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Nick White was with the 6th corps, part of 7th Army, when they overran Dachau after
dawn on April 29, 1945. His colleague, Englehardt (from Detroit), who was a photographer and
took lots of pictures. He saw a moat in the camp filled with dead SS soldiers killed by American
infantry which had been in the camp before White.

The inmates overran them, hugging and yelling. He and a friend started giving out
caramels and K-rations, but almost started a riot and retreated. He describes the barracks as
about 100 ft by 25 ft with shelves of wood and no blankets, ventilation or sanitary facilities.
Some of the prisoners just stared expressionless and White. Wondered if they ever recovered
from this treatment. He also spoke of a German dog standing near his dead SS owner who was
also not reacting to anything around him.

White describes a large room that led from the gas chambers where several thousand
bodies were stacked up. He describes a fat SS camp commander who had been killed and
tossed on top of all the other bodies. There was a horrible odor. He says there were about
33,000 prisoners and about 500 a day were dying. Outside an electrically charged fence with
open gate they found 39 boxcars filled with corpses that had been there several days. Some
were dead and had been gunned down by Germans when Americans were approaching. He
watched as they ate from the garbage dump. He said the bodies were still being burned even
after the SS had gone.

He expressed his incomprehension of the inhumanity and had not imagined what horror
they found.