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**Inventory of the Buchenwald
Concentration Camp Photographs, 1945**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Buchenwald concentration camp photographs
Date(s)	1945
Creator:	Goodin, Benjamin
Abstract:	The collection consists of four photographs of Buchenwald concentration camp taken in April 1945, shortly after its liberation by the U.S. Army.
Extent:	0.1 linear feet (1 folder)
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Historical Note

Buchenwald concentration camp was constructed in 1937, about five miles northwest of Weimar, Germany. It housed political prisoners, Jews, and other groups targeted by the Nazis. Inmates at Buchenwald and its subcamps performed forced labor for the Nazis and other German private businesses throughout World War II.

In early April 1945, as American troops approached Buchenwald, prisoners were forced on a death march. On April 11, the remaining prisoners, after hearing about the approach of the Americans, stormed the watchtowers and seized control of the camp. The U.S. Army arrived later that afternoon and liberated the camp. Major Benjamin Goodin, an operations officer with the 6th Armored Division, visited Buchenwald on April 13 and afterwards was given the photographs that comprise this collection.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of four photographs of Buchenwald concentration camp taken in April 1945, shortly after its liberation by the U.S. Army. Photographs show the grounds, bunks, and gallows within the camp.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

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Names

Buchenwald (Concentration camp)
United States. Army

Subjects

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

Types of Material

Black-and-white photographs

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Inventory

Folder 1

Photographs, 1945