



LIBERATION 1945

INITIAL ENCOUNTERS

Inmates waving a homemade American flag greet 7th Army troops upon their arrival at the Allach concentration camp, a subcamp of Dachau.

Allach, Germany, April 30, 1945

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Women and children in the Mauthausen concentration camp speak through the barbed wire to an American soldier.

Mauthausen, Austria, May 1945

US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Pauline M. Bower

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Survivors of the Mauthausen concentration camp cheer the soldiers of the 11th Armored Division of the 3rd Army one day after liberation.

Mauthausen, Austria, May 8, 1945

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REALITIES

A survivor shows American troops of the 46th Armored Division, 9th Army, the watchtowers and the electrically charged barbed wire fence in the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Buchenwald, Germany, May 27, 1945

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REALITIES

General Dwight D. Eisenhower and other high-ranking US Army officers view the bodies of prisoners killed by the German camp authorities during the evacuation of the Ohrdruf concentration camp.

Ohrdruf, Germany, April 12, 1945

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REALITIES

A group of survivors sits outside a barracks in the newly liberated Dachau concentration camp.

Dachau, Germany, May 1945

US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Kathleen Quinn

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HELPING AND HEALING

American medical personnel evacuate survivors from Langenstein, a subcamp of Buchenwald, to a hospital for treatment.

Langenstein, Germany, April 1945

US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Dr. Bernard Metrick

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HELPING AND HEALING

Recently liberated survivors in the Woebbelin concentration camp support and help each other.

Woebbelin, Germany, May 4, 1945
US Holocaust Memorial Museum

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HELPING AND HEALING

US Army medical personnel with the 10th Armored Division distribute food to two survivors liberated from a concentration camp.

Germany, April 1945

US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Norman M. Faye

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HELPING AND HEALING

American chaplain Rabbi Herschel Schacter conducts a religious service for Jewish survivors of the Buchenwald concentration camp shortly after liberation.

Buchenwald, Germany, May 18, 1945

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