:43:29,600
Prost is a German name.

1742
01:43:29,600 --> 01:43:34,880
Prost, in German, means
skol, good luck or whatever.

1743
01:43:34,880 --> 01:43:40,220
He has a relative
that's a race car driver

1744
01:43:40,220 --> 01:43:42,110
by the name of Alejan Prost.

1745
01:43:42,110 --> 01:43:45,050
In France, you don't see
a Prost, you say Pro,

1746
01:43:45,050 --> 01:43:49,910
like P-R-O. S-T is silent.

1747

01:43:49,910 --> 01:43:54,380

And like I said, we're
friends since 1959.

1748

01:43:54,380 --> 01:43:55,960

What year did you meet him?

1749

01:43:55,960 --> 01:43:58,250

1939.

1750

01:43:58,250 --> 01:43:59,420

I said '59.

1751

01:43:59,420 --> 01:44:00,470

See, I made a mistake.

1752

01:44:00,470 --> 01:44:02,710

1939.

1753

01:44:02,710 --> 01:44:06,280

I worked in this place, which
was like a Woolworth store

1754

01:44:06,280 --> 01:44:08,200

after I worked in
the first bakery,

1755

01:44:08,200 --> 01:44:11,320

making eclairs and pastries.

1756

01:44:11,320 --> 01:44:14,290

And one day, he
delivered some milk

1757

01:44:14,290 --> 01:44:17,095

and he saw me put whipped
cream in the eclairs,

1758

01:44:17,095 --> 01:44:18,470

and he said, oh,
that looks good.

1759

01:44:18,470 --> 01:44:20,260
I said, do you want some?

1760
01:44:20,260 --> 01:44:23,200
So I said open your mouth, and
I squirted that whipped cream

1761
01:44:23,200 --> 01:44:25,210
in his mouth, and
it flew all over.

1762
01:44:25,210 --> 01:44:29,200
And somehow, we went out, and
we had a good time after that.

1763
01:44:29,200 --> 01:44:32,500
And whenever, we were free,
we used to go out together,

1764
01:44:32,500 --> 01:44:34,090
and we had a few friends.

1765
01:44:34,090 --> 01:44:37,870
And like I said, he's been
three times to this country.

1766
01:44:37,870 --> 01:44:42,140
The trouble is after the age
of 70, he slowed down a lot,

1767
01:44:42,140 --> 01:44:43,540
so we don't see him.

1768
01:44:43,540 --> 01:44:47,860
Whenever I went to France,
I stopped there, in Dijon,

1769
01:44:47,860 --> 01:44:49,240
like he was a brother to me.

1770
01:44:49,240 --> 01:45:03,000

1771

01:45:03,000 --> 01:45:03,510

OK.

1772

01:45:03,510 --> 01:45:09,060

This picture happens to be
my second wife and I, taken

1773

01:45:09,060 --> 01:45:09,780

in New York.

1774

01:45:09,780 --> 01:45:15,240

We went to a wedding
together in 1987.

1775

01:45:15,240 --> 01:45:20,460

And that's the first
picture of my second wife

1776

01:45:20,460 --> 01:45:22,650

that I have been showing.

1777

01:45:22,650 --> 01:45:24,780

Very happily married.

1778

01:45:24,780 --> 01:45:27,330

The only thing, if
you look at my face,

1779

01:45:27,330 --> 01:45:32,040

it doesn't change too much
in the last five years,

1780

01:45:32,040 --> 01:45:34,830

except I got older.

1781

01:45:34,830 --> 01:45:38,280

From all the pictures
I've been shown till now,

1782

01:45:38,280 --> 01:45:40,470

her name is Suzanne.

1783

01:45:40,470 --> 01:45:43,440

Cohen is her family name.

1784

01:45:43,440 --> 01:45:48,840

And in the bank where she works,
she uses Suzanne Cohen-Blaine.

1785

01:45:48,840 --> 01:45:51,780

That's her title.

1786

01:45:51,780 --> 01:45:55,405

When she has her
name on her desk,

1787

01:45:55,405 --> 01:45:57,570

it's Suzanne Cohen-Blaine.

1788

01:45:57,570 --> 01:45:59,820

I've gone out with her
to different parties

1789

01:45:59,820 --> 01:46:02,250

with the bank, and
they said to me,

1790

01:46:02,250 --> 01:46:04,530

how are you doing, Mr. Cohen?

1791

01:46:04,530 --> 01:46:08,470

They call me Cohen,
which I don't care.

1792

01:46:08,470 --> 01:46:09,330

It's a lot of fun.

1793

01:46:09,330 --> 01:46:11,890

1794

01:46:11,890 --> 01:46:14,910

She has a lot of friends
in the French community

1795

01:46:14,910 --> 01:46:20,580

here because she does transact
different transfer of money

1796

01:46:20,580 --> 01:46:23,430

between France and
this country, and she's

1797

01:46:23,430 --> 01:46:25,500

well-liked in the
bank where she works.

1798

01:46:25,500 --> 01:46:30,770

1799

01:46:30,770 --> 01:46:33,320

This is the same.

1800

01:46:33,320 --> 01:46:34,400

OK.

1801

01:46:34,400 --> 01:46:41,930

This happens to be a picture
taken in 1988 in Nevada,

1802

01:46:41,930 --> 01:46:45,230

going to Virginia City.

1803

01:46:45,230 --> 01:46:50,510

I took a picture in the
rocks on the road that

1804

01:46:50,510 --> 01:46:55,310

goes from Carson City
to Virginia City,

1805

01:46:55,310 --> 01:46:58,590

and I took her there
in 1988, I guess.

1806

01:46:58,590 --> 01:46:59,090

Yes.

1807
01:46:59,090 --> 01:47:04,860

1808
01:47:04,860 --> 01:47:05,360
OK.

1809
01:47:05,360 --> 01:47:06,400
Go ahead.

1810
01:47:06,400 --> 01:47:09,940
This picture was taken in
Virginia City, just about

1811
01:47:09,940 --> 01:47:14,530
the same time that
I took her while we

1812
01:47:14,530 --> 01:47:20,920
drove on the road leading from
Carson City to Virginia City.

1813
01:47:20,920 --> 01:47:24,220
The only comment I can remember
about this particular picture

1814
01:47:24,220 --> 01:47:30,410
is, on the tree that
you see on the left,

1815
01:47:30,410 --> 01:47:34,930
they had a fruit on there, which
is my favorite fruit in France

1816
01:47:34,930 --> 01:47:37,480
called Mirabelle.

1817
01:47:37,480 --> 01:47:43,570
In the whole country, I never
saw a tree bearing a Mirabelle.

1818
01:47:43,570 --> 01:47:46,060

And that particular
tree had Mirabelles

1819
01:47:46,060 --> 01:47:50,920
on that tree, which, if you
don't know what a Mirabelle is,

1820
01:47:50,920 --> 01:47:53,110
it's a yellow plum.

1821
01:47:53,110 --> 01:47:54,670
Very, very sweet.

1822
01:47:54,670 --> 01:47:59,040
The specialty, they grow this
in Lorraine, where I was born.

1823
01:47:59,040 --> 01:48:01,150
I remember as a kid
going into the fields

1824
01:48:01,150 --> 01:48:02,710
where they had those trees.

1825
01:48:02,710 --> 01:48:06,250
The fruit is just a little
bigger than a bing cherry,

1826
01:48:06,250 --> 01:48:09,820
but it has a pit
like a plum, and it

1827
01:48:09,820 --> 01:48:14,830
has a polka dot, red
dots, very sweet.

1828
01:48:14,830 --> 01:48:17,800
The best jam is made with
Mirabelle, in my book.

1829
01:48:17,800 --> 01:48:20,110
And again, I just
make that comment

1830
01:48:20,110 --> 01:48:23,530
because seeing the
picture, I recall this tree

1831
01:48:23,530 --> 01:48:26,170
that fascinated me right there.

1832
01:48:26,170 --> 01:48:28,540
But you got to
remember, Virginia City

1833
01:48:28,540 --> 01:48:34,450
had French miners that came dig
out some silver in the mines

1834
01:48:34,450 --> 01:48:35,380
there.

1835
01:48:35,380 --> 01:48:37,660
And somehow, somebody
must have planted it,

1836
01:48:37,660 --> 01:48:41,260
this tree from France.

1837
01:48:41,260 --> 01:48:46,600
Shows you how things can
be so far apart and so near

1838
01:48:46,600 --> 01:48:49,570
because they brought
with them also,

1839
01:48:49,570 --> 01:48:54,340
at that time, the denims that
made Levi's really famous,

1840
01:48:54,340 --> 01:48:57,880
that originally was
in France, the denim.

1841

01:48:57,880 --> 01:49:00,520

1842

01:49:00,520 --> 01:49:06,550

Because denim is a concentration
of the word de Nimes,

1843

01:49:06,550 --> 01:49:10,810

from N-I-M-E-S, Nimes,
the city in France.

1844

01:49:10,810 --> 01:49:13,270

That's where they
made that material.

1845

01:49:13,270 --> 01:49:17,830

And most of the garage people
used to wear these blue jeans

1846

01:49:17,830 --> 01:49:22,870

just like what we
call now, the Levi's.

1847

01:49:22,870 --> 01:49:27,850

And it sure went a
long way from de Nimes.

1848

01:49:27,850 --> 01:49:31,660

I guess we got everything.

1849

01:49:31,660 --> 01:49:32,860

Tell us about this, please.

1850

01:49:32,860 --> 01:49:37,030

Now, this happens to be a
very, very unique postcard.

1851

01:49:37,030 --> 01:49:39,550

1852

01:49:39,550 --> 01:49:43,840

While I was in Buna Monowitz.

1853

01:49:43,840 --> 01:49:48,610

I happen to see some
civilian people working

1854

01:49:48,610 --> 01:49:52,870

the same factory I worked,
and they spoke French.

1855

01:49:52,870 --> 01:49:56,410

What I said to these
people, as long as--

1856

01:49:56,410 --> 01:49:58,990

you're from France,
he says, yes, I'd

1857

01:49:58,990 --> 01:50:05,410

be so grateful if you send a
few words to my girlfriend,

1858

01:50:05,410 --> 01:50:07,870

Paulette, from Dijon.

1859

01:50:07,870 --> 01:50:14,890

And I gave them the address
45 Berbisay, in Dijon,

1860

01:50:14,890 --> 01:50:19,520

and tell her that I'm alive,
not to worry too much about me.

1861

01:50:19,520 --> 01:50:24,310

And as you can see, the guy, the
sender, his name was Lemaitre,

1862

01:50:24,310 --> 01:50:30,070

and he was in a place called
Lager Buchenwald number 2.

1863

01:50:30,070 --> 01:50:36,280

And the firm he worked with was
named [INAUDIBLE] something,

1864

01:50:36,280 --> 01:50:37,780
in Auschwitz, in Germany.

1865

01:50:37,780 --> 01:50:41,490

1866

01:50:41,490 --> 01:50:43,650
Now, the reason I
have this picture

1867

01:50:43,650 --> 01:50:50,340
is because after the war,
I got this postcard, given

1868

01:50:50,340 --> 01:50:58,890
to me by the people that the
sender sent to Paulette Gotier.

1869

01:50:58,890 --> 01:51:01,350
And after the war,
they gave it to me.

1870

01:51:01,350 --> 01:51:06,120
And to give you an idea
what it said on there

1871

01:51:06,120 --> 01:51:09,060
was, as you could
turn this card around.

1872

01:51:09,060 --> 01:51:12,550

1873

01:51:12,550 --> 01:51:15,000
Yes.

1874

01:51:15,000 --> 01:51:18,570
In this particular
card, it says--

1875

01:51:18,570 --> 01:51:23,400
now remember, I never

heard anything else

1876
01:51:23,400 --> 01:51:27,480
from these fellows
except that I gave them

1877
01:51:27,480 --> 01:51:30,840
the name and the address
in Dijon of France,

1878
01:51:30,840 --> 01:51:34,530
and after the war, this is
what I got, dated Auschwitz

1879
01:51:34,530 --> 01:51:37,140
the 19th of April, 1943.

1880
01:51:37,140 --> 01:51:40,830
"Dear Madam, I
received your package

1881
01:51:40,830 --> 01:51:45,000
that pleased Maurice
greatly, and he

1882
01:51:45,000 --> 01:51:47,850
wants to thank you very much.

1883
01:51:47,850 --> 01:51:55,060
His health is good, but he's
ennui, which in French means

1884
01:51:55,060 --> 01:51:57,970
he's bored a lot.

1885
01:51:57,970 --> 01:52:01,670
And he also tells me he
thinks a lot about you.

1886
01:52:01,670 --> 01:52:06,040
His work is always the same.

1887

01:52:06,040 --> 01:52:11,350
The clothes that you sent
pleased him very much.

1888
01:52:11,350 --> 01:52:16,630
If you can send him
another package with more

1889
01:52:16,630 --> 01:52:24,270
food and cigarettes and also
some shoes because he works

1890
01:52:24,270 --> 01:52:27,430
barefoot."

1891
01:52:27,430 --> 01:52:32,960
Now, you can see the rest is
not very important except he

1892
01:52:32,960 --> 01:52:36,710
is saluting this person.

1893
01:52:36,710 --> 01:52:42,020
Big kisses from Maurice, and
he signs it M. Aquanie Lumet.

1894
01:52:42,020 --> 01:52:45,020
I never got anything
of this package.

1895
01:52:45,020 --> 01:52:48,770

1896
01:52:48,770 --> 01:52:51,300
Translate the sentence
before that, GQ.

1897
01:52:51,300 --> 01:52:57,560

1898
01:52:57,560 --> 01:53:01,820
He also says that I
said to him, if you

1899

01:53:01,820 --> 01:53:07,370

send other things to
send it in a little box

1900

01:53:07,370 --> 01:53:10,070

because when it was
bulky, I suppose,

1901

01:53:10,070 --> 01:53:12,410

the Germans, right
away, would look into it

1902

01:53:12,410 --> 01:53:14,120

and grab half of it.

1903

01:53:14,120 --> 01:53:16,550

In a little box, they
would let it go by.

1904

01:53:16,550 --> 01:53:21,290

So in other words, the robber
was robbed by the Germans.

1905

01:53:21,290 --> 01:53:24,260

Now, I can laugh about it, but
I would have never known if I

1906

01:53:24,260 --> 01:53:25,460

hadn't--

1907

01:53:25,460 --> 01:53:29,840

Now, as you see in the bottom,
the consulate made me copies

1908

01:53:29,840 --> 01:53:34,200

because these postcards
were getting pretty old,

1909

01:53:34,200 --> 01:53:38,950

and this is the consulate
that made me copies of this.

1910

01:53:38,950 --> 01:53:42,130

1911

01:53:42,130 --> 01:53:43,720

Now, I can't read this to--

1912

01:53:43,720 --> 01:53:46,570

1913

01:53:46,570 --> 01:53:49,120

It's a continuation of the card,
but it's on the other side.

1914

01:53:49,120 --> 01:53:52,360

No, it's a second card.

1915

01:53:52,360 --> 01:53:53,900

Which begins on the other side.

1916

01:53:53,900 --> 01:53:54,400

Yes.

1917

01:53:54,400 --> 01:54:00,270

1918

01:54:00,270 --> 01:54:04,530

Now, as you can see,
whoever sent this card

1919

01:54:04,530 --> 01:54:07,500

had to write a different title.

1920

01:54:07,500 --> 01:54:12,030

Sometimes you remembered
to write, Dear Madam.

1921

01:54:12,030 --> 01:54:15,780

There he writes,
Dear Sister-in-law,

1922

01:54:15,780 --> 01:54:19,920

because I guess the censor will
read this, and if you wrote,

1923
01:54:19,920 --> 01:54:23,730
Dear Madam several
times, he would wonder

1924
01:54:23,730 --> 01:54:27,120
what was this post all about.

1925
01:54:27,120 --> 01:54:32,880
You normally would write to a
relative, like a sister-in-law.

1926
01:54:32,880 --> 01:54:39,000
Dear Sister-in-law, I hurry
up to answer your letter that

1927
01:54:39,000 --> 01:54:44,010
has pleased Maurice a lot.

1928
01:54:44,010 --> 01:54:47,910
Now, you see, this is
something I didn't remember.

1929
01:54:47,910 --> 01:54:52,700
By reading this
right now, no, let

1930
01:54:52,700 --> 01:54:55,910
me explain, now,
why I'm confused.

1931
01:54:55,910 --> 01:54:59,720
He then answers a
letter received,

1932
01:54:59,720 --> 01:55:03,140
and he says in this
letter, Maurice

1933
01:55:03,140 --> 01:55:06,770
wants me to answer you quickly

on the letter you sent me

1934

01:55:06,770 --> 01:55:10,940

that pleased Maurice a
lot knowing, that you

1935

01:55:10,940 --> 01:55:13,790

are the godmother of Lillian.

1936

01:55:13,790 --> 01:55:20,350

1937

01:55:20,350 --> 01:55:22,750

Now, as you can
remember what I said,

1938

01:55:22,750 --> 01:55:24,910

I never saw these
letters, and I never

1939

01:55:24,910 --> 01:55:28,000

knew that Lillian
existed till I got back.

1940

01:55:28,000 --> 01:55:33,940

This girl became my
niece's godmother.

1941

01:55:33,940 --> 01:55:36,130

Now, when I read
this, I just realized

1942

01:55:36,130 --> 01:55:38,680

that somewhere along the
line, this guy knew about it

1943

01:55:38,680 --> 01:55:40,480

and never told me anything.

1944

01:55:40,480 --> 01:55:41,400

And it continues.

1945

01:55:41,400 --> 01:55:44,260

1946

01:55:44,260 --> 01:55:50,950

"I wonder very much why
you didn't get my letters

1947

01:55:50,950 --> 01:55:58,240

that I sent you, and then
goes on the other side,

1948

01:55:58,240 --> 01:55:58,860

on the right.

1949

01:55:58,860 --> 01:56:04,570

1950

01:56:04,570 --> 01:56:08,350

The letters that I
send you already,

1951

01:56:08,350 --> 01:56:11,760

but I hope that you
received them by now.

1952

01:56:11,760 --> 01:56:15,000

1953

01:56:15,000 --> 01:56:17,870

Life is always the
same here, now,

1954

01:56:17,870 --> 01:56:22,160

that we work 11
hours a day and we

1955

01:56:22,160 --> 01:56:27,360

have bad weather till the end
of April we had bad weather.

1956

01:56:27,360 --> 01:56:34,730

I received your package like AI
wrote it in one of my letters

1957

01:56:34,730 --> 01:56:38,000
and Morris asked if
you could send them

1958

01:56:38,000 --> 01:56:42,950
another one with
shoes and work clothes

1959

01:56:42,950 --> 01:56:47,330
because she works
in cement every day.

1960

01:56:47,330 --> 01:56:49,970
In this work, we don't
have much clothing,

1961

01:56:49,970 --> 01:56:52,145
and he asked us if you
could send him some food.

1962

01:56:52,145 --> 01:56:55,960

1963

01:56:55,960 --> 01:57:00,210
And when you send it,
please make a list

1964

01:57:00,210 --> 01:57:06,190
in the package of what you
send because he's wondering why

1965

01:57:06,190 --> 01:57:08,260
you didn't send him a watch.

1966

01:57:08,260 --> 01:57:11,380

1967

01:57:11,380 --> 01:57:16,520
And dear, sister-in-law, wishing
you a good day and my best

1968

01:57:16,520 --> 01:57:18,220
kisses is Maurice.

1969
01:57:18,220 --> 01:57:20,800
Now, you can see, when
you get a car like this

1970
01:57:20,800 --> 01:57:22,660
that I asked for
a watch, and I'm

1971
01:57:22,660 --> 01:57:24,280
wondering why I
didn't get a watch,

1972
01:57:24,280 --> 01:57:26,080
these people smelled
a rat, and they

1973
01:57:26,080 --> 01:57:27,910
stopped sending him packages.

1974
01:57:27,910 --> 01:57:31,060
Now, when I got back I was
shocked when I saw this.

1975
01:57:31,060 --> 01:57:34,600
I could have gone to
Paris to the organization,

1976
01:57:34,600 --> 01:57:39,980
and have this guy
stopped, But I realize

1977
01:57:39,980 --> 01:57:42,140
what good is it to
me it was a father

1978
01:57:42,140 --> 01:57:46,530
and son that the father
was in the late 40s,

1979
01:57:46,530 --> 01:57:49,460

and that was 1945
when I got back.

1980
01:57:49,460 --> 01:57:52,880
I realized and like I said
before all I wanted in life

1981
01:57:52,880 --> 01:57:56,620
is forget the past
and go on but is it

1982
01:57:56,620 --> 01:58:03,470
a very easy way to see how
you can find bad people,

1983
01:58:03,470 --> 01:58:07,790
people that use you, an
write things that I'm

1984
01:58:07,790 --> 01:58:11,750
very happy about getting a
package which I never heard of.

1985
01:58:11,750 --> 01:58:14,180
Now, this package did him
good for a little while,

1986
01:58:14,180 --> 01:58:16,160
but in the long run I'm here.

1987
01:58:16,160 --> 01:58:17,780
And I wonder where they are.

1988
01:58:17,780 --> 01:58:20,780

1989
01:58:20,780 --> 01:58:22,640
Are these people French?

1990
01:58:22,640 --> 01:58:23,420
Yes.

1991

01:58:23,420 --> 01:58:25,550

They were from the
northern part of France,

1992

01:58:25,550 --> 01:58:27,710

father and son
went to work either

1993

01:58:27,710 --> 01:58:30,890

as a volunteer
they didn't tell me

1994

01:58:30,890 --> 01:58:34,483

but I saw maybe three times
at most and every time

1995

01:58:34,483 --> 01:58:35,900

I ask him did you
get some news he

1996

01:58:35,900 --> 01:58:38,370

said no we didn't get anything.

1997

01:58:38,370 --> 01:58:42,620

But one thing they did,
they did send a letter.

1998

01:58:42,620 --> 01:58:47,210

They knew I was alive,
and that's about it.

1999

01:58:47,210 --> 01:58:50,580

The return address is
Auschwitz, Germany.

2000

01:58:50,580 --> 01:58:55,730

Yes because Germany Auschwitz
was called Germany at the time

2001

01:58:55,730 --> 01:58:57,060

because it was occupied?

2002

01:58:57,060 --> 01:58:57,560

No.

2003

01:58:57,560 --> 01:58:58,060

No.

2004

01:58:58,060 --> 01:59:07,160

They had annexed it, in 1938
with a pact of Auschwitz

2005

01:59:07,160 --> 01:59:10,550

Deutschland.

2006

01:59:10,550 --> 01:59:14,090

That's the post office's stamp.

2007

01:59:14,090 --> 01:59:17,330

And that little round
thing must be the censor

2008

01:59:17,330 --> 01:59:21,710

that put this mark on
there, but basically the guy

2009

01:59:21,710 --> 01:59:22,900

that wrote this was French.

2010

01:59:22,900 --> 01:59:30,230

You see the B, the D,
the F, which is French.

2011

01:59:30,230 --> 01:59:34,760

Now Auschwitz, the camp--

2012

01:59:34,760 --> 01:59:38,600

the funniest part is
called Lager Buchenwald,

2013

01:59:38,600 --> 01:59:40,280

which means camp.

2014

01:59:40,280 --> 01:59:42,440

He lived in back like

we did, except they

2015

01:59:42,440 --> 01:59:45,110
didn't have barbed wires
around, electrified

2016

01:59:45,110 --> 01:59:47,090
barbed wires like we had.

2017

01:59:47,090 --> 01:59:51,200
There, in barracks, it
was put there for them

2018

01:59:51,200 --> 01:59:55,595
to work in that IG Farben
industry's compound.

2019

01:59:55,595 --> 01:59:58,400

2020

01:59:58,400 --> 02:00:02,690
As I said, there must have
been a minimum of 10,000 people

2021

02:00:02,690 --> 02:00:04,340
working in that factory.

2022

02:00:04,340 --> 02:00:05,960
There was prisoner of war--

2023

02:00:05,960 --> 02:00:11,510
English, French,
Polish, Russian--

2024

02:00:11,510 --> 02:00:18,650
and guys like us from the
working force of Buna Monowitz.

2025

02:00:18,650 --> 02:00:23,570
Everybody doing more or
less the same kind of work?

2026

02:00:23,570 --> 02:00:25,640

Except the people
that went there

2027

02:00:25,640 --> 02:00:29,000

as volunteer were specialized
in any particular work.

2028

02:00:29,000 --> 02:00:31,490

When you mentioned cement,
I was never near cement.

2029

02:00:31,490 --> 02:00:34,370

That was the work he must
have been doing, building

2030

02:00:34,370 --> 02:00:38,210

with cement and
building buildings

2031

02:00:38,210 --> 02:00:42,380

or some kind of
building construction,

2032

02:00:42,380 --> 02:00:44,040

because I never
worked in cement.

2033

02:00:44,040 --> 02:00:45,470

And I had wooden shoes.

2034

02:00:45,470 --> 02:00:47,840

If I had gotten
shoes from this guy,

2035

02:00:47,840 --> 02:00:51,260

they wouldn't last
on me an hour.

2036

02:00:51,260 --> 02:00:53,450

The Germans would
take it away from me.

2037

02:00:53,450 --> 02:00:58,340
We all had these wooden
shoes with material tops,

2038
02:00:58,340 --> 02:01:03,500
and I guess they would have
sent me some working shoes.

2039
02:01:03,500 --> 02:01:07,820
But they did send
several packages.

2040
02:01:07,820 --> 02:01:11,270
I would say the mother
of Paulette did that.

2041
02:01:11,270 --> 02:01:15,320
The intended production
of this plant was fuels.

2042
02:01:15,320 --> 02:01:19,610
Yes, chemical.

2043
02:01:19,610 --> 02:01:25,310
Basically, fuel for
that rocket, V1.

2044
02:01:25,310 --> 02:01:26,990
But it was a coal area.

2045
02:01:26,990 --> 02:01:30,230
Coal mines were
plentiful around.

2046
02:01:30,230 --> 02:01:33,530
So they decided-- and they came
up with the idea that coal,

2047
02:01:33,530 --> 02:01:37,670
they could distill this into--

2048
02:01:37,670 --> 02:01:41,540
for the tanks also in

Russia, that they had--

2049

02:01:41,540 --> 02:01:44,440

they were lacking fuel.

2050

02:01:44,440 --> 02:01:48,200

I guess that's meaning

we're at the end, huh?

2051

02:01:48,200 --> 02:03:50,000