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Walter Fraser was born in Hamburg, Germany. He fled to Shanghai amidst the increasing anti-Semitism in Hitler's Germany and spent his 16th birthday in Hong Kong along the way. After the war he worked as a billeting officer and food officer in Shanghai. Fraser was residing in San Francisco with his family at the time of the interview.

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Recounts his early upbringing and parents' divorce during the rise of anti-Semitism. Narrates his journey from Germany to Shanghai, including an anecdote on spending his birthday in Hong Kong and The Peninsula. Talks of the Japanese invasion, life in Hongkew Ghetto, the bombings, and his job at Astor House Hotel. Also describes his life after the liberation, and recounts the war stories of his Army friends and talks of his girlfriends in Shanghai.

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