

## Neuengamme Concentration Camp: British Footage

British Footage Shot on 5 May and 2 June 1945. Photography by Sgt. Whitaker and Lt. Thompson. (IWM)



Arthur Lange, who had been a political prisoner at Neuengamme concentration camp, showed the film crew around the cleared camp. In this scene, Lange shows the British soldiers a radio, which had been hidden inside an electricity meter, and on which he had secretly listened to the BBC. This still was published often over the following decades and has become a symbol of resistance at Neuengamme concentration camp.



Two French former prisoners showing the film crew the crematorium. The urns and the packaging materials that can be seen in this shot were used to mail the ashes of German prisoners to their relatives. The crematorium, which was demolished in 1947, was frequently photographed by Allied soldiers and other visitors. These images of the crematorium as a place of terror were formative to the visual memory of Neuengamme.



On their arrival at the camp, the British soldiers found a large pile of shoes. It was believed that the footwear came from prisoners killed at Neuengamme or Auschwitz concentration camps, but in fact the shoes came from a 1943 footwear appeal in Hamburg. The shoes were stored at Neuengamme concentration camp, where they were taken apart or ordered by companies for their workers.



This shot shows the parade ground on 2 June 1945. SS members, who had been taken as prisoners of war, were held at the camp from the end of May 1945. Not only Germans were interned there, but also men from Latvian and Scandinavian SS divisions, seen here shortly after their arrival at the camp. In the background are the camp gates on what is today Jean-Dolidier-Weg with Stone Building I to the right.