

C E R T I F I C A T E

On the 21st of April 1945, the day after the 69th Division captured Leipzig, I was informed by members of the attached Military Intelligence Interpreter team that there was a concentration camp on the outskirts of Leipzig in which approximately 250 forced laborers had been burned or shot to death the day before we captured Leipzig. I requested Lt. Levy, who was then attached to the Division from the First Army signal photo unit, to furnish me a photographer to go with me to record the scene. Accompanied by Captain Willard C. Tubb, my Assistant G-2, at present with Headquarters VIII Corps; T-3 Alfred M. Pommer of OB Team #73 attached to the Division; sergeant Kenneth Rosenthal, a member of the division CIC Detachment; and my driver, Private Arthur W. Berger, we left the division CP at Nauhof.

We arrived at this camp at approximately 1200 hours on the 21st. I certify that the scenes described in the attached pictures were those which I saw on that day. For reference purposes I have numbered the photographs. In photo #1 I have indicated the names of the officers and enlisted men who accompanied me to this camp. This photograph verifies their presence at the camp. The name of the photographer who accompanied me, I do not know, but that information could be secured from the First Army photographic company. The photographer made still shots and also movies. I have not seen the motion pictures which were made. I was not present at the time this installation was captured, however, it was reported to me by the intelligence officer of the 272nd Infantry Regiment, Major Joseph Lipsius, that the conditions which are described in these pictures and which I saw on this day were exactly as they were on the previous day when his organization captured the area.

It would have been impossible to have stages or faked the conditions which existed at this camp. We interrogated the two men who escaped this camp and who are shown in picture #3. They verified the information which is given on the reverse side of the picture.

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The following named men who accompanied me to the concentration camp have since left the division and can be reached at the addresses listed below:

T/3 Alfred M. Pommer, OB Team #73 recently transferred to MIS HQ
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Sgt. Kenneth Rosenthal, now with 970/3 CIC Detachment.