

MARTIN SOKOLOFF
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Interviewer: Steve Cohen

Notetaker: Ann SolovWalker

Minutes

- 10:15 Born: Aug. 7, 1922. Parents apartment Bronx ,NY, grew up in Brooklyn. Description growing up with boy's high-school. Brooklyn College. After Pearl Harbor he dropped out of college. Trained as a machinist at Western Electric. Gun laying panels. Signal corp appreciation 1942- School 6 month, enlisted in service. Fort Dix to Fort Mammoth. Radio school. Got married transferred radio school army special program. Engineering program 1944. Signal corp program. 3187. Overseas Dec. 1944 to England. Leomuesler, France. Radio repair.
- 10:20 Code transmission transferred Belgium VHF 12th. Army unit Luxembourg stationed outside the city. (few days). Moved to Mostlctet, Holland. Paris few weeks, farm. Lehage Aucon, march 1945. He moved to Germany, Greek accordance.
- 10:25 There were five on a team, radio repairmen. No relations or people at this time. He heard about the concentration camps, and heard about Kristallnacht, Jews being badly treated. This is one reason he enlisted.
- 10:30 My station was sent to Weimer. Here we set up group M.P. We asked where we were going in German hands? Brick building. Terrible smell from wine bottle, pulled off sleeve. The compound had a wire fence. There were striped uniforms and caps. It was very warm while we were riding outside of the fence. Looked like skeletons, men & women enclosed yard, dark building. Bright sunshine. Bodies of German soldiers. Setup, get gasoline driving to Weimer. Coming up the road 100-1000 German citizens.

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- 10:35 Riding along the fence ,rags, people were shouting. Smelled like dead bodies, dead bodies of German soldiers. Mass graves were marked up the next day. We found out afterwards that they were Buchenwald. Little kids. People, 60-70, very little discussion. No one was told what to expect. Was just captured. Miracles when we got there.
- 10:40 Afterwards, D/P. Not as healthy looking clothes pretty warm. March 1946, stayed outside from 10:00 a.m. got to the camp at 6:00 a.m. the next morning. Five minutes driving by the enclosure.
- 10:45 Large brick building with iron. (Description of building when we arrived). 2-3 minutes from the enclosure. 2-3 miles from the town. Part of the camp.
-April 1945-