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Videotape entitled "Liberators Excerpts: Opening the Gates of Hell." Tape opens with a sign & photographs from Dachau Concentration Camp; interviewees include GI's Douglas Monsson, Robert Eppley, Walter Gray, Grant Grimm, Paul Heche, William P. Levine but their names are not presented on tape; #1 GI discusses finding corpses, "shipped from Ravensbruck for purposes of gasing"; Americans building trenches to mass bury bodies; #2 GI, of Jewish faith & a doctor, discovers leg incisions on children, believed to be "part of an experimental nerve interruption"; #3 GI, entering crematorium, finding bodies & "emaciated living, lying around on outside"; his soldiers' "strong reaction...some got sick"; #4 GI reads from letter he had written to home; #5 GI describes atrocities he found; videotape returns to #3 (doctor), discusses bodies he assessed as having "died from starvation," few with wounds to bodies; believed odor (in gas chamber) "to be nitrous, if I recall my chemistry"; stench of burning flesh, discovers barrel of wedding rings; videotape returns to #5 GI, re: interrogating Nazis, "Nobody new nothing"; #6 GI describes "hundreds naked," male & female, lice, stench, two of his men getting sick, queasy himself, having urge to shoot a Nazi; videotape returns to #2 doctor showing medical equipment from Dachau's operating room, tools he believed were used for medical experiments; tape ends with GI's #3, #4, #2 speaking to grave totality of Holocaust; videotape closes with more photographs