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**Inventory of the Charles Cross Collection of
Buchenwald Concentration Camp Photographs, 1945**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Charles Cross collection of Buchenwald concentration camp photographs
Date(s)	1945
Creator:	Cross, Charles C., 1924-2009
Abstract:	The collection consists of nine photographs of Buchenwald concentration camp taken in April 1945, shortly after its liberation by the U.S. Army. Also included is a 1993 interview on videocassette with Corporal Charles Cross, who collected the photographs.
Extent:	0.25 linear feet (2 folders, 1 videocassette)
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Language of Material:	Materials in English

Biographical Note

Charles Cross was born in 1924 in Albany, New York. In 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and received basic medical training before being sent to Normandy with the 2nd Infantry Division. Cross was injured while fighting in Saint-Lô, France, and evacuated to England. After he recovered, he was assigned to the 807th Medical Air Evacuation Transport Squadron and visited Buchenwald concentration camp twice, the first visit less than 24 hours after its liberation. On his second visit two weeks later, a private who accompanied Cross took the photographs that comprise this collection.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of nine photographs of Buchenwald concentration camp taken in April 1945, shortly after its liberation by the United States Army. The photographs were collected by Corporal Charles Cross. Photographs show victims, survivors, and captured SS officers within the camp. Other photographs show the barracks, gallows, and crematorium. Also included is a 1993 interview with Cross on videocassette.

Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Related materials in College of Charleston Special Collections include digital reproductions of photographs in the **Lowcountry Digital Library**.

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

- Cross, Charles C., 1924-2009
- United States. Army
- Buchenwald (Concentration camp)

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
- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white slides
- Digital images
- Photo CDs
- Videocassettes

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Charles Cross collection of Buchenwald concentration camp photographs, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2001 by Charles Cross.

Alternate Form of Materials

Digital reproductions of photographs available online in the **Lowcountry Digital Library**.

Processing Information

Processed by Rebecca McClure, February 2012.

Encoded by Rebecca McClure, April 2012.

Reviewed and uploaded by Martha McTear, May 2012.

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Inventory

Folder 1 Photographs, 1945

Folder 2 Negatives and slides, 1945

Included are negatives, slides, and digital images on CD of the photographs in folder 1.

Videotape 1065-032-V01 Oral history interview, 1993

(JHC Videocassette Box 4 | 1 Videocassette)

Interview with Charles Cross regarding his World War II experiences, particularly in Buchenwald concentration camp.