

# CAMERA

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CAMERAMAN..... **Ian Struthers** ..... SOUNDMAN.....  
 STORY COVERED:..... **The last days of Belsen** ..... LENGTH EXPOSED..... **900ft**  
 PLACE OF EVENT:..... **Germany.** ..... HOW SHIPPED.....  
 STOCK USED..... **Super XX.** ..... EMULSION No..... COVERED BY  
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**VERY IMPORTANT! Write Plainly—Spell Names Correctly—Use Typewriter if Possible**

SCENE NUMBER	COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES	FOOTAGE IND.	CAMERA SPEED	LIGHT COND.	LENS USED
1.	Life still continues in the Concentration Camp at Belsen even though the British have been in control for a month. It was found impossible to evacuate at once, all those still alive, for there were in the region of sixty thousand people there. As the days passed many were evacuated and the bodies were buried. Of those still left and who are beyond medical				
2.	attention, deaths are at the rate of about 40 a day. Some of the huts, under British Medical students, have been cleaned up and turned into hospital wards. Other huts have been cleaned and turned into Canteens. But the place is virtually empty. There are to be seen the mass graves; members of the Wehrmacht still collect the bodies by truck. Ambulances				
3.	are still taking away cases of malnutrition, typhus and the many other diseases which broke out in Belsen. Much of the remaining administration is done by the internees themselves, those who are fit and who have not been there long. A typical work is the distribution of Displaced Persons Identity Cards. This gives people a name again, not just a number.				
4.	Prior to going to Transit camps in other district by lorry, they are given a bath and are dusted down with anti-lice powder. The people left, are, as usual, of all nationalities; the dusting is done by Hungarian soldiers. The British deal with most things, in particular the demolition and burning of the huts as they become vacant. Eventually the				
5.	entire place will be burned to the ground. Note, a woman, putting striped prison clothes on the fire. In the Hospital huts Plasma is given to many, but there are many who are beyond aid and will eventually die. T.B. is one of the most prevalent diseases contracted as a result of years of living in Concentration Camps. The Doctor in the canteen who is in				
6.	striped clothes has been in concentration camps for over five years; for being a Hungarian Jew. The medical authorities estimate that people will still be dying a year hence as a result of having been an inmate of Belsen.				
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WHICH OTHER SOUND NEWS REELS COVERED STORY .....

“ ” SILENT “ ” “ ” .....

**INSTRUCTIONS—GIVE FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH SCENE AND ALL HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL FACTS POSSIBLE. SHIP ALL FILM PARCEL POST, SPECIAL DELIVERY TO ABOVE ADDRESS. SEND THE PINK ORIGINAL OF THIS FORM WITH NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS BY SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL. PLACE DUPLICATE IN CAN CONTAINING NEGATIVE.**

RAF FILM PRODUCTION UNIT

C.B. 516

Footage: 400 ft.

29/5/45

GERMANY GOES TO THE CINEMA

The horrors of Belsen and Buchenwald are only too well known to the British public. It is the policy of H.C. that the civil population of Germany should become equally well acquainted with the terrible deeds which have been committed in their name.

This film depicts the people of Minden who were made to attend a showing of the atrocity film, both before they enter the cinema and their attitude upon leaving it.

Box 13607

Camera man: Kenneth Gordon

Monday, 21 May 1945

Location: Belsen, Germany.

Subject: With Military ceremony the horror camp of Belsen is destroyed by fire.

Every day in spite of the work of Nursing Sisters and the RAMC many victims of the Nazi horror camp die daily.

Picture shows the dead being unloaded into mass grave by German soldiers under British Guard on Whit Mondy.

These have died of starvation and typhus, they have been too far gone to take food.

The Jewish Chaplain reads the service over the grave. German party stand bear headed. (Chaplin wears hat)

British troops stand with reverence at the grave-side.

The church of England Chaplain holds his service.

The Germans fill in the grave of one of many.

At the No.1 internment camp the british Army hold a ceremony as the last hut of the camp is destroyed by fire.

Brave British nurses who are fighting to save what lives they can, watch.

Col H.W.L. Bird of the 102, Control Section, who has been at Belsen since its liberation reads thanks to his workers.

Watched by RAMC and other troops, the Guard of Honour fire a volley in Honour of the Camps thousands of dead. Each officer who has been responsible for the cleaning up of the Belsen horror camp, fires burning oil from Bren flame throwers on to the last hut.

Various shots of the burning. General view of troops watching Union Jack flying above camp.

Some of the inmates who have nearly recovered were at the burning.