

Construction of Anti-Tank Trenches in Oortkaten



Drawing by Hans Peter Sørensen, tenth drawing from his Neuengamme portfolio published in 1948, print based on a pencil drawing. Hans Peter Sørensen added the following comments: *"In mid-October 1944, a commando of 1,000 prisoners was formed, which was driven towards Hamburg every morning to dig anti-tank trenches. This commando included 150 Danes, among them all the [border] policemen. This deployment, which went on for around 8 weeks, was one of the reasons why many never returned to Denmark."*

Hans Peter Sørensen, a former prisoner from Denmark, was imprisoned in Neuengamme from October 1944.

Clearance Detail



Prisoners on clearance detail in the bombedout Hammerbrook area of Hamburg in 1943.

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