

The Internment Camp



*Danish members of the Waffen SS in Neuengamme, summer 1945.
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In accordance with the decisions made at the Potsdam Conference in the summer of 1945, around 320,000 Germans were interned in the four occupied zones of Germany; around 93,000 of them were arrested in the British zone. Some of the former Nazi concentration camps like Neuengamme in the British zone, Dachau in the American zone and Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen in the Soviet zone were used to hold these internees.

The official name of the Neuengamme camp from November 1945 was "Civil Internment Camp No. 6" (CIC 6). It remained operational until August 1948. The majority of the internees were members of the SS and officials of the Nazi state.