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Nee - Kay Bonner.

American Liberator of Buchenwald.

In Europe during WWII as entertainer - special services.

In England - few months.

After D-Day - into mainland moved w/5th - was there liberation of Paris, in Belgium - doing shows - orders to leave - Germany (partner was killed).

She was in 2nd group of liberators at Buchenwald - soldiers killed as many prisoners as they could before they took off.

Camp

1/2 dead - 1/2 alive people.

Terrible conditions.

Posts to hang prisoners - rip arms off - officers quarters had lamp shades made of prisoners skin.

Oven - still smoking - 24hr./day dead.

People waiting to go in to ovens.

Cement torture chamber.

Meat hooks - hung people.

Barracks - wood - bunk - to ceiling - no mattress - people dressed in striped prison clothes.

Other barracks - people so ill - so emaciated 1/2 didn't even know about liberation. Many died.

Next day - brought townspeople to camp - said : "you did this", all people denied - blamed on Hitler - didn't know what went on.