

# SIGGY BORAKS: KEY QUOTES

“Actually, my parents told me as I remember that in the First World War they got along pretty good with the German people and the reason why is because German and Yiddish is close so they could understand what the German was talking about. So I remember my mother keep saying that ‘The German people are nice people, smart people.’ We never believed in our dreams that this will happen to Jewish people.”

“This war was more about civilian people than anything else. You know, I couldn’t do nothing that my parents were Jewish. What could I do about it? I was born.”

“Two Polish policemen came, and they give us one hour times to move everything, whatever we can, in one hour time.”

“It was so cold that icicles was hanging from the ceiling. It was four families in one room, and we slept in our clothes because too cold.”

“And my dad told me, I remember like today, he said, ‘Don’t worry, we will see each other after the war.’ And he told me to come to the same town. And this was the last time I saw him.”

“I was looking at the sky. I said, ‘This is the last time I see the sky.’”

“But, like I said, I believe I got an angel.”

“I say, ‘If you have small children, if you have babies, don’t hold

them. Give them to elderly people.' So those people cussed me out. 'How can you tell something like that? Nobody would do something like that.' I said, 'Look over there - the smoke.'"

"Then when they start to put gas, the stronger people went on top, the weaker on the bottom because there was better on top than on the bottom."

"I would say 99% just pure luck."

"I tell you, in time you are like a zombie. Whatever they tell you to do, you do it without even thinking."

"It was ice, ice cold, and I was working. Every day people died. Dropped like flies."

"So a German guy with his wife was passing in a car. He almost got an accident because he was looking up and he probably couldn't figure out where the dead people come from."

"Get educated so you know what you're doing. Because without education, without knowledge what's going on, things like that can happen again, and I hope it will never happen."