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All The Barbed Wire
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1933

On January 30th Adolf Hitler was named Chancellor of Germany;

That's where it all started.

On March 22 they all feel staples in their necks;

They look outside and see thirteen feet of barbed wire and the staple feeling doesn't go away;

The barbed wire surrounded the first concentration camp, Dachau,

They are now frightened.

They wake up, they feel twists and turns in their bodies,

Everytime that man twists we feel turns, but he just keeps on twisting;

Twist, TWist, TWIST.

They now feel all twisted.

“IT’S TIME FOR THE PUBLIC BURNING OF BOOKS WRITTEN BY JEWS!”

All the Jews watch in misery.

The terrible discomfort of watching, just like... barbed wire.

The fire in their eyes, the reflection, and the fury.

1935

September 15; Jews are no longer considered German citizens;

This is all because of the Nuremberg Laws,

The anti-Jewish racial laws enacted.

It has now tangled up all the Jews, but it definitely doesn't stop there-

Exactly one month later Germany sets up another law;

Germany defines a "Jew": anyone with three Jewish grandparents, also

Someone with two Jewish grandparents who identifies as a Jew.

The barbed wire just captured anyone who was trying to hide their identity as not being Jewish.

1936

March 7 they all hear the footsteps of the Germans scared to death if it was that time;

Everyday Jews are scared if it is going to be that day.

The Germans march into Rhineland, previously demilitarized by the Versailles Treaty.

July the Jews race to their hiding spots because the Sachsenhausen concentration camp opens;

The day that Jewish families will be separated from their families and taken to die alone;

Alone! But also to do it in some of the worst ways possible whether it's fast or slow;

In the woods or in front of people;

By second, minute, hour, day, week, month, years, even years, or never-

1937

July 15; another concentration camp opens;

Buchenwald-

Yet again Jews don't know when they will be separated;

They rush to their hiding places because they just don't know when it will happen.

The feeling of the staples on barbed wire prickles down their body.

And the sweat down their faces-

October 28 17,000 Polish Jews living in Germany were expelled.

Poles refused to admit them; 8,000 stranded in the frontier village of Zbaszyn.

The staples like on the barbed wire were poking.

Just like how the Nazi's poked them right out of Germany.

November 9-10 was the scariest for all the Jews.

It was... Kristallnacht. Night of Broken Glass.

200 synagogues destroyed.

7,500 Jewish shops looted.

30,000 male Jews sent to concentration camps. Dachau, Buchenwald, and Sachsenhausen

The barbed wire wrapped and wrapped and wrapped around all these people.

There are now so many people stuck inside the barbed wire. They are full of pain.

It was November 15 when all Jewish pupils were expelled from German schools.

Hitler threw the lasso of staples and steel around all the Jewish learners and yanked them out.

1939

“If war erupts it will mean the Vernichtung (extermination) of European Jews” Hitler in Reichstag speech.

October 28 was when they put as many Jewish families in the ghetto.

Piotrków.

The barbed wire grew around all of these Jewish families.

It doesn't stop there, the barbed wire can get much bigger.

November 23 was when all Jews in German-occupied Poland were forced to wear a yellow star.

The staples are now stuck to them and they can get it off.

They can get the identity off of them.

1940

The establishment of another concentration camp on May 20.

Auschwitz.

The inexpensive, easy to set up, painful fence has gotten even bigger.

The people who are stuck in it have no escape.

1941

December 8 at Chelmno extermination camp began operations, it was the worst of all.

340,000 Jews, 20,000 Poles and Czechs murdered by April 1943.

The wired obstacle can now fill up more.

The people who were murdered had no escape.

1942

March 17 and May exterminations begin at Belzec and Sobibor,

At Belzec all 600,000 Jews murdered-

At Sobibor 250,000 Jews murdered by gas, in gas chambers,

It was painful in the gas chambers just like the staples on barbed wire,

It is a slow, unhurried, unrushed, death.

1943

The Jewish fight back underground,

They fought the Nazi's from April 19 until early June.

Some people escaped the wired obstacle,

They were tired of getting stuck in it,

They were tired of the pain from the staples.

The Jewish revolted.

Another!

These Jews are tired of the Nazi's, Hitler, death of family and friends,

They were tired of anti-semitism,

They were tired of the barbed wire,

The Jews did an armed revolt in Sobibor extermination camp on October 14,

October-November people start to realize the hatred that is happening in the world,

Which is why there was a rescue-

Rescue of Danish Jewry,

The rescue freed many people from the barbed wire.

1944

The inmates in Auschwitz did another revolt,

They ripped those staples out of their bodies and blew up a crematorium,

In November the last Jews were deported from Theresienstadt to Auschwitz,

They are now all in camps, dead, or escaped,

The barbed wire has all of them now,

The wired obstacle full of pain now has all the Jews.

1945

Evacuation of Auschwitz; beginning of death march,

Approximately 40,000 Jews from Budapest to Austria,

They all said bye-bye to the painful wired obstacles,

They all finally get to leave it even if it was evacuation.

January 25 and April 6-10 is the death march for inmates of Stutthof and Buchenwald,

The Jewish families from those camps get to march now too,

The barbed wire is dying getting, smaller.

Finally the day they weren't under a dictatorship,

April 30 Hitler commits suicide,

The wired obstacle dies, shrivels up, meets its death,

All the barbed wire is gone.

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