

CHRONOLOGY OF OUR FAMILY FROM Nov-8-9, 1938-1941

SIGNALLEMENT

Taille: *1 mètre 65*

Cheveux: *bruns*

Sourcils: *foncés*

Front: *large*

Yeux: *mydriatiques*

Nez: *long*

Bouche: *moyenne*

Barbe:

Menton: *ronde*

Visage: *ovale*

Teint: *blanc*

Signes particuliers: *man*

Accompagné de *un* (nombre) *enfants* :

Nom: *ORDENTLICHER* Prénoms: *Amnon* Date de naissance: *30 juillet 1905*



PHOTOGRAMME

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Signature du titulaire, *H. Ordentlicher*

Prénoms *Amnon*

Date de naissance *30 juillet 1905*

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Signature du titulaire, *Amnon Ordentlicher*

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Herman Ordentlicher (father),
Lottie Ordentlicher (mother),
Amnon Ordentlicher (born 1935).

November 8-9 1938 Kristallnacht , Cologne , Germany

November 11..... my mother and I escape to Belgium. We arrive in Antwerp that day and are greeted by relatives who have arranged an apartment for us.

My father attempts to escape to Belgium some days later. He is picked up by the German police at the border and returned to Cologne. He is helped to escape by a German police officer who happens to have been our neighbor in Cologne.

Subsequently he escapes Germany. This time, over the Dutch border where he is picked up by the police and taken to Westerbork Transit Camp. This town has a detention center for people who are in Holland illegally and who lacked documentation allowing them to travel.

On January 31, 1939..... my father manages to escape during the camp's celebration of the first birthday of Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands. He made his way to Antwerp as quickly as he could.

September 1, 1939.....Germany attacks Poland and WWII begins.

November 30, 1939..... Both my parents are issued Belgium VREEMDELING documents which are designed to register all foreigners. These documents are the only legal papers that we have. Legal in the sense that they validate our existence in time and place. They are valid only until May 30, 1940. Note that we have been there for a whole year before they finally gave us these documents.

In the looming event of war, and the anticipated destruction from the air, I am issued my own ID card which is to be worn around my neck at all times. (Scapulaire D'identite Pour Enfant).

May 10, 1940.....The German air raids on Belgium and Holland begin.

At some point my parents and I leave Antwerp by train heading west toward Paris. On the way we are strafed by the Luftwaffe and we are jumping on and off the train in order to avoid being hit on the crowded train.

As we entered Paris we could hear the German artillery in the distance. There was bedlam in the train station going from Paris to points west. We managed to get on a train to Bordeaux.

May 31, 1940.....our Belgium ID certificates are stamped with recognition of our presence in Bordeaux. My father seeks any means to get out of Bordeaux, a port city.

June 14, 1940.....the Germany Army enters Paris.

June 22, 1940.....France surrenders to Germany.

July 6, 1940.....We arrive in Casablanca, Morocco by ship.

November 20, 1941....we board the S.S. Serpa Pinto, a Portuguese ship, for our cross Atlantic ocean journey to the U.S.A.

December 7, 1941.....Japan attacks Pearl Harbor in the Pacific ocean.

December 8, 1941.....The USA declares war on Japan.

December 11, 1941.....Germany declares war on the USA and hours later the USA declares war on Germany. We are still on the Atlantic and the German U-Boats have been sinking all non-axis ships. We are still fair game for their Wolf Pack.

December 26, 1941.....we arrived at the port of New York. We were welcomed by our family in New York and in Boston.

1947.....my parents became citizens of the USA

November 22, 1950.....I was issued my own Certificate of USA Citizenship