

## Transcript of Harry Fridkin Video Clip

When we were captured we were driven – taken by train in cattle trucks to Austria and we had a few days in the cattle trucks and there were 55 men to a cattle truck. The guard was outside on a platform and we had no facilities for toilets. All we had was a Jerry can, a petrol Jerry can, for us to relieve ourselves. And then we used to stop occasionally with the – it took us about three or four days and the food that we had given to us was potato skillet, as you might say, but it kept us going. I became an interpreter through this trip because a fellow wanted some water and he banged on this door and he said, 'I want water' so the guard on the platform outside yelled in and said 'Nicht verstehen' which means 'I don't understand'. So I said to this fellow just simply say 'wasser' and that's water in German. So he banged on the – and said 'wasser' and the door opened and water came in. And when we got to the camp the main camp in Wolfsberg they asked for interpreters. Anybody who could speak German and being Jewish I could understand a little bit of Yiddish and Yiddish is somewhat similar to German. But you had to be careful not to speak the Yiddish term, you see. So I didn't put myself forward but this fellow pushed me forward he says, 'Here' and pushed me, you see, and that's how I became interpreter.