

Construction of a Watchtower



Prisoners building a watchtower on the border between the prisoners' barracks and the SS barracks in 1940/41. The working conditions varied greatly for the members of the construction commandos: those who worked in excavation, paving or track construction commandos received the same inhuman treatment as prisoners who worked on the "Kommando Elbe" or at the clay pits, while skilled construction workers, like carpenters or masons, and prisoners who worked inside were treated somewhat better.

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Derailed Tipper



Drawing by Hans Peter Sørensen, 13th drawing in his Neuengamme portfolio published in 1948, print based on a pencil drawing. Hans Peter Sørensen added the following comments: *"When a tipper derailed, that was terrible. And unfortunately, that happened frequently because the material was bad. Lifting the heavy, loaded wagon back onto the tracks was terribly hard going. If SS men were nearby, they would take such occurrences as a welcome excuse to use their whips."*

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