

Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project

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Name of interviewee: Bauer, Alex

Date of interview: 1/9 & 2/16/1996

Summary: This is a summary of the information in all three interviews.

Alex was born in Komádi, Hungary in 1922. He was one of the few Jewish college students in Hungary when the Germans occupied the country in June 6, 1944. Alex was sent to a forced labor camp until fall of that year when he was marched as part of group to Schurendoft in Germany and turned over to the Germans. They were then transported by cattle car to Dachau where Alex stayed at a sub-camp called Muhldorf. Alex offers a detailed account of camp life. He was then moved to Mittergar to work in a cement factory. In April of 1945 he was marched back to Muhldorf and put on a train with other prisoners somewhere near Munich. The prisoners were deserted by the German guards and broke out of the trains only to be rounded up by the German Air Force two hours later. However, the next morning the prisoners were once again deserted by their captors and met up with an American tank force in a small town south of Munich on May 1, 1945. Following his liberation, Alex stayed in a displaced persons camp until 1949 when he immigrated to the United States.