Signal Corps Photos

35 Signal Corps photos (ETO-HQ-45 # 45678-46009) were taken at Gusen on 12 May 1945 by US Signal Corpsmen Ignatius Gallo and Sam Gilbert. For many years, these photos were published as evidence of atrocities committed at Mauthausen. The statement on the back of the photos (some included here), as well as a "master caption" stapled to each clearly identifies the camp as Gusen (see next slide).

Photos 46578, 46582, 46588-89, 46591, 46597-46608 are not yet included.
Each photo in this series has this notice stapled to its back. Perhaps the erroneous location “at Muhlhausen” contributed to the confusion regarding many of these photos.
MASTER CAPTION. GUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP.
SERIES PICS 46579 THRU 46612.

The 35 pictures in this series were made May at Gusen Concentration Camp at Muhlhausen, Austria, near Linz, Austria. When the camp was opened, total killed there, and maybe held in it are facts not now known. But after arrival of men of the third U.S. inmates continued to die at the rate of one per day. Inmates told Investigators the camp primarily was for political prisoners from all over Europe. Investigators have learned, however, that at one time an unknown number of American flyers were there. Men were worked in nearby stone quarries until too near for more, then killed.

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ETO-46579 SC-264912(Back)
Los españoles cautivos del fascismo, no olvidan a Juan Bissig, su última víctima.
ETO-46580 SC-387148(Back)

TWO SPANISH PRISONERS AT CAMP GUSEN (RIGHT) MOURN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER OF THEIR NUMBER. THE 13-YEAR-OLD BOY AT LEFT IS A POLISH-U.S. COALITIONIST HELD THERE FOR THREE YEARS. HE THINKS BOTH HIMSELF AND HIS PARENTS, ALSO TAKEN PRISONER, ARE DEAD.
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T/5 IGNOTUS GILLO

TWO SISTERS FROM NORTHERN ITALY, POLITICAL
PRISONERS AT CAMP GUSSEN FOR TWO YEARS, SAID
THEY WERE ON A DEATH LIST AT LEAST TWICE, BUT
MANAGED TO AVOID EXECUTION BY HIDING WHEN
DOCTORS CAME AROUND TO PICK THOSE READY FOR
THE GAS chambers. (L)

15 MAY 1945

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PHOTOGR. T/5 IGNATIUS GALLO, 166.

TWO ARMY BULLDOZERS AND GERMAN CIVILIANS
PREPARING COMMON GRAVE FOR DEAD LINED UP IN
FOREGROUND. THREE SUCH GRAVES EACH OVER
200 FEET LONG, WERE DUG FOR THE DEAD FOUND
IN CAMP BY MEN OF THIRD U. S. ARMY. (L)

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THREE OF MANY WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS AT
CAMP GUSEN WHO WERE STARVING TO DEATH. (L)

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GERMAN CIVILIANS LOADING THE DEAD FOUND AT CAMP GUSEN INTO WAGONS TO REMOVE THEM FOR DECENT BURIAL. (L)
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46594
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PHOTOG...T/4 SAM GILBERT 166

T/5 JACK R. NOWITZ (CENTER), A LAWYER FROM FAIRFIELD, CONN., ON THE STAFF OF THE
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, THIRD U. S. ARMY,
CHECKING BOOKS SHOWING WHO WAS EXTERMINATED
AT CAMP GUSSEN.

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SOME OF THE BODIES BEING REMOVED BY GERMAN CIVILIANS FROM CAMP USEN FOR DECENT BURIAL (L)

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PHOTOGR. T/4 SAM GILBERT 166

A POLITICAL PRISONER SHOWS HOW AND WHERE INMATES AT GULAG WERE CHAINED FOR THREE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER AS PUNISHMENT FOR "ATTEMPTING TO PICK UP A CIGARETTE BUTT".

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If a prisoner at Camp Gusen failed to move his hat quickly enough as an SS trooper passed, this was part of the punishment. The rope was wrapped around the “offender’s” neck while another prisoner was forced to pull it tight. The punishment was recorded to have lasted three days.

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THE 35 PICTURES IN THIS SERIES WERE MADE 12 MAY AT GUSEN, CONCENTRATION CAMP AT MÜHLHAUSEN, AUSTRIA, NEAR LINZ, AUSTRIA. WHEN IT WAS OPENED, TOTAL KILLED THERE, AND MAXIMUM HELD IN IT ARE FACTS NOT NOW KNOWN, BUT EVER AFTER ARRIVAL OF MEN OF THE THIRD U.S. ARMY, INMATES CONTINUED TO DIE AT THE RATE OF 100 PER DAY. INMATES TOLD INVESTIGATORS THE CAMP PRIMARILY WAS FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE. INVESTIGATORS HAVE LEARNED, HOWEVER, THAT AT ONE TIME AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF AMERICAN FLIERS WERE KILLED THERE. MEN WERE WORKED IN NEARBY STONE QUARRIES UNTIL TOO WEAK FOR MORE, THEN KILLED. (L)