

Interviewee:	<u>REALEY</u> , James A.	Date:	March 16, 1988
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SUMMARY

James A. Realey served with the 283rd Field Artillery Battalion in Southern Germany during World War II. He went back to Dachau concentration camp shortly after it was liberated, once his group had set up a defense perimeter. He vividly describes what he found there: emaciated survivors, corpses, crematoria, and gas chambers. He mentions the various nationalities of the prisoners held there. Mr. Realey was deeply affected by what he saw at Dachau and he still finds it difficult to talk about this experience. He believes that in order to relate to the Holocaust it is necessary to actually see the atrocities committed by the Nazis.

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World War, 1939 - 1945 - Personal narrative - American

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Dachau: Concentration camp (Germany)