Surviving Hitler Glossary

<u>Introduction & Chapters 1-3</u>

death camp one of six camps in Poland set up by the Nazis for the

purpose of mass murdering Jews and Gypsies (more

correctly called Sinti & Roma)

verbatim using exactly the same words

ethnic cleansing the elimination of an unwanted group from a society

by forced migration or genocide (the deliberate

destruction of a racial, political, or cultural

group) (taken from Model United Nations Far

West)

oppression the state of being kept down by unjust force or authority

scapegoat someone unfairly blamed for the wrongs done by others or

used to turn attention away from wrongdoings of

others

Yiddish traditional language of Eastern European Jews

antisemitic being prejudiced or discriminating against Jews

occupation control of a country by another

(of a country)

concentration camp

Nazi prison camps used to imprison "enemies of the state"

latrine a public toilet (in a military area)

ghetto a neighborhood or area where Jews were imprisoned

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum defines the Holocaust as a "...genocidal event...statesponsored, systematic persecution and

annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi

Germany and its collaborators . . . "

Chapters 4-6

deportation forced removal of Jews from their homes

truncheon a billyclub or nightstick, a short club used by policemen

Nazi soldiers in charge of the death and concentration

camps

kapo an inmate of a concentration camp put in charge of a

work gang

crematorium place where corpses were incinerated

Chapters 7-9

typhus an infectious disease caused by ticks; symptoms include

fever, chills, and aches

dysentery an acute intestinal infection; symptoms include diarrhea

and fever

sadistic getting pleasure by inflicting pain on another person

Gypsies more correctly called Sinti & Roma; a nomadic people

originating from India

civilian a citizen who is not in the military

Auschwitz the largest Nazi camp; it consisted of a death camp, a

lave-labor camp, and a concentration camp

<u>Chapters 10 & 11</u>

dummkopf literally "dumbhead" in German

Chapters 12-14

liberation the act of freeing or releasing someone

emaciated extremely thin from disease and/or hunger

Fråulein German for young lady or unmarried woman

Allies 26 nations including England, the Soviet Union, and the

U.S. which fought against Germany, Italy, and Japan (the

Axis Powers)

displaced persons

special camps where many survivors camp of the Holocaust lived while waiting to emigrate to America, some other country

Palestine, or