

No. 5 ARMY FILM AND PHOTO SECTION

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SECRET CAPTION SHEET No. 1 OF 1

SUBJECT BELSEN CON CAMP		PHOTOGRAPHER Sjt LAWRIE
DATE 25/26 Apr 45		CAMERA No. DV 20
STOCK Plus X	CINE-STILL	Exclusive AFFPU Not Retrievable
Exposures	Length 700*	Also covered by

ROLL NUMBER	STORY	FOOTAGE
	<u>289/84/37 & 38</u> Early this morning, the evacuation of fit personnel started from this camp of horrors. Mixed were the first lot, some French, Poles, Russians, etc., but all very glad to be leaving. IS and MS as trucks were loaded and left the camp. One truck load were particularly exultant and gave vent to their feelings by playing an accordion and trumpet picked up somewhere. They also had a singer, who, before the trucks moved off gave vent to his feelings by singing. BIA drivers obliged by dancing to their music.	200
	<u>289/29/39-41</u> These reels contain general views of Belsen on this the 10th day of British occupation. A general view should be obtained of the layout. The job of cleaning up goes on, but it is of such a magnitude that even after 10 days hard work by everybody concerned there is little outward appearance of improvement, though to those who have been here since the beginning there is a definite change for the better.	300
	<u>289/29/42-43</u> This evening these shots were taken to give some impression of life in the camp in the evenings. Most of the inmates just wander about aimlessly, others settle down to the job of lice picking while others prefer to sleep. Cooking the last meal of the day is also worthy of note.	200
	<u>289/29/44</u> In the evening, swill bins full of potato peelings are brought out of the main cookhouse and are searched by the starving inmates for likely morsels to serve as a later meal. This is an absolutely incredible sight. But though feeding is Priority One on our list, care has to be exercised not to overfeed. At the same time most of these Zombies (as they are called by the camp staff) have not eaten for such a long time that no matter how much they get they still want more. They have sunk to such a state of degradation that anything does for food. There they are, men and women, acting like pigs - the result of years of merciless treatment, mental and physical, for the	100
	MASTER RACE!	
	TOTAL	800

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Date Despatched	LOCATION