

BELSEN GOES UP IN SMOKE

To the cinemas to see the atrocity films German civilians are compelled to go by the Allied military government. In that way they are made to know the crime history of the concentration camps. Belsen, one of the worst, no longer exists. All the sufferers in the hospital section were prepared for removal as soon as was physically possible. It took time, for many were critically ill. Forty had died every day, on the average, despite the greatest medical care since the British took over. Germans were made to carry the bodies to the burial place.

A Jewish chaplain conducted the burial service at the Jewish section of the emergency cemetery. A British clergyman performed the last rites for the other victims.

The last meal at Belsen was the happiest one the prisoners ever had there. They were leaving that hell on earth, returning as free men and women to the outside world. Many were still in good health; many were not. The doctors say that several will not recover, though they may drag on for some months. When they had all gone British soldiers fired a volley in honour of the dead.

Then flame throwers destroyed the disease ridden camp. Very soon it was only a charred memory. But the memory must remain. The Free world must do more than punish the guilty. It must make sure that no where on earth shall such iniquity be possible again.