

No. 5 ARMY FILM AND PHOTO SECTION

SECRET CAPTION SHEET No.

A700/304/3

SUBJECT BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP.		PHOTOGRAPHER SGT. LAWRIE.	
DATE 17 APL 45		CAMERA No. DEVRV 20.	
STOCK PLUS X.		CINE- STILL NO EXCHANGES	
Exposures		Length 1100 Feet.	
Also covered by		Sgts. Lewis (Cine) and Oakes, (Still) and Lt. Wilson (Still)	

ROLL NUMBER	STORY	FOOTAGE
	<p>During the advance by 8 Corps, Units of the 11th ARMoured DIVISION, over-ran a Concentration Camp at BELSEN.</p> <p>In this Camp the Germans had imprisoned some 60,000 persons under the most appalling conditions-- scenes such as were witnessed by the first troops to arrive, are beyond all human comprehension. The inmates who were called by the Germans, political prisoners, were of all religions and countries, mostly Jews whose only crime lay in the fact that they were Jews. Not content with imprisoning these poor people, they also methodically starved and ill-treated them beyond imagination. Hundreds of the inmates had died under these conditions, their bodies were left where they fell for days then fearing the arrival of the British troops, an attempt was made to bury the bodies. Several hundreds still lay in heaps where they had been dragged by other inmates- the work of burying them was done mostly by the male members of the camp but when they collapsed exhausted, the work was carried on by young girls and women. It is impossible to put into writing all that was seen by these pictures should give pictorial evidence of the brutality and callousness of the "Master Race". It must be remembered that these people were not people of low intellect, there were students of Economy, men and women of education treated worse than pigs for absolutely nothing except that they were not Germans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>276/84/1.</u></p> <p>Was taken the first day British troops arrived and shows main gate and German sentries who were left behind with British MP's. Food being unloaded.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>276/84/2.</u></p> <p><u>1st. Day.</u> Showing conditions inside one of the Camps for women. 420 women slept in each of the huts shown here, also piles of bodies of people dead from starvation and illtreatment. In 2½ months 50000 people had died from one or the other.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">XXXXXXXXXX <u>276/84/3.</u></p> <p>CU & MS showing conditions inside the camp for women.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</p>	100
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Assignment No.	8 CORPS.