

## From the Testimony of Abraham Eckstein about the Conditions in Buchenwald

Q: In Buchenwald, what were you doing there all day long?

A: Well, they took us to some work. Carry some stones, you know, back and forth. Everybody carried a stone, you know. But again, we couldn't go for work because we were on the process to leave, you know. They cannot sign us to go, they couldn't sign us to go to work because in a few days you're leaving so you had to stay put.

Q: You didn't have any contact with other people who had been there already longer?

A: What do you mean?

Q: With other inmates, from a different barrack - did you have contact?

A: Yes, you could have contact, but what does that mean? it didn't mean anything if we had contact, but we didn't need it at that time because we were three thousand people. We all know each other that time, you know. We came from the same city. You know, in a smaller city everybody knows...I mean it wasn't so small, it was over a hundred thousand population. Of a hundred and twenty thousand population was thirty-two thousand Jews. And we got there and we were signed to the barracks. It was in one barrack only divided proportionately forty-eight or fifty people. Again, such elevated beds.

Q: In Magdeburg. From Buchenwald they took you again in these cattle trains? How did you get from Buchenwald to Magdeburg?

A: In the cattle trains - that's the only way they were taking us. The journey didn't take long - it take only about five, six hours and we were there and the next day already they took us to work.

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