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Civilian

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Q: I'm here with Christa Frinton and she was born in Germany under the 3rd right in 1942. You were telling me about the Bells.

CF: These photos here were taken when they were bells in the background that were put there so they could be melted down to make armaments.

Q: What's an armament?

CF: Guns and bullets and all of that. Oh and my parents when they were married at their wedding party they had the German Uniforms on with all that on, and there are photos here when I was a baby in the background there's a wall, if I can find it, and here you can see gouges from the guns and the things that were shot or what have you. Okay, what else would you like to know?

Q: When was your birthday?

CF: September 15th

Q: Oh so you didn't really know anything about Pearl Harbor or anything like that?

CF: I was on the other side of the world.

Q: Oh

CF: Sorry about that.

Q: That's alright. When you were growing up did your parents ever talk to you about what had happened in Germany or the war anything?

CF: Um, I'm sure it was a very traumatic experience for them so so they really didn't say too much about it my father was not involved in any form of service. He was an accountant for the government so he was a private citizen, so like I said he was a private citizen he was not.

Q: So growing up you didn't really know what was going on in the world?

CF: Well in 42 or 45 when the war ended I was 3 years old.

Q: Oh well all right, did they talk about it after?

CF: Well during the war we lived in this home and our home with the only one that was left standing so when the Allied Forces came in they remove us from the home and took it over until they moved on.

Q: Which army was that? was at the Soviets or the are the Americans?

CF: I can't answer that because I have no idea.

Q: Oh all right.

CF: There were some soldiers at some point when we had relocated to another town, and they came through and give us chocolate bars. We also did receive care packages, which you wouldn't know about but these were for people that needed food and such that lived in the area.

Q: Do you remember anything from that time, before you moved to America that was like big in your life going on about this?

CF: No like I said, there really wasn't any because I was that young because I was still 7 when I when we relocated to the United States. I had my eighth birthday here.

Q: Oh all right.

CF: So you know most of the things I was too young and parents don't share that with their children, especially when it's something so devastating like War, especially when you're on the losing end. I don't know if there's anything else in here that's worthwhile. You know what to do with the war its mostly private family photos but anyway. I'm not sure if that helps or not.

Q: Yeah that should help a lot thanks!

CF: okay