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And the journey was fairly ordinary. But the Nazi's came into the compartments and searches for the suitcases. We were allowed one suitcase and one hand and luggage, which we carried ourselves. And some children had a more traumatic journey than others. Mine was fairly uneventful and we stayed overnight.

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The train started. They were only designated for the children. The kinder they started normally in one town might have been Vienna and to Munich, further up to Frankfurt, Berlin and picking up more children on the way. I think we stayed in Frankfurt overnight. It was a three day journey, picked up more children continued to the border of Holland and we became very nervous.

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We were very subdued. We didn't laugh and shout like children going on holiday. It was a subdued lot of children on those transports.

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But after we crossed the border into Holland, there was absolute joy and we broke out into songs and talked about the songs and Nazis. We were three. And the most wonderful thing was the Dutch people in their uniforms were not uniforms. What you call it?

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I don't know. In their outfits. Dutch outfit came to the train. The train stopped and their feathers and gave us drinks we've never seen for years. We haven't seen any white bread.

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It was amazing and cakes and chocolates and things. When the train stopped and then the little children who were crying by that time and very homesick, the women came and comforted them and put them on their laps. And they travelled with us for Holland. And we went to the Hook of Holland. We didn't stay in Holland overnight, but also in Holland.

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We picked up some Jewish children who had been there, deposited in the Weissen House, which the orphanage in Holland. They're very big stories about that. And there's one breaking now this week in our newsletter, most fantastic picture. I've got as big as this about the Jewish children in the orphanage in Holland, which were taken. I think they were escorted by the Queen herself to the boat.

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And that was already after we only had a few children getting on in Holland. But the biggest transport of Dutch children was when the Germans were already marching into two Holland and they took them on the boat and brought them over to England. There was already four times, but we had quite an uneventful journey. We will be fearful.

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We've never seen the sea before. Now that was something quite amazing for us living in. We could never been to the seaside and it was an overnight journey and a lot of us, including myself, were terribly seasick. I shared the upper bank and lower bank with a school friend who I'm in close touch with now. And we arrived in Bachelor of Holland.

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We arrived in Parkston Key in Harwich, where we were taken by double ecker buses. No, we've never seen a double decker buses before. That was an adventure in itself. Now there were children. There were two sorts of children.

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Some children have been earmarked already to go into families. They were sent to Liverpool Street Station and the children like myself, who didn't have families to come to went to a reception camp.