



**Soviet women liberated from the Hamburg satellite camps of the Neuengamme concentration camp at the 'Zoo' DP camp near Karolinenstrasse, probably mid-May 1945**

Photo: Sergeant James Mapham, No. 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit, Imperial War Museum, London, BU 6652



**Roger Vyvey, former prisoner of the Neuengamme concentration camp, on the day of his return to his parents' house in Nieuwpoort, Belgium, 24 May 1945**

Photo: unknown, courtesy of Kristof Van Mierop

**Cover photograph: Prisoners liberated from the Wilhelmshaven-Alter Banter Weg satellite camp, in front of the MS Homburg in Malmö, 11 May 1945**

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The Neuengamme concentration camp network was the largest concentration camp in north-west Germany, with over 100,000 prisoners in the main camp and a total of more than 85 satellite camps for men and women. Today, the Memorial is a place of remembrance and learning that preserves the memory of the victims of SS terror.

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In May 1945, the victims of Nazi persecution in forced labour camps, detention facilities and hiding places in Hamburg breathed a sigh of relief. The end of the war brought them the freedom they had longed for. Throughout northern Germany, British troops liberated hundreds of prisoners from the Neuengamme concentration camp and its satellite camps, all of which had recently been cleared.

Many of the women, men and children from across Europe had only just survived the Nazi terror. Most of them were sick, emaciated and barely had any clothing. How were they supposed to get home? Did they even have a home and a family to go back to?

For the survivors, returning to a 'normal' life was often a challenging process. And for many, being liberated did not mean an end to the misery.



**Survivors of Nazi persecution standing next to a bus while awaiting departure, with a banner that reads 'Concentration camp recovery home Wentorf', probably 1945**

Photo: unknown, archive of the Neuengamme concentration camp memorial, HSN 13-7-8-4

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