

# Censor's Aide Gets Own Proof of Nazi Horrors

LEIPZIG (Germany) April 28. (AP)—The horror of Germany today is too great for the human mind to believe.

The contrast between the ordinary German civilian, who is glad the long war is ending—whatever the price he must pay in penalty—and the frenzied mass massacres of the Nazi gangsters simply is unacceptable to the civilized intellect.

But it is true.

There is nothing in modern times to compare with this grand-scale murder of peoples. Nor in ancient times. Never before have so many people been done away with so cold-bloodedly and scientifically. The destruction of Carthage was a schoolboy prank compared with the systematic slaying technique devised by the Nazis.

## Censor Sees Horror

You don't have to look at it through a reporter's eyes.

Take 22-year-old Sgt. Mike Tkacsik, former sheet metal worker of New York City, who had seen only a few dead people in his life before he came overseas three years ago.

Mike works in the censor's office night and day and gets little time off. He heard so much of Nazi infamy from reading correspondents' copy that he asked for a day off to ride to the notorious Buchenwald camp near Weimar—the best-known Hitler "murder factory."

## Returned Changed Man

"It couldn't be as bad as all that," he said before starting.

He came back a changed man. It wasn't the sight of human tattooed skins used as lampshades that convinced him, so much as the stink of death in that charnel house and the talks he had with some of its survivors.

These victims of Nazi sadism are so starved they are beyond the reach of food and treatment and are doomed to die.

The doctors figure 5000 of the 20,000 still alive when the Americans reached the camp cannot recover.

"They had children as young as 2½ years old there—and our doctors took these babies out first to try to save them," said Mike.

## Deaths in Night

"Outside one place where you'd ordinarily throw garbage I saw 14 bodies. They all had

died the night before—there was nothing could be done for them, they were so far gone.

"The worst room was the one right next to the crematory, where they put the cases about to die, so they wouldn't have to cart them far to burn them. You could even smell death in there. When the Americans got there it had 1200 dying men in it.

"Our doctors did everything they could for them, but only eight are still alive. They have been stretched out on blankets in the sun in hopes that will help them. They couldn't hold food of any kind. They were starved so long they just threw it up.

## S.S. Had Motto

"I talked to one Belgian political prisoner from Liege and he told me that the S.S. guards had a motto which they told every prisoner as he came in: 'You come in through the gate and you go out through the chimney.'

"They were burning 450 to 600 bodies a day. If anyone ever doubts they carried out their motto I have pictures to prove it."

When Mike got back to the press camp, horrified with what he had seen there were fresh stories of terrorism by Hitler disciples—how S.S. and Gestapo men burned 220 political prisoners in one camp in suburban Leipzig as the Americans arrived, how they shot women political prisoners too weak to march away in another camp.

"If I was back home I wouldn't be able to believe it," he said. "I couldn't believe it of human beings. But now I would believe anything about the Nazis. After what I saw with my own eyes today there is nothing they wouldn't do."