1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:15,030

2 00:00:15,030 --> 00:00:18,000 Pictorial evidence of the almost unprecedented crimes,

3 00:00:18,000 --> 00:00:21,750 perpetrated by the Nazis at the Buchenwald concentration camp.

4 00:00:21,750 --> 00:00:23,625 The story in written form, is contained

5 00:00:23,625 --> 00:00:25,500 in the official report of the Prisoner Of War

6 00:00:25,500 --> 00:00:27,875 and Displaced Persons Division of the United States Group

7 00:00:27,875 --> 00:00:30,840 Control Council, which has been forwarded from Supreme Allied

8 00:00:30,840 --> 00:00:33,540 headquarters to the War Department in Washington.

9 00:00:33,540 --> 00:00:36,930 It states, that 1,000 boys under 14 years of age

10 00:00:36,930 --> 00:00:40,230 are included among the 20,000 still alive at the camp.

11 00:00:40,230 --> 00:00:42,330 That the survivors are males only 12 00:00:42,330 --> 00:00:45,560 and that the recent death rate was about 200 a day.

13 00:00:45,560 --> 00:01:00,520

14 00:01:00,520 --> 00:01:02,106 Nationalities and prisoner numbers

15 00:01:02,106 --> 00:01:03,939 are tattooed on the stomachs of the inmates.

16 00:01:03,939 --> 00:01:12,770

17 00:01:12,770 --> 00:01:14,840 The report lists the surviving inmates,

18 00:01:14,840 --> 00:01:17,570 as representing every European nationality.

19 00:01:17,570 --> 00:01:20,390 It says the camp was founded when the Nazi Party first came

20 00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:23,960 into power in 1933 and has been in continuous operation

21 00:01:23,960 --> 00:01:26,720 ever since, although its largest populations date

22 00:01:26,720 --> 00:01:28,610 from the beginning of the present war. 23

00:01:28,610 --> 00:01:31,610 One estimate put the camp's normal complement at 80,000.

24 00:01:31,610 --> 00:01:49,600

25 00:01:49,600 --> 00:01:51,760 In the official report, the Buchenwald camp

26 00:01:51,760 --> 00:01:54,100 is termed "an extermination factory,"

27 00:01:54,100 --> 00:01:56,380 the means of extermination starvation

28 00:01:56,380 --> 00:01:59,620 complicated by hard work, abuse, beatings and tortures,

29 00:01:59,620 --> 00:02:01,750 incredibly crowded sleeping conditions,

30 00:02:01,750 --> 00:02:03,880 and sicknesses of all types.

31 00:02:03,880 --> 00:02:06,130 By these means, the report continues,

32 00:02:06,130 --> 00:02:08,320 many tens of thousands of the best leadership

33 00:02:08,320 --> 00:02:11,020 personnel of Europe have been exterminated. 00:02:11,020 --> 00:02:12,670 Bodies stacked one upon the other

35 00:02:12,670 --> 00:02:14,770 were found outside the crematory.

36 00:02:14,770 --> 00:02:16,660 The Nazis maintained a building at the camp

37 00:02:16,660 --> 00:02:18,530 for medical experiments and vivisections

38 00:02:18,530 --> 00:02:20,470 with prisoners as guinea pigs.

39 00:02:20,470 --> 00:02:22,780 Medical scientist came from Berlin periodically

40 00:02:22,780 --> 00:02:25,030 to reinforce the experimental staff.

41 00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:27,430 In particular, new toxins and antitoxins

42 00:02:27,430 --> 00:02:29,170 were tried out on prisoners.

43 00:02:29,170 --> 00:02:32,635 Few who entered the experimental buildings ever emerged alive.

44 00:02:32,635 --> 00:02:42,130

45 00:02:42,130 --> 00:02:44,010 One of the weapons used by SS guards.

46 00:02:44,010 --> 00:02:48,580

47 00:02:48,580 --> 00:02:50,380 The body disposal plant.

48 00:02:50,380 --> 00:02:52,990 Inside the ovens, which gave the crematorium

49 00:02:52,990 --> 00:02:55,960 a maximum disposal capacity of about 400 bodies

50 00:02:55,960 --> 00:02:57,590 per 10 hours a day.

51 00:02:57,590 --> 00:02:59,710 Gold-filled teeth were extracted from bodies

52 00:02:59,710 --> 00:03:01,120 before incineration.

53 00:03:01,120 --> 00:03:04,180 The ovens, of extremely modern design and heated by coke,

54 00:03:04,180 --> 00:03:06,130 were made by a concern which customarily

55 00:03:06,130 --> 00:03:07,870 manufactures baking ovens.

56 00:03:07,870 --> 00:03:09,910 The firm's name is clearly inscribed.

57 00:03:09,910 --> 00:03:16,470 58 00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:19,040 All bodies were finally reduced to bone ash.

59 00:03:19,040 --> 00:03:26,640

60 00:03:26,640 --> 00:03:29,700 1,200 civilians walked from the neighboring city of Weimar,

61 00:03:29,700 --> 00:03:31,770 to begin a forced tour of the camp.

62 00:03:31,770 --> 00:03:34,767 There are many smiling faces and according to observers at first

63 00:03:34,767 --> 00:03:36,600 the Germans act as though this was something

64 00:03:36,600 --> 00:03:37,920 being staged for their benefit.

65 00:03:37,920 --> 00:04:00,482

66 00:04:00,482 --> 00:04:02,690 One of the first things that the German civilians see

67 00:04:02,690 --> 00:04:04,370 as they reach the interior of the camp

68 00:04:04,370 --> 00:04:07,880 is the parchment displayed on a table for all to gaze upon 69

00:04:07,880 --> 00:04:10,730 is a lampshade made of human skin, made

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00:04:10,730 --> 00:04:13,160 at the request of an SS officer's wife.

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00:04:13,160 --> 00:04:16,160 Large pieces of skin have been used for painting pictures,

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00:04:16,160 --> 00:04:17,510 many of an obscene nature.

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00:04:17,510 --> 00:04:32,350

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00:04:32,350 --> 00:04:34,210 There are two heads which have been shrunk

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00:04:34,210 --> 00:04:36,250 to one fifth their normal size.

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00:04:36,250 --> 00:04:38,350 These and other exhibits of Nazi origin

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00:04:38,350 --> 00:04:39,959 are shown to the townspeople.

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00:04:39,959 --> 00:05:01,940

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00:05:01,940 --> 00:05:04,670 The camera records the changes in facial expressions

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00:05:04,670 --> 00:05:06,860 as the Weimer citizens leave the parchment display.

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00:05:06,860 --> 00:05:11,470
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82 00:05:11,470 --> 00:05:14,470 The tour continues with a forced inspection of the camp's living

83 00:05:14,470 --> 00:05:17,080 quarters, where the stench, filth and misery

84 00:05:17,080 --> 00:05:18,588 defied description.

85 00:05:18,588 --> 00:05:23,070

86 00:05:23,070 --> 00:05:24,810 They see the result of lack of care

87 00:05:24,810 --> 00:05:26,310 in the bad case of trench foot.

88 00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:38,080

89 00:05:38,080 --> 00:05:40,580 Other evidences of horror, brutality and human

90 00:05:40,580 --> 00:05:42,640 indecency are shown, and these people

91 00:05:42,640 --> 00:05:46,007 are compelled to see what their own government had perpetrated.

92 00:05:46,007 --> 00:05:50,880 93 00:05:50,880 --> 00:05:53,190 Correspondents assigned to the Buchenwald story

94 00:05:53,190 --> 00:05:55,650 have given wide notice to the well-fed, well-dressed

95 00:05:55,650 --> 00:05:58,610 appearance of a German civilian population of the Weimar area.

96 00:05:58,610 --> 00:06:10,800

97 00:06:10,800 --> 00:06:14,570 Dachau, factory of horrors.

98 00:06:14,570 --> 00:06:18,050 Dachau near Munchen, one of the oldest of the Nazi prison

99 00:06:18,050 --> 00:06:20,090 camps.

100 00:06:20,090 --> 00:06:24,050 It is known that from 1941 to 1944

101 00:06:24,050 --> 00:06:28,460 up to 30,000 people were entombed here at one time

102 00:06:28,460 --> 00:06:31,610 and 30,000 were present when the Allies reached Dachau.

103 00:06:31,610 --> 00:06:34,210

104 00:06:34,210 --> 00:06:37,480 The Nazis said it was a prison for political dissenters,

105 00:06:37,480 --> 00:06:40,075 habitual criminals and religious opposers.

106 00:06:40,075 --> 00:07:08,400

107 00:07:08,400 --> 00:07:12,120 When these scenes were filmed, over 1,600 priests

108 00:07:12,120 --> 00:07:16,620 representing many denominations still remained alive.

109 00:07:16,620 --> 00:07:21,690 They came from Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, France

110 00:07:21,690 --> 00:07:22,530 and Holland.

111 00:07:22,530 --> 00:07:36,210

112 00:07:36,210 --> 00:07:41,860 Incoming prison trains arrived, carrying more dead than living.

113 00:07:41,860 --> 00:07:44,400 Those strong enough to travel were brought to Dachau

114 00:07:44,400 --> 00:07:47,280 from outlying points which were threatened by the Allied

115 00:07:47,280 --> 00:07:49,380 advance. 116 00:07:49,380 --> 00:07:51,625 This is how they looked when they arrived.

117 00:07:51,625 --> 00:08:12,520

118 00:08:12,520 --> 00:08:16,210 Some survived, and when the rescuers arrived,

119 00:08:16,210 --> 00:08:17,830 they administered what aid they could.

120 00:08:17,830 --> 00:08:22,460

121 00:08:22,460 --> 00:08:24,380 Others died after the liberation.

122 00:08:24,380 --> 00:08:29,450

123 00:08:29,450 --> 00:08:31,330 They were buried by their fellow prisoners.

124 00:08:31,330 --> 00:08:44,320

125 00:08:44,320 --> 00:08:47,160 As in the case of other camps, local townspeople

126 00:08:47,160 --> 00:08:52,020 were brought in to view the dead, at Dachau.

127 00:08:52,020 --> 00:08:55,656 This is what the liberators found inside the buildings.

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00:08:55,656 --> 00:09:34,860

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00:09:34,860 --> 00:09:36,900 Hanging in orderly rows were the clothes

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00:09:36,900 --> 00:09:39,360 of prisoners who had been suffocated in a lethal gas

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00:09:39,360 --> 00:09:41,670 chamber.

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00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:44,100 They had been persuaded to remove their clothing

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00:09:44,100 --> 00:09:46,890 under the pretext of taking a shower for which towels

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00:09:46,890 --> 00:09:48,255 and soap were provided.

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00:09:48,255 --> 00:10:01,100

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00:10:01,100 --> 00:10:03,215 This is the Brausebad, the shower bath.

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00:10:03,215 --> 00:10:06,080

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00:10:06,080 --> 00:10:08,540 Inside the shower bath, the gas vents.

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00:10:08,540 --> 00:10:13,470

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00:10:13,470 --> 00:10:15,635

On the ceiling, the dummy shower heads.

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00:10:15,635 --> 00:10:20,350

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00:10:20,350 --> 00:10:25,910 In the engineer's room, the intake and outlet pipes.

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00:10:25,910 --> 00:10:29,780 Push buttons to control

inflow and uptake of gas.

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00:10:29,780 --> 00:10:31,780

A hand valve to regulate pressure.

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00:10:31,780 --> 00:10:36,580

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00:10:36,580 --> 00:10:39,610 Cyanide powder was used to generate the lethal smoke.

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00:10:39,610 --> 00:10:43,510

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00:10:43,510 --> 00:10:46,960 From the gas chamber, the bodies were removed to the crematory.

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00:10:46,960 --> 00:10:54,300

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00:10:54,300 --> 00:10:56,295

Here is what the camera

crew found inside.

00:10:56,295 --> 00:11:27,140

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00:11:27,140 --> 00:11:30,460 These are the other survivors.

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00:11:30,460 --> 00:11:52,235