

GERMAN ATROCITIES

"As a member of Parliament, I with nine others visited Buchenwald concentration camp. Some people think the reports of what happened there are exaggerated. No words can exaggerate - we saw and we know.

We were able to speak freely with internees and hear their stories. You will now see a few of the sights we saw, and much as they may shock you do believe me when I tell you that the reality was indiscribly worse than these pictures. You cannot photograph suffering, only its results. In pictures you have no smell of disease and death. Here you see no more than a fragment of the full pattern of horror - Remember Buchenwald held 120,000 internees and 3,000 guards - over 17,000 of these people died in misery and pain since January 1st, 1945.

When they had died they were either burnt in these ovens or thrown like vermin into large communal pits.

General Eisenhower is now giving each victim as he dies reverent burial. Many of the mourners are very sick men. On the day before our visit the deaths had been reduced to 35 during the day.

Several nationalities and types, many of them intellectual and highly gifted men and women were herded in unspeakable conditions which have entirely altered their appearance.

In some camps I am told liberated slaves turned against their guards and attacked their quarters.

In some places German civilians have been compelled to remove the bodies from more recent pits and help give them individual burial. In other cases it is only possible to dig large trenches in which to inter the vast number of dead found in the camps. Here again German civilians are forced to do the digging.

This is Belsen, another infamous concentration camp, another centre of brutality, starvation and disease. Belsen was over-run by the British Army. You see our troops moving in - it is these men who so strongly advocate the publication of these pictures which show only in small part of what they see in reality. Remember there are 18 of these German concentration camps.

Dead, and the living dead. Once they were busy happy and healthy as you and I. They studied - were engineers, musicians and doctors - with my own eyes I saw scores of these living skeletons. Women S.S. guards are as brutalised as men under the totalitarian system. You will have read how they wielded the lash for Himmler.

S.S.Hauptsturmführer Josef Kramer. General Dempsey's senior medical officer referred to him as "a typical German brute". A sadistical

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heavy featured Nazi - quite unashamed. Under interrogation this subhuman admitted to no uneasy conscience.

This is the scene that met our men when they marched in. Similar scenes met the Americans when they entered Buchenwald. The Nazis marched away 20,000 slaves as the American Army drew near, shooting any who fell by the way.

Evidence of atrocity does not end at Belsen and Buchenwald. The Allies will find further proof of bestiality in other graveyards of Europe's living dead. Let no one say those things were never real."