So we came to the place where the bath house was and the place where you had to undress naked and it was cold, freezing, early in the morning, and you had to be entirely naked and they, the barbers, whatever they call them, they disinfect you and they took off your hair and the women the other side. They undressed them, they cut off their hair and, you know, in a half an hour we looked like real guilty prisoners, both sides. The women looked like crazy people. Can you imagine, when you take off their hair and after, how they look like and the SS was surrounded, looking them naked and everything and all those things. So it was already...we got a bath. Nothing we could take. Nothing. The only thing - the shoes. And they gave us the prison clothes.

Q: With the stripes.
A: With the stripes. And they took us to the barracks. When they took us to the barracks, they call them the "blockaeltester", such a piece of big wood. If anybody just didn't do what he said, boom. And I believe that was a Jew. I believe that was a Jew. And before, as I said, those Polish Jews who were there, they said to us: "You deserve everything." That's what they told us. "If you couldn't do anything with yourself in these years and you didn't hear what they did to all the Jews wherever the Germans were, you deserve it." That's what they said. They said: "You saw those fires? Your parents is burning there already." I didn't want to believe it, you know. I mean, who wants to believe something like that. I didn't know that they that went on the left side, they going to gas them and all these things.

We came to the barracks. It was morning already. You come to the barracks and there is...we were standing around there and there was already people who were deported before us from, I don't know. Not from my town, from other one. They were already there already and we started to get hungry. So there was not a cup there. There was one rusty little bowl and everybody from one mouth to the other mouth to the third man and that's the way we swallowed that food, whatever they gave us. What are we going to do, you have do it. So
we felt better, but we were already very hungry already. So we felt better. Not everybody could swallow it - I swallowed it. You know. And from there, they took us to the barracks. And went to the barracks, as I said, there was the head of the barracks. He was hitting people left and right. He said: "Either you listen and you do what I tell you. If you not I have nothing else to shoot, but hit you because that's the way you will understand it." He said in German. And he had two other helpers there, one of them with sticks like this. You know, they have orders from the Germans that they should hit people and kill people. And especially the Polish people, you know. And we had those elevated beds there inside, just a plain wood, nothing there. And I hardly can move.

Q: You were so many cramped together?
A: So many times I hardly could move. If you had to go to the bathroom and you came back you had no more room.

Q: How many were you cramped on one...?
A: I don't know. Was enough. I can't tell you, but it was enough. It was a terrible thing. And when they say, you had to get up. If you didn't get up in time, as I said, they were starting again to hitting left and right. We were there, thank G-d, not too long, you know. Not only that, but I heard that, not in this camp, but it was another camp, there were people dressed in civil clothes with families and I believe they were also Jews. I don't know. They were also Jews there - I don't know what that was. And so we could transmit messages, you know, through the wires, through the electric wires and they took it and they threw it to the other camp. There where I understood that my sisters are there, you know. And that's all. And then after a few days, we were transported to Buchenwald.

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