

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives  
Finding Aid  
RG-09  
Liberation of the Camps and Ghettos

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**Title:** Harry L. Smith Photograph Collection, 1945 Apr.

**Extent:** 23 photoprints (black and white)

**Provenance:** The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990 by Professor Howard Wisch.

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

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

**Scope and content note:** The collection consists of photographs, taken at Buchenwald at the time of liberation, that show camp structures, crematoria, corpses, and liberated prisoners. The photographs were taken by Harry L. Smith in April 1945 when he was a medic with the 628<sup>th</sup> Medical Clearing Company of the U.S. First Army.

**Inventory:**

1. 1 copyprint: b&w. Corpses, one body in the foreground and a pile of bodies in the background, 1945.
2. 1 copyprint: b&w. Corpses, large pile of corpses stacked parallel to the picture frame, 1945.
3. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of a vehicle with corpses piled on it, 1945.
4. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of men walking (in the direction of the right side of the picture), 1945.
5. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of men gathered together. Men stand in the center of the picture. There is a car and a building on the left side of the picture, 1945.
6. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of a group of ten children, 1945.
7. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of six young men. They wear pajamas or parts of camp uniforms, 1945.
8. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of a pile of a white substance next to a wooden fence. Two men in camp uniforms at the left of picture, 1945.

9. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of two men in camp uniforms. The one on the left appears to be younger and shorter than the man on the right, 1945.
10. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of six men. They stand in front of a wooden structure, 1945.
11. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of two men with a third man partially visible between the two. They stand in front of a wooden structure.
12. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of three young men wearing loose clothing. The one at the left wears a hat.
13. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of men apparently sorting through a long line of hay. The interior fence and watchtower of the camp are visible.
14. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of a man in dark clothing standing in front of a building.
15. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of a man in a camp uniform.
16. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of a man in a camp uniform holding what is possibly a mounted tattoo.
17. 1 copyprint: b&w of what are possibly tattoos leaning against a tree.
18. 1 copyprint: b&w of what is possibly a tattoo.
19. 1 copyprint: b&w of a building with a wooden fence connecting it at left.
20. 1 copyprint: b&w of a set of gallows with a wooden fence in the background.
21. 1 copyprint: b&w of a men hanging from a gallows. Written on a building adjacent is, "Hitler muss sterben damit Deutschland---bt."
22. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of crematoria ovens. (2 with open doors.)
23. 1 copyprint: b&w. Copyprint of crematoria ovens. (3 with open doors.)