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## Irma Nemenoff-Gellert

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b&w portrait, outdoors. Taken while Irma worked for the UNRRA. Narrative: Imy (Irma) was born in Lugoj, Romania (or. Austro-Hungarian empire). She lived in Timisoara then in Cluj-Napoca. Her last domicile prior to deportation was in Cluj. She was in captivity from May 17, 1944 to May 5, 1945. By the time she deported to Auschwitz II-Birkenau (Poland), she was married but had no child. Her husband was killed in Auschwitz upon arrival and Imy was selected to work. In the camp, she worked in the "shit commando", empty human excrements from the latrines, she also was made to dig with pickets holes in the ground. She became a liaison officer, doing some translation work. At the end of the war she was deported to Mauthausen (Austria), where she was liberated by the US Armed forces. Imy's parents stayed in Romania and were not deported. After Liberation, Imy worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) with the US Army, doing clerical work and translation for a Colonel. She was fluent in English as she was given private lessons before the war. She immigrated to Canada in 1946.

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