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Finding Aid  
RG-09  
Liberation of the Camps and Ghettos

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**Acc. 1989.233, 1990.236, 1996.A.0349, 2006.16**

**Title:** Howard Cwick collection, 1945-2005.

**Extent:** 11 photoprints (black and white); 20 copyprints; 35 negatives; 1 memoir (21 p.)

**Provenance:** The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Howard Cwick in 1989, 1990, 1996, and 2006.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on use:** No restrictions on use.

**Preferred citation:** Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives branch.

**Scope and content:** Consists of 35 negatives, eleven photoprints, and twenty copyprints of the Buchenwald concentration camp at liberation. Also contains a memoir entitled, "It Happened in Germany," 21 pages, by Howard Cwick, a sergeant in the Third United States Army. Mr. Cwick participated in the liberation of Buchenwald and describes his experiences as a Jewish soldier on liberation day.

**Inventory:**

**Folders 1 and 2:**

1. 1 memoir entitled, "It Happened in Germany," written by Howard Cwick, 2005. 21 pages.

**Folder 3:**

1. 35 negatives for the following copyprints, 1945.
2. 11 photoprints of Buchenwald at liberation, without attached descriptions, 1945.
3. 1 copyprint. Automobile chassis covered with dead bodies. Soldiers standing in the background. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
4. 1 copyprint. Indecipherable mound of rubble. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.

5. 1 photoprint. Dead male bodies, clothed, naked, and stacked. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
6. 1 photoprint. Dead bodies laid out and measured by stakes for burial. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
7. 1 copyprint. Dead male lying on back, next to a cane, clothed in the concentration camp uniform. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
8. 1 copyprint. Dead bodies piled on a trailer. Camp barracks in background. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
9. 1 copyprint. Dead, emaciated, and half-clothed male. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
10. 1 copyprint. Outside barracks, one clothed man sitting on bench and one prisoner dressed in the concentration camp uniform lying on the ground. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
11. 1 copyprint. Close-up shot of dead, naked bodies piled on a truck. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
12. 1 copyprint. One dead, naked, and emaciated body lying face down on the ground. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
13. 1 copyprint. Three dead, naked, and emaciated males lying face up on the ground. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945.
14. 1 copyprint. One dead male lying face up with a Nazi flag on his stomach. Wearing civilian clothes (pants, belt, shirt). Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
15. 1 copyprint. Dead, clothed male bodies lying on ground. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
16. 1 copyprint. A stack of bodies. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
17. 1 copyprint. Dead male bodies lying face up on ground. Each has a stake placed on him. Some clothed in the concentration camp uniform, some naked. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
18. 1 copyprint. Three men digging graves. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.

19. 1 copyprint. A close-up shot of a pile of dead, male bodies (clothed in concentration camp uniforms and naked). Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
20. 1 copyprint. Dead bodies lined up individually and face-up. Each has a stake on him to be measured for burial. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
21. 1 copyprint. Two American soldiers standing in front of a stack of bodies piled on a trailer. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
22. 1 copyprint. Close-up shot of dead bodies. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
23. 1 photoprint: b&w. Dead bodies laid individually, each with a stake to measure for burial. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.
24. 1 photoprint: b&w. A pile of dead, clothed, and naked bodies. Buchenwald at liberation, 1945. Taken by Howard Cwick.