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**Inventory of the Ohrdruf Concentration  
Camp Photographs, 1945, circa 2000**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Ohrdruf concentration camp photographs
<b>Date(s)</b>	1945,
<b>Date(s)</b>	circa 2000
<b>Creator:</b>	United States. Army
<b>Abstract:</b>	Four atrocity photographs of concentration camp victims in Ohrdruf, a satellite camp of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Also included are two clippings describing the liberation of Ohrdruf by the U.S. Army.
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## Biographical and Historical Note

Ohrdruf concentration camp, the first camp to be liberated by U.S. troops during World War II, was a subcamp of the Buchenwald concentration camp. It was established in November 1944 near Gotha, Germany. Prisoners in the camp were forced to work on the construction of a railroad to a proposed communications center, but the rapid advancement of the U.S. Army forced the Nazis to abandon these plans.

Wilbur "Jim" Burrows, a lieutenant in the U.S. Army with the 89th Infantry Division, moved into Germany near Buchenwald in early April 1945. As his unit neared Ohrdruf, the Germans evacuated camp prisoners on a forced march to Buchenwald. Inmates who were unable to walk to Buchenwald were shot or left to die in Ohrdruf. A platoon runner in Burrows's unit took photographs of the bodies they found on the road and in the crematorium and distributed the photographs to others, including Burrows.

## Collection Overview

Four atrocity photographs of concentration camp victims in Ohrdruf, a satellite camp of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Also included are two clippings describing the liberation of Ohrdruf by the 89th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

## Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

Ohrdruf (Concentration camp)  
United States. Army

### Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)  
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities  
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany--Ohrdruf

### Places

Ohrdruf (Germany)

### Types of Material

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Photographs

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Ohrdruf concentration camp photographs, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

### Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2005 by Wilbur "Jim" Burrows.

### Processing Information

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## Inventory

Folder 1

Photographs and clippings, 1945, circa 2000

Four atrocity photographs from the Ohrdruf concentration camp taken after its April 4, 1945, liberation by the 89th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. Two photocopied clippings from a circa 2000 *Rolling W*, the newsletter for the 89th Infantry Division, describe the liberation of Ohrdruf. Also includes negatives, slides, and digital images on DVD.