

The Shell Limestone Column



On 18 October 1953, a simple, seven-metre-high shell limestone column designed by director of construction Paul Seitz was inaugurated. Initially, this memorial site was dedicated to the French nationals who died at Neuengamme. The financial department of the Hamburg Senate suggested that it be dedicated to all the victims of the camp and that the inscription should express this as well. Senator of Justice Kröger chose the inscription: "Dedicated to the Victims 1938–1945".

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On the 15th anniversary of the camp's liberation, the City of Hamburg added a five-metre-long and one-metre-high memorial wall to the column. In the foreground is the street which today is Jean-Dolidier-Weg.

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The Site of the Column



When the new monument was erected in 1965, the shell limestone column was taken down. Its whereabouts are unknown.

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