

Air Photo Evidence

During World War Two both German and Allied reconnaissance aircraft took countless air photos of places of tactical and strategic interest in Europe. These photos are prime evidence for the investigation of the Holocaust. Air photos of locations like Auschwitz, Majdanek, Treblinka, Babi Yar etc. permit an insight into what did or did not happen there. This then can be compared with what witnesses claim happened there. The present book is full of air photo reproductions and schematic drawings explaining them. According to the author, these images refute many of the atrocity claims made by witnesses in connection with events in the German sphere of influence.

Auschwitz (front cover, top left)

Witnesses have claimed that, in the spring and summer 1944, the chimneys of the four crematories at Auschwitz-Birkenau were constantly smoking profusely and that thousands were incinerated on pyres in huge outdoor pits. The air photos presented here show whether they are right. An analysis of these photos further reveals that someone tampered with copies of them in an attempt to add into the pictures what should be there but isn't ...

Babi Yar (top image)

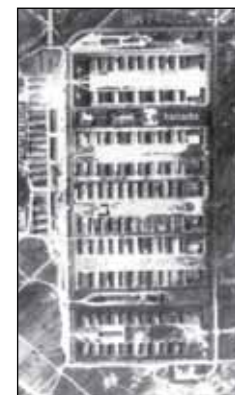
After German units captured the Ukrainian capital Kiev, they are said to have shot some 33,000 Jews and tossed them into the Babi Yar Ravine. In the summer of 1943, shortly before their retreat, the Germans are said to have exhumed the bodies and burned them for weeks on huge stakes. What do air photos from immediately after the event show?

Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka (right)

Witnesses claim that in these camps altogether more than 1.5 million Jews were killed and initially buried in gargantuan mass graves. Later on they are said to have been disinterred and burned on huge pyres. Do the air photos show any evidence for this to be true, like remnants of huge mass graves or charred earth from huge fires?

Majdanek (left)

This was the first major German concentration camp "liberated" by the Red Army toward the end of World War II. Initially it was claimed that up to 2 million inmates were killed here by various means, but that number has decreased over the past seven decades to just under 80,000. Also decreased is the number of officially alleged gas chambers used for these claimed murders: from seven to currently two. The air photos presented here give some clues as to why these mass murder claims have been untenable from the start.



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Foreword

In his 1976 book *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*, Dr. Arthur R. Butz explained in detail that, during the Second World War, the German industrial activities around the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp were of great strategic importance to the Allies. Hence he concluded that Allied reconnaissance aircraft must have taken many photos of the area, which to this day could be very revealing regarding the true nature of the Auschwitz camp, as certain activities claimed by many eyewitnesses would have been so vast that they could not have been missed by Allied intelligence.¹ But no such photos had been released by 1976. That changed three years later, when the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency published a slender brochure containing a few such aerial photos. The authors (Brugioni/Poirier) claimed that these photos do indeed prove the claims made by many witnesses in terms of containing evidence for an ongoing mass murder. At that time, revisionism was not yet well organized in the Anglo-Saxon world, so no thorough refutation of the C.I.A.'s claims was published at that time in English. I know only of reactions by German revisionists who undertook to debunk the C.I.A.'s claims (see Stäglich & Walendy.)

The matter changed in 1992 when John Clive Ball published the first edition of the present book. This book was a game changer. Rather than reacting to what others had claimed, it set a new standard of historical forensics by which all future publications about the Holocaust had to be tested.

Almost every revisionist book that appeared after Ball's epoch-making study also included analysis of relevant air photos. The most important book in this regard is probably Mattogno's *Auschwitz: Open Air Incinerations*. It investigates the claims made by many Auschwitz witnesses that, from May through August 1944, gargantuan cremation pyres in huge pits were burning day and night at the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp, upon which the corpses of hundreds of thousands of murdered Hungarian Jews were being turned into ashes. It is claimed that during this time the entire area was blanketed in thick smoke. Of course pictorial evidence of such large undertakings would have been captured on air photos taken by Allied reconnaissance planes. But as the reader of the present study will discover, the extensive photos of the place and time show nothing unusual at all.

It goes without saying that some of the few orthodox historians who dared to confront revisionist research had to deal with these air photos as well (foremost Shermer/Grobman and Zimmerman), although their attempts at papering over the huge cracks in orthodox historiography were swiftly exposed as seriously flawed by leading revisionists.²

A few more air photos of the Auschwitz camp taken by the Allied and German air forces have been discovered since the first edition of the present study had appeared, but they show much the same thing. A few of them require our attention, though, as they show a column of smoke rising from a small area of the Birkenau camp. I have added them and a brief discussion of what we see there to chapter 5.9. Also, the subject of massive open air incinerations allegedly going on between mid-May and late summer 1944 in an area west of the Birkenau camp near the so-called

¹ In the 3rd U.S. edition of 2003, see the chapter "Auschwitz of Great Interest to Americans," pp. 77-81, and "Where are the pictures?," pp. 187f.

² See Carlo Mattogno, "Denying Evidence," in: Rudolf/Mattogno, pp. 199-267, in particular pp. 224-231; and "The Elusive Holes of Death," *ibid.*, pp. 279-393; especially pp. 290-292, 367-371.

“Bunker 2” – a makeshift homicidal gas chamber of legendary proportions – has been dealt with in this new issue with the new chapter 5.10. It also features two new air photos. None of them show any smoke in this area, though, hence no trace of any incinerations at all...

In 1994 a paper by John Ball was published which summarized the present book and added a few more aspects, which the interested reader might want to consult as well.³ One particularly interesting issue is Ball’s suspicion that the air photos released in 1979 by the C.I.A. have been tampered with, as he describes in the present book (chapter 5.4). In his 1994 paper he wrote about this:⁴

“After realizing these facts of the matter, I went to the National Archives and requested to see the originals, since the photos given to me as originals had clearly been altered. And in fact I was then given air photos which I was assured were the originals. These were indeed of better quality than the negatives I had been given first: due to the better focus, the work of the forgers was considerably more clearly apparent at the same places on the photos. When I pointed this out to the Archives staff, I was told that these were the negatives which the National Archives had received from the CIA in 1979, and that they had always believed that they were in the precise state in which they had been taken from the reconnaissance planes in 1944. I was told that I was the first member of the public ever to have seen these negatives. Now they would be returned to the archives forever, to be handed out only at the request of government agencies such as the CIA.”

A year later, an Austrian publication attacked Ball for these statements, insinuating that these negatives are available to anyone on request:⁵

“He [Ball] surrounds this claim [re. the alterations] with a graphic account of his research in the National Archives in Washington, where these photos, he claims, are now locked away for all time because he had proved that they were falsified. He withholds from his readers the fact that these same photos may be viewed in the State Museum of Auschwitz [...]”

It is needless to say that there can be only *one* original negative of each photograph, namely the one that was in the camera when the photo was taken (and which the C.I.A. might have destroyed). All the other negatives are copies, of which in this case many may exist at various locations, each of them of course subject to loss of quality and alteration.

An interesting episode about the question whether or not these air photos have been tampered with occurred in the context of the second Zündel trial.⁶ During that time, Dino Brugioni approached Ernst Zündel privately and told him “off the record” that he himself does not believe that the air photos published by him prove the orthodox Holocaust narrative and that he, too, has the suspicion that the photos he was given by his superiors to analyze in 1979 had been tampered with.⁷ For me, of course, this is not much more than hearsay, so not much weight can be put onto it.

Fact is, however, that in 1999 Brugioni published a book entitled *Photo Fakery* which explored “The History and Techniques of Photographic Deception and Manipulation,” according to

³ John C. Ball, “Luftbildbeweise,” in: Gauss, pp. 235-248; English: “Air Photo Evidence,” in: Rudolf, *Dissecting the Holocaust*, pp. 269-282.

⁴ Here quoted from the English ed., *ibid.*, pp. 278f.

⁵ Bailer-Galanda/Benz/Neugebauer, p. 25 (translation mine).

⁶ On that trial see Kulaszka.

⁷ Ernst Zündel, private communication.

the subtitle of the book. The book exposes and explains a wide variety of tampered-with photos of political importance. Only one set of photos in the entire book is claimed to be original, un-tampered and authentic: the Auschwitz air photos Brugioni had published 20 years earlier. Why would Brugioni include those *exceptions* in a book about forgeries which otherwise doesn't even remotely touch upon the Holocaust topic?⁸

I leave that to the reader's imagination.

John Ball and I started working on a new edition of his book in late 2003/early 2004, when he started sending me new aerial photos not discussed in the first edition of the present study. At that time we also considered enabling the reader to look at some of the Auschwitz air photos taken in rapid succession with 3D glasses in order to get a three-dimensional impression. The project was delayed, as I was working on other projects, and then, in October 2005, I was actually arrested by the U.S. authorities and deported back to Germany, allegedly for an immigration violation, but really because my revisionist work had made me many powerful enemies (see Rudolf, *Resistance Is Obligatory*). At that time three other leading revisionists were also thrown in jail (Ernst Zündel, Siegfried Verbeke, David Irving). Although that is an entirely different story, fact is that John Ball probably got scared by this sudden spike in persecution of peaceful dissidents. Around that time he must have decided to simply disappear. To this day I still don't know where he is, but I have decided to go ahead and revive our project of a new, updated, expanded edition of his book, albeit without any fancy photos with 3D effects.

The present study has 34 pages more than the first edition. This is due to the fact that I have included a few more air photos addressing issues not discussed in earlier editions of this work – as mentioned before – but also because all the pertinent material which John Ball had published in his 1993 16-page brochure *The Ball Report* has been integrated. That brochure consisted mainly of Ball's schematic drawings of the crime scenes investigated plus a brief summary of chemical analyses of wall samples he had taken at Auschwitz in early 1993. I have expanded that subject with a brief introduction into the relevance of analyzing such samples, and by summarizing the analytic results obtained by other author who preceded Ball with their sampling.

Several sections of Ball's original work have been extensively edited for this current edition, as they were erroneous to the point where keeping them as they were would have been irresponsible. When writing this I do not mean to criticize Ball for the mistakes he made back then. In the early 1990s John Ball was a novice in Holocaust research (as was I at the time). It was therefore to some degree inevitable for him to make a number of mistakes. Some of them he probably could have avoided, had he communicated with more experienced researchers in the field prior to publishing the first edition of his book. Other errors, however, became apparent only due to subsequent research published in later years, upon which I could rely for this edition. One of these issues – whether the black lines around the Birkenau crematoria are due to thick fences or the result of C.I.A. manipulations – is addressed in this edition by Carlo Mattogno.

I am grateful to Jett Rucker for carefully proofing this edition, and to Carlo Mattogno for his critical and constructive peer review, in particular for his input regarding potential mass graves near the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp as discussed in chapter 5.13.

Gerhard Rudolf
December 27, 2014

⁸ See the review by Widmann.

About the Author and Book



April, 1992: Myself at the National Archives Air Photo Library in Alexandria, Virginia.

A brief history:

Residence: Residence: I have lived in British Columbia, Canada, almost all my life and now live in Delta, just outside of Vancouver.

Training: In 1981 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of British Columbia.

Air photo experience: With my work as a mineral exploration geologist I have interpreted air photos using stereo magnifying equipment since 1976.

Air photos:

- (1) I selected the 1939 to 1945 air photos of Europe and western Russia during April and May 1992 from the collection at the U.S. National Archives Air Photo Library in Alexandria, Virginia.
- (2) The photos were interpreted in Vancouver using a Jena Interpreterscope and a table stereo viewing magnifier, and
- (3) I then enlarged selected photos using a Pro-Lab 4 x 5 inch enlarger, and had them scanned for publication at 150 lines per inch.

Acknowledgement:

I wish to thank the staff at the National Archives Air Photo Library for their patient assistance in helping me locate the photographs reproduced in this book.

Irony of using *German* air photos:

It is ironic that half of the air photos in this book, which are being used to determine the truth about accusations that Germans systematically murdered people in detention camps, are those which were exposed by the *German* military from 1939 to 1945 when they were taking photos of targets such as railway lines and access roads.

Air photos taken from 1939 to 1945 by the Americans and British are only available for Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen; all of the other 1939 to 1945 photos in this book were exposed by Zeiss Jena cameras in German air force planes.

Caveat

In 1998 John C. Ball started a website called www.air-photo.com. Due to the present book and this website, increasing social and legal pressure was exerted against Ball, who saw his livelihood as a mineral exploration geologist threatened. He therefore decided eventually to move from his old home to an unknown place, and later he apparently even changed his name. A revisionist friend maintained the website for a number of years, but it is now defunct.



Introduction:

1. Objective when I started research:

My objective was to analyze aerial photographs of World War II German controlled detention camps in Poland for evidence to confirm the claims that mass murders, burials, and cremations had been conducted there, and to compare this evidence with information from other locations where mass executions or deaths together with mass burials had occurred.

2. Method:

I reviewed the books listed in the references and then compared these allegations for each of the alleged mass murder camps with the evidence revealed from studying the air photos. Enlargements were made of important pictures.

3. Chapter arrangement:

Chapters 2 to 4 review areas like the Katyn Forest where mass burials occurred, **Chapter 5** reveals air photo evidence about whether mass murders and cremations were being conducted at Auschwitz or Birkenau, **Chapter 5.4** shows evidence which I believe proves marks were added to 1944 Auschwitz air photos before their public release in 1979, and **Chapters 6 to 10** show the Treblinka, Belzec, and Sobibor camps from 1940 to 1944 and the Babi Yar Ravine as it looked in 1943.

4. Nothing is hidden from air photos:

Looking at the air photos will be just as if we went back in time to World War II to take a series of airplane flights over the different areas.



Photo 1: Myself looking at a few of the 1.2 million German air photo prints in the U.S. National Archives collection from which half the photos in this book are taken.

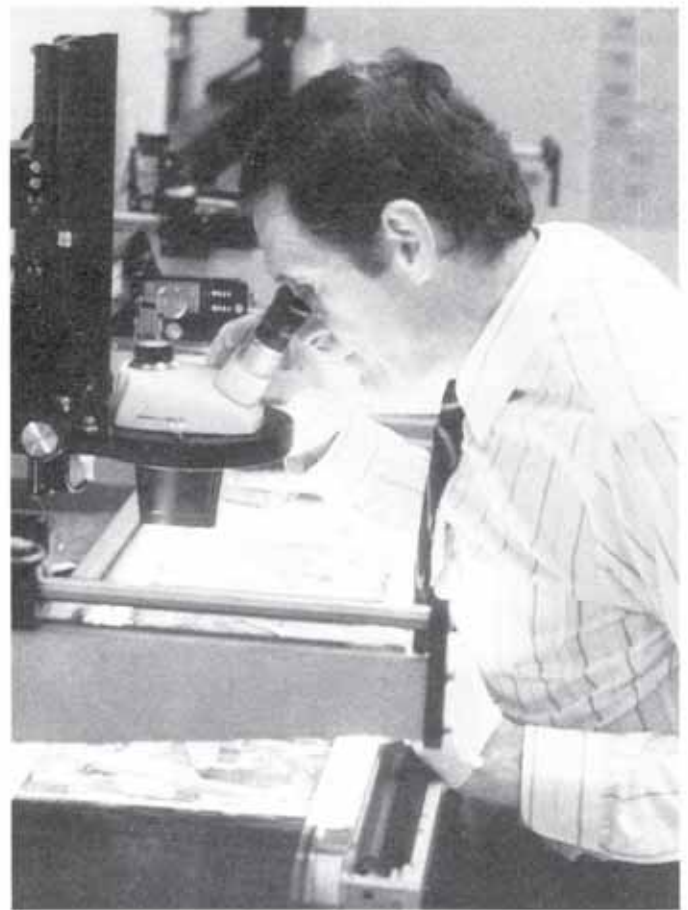


Photo 2: Using a microscope to inspect one of the thousands of rolls of 23 centimeter (9 inch) negatives taken by the American military from which the other half of the photos are taken.

Chapter 1

The Development of World War II Aerial Photography

During the 1930's German technicians pioneered the development of aerial photography cameras, high quality lenses, and viewing equipment. From 1939 to 1945 they compiled millions of air photos from flights over Europe and western Russia. Photo interpreters monitored military equipment and troop movements while using stereo viewing magnifiers, which give a 3-dimensional effect by looking at two photos taken one after the other that both photographed the same area on the ground.



Photo 1: A Messerschmitt 110 twin engined air photo plane.



Photo 2: A Lublin, Poland, train station map drawn on an air photo.

Air photos from American library which were taken by Germans are in this book



Photo 3 – After 1945: Americans looking through a German-made stereo viewing magnifier which also allows two people to view at the same time.

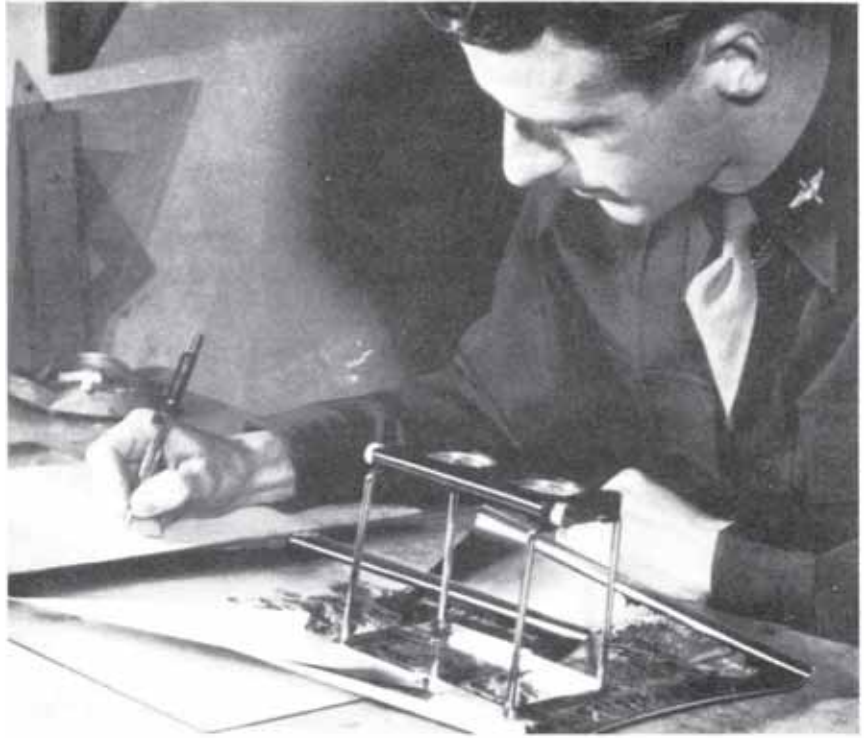
At the end of the war the American military seized truckloads of German air photo prints and sent them to the U.S. where 1.2 million were released to the public during the 1980s. The German photos in this book were selected from the collection stocked at the National Archives Air Photo library at Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A

Chapter 1

American and British air photo development

U.S.-American and British air photo reconnaissance and interpretation developed from being almost non-existent in 1939 to a well-equipped and top-priority program by 1943. Bombing targets such as communication centers, railway stations, power plants, factories, and city centers were photographed, and the developed 23 centimeter (9 inch) prints were studied at field offices and at the large Medmenham interpretation center near London, England, where the U.S.-Americans and British worked together.

Photo 4: (right) A U.S. Army interpreter writes a report while using a stereo viewing magnifier.



Faster higher aircraft combined with larger focal length cameras by 1943

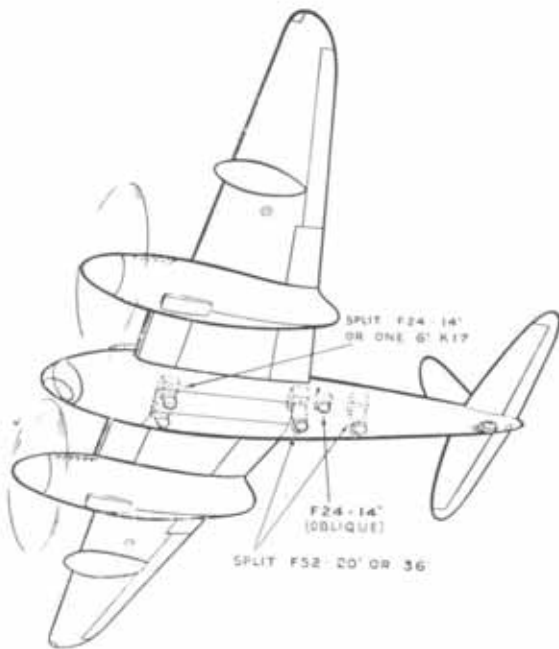
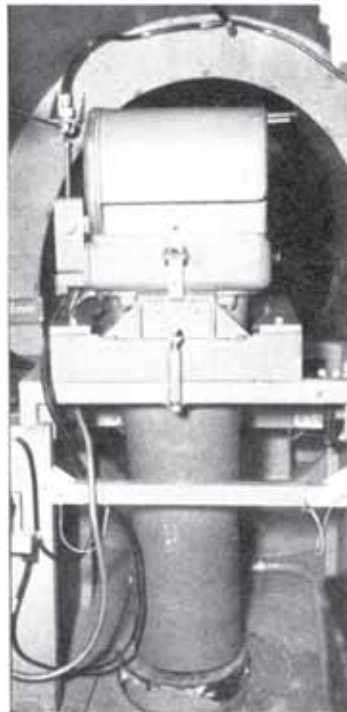


Photo 5: (above) Camera locations in the Mosquito. **Photo 6:** (right) A 36-inch (90-centimeter) camera in position that could obtain large scale images from high elevations.



The twin-engined DeHavilland Mosquito aircraft was modified after 1940 so that it could photograph most areas of Europe after 1941 because:

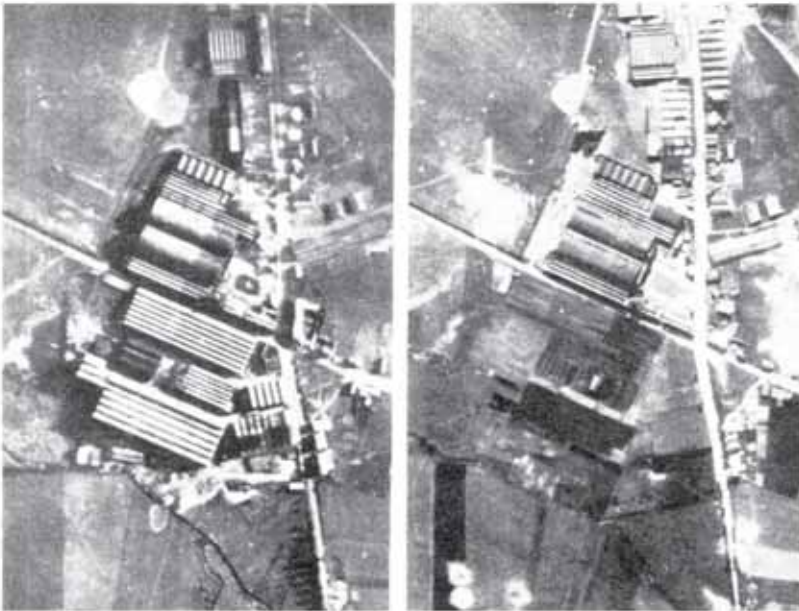
- (1) radar could not detect it, as it's skin was plywood,
- (2) it flew 600 kilometers (375 miles) per hour at 13 kilometers (8 miles) altitude, and
- (3) it could fly 1450 kilometers to a target and then return.

The Germans were also aware that after 1943 the Mosquito could fly from Italian airfields to photograph Poland.

By 1943 long-focal-length 90-centimeter (36 inch) cameras were developed.

Chapter 1

Camouflage used to bide important or sensitive possible bombing targets

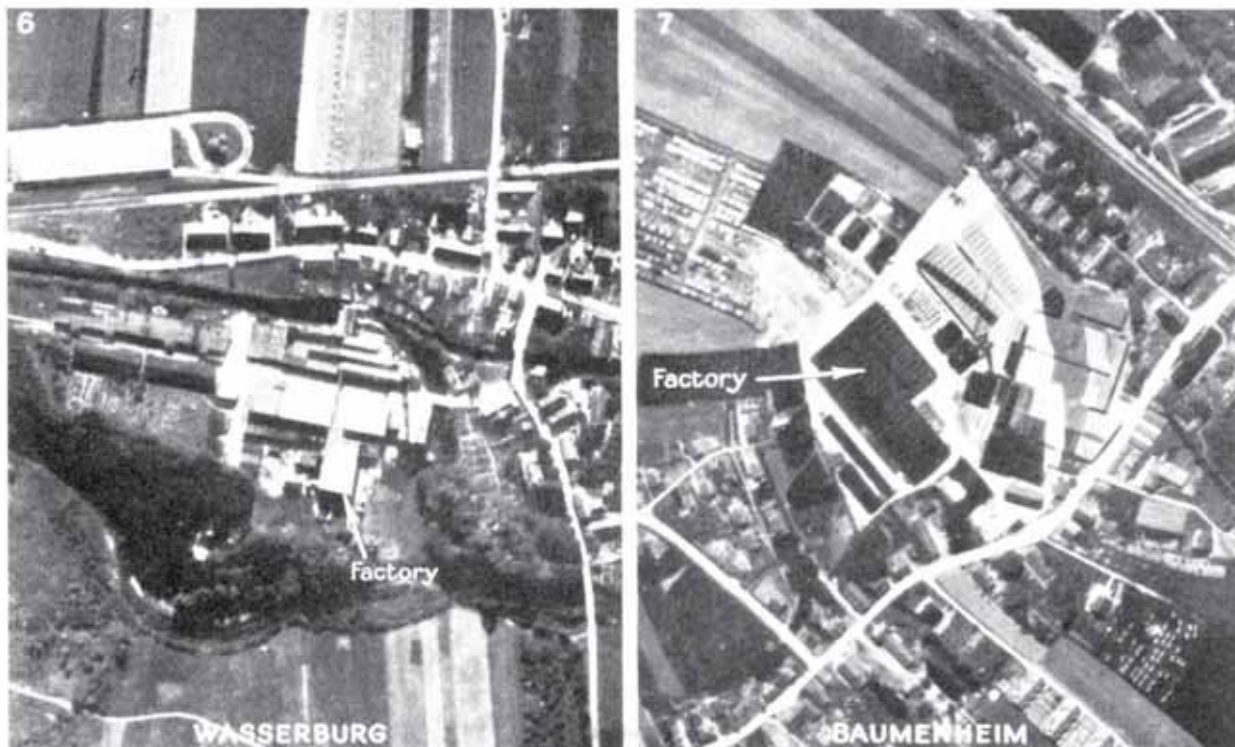


After 1941 the German military was aware that high altitude aircraft were photographing western Europe, and after 1943 they knew all of former Poland could be reached from Italian airfields. They therefore made extensive use of camouflage to conceal and guard important and sensitive installations from being photographed and bombed.

Photo 7 – 1942: (left) Photos taken in Europe before and after a factory was camouflaged using draped coverings and paint.

Camouflage often not successful against air photos

Photo 8: (below) The results of using camouflage were mixed. A factory or weapons storage site could be made to look like a farmhouse to an observer in a plane, but if photographed the building would probably fail to deceive the camera for its ability to record small details and at the same time give an overall view of the building in relation to its surroundings. Two factories determined by air photo interpreters to *be* factories are the camouflaged shoe factory at Wasserburg (left) and the agricultural equipment factory at Baumenheim (right).



Chapter 1

Air photo interpretation used to confirm or dismiss stories from spies

By 1942 spies in Europe were channelling rumors, indications, and ‘eyewitness’ accounts of selected areas to England, which were summarized and given to British or U.S. air-photo interpreters who would study the photos for evidence as to whether these spy reports could be confirmed.

Military commanders placed the highest priority on air photo interpretation reports because they gave positive evidence of a selected target as opposed to rumors and alleged ‘eyewitness’ stories. For example, spies may have submitted evidence that a group of farmhouses were being used to produce aircraft parts, but it wouldn’t be until an interpreter received and could study air photos for evidence such as ground scarring from vehicles, smoke, chimney sizes, fuel storage areas, or changes in the building layout from previous months that a decision could be produced as to whether the spy reports could be confirmed or not.



Photo 9: (left) The largest battleship in the world at that time, the Tirpitz, photographed off the Norwegian coast on July 12th, 1944, to confirm spy stories it was in the area. The British sank it with six-ton bombs after determining its exact location and anti-aircraft defences from the air photos.

Photo 10: (above) Low-level photos using a camera positioned in the nose of a plane such as the Mosquito were used to obtain information on important potential bombing targets such as this radar installation in Denmark.

(Photo References: 1, 4 to 10: British Air Ministry, *Evidence in Camera*; Photo 3, Stanley, Roy, *World ... Intelligence*.)

Chapter 2

Firebombing Hamburg Creates Largest Fire in History

On Sunday, July 28th, 1943, from 1 to 2 am British planes dropped napalm, phosphorous, and explosive bombs on the Hamm & Hammersbrook residential districts of Hamburg, Germany, to create a firestorm that engulfed a 5-kilometer (3-mile) wide area sending a 2-kilometer (1¼-mile) wide column of flames soaring 4 kilometers (2½ miles) high which pushed superheated gasses a further 8 kilometers (5 miles). To feed the 600-degree centigrade (1200-degree Fahrenheit) firestorm, winds reached 240 kilometers per hour (150 miles per hour) dragging uprooted trees and people into the inferno. (Ref.: Caiden, M., pages 4 to 50)

In oxygen-deprived shelters people suffocated while clawing at blocked exits. On rubble strewn streets people met choking gasses, burning debris, and walls of flame. They scrambled to the Elbe or Alster Rivers writhing in pain from boiling asphalt and burning phosphorous. Children were dragged into the flames or stuck to boiling asphalt. Thousands simply vaporized. Many who reached the rivers died unable to stop the burning phosphorous.

For 10 days from July 24th to August 2nd, 1943, British night and U.S. day bombing completely demolished a seven-kilometer (4½-mile) wide area and severely damaged a 12-kilometer (7½-mile) wide zone destroying 300,000 dwellings and killing over 100,000 people.

In cellars rescuers found shriveled remains and melted pools of glass, bones, and fat. Grotesque charred figures littered the streets.

Unrecognizable bodies were loaded into trucks and driven to Ohlsdorf cemetery in the northern section of the city. Here four mass graves, each measuring 130 meters (426 feet) long and 16 meters (52 feet) wide, were dug in the sandy soil in the form of a cross by workers assisted by a mechanical excavator. Truck drivers approximated the numbers in their loads before the unidentified bodies were raked into the pits. Each of the four graves held an estimated 10,000 bodies. The bombing of Hamburg was over. (Ref.: Middlebrook, M., pages 356-366, & plate 40)



Photo 1 – July 1943: Three of the charred corpses that were most likely driven to the Ohlsdorf cemetery for burial. There was no attempt to identify thousands of the blackened shriveled corpses.



Photo 2: The Nikolaifleet waterway in the Altstadt before the 1943 bombing.

Photo 3 – taken after July 1943: A half-kilometer-wide (1,600 ft) section of the seven-kilometer wide (4½ mile) area destroyed in the firebombing. Only walls stand in these five-story buildings. This oblique photo would not have been as useful to British and American air-photo interpreters assessing the damage as the vertical air photo below.

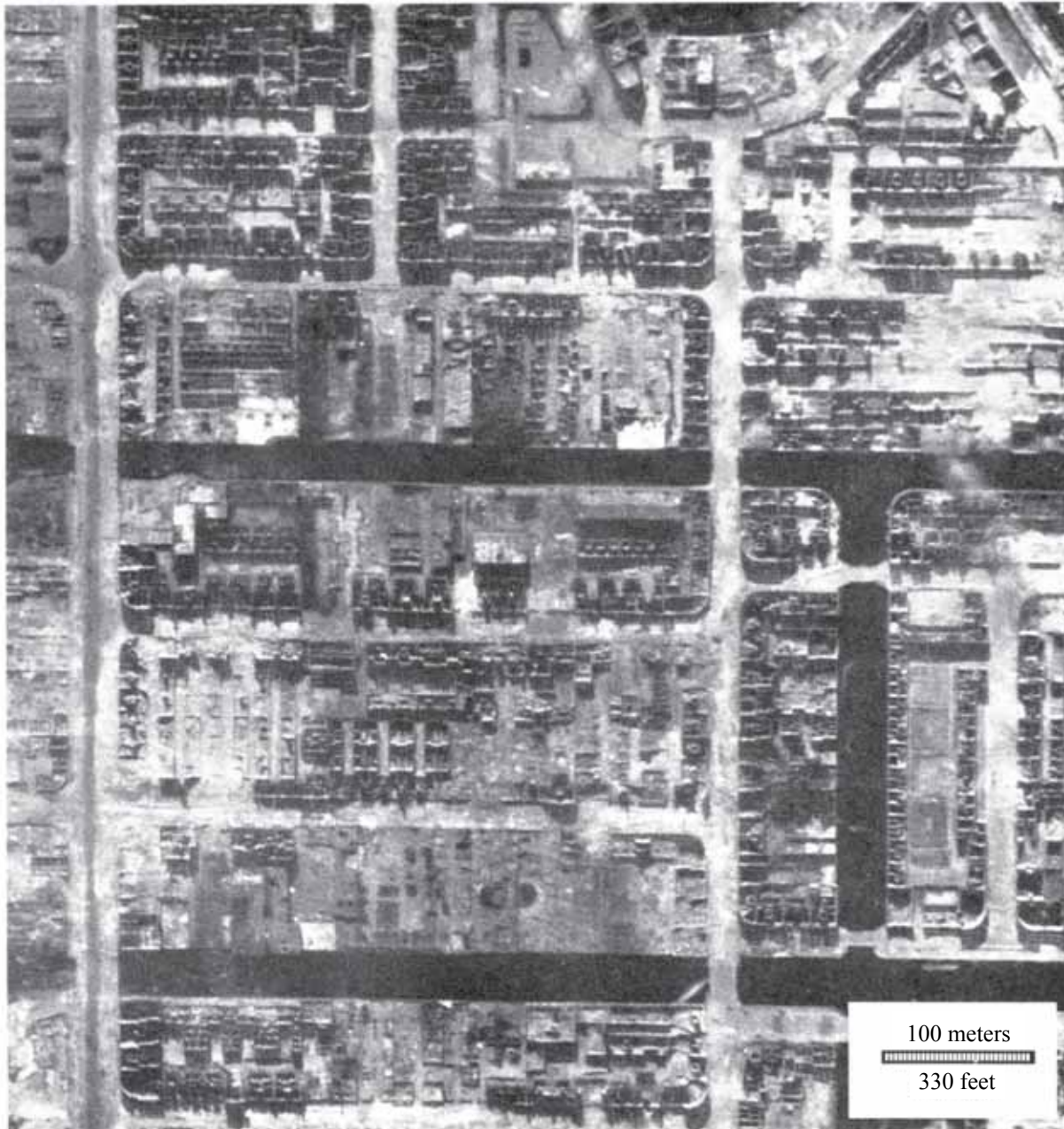


Photo 4 – taken shortly after July 1943: In this photo of downtown Hamburg between the narrow canals, about a third of the buildings were reduced to rubble and two thirds were completely burned out with only their walls left standing.

Chapter 2

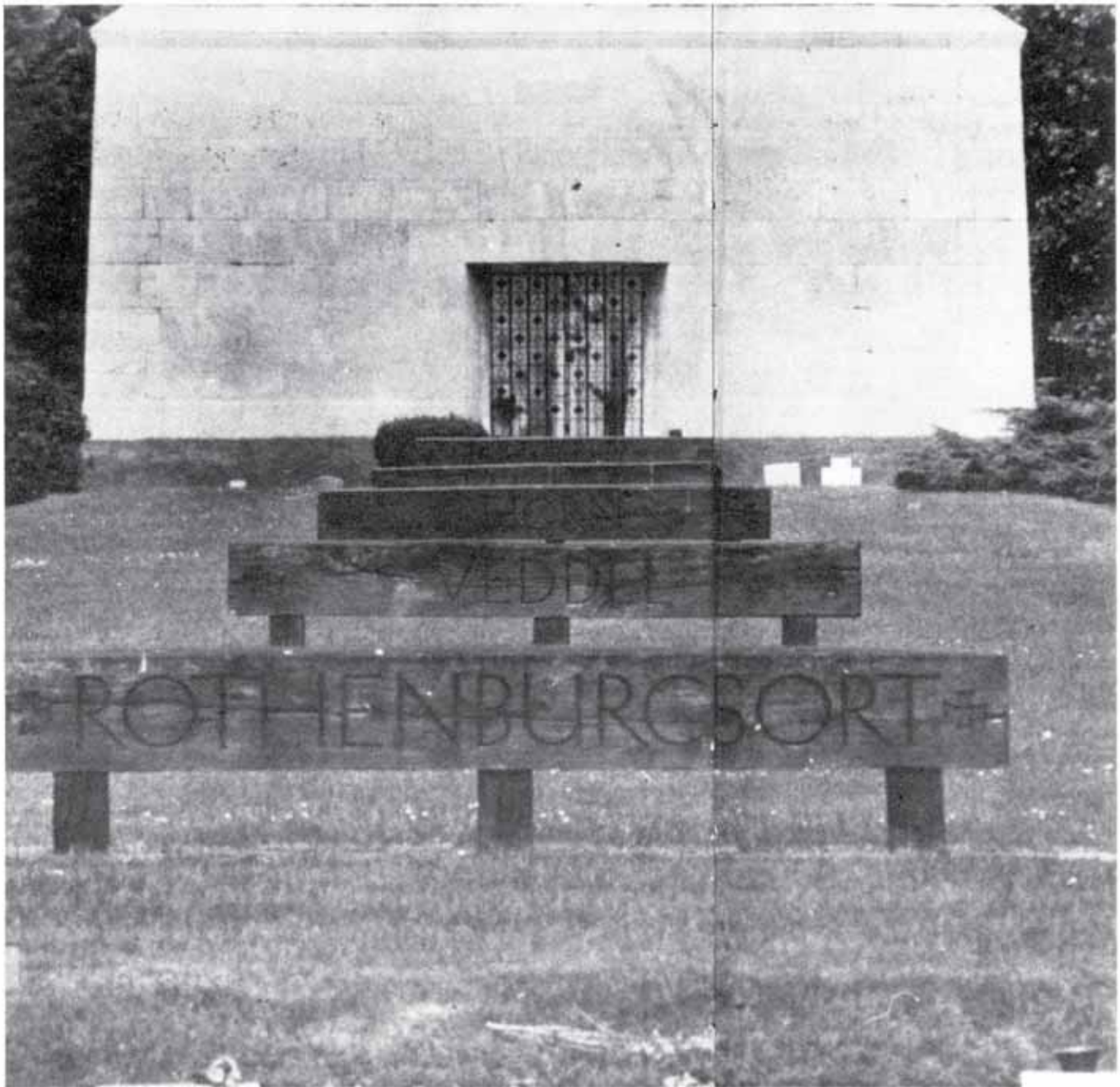
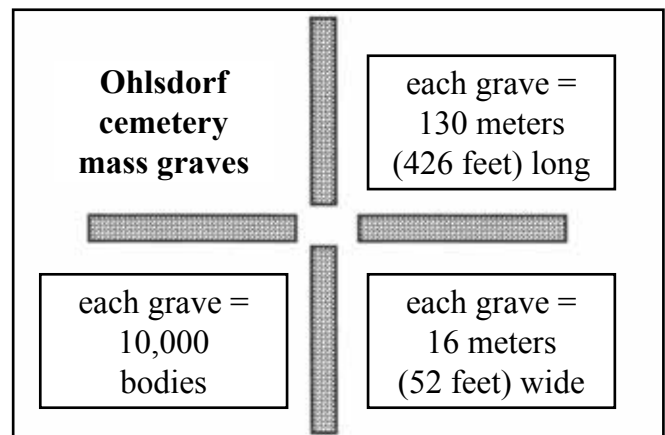


Photo 5 – taken after 1950:

One of the four mass graves in the Ohlsdorf cemetery. The district names which were bombed are on the signs, including Hammersbrook and Hamm directly in front of the brick memorial. The graves were built in the form of a cross so that access could be gained from all sides and the piles of dirt would not interfere with the work. The grave sizes are shown on the right.

(Ref.: Photos 1, 2, 3, 5 – Middlebrook;
Photo 4 – British Air Ministry)



Chapter 3

The Katyn Forest 1940 Executions

From 1931 to 1939 the Soviet state police had erected fences and placed signs to prevent local villagers from entering a one-square-kilometer section of the Katyn forest they considered their private reserve. Located 15 kilometers (9 miles) west of Smolensk, a narrow road led one kilometer ($\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile) through the forest of 10- to 15-meter (30- to 45-foot) high spruce and pine trees to their 'interrogation' castle on the Dnieper River. In February 1940 dog patrols started. (Ref.: Paul, Allen, page 112-120, and Anders, W., pages 19.)

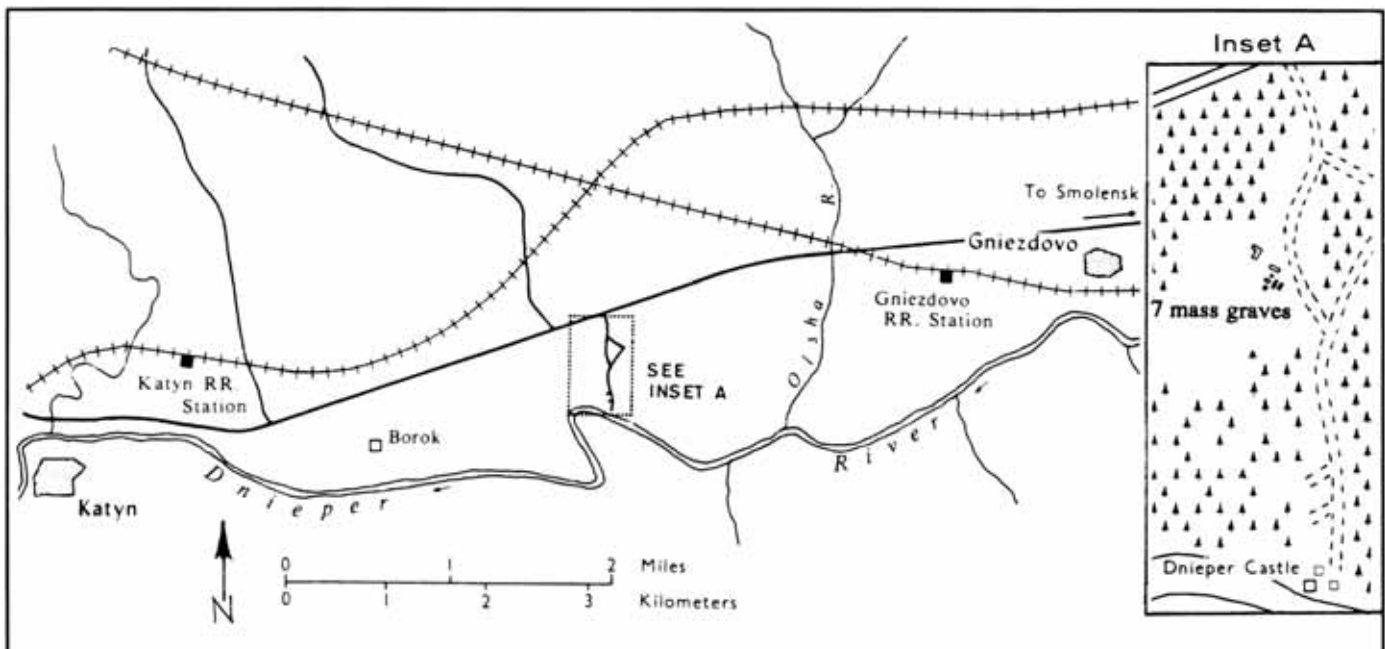
When ordered in the winter of 1940 to execute thousands of Polish prisoners of war, they had large graves dug near the center of the forest on the side of the narrow winding road. In 1940, from April 3rd to May 11th, 4,400 prisoners were moved by train and then by Soviet 'Black Raven' windowless trucks four kilometers to the graves. Many struggled while being bound as evidenced by bayonet wounds, broken arms, legs and jaws, as well as sawdust stuffed into mouths. Each received a single shot in the back of the head. (Ref.: Lauck, John, pages 18-21)

The largest grave was 35 meters (115 feet) long,

8 meters (26 feet) wide, and 3 meters (10 feet) deep, holding 2800 neatly stacked bodies. Added end to end, the seven graves measured 96 meters long and 6 meters wide. In May 1943 pine trees were planted in the cleared area. (Ref.: Anders, W, pages 191-196)

The German army, which occupied the area from July 1941, did not discover the gravesite until February 1943, after they had searched with villagers who remembered being near the railway station in 1940 and seeing prisoners being driven towards the forest. From April to August 1943 the Germans dug up and identified 4,143 bodies while hosting international delegations of forensic experts. In August another 250 bodies were found in an eighth grave, but there was no time to exhume them. (Ref.: Lauck, John, pages 18-26)

In September 1943 the Soviet army reoccupied the area and conducted their own investigation digging up 950 bodies and blaming the Germans. In 1990 the Soviet government admitted responsibility.



Map 1: The mass graves are labeled in the middle of Inset A. (From: Lauck, John, *Katyn Killings*.)



Photo (a): From an airplane looking southeast across the mass graves and entrance road at the top of the photo. Numerous bodies have been placed next to the graves in order to be identified.



Photo (b): Among the observers who viewed one of the rectangular-shaped three-meter-deep mass graves were some Canadian, British and U.S. prisoners of war shown in this photo.



Photo (d): (above) A large number of the victims were found with their hands tied behind them.

Photo (c): (left) The bodies were entangled with each other and it took many workers months to dig them up.

Photos (a) to (g) are from: Auswärtiges Amt [German State Dept.], *Amtliches Material zum Massenmord von Katyn*. [Official Material about the mass murder of Katyn], images 3(a), 11(b), 5(c), 36(d), 22(e), 16(f).



Photo (e): A group of European journalists overlooked the largest mass grave.



Photo (f): Professor Buhtz showed a group of European forensic specialists some of the methods the Germans used to identify the bodies.

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Photo 1 – Location:

Katyn forest

Dnieper River

Gniezdovo rail station



Goat's Wood section of the Katyn forest

Dnieper River

Photo 2 – January 2, 1944: The 'Goat's Wood' section of the Katyn forest is in between the straight Smolensk-to-Orsha roadway and the river. The ground surface is wavy with small hills, ridges and depressions because of the thick deposits of rock and soil that were deposited by glaciers which covered the valley about 12,000 years ago. Sound is transmitted poorly over this type of surface.

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**Photo 3 –
Sept. 2, 1942:**

Gniezdovo
Railway station,
where an average
of 125 men per day
were transferred
to ‘Black Raven’
windowless trucks
in small groups to
be driven to the
Katyn Forest.



300 meters
1000 feet

Dnieper River

probable mass-gravesite

Photo 4 – July 9, 1941: This picture was taken just fourteen weeks after the executions ended. The photo is not completely vertical but was taken at a slight angle. It does however show the boundaries of the forest in relation to the cleared areas. The access road is not visible through the thick foliage. Some trees may have been cut down a week after this photo was taken when there was heavy fighting in the area. The clearing in the center is most likely the mass-gravesite.

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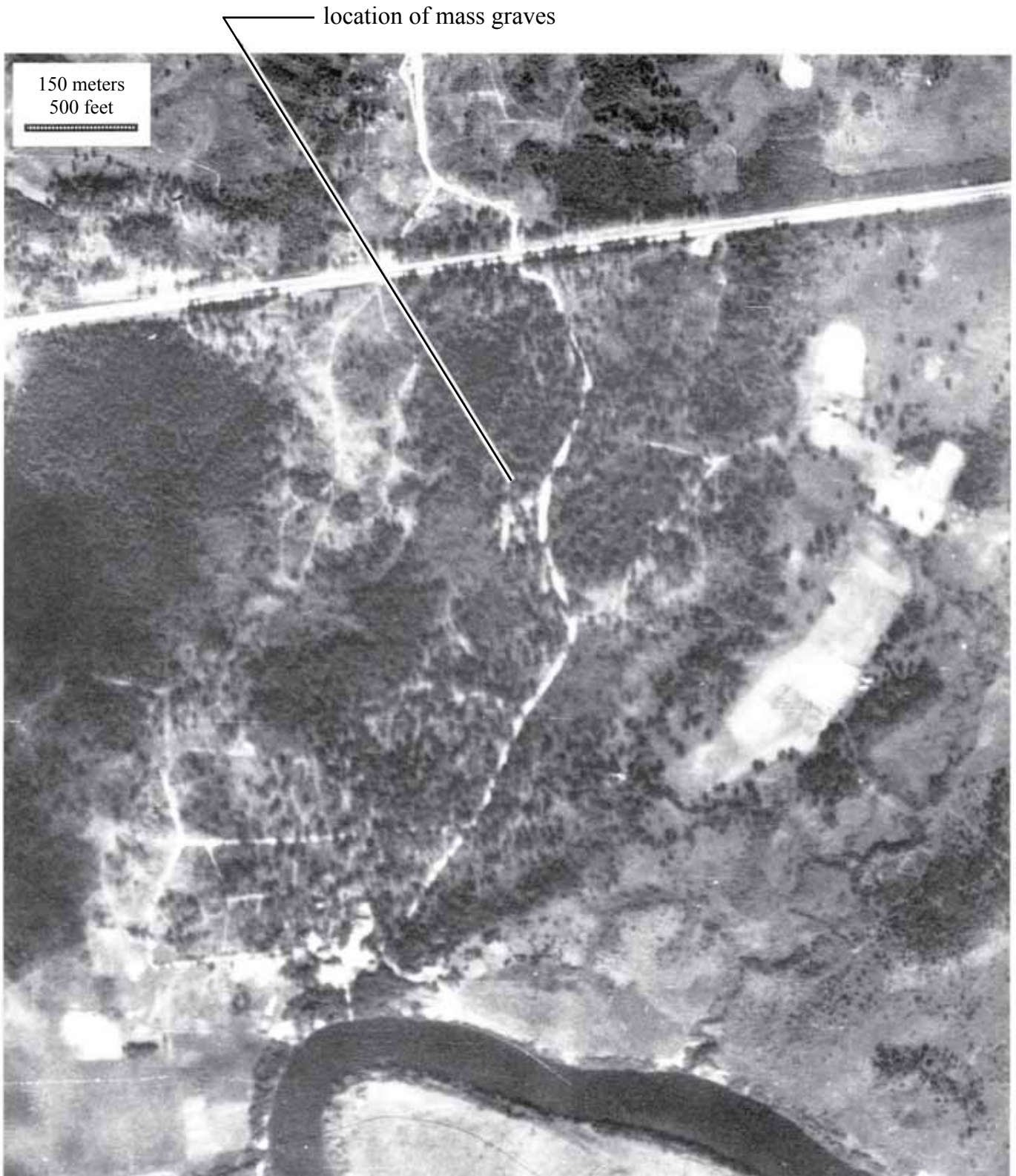
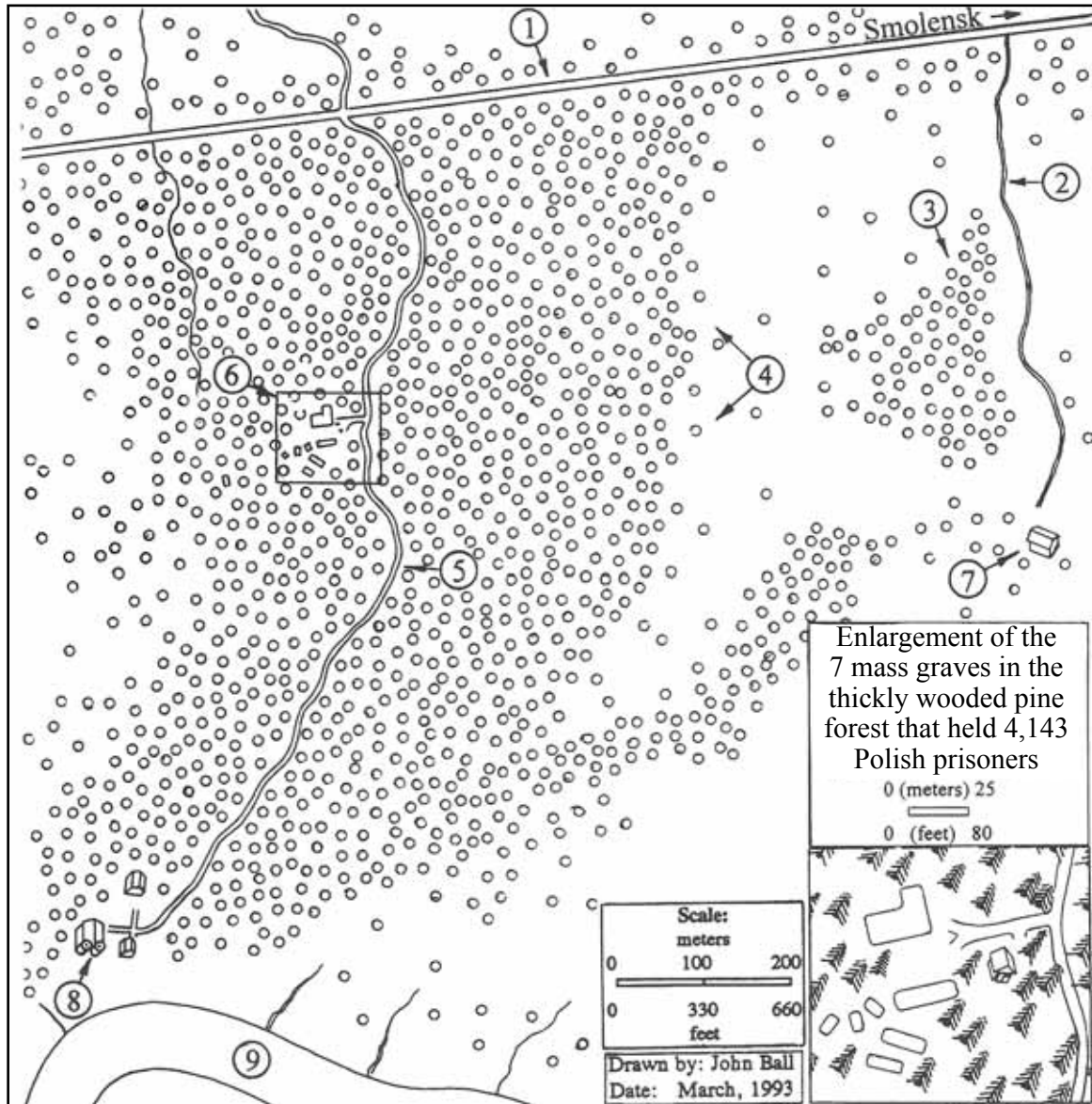


Photo 5 – Sept. 2, 1942: The gravesite area cleared of trees is on the left of the one-kilometer ($\frac{5}{8}$ -mile) road from the highway to the river. The graves were not discovered by the Germans until February 1943 after searching with villagers who had seen prisoners driven towards the forest. However, if the Germans had listened to rumors of executions from local people in 1941 or 1942 and had looked at air photos to recognize the only cleared area in the forest, they might have found the graves earlier.

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Schematic drawing of Katyn Forest



Legend:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1 main road from Smolensk 15 kilometers (9 miles)</p> <p>2 foot and horse trail</p> <p>3 pine trees</p> <p>4 Goat's Wood section of the Katyn Forest that was partially fenced in and guarded with dog patrols in 1939 and 1940 to prevent unauthorized entry</p> <p>5 narrow winding road</p> <p>6 enlarged area where 4,143 prisoners were dragged from trucks, bound, shot, put in graves, and where pine trees were later planted to conceal the graves</p> | <p>7 the closest building to the gravesite, where an older couple who were beekeepers lived in 1940</p> <p>8 Soviet state police buildings used between 1935 and 1941. After July 1941 it was a German communications center, and although staff drove the road, they didn't find the graves until a hungry wolf led them to search the roadside area with villagers, 1.5 years later</p> <p>9 Dnieper River</p> |
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Map drawn from 1940 to 1944 air photos (see previous pages and next page).

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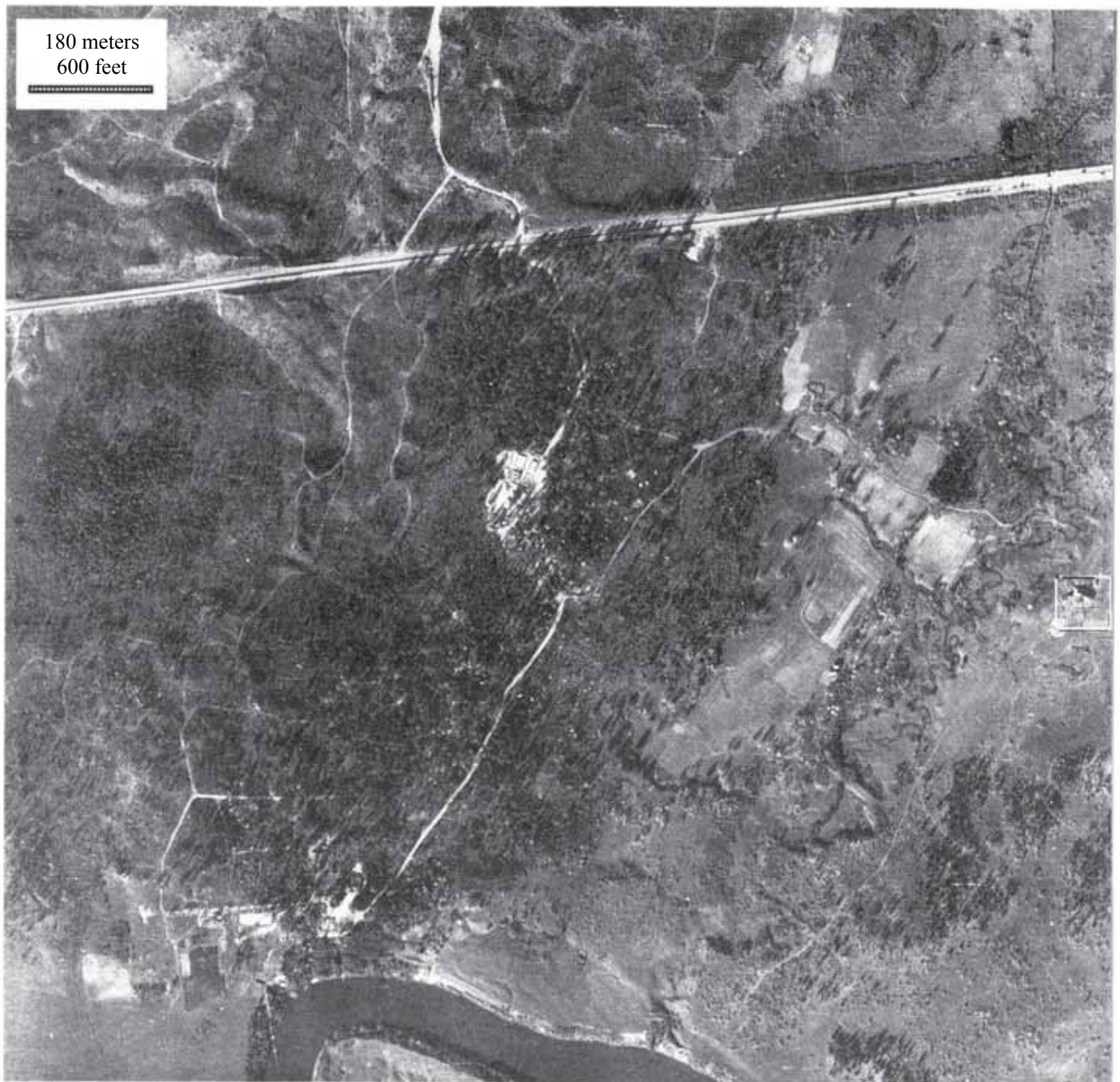


Photo 6 – Oct. 13, 1943: (above) In a one-kilometer ($\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile) radius from the gravesite across the uneven glacial deposits there are no houses other than the Soviet police castle on the river and a building on the right side of the picture one kilometer from the gravesite (shown in the box). The Soviets had re-occupied the area one month before this photo was taken, but they had not yet disturbed the seven mass graves which the Germans had built to rebury the exhumed bodies.

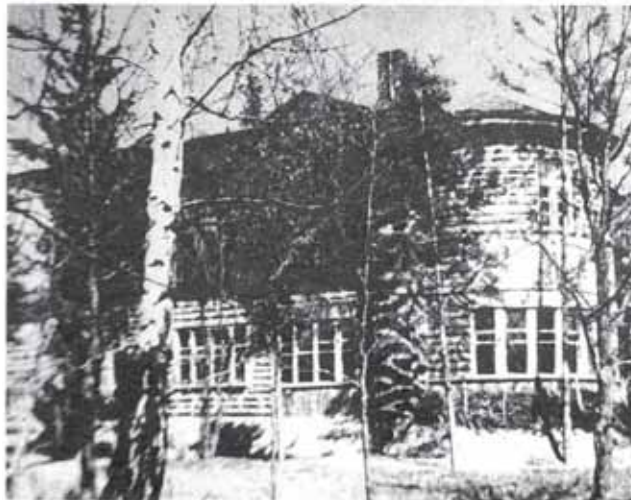


Photo 7: (left) The ‘interrogation’ castle on the Dnieper River used by the state police. (Ref.: Auswärtiges Amt, image 4, bottom).

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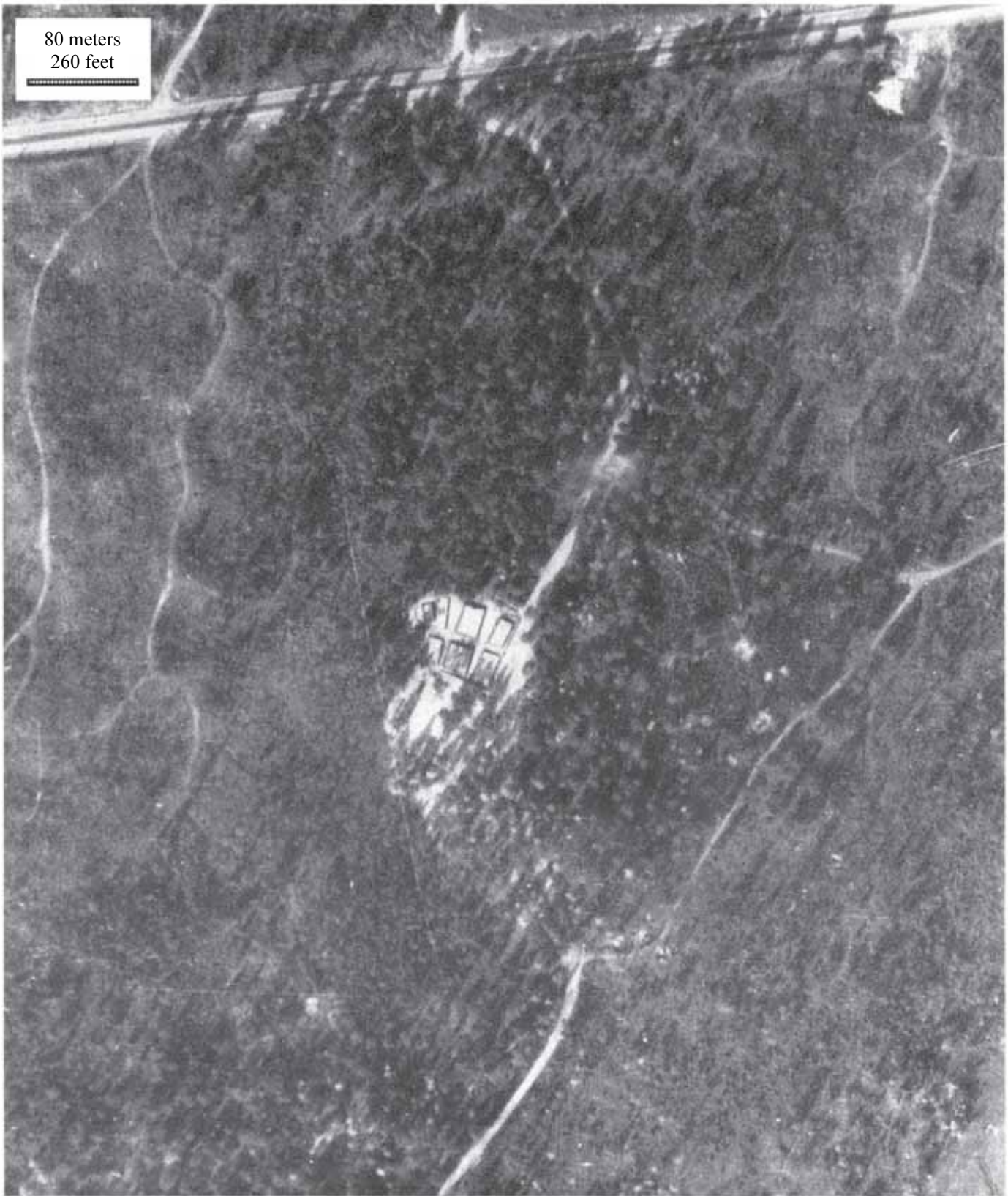


Photo 8 – October 13, 1943: To ensure that none of the local villagers would witness prisoners being unloaded from trucks, executed and buried, the Soviet state police in 1940 dug mass graves near the center of a fenced-in one-square-kilometer (0.6-square-mile) thickly wooded section of the Katyn Forest beside the narrow winding access road.

Chapter 4

Thousands of Typhus Victims Buried by British in Bergen-Belsen

Bergen-Belsen was established in April 1943 as a detention and transit camp. In 1944, from July to December, 1,900 Jewish people from the camp emigrated to Israel. From September 1944 to March 1945 over 25,000 former inmates of Auschwitz and other camps arrived. In early 1945 an outbreak of typhus spread through the camp killing thousands of inmates.

British troops arrived on April 15th, 1945, to see thousands of emaciated corpses of typhus victims. They immediately prevented anyone from leaving, and earth-moving machines were brought in to dig mass graves in the southern part of the camp beside the former crematorium. (Ref.: Gutman, I., pp. 185 to 190)

The sizes of the graves were:

1. One large pit measured 20 meters (65 feet) long and 7 meters (23 feet) wide, and held an unknown number of bodies.
2. About four other pits each measured about 15 meters (50 feet) long and 6 meters (20 feet) wide and also held an unknown number of bodies.

(Measurements were taken from the air photo on page 33.)

Inmates were moved from the southern part of the camp, and sometime after April 25th flame throwers burned the infested buildings.

(Ref.: Bloch, S., *Holocaust ... in Bergen-Belsen*)

Photo 1 – about April 20th, 1945: Emaciated bodies being thrown into one of the mass graves dug by the British. From this photo the grave appears to be about 3.5 meters deep, and the walls are steep, but they are not caving in.



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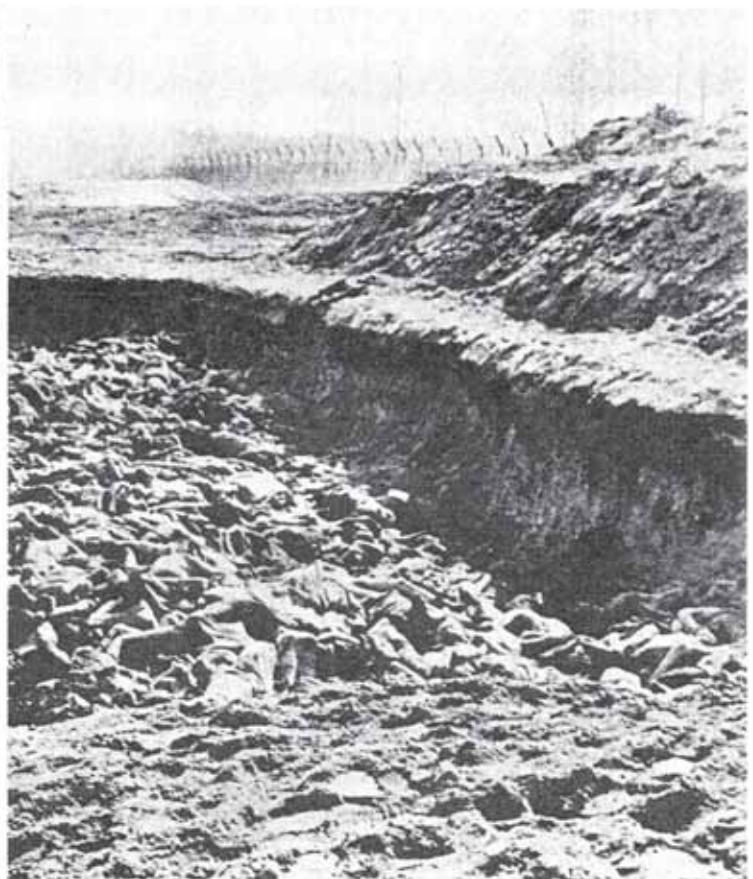


Photo 3 – about April 20th, 1945: (above) One of the mass graves about to be covered with earth.

Photo 2 – August 28, 1945: (left) The Bergen-Belsen camp. Ground scars remain from about 60 buildings that were destroyed. Records show that British troops brought in flame throwers and in May burned the barracks to control the spread of typhus.

To the right of the square field at the bottom of the photo mass graves had been filled in four months earlier. They are seen as irregular rectangular or round white patches.

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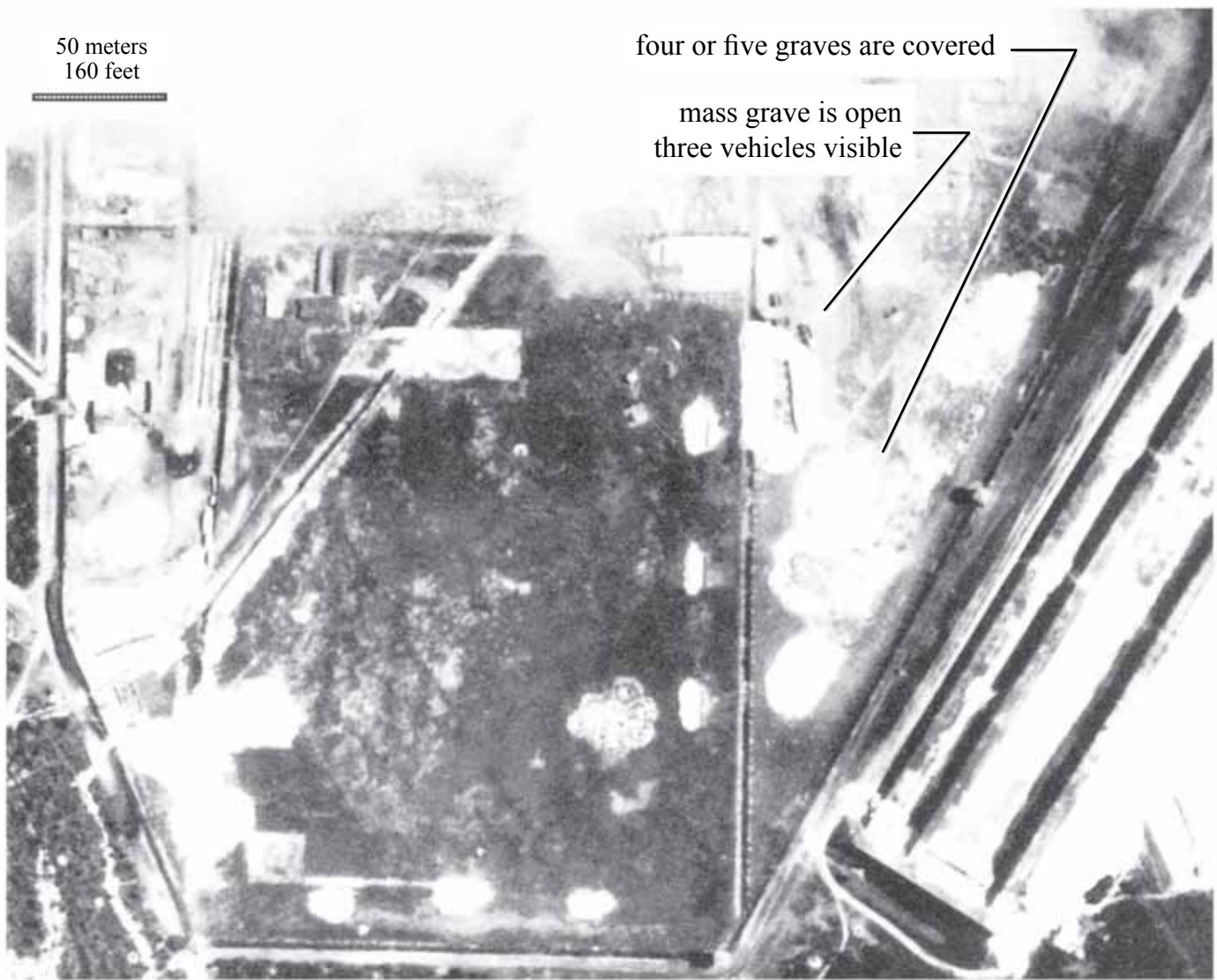


Photo 4 – April 25, 1945: (above) This is ten days after the British entered the camp. They have excavated mass graves to the right of the square block in the center of the photo. One large pit appears open. The smaller, more symmetrical pits to the left of the fence could have been dug by the Germans.

Around the mass graves there are a lot of ground scars from vehicles moving earth around, and four or five of the pits appear to have been covered with earth fill. The one large grave could be in the process of being filled with corpses. It measures 18 by 7 meters (60 by 23 feet) and has a pile of dirt 11 meters (36 feet) wide on either side. At least three vehicles are just to the north of the grave.

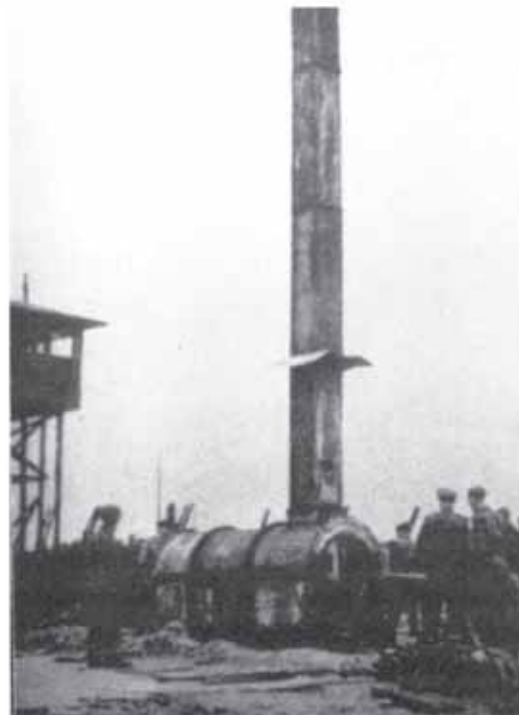
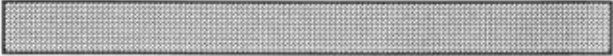
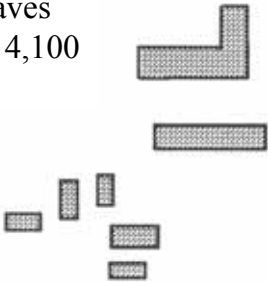
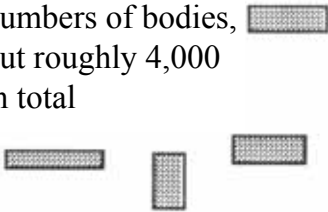


Photo 5 – April, 1945: (left) The British inspecting the single open-air crematorium in which the Germans were burning corpses.

Ref.: Photo 1, 3, and 5 from Bloch, S., *Holocaust in Bergen-Belsen.*

Summary of Chapters 2, 3 and 4

Comparing the sizes of the mass graves at Hamburg, Katyn, and Bergen-Belsen

Name:	Particulars:	Size of mass graves:								
<i>Hamburg</i>	When excavating the wide graves, spoil was piled on the sides. If the long trenches had been parallel to each other, at least 10 meters (33 feet) would have had to be left in between each trench to be able to pile this amount of excavated dirt. The depth of the graves is assumed to have been 3.5 meters (11 feet). Total volume of graves: 7,280 m ³ . Density: ca. 1.4 corpse per m ³ .	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="865 312 1019 422">each of 4 graves held 10,000</div> <div data-bbox="1252 312 1461 422">each grave was 130 meters (426 feet) long</div> </div>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; margin-top: 10px;"> <div data-bbox="1252 564 1445 638">by 16 meters (52 feet) wide</div> </div>								
<i>Katyn</i>	The average depth of the graves was about 3.5 meters. They had steep walls, because the organic-rich soil in the forest held together well. The bodies were neatly stacked in the graves to allow more room. It took the Germans two months to dig up or exhume 4,100 bodies. Total volume of graves: 2,016 m ³ . Density: ca. 2 corpses per m ³ .	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="865 743 1008 816">7 graves held 4,100</div> <div data-bbox="1252 743 1474 974">placed end to end the 7 graves were 96 meters (315 feet) long by 6 meters (20 feet) wide</div> </div> 								
<i>Belsen</i>	Earth was pushed out by a mechanical excavator to piles on either side of the graves. The graves were dug about 30 meters apart to allow room for depositing the spoil. The depth of the pits was about 3.5 meters. Total volume of graves: ca. 2,000 m ³ . Density: ca. 2 corpses per m ³ .	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="849 1119 1101 1266">held an unknown numbers of bodies, but roughly 4,000 in total</div> <div data-bbox="1252 1119 1468 1350">one of the graves was 20 meters (65 ft) long by 7 meters (23 feet) wide</div> </div> 								
<i>grave sizes needed to bury large numbers of corpses</i>	Accepting the figure of 10 meters (33 feet) between the graves 3.5 m deep to hold the excavated dirt, then:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">number of corpses</th> <th style="text-align: center;">grave size</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20 x 10 meters (65 x 33 feet)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">25,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100 x 100 meters (325 x 325 feet)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">100,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">400 x 100 meters (1300 x 325 ft)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	number of corpses	grave size	1,000	20 x 10 meters (65 x 33 feet)	25,000	100 x 100 meters (325 x 325 feet)	100,000	400 x 100 meters (1300 x 325 ft)
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The area needed to bury 25,000 corpses is

100 x 100 meters (325 x 325 feet)

The volume needed to bury 25,000 corpses at 2 corpses per m³ is

50,000 cubic meters (1,766,000 ft³)

Of course many more corpses could theoretically fit into one cubic meter. Up to 8 corpses seem mathematically possible, but the above real-world examples show that this would be fictitious at best.

Chapter 5: Auschwitz

Chapter 5.1:

1.5 Million Alleged Gassed and Cremated at Largest Extermination Camp

Twelve of the most generally accepted allegations:

1. Auschwitz I was set up in 1940. Some of the first victims were Polish officers who were tied up and shot through the back of the head by a German, who started the practice of shooting people this way.
(Ref.: Central Commission for Investigation of German Crimes in Poland, page 80-81).
2. Auschwitz I and Birkenau were each encircled by an outer chain of 50 to 60 watchtowers at a radius of 2 kilometers. The two circles almost touched at one point with only the railroad line in between. (Ref.: McClelland, R., page 1)
3. One kilometer ($\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile) out from the barbed wire fences around the camps a chain of guard posts were guarded by SS men.
(Ref.: Gutman, I., page 113)
4. At the Birkenau train platform the majority were directed to the gas chambers and the remainder to forced labor.
(Ref.: Gutman, I., page 109)
5. At the Birkenau Crematoria 1 & 2 victims were marched to the underground undressing rooms and herded into gas chambers before prisoners took corpses to the cremation furnaces.
(Ref.: McClelland, R., page 11)
6. At the smaller Birkenau Crematoria 3 & 4 (all rooms on ground level) victims had to undress in an undressing room and were herded into gas chambers before prisoners took corpses to the cremation furnaces, which incinerated them at a rate of 1,000 per day.
(Ref.: Pressac 1989, page 384)
7. Each of the two large Birkenau crematoria (nos. 1 & 2) worked continuously to burn 175 bodies per hour or 4,200 per day.
(Ref.: Sehn, J., page 137; Pressac 1989, page 253, claims a capacity of about 3,000 per day)
8. Coal and firewood for operating the crematoria were brought by road.
(Ref.: Sehn, J., page 137)
9. The bodies of all the Jews that were being gassed could not be burned, so in May 1944 six huge pits were dug beside one of the smaller crematoria (no. 4), and bodies were continuously burned in them from May to September. With prisoners helping, many thousands of bodies were burned in the pits on pyres of logs each day.
(Ref.: Sehn, J., page 140. Central Commission for Investigation of German Crimes in Poland, page 88)
10. From March 1942 to September 1944 about 1,500,000 Jewish people, or about 1,700 per day, were gassed and cremated at Birkenau.
(Ref.: Gutman, I. page 117)
11. The few not sent to the gas chambers went to the disinfestation facility, where they received a haircut, a shower, and a change of clothes before being assigned a barrack. In the labor camps the average life expectancy was a few months.
(Ref.: Gutman, I., page 109).
12. In Birkenau the Auschwitz Fighting Group started in 1943 to monitor activities in the camp and to organize escapes, sabotage, and political action while keeping in touch with other spy groups outside the camp.
(Ref.: Gutman, I., page 115)
13. The Soviet Red Army entered Auschwitz in January 1945 and found the Nazis had destroyed the crematoria and gas chambers before they left.
(Ref.: Central Commission... Poland, page 91)

Chapter 5.1

Location Maps

Auschwitz labor camps and I.G. Farben Industrial Complex



Photo 1; June 26, 1944:

Vistula River valley

(1) Auschwitz-Birkenau detention and labor camp

(2) Auschwitz I detention and labor camp

(3) Vistula River

(4) Small farming sections of land

(5) Confluence of Vistula and Sola Rivers

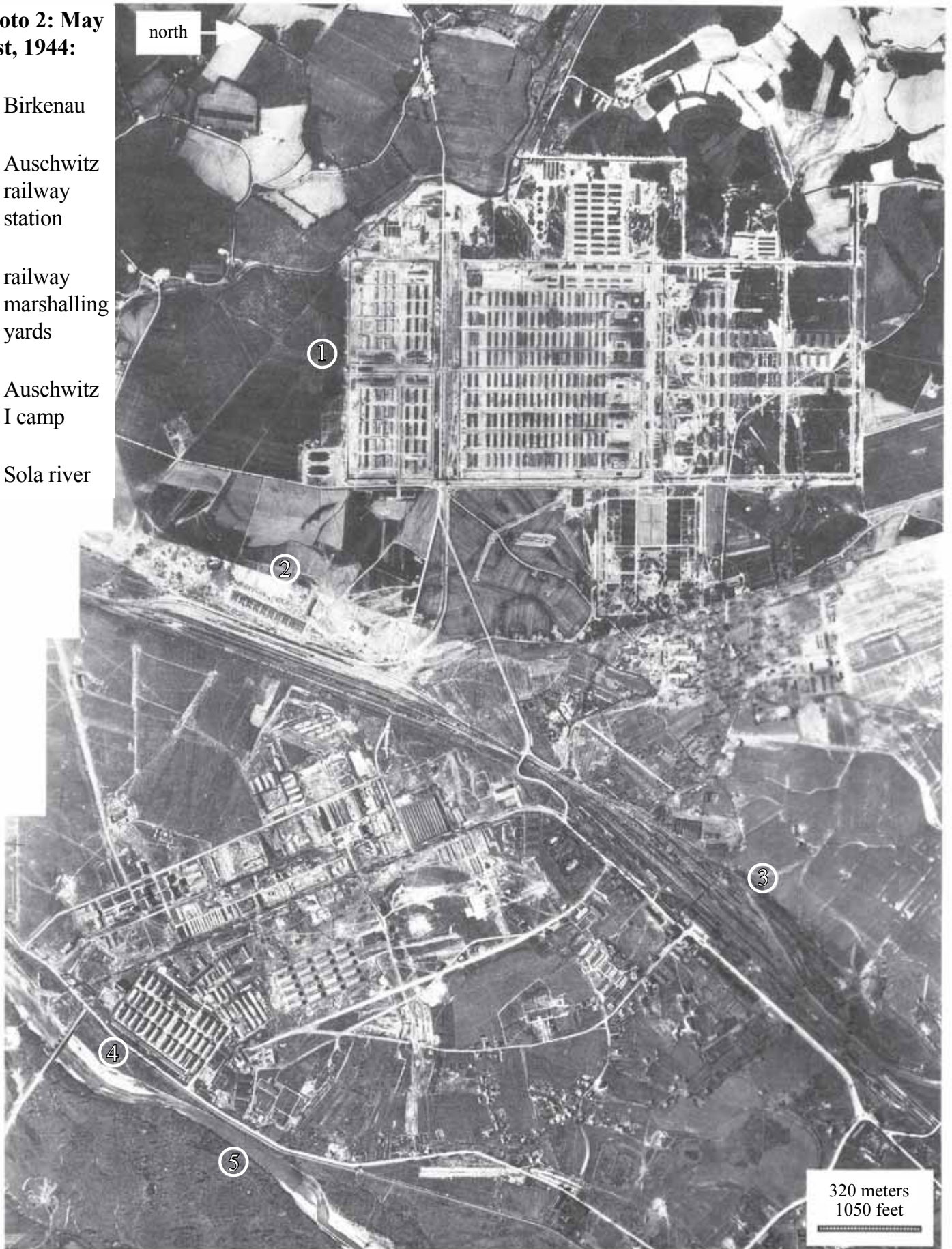
(6) I.G. Farben synthetic oil and rubber complex

(Ref.: Central Comm. Poland, pages 25 to 28.)

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Photo 2: May 31st, 1944:

- (1) Birkenau
- (2) Auschwitz railway station
- (3) railway marshalling yards
- (4) Auschwitz I camp
- (5) Sola river



Chapter 5.2

The I.G. Farben Coal Liquefaction Complex

The I.G. Farben coal liquefaction complex was one of the large construction projects of the Auschwitz area. It was started in 1940 and 1941 to produce synthetic oil and rubber from coal together with gasoline, liquid chlorine, and metals such as aluminum.

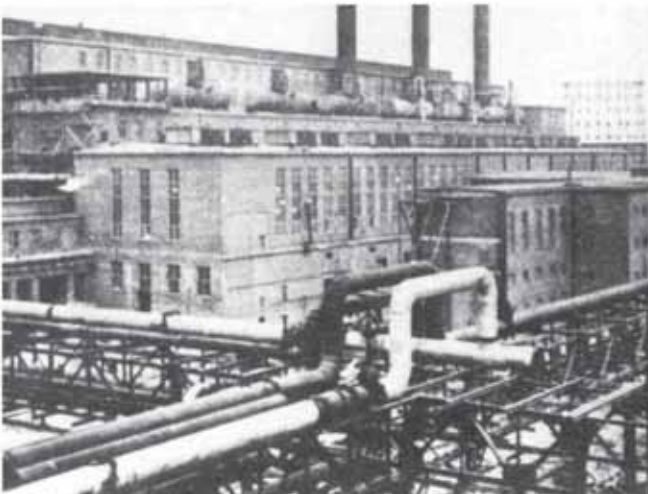
The approximately 100,000 civilians who worked at the plant from 1941 to 1944 were engineers, chemists, mechanics, metal workers, construction workers and laborers. The Auschwitz camp system was established in 1941 to supply labor, and about 25,000 inmates worked at the complex.

(Ref.: Central Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes in Poland, page 37)

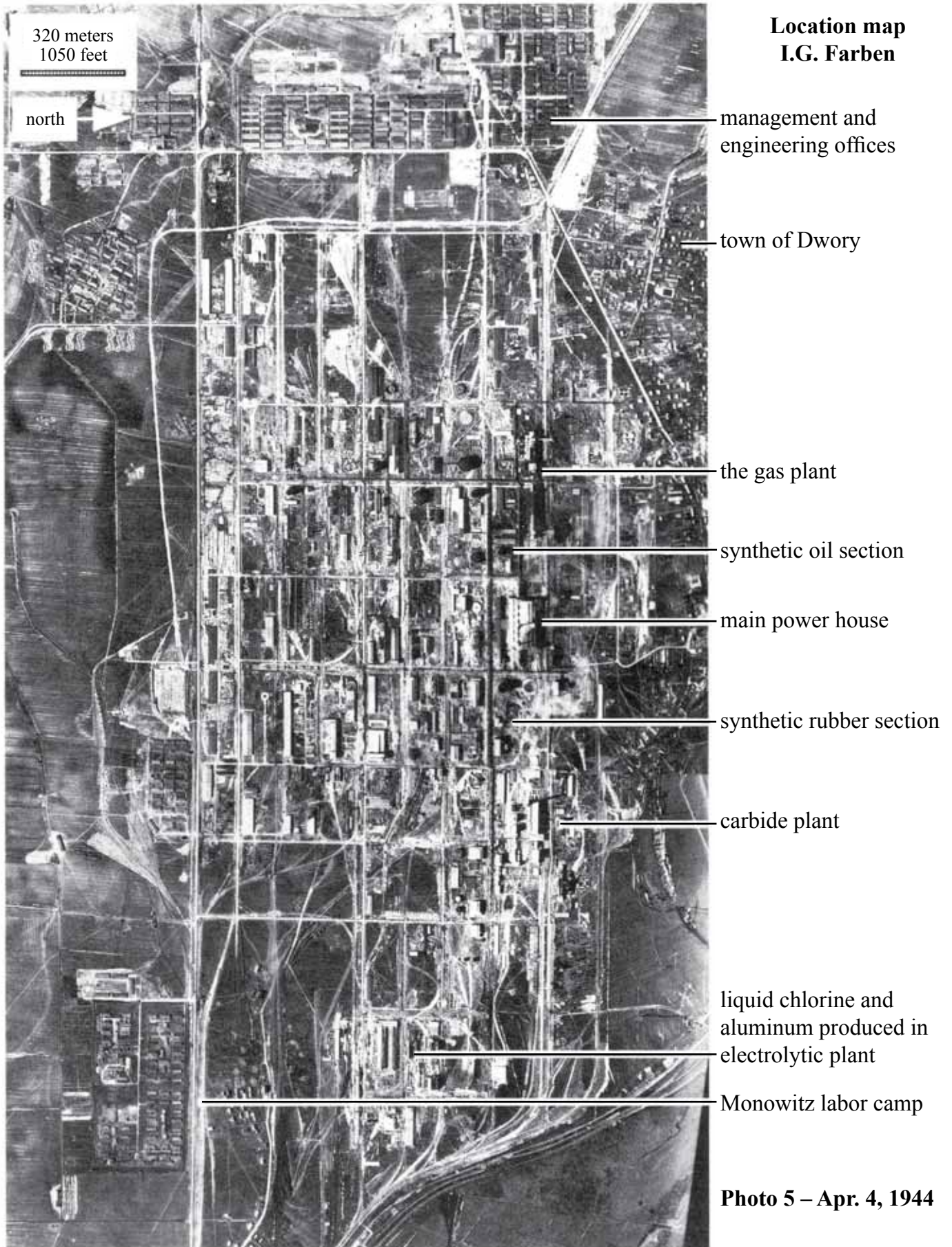
The first air photos were exposed on April 4th, 1944, and the earliest interpretation report on record is from June 9th, 1944, which describes the equipment most likely contained in each building and the amount of a particular product it could produce. The estimated production was:

1. 150,000 tons per year of synthetic oil with equipment to increase that to 350,000 tons per year, or 50 % of the largest producer at Blechhammer, Germany,
2. 20,000 tons per year of synthetic rubber equal to the largest producer at Hüls, and
3. aluminum and liquid chlorine produced at the electrolytic plant, together with gasoline.

Photos: 1 (top left) power plant, 2 (top) & 3 (bottom left) synthetic rubber section, 4: synthetic oil area.



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May 1943 map

(next page)

The May 1943 map accompanied a report dated January 21st, 1944, prepared before air photos were available

Map 1 – May, 1943 (on next page):

Following are a few sentences of a 4-page January 21, 1944, report written by U.S. military officers from information which had been supplied by spies in the I.G. Farben industrial plant area sometime after May 1943:

“We do not have air photos of this plant. Ground reports make it possible to say a very large chemical works and a substantial sized synthetic rubber plant has been constructed If there is a synthetic rubber plant producing at the rate of 20,000 tons per year (some reports indicate output as high as 40,000 tons) the target is well worth attacking.

“After the area has been photographed interpreters will be able to judge whether intelligence reports of large scale buna production are valid. Photography will determine how much each of the buildings are producing... All that is available at present is a rough plan drawn from memory from intelligence sources which describes the location of several main buildings.”

Taken from:

Aiming Point Report, January 21st, 1944.

Evidence shows that before January 1944 the military in England were receiving spy reports from the Auschwitz camp area about the industrial operations.

April 9th, 1944 map

(page after next)

The April 9th, 1944, map was drawn using the April 4th, 1944, air photos and accompanied a six page comprehensive report dated June 20th

Map 2 – April 9, 1944 (on page after next):

The report starts:

“This report has been prepared from interpretation of air photographs and a consideration of information from available ground sources... The present equipment points to an output about half that of Blechhammer... Gas capacity is judged by the size of the gas plant, and there are 12 gas purification stalls instead of 26 at Blechhammer... The ultimate capacity is therefore about 350,000 tons per year.”

The report stated what equipment each building contained and what function the building served in the production of oil, rubber, or other products.

Descriptions from this same interpretation report are three pages over.

Taken from:

Interpretation Report No. D.389, June 9th, 1944.

Evidence shows that before June 9th, 1944, air-photo interpreters in Britain had recognized what each building in the industrial area was used for and how much of a product it could produce.

Map – May 1943

to accompany
Aiming Point Report IV.D.4.
 21 January 1944

Key to Sketch
I.G. Farben, Oswiecim, Silesia,
(synthetic rubber)

Camps

- 2 camp: various nationalities
- 3 camp: Polish & Czech workers
- 4 camp: French workers
- 5 camp: white collar workers
- 6 camp: Hitler youth
- 7 camp: punishment for recalcitrant workers
- 8 camp: Ukrainian workers
- 9 camp: Polish & Czech workers
- 10 concentration camp for Poles, Jews, Czechs, etc.

Synthetic Oil Plant

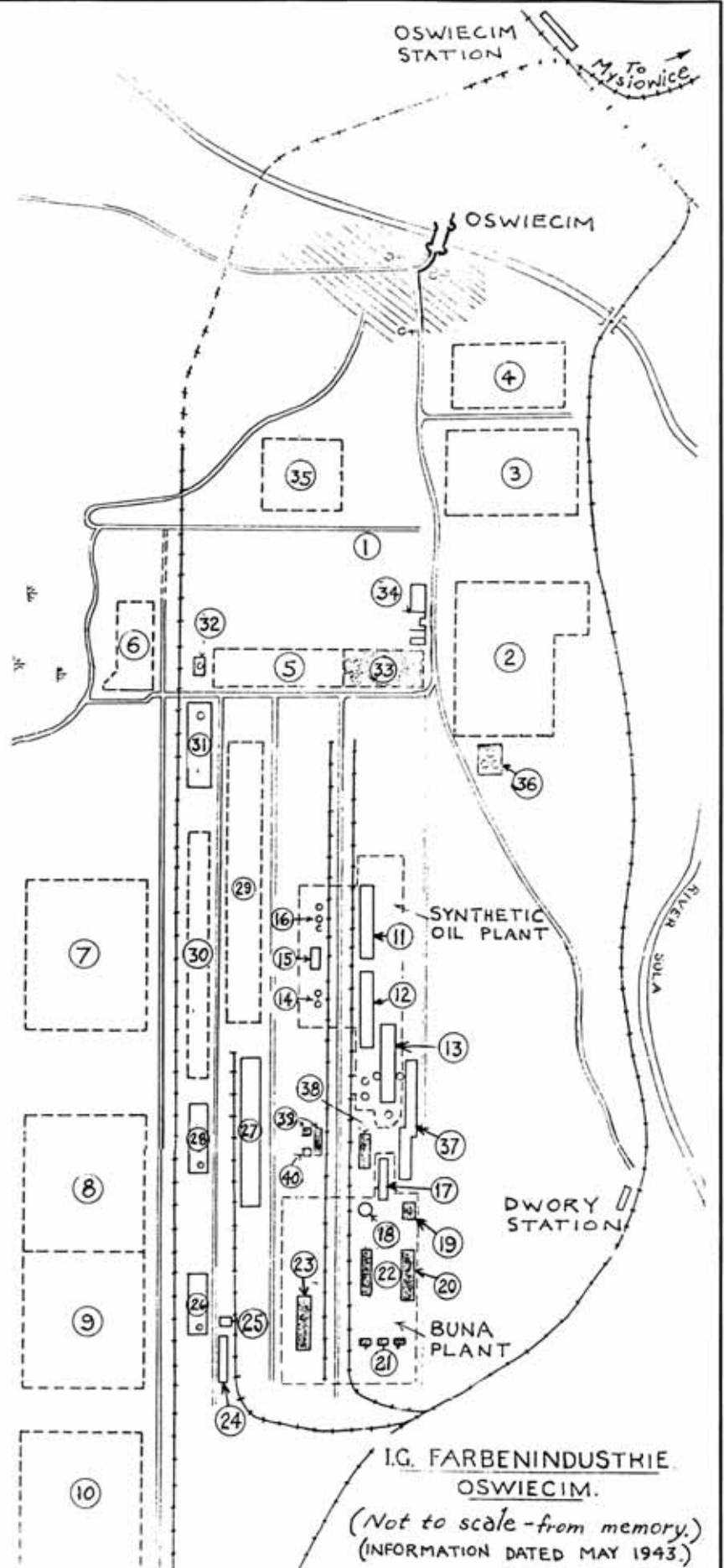
- 11 methanol plant
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- 13 gas plant, holders, compressor
- 14 methanol filtration towers
- 15 suspected laboratory

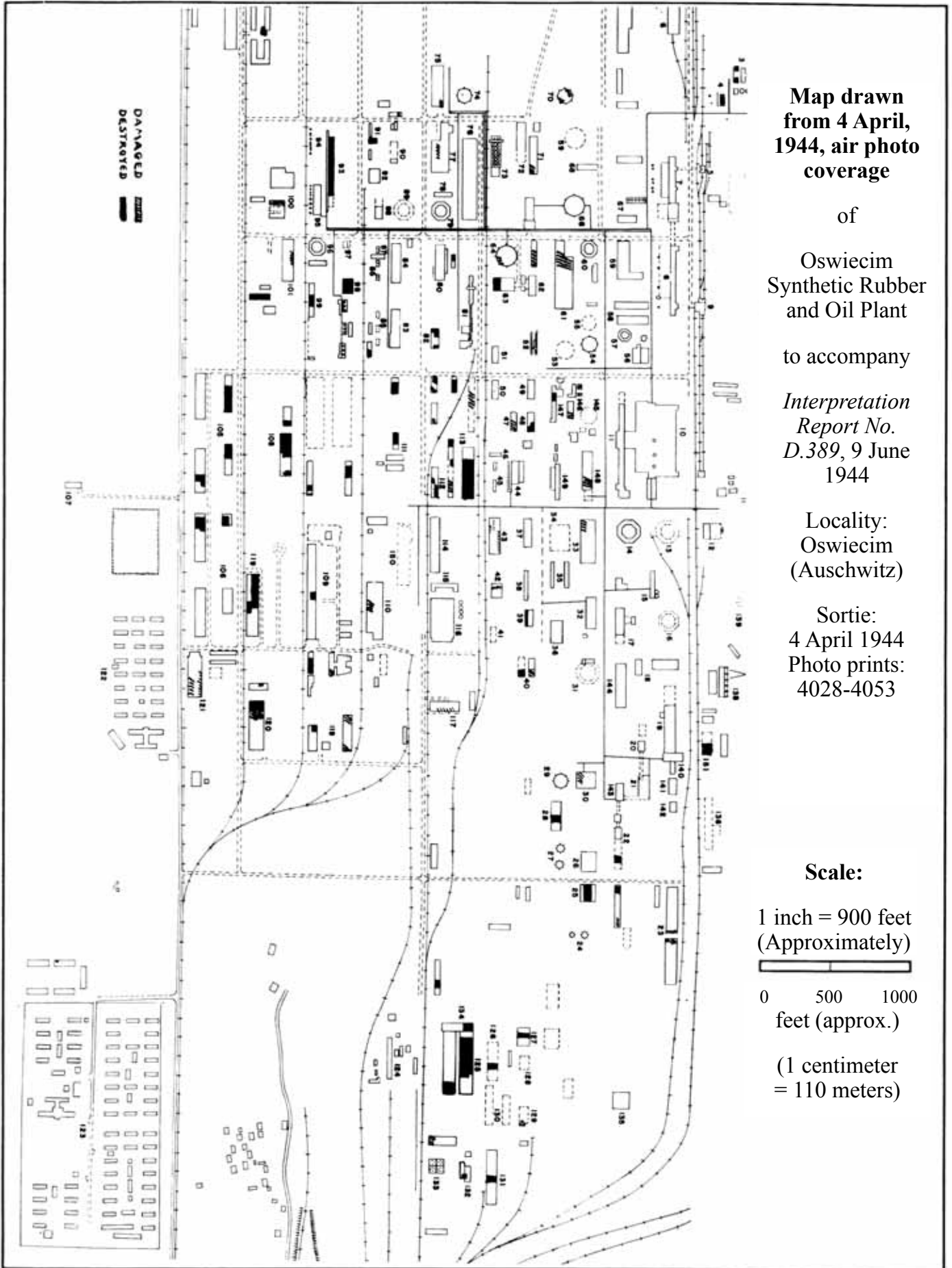
Buna Rubber Plant

- 17 workshop
- 18 large gas holder
- 19 carbide furnace, tall chimney
- 20 carbide factory
- 21 buildings helping buna output
- 22 buna plant
- 23 buna plant

Miscellaneous Buildings

- 24 storage – large electrical gear
- 25 storage – small electrical gear
- 26 boiler house
- 27 storage – plant equipment
- 28 boiler house
- 29 buildings under construction
- 30 construction workshops
- 31 boiler house
- 33 plant construction offices
- 34 garage and fire department
- 35 barracks – white collar workers
- 36 main boiler house
- 37 main transformer station
- 38 plant operations offices
- 39 offices





Map drawn
from 4 April,
1944, air photo
coverage

of

Oswiecim
Synthetic Rubber
and Oil Plant

to accompany

*Interpretation
Report No.
D.389, 9 June
1944*

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Oswiecim
(Auschwitz)

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4 April 1944
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1 inch = 900 feet
(Approximately)

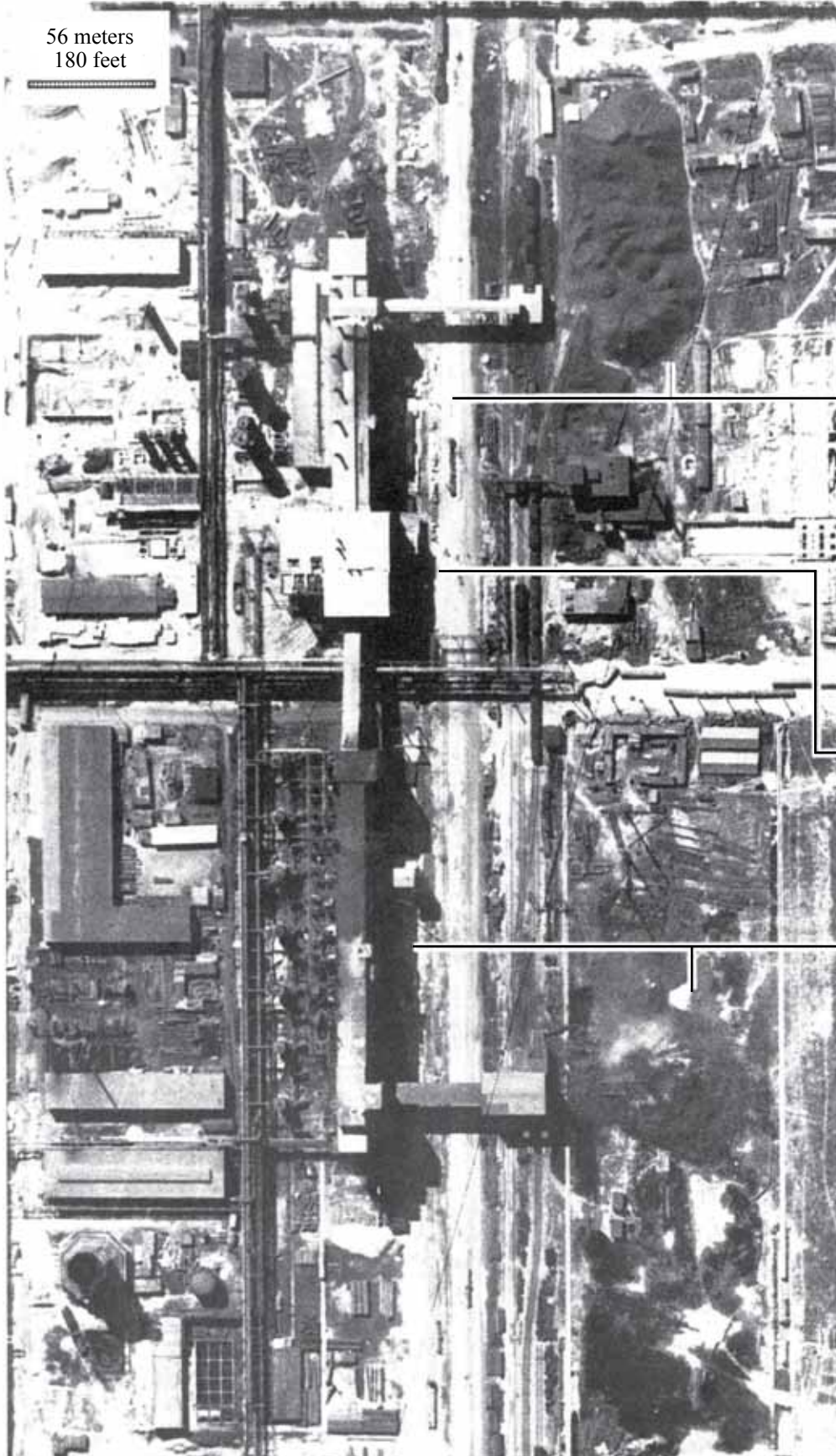


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feet (approx.)

(1 centimeter
= 110 meters)

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Interpreters used their knowledge of industrial buildings to describe the gas plant



56 meters
180 feet

Photo 6 – April 4, 1944:

A few sentences of the detailed description of the gas plant in the June 9th, 1944, interpretation report:

“The plant provides gas for the synthetic oil section. One plant is 140 meters long and is fed from a coal pile. Three of the retorts are roofed over, and the tar extractors are in position. One chimney is emitting white smoke, showing the retort is in use.”

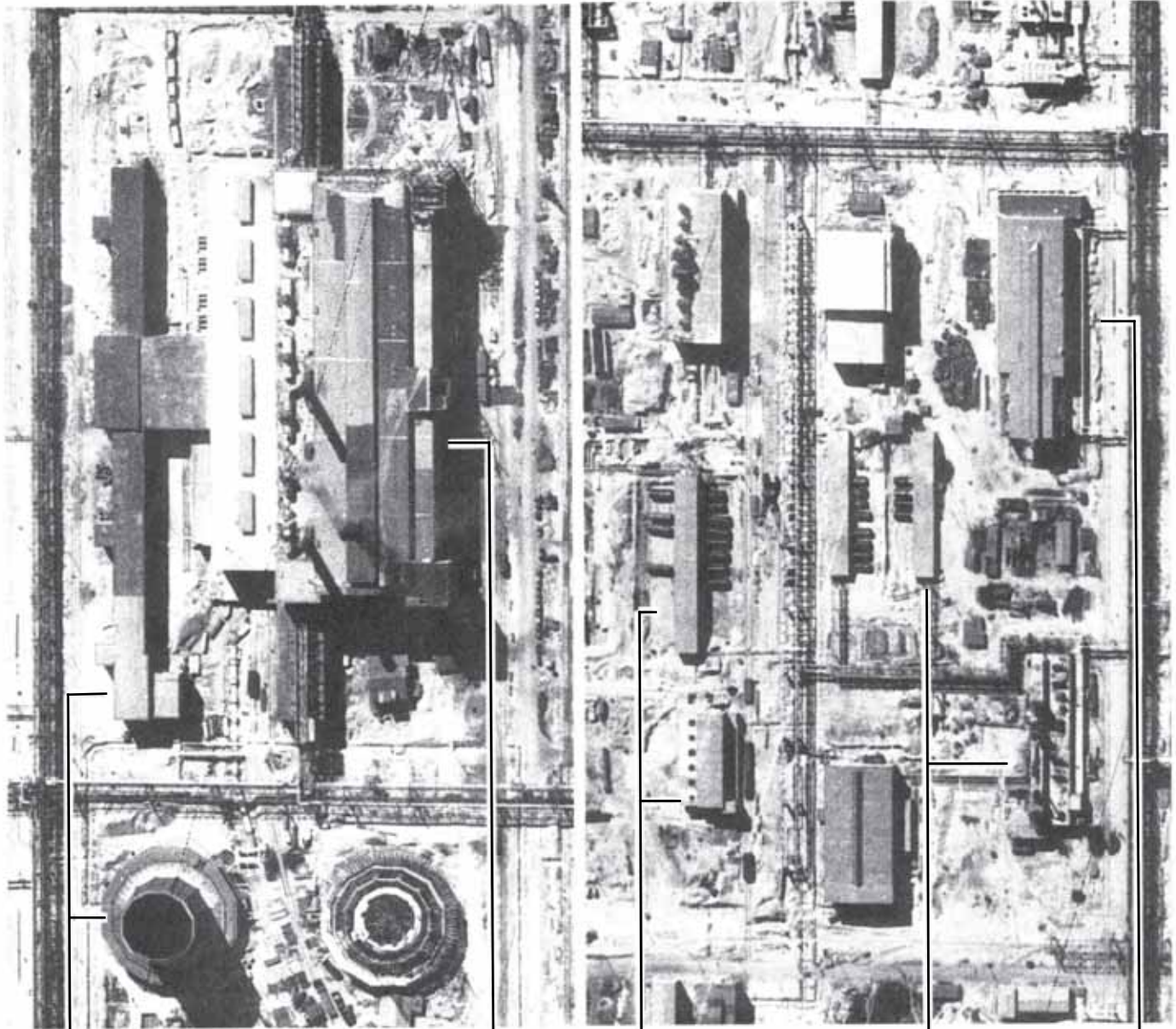
“A square section of the building most likely houses coke crushers and screens.”

“The second plant is 150 meters long and is fed by a conveyor from a pile of coal in a bunker beside a rail spur. It’s served by a blower house and cooled by a pump house and tower.”

“Gas is passed to the raw gas holder, the hydrogen sulphide removal plant, and the compressor plant (before going to the refinery for the production of oil).”

Chapter 5.2

Even future construction plans to expand production could be recognized in air photos



“The boiler house is connected by a bridge to the switching and transformer yard. One of two large cooling towers is complete.”

“In the boiler house and generator building the central of 3 chimneys is smoking, and it is clearly intended to build 2 more. An intake to supply coal from a bunker to the boilers is under construction.”

“There is a resemblance between the buildings of the acrylonitrile plant and those at Huls and Schkopau.”

“The polymerization plant reactor house and stills are in operation.”

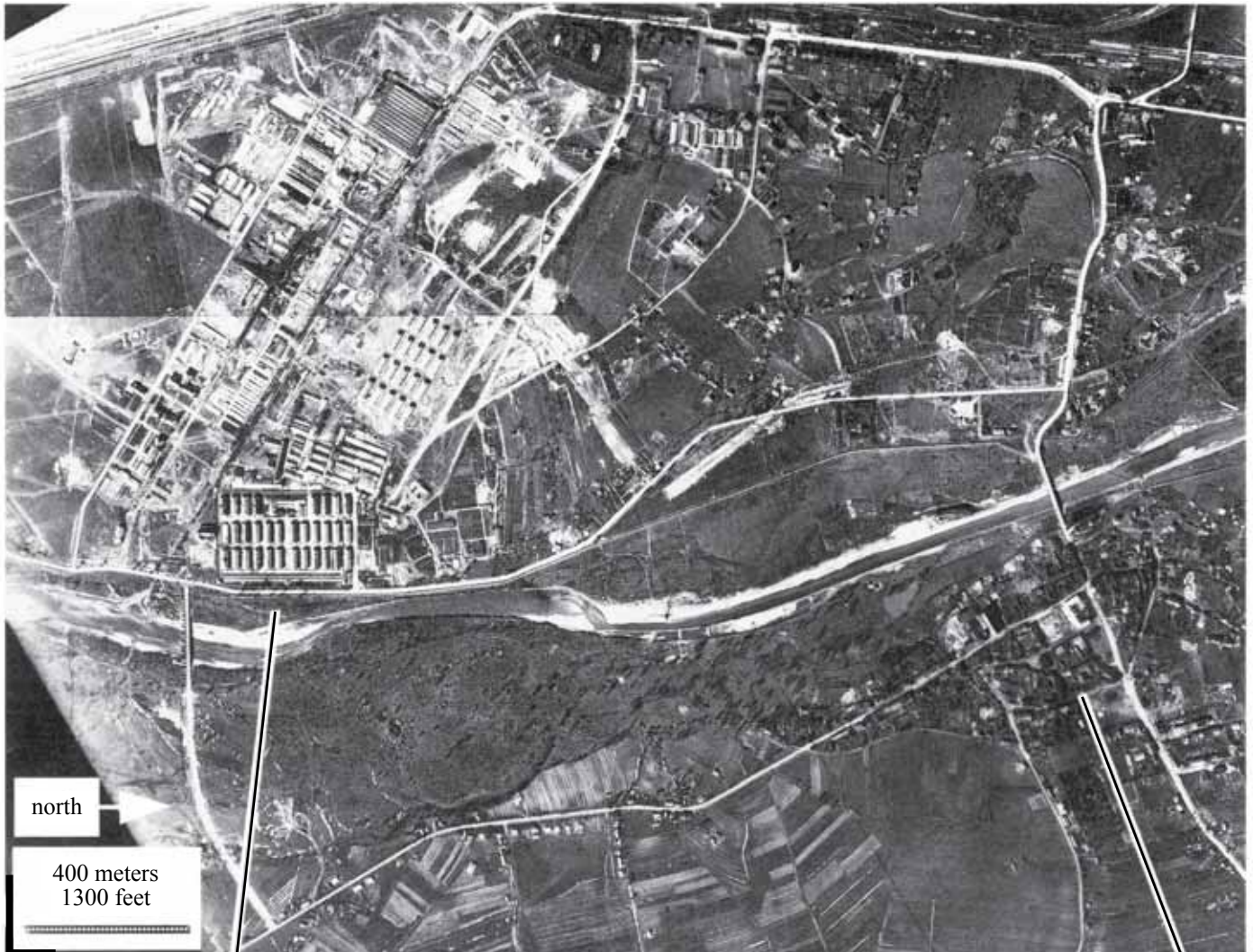
“The reactor house measures 280 by 75 feet (85 by 23 meters).”

Photo 7 – April 4, 1944: (Scale: same as Photo 4)
Taken from June 9, 1944, interpretation report.

Photo 8 – April 4, 1944: Scale = same as Photo 2,
1 centimeter = 28 meters, 1 inch = 225 feet

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Auschwitz I – A Camp Surrounded by Roads, Towns and Houses



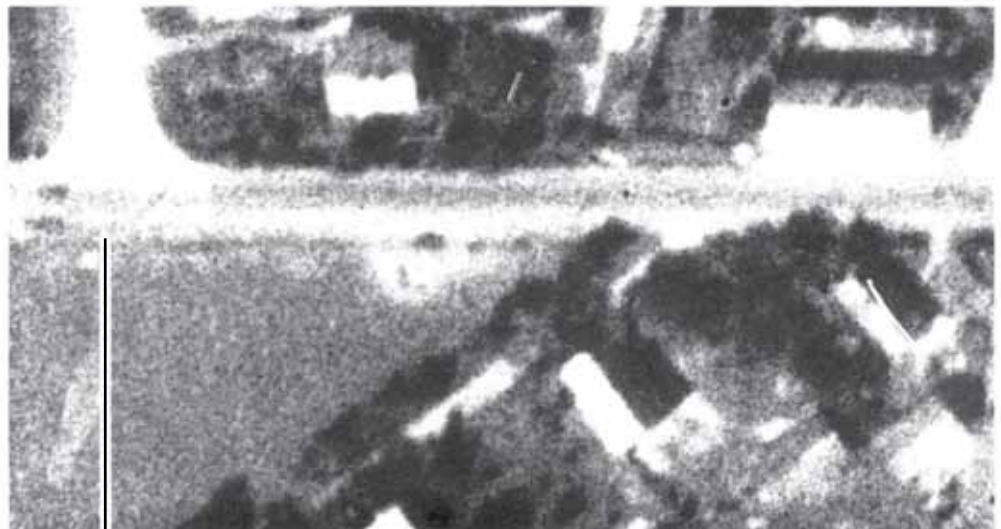
Auschwitz I camp on the Sola River Oswiecim (Polish) or Auschwitz (German)

Photo 1 – April 4, 1944:

(above)
Auschwitz I in relation to surrounding villages, towns, and roads. No gates occur on the roads.

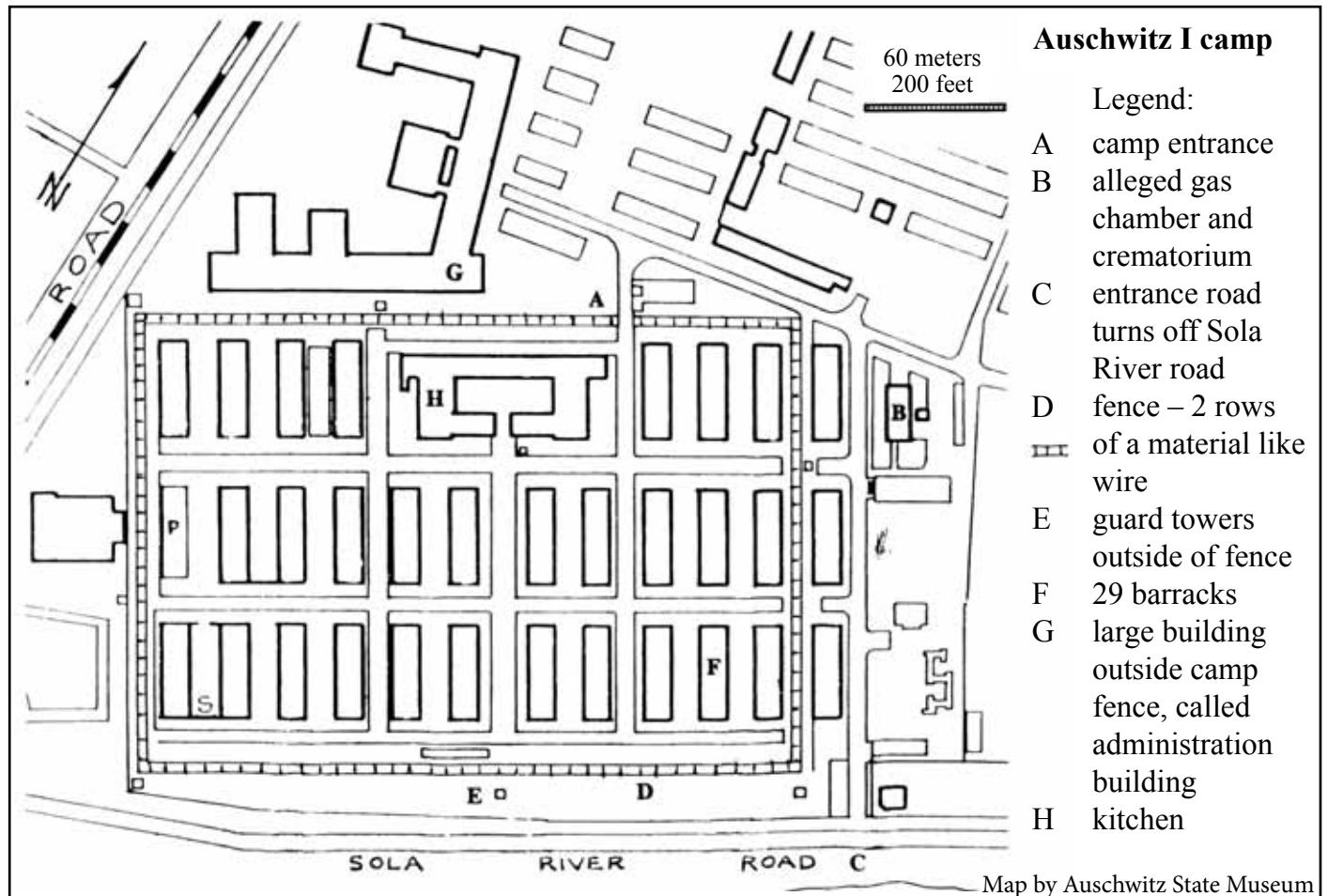
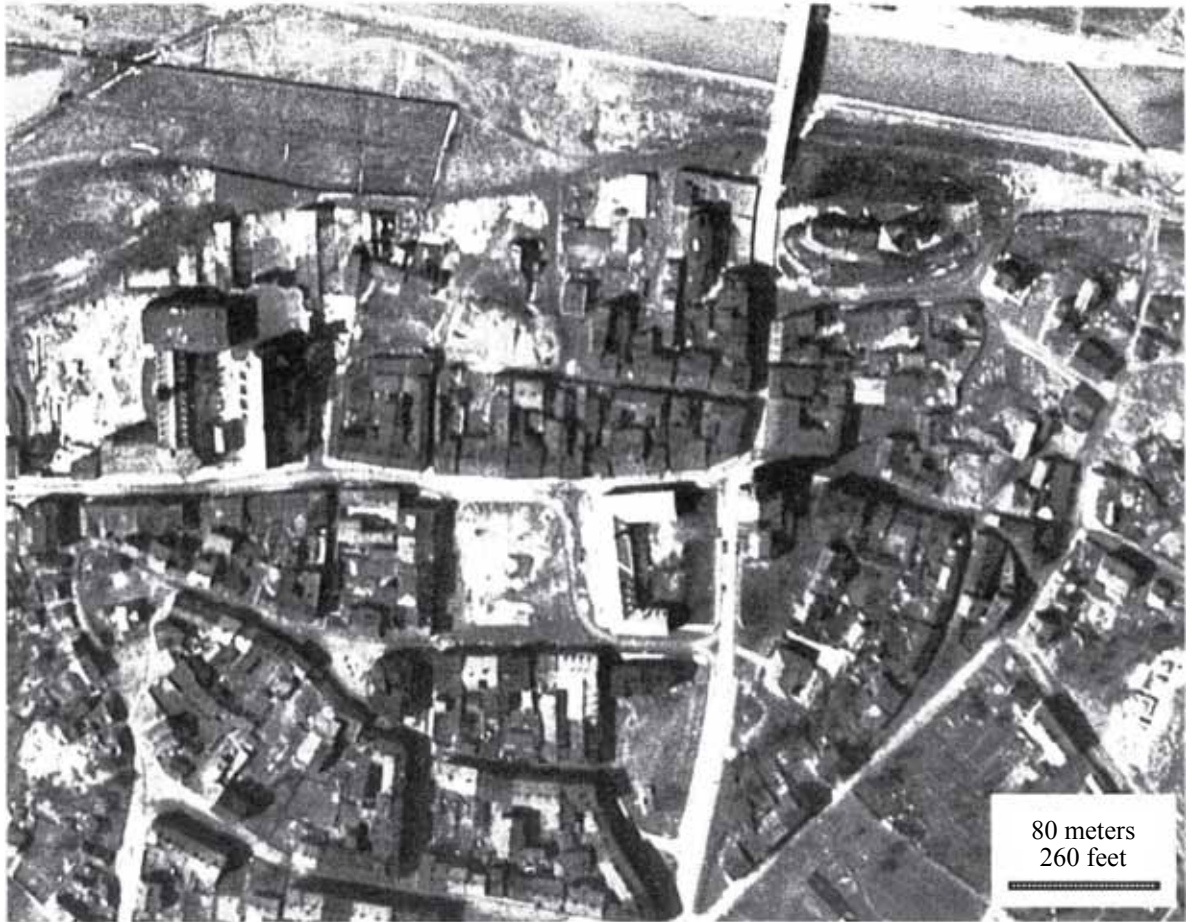
Photo 2 – April 4, 1944:

Close-up of houses across the river from Auschwitz I at Stare Stawy village, which had a good view of the camp.



road crosses bridge to Auschwitz I camp

Photo 3 – April 4, 1944: Oswiecim in Polish, or Auschwitz in German. Just to the right of the main crossroads in the center of town is a large church that has a 20-meter (65-foot)-high spire that casts a long shadow. The 1944 population was 12,000. (Ref.: Central Commission... Poland, 31)



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Auschwitz I – a group of camps and light industry buildings

The Kanada area

100 meters
325 feet

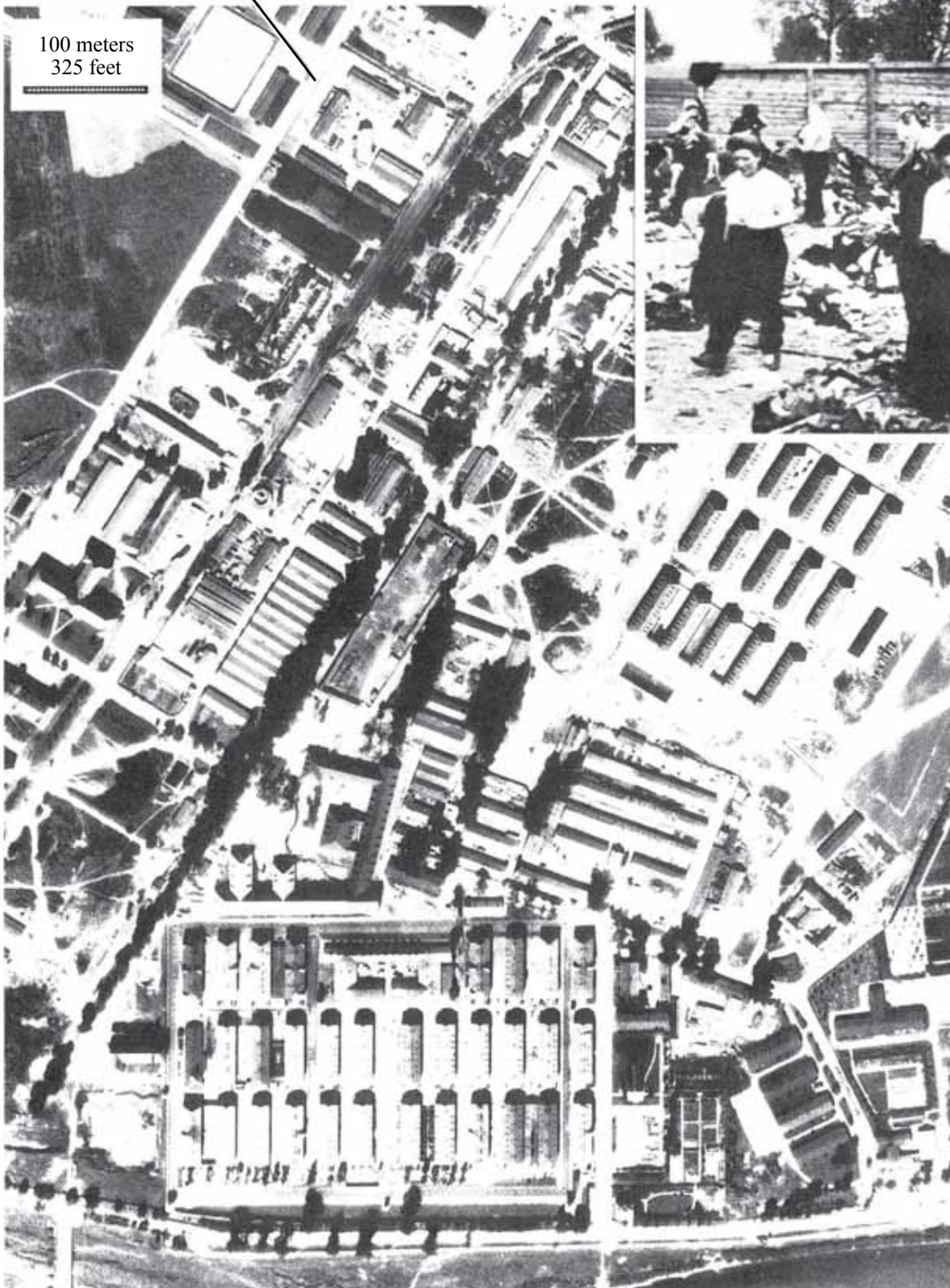
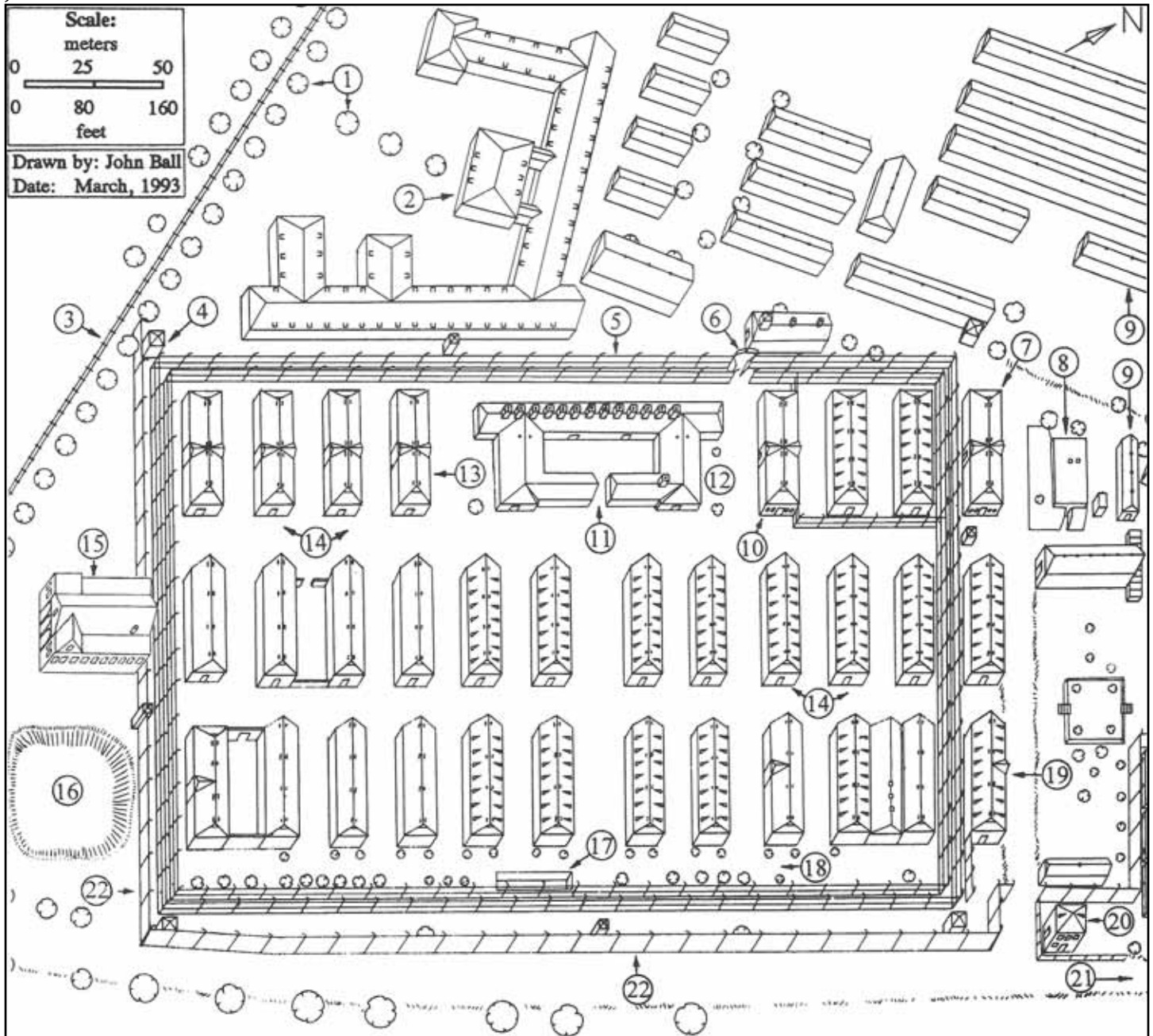


Photo 5 – 1944:
(above)
Inmates
sorting
clothes at the
Kanada area
in 1944.
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Sola River
road

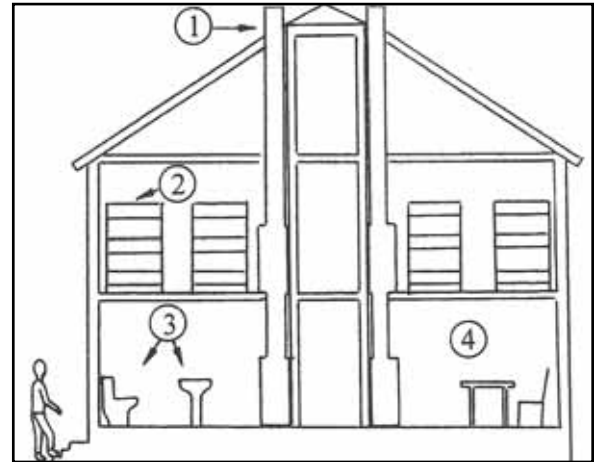
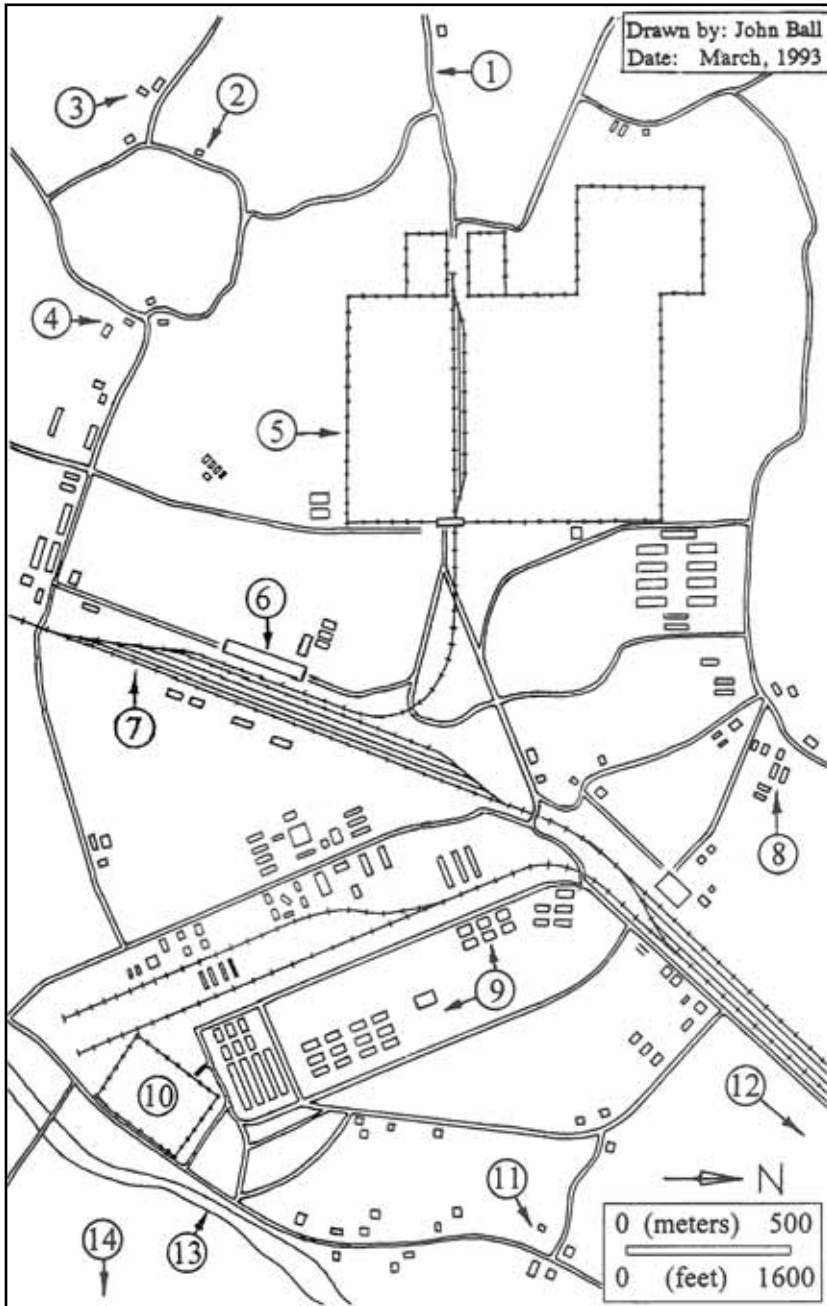
Photo 4 – August 25, 1944: Auschwitz I was the only camp in the area surrounded by a fence, as other housing barracks had no watchtowers or fences.



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| <p>1 birch and poplar trees</p> <p>2 administration building constructed in 1942</p> <p>3 railway tracks</p> <p>4 watchtowers</p> <p>5 two parallel 3 meter (10 foot) high wire fences</p> <p>6 Arbeit macht frei (work gives freedom) entrance sign</p> <p>7 German wartime hospital built in 1916 by Austrians</p> <p>8 1942 and 1943 crematorium building, and alleged 1942 homicidal gas chamber, had 2 small air raid shelter vents in 1944</p> <p>9 shops where inmates made wood tables and chairs</p> <p>10 Block 24: main floor – musical instrument storage rooms and library; top floor – 10 girls who lived there operated a part-time brothel (Setkiewicz)</p> | <p>11 kitchen and eight barracks below it built in 1941</p> <p>12 spot where some of the 80-member symphony orchestra regularly played light classical music (Setkiewicz)</p> <p>13 post office with weekly pick up and delivery</p> <p>14 21 military barracks built in 1916 by Austrians</p> <p>15 music and drama theatre built in 1916</p> <p>16 sand and gravel pit 2.5 meters (8 feet) deep</p> <p>17 swimming pool 23 by 5 meters (75 by 16 ft) with diving boards 3 and 1 meter (10 and 3.3 feet) high</p> <p>18 row of trees called Birch Avenue by inmates</p> <p>19 camp commandant's office built in 1942</p> <p>20 sleeping barrack for the commandant</p> <p>21 Sola river road north-east to Oswiecim town</p> <p>22 cement fence 3 metres (10 feet) high around two sides of camp blocked view from Sola River road</p> |
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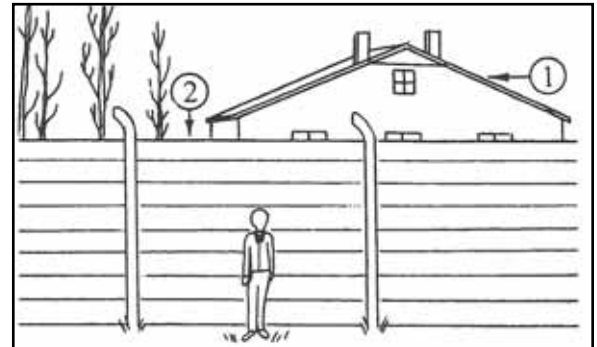
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Schematic Map of the Auschwitz camps and some features of the Auschwitz I Main Camp



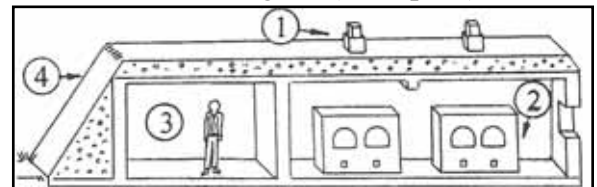
One of the 26 heated sleeping barracks:

- 1 chimneys ventilating the coal-fed heaters
- 2 three-story bunk beds
- 3 toilets and wash basins
- 4 office



A solid fence on two sides of the camp:

- 1 top of a 2-story sleeping barrack (14 on p. 48)
- 2 solid cement wall, 3 m (10 ft) high by 8 cm (3 ins.) thick, built by Germans in 1941 to prevent outsiders from seeing the camp, and inmates from looking out (22 on p. 48)



The crematorium and alleged homicidal gas chamber:

(see Pressac 1989, pp. 144-147, 151-159; see no. 8 on map p. 48)

- 1 roof vents
- 2 2, later 3 cremation ovens (2 muffles each)
- 3 morgue, allegedly used as homicidal gas chamber; its features did not permit any homicidal use (Ref.: C. Mattogno, *Auschwitz: Crematorium I*)
- 4 earth covering

- 1 main roads connecting the villages and train stations with the camps
- 2 industrial buildings and farmhouses
- 3 Plawy village
- 4 Folwark Ozernichow village
- 5 wire fence around Birkenau camp
- 6 Auschwitz train station
- 7 rail lines
- 8 Brzezinka village
- 9 wood furniture assembly shops and other work facilities for camp inmates
- 10 Auschwitz I camp
- 11 Zasole village
- 12 2 kms. (1¼ mile) northeast to Oswiecim (Polish, German Auschwitz), 1944 population was 20,000.
- 13 Sola River
- 14 5 kilometers (3 miles) east to large chemical plant (see next page)

Map drawn from 1944 air photos as reproduced in this volume

Photo 8 – 1943: (below) Workers doing renovations at the kitchen during early 1943. (Ref.: Auschwitz archives, Oswiecim, Poland)



Photo 7 – 1945: (above) old crematorium with alleged gas chamber (Ref.: Pressac 1989, p. 144)

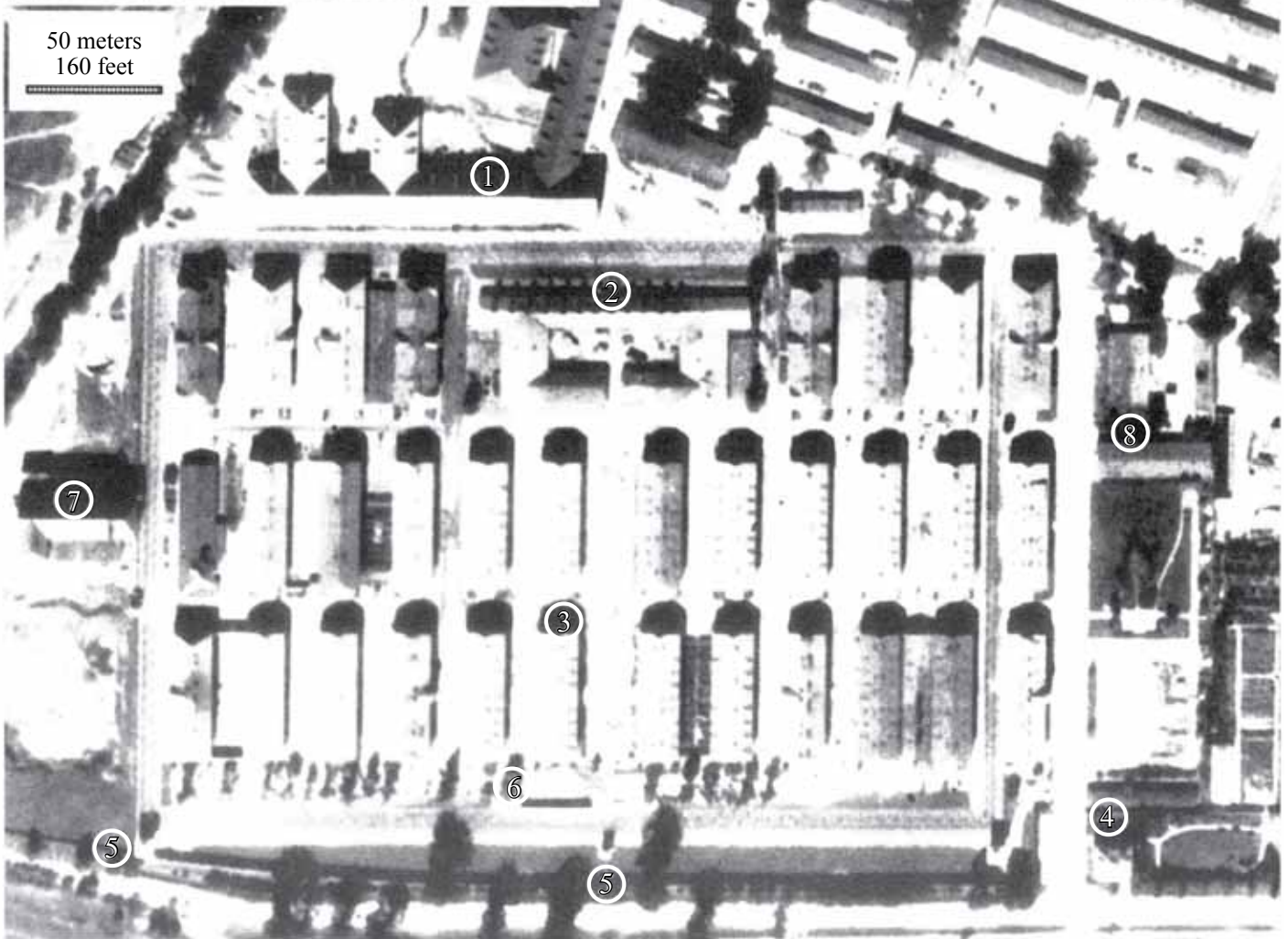


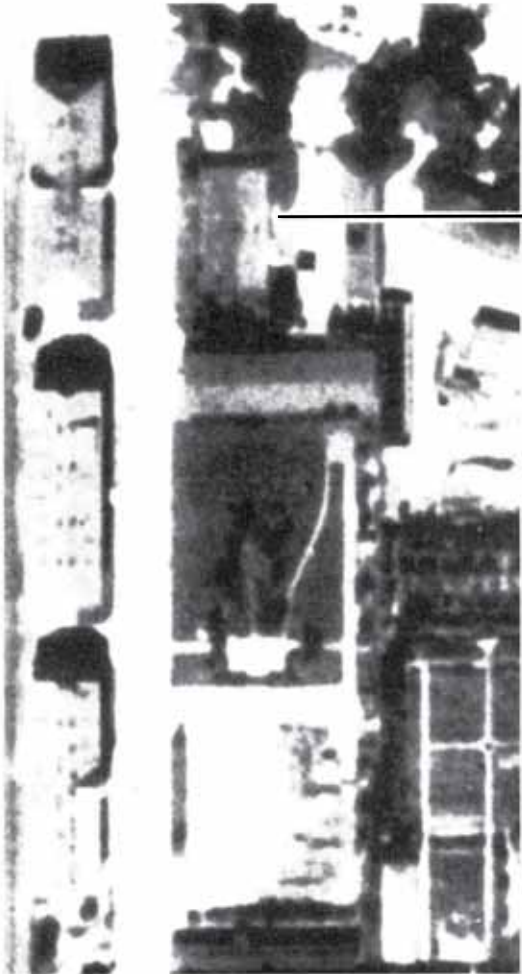
Photo 6 – August 25, 1944: The camp entrance road turned off the Sola River road and passed 2 m (6.5 ft) in front of the former crematorium and alleged gas chamber. There were no gates on the road from the Sola River bridge to the camp entrance. The crematorium and alleged former gas chamber had two visible dots on its roof, no fence, and no coal storage yard. Outside the camp fence were 9 guard towers. The alleged gallows just below the kitchen are not visible in the photo.

- 1 administration building
- 2 kitchen
- 3 sleeping barracks
- 4 entrance road
- 5 guard towers outside fence
- 6 swimming pool inside fence
- 7 theater
- 8 old crematorium with alleged gas chamber

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Alleged Auschwitz I gas chamber – Eyewitness accusations versus what 1944 air photos reveal

Photo 9 – August 25, 1944:



Four summer 1944 air photos reveal the Auschwitz I entrance road passed directly in front of the alleged gas chamber and crematorium which had no chimney, two dots on the roof, no coal storage yard, and therefore does not appear to have been designed as a crematorium.*

Allegations of eyewitnesses:

What 1944 air photos reveal:

The experimental gas chamber was used until the larger Birkenau ones came into use, and it then was converted to a bomb shelter.

The building is small, square, flat-roofed, and in 1944 had no chimney like the Birkenau crematoria.

Fences and gates prevented access from people outside the camp to the building.

The building is outside the Auschwitz I camp, and the camp entrance road has no gate and passes 3 meters (10 feet) in front of the building.

Hundreds a day walked into the room to be gassed.

The building was visible and accessible by road to villagers outside camp.

Gas pellets were inserted through four roof vents which are there today beside two larger vents.

Only two dots are visible in 1944 photos. The four roof vents must have been added after December 21st, 1944.

Enough coal or wood to burn the bodies was transported to the yard and piled until being used in the crematorium.

The building is not close to a railroad line, and the very small yard has no room for storing coal or wood, so the delivery and storage system would have been very inefficient.

Thousands of bodies were burned each day in the crematorium ovens.

No fuel delivery system exists such as a coal piling yard beside train tracks, and there is no conveyor.

A ten-meter-high chimney which is there today expelled smoke from the crematorium.

In the Dec. 1944 photos no chimney is visible on top of or beside the building. If it is there now, it must have been constructed after 1945.

* This building was used to store ammunition by the Austrian (until 1918) and later the Polish military until WW2; during the German occupation it was briefly restructured and used as a crematorium until 1943. It was converted to an air raid shelter in 1944, at which point the chimney was removed. Today's chimney is an inoperable post-war reconstruction. See Mattogno, *Auschwitz: Crematorium I*, for details.

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Evidence Shows C.I.A. Auschwitz Report Based on Altered Air Photos

“Photographic evidence” of Holocaust alleged in American C.I.A. Report

In 1979 Dino Brugioni and Robert Poirier, two employees of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.), released a slender brochure with the title *The Holocaust Revisited*, a report based on the study of newly discovered 1944 aerial photos of the Auschwitz camps. Pictures in the 19 page booklet were widely publicized as photographic evidence of the “Holocaust.”

The two C.I.A. workers had used magnifying and stereo viewing equipment to study air photos from five different dates in 1944, and they concluded the August 25th photos showed clear evidence of “the extermination operations in progress” at Birkenau. Photos were shown of what they interpreted as prisoners being marched to a gas chamber, homicidal gas chambers, special security arrangements around the crematoria,

cremation pits, and vents used to insert Zyklon B pellets into subsurface gas chambers.

In 1979 the air photo negatives were released from the C.I.A. to the U.S. National Archives in Washington, D.C., for public viewing.

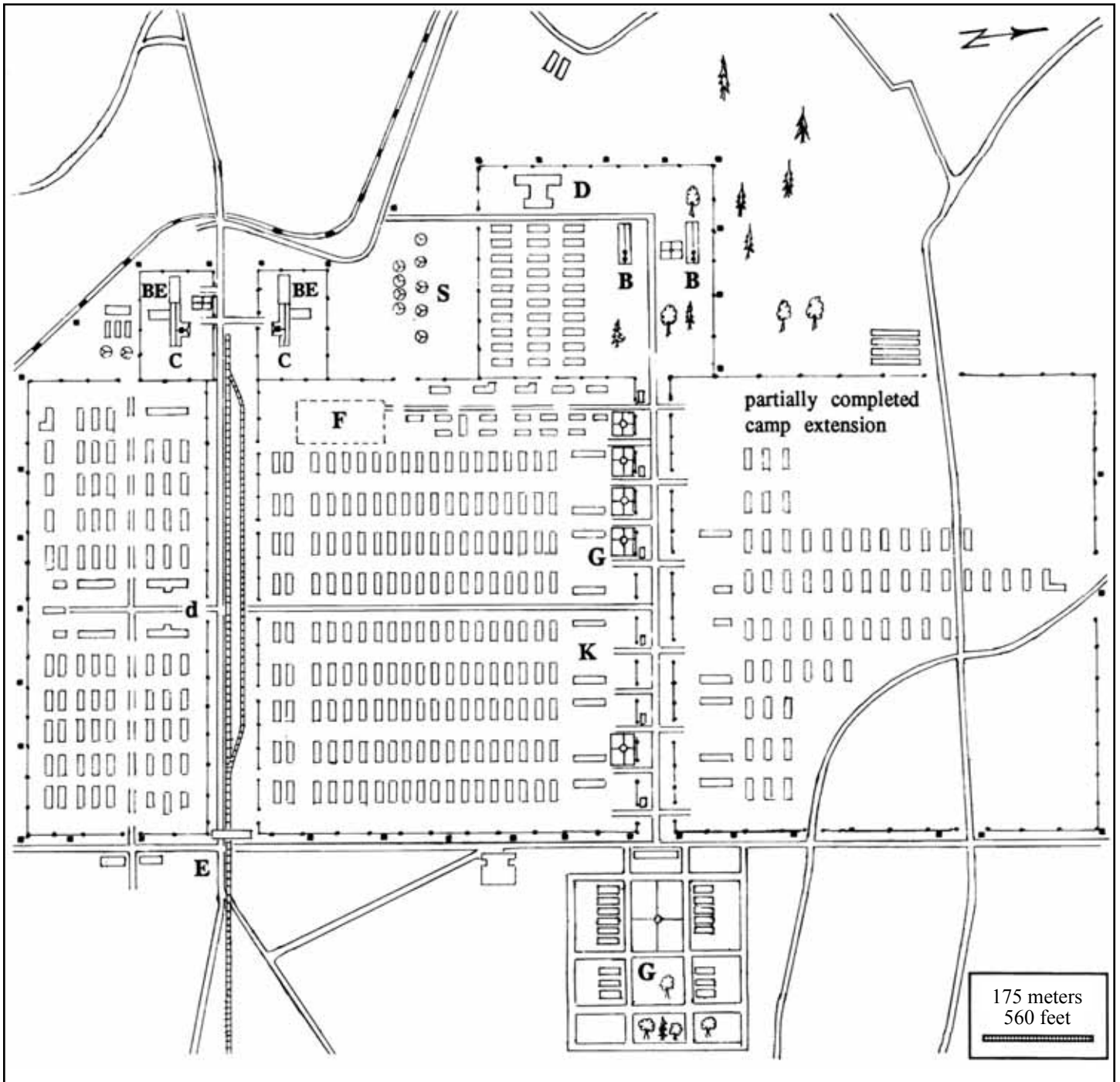
The problem is to discover whether the images on the air photos can be explained as something on the ground, or whether there is proof that at least some of them were marked on the 1944 air photo negatives.

Evidence will be presented to show that every mark which the authors of the C.I.A. report used to conclude that homicidal gas chambers were in operation on the August 25th photos was added to the photos after they had been exposed in 1944.









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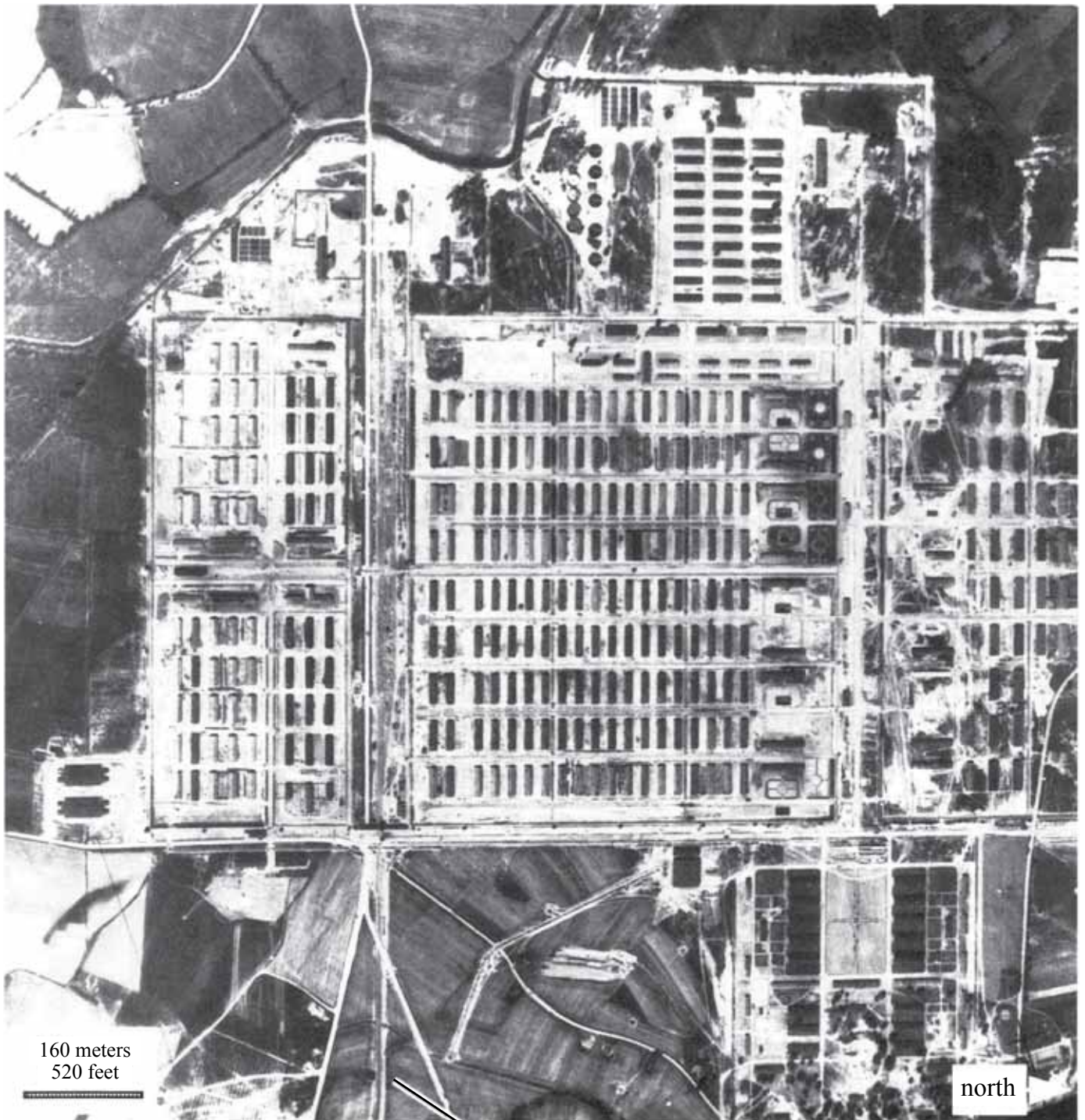


Birkenau detention and labor camp – Legend: (map by Auschwitz State Museum)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">  railroad tracks  entrance gate  roads  ditch  wire fence and posts  guard towers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S sewage tanks K kitchens G gardens F athletic playing field (soccer) D disinfestation facility (“Zentralsauna”) d two disinfestation facilities (BW 5a & BW 5b) 	<p>Alleged murder facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C crematoria 1 and 2 BE 1 meter (3.3 feet) high building extensions (morgues) B crematoria 3 and 4
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May 31, 1944, photo of Birkenau



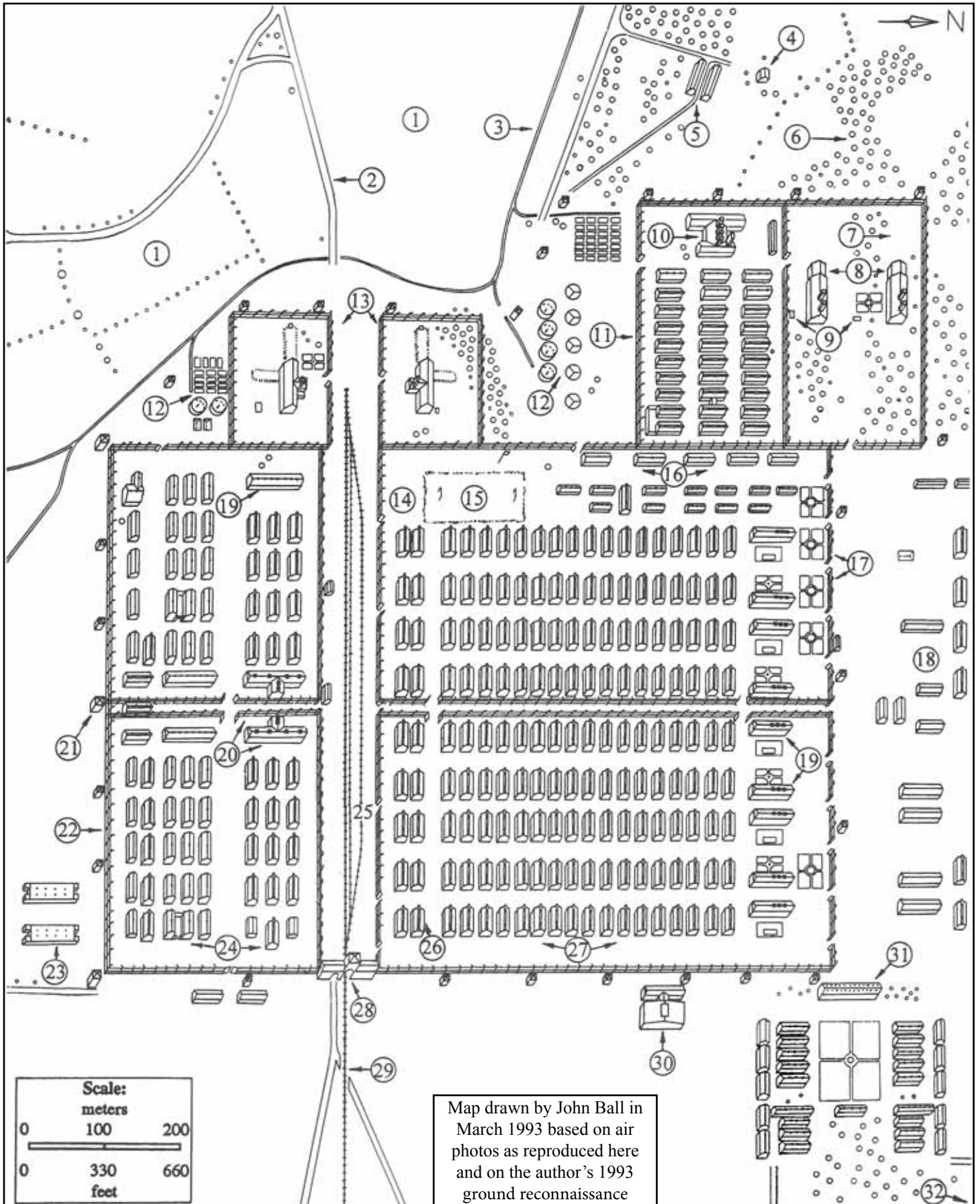
◀ exposed area in Aug. 25, 1944, photos

▶ railroad spur enters camp through main gate

Photo 1 – May 31, 1944: This and other similar photos, as well as ground reconnaissance, were used by the author to draw the maps and building sketches on the next four pages. After this follows a photo of August 25th, 1944, exposed by a Mosquito aircraft. It shows only the southern third of Birkenau. Three exposures exist (3184, 3185 and 3186) permitting a 3D-rendering of the scene and thus a thorough analysis. The three photos are relatively clear but are slightly over-exposed. On page 60 Exposure no. 3185 is reproduced.

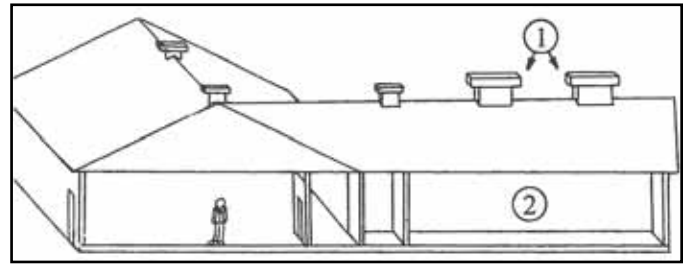
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Schematic map of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Camp



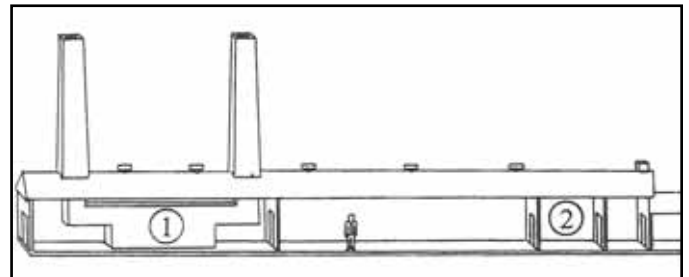
Legend to map on left

- 1 farms that were ploughed and tilled in 1944
- 2 roads entering camp
- 3 sewage ditches that drained to the Vistula River 1.3 kilometers (0.8 mile) west, and Sola River
- 4 the White Cottage/Bunker 2 outside the camp fence, allegedly a homicidal gas chamber in 1942 & 1944
- 5 1942 victims did not use these buildings to undress as alleged; they were not built until June 1944
- 6 trees
- 7 there were no empty pits where it is alleged hundreds of gassing victims a day were incinerated on large pyres from May to Aug 1944, when the crematoria are said to have been overloaded
- 8 Crematoria 3 & 4 said to have contained homicidal gas chambers in their west wings operating in 1943 & 1944 were visible from all sides through wire fences
- 9 ditches six meters (20 ft) long by 1.5 meters (5 ft) deep had water in the bottom
- 10 “Zentralsauna” disinfestation building where steam and hot air killed body lice in clothes, and inmates also showered (Pressac 1989, pp. 65-85)
- 11 the 30 Kanada barracks where inmates worked to sort and store clothing and personal effects that new arrivals had brought to camp
- 12 sewage treatment ditches and round tanks
- 13 Crematoria 1 & 2 with below-ground morgues, one of which allegedly was a homicidal gas chambers where half a million victims in batches of 1,000 to 3,000 are said to have been murdered during 1943 & 1944
- 14 location where one of six Auschwitz I and Birkenau orchestras gave Sunday concerts (Kopyclinski, p. 112)
- 15 sports field with soccer goal posts
- 16 hospital buildings for inmates
- 17 gardens
- 18 Mexiko camp extension did not have a fence, however, after 1945 a fence was built
- 19 kitchens – 9 in men’s camp, 3 in women’s
- 20 sanitation buildings 5a & 5b with inmate showers and delousing chambers where cyanide gas was used to kill typhus-carrying body lice
- 21 guard towers
- 22 wire fence three meters (ten feet) high
- 23 storage buildings for potatoes and vegetables
- 24 women’s brick-and-wood sleeping barracks
- 25 train loading and unloading ramp
- 26 row of toilets and wash basins
- 27 men’s wooden sleeping barracks
- 28 main entrance gate
- 29 railway tracks
- 30 water pumping station
- 31 camp administration headquarters
- 32 Brzezinka town

**Zyklon B cyanide gas disinfestation buildings:**

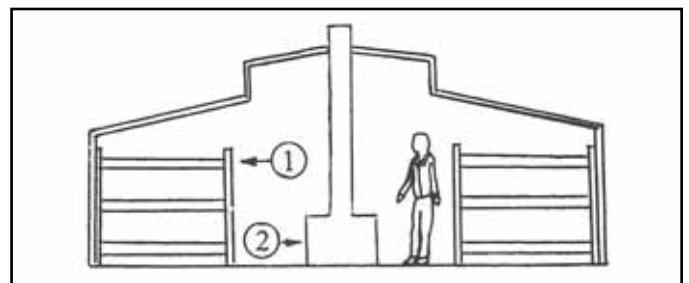
Buildings 5a and 5b (number 20 on map left)

- 1 Air intake stacks for ventilation; there were two extractor fans set into the gable wall.
- 2 Room where Zyklon B (HCN) gas was used to kill typhus carrying body lice in clothes and bedding. In Building 5a this space was split into five in 1943 and converted to use hot air instead of Zyklon B (Pressac 1989, p. 53).

**Crematoria 3 & 4:**

(number 8 on map left)

- 1 Furnace room with a single 8-muffle cremation furnace.
- 2 Alleged homicidal gas chambers – without any forced ventilation. Ventilation by draft would have endangered all present in the building. Documents show that inmate showers were built in this building, hence they served as sanitation facilities. (Mattogno, *Auschwitz... Sanity*, pp. 175-180)

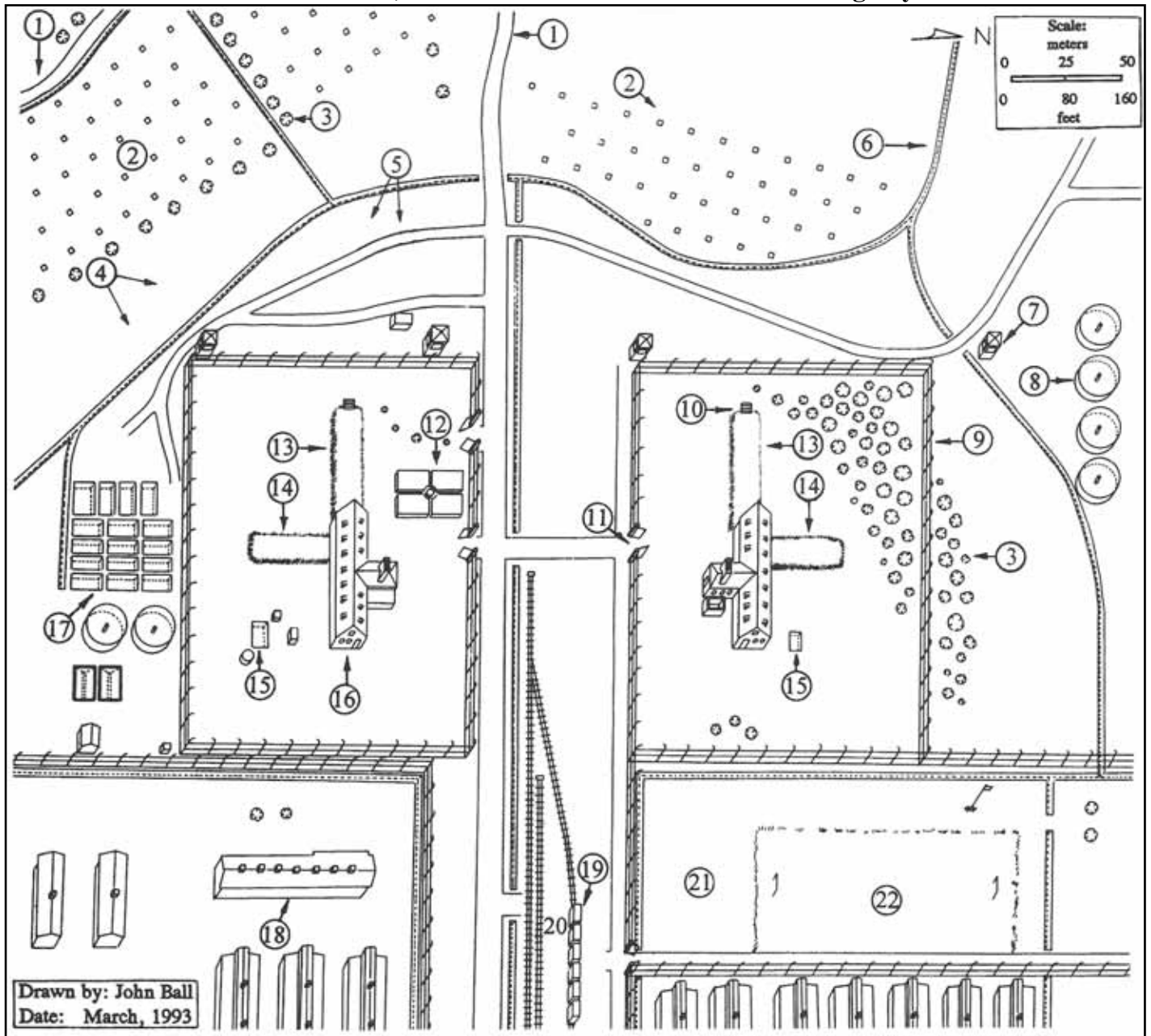
**Men’s and women’s sleeping barracks:**

(number 24 & 27 on map left)

- 1 Bunk beds with mattresses three rows high.
- 2 Brick coal-fed heaters down entire length of barracks.

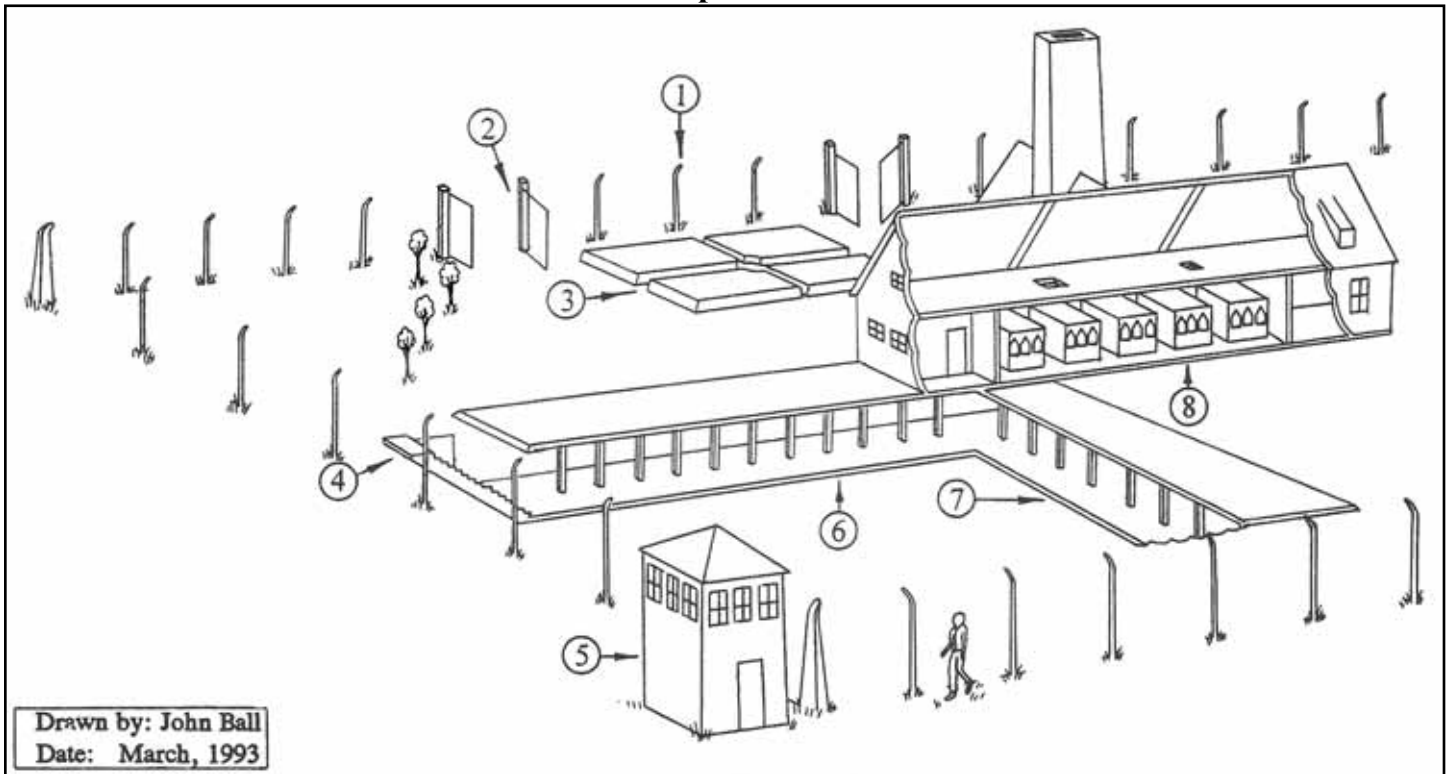
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The Crematoria 1 and 2, where half a million victims were allegedly murdered



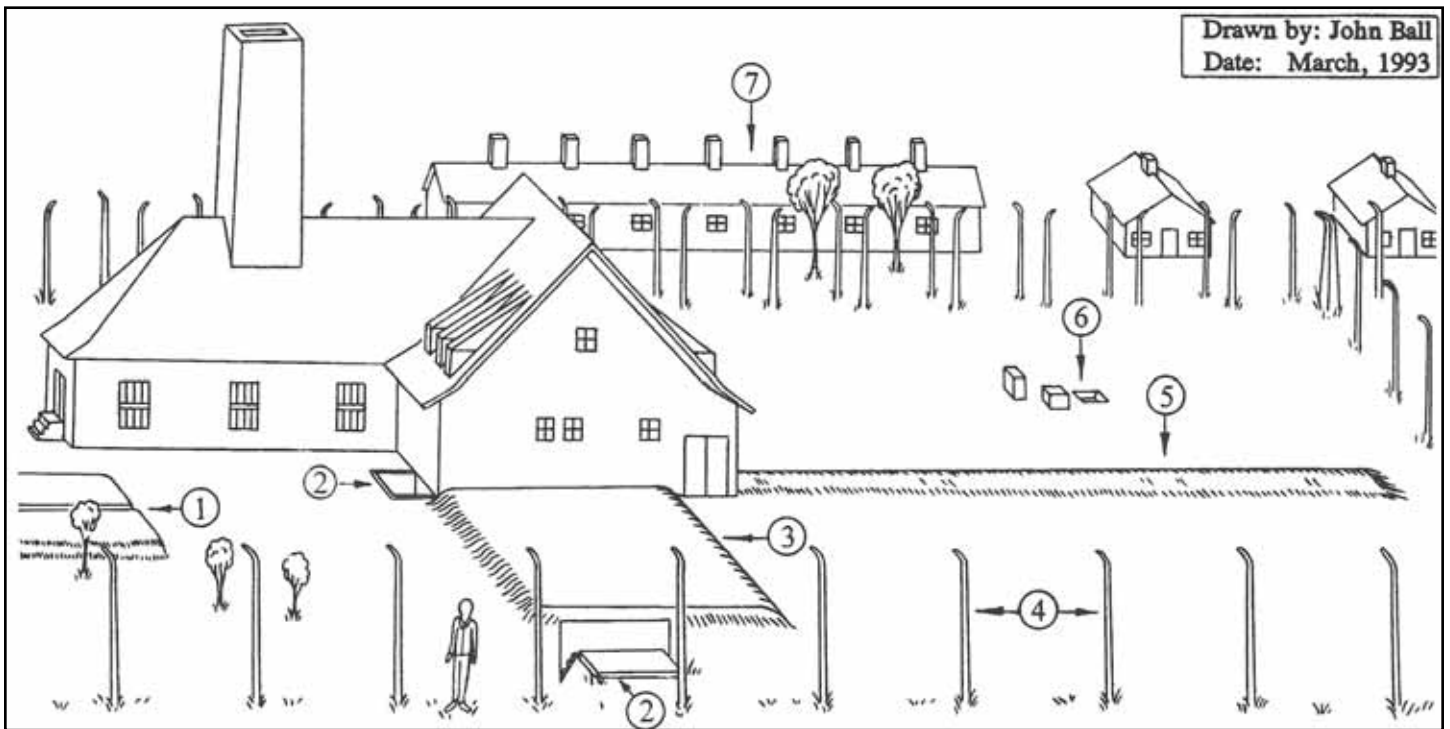
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| <p>1 roads without gates
 2 farms that were ploughed and tilled during 1944
 3 birch and poplar trees
 4 drawing on top next page is viewed from this location
 5 drawing on bottom next page is viewed from this location
 6 sewage- and water-drainage ditches
 7 watchtowers
 8 sewage treatment tanks
 9 see-through wire fences 3 meters (10 feet) high
 10 stairs where hundreds of people a day from April 1943 to Sept. 1944 are said to have been herded
 11 gates through which groups of people were allegedly marched into crematorium yards
 12 healthy garden that was not walked on and crushed
 13 one-meter-high roofs of below-ground rooms built as morgues, but said to have been undressing rooms</p> | <p>14 one-meter (3.3-ft)-high roofs of alleged homicidal gas chambers where SS men were said to have poured Zyklon B cyanide pellets through (absent) roof vents
 15 ditches 2 meters (6.5 ft) deep with water in bottom
 16 crematoria built to burn a maximum of 300 corpses a day (see p. 87)
 17 sewage settling ditches
 18 kitchen in the women's camp
 19 railway boxcars
 20 train unloading ramp
 21 spot where musicians from the women's symphony orchestra, or 120-member brass band, gave Sunday afternoon concerts during good weather (Kopyclinski, p. 112; Dunin-Wasowicz, p. 290)
 22 sports field where soccer was popular, and inmates cheered their favorite at boxing matches (Dall, p. 46; Dunin-Wasowicz, p. 296)</p> |
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Crematorium 1, cut-away drawing showing inside rooms – viewed from location 4, previous page

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| 1 fence posts | 5 guard tower | 8 five furnaces (three muffles each), designed to cremate |
| 2 open gates | 6 Morgue 1 | 300 bodies a day (max.), using 4.8 tons of coal (16 kg |
| 3 garden | 7 Morgue 2, alleged | coal/body); time needed to burn each body = 1 hour |
| 4 stairs below ground | gas chamber | (see p. 87) |

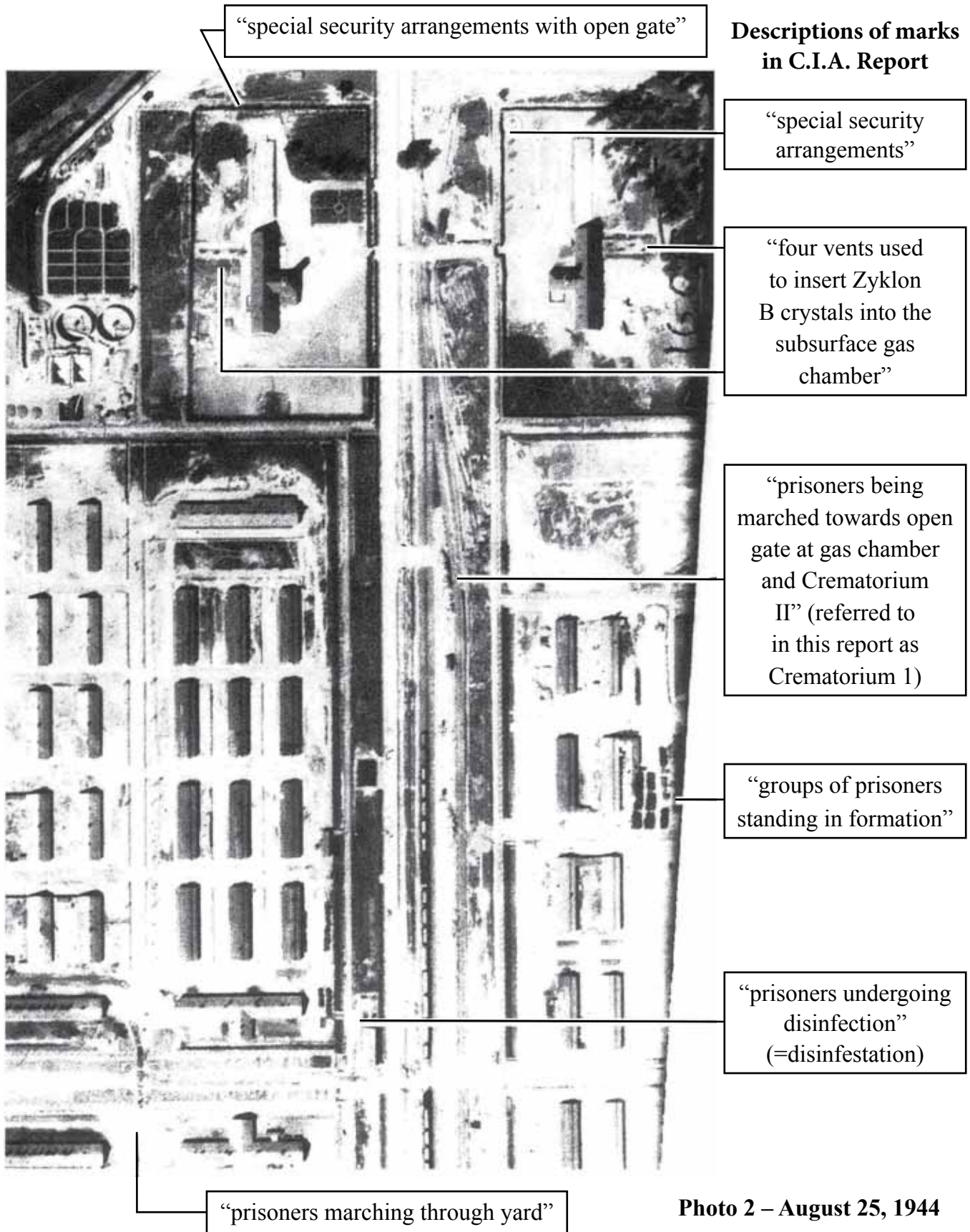


Crematorium 1 from another angle – viewed from Location 5, previous page

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| 1 garden | 4 the 14 strands of barbed wire | 5 alleged homicidal gas chamber |
| 2 stairs | between posts were almost invis- | 6 2-m (6.5-ft)-deep pit and two sheds |
| 3 alleged undressing room | ible from a 50-m (160-ft) distance | 7 kitchen in women's camp |

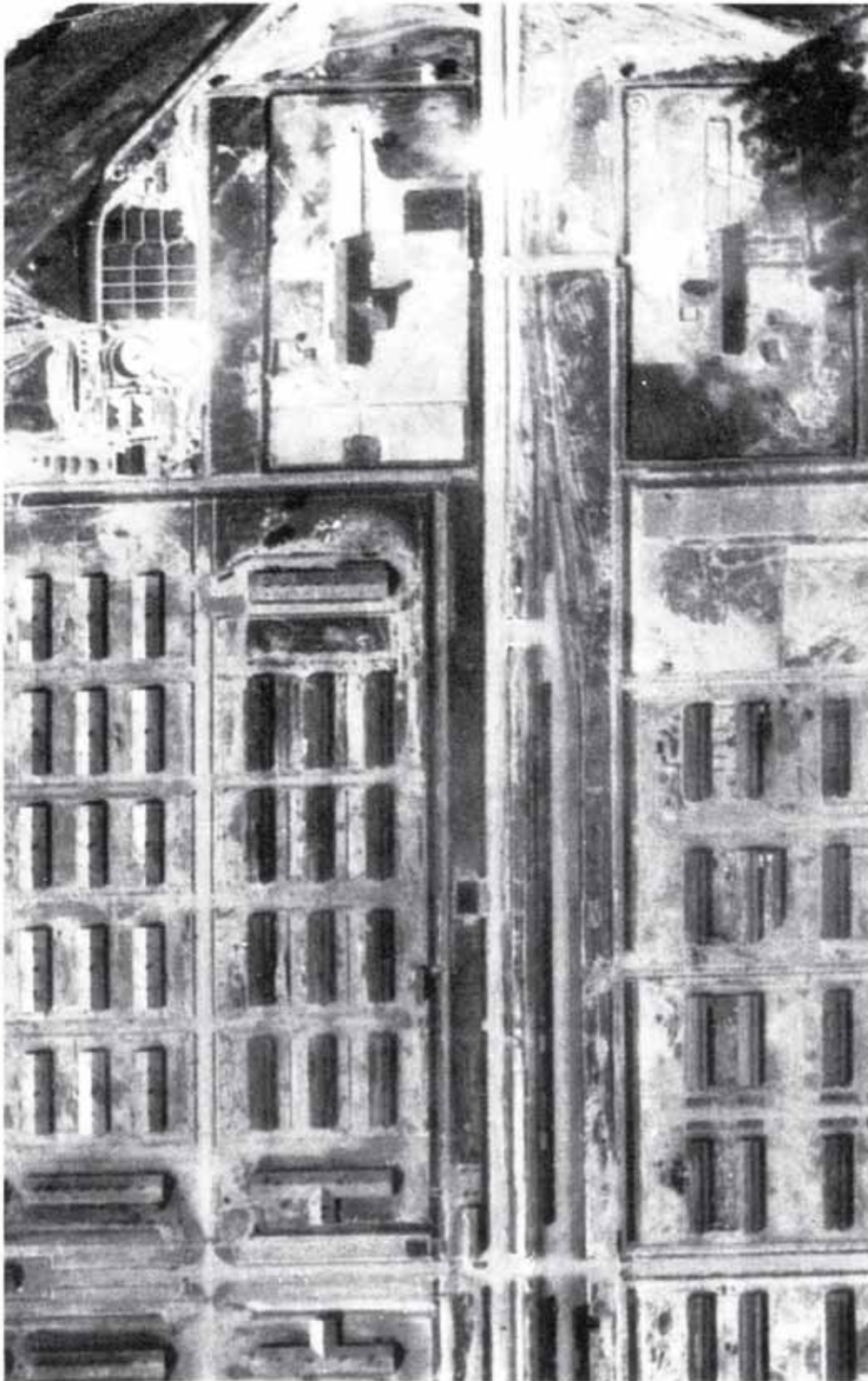
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Marks on August 25th, 1944, photos said to be evidence of “homicidal gassings”...



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...are black in contrast to the grey shades in this September photo



September 13, 1944:

The marks on the August 25 photo are suspicious because:

1. They are solid black whereas other buildings and marks are grey and black.
2. In the September 13th photo the scale is too small to allow people to be seen, even standing in large groups, and the August photo is the same scale as September.
3. A large group of people standing close together would almost certainly look grey and black rather than solid black.

Now: In order to conclusively prove the marks were added to the photographs after 1944, we need to locate marks that are not natural features and could only have been drawn on. Three such marks are as follows:

Photo 3 – September 13, 1944

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Proof number 1:

**“Prisoner groups standing in formation”
appear to be marks drawn on the ground and building roof**

Photo 4 – Aug. 25, 1944: Nine marks next to a building that are solid black and have no grey tones or shadows occur about a third of the way up the photo at the right edge. Also part of two marks appear to overlap the roof.

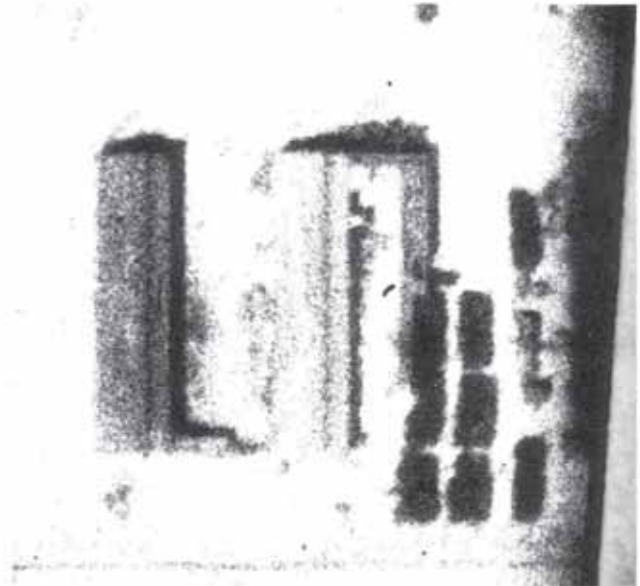
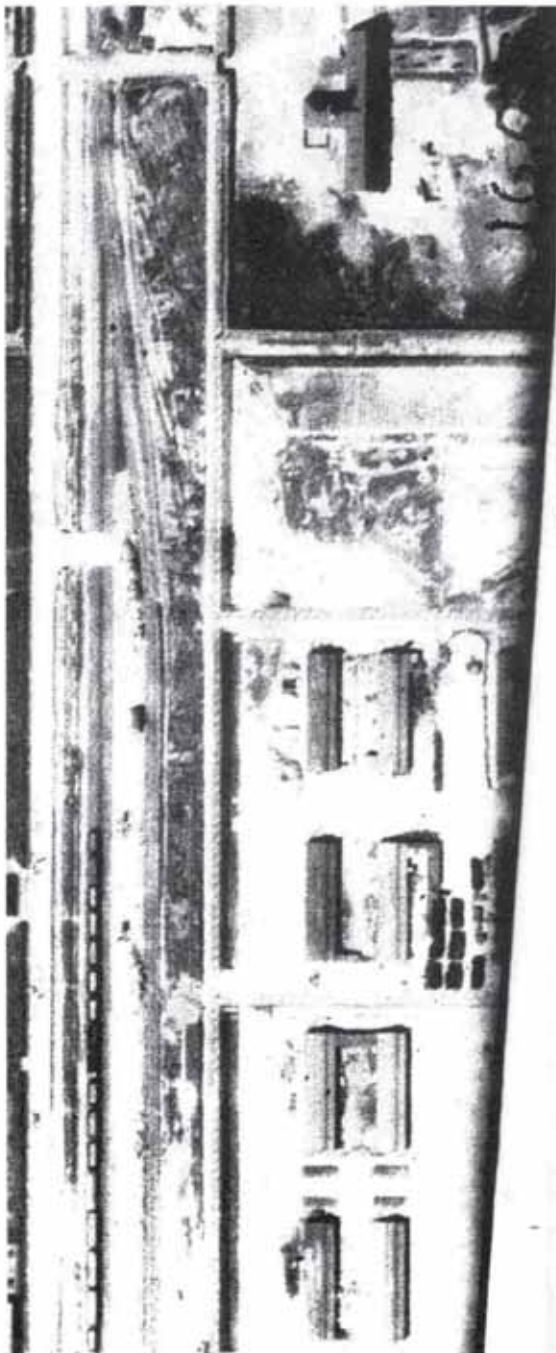


Photo 5 – Aug. 25, 1944: Two of the marks occur on the ground and also overlap onto the building roof. Since groups of people could not overlap onto the roof, this is the first *unquestionable proof* the photos were marked.

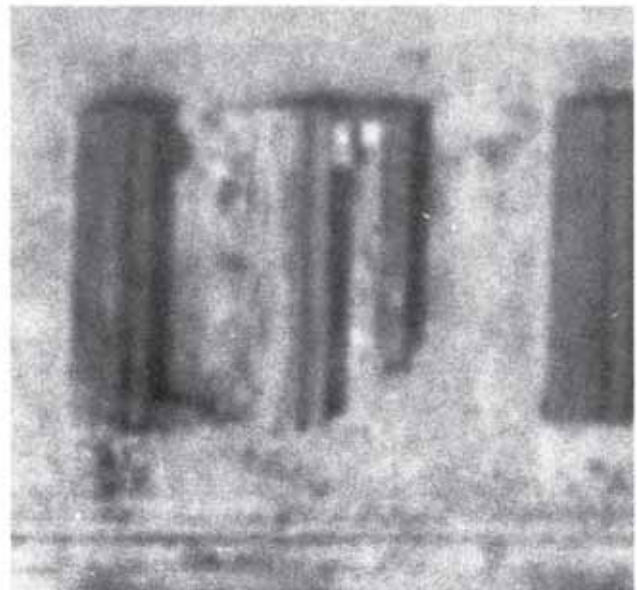


Photo 6 – Sept. 13, 1944: The size of the building is evident in this September photo. (Scale: 1 centimeter = 12 meters)

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Proof number 2:

“Prisoners marching” is a zig-zag line that looks like a sewing stitch

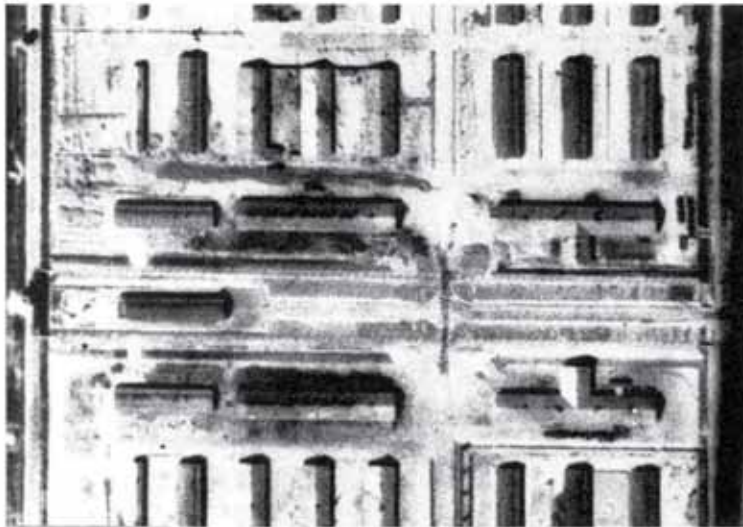


Photo 7 – Aug. 25, 1944: (left) Exposure 3186. The vertical zig-zag line on the road in the center of the photo has been very carefully drawn on two consecutive photos in a slightly different location to make it appear as if a group of people were moving along a main road in the camp. The consecutive photos below, numbers 3185 and 3186, were exposed 3.5 seconds apart.

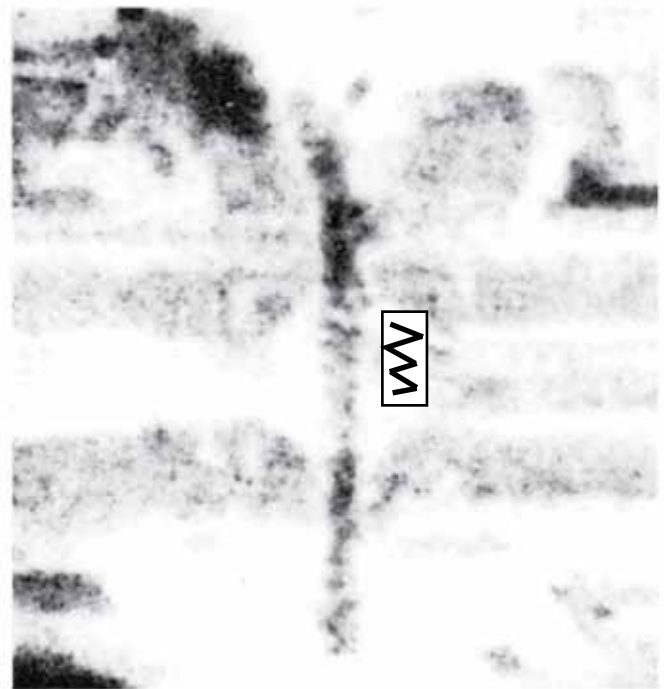


Photo 8 – August 25, 1944, Exposure 3185:

The time between Exposure 3185 and 3186 was 3.5 seconds. From one exposure to the next the line has moved *12 meters (39 feet)*. The supposed group would have moved *3.4 meters (11 feet)* per second. A fast walk is 1.5 meters (5 feet) per second, so the group would have had to be *running in synchronized formation*, which is highly unlikely.

Photo 9 – Aug. 25, 1944, Exposure 3186:

A section enlargement of Photo 7. The person who held the marking instrument that produced this line moved it *back and forth*, so the resulting line looks like a *sewing stitch* (zigzag line, see added inset). There is no natural feature on the ground that could produce such a line. It is the second *unquestionable proof* the photos were marked.

Scale: 1 centimeter = 20 meters, or 1 inch = 160 feet

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Proof number 3:

Marks were added to the roofs of Morgues #1 of Crematoria 1 (left) and 2 (right)

Several, but not all, of the air photos showing the Crematoria 1 and 2 of Birkenau have four heavy black marks on the roofs of Morgues no. 1 of Crematoria 1 and 2. Brugioni and Poirier claimed in 1979 that these were the vents through which Zyklon B was inserted into the room below, the alleged homicidal gas chamber. Below are reproduced section enlargements of the photo taken on August 25, 1944. On the next page this issue is discussed in more detail.

Photo 12 – August 25, 1944

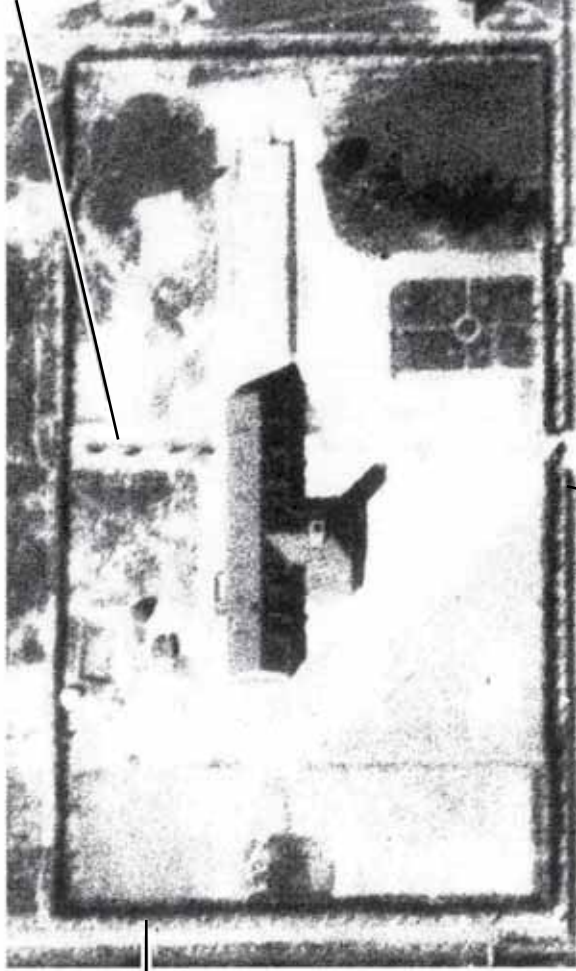
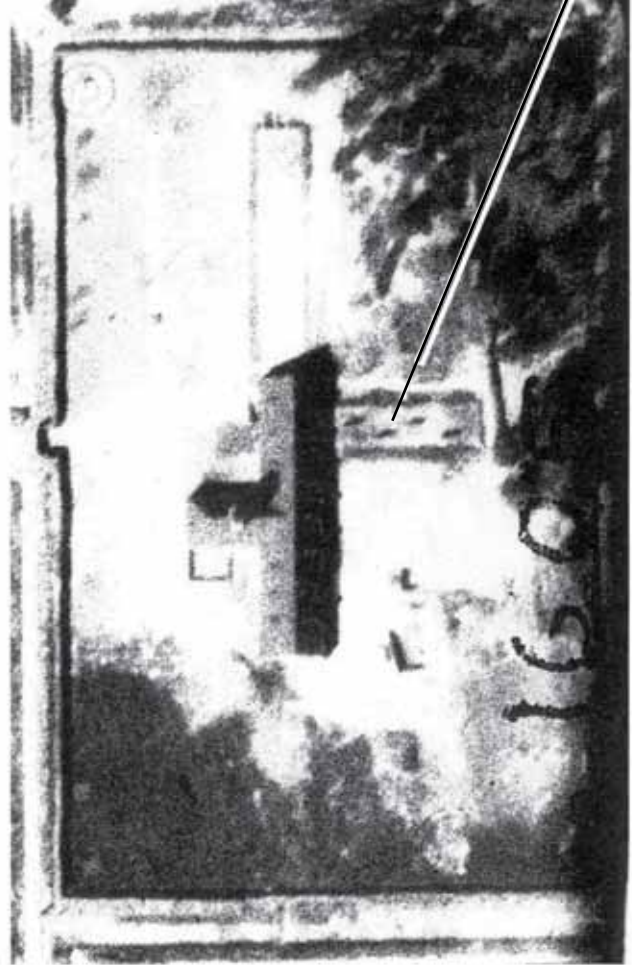
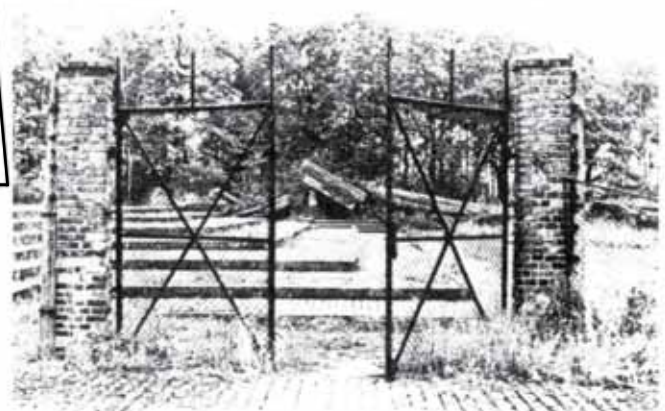


Photo 13 – August 25, 1944



The thick line looking like a wide fence may have been drawn on, as it casts no discernible shadows. Furthermore, the single wide line looking like an open gate is suspicious because ground pictures of the wire-and-steel gates in front of the crematoria, such as the one on the right, show two separate thin gates, which would not show up on air photos, instead of a single thick one. The May and June photos moreover do not show any fence. Documents show, however, that a “green belt” around the Birkenau crematoria was planned by the Auschwitz authorities to prevent gawkers from seeing the buildings. These additional optical barriers, apparently some type of wicker fences, were put in place step by step starting in May 1944. See the subchapter starting on p. 70.



After 1945 (date unknown): Two brick columns with narrow steel-and-wire gates in front of Crematorium 2. (Ref.: Pressac 1989, p. 366).

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The four heavy black marks on the roofs of Morgues no. 1 of Crematoria 1 and 2 were drawn on because:

1. They are not shadows, as they go in various directions and most importantly in a different direction than real shadows (like the chimney's, see photo with explanations below).
2. Using stereo magnifying equipment, they have no measurable height.
3. Witnesses have claimed that the vents were not bigger than some 0.5 m × 0.5 m. The marks, however, are some 3 to 4 meters long and roughly a meter wide. In addition, their shape is too irregular.
4. The roof of Morgue #1 of Crematorium 1 collapsed in late 1944/early 1945 after it was dynamited, but the broken-up concrete slabs are still there today. A thorough investigation of these ruins has demonstrated that there haven't been any openings in that roof resembling either the marks visible on any of the air photos or what witnesses have claimed (Rudolf/Mattogno, pp. 279-393).

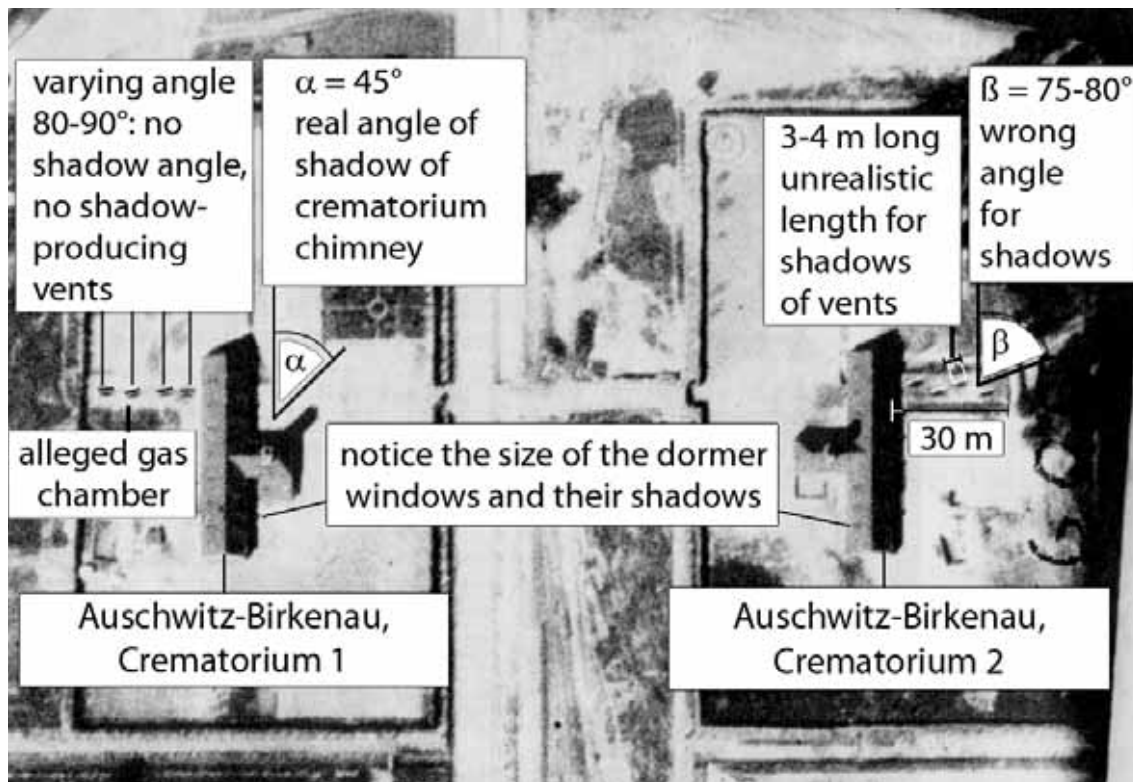


Illustration 1: based on Photo 2. We can tell immediately that the marks on the roofs of Morgues #1 of both Crematorium 1 and 2 – the alleged gas chambers – cannot be insertion vents for Zyklon B as claimed: they are too long, too irregular, and for being shadows, they go in the wrong direction.

To “explain” these strange marks, some have claimed that they are discolorations on the roofs due to SS men walking from one vent to another while pouring in Zyklon B (Keren *et al.*, p. 72). However, a walking path would be an uninterrupted line starting at the roofs’ edge and then going straight from one vent to another and finally getting off the roof. The actual pattern we see, though, would require the SS men to jump some 5 meters onto the roof to get to the first mark, then again from one mark to the next, and finally off the roof. See Illustration 2 on the right.



Illustration 2: based on Photo 2. If these are walking paths of SS men, then they must have walked in a slanted line, then jumped a few meters along the dotted line to the next mark.

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Proof number 4:

Auschwitz I photos also marked with zig-zag line that looks like a sewing stitch

Photo 10 – Aug. 25, 1944:

This Auschwitz I photo has the same type of sewing-stitch mark as photo Exposure 3186, indicating it was probably the same individual who marked both photos. Black marks occur in two other areas on the photo that are too solid in tone to be vehicles or people, and they do not have shadows.

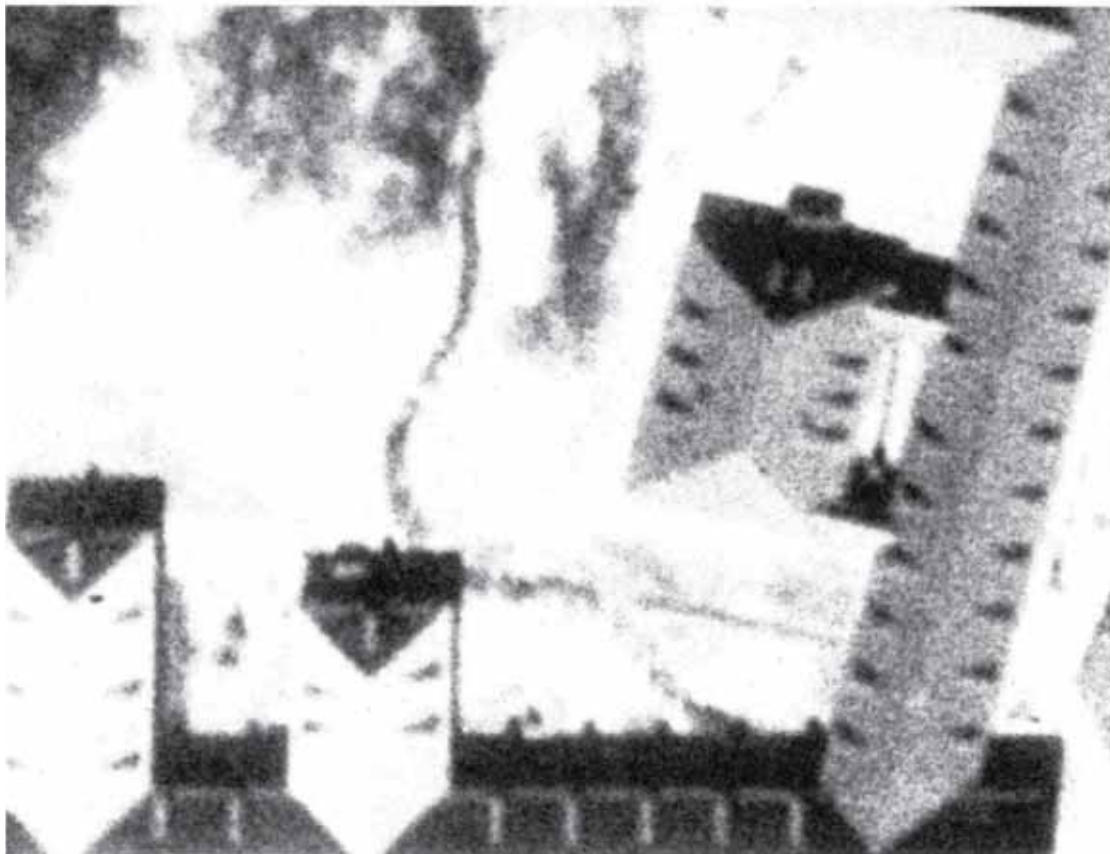
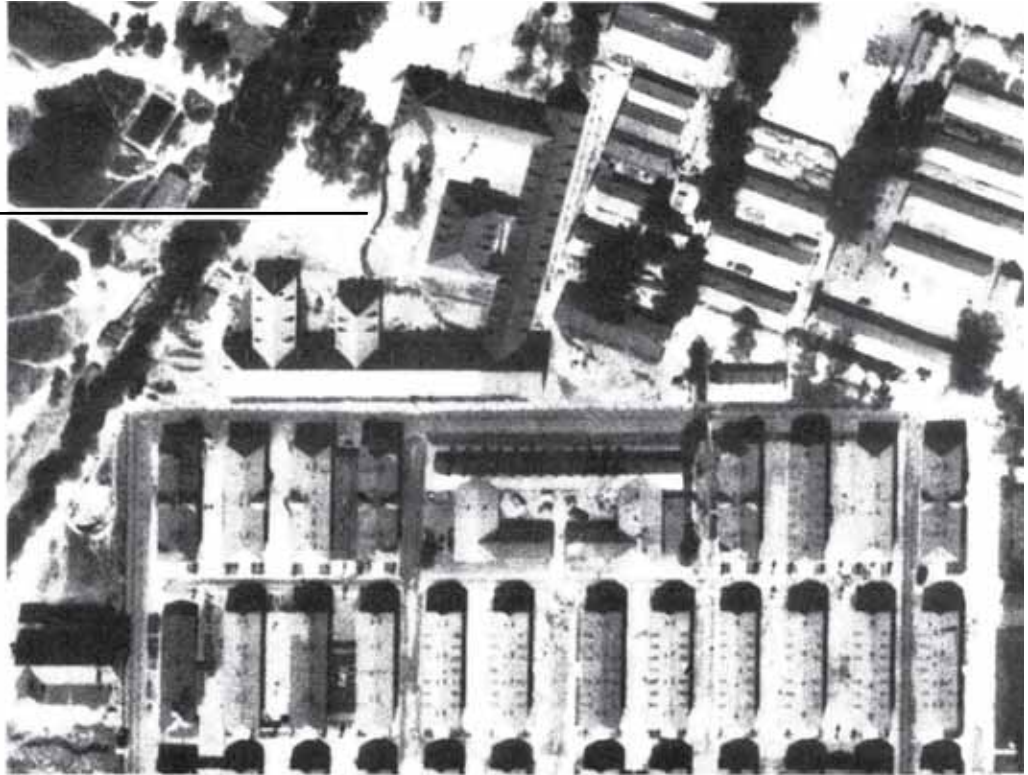


Photo 11 – Aug. 25, 1944:
(enlarged section of Photo 10)

The mark described in the C.I.A. report as a “a line of prisoners for registration.” There is no natural explanation for this mark other than it was drawn on after the photo had been exposed.

Scale: 1 cm = 16 meters –1 inch = 110 feet

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Compiling all the evidence together allows us to conclude that 66 marks were added to the August 25th, 1944 Birkenau air photos

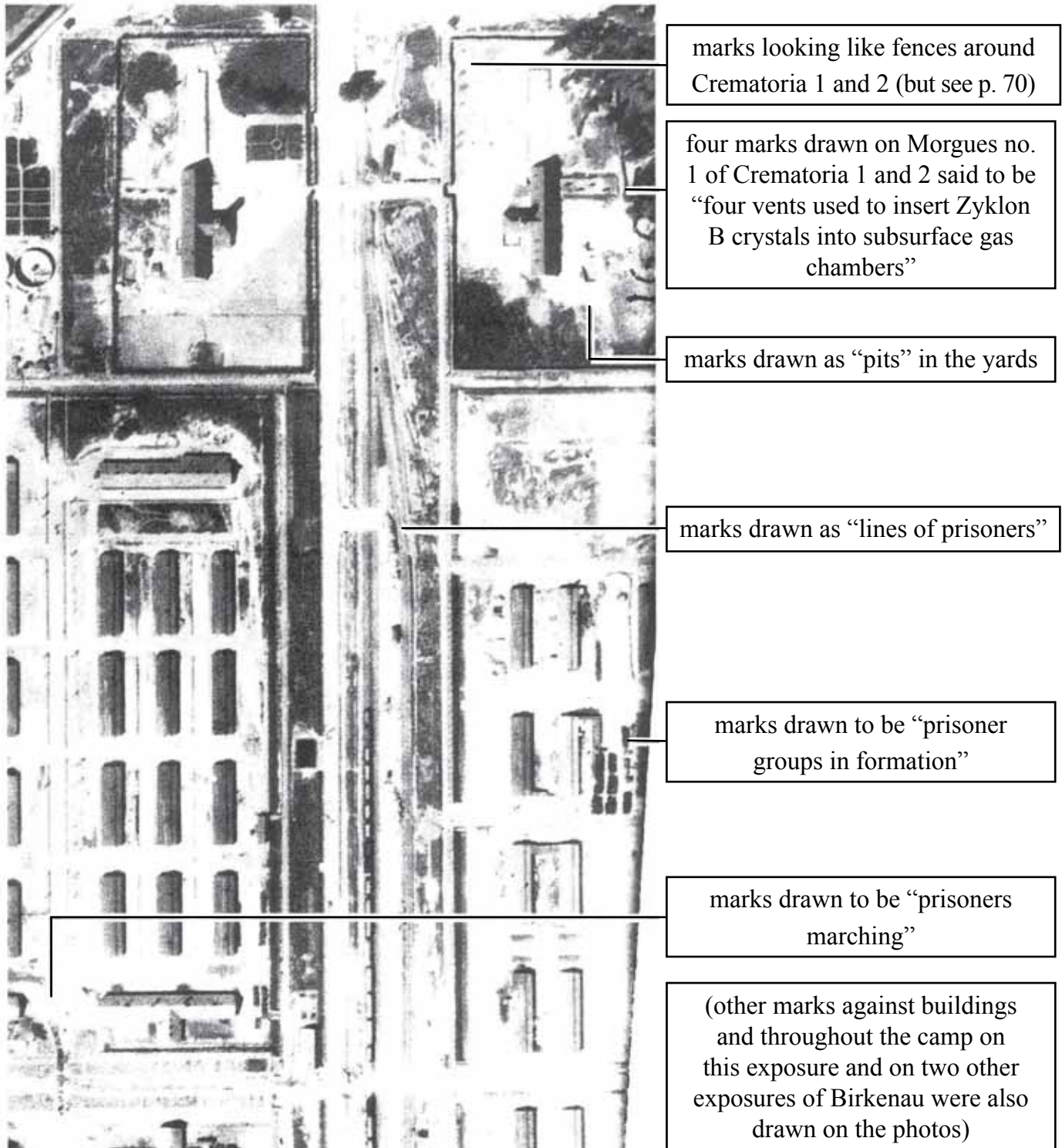


Photo 14 – August 25, 1944

Total marks added to photo numbers:	– added to Exposure 3184	= 8 marks
	– added to Exposure 3185 (this photo)	= 40 marks
	– added to Exposure 3186	= 18 marks
	Total added to 3 Exposures	= 66 marks

Conclusions for chapter 5.4

From five exposure numbers 3182 to 3186, (Record Group 373, Can 5367):

1. There is overwhelming evidence *one mark* was put on *each of three exposures* – Numbers 3183 of *Auschwitz I*, 3185 of *Birkenau*, and 3186 of *Birkenau*.
2. There is enough evidence to conclude:
 - (a) 66 marks were added to Exposures 3184, 3185 and 3186 of *Birkenau*,
 - (b) 10 marks were added to Exposures 3182 and 3183 of *Auschwitz I*, and therefore
 - (c) a total of 76 marks were added to the five air photo negatives after 1944.
3. Included are *all* of the marks shown and described as “*the extermination operations in progress*” in the 1979 Central Intelligence Agency report *The Holocaust Revisited*.
4. Evidence reveals the following about how the photos were marked:
 - (a) The marks were most likely drawn on paper enlargements of the original negatives using magnifying equipment and fine-tipped markers, and these paper prints were photographed and the negatives were *reinserted* in the original air-photo-negative rolls.
 - (b) On consecutive photos, marks were drawn almost exactly alike but in slightly different locations to make it appear as if groups of people were moving. This would only have been done by experienced air photo viewers.
 - (c) In 1979 the *Central Intelligence Agency* gave copies of the negative rolls instead of the originals to the *National Archives* for public viewing.

I was told by government representatives in Washington, D.C., that the only people who had access to the air photos before they were released to the public in 1979 were employees of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As shown on the next page, the May and September Birkenau photos were also marked:

- May 31st: Dots have been drawn on the roofs of Morgues no. 1, and short fence marks may have been drawn around crematorium 1, but nothing has been drawn around Crematorium 2.
- Sept. 13th: Fence marks appear around both crematoria, but there are no dots on Crematorium 1.

Therefore in 1944:

**the fences might have looked similar to the way they appear in the May 31st photos,
and
the roofs of the Morgues no. 1 looked similar to the way they appear in the Sept. 13th photos.**

Chapter 5.4 addition: Evidence the May and September photos have also been altered

What looks like shrubs growing on fence was not drawn on.

The 4 touching dots were drawn on.

May 31

No fence marks have been drawn.

Morgue no. 1 dots have been drawn on as in Aug. photos.

Photo 15 – May 31, 1944

What looks like a fence now runs completely around.

The 4 marks were drawn on.

August 25

The surrounding fence has appeared.

Same dot pattern was drawn on as on May 31st.

Photo 16 – Aug. 25, 1944

The fence looks the same as Aug. 25th.

No marks are visible on Morgue no. 1 of Crema 1

September 13

The fence mark and the 4 staggered dots are exactly the same as in the Aug. photo.

Photo 17 – Sept. 13, 1944

May photos: dots on alleged gas chambers have been drawn on.
Sept. photos: only some dots have been drawn on, while fences run all around.

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The Fences around the Birkenau Crematoria

By Carlo Mattogno

The issue of fences around the Birkenau Crematoria is quite controversial. In this regard there are several, apparently conflicting, documents, so it is difficult to come to a conclusion.

On October 21, 1943, SS-*Obersturmführer* Werner Jothann, Head of the Central Construction Office, who had assumed this position three weeks earlier from SS-*Sturmbannführer* Karl Bischoff (who in turn had been promoted to Head of the Construction Inspectorate of the Waffen-SS and Police “Schlesien”), drew up a “memo” with the subject “Create green belts around Crematoria I and II,” which stated:¹

“Referring to an earlier conversation with SS Stubaf. Bischoff, the commander, SS Ostubaf. Höss, asks to draw up a sketch on planting a green belt around the Crematoria I and II of the PoW camp with the request to draw this sketch and implement the measure without delay. With this a natural seclusion from the camp is to be achieved. It is proposed to plant firs and spruces to ensure that seclusion also for the winter months. A clearance of at least 5 m must remain between the existing wire fence and the green belt.”

On November 6 Jothann turned to the head of the agricultural operations, SS-*Sturmbannführer* Joachim Cäsar, with a letter concerning “Release of plant material to create a green belt for the Crematoria I and II of the PoW camp.” In it he referred to an order by Höss according to which “the



Illustration 1: Richard Baer (left) shakes hands with Karl Bischoff (right) on occasion of the inauguration of the SS hospital at Auschwitz-Monowitz in September 1944. (Ref.: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; www.ushmm.org/m/img/34803-700x.jpg)

¹ Rossiiskii Gosudarstvennii Vojennii Archiv (Russian State Archive of War; hereinafter abbreviated as RGVA), 502-1-312, p. 21

Crematoria I and II of the PoW camp are to be equipped with a green belt as a natural seclusion from the camp” and asked him to procure the plants “from forest stands”:²

“200 pieces deciduous trees 3-5 m high
 100 “ young deciduous trees 1½ – 4 m high
 300 “ spruces and pine trees 1½ – 4 m high
 and 1000 “ various hedge shrubs 1 – 2½ m high.”

The measure was a consequence of an order issued on June 15, 1943, by SS-Obersturmbannführer Arthur Liebehenschel of Office Group D of the SS-WVHA and was addressed to the commanders of the camps of Sachsenhausen, Dachau, Neuengamme and Auschwitz. It stated

“that, when constructing further special facilities, attention has to be paid to the fact that they are located in seclusion according to their specific function and cannot be ogled by all sorts of people.”³

On November 25, SS-Unterscharführer Dietrich Kamann sent a letter to the Central Construction Office,

which was in charge of “gardening.” It had the subject “Creation of green belt around Crematoria I and II in the PoW camp.” He declared in it that the work had not yet begun, because the agricultural department had not yet authorized the delivery of any plants.

Apparently the project was temporarily abandoned and resumed only a few months later.

On May 16, 1944, Jothann sent a letter to the Construction Inspectorate of the Waffen-SS and Police “Schlesien” which dealt with “Crematorium facilities in the Auschwitz camp, security measures” and as a reference a “telegram of the Head of Office Group C of Dec. 05, 44.”

In this letter Jothann enclosed “a list of iron and cement requirements for concrete posts around the crematoria in Camp II,” with the request to forward it to the Head of Office Group C SS-WVHA, SS-Brigadeführer Hans Kammler.⁴

The attached document is titled “Establishing procurement authorization for the construction of a wire mesh fence between iron posts around the crematoria in the Auschwitz concentration camp” and lists a sizeable need for iron (*Eisenbedarf*) and cement (*Zementbedarf*) for its implementation: 31,500 kg and 24,761 kg, respectively.⁵ A map (see Map 1) shows the work to be performed.⁶

On May 17, Bischoff replied:⁷



Illustration 2: Rudolf Höss

(Ref.: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_Höss)

² Nuremberg document NO-4463.

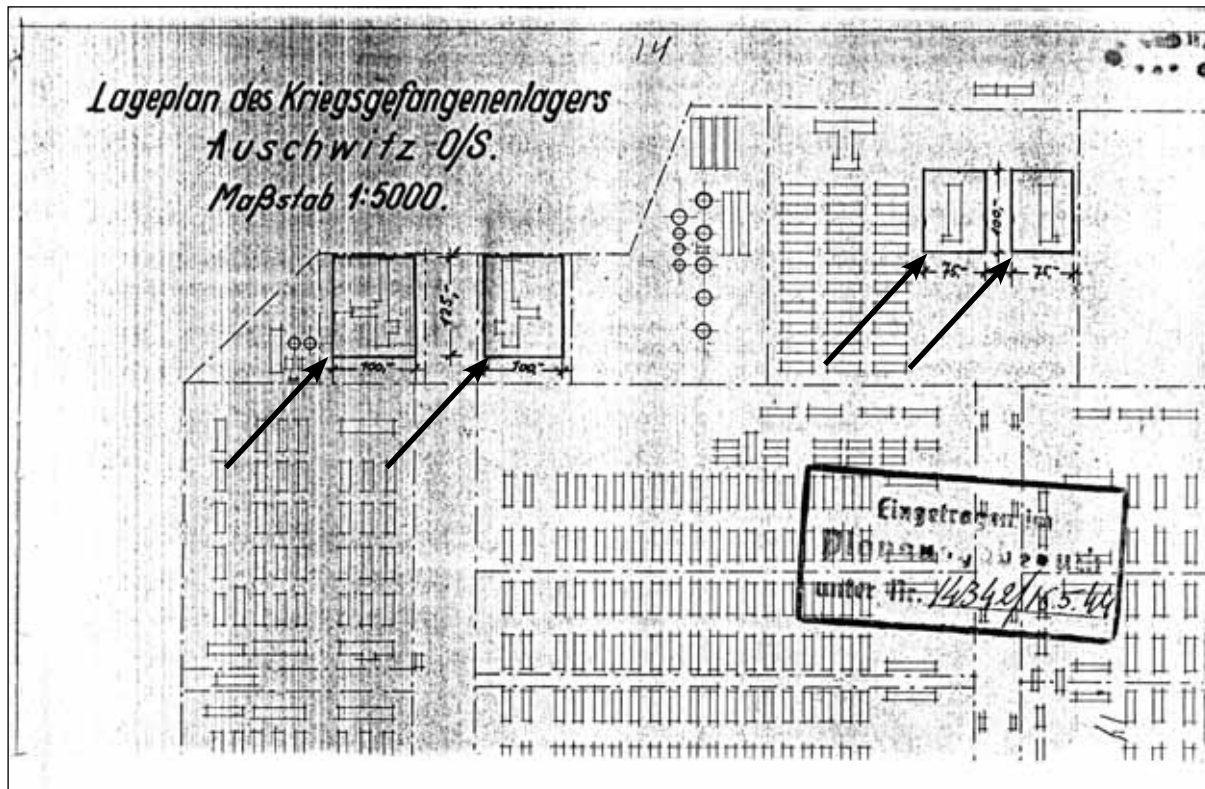
³ Nuremberg document NO-1242.

⁴ RGVA, 502-1-229, p. 1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 12f.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 14.

⁷ RGVA, 502-1-313, p. 4.



Map 1: Fences (arrows) planned in May 1944 to be built around the Birkenau crematoria

“For the safety measures (camouflage) of the crematoria at Auschwitz, the necessary documents for the allocation and the application for construction material are to be prepared immediately and to be submitted here.”

On June 26 Jothann sent another letter to the Construction Inspectorate “Schlesien” with the subject “Special allocation of iron quota for fencing in the crematoria in the PoW camp,” confirming the receipt of “procurement authorization for iron in the amount of 20,000 kg.”⁸

On September 5 Jothann wrote as follows “to the Construction Office of Concentration Camp II, Birkenau”:⁹

“The local Construction Office has submitted to us the allocation documents relating to camouflaging the crema. in the PoW camp, but only for the installation of wooden posts with shrubbery. Originally reinforced concrete pillars with barbed wire were installed instead of the wooden posts currently in place. The local head of the protective custody camp had the pillars removed and passed them to the recycling workshop.

I ask the Construction Office to determine, how much concrete pillars have been sent there and to notify me here about it.

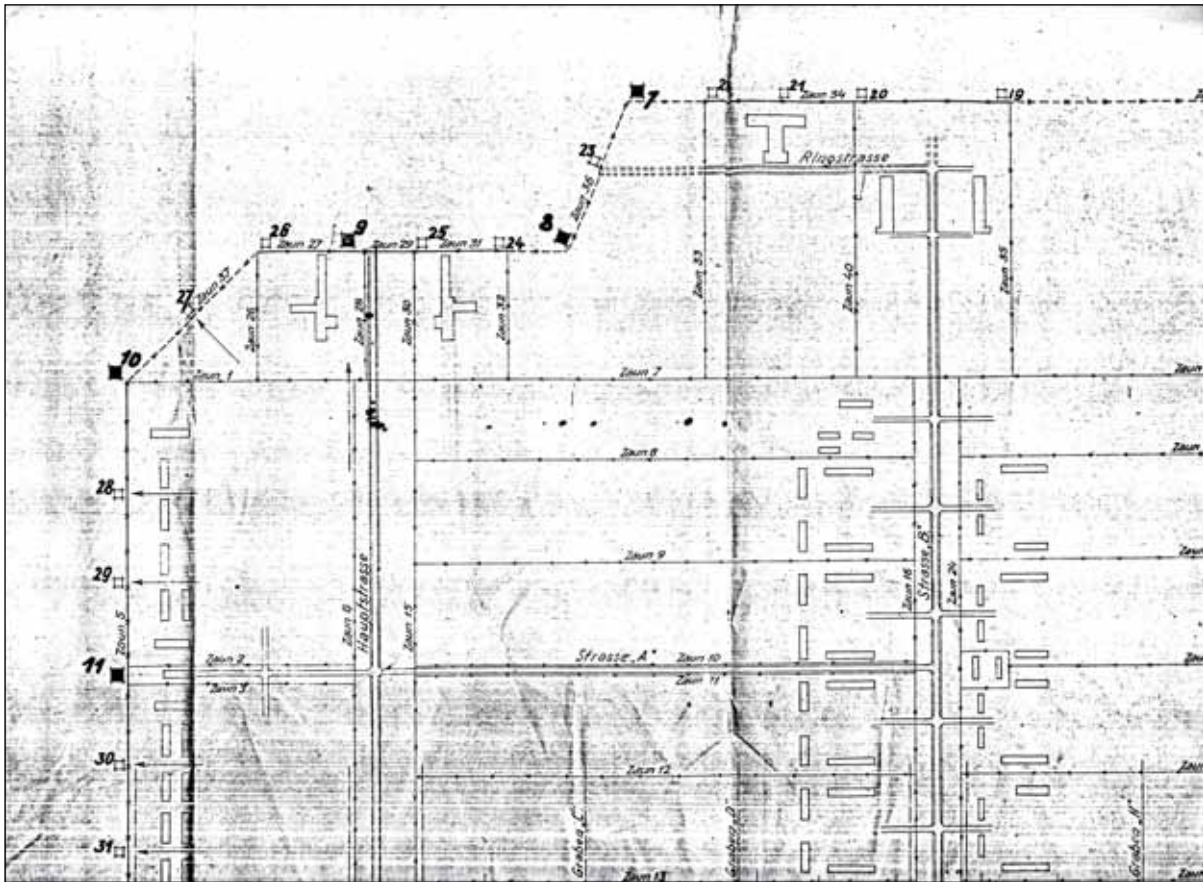
The allocation documents are enclosed.”

The last document in my possession about this topic is a letter by Bischoff of September 23, 1944. It refers to “Construction application for installing fences for security measure (camouflage) of the Cremas in the Auschwitz concentration camp, Camp II.” It contains the “Construction order no. 91”:¹⁰

⁸ RGVA, 502-1-317, p. 239.

⁹ RGVA, 502-1-317, p. 13.

¹⁰ RGVA, 502-1-67, p. 227.



Map 2: Fences planned and in existence at the Birkenau camp in February 1944

“Based on the submitted documents, I hereby issue the order to install fences for security measures (camouflage) of the crematoria [sic] in the Auschwitz concentration camp II.”

A “Staking-out sketch of watchtowers around the PoW camp,” plan no. 3512 of February 7, 1944 (see Map 2), shows all the fences of the camp, including those around the crematoria (the solid line indicates “existing fence,” the dotted “planned fence”).

It also mentions the garrison order no. 18/44 of June 27, 1944, in paragraph 13, “wire obstacles around Crematoria III and IV,” stating:¹¹

“The wire barrier around Crematoria III and IV will be charged with electric current starting Monday, June 26, 1944, 16.00 o’clock. All SS members and relatives are to be informed about this immediately.”

I may point out that even air photos taken on December 21, 1944, and February 19, 1945, show marks looking like thick fences around the ruins of Crematoria 1 and 2 (see p. 92 of the present study), just like the air photos of 31 May, 25 August, and 13 September 1944.

It is certain that a wire fence supported by concrete columns existed around the crematoria. It also seems certain that in early September 1944 a fence made of wooden posts was in place (“the wooden posts currently in place”; “wooden posts with shrubbery”), probably a few meters behind the barbed wire fence. This is also suggested by a 1945 photograph showing a fence like this (see Illustration 3). The caption reads: “Birkenau. Part of the wicker fencing masking the crematory.”¹²

¹¹ Archiwum Państwowego Muzeum w Oświęcimiu (Archive of the State Museum Auschwitz), D-Au-I-1/61, nr. inw. 4591, p. 343.

¹² Bogusławska-Swiebocka/Ceglowska, p. 168.

A fence of this type around Crematorium 1 and 2 existed therefore probably already on August 25, 1944. As for May 31, it could be argued that the work had already begun around Crematorium 1. If one hypothesizes that the original negatives of that day were tampered with, one could assume that those who added marks “looking like fences” onto those aerial photographs were inspired by the actual fences showing up on later air photos like those of August 25 and September 13.

The photograph reproduced as Photo 2(a) on p. 89 of the present study (taken from Klarsfeld’s *Auschwitz Album*) shows in the foreground a group of deportees. In the background, behind the barbed wire fence, one can see the chimney wing (left) and the furnace room (right) of Crematorium 2. I reproduce here another photograph for that *Album* (Illustration 4). This group of deportees has moved about 20 meters to the west. In the background appears the fence surrounding Crematorium 2, and behind it the soil embankment of the semi-underground Morgue #2; to the right the entrance gate is visible, with one wing closed and the other opened. The gate is identical to the one shown on p. 64 of this study, which was taken after the war. Illustration 4 shows that at the end of May 1944, when this photo was taken, Crematorium 2 had not yet any fence made of wooden posts with shrubbery.

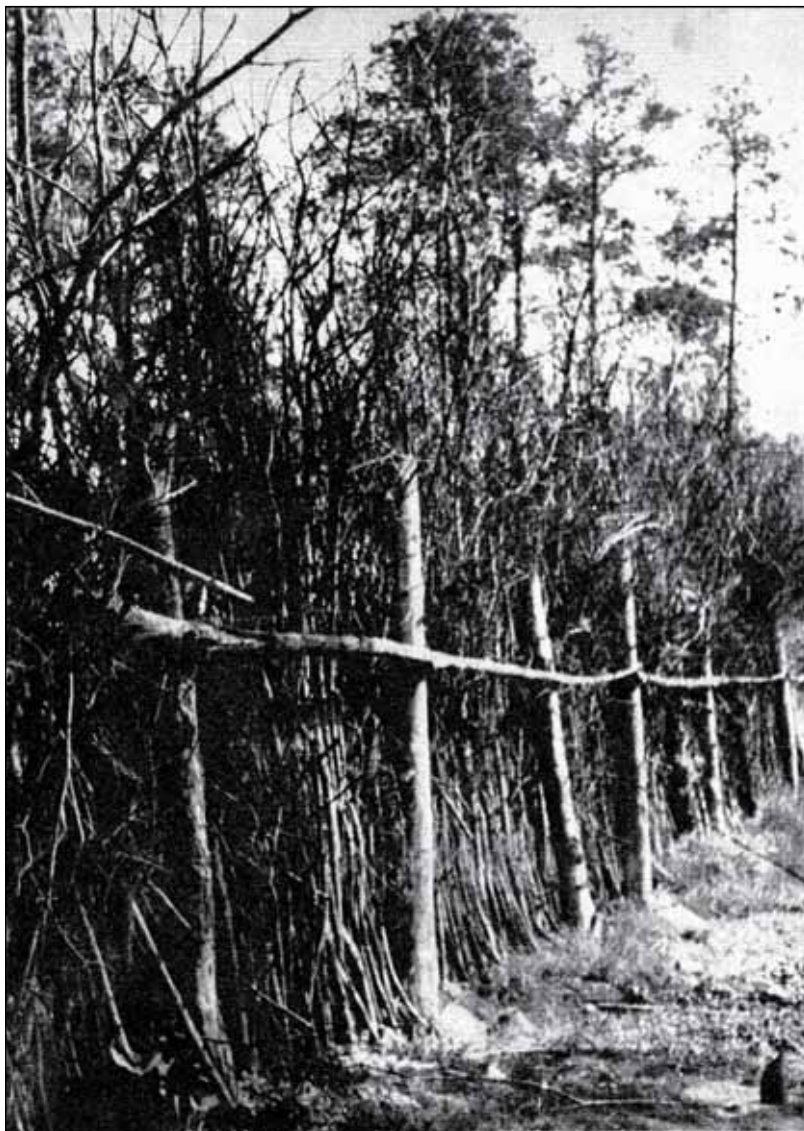


Illustration 3: “Birkenau. Part of the wicker fencing masking the crematory.”



Illustration 4: Deportees at Birkenau in May 1944, walking westward, passing by Crematorium 2.

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Farms Surrounding Birkenau

Vistula River

Jedlina

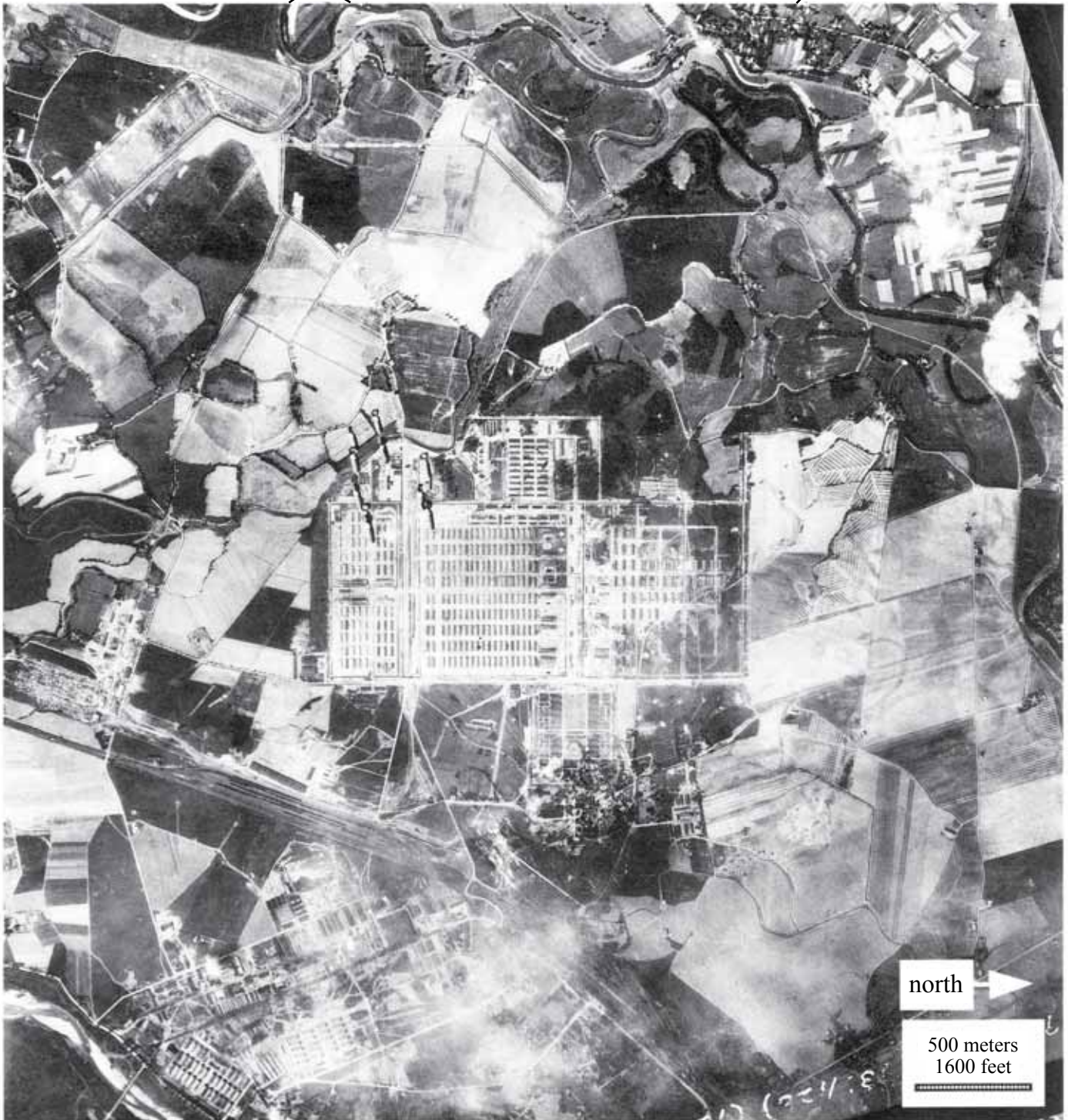


Photo 1 – September 13, 1944: (For now please discount the bombs falling directly over the camp.) From the surrounding flat farmland, nine roads enter the Birkenau camp. There are no visible gatehouses, gates, or guardhouses on any of the many roads surrounding the camp. In the upper right corner across the Vistula River is the large village of Jedlina. German authorities had expelled local farmers from their farmsteads around the Birkenau camp. In 1944, these farms were operated by the SS using mainly inmates housed in smaller camps in the area. But the area was not cordoned off for anyone, as we will see.

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Roads offer open access to Birkenau from the Vistula River



Photo 2 – Sept. 13, 1944: At this corner of Birkenau the two roads from the Vistula River both have access to the camp. Buildings that appear to be farmhouses – operated by the SS at this point in time – occur along the roads, however, there are no visible guardhouses or gatehouses.

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A clear view across farms from the roads to the crematoria

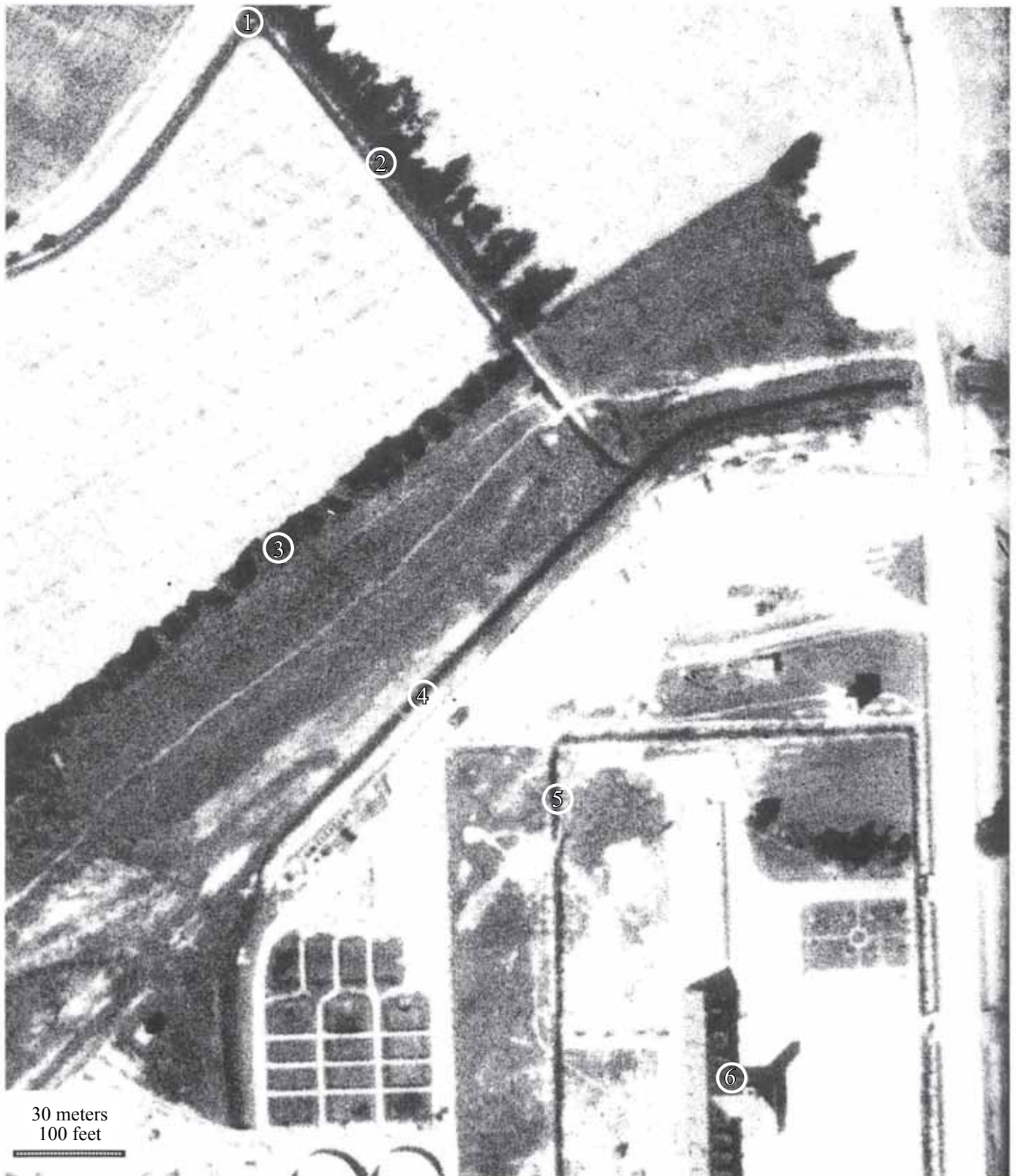


Photo 3 – August 25, 1944: The line of sight 260 meters (850 feet) from the road at the top left to Crematorium 1 passed over: (1) a small ditch alongside the road, (2) the field with the parallel dots indicating a harvested grain crop, (3) a single row of trees, (4) the ditch around the camp, (5) the line surrounding Crematorium 1 which looks like a fence or hedge, and finally (6) Crematorium 1 with the alleged gas chamber.

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This May 31, 1944, photo of farm fields close to Birkenau compares with...

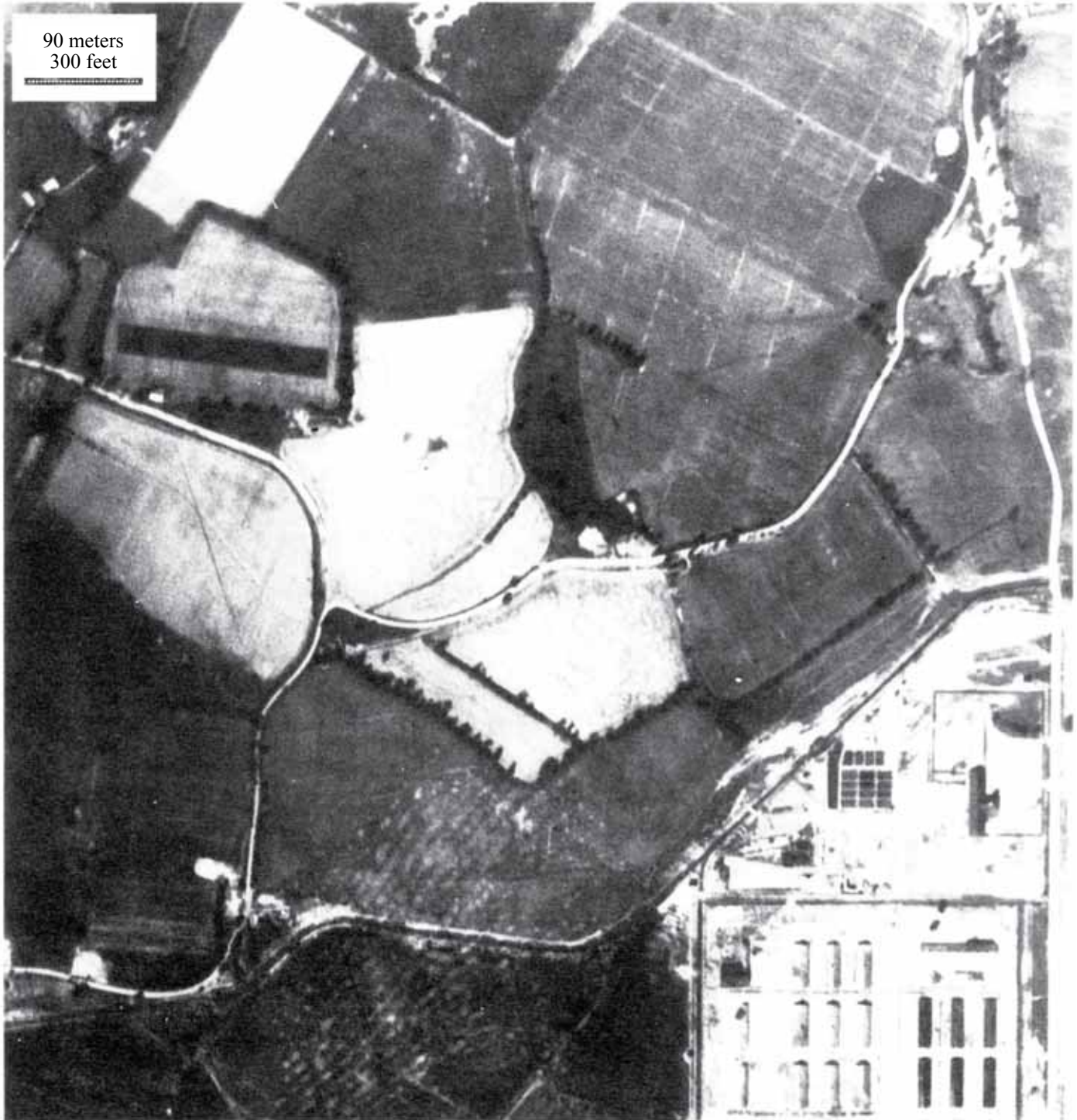


Photo 4 – May 31, 1944: Lines caused by recent disturbance of the topsoil occur on most of the farming plots. The difference between this and the August photo will tell us if the farms were actively worked in 1944.

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... this August 25, 1944, photo to show which fields were worked.

vehicles on road

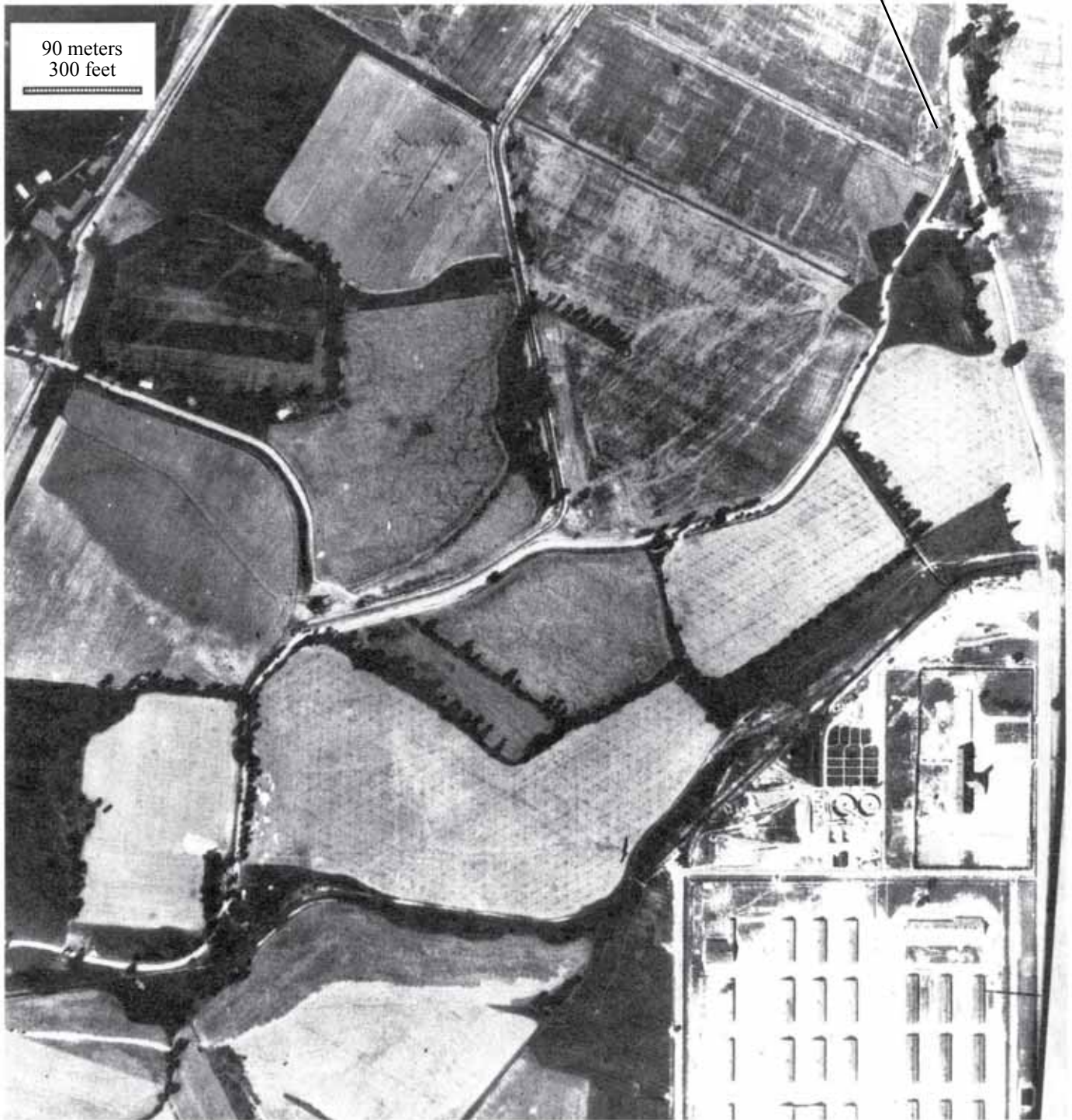


Photo 5 – August 25, 1944: Almost all of the fields in the photo appear to have changed in texture or shade. The three plots with the lines of dots next to the camp appear to all be the same crop. At least 3 vehicles are on the roads in the upper right corner of the photo.

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Air Photos Show What People Arriving by Train in 1944 Experienced:



Photo 1 – Spring or summer 1944: (above) Looking east from the unloading ramp towards the entrance gate in left background (see arrow). (Ref.: Klarsfeld, S., *The Auschwitz Album*).

Photo 2 – Taken by Soviets, 1945: (below) From on top of the entrance gate looking west along the unloading ramp.



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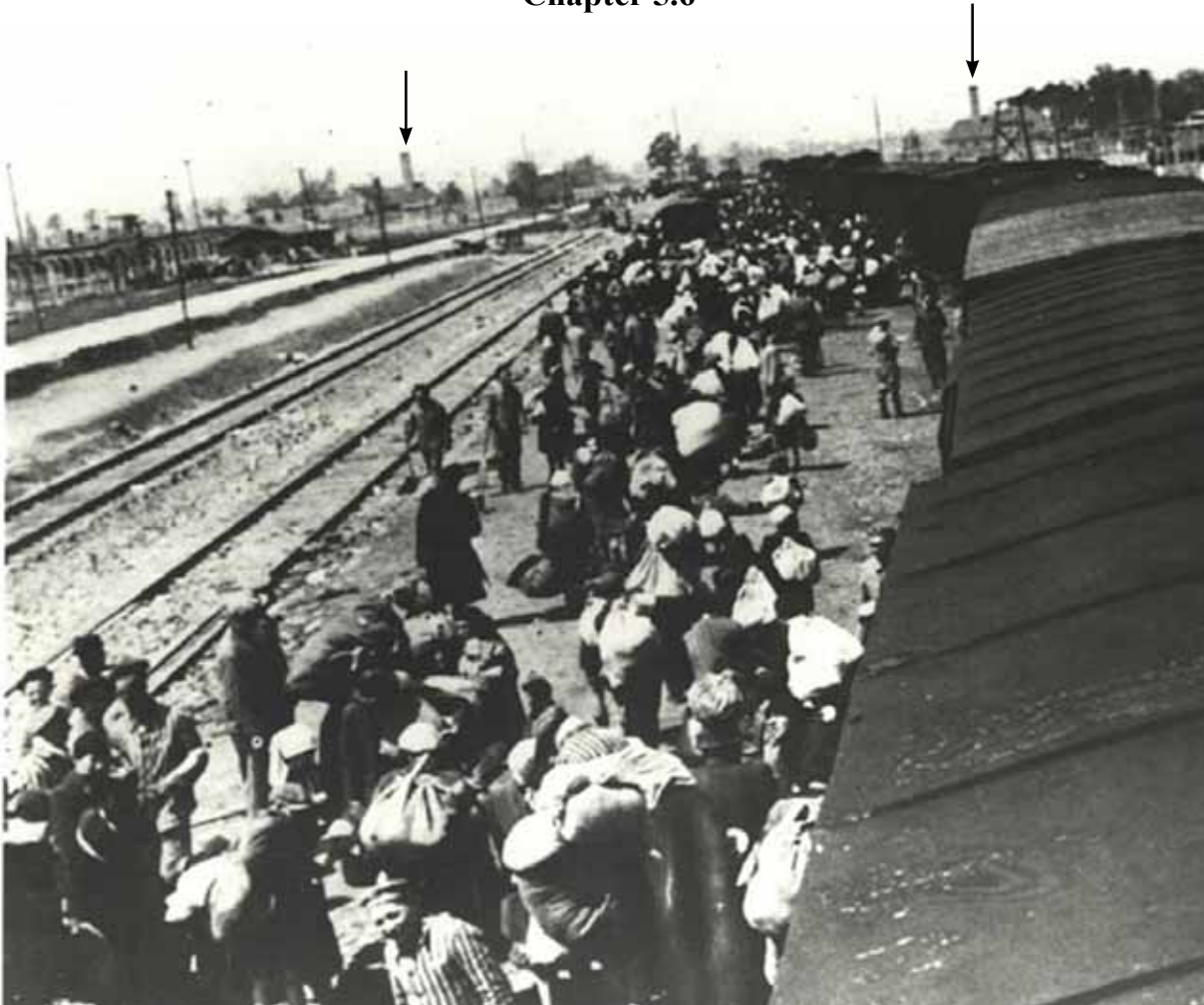


Photo 3 – 1944: (above) Walking west on the unloading ramp and road that will pass in front of the Crematoria 1 and 2 with their high chimneys visible at the top of the photo (see arrows). (Ref.: Klarsfeld, *Auschwitz Album*.)

Photo 4 – 1945: (below) From the entrance gate looking north along the rows of barracks, the ditch inside the fence, the fence and guard towers, and the road outside. (Ref.: Central ... Poland, page 14.)



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What newly arrived Birkenau inmates experienced during 1944

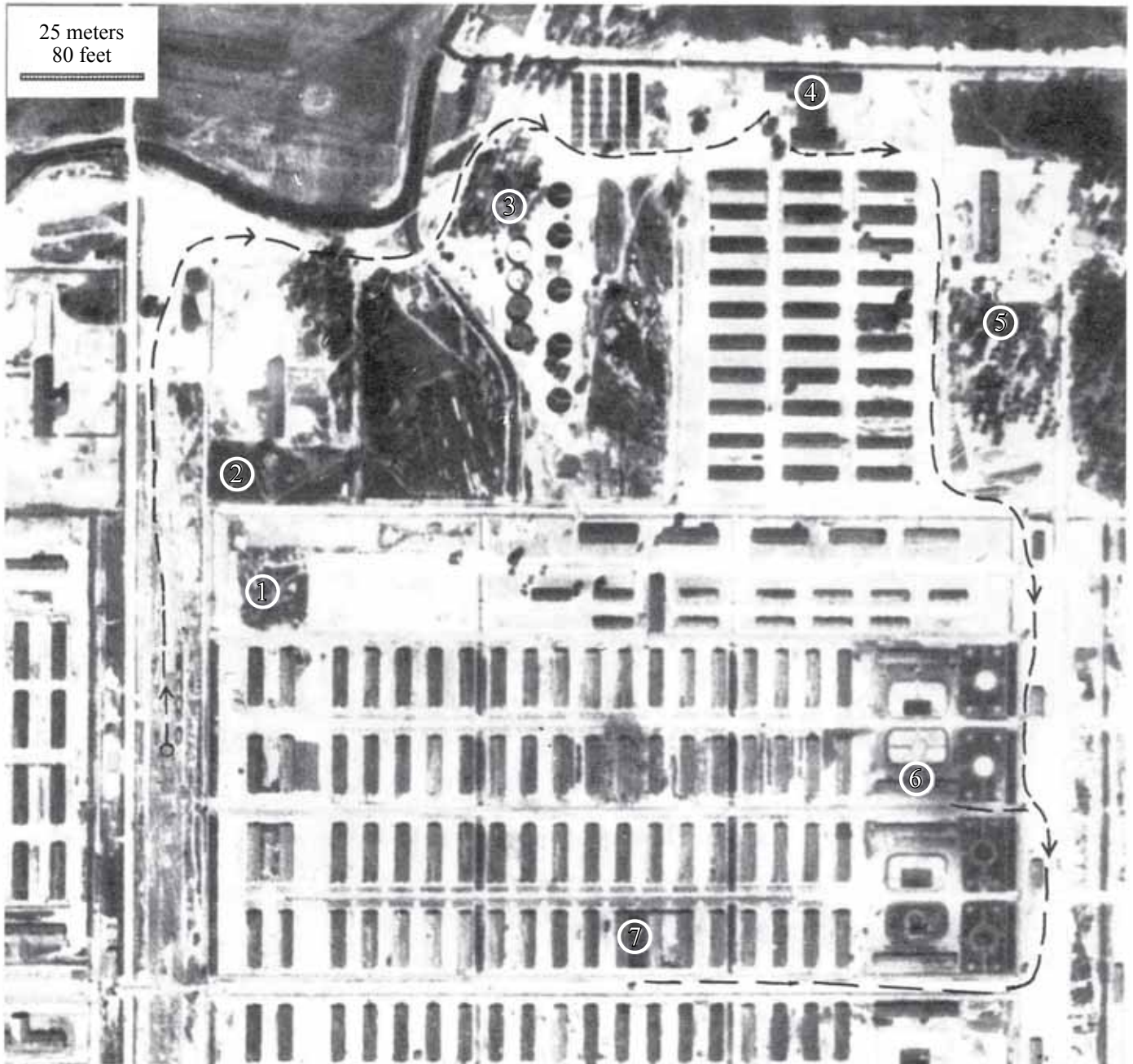
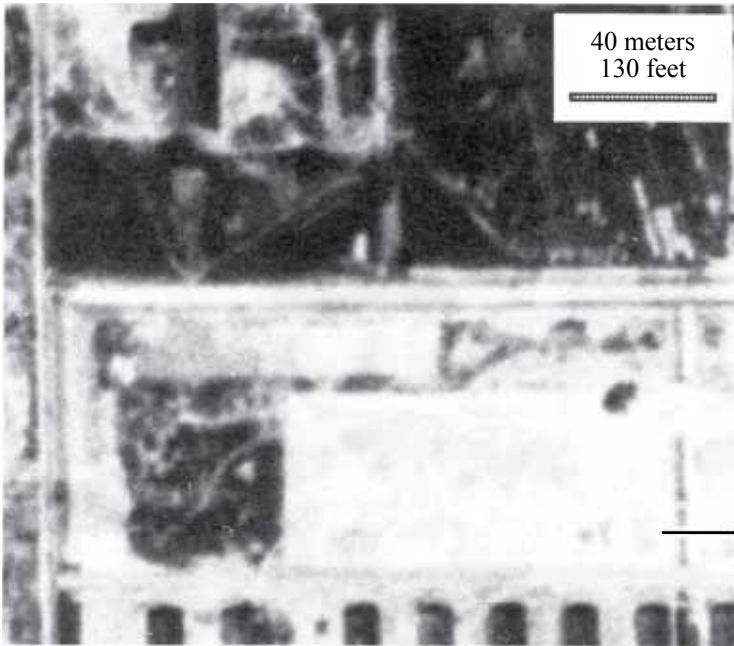


Photo 5 – May 31, 1944:

Ground photographs from the spring and summer of 1944 show that many if not most of the new arrivals walked west on the unloading ramp and took the path of the above dotted line. They then passed each of the areas listed on the right which correspond to headings on the next three pages. Other new arrivals may have walked in other directions to other facilities, however, we can understand what many of the new arrivals saw, heard, and smelled by retracing the above path.

Headings on pages 57 to 60:

- 1 the sports field (soccer)
- 2 the Crematoria 1 & 2
- 3 the sewage treatment tanks
- 4 the disinfestation center (“Zentralsauna”)
- 5 Crematorium 3 (and 4 farther north)
- 6 the kitchens
- 7 barracks and gardens



1. The sports field (soccer):

Photo 6 – May 31, 1944: (left) Walking west on the ramp the sports field would be visible across the two-meter (6-ft)-wide ditch. The field was 110 meters (360 feet) long and 40 meters (130 feet) wide and was inside the camp fence. People on the field would have had an unobstructed view of Crematorium 2 only 100 meters away across what appears to be low vegetation such as garden shrubs.

sports field

2. Crematoria 1 and 2:

Photo 7 – May 31, 1944: Crematorium 1 (on left) and especially Crematorium 2 (on right) were not fenced in and were completely visible as the people turned right at the top of the walkway. Anyone walking by here would have seen and heard the alleged victims being marched into the crematoria, as well as seeing corpses burning on open fires.

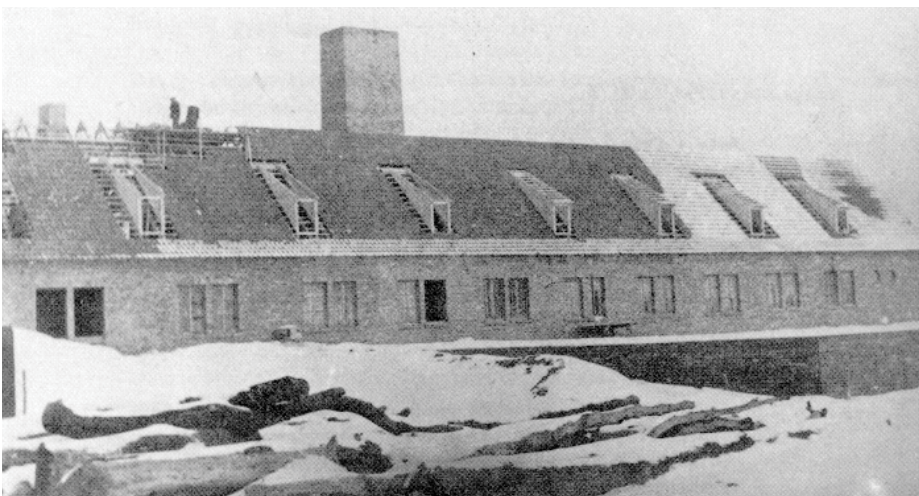
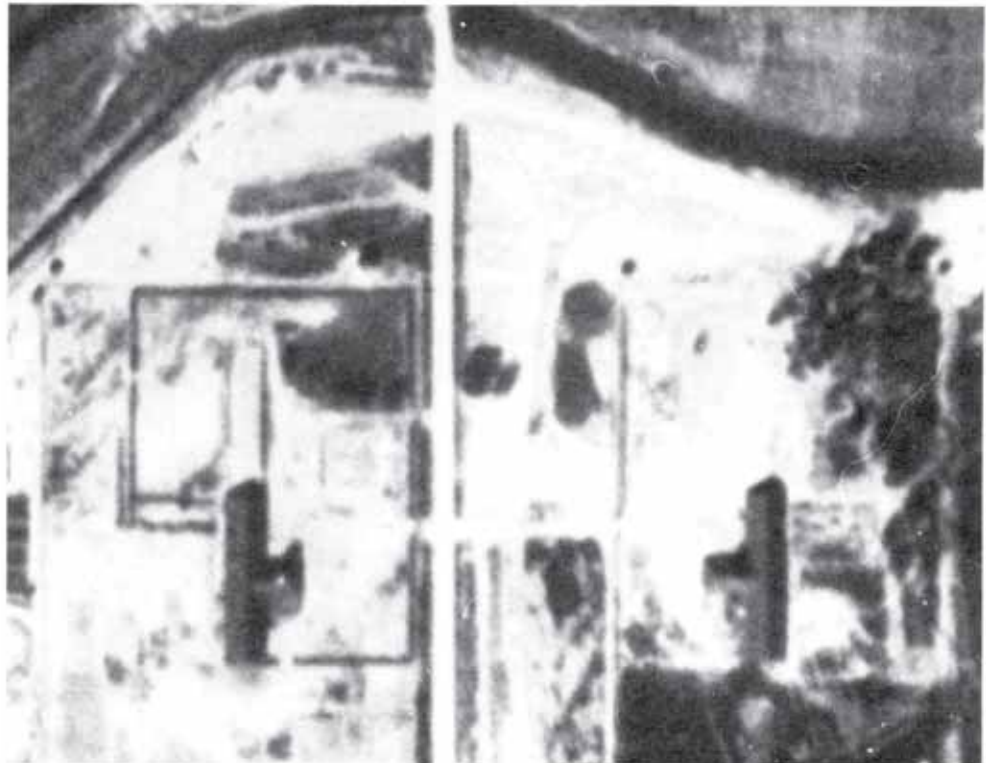
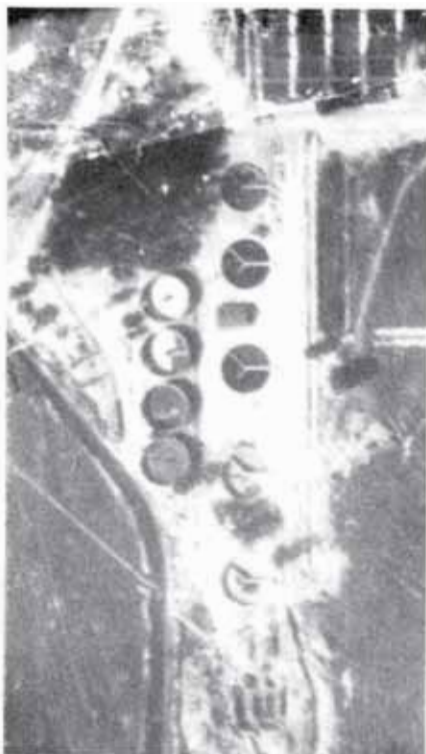


Photo 7 (a) – January 1943:

The one-meter-high structure extending from the south side of Crematorium 1 and covered by a thin layer of snow is this building's alleged homicidal gas chamber. It has no visible Zyklon B insertion vents or other protrusions (see pp. 60, 64 & 69). Plans show it was designed as a morgue. (Ref.: Pressac 1989, p. 335.)

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3. Sewage treatment tanks:

Photo 8 – Sept 13, 1944:

(above) Sewage in these nine 20-meter-wide tanks was stirred to mix it with air before it was released to a ditch and the Sola River. The smell from these sewage tanks must have been foul.

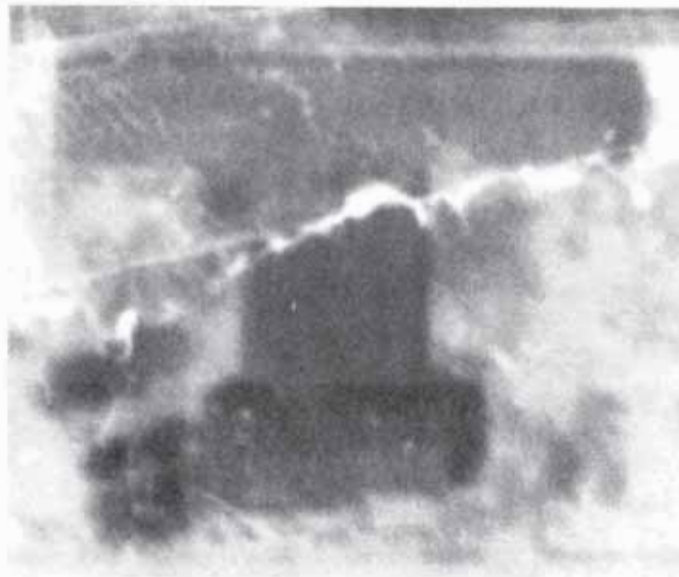


Photo 10 – 1944: (left) Thirteen kilometers of ditches criss-crossed Birkenau which held and drained water. (Ref.: Yad Vashem Archive, FA157/333)

4. Disinfestation:

Photo 9 – Sept. 13, 1944:

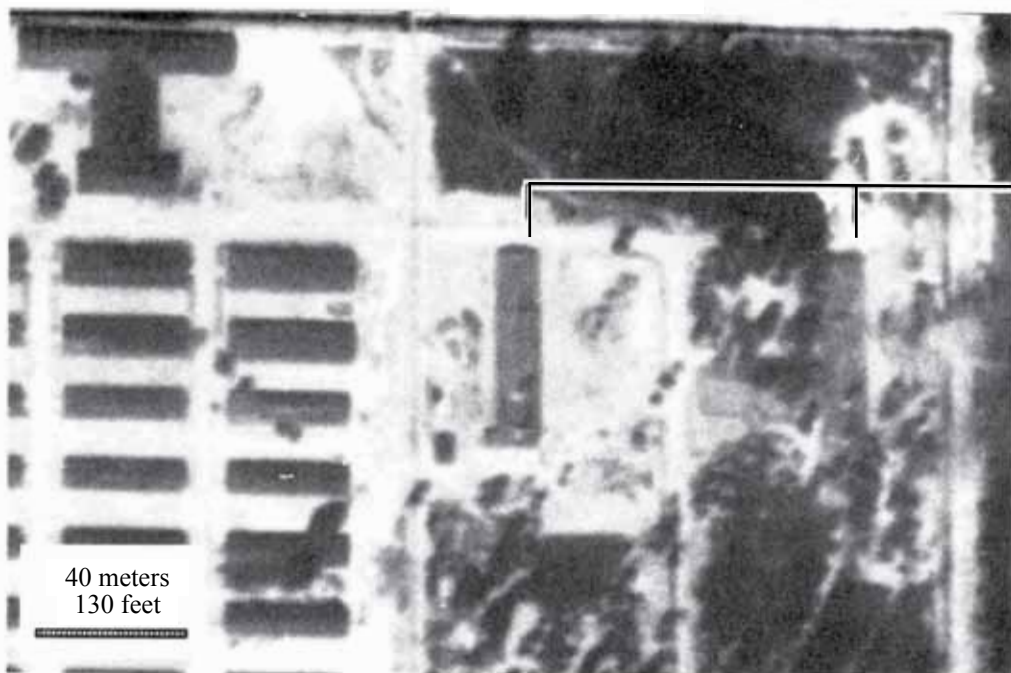
(right) The top of this photo is covered by tape. Also called the “Zentralsauna,” this is where prisoners received a haircut, shower, and new clothes.



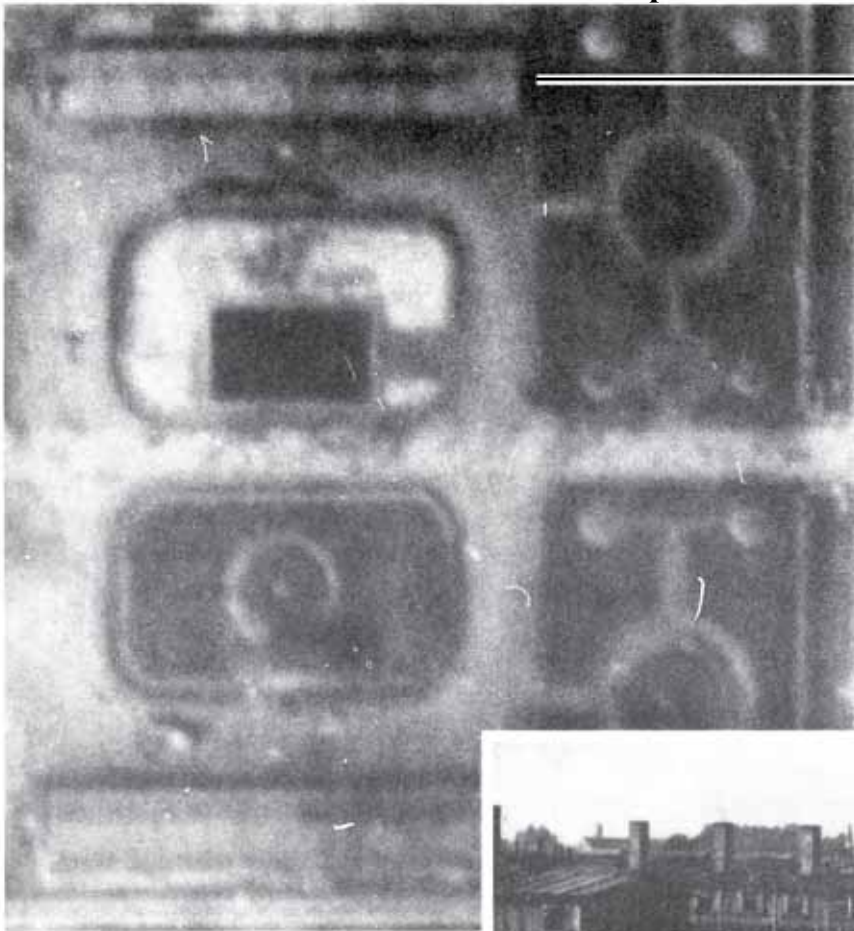
5. Buildings with no fences:

Photo 11 – May 31, 1944:

(left) The path leads past Crematoria 3 & 4 with no fences on the way to the barracks. The buildings were in full view, and any unnatural sights or sounds would have been immediately evident to these new arrivals.



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6. Kitchens:

Photo 12 – Sept. 13, 1944: (left) In Birkenau there were 12 of these kitchen buildings measuring 60 meters (200 feet) long and 12 meters (40 feet) wide. In this photo there are two smaller gardens and a pool – probably a fire pond – that appears to be full of water (it shows as a black rectangle) beside the two larger symmetrical gardens.



Photo 13 – 1943 or 1944:
(right) The kitchens and gardens

7. Gardens:

Photo 14 – Sept. 13, 1944: (left) 18 large houses which could have been barracks or greenhouses were beside disturbed plots of soil which may have been gardens of some type. These are alleged to have been the SS barracks.



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The 1944 War Refugee Board Report...

The U.S. War Refugee Board was created in January 1944 to monitor the refugee situation in Europe. Below are excerpts from a letter sent by a Board employee in Switzerland to the Secretary of State describing alleged exterminations at Birkenau.

*Item: Urgent confidential telegram
To: C. Hull, Secretary of State, U.S.A.
From: R. McClelland, War Refugee Board
Employee, Switzerland.*

Date transmitted: July 6th, 1944

Date received: July 8th, 1944

Two eye witness reports recently reached Switzerland concerning Nazi... extermination camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau... These are based on experiences of two Slovakian Jews... who escaped in April 1944. They corroborate... information received... in Switzerland during past two years particularly dates and composition of transports which arrived in Auschwitz and Birkenau from all over Europe...

Each camp is encircled by outer chain 50 to 60 watchtowers at radius of two kilometers (1 1/4 miles)... Northeast [correct: west] end of Birkenau camp is distinguished by high smokestacks of four crematoria...

At end of February 1943 four newly constructed crematoria and gassing units were put into operation in Birkenau. The two larger ones consisted of a vast central hall flanked on one side by furnace room and on other by long narrow gas chamber. The central hall is camouflaged to represent bathing establishment.

Made to undress given piece of soap and towel and herded down a short stairway into adjoining lower gas chamber this is hermetically closed and SS men wearing gas masks mount to roof and shake down into room from three openings in ceiling a powdered cyanide preparation labelled cyklon manufactured in Hamburg.

Within a few minutes everyone is dead, latter is aired and Sonderkommando proceeds with gruesome work of transporting bodies on small flat cars running along track to furnace room here there are nine ovens each with four openings with high smokestack rising in middle each opening can incinerate three normal bodies within one onehalf hours. Daily capacity of larger crematoria is 2,000 of two smaller about 1,000 each, total for all four units is some 6,000 daily...

Authors set number of Jews gassed and burned in Birkenau between April 1942 and April 1944 at from 1.5 to 1.75 million...

It should be recalled... two similar extermination camps in Poland were functioning a few months ago Malkini Treblinka [spelled as in original telegram] near Bialostok and Belzec near Bug.

In seeking to investigate these statements of 1944, air-photo interpreters would have looked for:

1. An "... outer ring of 50 to 60 watchtowers at radius of two kilometers" – but they would have found that a string of watchtowers were located just outside the camp fence, yet outside of this there were open roads, farms, and villages, with no gates, guardposts, or watchtowers.
2. The "... high smokestacks of four crematoria" and determined the locations of the buildings.
3. In attempting to confirm "... the daily capacity of the large crematoria is 2,000..." etc., they could have either referred to books or records to estimate the maximum number of bodies that crematoria of this design and size would burn in 24 hours, or they could have contacted a cremation expert.*

* The first edition of this work referred here to F.A. Leuchter's 1988 expert report on Auschwitz and Majdanek; see also the updated edition by Leuchter/Faurisson/Rudolf. We rely here on more recent research findings.

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...in the Light of Subsequent Research Results

Since 1988, Italian Engineer Dr. Franco Deana and Italian Historian Carlo Mattogno have analyzed thousands of German wartime documents from Auschwitz and other camps describing in minute detail the cremation facilities built there. Then they compared them with technical data available for similar cremation facilities in pertinent expert literature. Based on this, they calculated the following capacities for the crematoria in Auschwitz:*

Claim: “The two larger [crematoria] consisted of a vast central hall flanked on one side by furnace room and on other by long narrow gas chamber.”

Fact: These crematoria had no vast central hall. They consisted mainly of one ground-level furnace room and two below-ground morgues.

Claim: “The central hall is camouflaged to represent bathing establishment.”

Fact: There was no central hall.

Claim: “small flat cars running along track [from gas chamber] to furnace room”

Fact: The morgues were connected to the furnace room only by one small elevator.

Claim: “there are nine ovens each with four openings” = 36 muffles × 2 crematoria

Fact: Each of these crematoria had five furnace units. Each unit was fired by two coke hearths and had three muffles (incineration openings) = 15 muffles × 2 crematoria.

Claim: “with high smokestack rising in middle”

Fact: The chimney was housed in a side wing of the building.

Claim: “each opening can incinerate three normal bodies within one onehalf hours.”

Fact: The muffles were smaller than normal civilian cremation muffles, which are designed for just *one* corpse, because the Auschwitz muffles were designed for *one* corpse *without* coffin. Three

corpses could not fit through the muffle door. The cremation of one corpse in a coke-fired furnace takes one hour at least.

Claim: “Daily capacity of [each of] larger crematoria is 2,000” [36 × 3 corpses/load × 24 h/day ÷ 1.5 h/load = 1728 corpses/day]

Fact: The theoretical maximum daily capacity of these crematoria during 20 h/day operation (allowing 4 h for required daily cleaning of hearths = burn out, clean, fire back up): 15 × 1 corpse/load × 20 h/day ÷ 1 h/load = 300 corpses/day

Claim: [Daily capacity] “of two smaller [crematoria] about 1,000 each”

Fact: The theoretical maximum daily capacity of the smaller crematoria was 180 corpses daily during round-the-clock operation.

Claim: “number of Jews gassed and burned in Birkenau between April 1942 and April 1944 at from 1.5 to 1.75 million”

Fact: Considering the furnaces’ documented downtime due to maintenance and repairs, the documented, very limited coke deliveries, as well as the limited service life of the fireproof lining of furnaces and flues, which was never replaced, the crematoria in Auschwitz cannot have incinerated more than some 138,000 corpses. This number is similar to the estimated total death toll of the Auschwitz camps due to “natural” (*i.e.* non-homicidal) deaths.

We can now interpret this information the same way 1944 air-photo interpreters used photo images combined with research material to arrive at conclusions:

1. Using the spy report figure of 36 individual muffles in each of the larger crematoria – an unlikely amount for this size of building – then a theoretical maximum of some 700 corpses could have been cremated in 24 hours, which is a different figure than the spy report’s 2,000 corpses in 24 hours, and
2. all four crematoria appeared to have been almost completely visible from both inside and outside the camp.

*For the layout of those crematoria see Pressac 1989, pp. 183-378; for the capacities see C. Mattogno, “The Crematoria Ovens...”.

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Crematoria 1 & 2 at Birkenau – Eyewitness Accusations

Allegations of eyewitnesses:

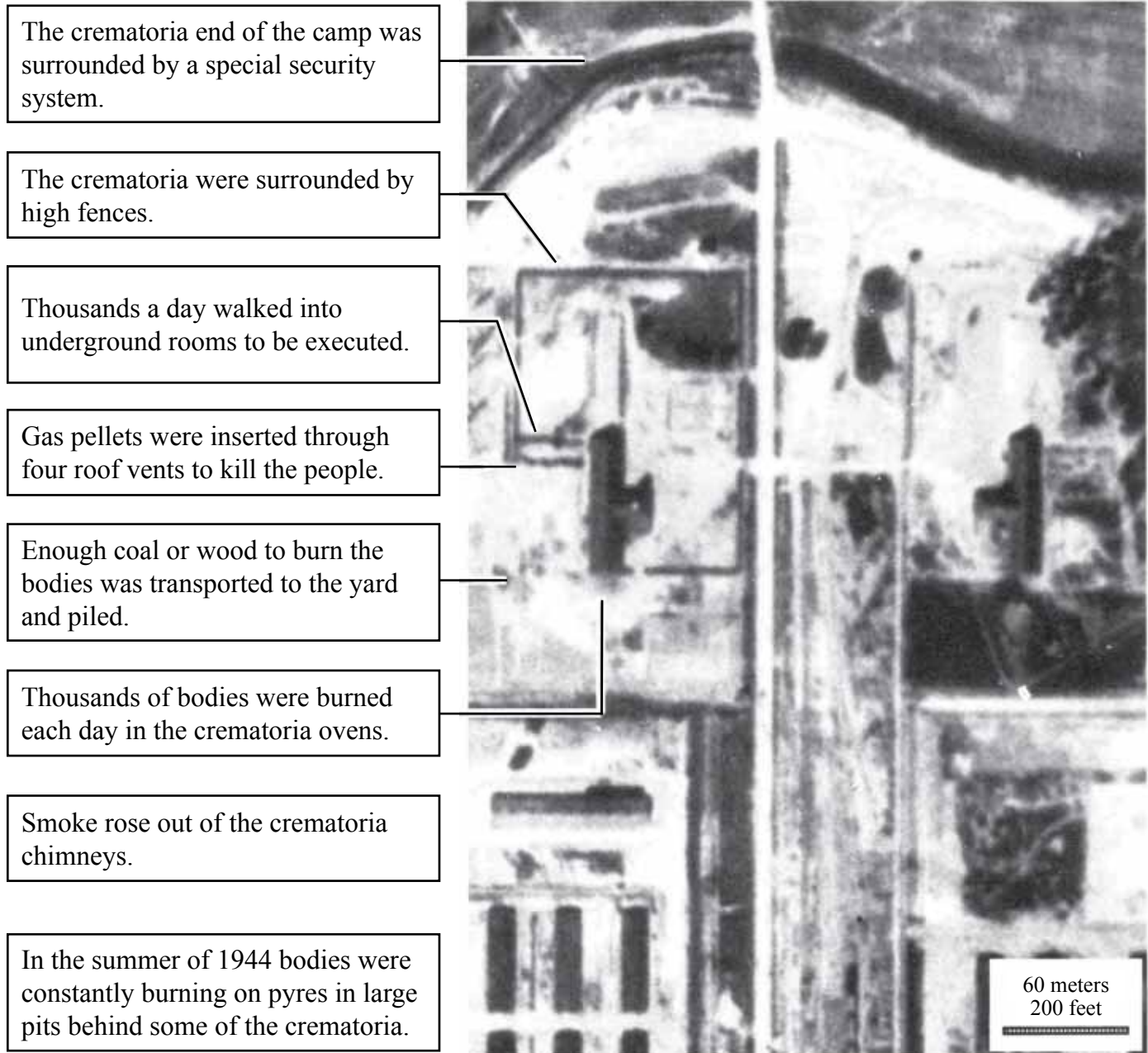


Photo 1 – May 31, 1944
(above)

After viewing air photos on the next pages, these accusations will be answered.



Photo 2 (a) – 1944: Looking north from the road towards Crematorium 2 in the background. (Ref.: Klarsfeld, S., *Auschwitz Album*)



Photo 2 (b) – 1944: Looking west from the train unloading ramp towards the high chimney and wire fence of Crematorium 1 in the background. (Ref.: Klarsfeld, S., *Auschwitz Album*)

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Eight dates in 1944 reveal no smoke from crematorium chimneys ...

Photo 3 – Dec. 27, 1943:

Haze covers the photo making it impossible to determine if smoke is rising from the chimneys or the yards.

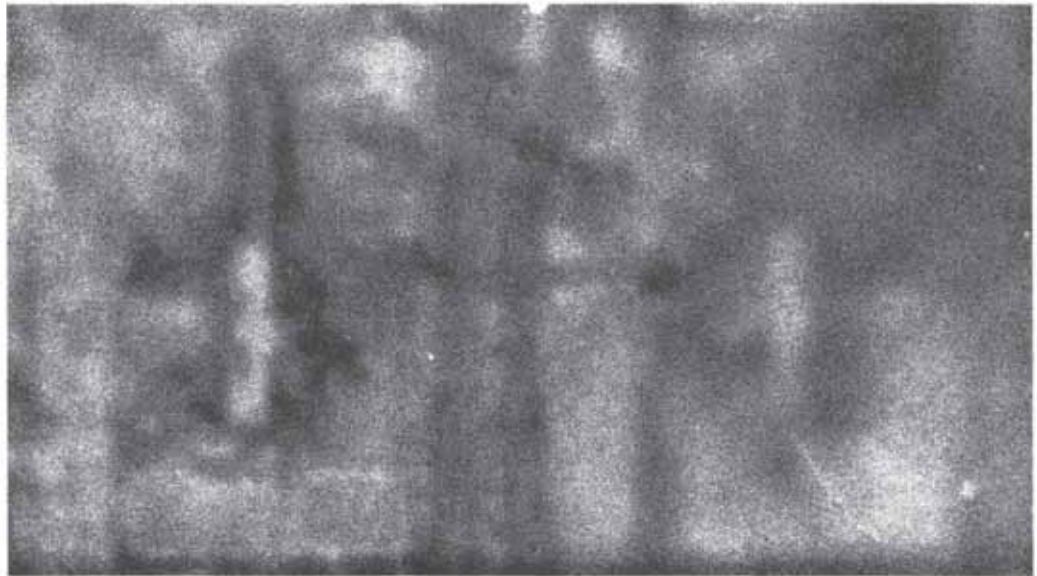


Photo 4 – May 31, 1944:

no fences

no smoke

no piles of coal or wood

no smoke from alleged burning pits

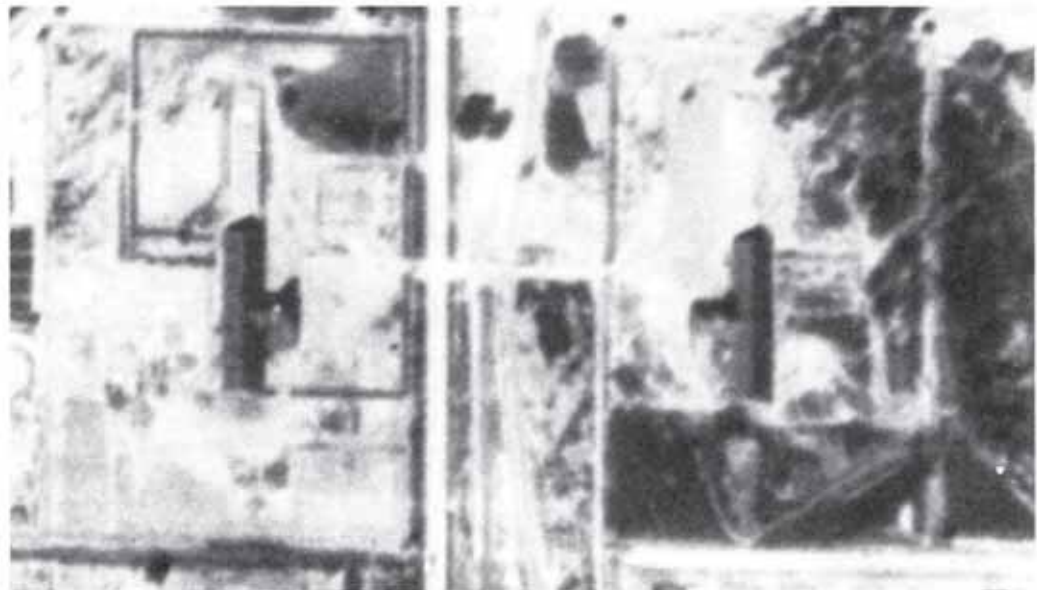
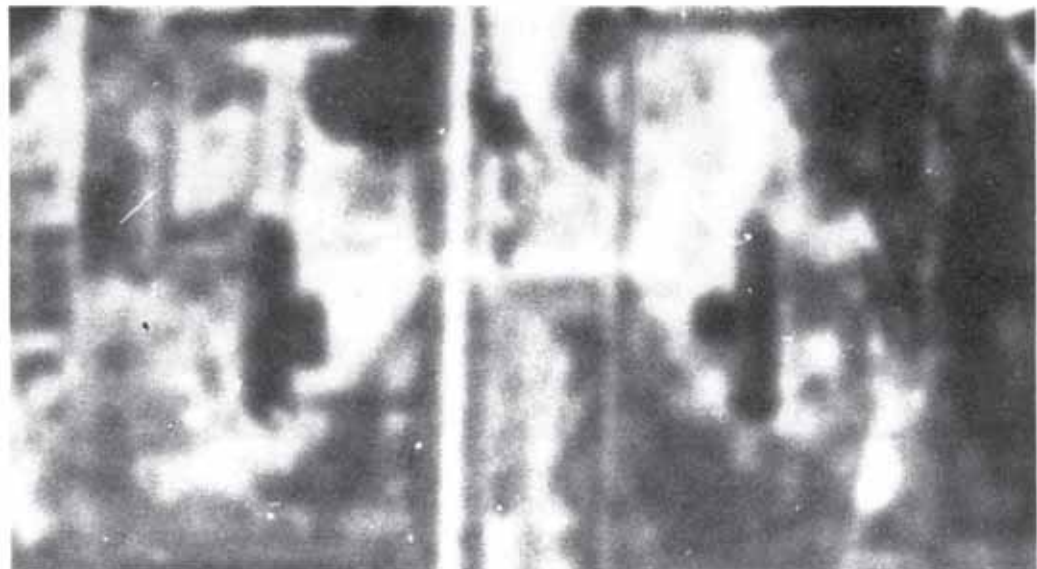


Photo 5 – June 26, 1944:

no smoke

no piles of coal or wood

no smoke from alleged burning pits



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... or pits on the ground, and no coal or wood piles or delivery system

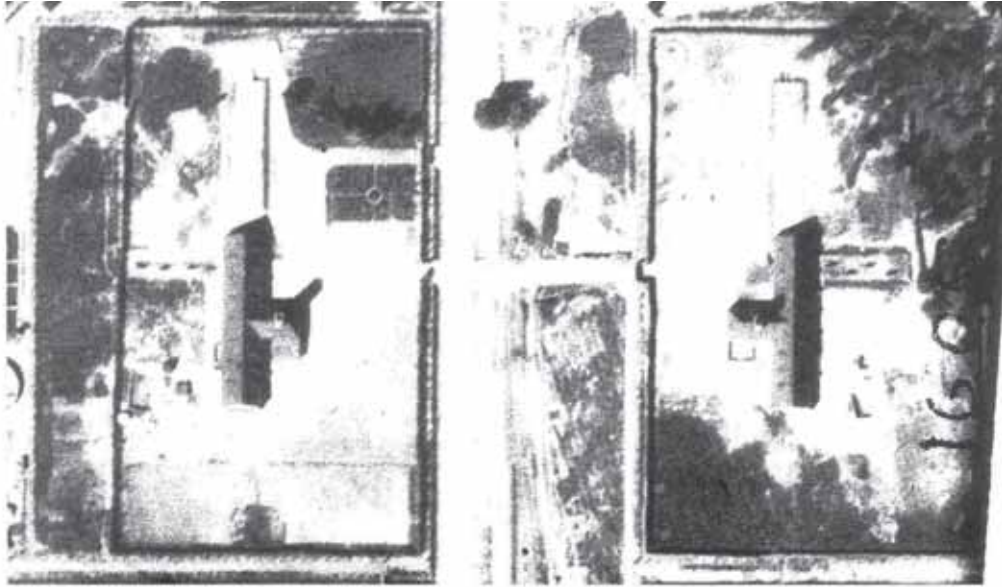


Photo 6 – Aug. 25, 1944:

no smoke

no burning pits

no delivery system
for coal or wood

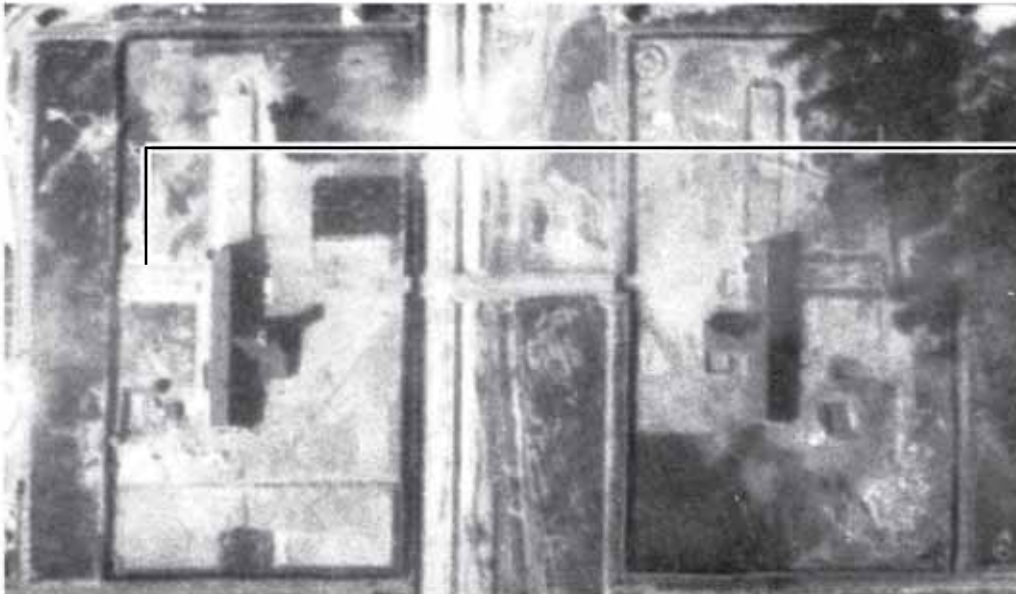


Photo 7 – Sept. 13, 1944:

There are no dots
on the roof of
Morgue no. 1 of
Crematorium 1.

no smoke

Photos taken on
other dates show no
smoke either (July
8, Aug. 20, Aug. 23,
1944; see Bartec)

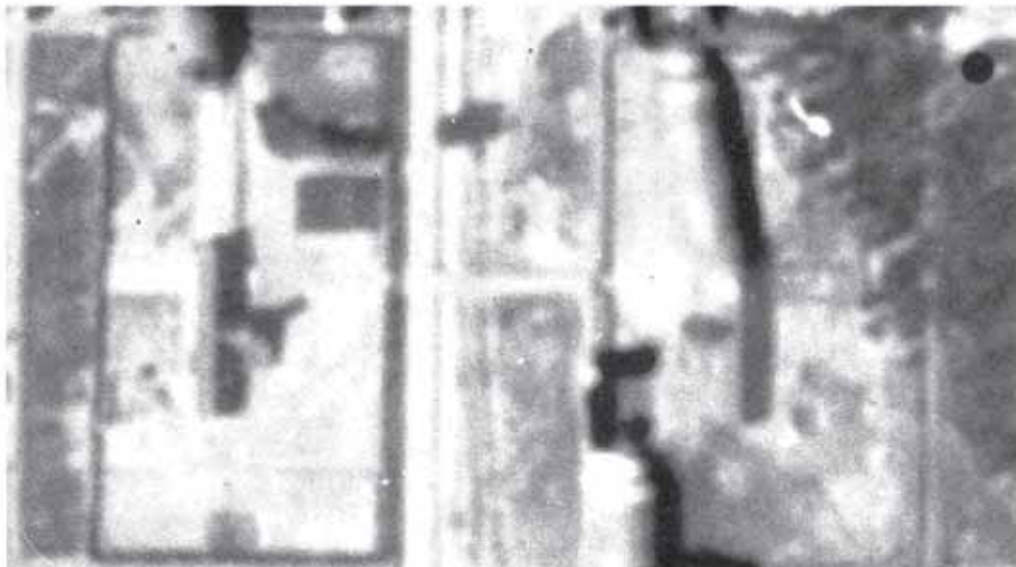


Photo 8 – Sept. 13, 1944:

As in Photo 7, there
are no dots on the
roof of Morgue no.
1 of Crematorium
1, and this exposure
was taken by a
different plane.

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Were the two large crematoria destroyed before or after Russians entered camp?

Dismantling the two crematoria. The facts are:

- (a) The Dec. 21st, 1944, and Jan. 16th, 1945, photos show no change in dismantling of Crematorium 1 and 2. However, the reinforced concrete roofs of Morgues no. 2 (the alleged undressing room) are missing or have caved in. They could be removed only with explosives.
- (b) The German camp guards left Auschwitz in January 1945.
- (c) The Soviet Red Army entered the camp on 27th January 1945.
- (d) The February 19th air photos show both buildings flattened as if by explosions.

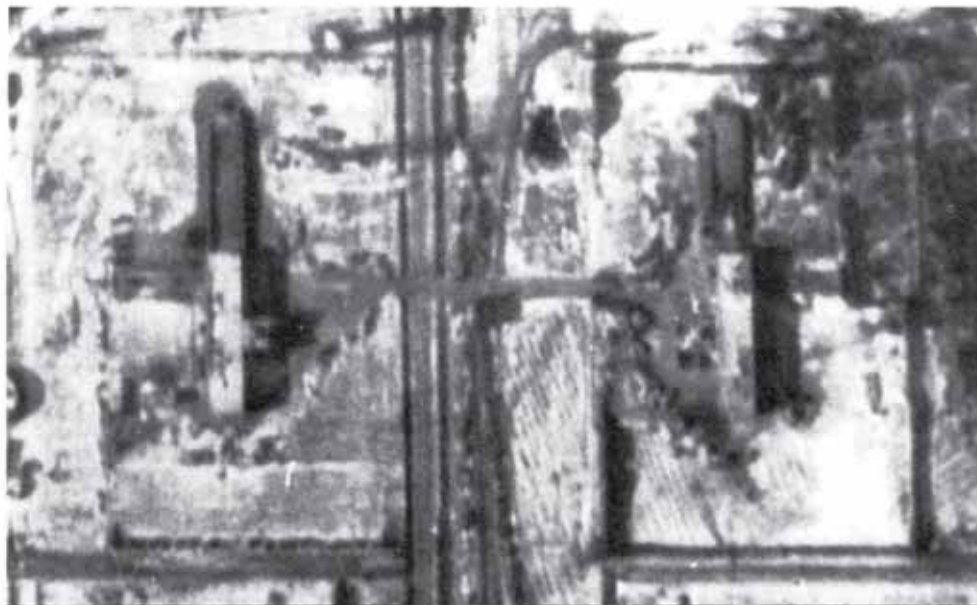


Photo 9 – Dec. 21, 1944:

both crematoria
have been partly
dismantled

the roofs appear to
have been removed;
the roofs of Morgues
#2 have caved in

the chimneys have
been removed



**Photo 10 –
February 19, 1945:**

both of the buildings
appear to be
completely flattened
as if by explosions

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Thousands cremated a day at Birkenau – accusations versus photo evidence

Allegations of eyewitnesses:

What 1944 air photos actually reveal:

<p>The crematoria were in a corner of the camp surrounded by a special security system.</p>	<p>There was a ditch but no wall or obscuring fence around this end of the camp so people on the roads or farms outside could see the yards and crematorium buildings.</p>
<p>The two large Crematoria 1 & 2 were surrounded by fences or rows of trees obscuring the view.</p>	<p>Thick lines appear on the Aug. & Sept. 1944 photos. May 1944 photos show a line around only half of the yard.</p>
<p>Thousands a day walked into underground rooms to be executed.</p>	<p>These sights would have been visible to people outside and inside the camp.</p>
<p>Gas pellets were inserted through four roof vents to kill the people.</p>	<p>Roof vent marks appear to have been drawn on May, June, and August photos, so they were not there originally.</p>
<p>Enough coal or wood to burn the bodies was piled in the yards.</p>	<p>No piles of coal or wood are visible on any of the air photos taken during 1944.</p>
<p>Thousands of bodies were burned each day in the crematoria ovens.</p>	<p>No fuel delivery system exists such as a coal piling yard beside the train tracks or the crematoria, and no conveyor system exists.</p>
<p>Smoke rose out of the crematoria chimneys.</p>	<p>No Smoke is seen on any air photos taken in 1944.*</p>
<p>In the summer of 1944 hundreds, if not thousands of bodies were constantly burned on pyres in pits behind some of the crematoria.</p>	<p>Four photos show smoke rising from a small area north of Crematorium 4 (see pp. 98-101). One pit occurs behind each crematorium, perhaps dug to bury coal ashes.</p>

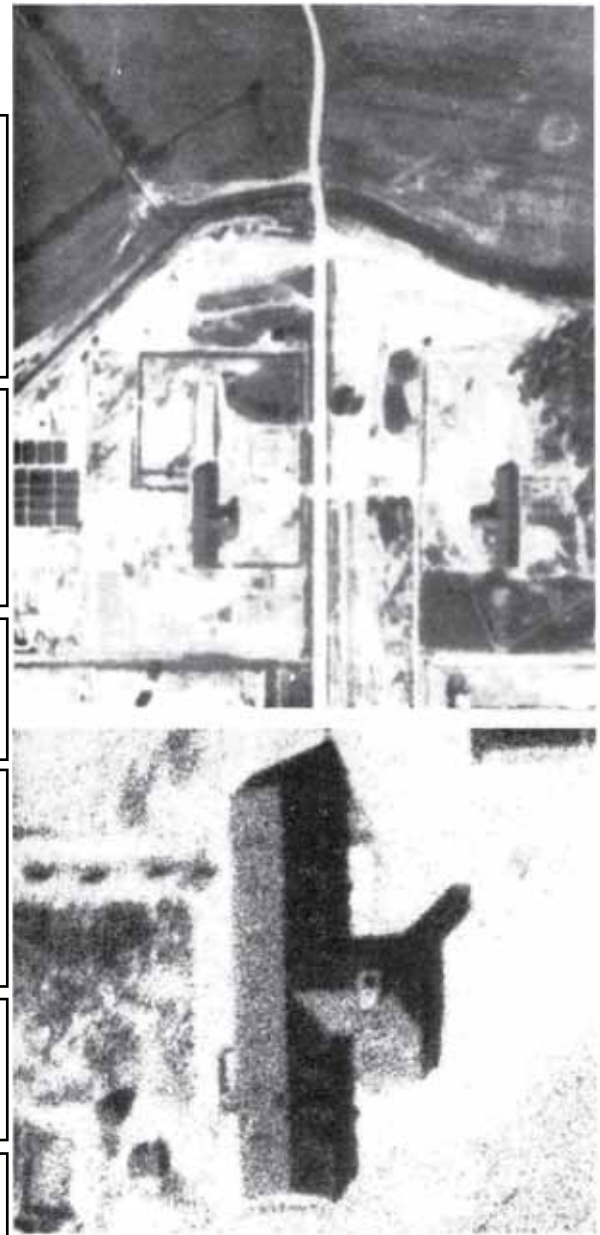


Photo 11 – May 31, 1944 (top), and Photo 12 – August 25, 1944

All 1944 air photos reveal that the Birkenau crematoria were visible from outside the camp and gave off no smoke from their chimneys. They had no coal storage or delivery system, hence they had been designed to each cremate a small number of corpses per day. Outdoor fires were very limited in size.

*On a refutation of one claimed exception see Bartec.

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Comparing the Katyn murder site to the alleged Birkenau murder site

Katyn

Birkenau



4,400 shot and buried in 5 weeks from April 3 to May 11, 1940 = 120 per day.	Alleged 1,500,000 gassed and burned in 2½ years from 1942 to 1944 = 1,600 per day.
In the center of a one square kilometer (2/5 of a square mile) forest beside a narrow road.	Alleged in 2 large buildings at corner of a labor camp with a wide road and surrounded by active farms.
No witnesses, since conducted in forest with one access road and no farms or houses.	Many witnesses, as no obscuring fence around crematoria gave farm workers and spies an excellent view until May 1944.
1942 photos show a 350-meter (1,150-ft) narrow winding road through the forest.	1944 photos show a wide straight road without trees exists between Crematorium 1 & 2.
1942 and 1943 photos show an area cleared of trees beside the access road.	1944 photos show no smoke coming from chimneys, and only little smoke from outdoor fires.
No local villagers or spies witnessed the killings, so the Germans had no reason to look for the gravesite on existing air photos or to take new photos.	Allies received spy reports from the Auschwitz area after May 1943, so they had important reasons to study the May 1944 Birkenau air photos and to take new photos.
Bombing was not an option.	Crematoria could have been bombed.

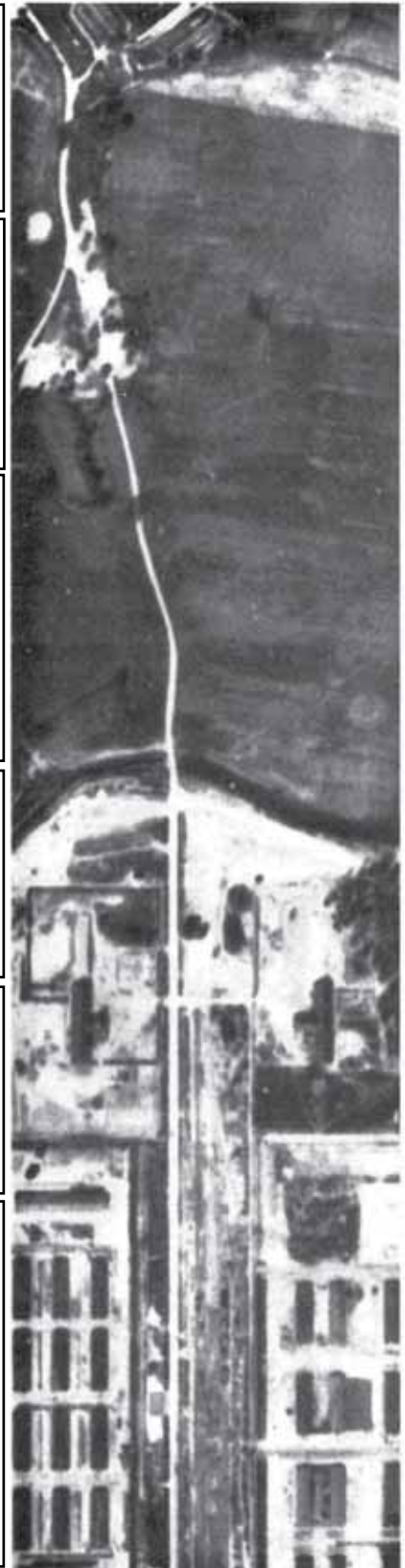
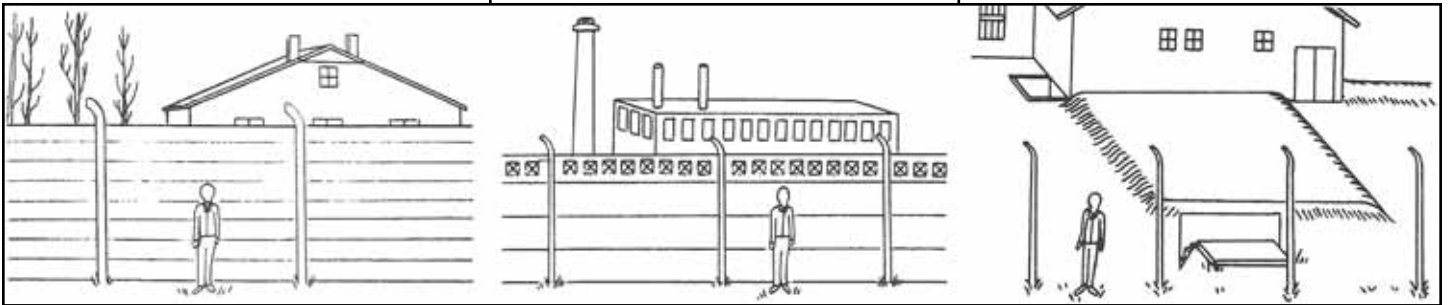


Photo 13 – Oct. 13, 1943

Photo 14 – May 31, 1944

Chapter 5.8 Comparing Auschwitz I and I.G. Farben plant to Birkenau

1. Solid obscuring fences/walls around other camps versus wire fences around Birkenau

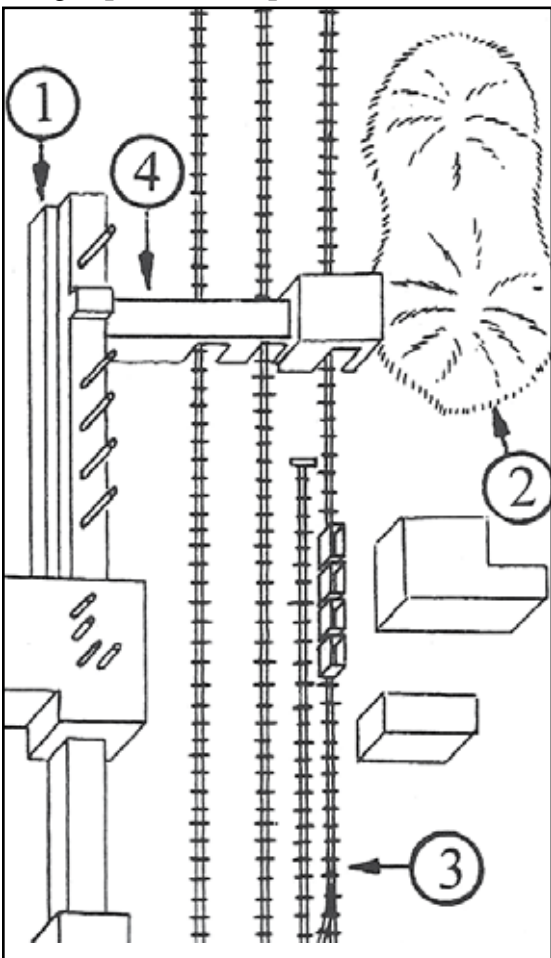


Auschwitz I: some mass murders are alleged; a solid fence prevented villagers from looking inside.

I.G. Farben plant: murders and mistreatment are not alleged, but a solid fence surrounded the plant.

Birkenau crematoria: alleged 1,400 murdered daily, yet nothing was built to conceal the area.

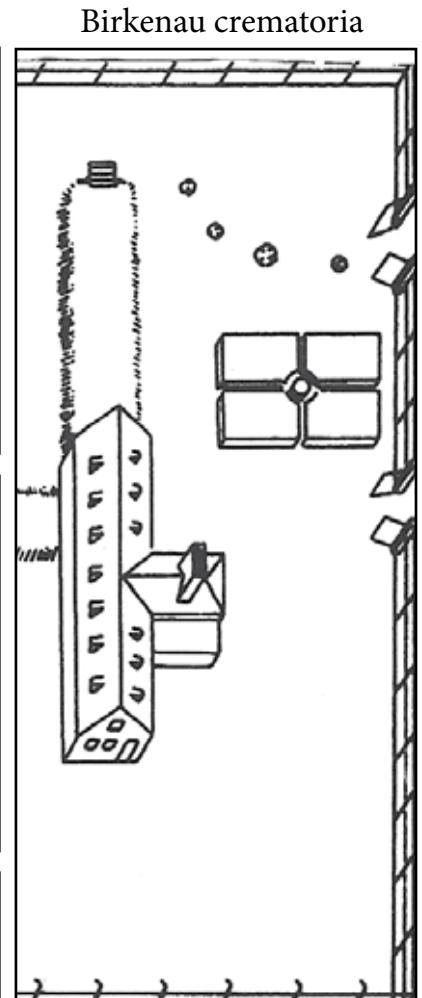
2. Coal piles at the producer-gas-producing plant versus absence of coal at the crematoria



over a hundred tons of coal a day were processed at the chemical plant (1) to release methane gas used to make synthetic oil	22.4 tons of coal/day, at 16 kg of coal/body, would have been needed to cremate average 1,400 bodies a day (Mattogno, "The Crematoria Ovens...")
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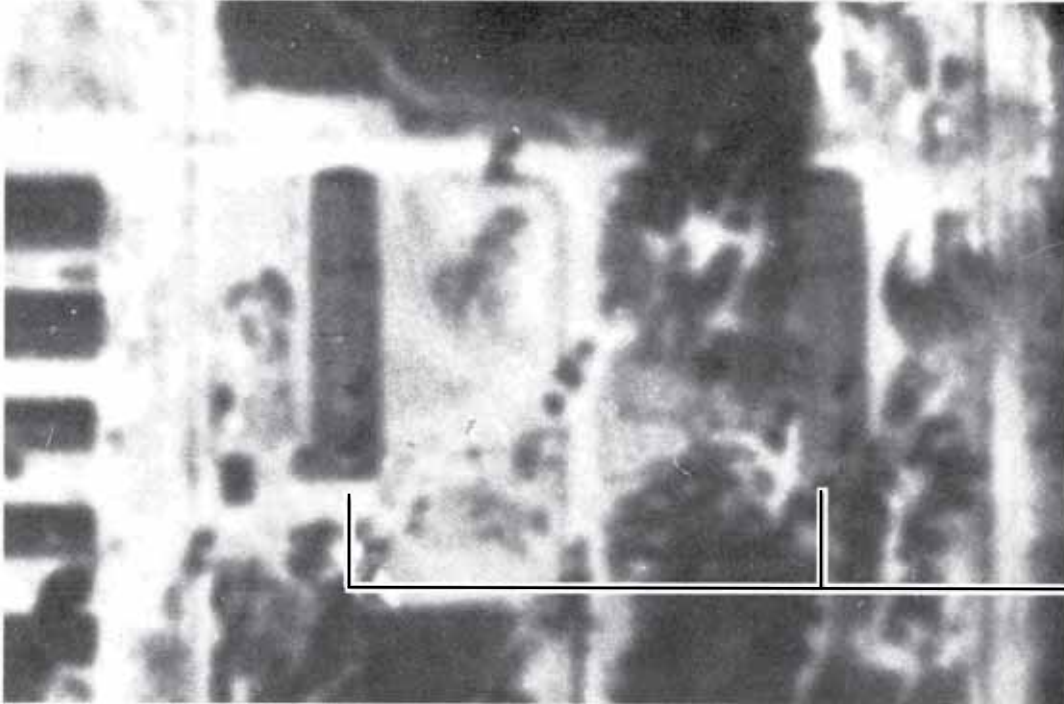
coal storage yards and 80-meter (260-ft)-long coal piles (2) beside the rail lines (3) to ensure steady coal supply	no coal storage yards or coal piles beside the rail lines or in the crematorium yards
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70-meter long coal conveyor systems (4)	no coal conveyors
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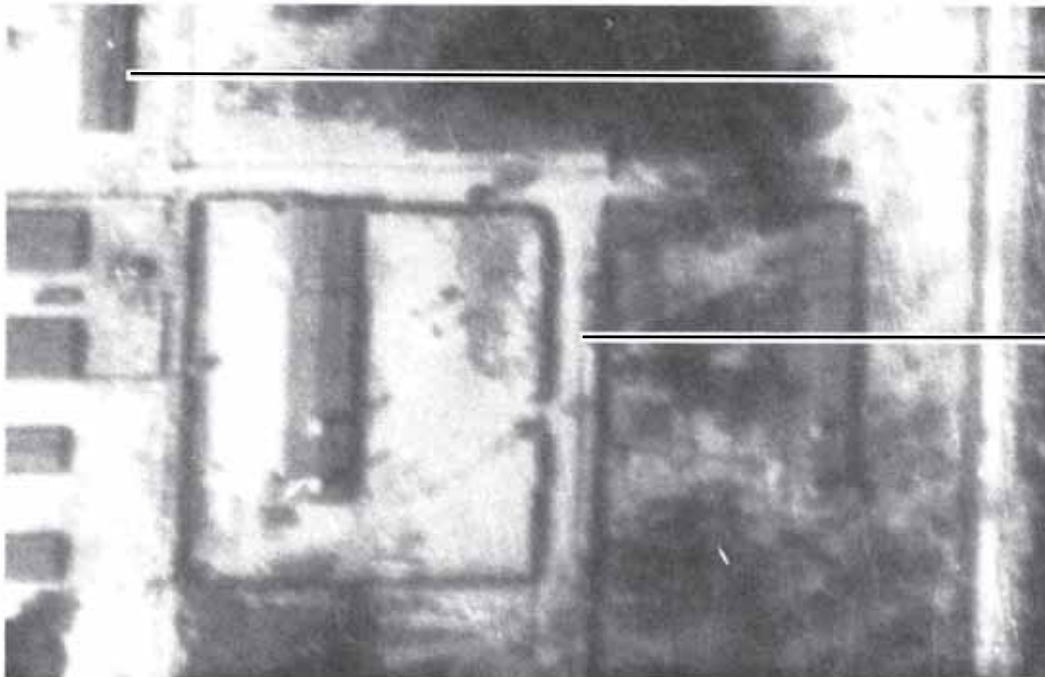
Crematoria 3 & 4 with Alleged Gas Chambers at Birkenau Visible from Outside



Anyone attending the disinfection facilities would have had a clear unobstructed view of these Crematoria 3 & 4.

The chimneys were small and square unlike the large rectangular Crematorium 1 and 2 chimneys. There was *no* railway spur for fuel delivery.

Photo 1 – May 31, 1944



A new building has been constructed.

The black line is too thick for a wire fence yet has *no* apparent shadow. It may be the “wicker fence” described on pp. 70-74.

No evidence of the claimed burning pits.

Photo 2 – September 13, 1944

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Two dates show no smoke but appearance of a black line

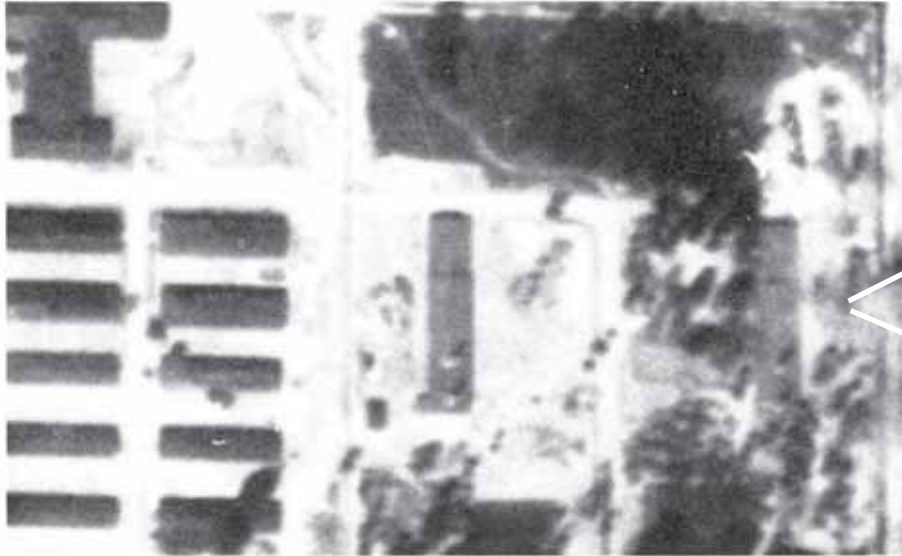


Photo 3 – May 31, 1944

No visible fence or shrubbery around the buildings.

In the first edition of this book classified as a photo showing no smoke, this had to be revised, as a plume of smoke does rise from a small area. See more on next page.

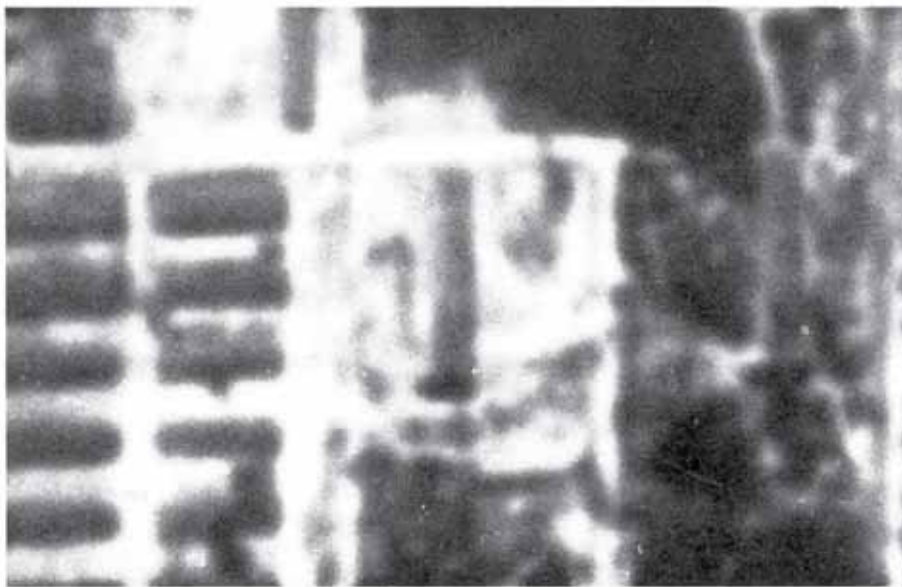


Photo 4 – June 26, 1944

No visible fence or shrubbery around the buildings.

No smoke from the claimed burning pits.

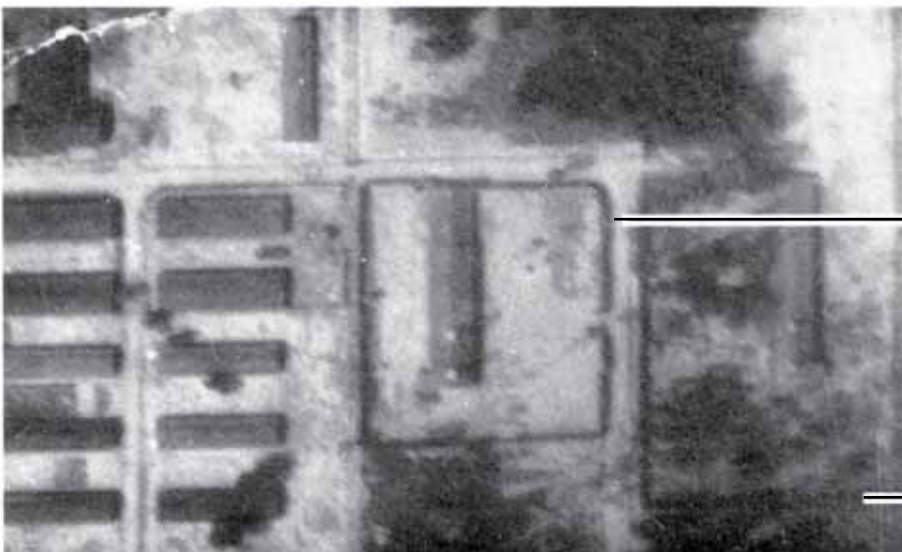


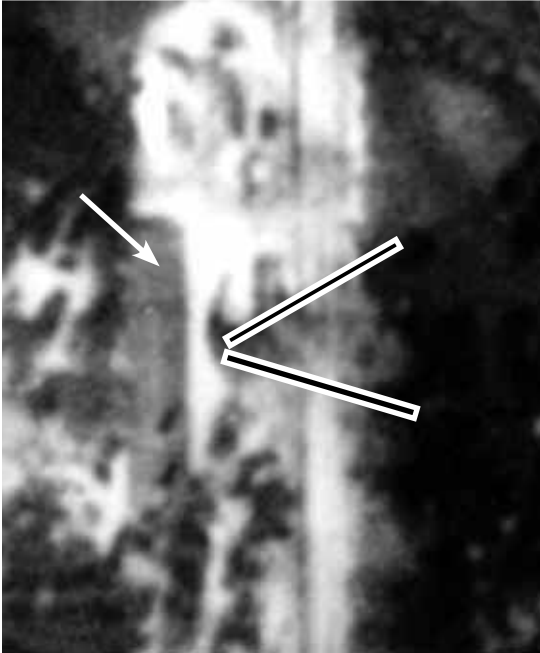
Photo 5 – September 13, 1944

No smoke from the claimed burning pits.

A black line looking like a thick fence surrounds one building and another line surrounds half of the other building.

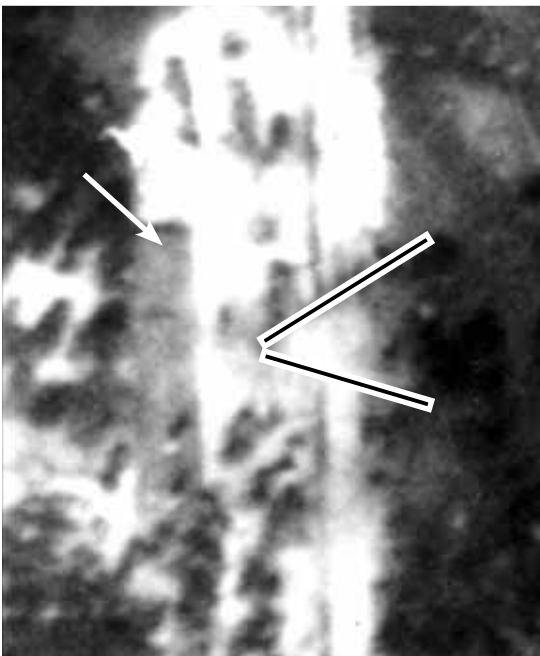
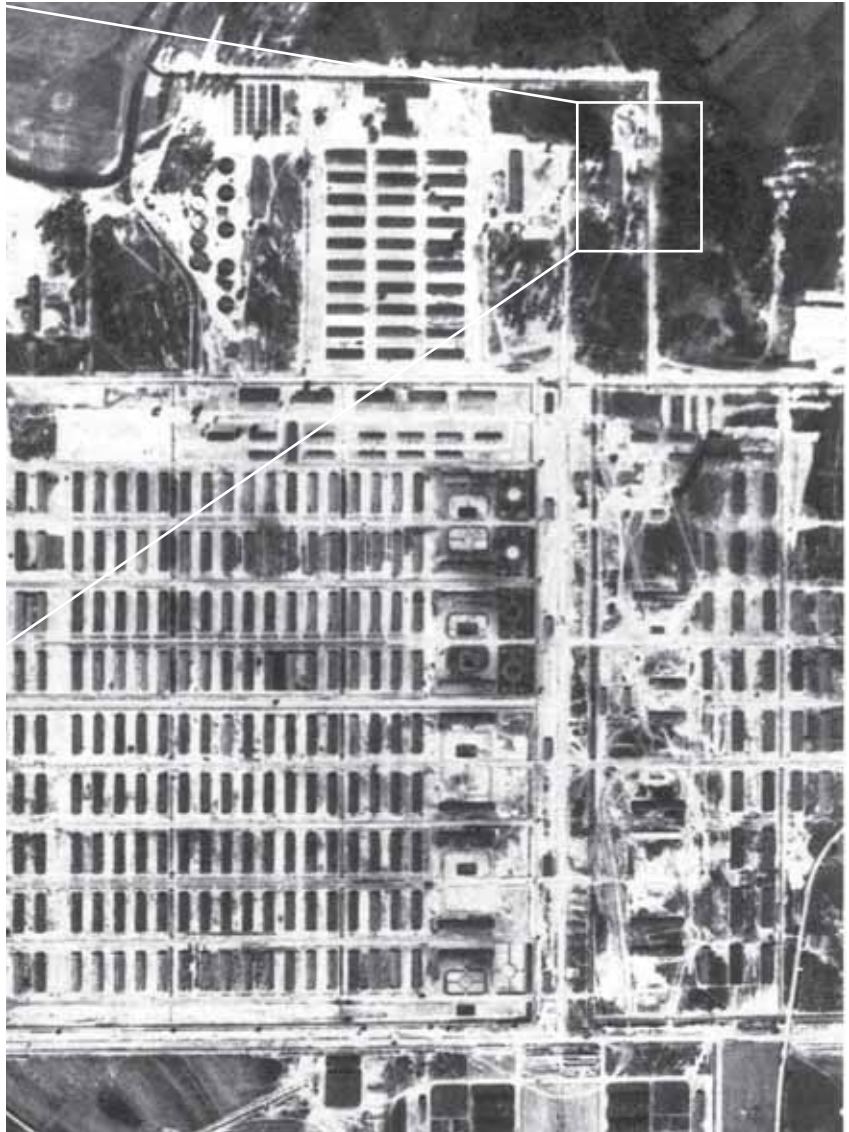
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Four dates show small amounts of smoke rising from backyard of Crematorium 4



section enlargement of white box

**Photo 6 – May 31, 1944,
Exposure 3055 (top and right)**



**Photo 7 – May 31, 1944,
Exposure 3056**

These two photos of the Birkenau camp were exposed by a U.S. aircraft at a time when many thousand Hungarian Jews are said to have been murdered every day. Since the crematoria are said to have had an insufficient capacity, the corpses of the victims are said to have been incinerated in huge pits behind Crematorium 4 and west of the camp (see chapter 5.10) using wood as fuel. Wood fires usually emit white smoke. This smoke would have blanketed the whole area.

On both exposures a small plume of smoke can be seen rising from the yard just north of Crematorium 4 (arrow). The area from which it emerges is at most several square meters large. There are more photos from later dates also showing white smoke, although it rises from a different spot, see next pages.

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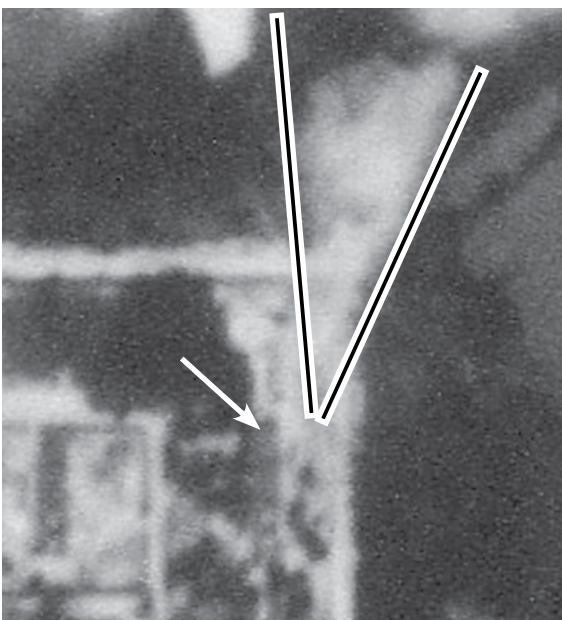
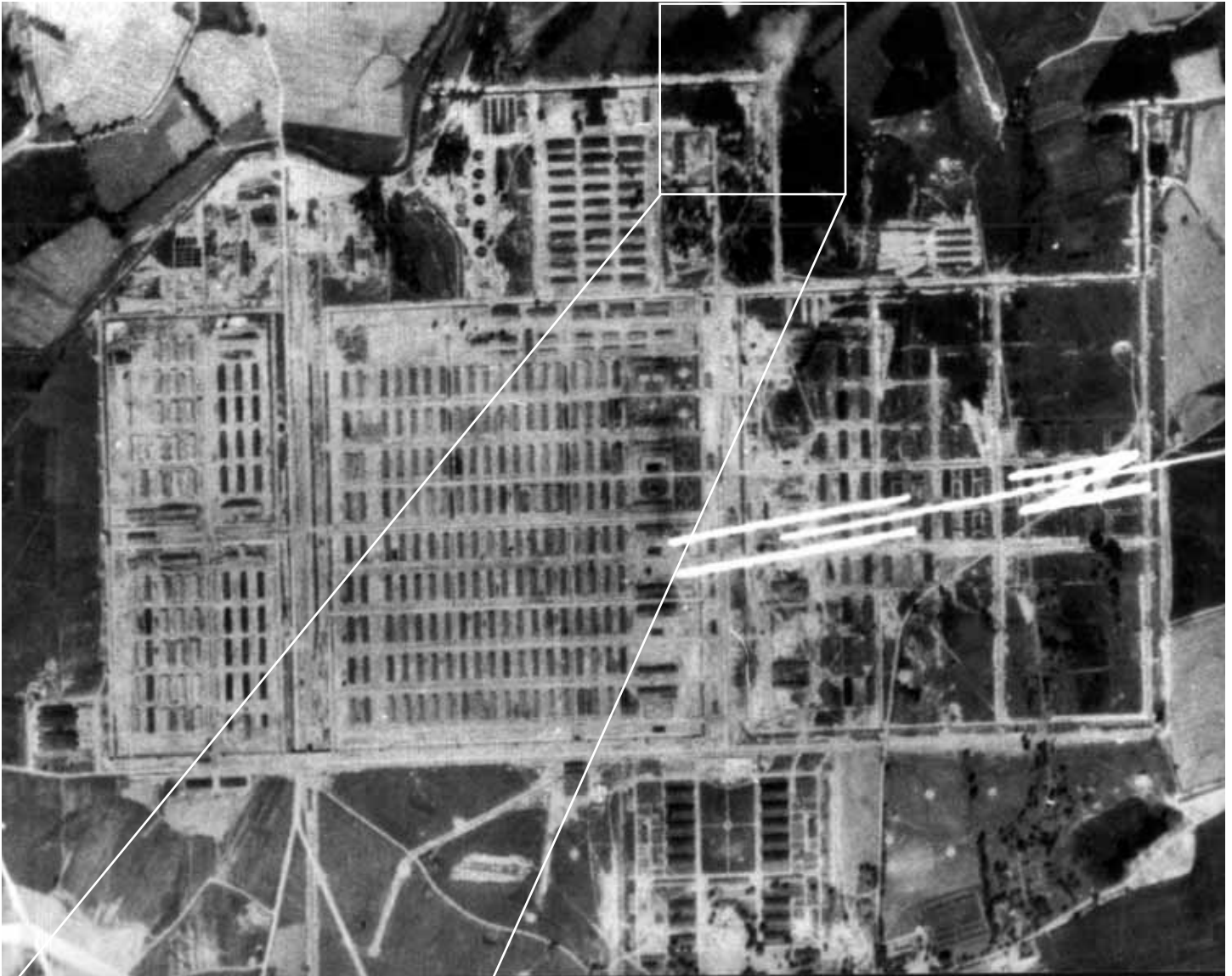


Photo 6 – July 8, 1944: (top and section enlargement of white box left)

This is a German air photo of the Birkenau camp taken during the alleged extermination of the Hungarian Jews. The claimed cremation pits behind Crematorium 4 allegedly used to dispose of the bodies on pyres would have had to be huge. Judging by the size of cremation pits operated during major outbreaks of cattle epidemics (see Köchel), these claimed pits would have covered thousands of square meters, and their white smoke would have blanketed the area.

On this photo a conical plume of smoke can be seen rising from the yard of Crematorium 4 (arrow, see section enlargement to the left). The area from which it emerges is at most several square meters large. This is the only smoke visible on this photo.

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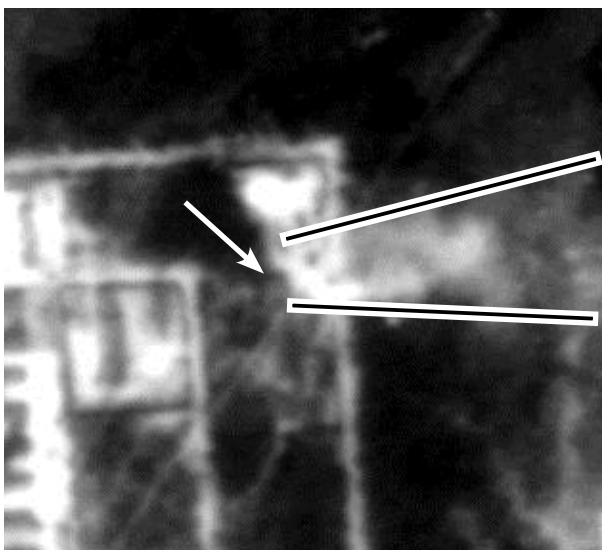


Photo 7 – Aug. 20, 1944: (top and section enlargement of white box right)

This is an Allied air photo of the Birkenau camp. The wind is coming from the south. Again, a plume of smoke can be seen rising from the yard of Crematorium 4 (see arrow in the section enlargement to the left), but it does not get driven very far before dissipating, indicating that the wind is rather light. The area from which it emerges is the same as on the previous photo. It is again a rather small area. In this case as well this is the only smoke visible on this photo.

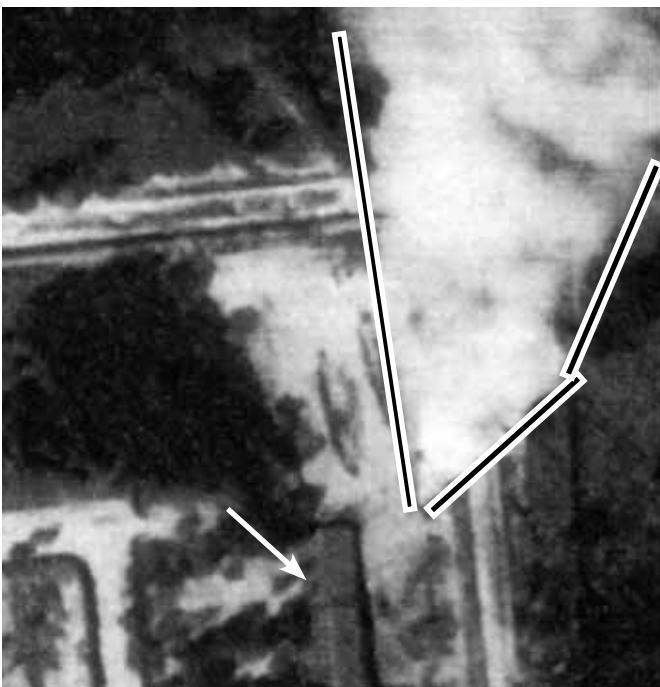
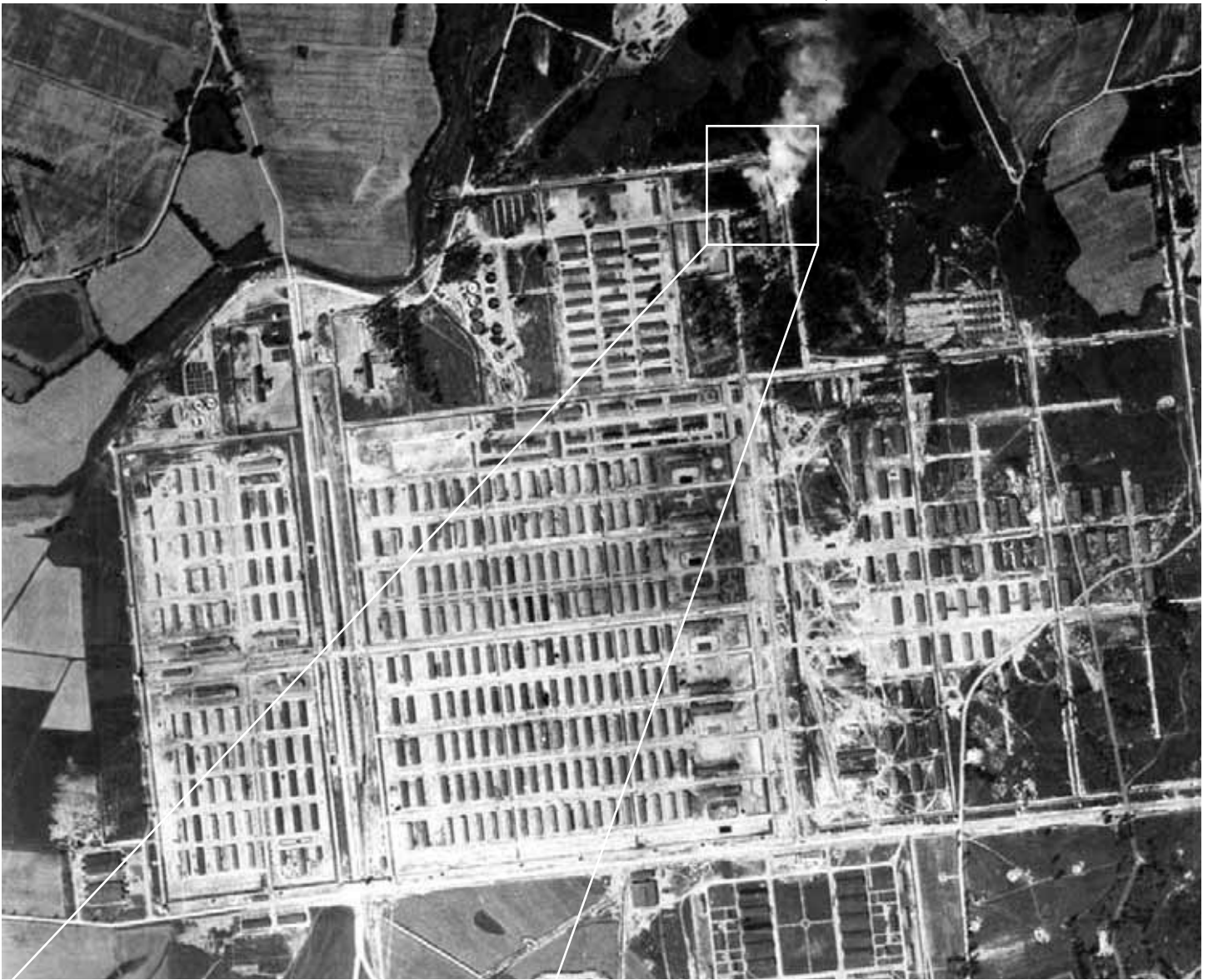


Photo 8 – Aug. 23, 1944 : (top and section enlargement of white box right)

The last photo in this series was taken by a U.S. reconnaissance aircraft just three days after the previous image. It has the best resolution. The wind has turned east, similar to the July 8 photo. Here, too, a plume of smoke can be seen rising from the yard of Crematorium 4 (arrow, see section enlargement to the left), and it dissipates in a concical shape, which again points to a rather small area from which the smoke originates.

It goes without saying that it is impossible to know what was burned there during those months. But it is possible to say that it is a fire of rather limited size incompatible with the gargantuan pyres necessary if the eyewitness accounts of thousands of victims burned daily were true.*

* For a thorough discussions of these allegations, including an evaluation of the air photos discussed here, see Mattogno, *Auschwitz: Open Air Incinerations*, esp. pp. 58f., 61f., 113-115, 117, 119. See also Köchel's paper.

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Crematoria 3 & 4 beside disinfection facilities alleged to have contained gas chambers

Eyewitness allegations:

What 1944 air photos actually reveal:

The two buildings next to the disinfection facilities were crematoria with gas chambers, just like Crematoria 1 and 2.

Documents prove these Crematoria 3 & 4 had inmate showers and delousing facilities, hence were sanitary installations.*

The buildings were surrounded by fences to prevent witnesses from seeing gassing executions.

May and June 1944 photos show no fence, but on the September photo a thick black line appears.

Thousands a day walked into rooms to be executed by gas.

Absence of fence would have allowed people in the area to view this.

Thousands of bodies were burned each day in the crematoria.

No fuel delivery system exists such as train tracks, a coal piling yard, and a conveyor system.

Coal and wood to cremate the bodies were stored in the yard.

No piles of coal or wood are visible on the 1944 air photos.

Smoke rose out of the crematorium chimneys.

No chimney smoke is seen on any of the air photos taken in 1944.

Hundreds of bodies were constantly burning on pyres in pit(s) behind at least one of the crematorium buildings during the spring and summer of 1944.

4 dates show smoke rising from a pit north of Crematorium 4. The small size of the fire producing it is incompatible with the claims.

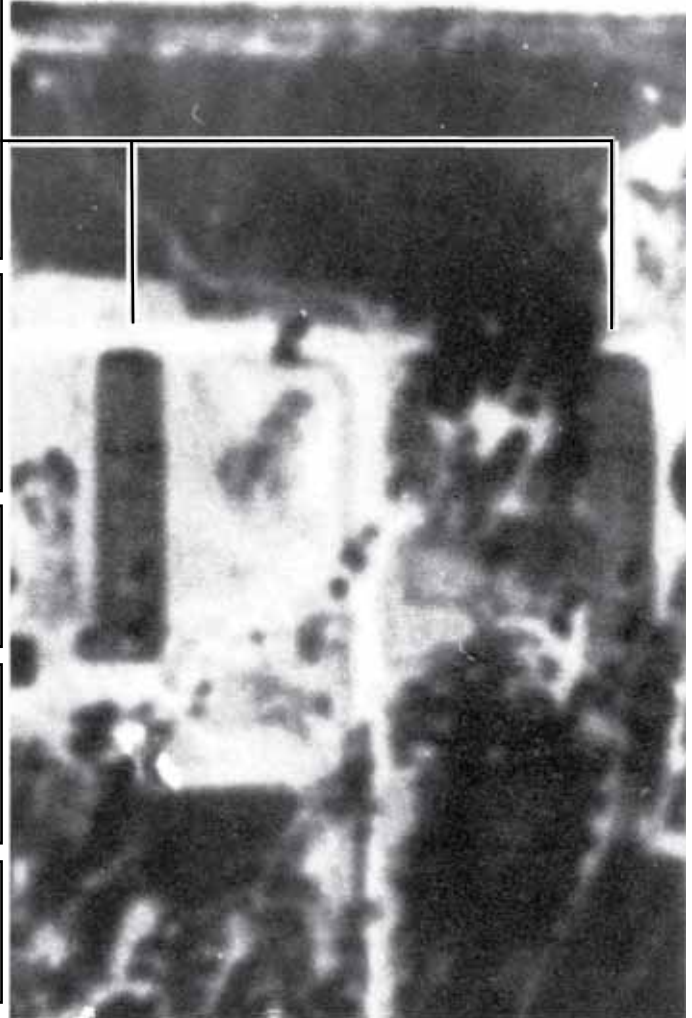


Photo 9 – May 31, 1944

Summer 1944 air photos of the Crematoria 3 & 4 close to the disinfection facilities (“Zentralsauna”) reveal they were visible from outside the camp and had no smoke rising from the chimneys. There are no huge cremation pits emitting large clouds of white smoke blanketing the area either.

* The first edition of this study surmised that the buildings were not crematoria but may have served other purposes. This hypothesis has been thoroughly refuted; on this see Pressac 1989, pp. 379-428, and in particular, refuting Pressac’s homicidal claims, Mattogno, *Auschwitz... Sanity*, pp. 158-180, esp. pp. 175-180.

Chapter 5.10

The Alleged Mass Cremations Near “Bunker 2” West of the Birkenau Camp

Allegations

1. For reasons of security and secrecy, the homicidal gassing activity of Auschwitz, which had started in the main camp (Auschwitz I) in late 1941/early 1942, was moved to two converted farmhouses near the Birkenau camp in early 1942. The farmhouses are referred to either as Red and White Cottage or as Bunker 1 and 2.
2. These farmhouses are said to have had no technical equipment to accelerate the evaporation, dissipation and eventual ventilation of the poison gas used (Zyklon B = hydrogen cyanide). These homicidal gas chambers were improvised make-shift solutions.
3. When the alleged homicidal gas chambers in the crematoria of Birkenau went into operation in early 1943, the Bunkers were retired.
4. During the claimed massive extermination of about 400,000 Hungarian Jews between mid-May and August/September 1944, Bunker 2, located west of the “Zentralsauna” (see no. 4 of map on p. 56), was reactivated.
5. During those spring and summer months of 1944, tens of thousands of Jews were allegedly gassed in Bunker 2 and subsequently incinerated on huge pyres in pits near that building.
6. The area around Bunker 2 was therefore blanketed in smoke during that time.
7. The foundation walls of Bunker 2 can be seen to this day (see photo below).

(Ref.: Pressac 1989, pp. 171-182)



Photo 1: The foundation walls of the alleged “Bunker 2” seen from the south-west. July 1992, © Carlo Mattogno

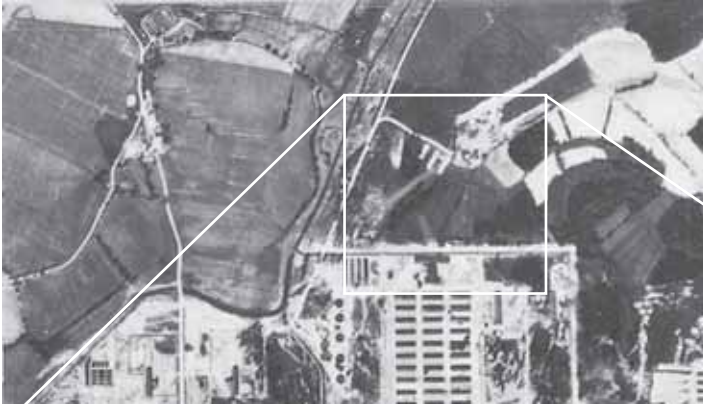


Photo 2 – May 31, 1944: boxed-in area enlarged below. The pentagon-shaped area cleared of trees and with several objects visible is said to have been the zone of “Bunker 2.” The area was visible from surrounding fields were inmates from other camps and German officials worked who were not involved in the claimed exterminations.

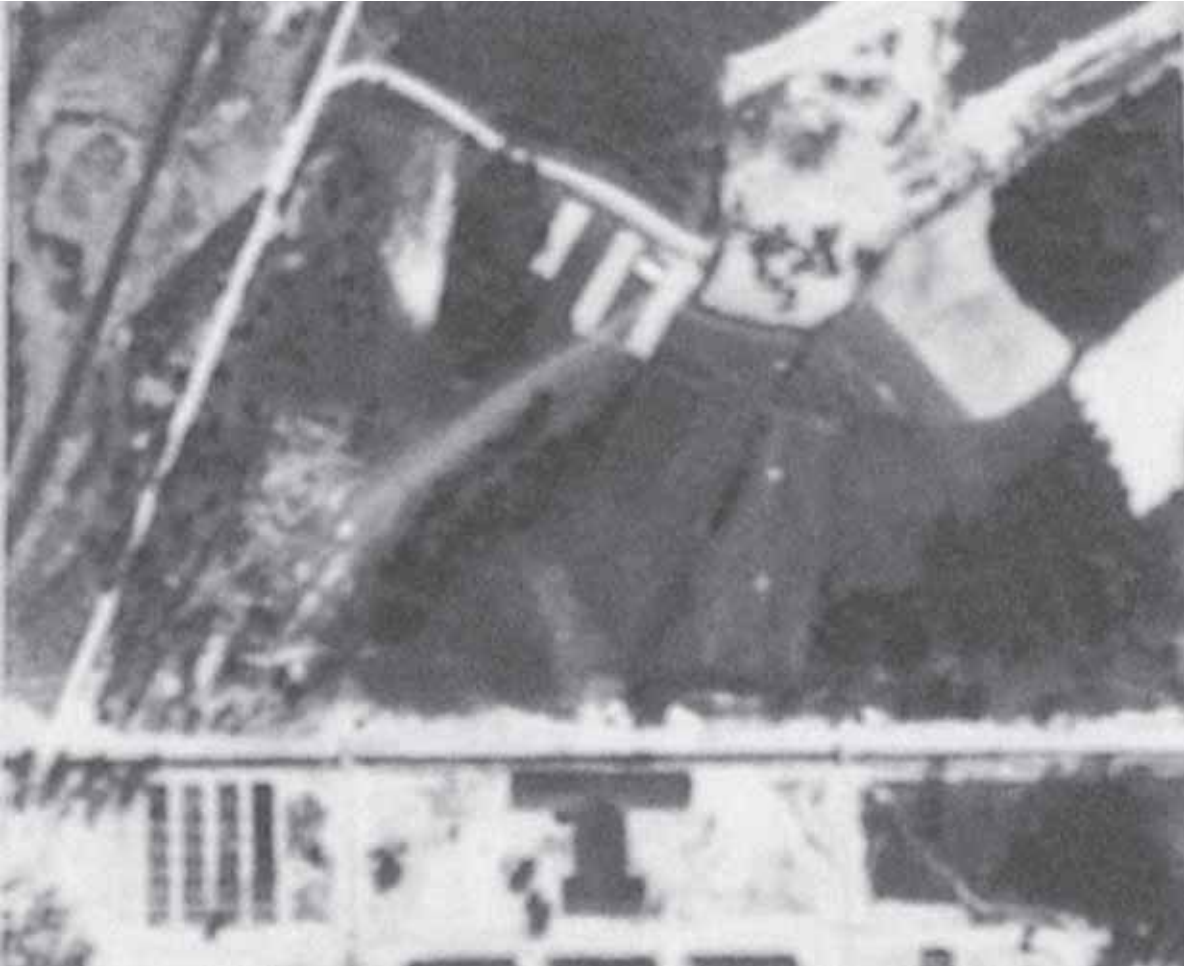


Photo 3 – May 31, 1944 (top, section enlargement of Photo 2)

Photo 4 – June 26, 1944: Only the lower half of the area of “Bunker 2” can be seen on this photo. Neither this one nor the previous photo or any other shows any large-scale activities, large amounts of firewood stacked up, or huge pyres emitting copious quantities of smoke blanketing the area.



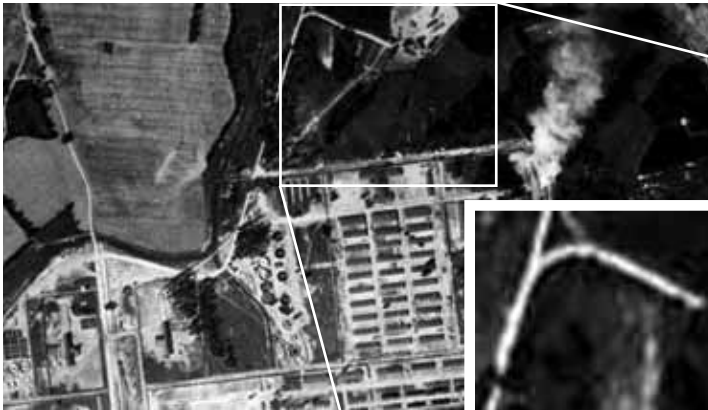


Photo 5 – Aug. 23, 1944: boxed-in area enlarged below



Photo 6 – Aug. 23, 1944: (right, section enlargement of Photo 5) A comparison of this photo with Photo 3 of May 31 reveals that most objects have not changed at all. The only major change is the addition of two buildings on two of the previously light-colored rectangles, spots that had obviously been cleared from vegetation in preparation for these buildings (see also Photo 4).



Photo 7 – Sept. 13, 1944: (left) This photo is slightly overexposed. Still, all the objects visible on the other photos are still where they used to be. And again: no smoke, no fire, no wood piles, no large-scale activities.

Conclusions

All air photos of Birkenau showing the area where “Bunker 2” is said to have been show several structures. Except for two buildings which were constructed between May 31 and June 26, not much changed between May 31 and September 13, 1944. In particular, the photos do not show any smoke, large amounts of firewood stored, or massive earth-scarring activities going on. Claims about huge pyres upon which tens of thousands of murdered Jews were burned are therefore wrong. The fact that two buildings were erected in this area at the time of the deportation of the Hungarian Jews suggests that the area was indeed used for some activity in this context. But from the above air photos it can safely be concluded that extermination activities were not part of it.

(For more see Mattoigno, *The Bunkers of Auschwitz.*)

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The Bombing of the I.G. Farben Industrial Complex

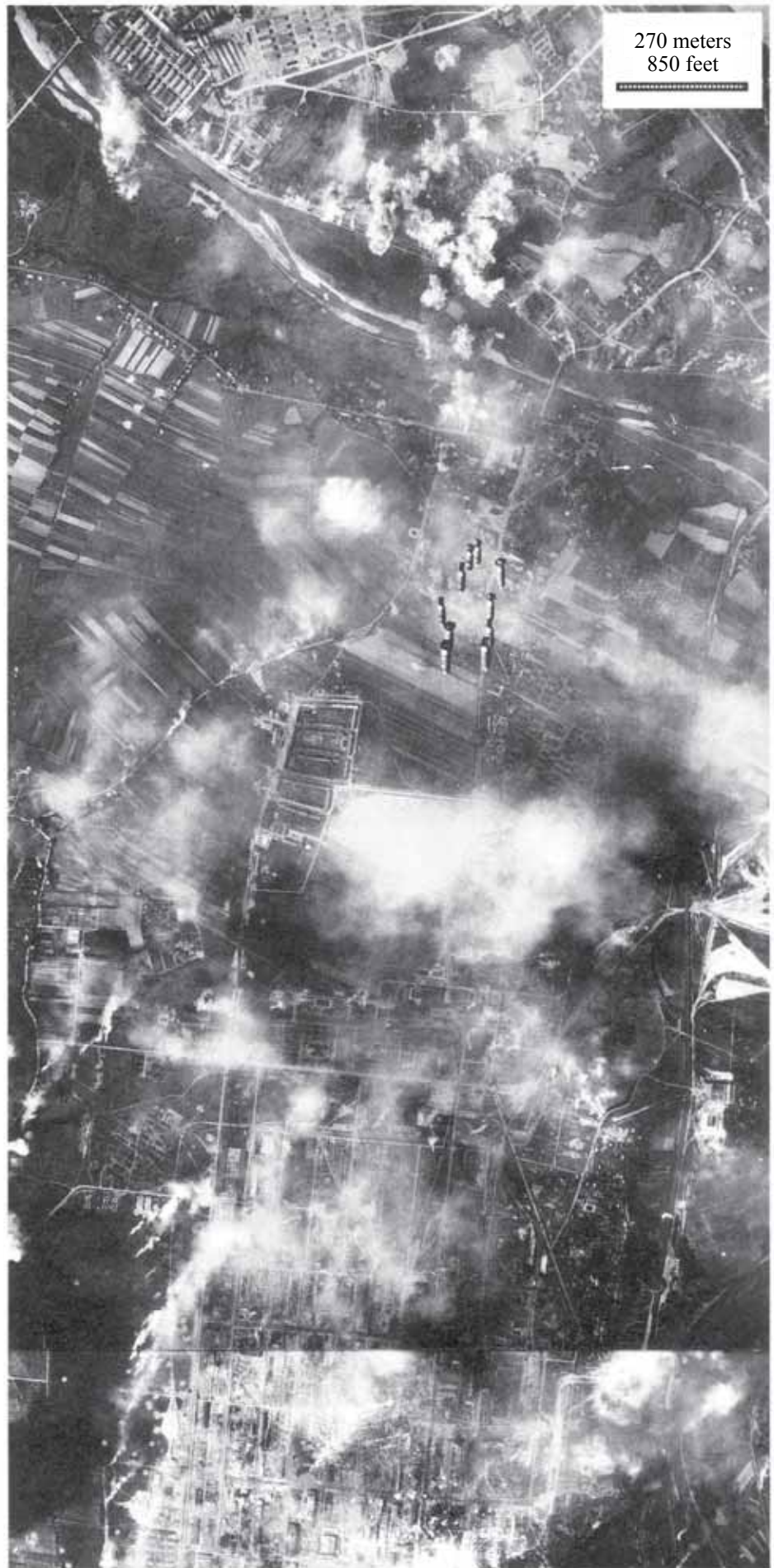
Photo 1 – Sept. 13, 1944:

On September 13th, 1944, 96 U.S. bombers flew at 7,500 meters altitude directly over Birkenau and dropped 943 five-hundred-pound (225 kilogram) “high-explosive” bombs on the I.G. Farben industrial plant from 11:17 to 11:20 a.m.

The first actively firing anti-aircraft guns which the planes encountered were next to the Sola River about one kilometer from the Auschwitz I camp.

The majority of the 943 bombs landed in the industrial area, however, about 20 landed almost directly on top of these anti-aircraft guns one kilometer from Auschwitz I.

(Ref.: *Interpretation Report number D. B. 217*. Bombing damage report.)



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Photo 2 – Sept. 13, 1944:

As the planes flew west to east, they released their bombs directly over Birkenau in order to hit the industrial plant. Here 9 bombs are released travelling 320 kilometers (200 miles) per hour.

Because no anti-aircraft guns are firing from this area, either large bombers or smaller Mosquito fighter bombers could have precision bombed the crematoria with a minimum of danger.

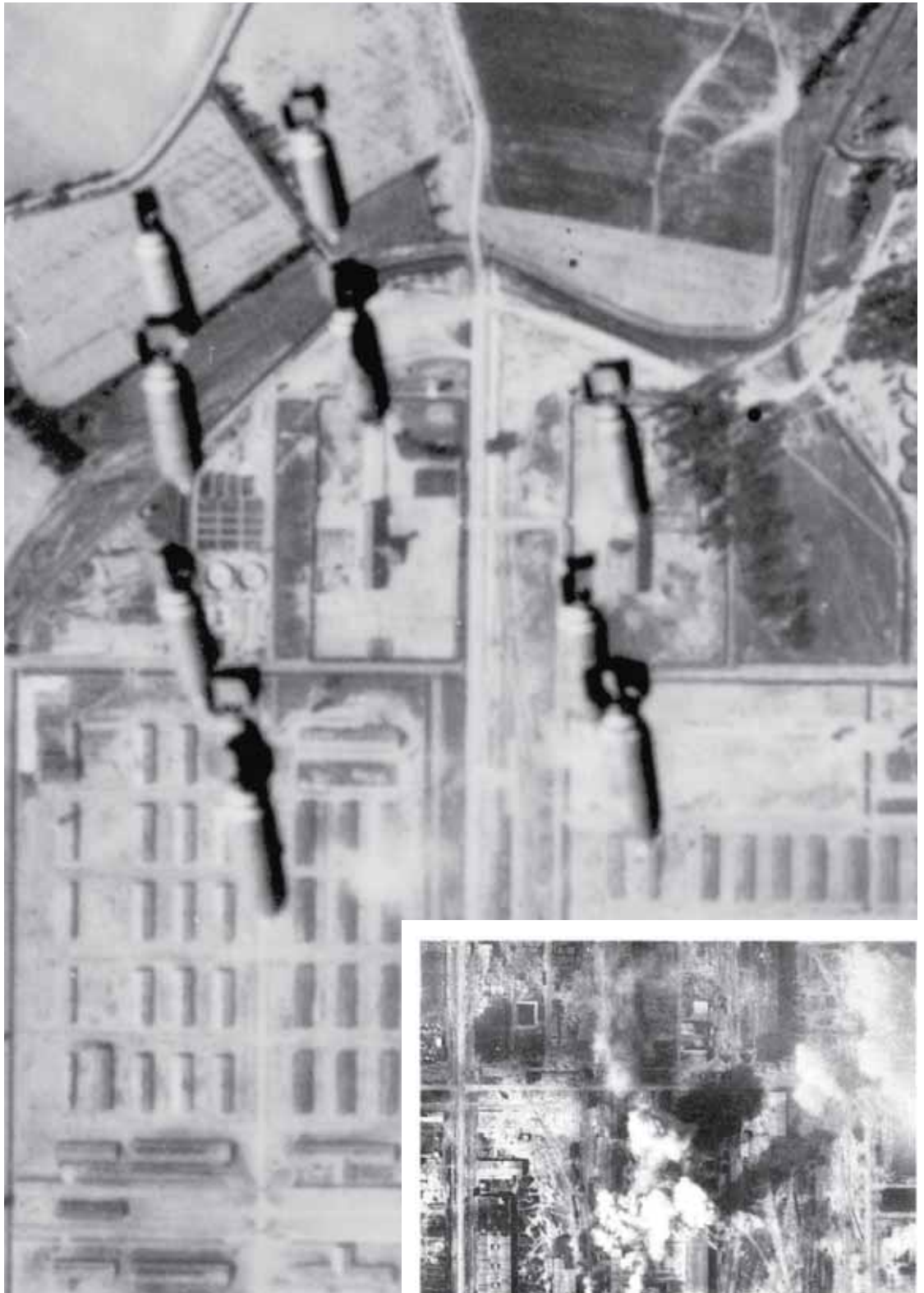


Photo 3 – Sept. 13 1944: (right)

Buildings in the synthetic-rubber section were hit by a group of 8 to 10 of the 230-kilogram (500-pound) bombs.



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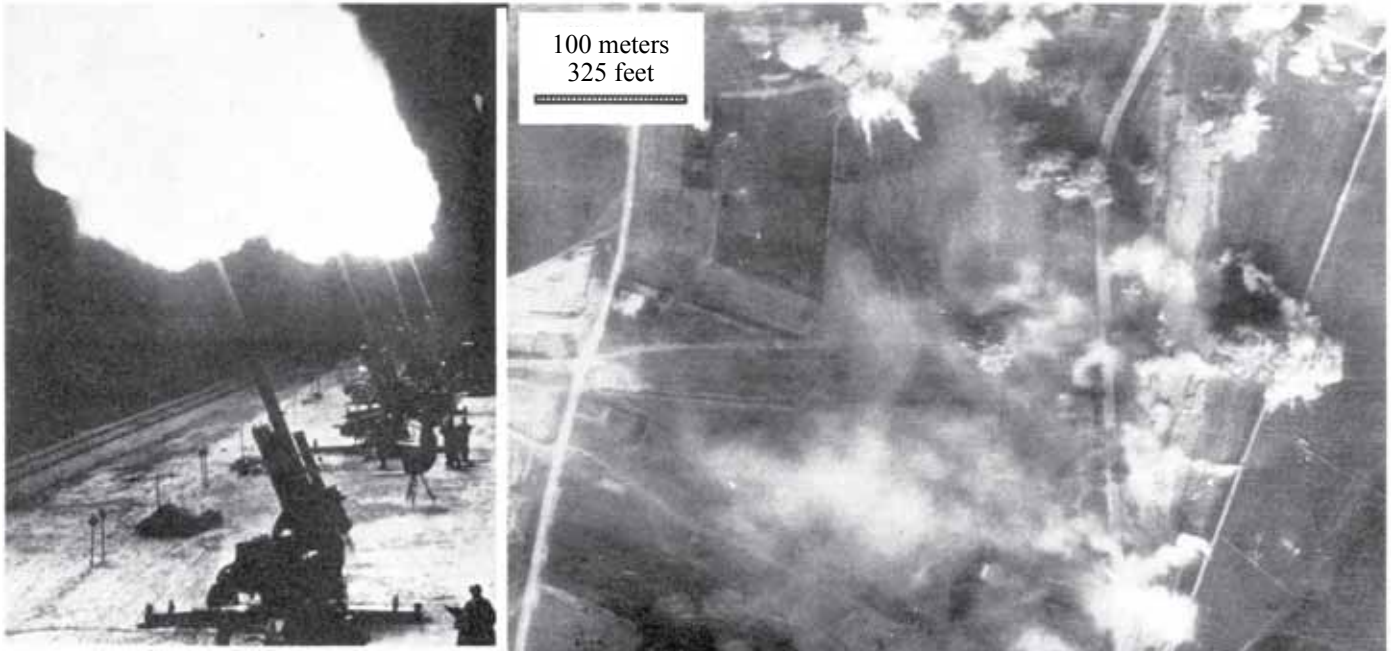


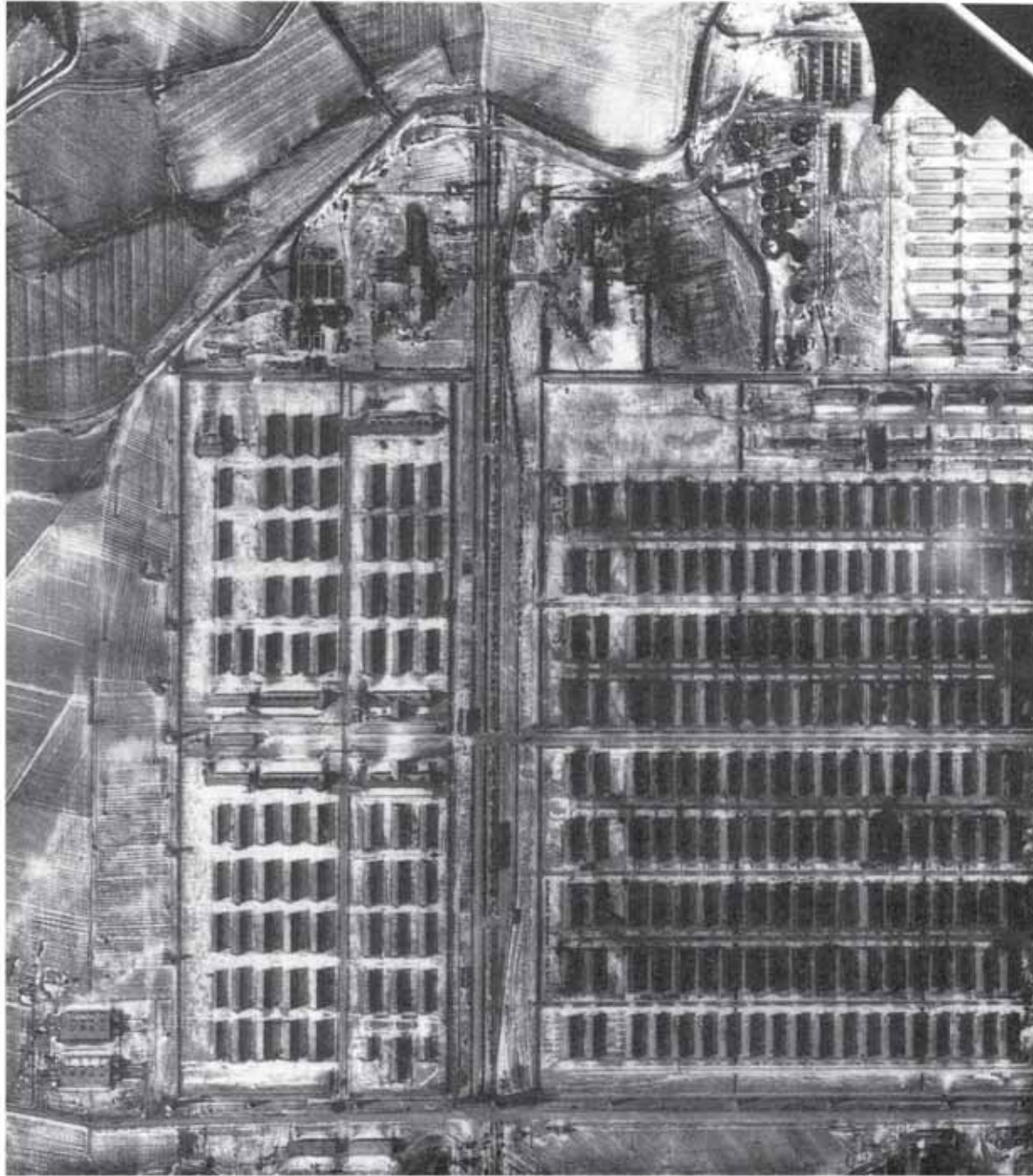
Photo 5 : (above)

A battery of German 88-mm anti-aircraft guns. (Ref.: Middlebrook, M.)

Photo 4 – Sept. 13, 1944: (right)

One bomb landed directly across the river 300 meters (1000 feet) from Auschwitz I. Other bombs appear to have been dropped to try and strike the anti-aircraft emplacements that are identified by the lines of white smoke rising from the roadway (although they might be smoke canisters as decoys). At least one smoke source, and perhaps more, appear to have received direct hits.



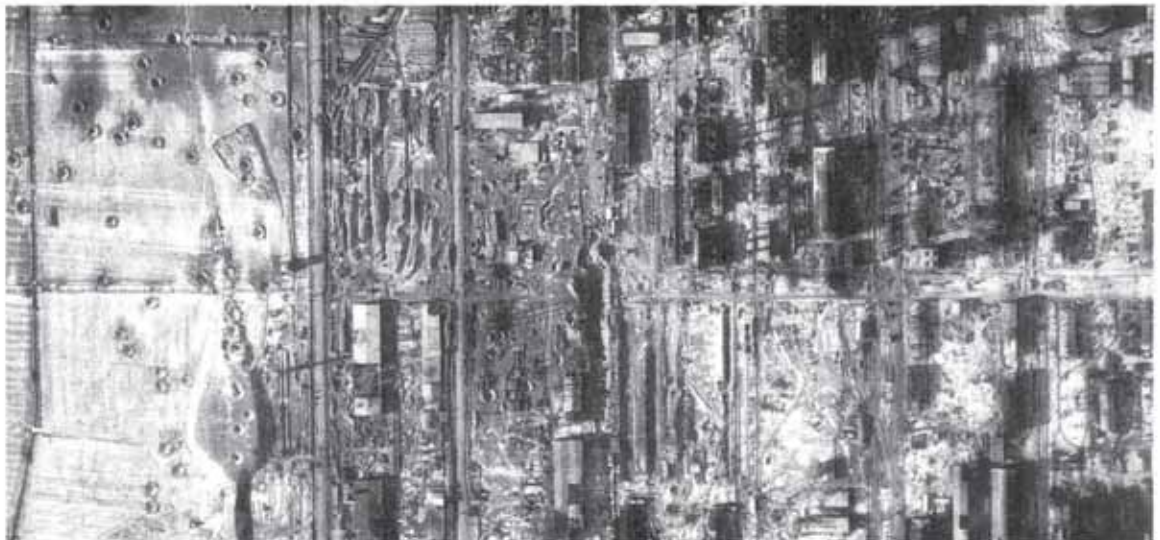


**Photo 6 –
Dec. 21,
1944:**

There are no round craters or other signs of previous bombing visible in this December 1944 photo. Because the light-coloured snow is in contrast to the darker man-made items, structures such as the guard towers, buildings, railroad tracks and unloading ramp are clearly visible.

**Photo 7 – Dec.
21, 1944:**

At the I.G. Farben site: evidence of bombing included craters and building damage, as in this southern part of the synthetic-oil section.



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The reasons why the Birkenau crematoria were not bombed...

What historians say:

Spies for the British and U.S.-Americans in the Auschwitz camp area were not aware Jewish people were being exterminated and burned at Birkenau because “special security arrangements” around the gas chambers and crematoria prevented anyone from seeing inside.

What air photos reveal:

The May 1944 photos reveal more than half of each crematorium had no visible fence, while half had shrubbery or a low fence. Beyond that were two guard towers and a drainage ditch, but no obscuring fence or wall and no gate or gatehouses for at least two kilometers in all directions.

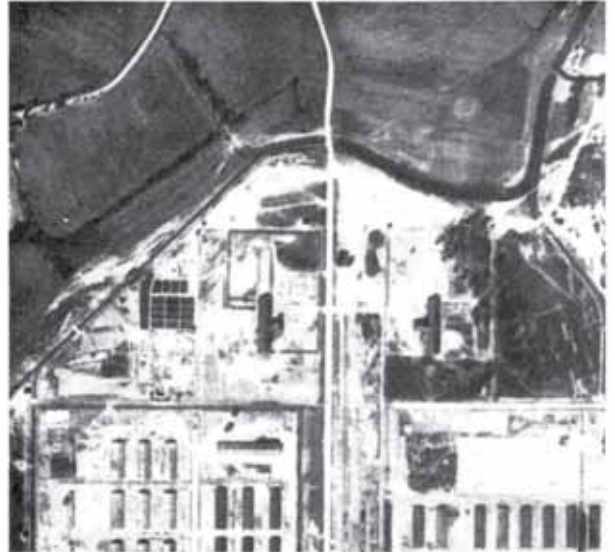


Photo 8 – May 31, 1944

What historians say:

If a few people did observe the exterminations, spy reports and maps were not getting out and being received by military personnel in England.

What air photos reveal:

The May 1943 spy map of the industrial complex was received by the American military before January, 1944 (see page 28), and the War Refugee Board telegram describing the alleged exterminations was received in July 1944 (see page 86).

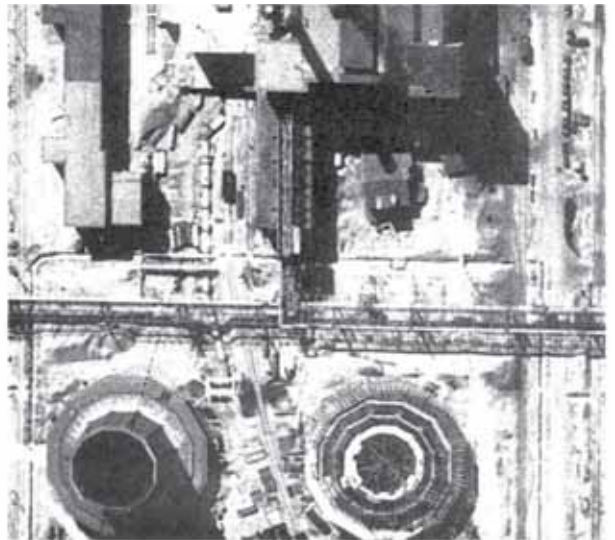


Photo 9 – April 4, 1944

What historians say:

Air-photo interpreters were not informed that mass exterminations may be occurring, and therefore, when viewing the air photos of Auschwitz I and Birkenau, they thought they looked like standard work and detention camps.

What air photos reveal:

Air-photo interpreters would have been given spy reports and other information concerning the camps before June 1944 when they received the first air photos of Birkenau and used their knowledge of industrial facilities to analyze them.



Photo 10

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... what some historians say versus what the 1944 air photos reveal

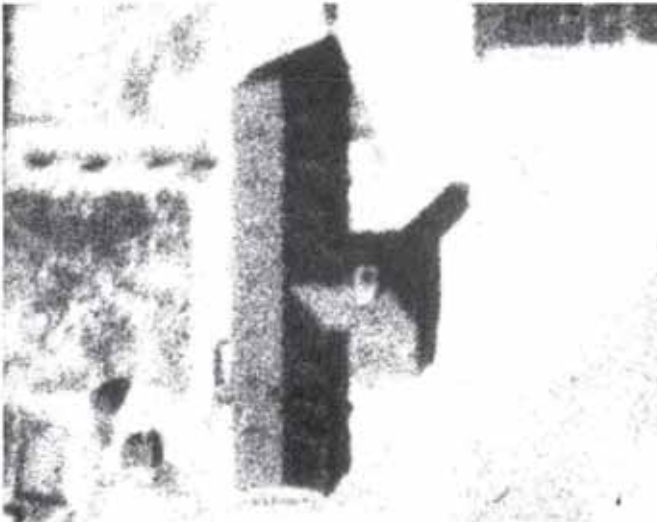


Photo 11 – Aug. 25, 1944

What historians say:

If photo interpreters were given spy reports such as the War Refugee Board telegram (see page 86) describing mass gassings and cremations, they still could not identify the crematoria.

What air photos reveal:

The skilled air-photo interpreters would have quickly identified the two big crematoria with large chimneys in wide yards outside the camp fence, and determined the number of corpses they were designed to cremate.

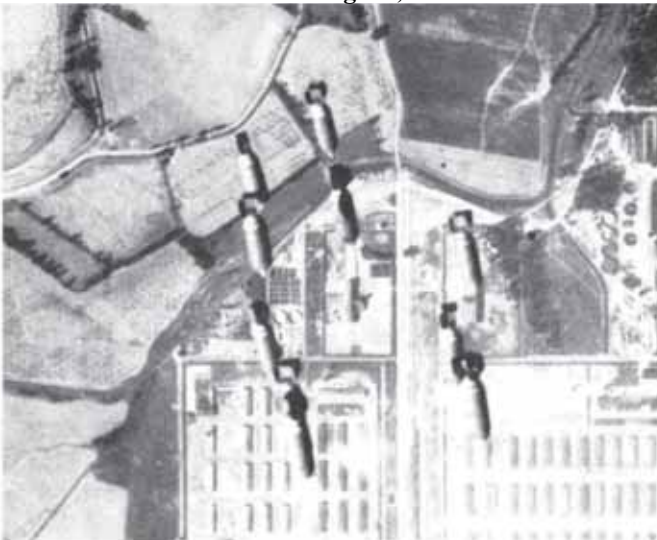


Photo 12 – Sept. 13, 1944

What historians say:

If officials knew the locations of the gas chambers, the area was too far from British airfields to conduct bombing raids.

What air photos reveal:

On four days from August to December 1944, U.S. aircraft bombed the I.G. Farben complex. On September 13th they released their bombs directly over the Birkenau crematoria.



Photo 13 – Sept. 13, 1944

What historians say:

Attempting to bomb the gas chambers from standard bombing height would have resulted in the deaths of thousands of camp inmates.

What air photos reveal:

Planes bombed anti-aircraft guns one kilometer ($\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile) from Auschwitz I and also the industrial factories. The large crematorium buildings with their big yards and farms on one side could have been bombed with a minimum loss of life.

Chapter 5.12

Cyanide Sampling from Buildings Where Cyanide Gas Was Allegedly Used

Background

During wartime, infectious diseases regularly cause more deaths than the actual warfare. The reason for this is the breakdown of hygienic conditions and the crowded, improvised living conditions of soldiers and prisoners of war.

One of the frequently lethal diseases spreading fast during wartime is typhus, which is transmitted by the body louse.

Before the discovery of DDT's insecticidal properties in 1939 and its more benign successors, few means were available to efficiently fight the body louse. One potent but also dangerous insecticide is hydrogen cyanide (HCN). It is lethal to both insects and warm-blooded animals, humans included.

After the First World War, German chemists developed a product based on HCN which could be stored and applied with relative safety. It bore the name Zyklon B. It has been used all over the world as an insecticide ever since, including today, although the name was changed in the late 1970s.

Zyklon B During WWII

During the Second World War, Zyklon B was used by all belligerent powers. In addition to the usual civilian uses of Zyklon B for pest control, the Germans and their allies used it to disinfest their soldiers' and PoWs' clothes, and it was also used on a grand scale to disinfest the clothes and bed linens of the Axis's prisoners and concentration camp inmates.

All major German concentration camps had either provisional or permanent disinfestation chambers. Many of them used Zyklon B. Some have survived the war and can be inspected to this day. The most famous examples are the highly sophisticated DEGESCH circulation chambers at the Dachau camp and the various, less-professionally designed delousing facilities at the Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek and Stutthof camps.

Hydrogen Cyanide Reacts with Wall Material

It has been known for many decades that the walls of the extant, less-sophisticated delousing chambers in the former German concentration camps at Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek and Stutthof exhibit a patchy blue discoloration. Analyses have shown that this blue discoloration stems from iron cyanide compounds.

The reason for the presence of this blue pigment in those walls is that HCN can easily penetrate into walls, if they are not sealed with a waterproof paint.

Cyanide in turn is known for its tendency to form very stable bonds with iron. The most stable of them is a complex compound called Prussian Blue – which is, well, blue.

All building materials – brick, sand, cement – consist of up to 5% of iron compounds (rust). Hence, if an unsealed wall is exposed to HCN and if the conditions are right (fresh, moist and cool cement is helpful), then stable iron cyanide compounds will form. They are just as stable as the walls themselves. Once formed, they will last basically forever.

Delousing-chamber walls in former German concentration camp are not the only walls that have turned blue after exposure to HCN. Two cases of churches are known whose walls turned just as patchy blue after having been exposed to HCN.*

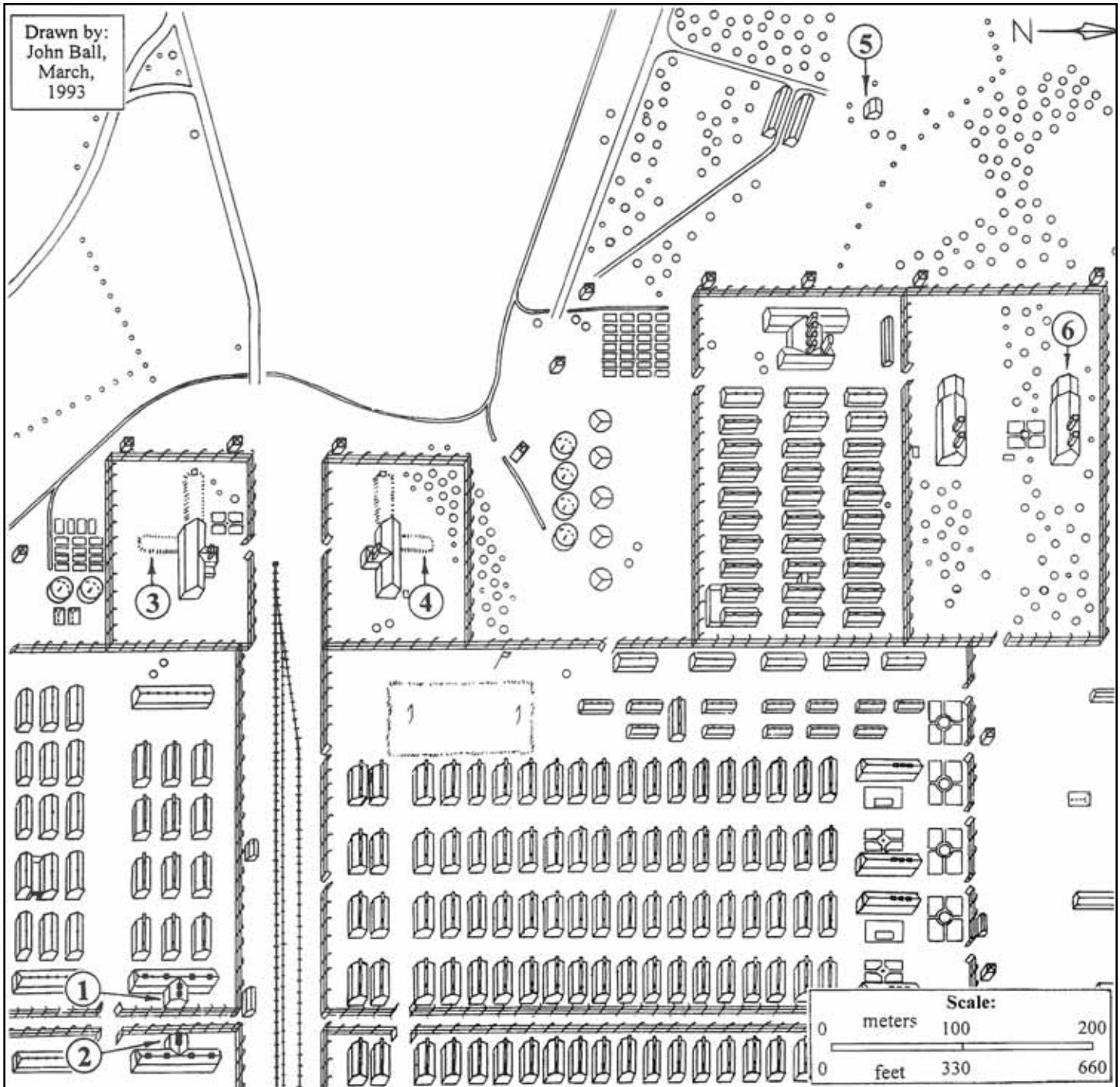
Cyanide Forensics

Analyzing wall samples for residual cyanide stemming from exposure to HCN is therefore an important forensic tool to verify whether a room has been repeatedly exposed to this poisonous chemical. This is particularly true for the rooms which are said to have been used as homicidal gas chambers using Zyklon B as the lethal agent.

In 1993 John Ball took wall samples in Auschwitz and had them analyzed for their total cyanide content. The following pages report the results.

* For more details on the use of Zyklon B prior to and during WWII, the formation and stability of Prussian Blue in building materials – including the two church cases mentioned – as well as the relevance of cyanide detection for extermination claims in alleged homicidal gas chambers see Rudolf, *The Rudolf Report*.

Chapter 5.12 Sampling locations



<p>1 alleged: Zyklon B cyanide gas in a ventilated room killed typhus-carrying body lice in clothing and bedding</p>	<p>2 (same as 1) a blue cyanide residue called Prussian Blue today coats the walls and shows previous cyanide gas use</p>	<p>3 alleged: cyanide gas was used in an underground morgue to kill people in batches of 1,000 to 3,000 for 1.5 years in 1943 and 1944</p>	<p>4 (same as 3)</p>	<p>5 alleged: cyanide gas was used in the White Cottage/Bunker 2 to kill thousands of people during 1942 and 1944</p>	<p>6 alleged: cyanide gas was used in one, two or three rooms to kill thousands of people during 1943 and 1944</p>
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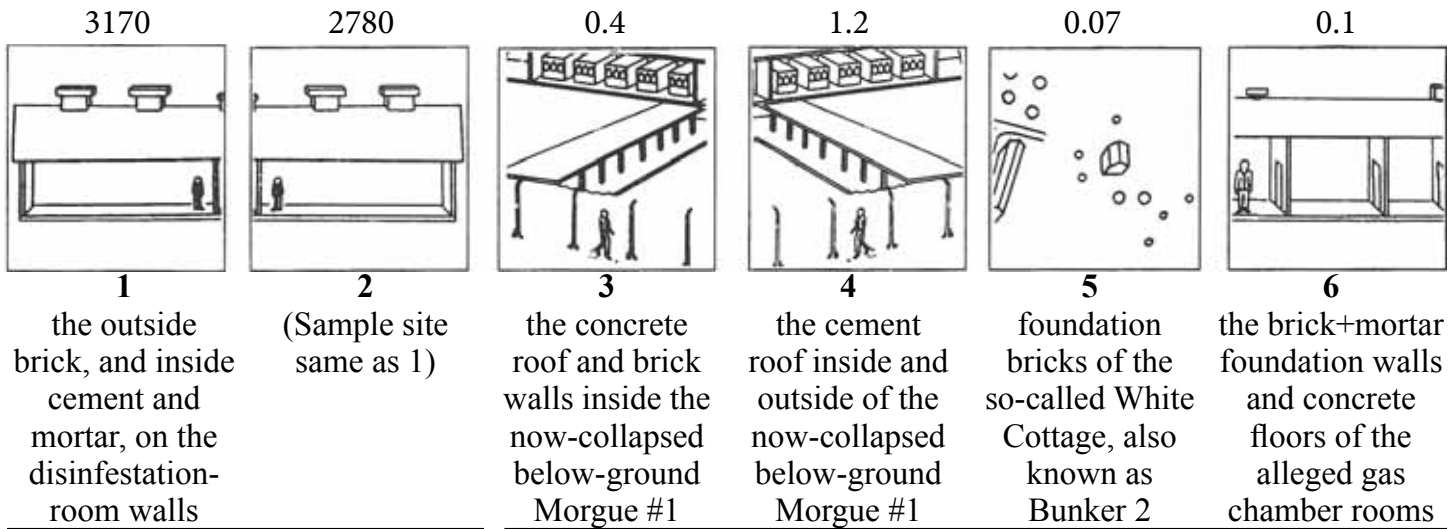
Average amount of cyanide in the ten samples from each location



Measurement: (left column)
Cyanide concentration per sample, measured in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) or parts per million.

Detection limit:
Figures below 1.5 mg/kg are considered the same as "0", because the laboratory analysis equipment could not accurately detect cyanide below this level.

Samples:
Bags of scrapings from the surfaces of brick, cement, or mortar each weighed 0.2 kilograms (0.4 pounds)



Results: 1 and 2 had high values
Reason: cyanide bonded with iron in the bricks, cement, and mortar
Conclusions: cyanide gas was used at least once to allow cyanide to bond with iron in the walls

Results: 3 to 6 had extremely low values that are considered to be "0"
Reason: cyanide did not bond with iron on the walls or ceilings of these rooms
Conclusions: sample results show that cyanide gas was not used in any of these rooms

Chapter 5.12 Patchy blue wall discoloration of Zyklon B delousing chambers



Photo 1: Interior wall of the disinfestation wing of Building 5a at Auschwitz-Birkenau



Photo 2: Exterior wall of the disinfestation wing of Building 5b at Auschwitz-Birkenau



Photo 3: Exterior wall of the disinfestation facility at the Majdanek camp.



Photo 4: Ceiling of the make-shift disinfestation chamber in "Bad & Desinfektion I" at Majdanek.



Photo 5: Interior wall of the disinfestation facility at the Stutthof camp.



Photo 6: Exterior wall of the disinfestation facility at the Stutthof camp.

* Illustrations taken from Rudolf, *Lectures*, pp. 177f.

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Analytic results of samples taken by three different authors

John Ball was the fourth person to take samples at Auschwitz and analyze them for cyanide residues. The first was U.S. expert for execution technologies Fred A. Leuchter, who took samples in early 1988 in preparation for his famous *Leuchter Report*. The second was German chemist Germar Rudolf in preparation for his expert report. The third was a Polish team led by Jan Markiewicz on behalf of the Auschwitz Museum. They took their first set of samples in 1991 and a second set in 1994. However, they used an analytic method which cannot detect longterm stable iron cyanide compounds – the only compounds stable enough to be still detectable today. As a consequence, the Polish team did not find any cyanide amounts beyond the generally recognized detection level in any of their samples. It has been suggested that the Poles' decision to exclude the only thing worth looking for was based on their desire to produce results where both delousing chambers and alleged homicidal gas chambers end up having similar values. In other words: the Polish work is fraudulent.*

The table to the right contains the analytic results of all three pertinent samplings made so far. They all point in the same direction: None of the alleged homicidal gas chambers has any cyanide residues above the detection level, whereas samples from delousing chambers have extremely high values.

Cyanide concentrations in the walls of alleged homicidal gas chambers and delousing chambers at Auschwitz/Birkenau			
No.	Location	Sampler	c[CN ⁻] mg/kg
1-7	Crematory II, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	0.0
8	Crematory III, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	1.9
9	Crematory III, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	6.7
10,11	Crematory III, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	0.0
13,14	Crematory IV, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	0.0
15	Crematory IV, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	2.3
16	Crematory IV, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	1.4
17-19	Crematory IV, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	0.0
20	Crematory IV, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	1.4
21	Crematory V, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	4.4
22	Crematory V, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	1.7
23,24	Crematory V, remnants of foundation wall	Leuchter	0.0
25	Crematory I, mortuary ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	3.8
26	Crematory I, mortuary ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	1.3
27	Crematory I, mortuary ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	1.4
29	Crematory I, mortuary ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	7.9
30	Crematory I, mortuary ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	1.1
31	Crematory I, mortuary ('homicidal gas chamber')	Leuchter	0.0
1	Crematory II, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Rudolf	7.2
2	Crematory II, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Rudolf	0.6
3	Crematory II, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Rudolf	6.7/0.0
3	Crematory II, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Ball	0.4
4	Crematory III, mortuary 1 ('homicidal gas chamber')	Ball	1.2
5	White Farmhouse (Bunker 2), remnants of foundation	Ball	0.07
6	Crematory V, remnants of foundation wall	Ball	0.1
32	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, inside	Leuchter	1,050.0
9	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, inside	Rudolf	11,000.0
11	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, inside	Rudolf	2,640.0/1,430.0
12	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, inside	Rudolf	2,900.0
13	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, inside	Rudolf	3,000.0
14	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, outside	Rudolf	1,035.0
15a	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, outside	Rudolf	1,560.0
15c	Delousing Room B1a BW 5a, outside	Rudolf	2,400.0
16	Delousing Room B1b BW 5b, outside	Rudolf	10,000.0
17	Delousing Room B1b BW 5b, inside	Rudolf	13,500.0
18	Delousing Room B1b BW 5a, wood from door jamb	Rudolf	7,150.0
19a	Delousing Room B1b BW 5b, inside	Rudolf	1,860.0
19b	Delousing Room B1b BW 5b, inside	Rudolf	3,880.0
20	Delousing Room B1b BW 5a, inside	Rudolf	7,850.0
22	Delousing Room B1b BW 5a, inside	Rudolf	4,530.0
1	Delousing Room B1b BW 5b, inside and outside	Ball	3,170.0
2	Delousing Room B1b BW 5a, inside and outside	Ball	2,780.0
28	Crematory I, Washroom	Leuchter	1.3
5	Inmate barracks	Rudolf	0.6
6	Inmate barracks	Rudolf	<0.1
7	Inmate barracks	Rudolf	0.3
8	Inmate barracks	Rudolf	2.7/0.0
23	Inmate barracks	Rudolf	0.3
24	Inmate barracks	Rudolf	0.1
25	Untreated brick from collapsed Bavarian Farmhouse	Rudolf	9.6/9.6

Concentrations are in mg of cyanide (CN⁻) per kg of building material (brick, mortar, concrete, plaster). Cyanide values of less than 10 mg/kg are uncertain, samples returning values of less than 1-2 mg are considered cyanide-free. If two values are given, the second value gives the result of a control analysis performed by a different company and a slightly different method.

* For details about Leuchter's sampling see Leuchter/Faurisson/Rudolf; for Rudolf's sampling and for a discussion of all samplings and analyses performed so far see Rudolf, *The Rudolf Report*; for a critique of the Polish sampling see Rudolf/Mattogno, pp. 45-67.

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Possible Mass Graves Visible on Air Photos

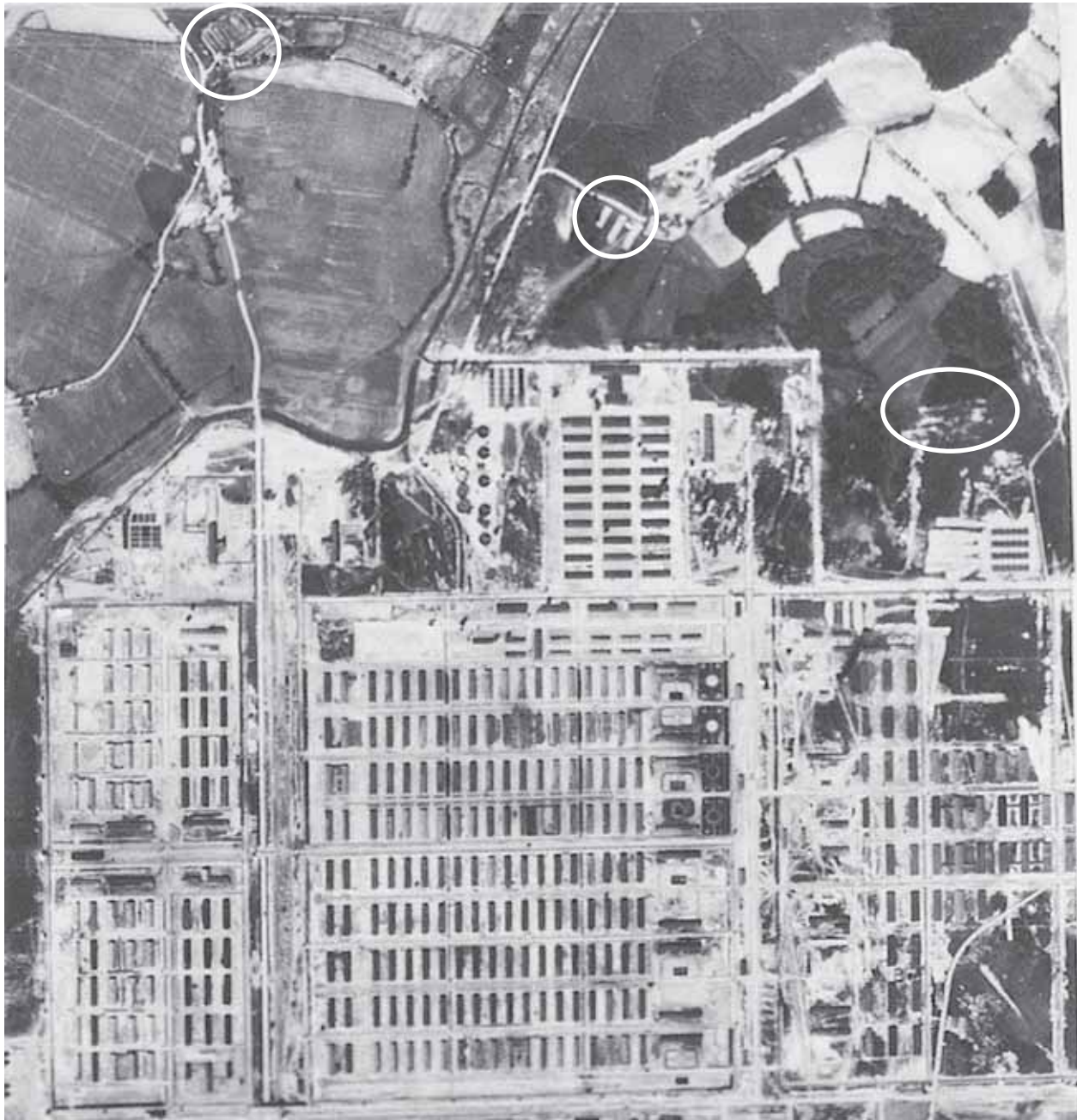


Photo 1 – May 31, 1944:

On this air photo of Birkenau, three areas with a number of rectangular shapes can be seen west of the camp. The light color of the three rectangles west of the “Zentralsauna” (white circle, center top) and of the four rectangles located in a wooded area north of Crematorium 4 (white ellipse) indicates that the ground vegetation was recently removed. No shadows can be seen, so the objects have neither considerable height nor depth. The area around the objects is undisturbed, hence no large-scale activities happened there recently.

The shapes west of Crematoria 1 & 2 and west of the “Zentralsauna” have an innocuous explanation, see next page. If the other shapes were indeed mass graves, then they cannot have been very deep, as the high groundwater level in that area swiftly fills pits deeper than one meter with groundwater.*

* The ground water stood at 1.20 m below the surface; see Gärtner/Rademacher and also Mattogno, “Cremation Pits...”

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Photo 2 – May 31, 1944

(section enlargement of Photo 1)

The Sept. 13 photo (right) shows two buildings (arrows) on two of the spots which on the May 31 photo (left) looked like their vegetation had been removed. The third spot was left unused. Hence these spots were created in preparation for constructing these buildings.



Photo 3 – Sept. 13, 1944



Photo 4 (top and right) – May 31, 1944
(enlargement of Photo 1)

The shapes visible west of Crematoria 1 & 2 (Photo 4) look different than the other objects, as they are surrounded by thin dark lines. They are located in the midst of farm fields in the territory of Pławy. This location was accessible from five roads, of which only one comes from the Birkenau camp. These shapes have never been implicated in any activities connected with claimed exterminations, and the place seems too far away from the camp to have served for the burial of corpses. It is therefore likely that these shapes have an agricultural background.



Photo 5 – May 31, 1944
(section enlargement of Photo 1)

This leaves us with the four elongated shapes in the wooded area north of Crematorium 4 (Photo 5, left). The light color suggests that the vegetation was recently removed, but if these are freshly covered mass graves, the area around them would be just as denuded of vegetation caused by the labor crews moving corpses and soil. So they must be older. On later photos (next page) the shapes are less visible, both because the canopy of surrounding trees hides them and probably because vegetation has grown on them. If we assume graves of 2 m depth with a cover layer of 1 m and a realistic density of 2, and a maximum density of 5, corpses per m³, we calculate as grave capacities:

$$3 \times (100 \text{ m} \times 10 \text{ m}) + 1 \times (130 \text{ m} \times 10 \text{ m}) = 4,300 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{volume at 1 m depth: } 4,300 \text{ m}^3 \text{ (151,900 ft}^3\text{)}$$

$$\text{realistic: } \mathbf{8,600 \text{ corpses}} \text{ (absolute maximum: 21,500 corpses)}$$

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Photo 6 – June 26, 1944



Photo 7 – July 8, 1944



Photo 8 – Aug. 23, 1944

On three later air photos the four long rectangular shapes in the wooded area north of Crematorium 4 can still be seen, but they have blended in considerably with the surrounding vegetated area.

What we should expect to see

The only real evidence of mass graves at Auschwitz are therefore the four objects north of Crematorium 4.

Looking at the camp's history, we learn that the first mass graves at Auschwitz were dug already in the winter of 1941-1942, because from October 1941 to February 1942, 8,320 Soviet PoWs died in Birkenau according to the *Totenbuch* (register of the deceased), while the old crematorium at Auschwitz could hardly keep up with cremating the dead inmates of this camp as recorded in the *Leichenhallenbuch* (morgue register) of Block 28. To make matters worse, in July 1942 a typhus epidemic broke out in the Birkenau camp. It reached its peak a month later, when some 8,600 inmates died during that month alone, almost double as many as during the previous month (about 4,400 deaths; ref.: Pressac, *Les Crématoires*, pp. 144ff.). Also starting in the summer of 1942, the old crematorium was inoperable due to major damage to its chimney. No other cremation facility existed at that time. Hence, in the summer of 1942 the corpses of many thousand inmates who had succumbed to the epidemic could not be cremated. They were also initially buried in shallow mass graves. However, due to the high ground water level in the area – see Photo 9 and the footnote two pages earlier – these corpses threatened to poison the camp's fresh water supply. For this reason they had to be exhumed and were probably incinerated on large pyres. This gruesome task was most likely performed by inmates in late 1942. (Ref.: Czech, pp. 108, 242, 275.) No air photos or ground-level photos of these activities exist, but these horrific events may be the true core of inmate stories about thousands of corpses being burned on pyres in pits.



Photo 9 – 1997

The air photos of 1944 do not show any activities resembling the events that must have unfolded at Birkenau in late 1942. However, traces of shallow temporary mass graves could potentially be visible on air photos taken some 1½ years later. The rectangular shapes north of Crematorium 4 may be such traces. Only excavations of the relevant areas could yield evidence to support or refute this thesis, but as far as is known, no such investigations have been undertaken by the Auschwitz Museum so far.

According to Danuta Czech's *Auschwitz Chronicle*, 68,000 persons were gassed and buried in 1942 until the mass graves were exhumed and the disinterred corpses were cremated on pyres (starting on September 21, 1942). Hence 4,300 m³ of grave space available would have had to accommodate (68,000 ÷ 4,300 =) about 16 corpses per m³, not to mention the tens of thousands of bodies of deceased Soviet PoWs and registered detainees. This would bring the density in those graves well over 20 bodies per cubic meter – a physical impossibility.

Chapter 6

800,000 Allegedly Executed and Cremated in Treblinka

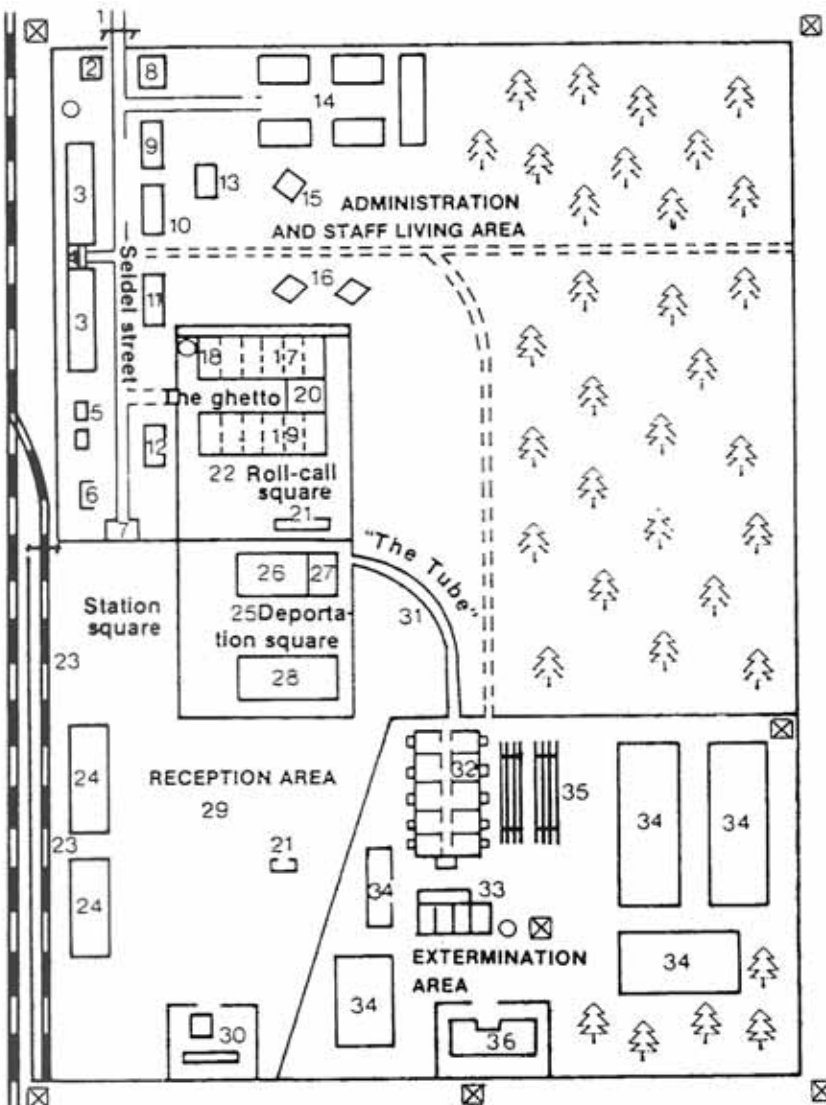
The Treblinka II camp, measuring 470 by 370 meters (1540 by 1210 feet), was established in 1941 on a branching rail spur which led to a gravel-pit camp (Treblinka I). From July to September 1942 a total of 360,000 Jews, or 4,000 per day, were allegedly killed at Treblinka II and buried in large graves in one corner of the camp. (Ref.: Arad, Y., page 127)

In 1942, when the three 5 m × 5 m (16 ft × 16 ft) gas chambers were supposedly unable to process enough people, 700 prison workers are said to have been brought in to build ten new concrete 7 m × 8 m (23 ft × 26 ft) gas chambers on each side of a concrete corridor serviced by a narrow-gauge railway line. (Ref.: Ehrenburg/Grossman, pp. 416f.) From Sept. 1942 to May 1943 a further 440,000

Jews, or 1,600 per day, were allegedly gassed and buried in the southeast corner of the camp (an area shown on maps by survivors as about 90 m × 70 m / 300 ft × 230 ft).

From February to September 1943, the 800,000 bodies, or 3,300 per day, were supposedly dug up, and piles of 2,000 to 3,000 were burned on pyres built on railroad tracks. The resulting 10-m (33-ft)-high flames and smoke could be seen for a long distance. (Ref.: Arad, Y., page 175)

In September 1943 the buildings were allegedly cleared, pine trees were planted, and the area was made to look like a farm. When the Soviets arrived in 1944, they found only some bones as evidence of the 800,000 claimed victims. (Ref.: Donat, A., *The Death Camp Treblinka*.)



Treblinka Map Legend:

1. entrance
9. barber, sick bay, dentist
10. Polish and Ukrainian girls
11. bakery
13. 'gold Jews' working area
15. 'zoo,' stables, pigs
17. tailor, carpenters, sickroom
18. kitchen and laundry
20. locksmith
24. storage disguised as station
25. deportation square
27. barber for women
30. execution site

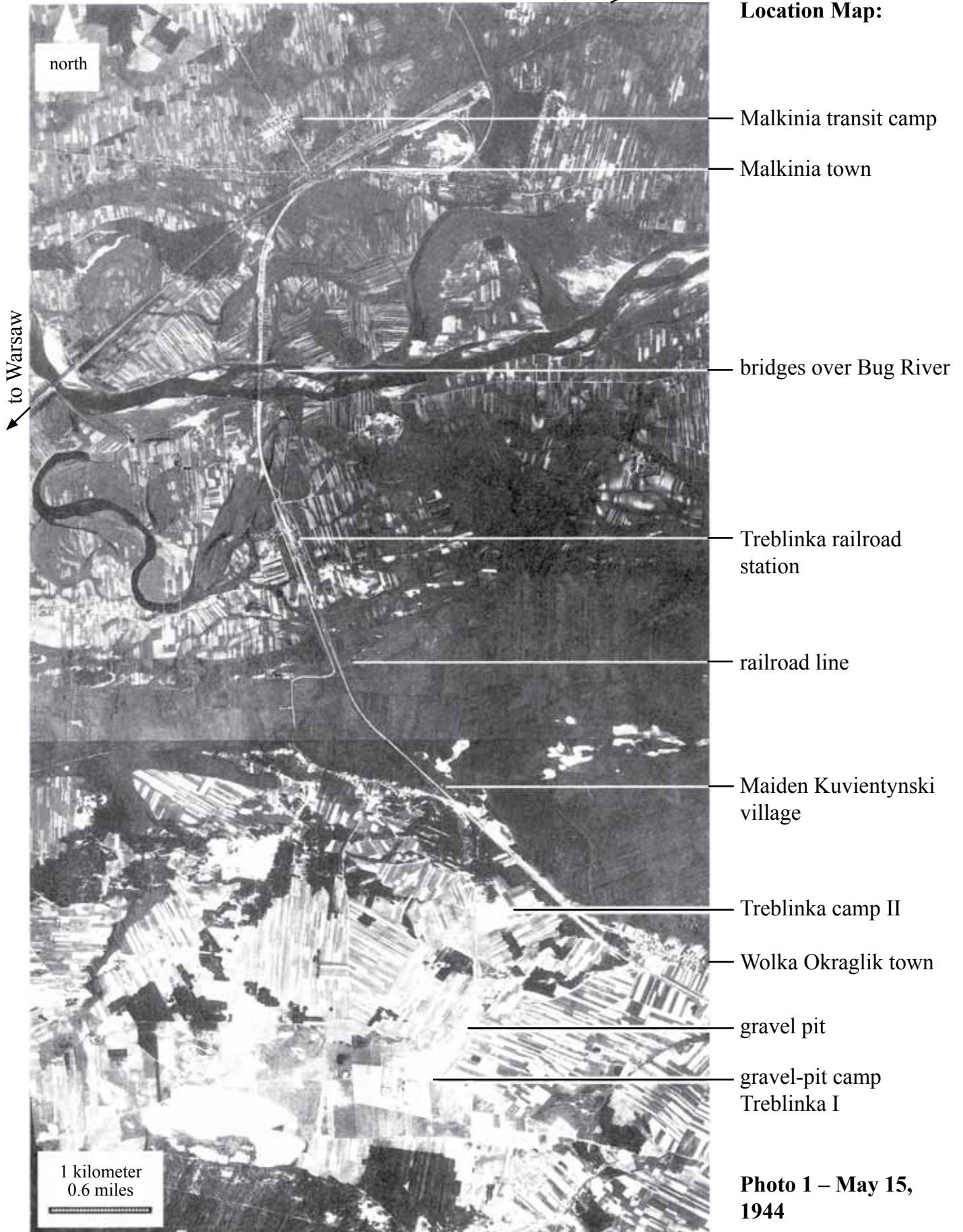
Extermination area:

31. approach to gas chambers
32. 10 new gas chambers
33. 3 old gas chambers
34. burial pits
35. 'roasts' for burning bodies
36. prisoners . kitchen & beds
- ⊗ watchtower
- railway
- * barbed wire fence

Map 1: Drawn on information from an alleged survivor for a 1965 Treblinka Trial in Germany. (Ref.: Arad, Y., p. 39)

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Location Map:



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Location of alleged camp in relation to farms, towns, and railroads

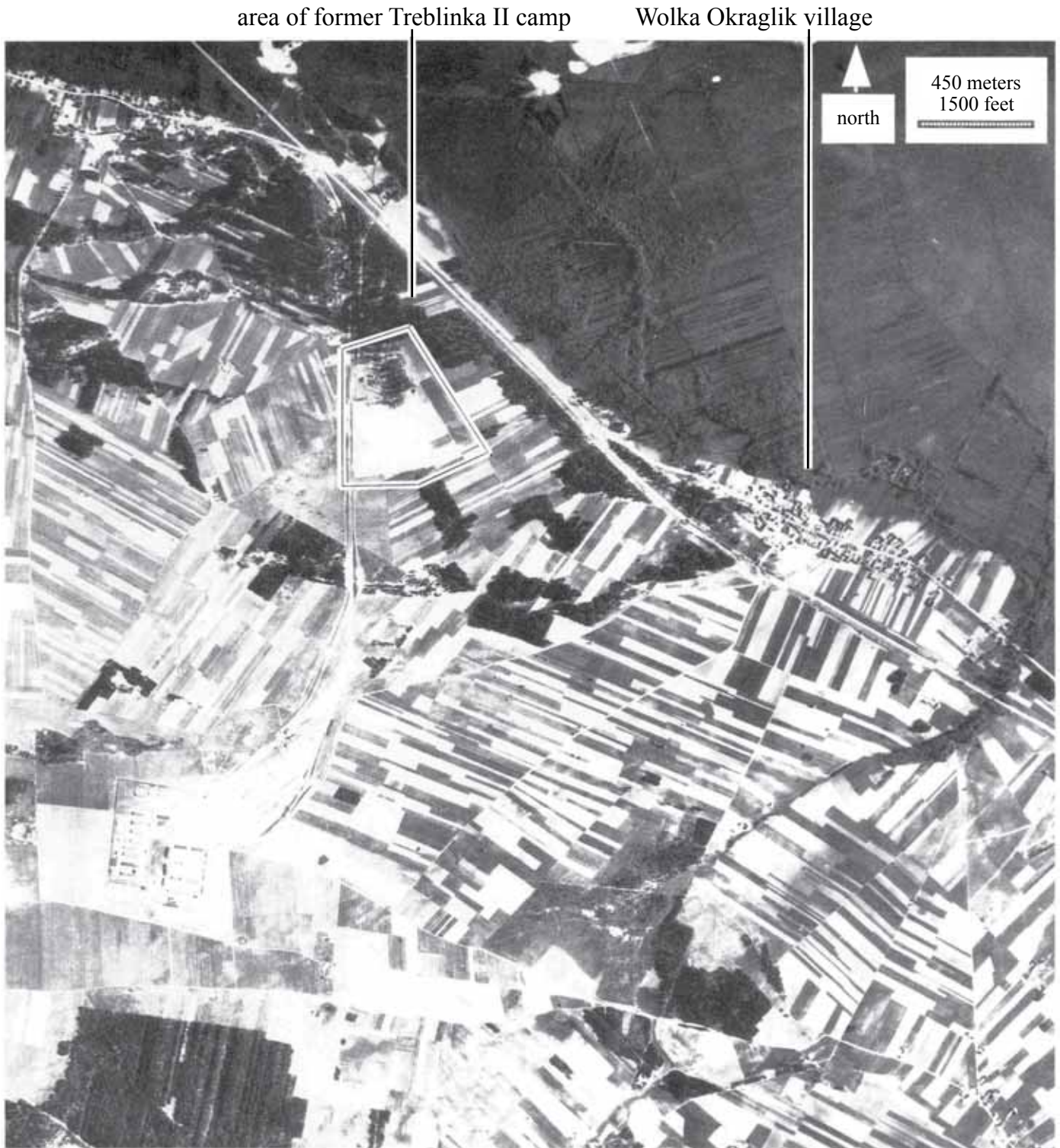


Photo 2 – May 15, 1944: The pentagon-shaped area of the former Treblinka II camp. On the left of it is the rail line and road going down to the gravel-pit camp Treblinka I at the bottom left of the photo. On the right is Wolka Okraglik village just up from the main rail and road line going north. Almost all of the rectangular farming plots around the villages appear to have been worked in 1944.

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The Treblinka II Camp: eyewitness accusations

Claims about the number of victims, the murder weapons used, the way the corpses were disposed of, and the time sequence and duration of the events are contradictory. The claims summarized at the beginning of this chapter were selected arbitrarily by their respective authors. A critical analysis of the various claims in combination with other evidence results in the following least-unlikely scenarios:*



From late July to end of October 1942 (100 days), some 680,000 people, or 6,800 per day, were killed in three gas chambers of together 48 m². The victims' bodies were buried in mass graves in the southeast corner of the camp (an area about 90 by 70 meters).

From November 1942 to early summer 1943 (some 200 days), some 190,000 more people, or 950 per day, were killed in 13 gas chambers totalling 368 m². Burying the corpses continued until early 1943 up to a total of roughly 800,000.

Between April and the end of July 1943 (some 120 days), about 870,000 bodies, or 7,250 per day, were dug up and burned day and night on gigantic pyres built on railroad tracks using little wood as fuel.

In September 1943 the buildings, fences, and watchtowers were removed and the area was made to look like a farm.

150 meters
480 feet

Photo 3 – May 15, 1944

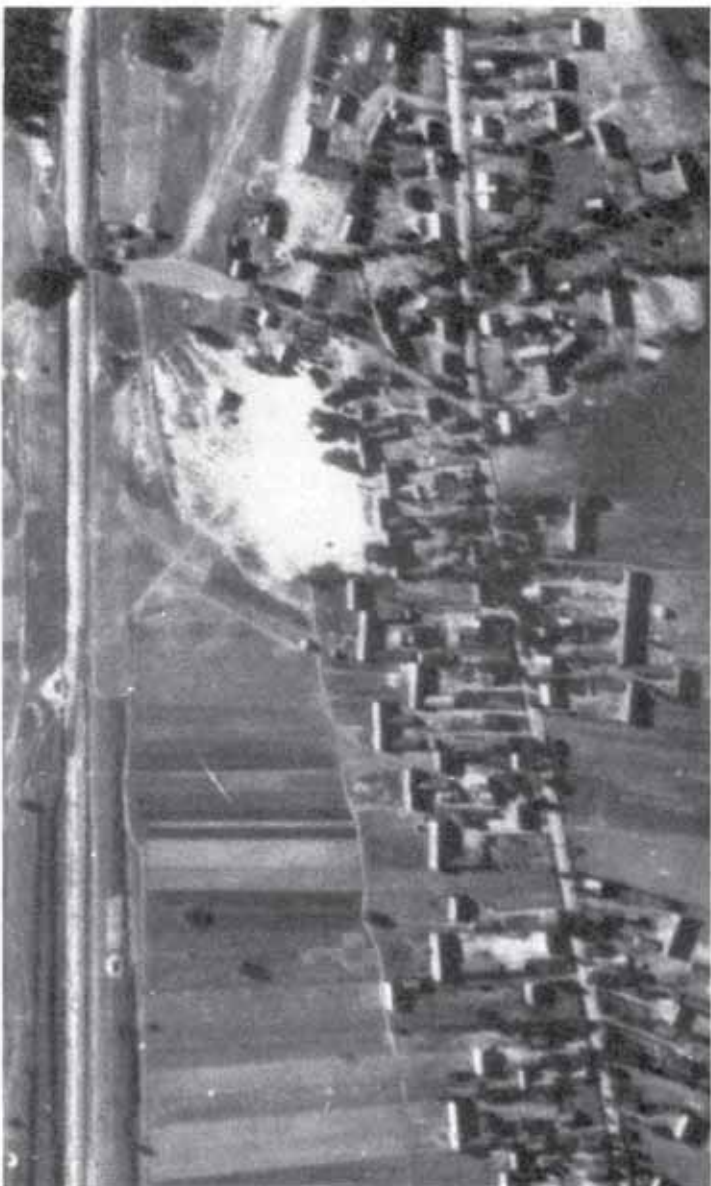
**After viewing air photos on the next pages
these accusations will be answered.**

* See the critical analysis by Mattogno/Graf, *Treblinka*; see also Mattogno/Graf/Kues, esp. pp. 939-952; and Hunt's *The Treblinka Archaeology Hoax*.

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Photo 4 – May 15, 1944: (right)

There is a clear unobstructed view 300 meters (1000 feet) across farms from the road and rail line north of Wolka Okraglik to the camp's location. The trees are one or two rows deep. Farms appear actively worked.



Wolka Okraglik village

Photo 5 – May 31, 1944: (left)

There are 86 houses and other buildings in this portion of Wolka Okraglik village. The road through town proceeds north and parallels the railway line to pass within 300 meters of the camp.

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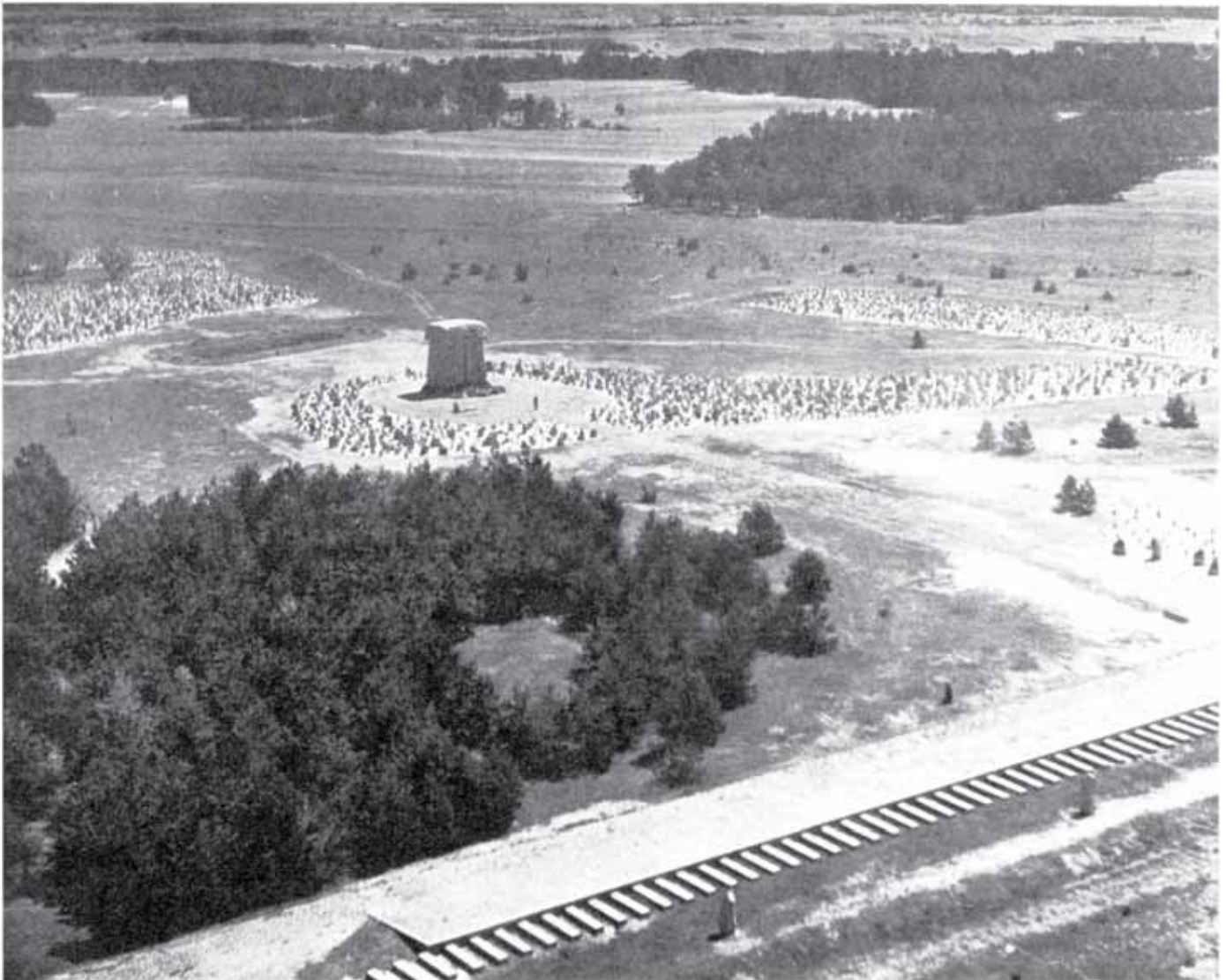


Photo 6 – After 1970: Looking southeast across the symbolic reconstruction of the gravel-pit railroad towards the Treblinka monument. The trees in the foreground do not appear to have changed position since 1944. Wolka Okraglik village is off the photo to the left and the gravel pit to the right.



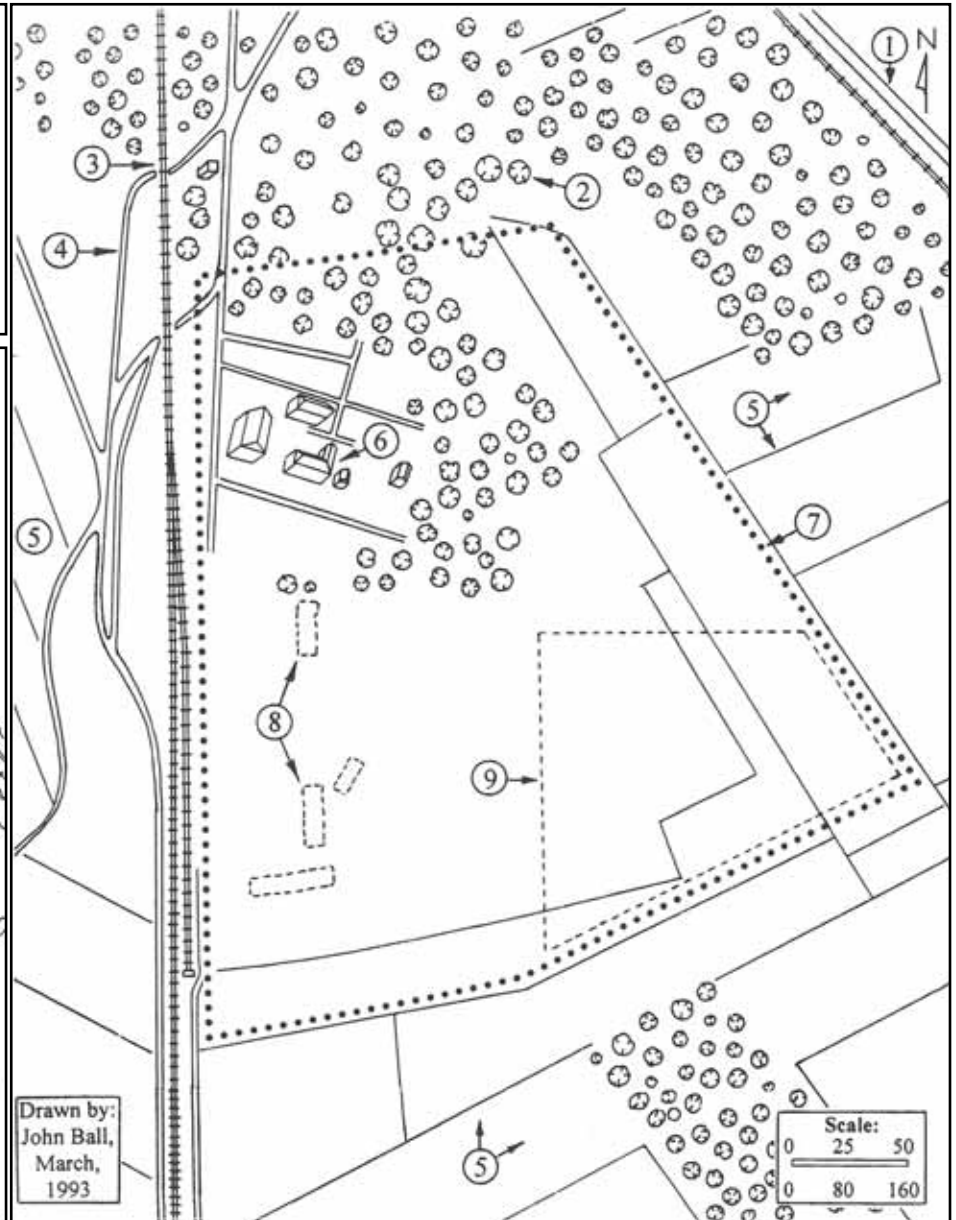
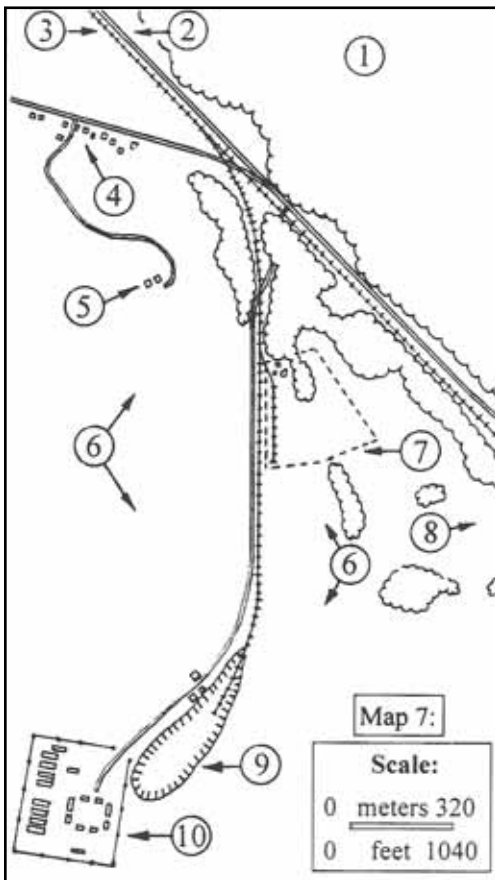
Photo 7 – Before 1960: This photo shows the gravel-pit railroad line and the type of flat open countryside separated by small groups of trees that occur throughout the area. (Ref.: Miroslaw Dragan, Polish Historical Society, Stamford, CT – Treblinka File.)

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Schematic drawings of the Treblinka II Camp and surroundings

Regional map (below)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 trees in forest | 8 Wolka Okraglik village, with 65 buildings, 500 m (1640 ft) east |
| 2 roads | |
| 3 railway line | |
| 4 village | |
| 5 farmhouses | 9 sand and gravel pit |
| 6 farms tilled during 1944 | 10 labor camp Treblinka I, buildings had cement foundations |
| 7 Treblinka II, alleged murder camp | |



Treblinka II map (right)

- 1 road and rail to Treblinka station 3 km (2 mi.) north
- 2 trees
- 3 branch rail line south to labor camp Treblinka I
- 4 roads
- 5 farms that were ploughed and tilled during 1944; 1940 air photos show farming occurred at this time as well
- 6 five buildings without fences during May 1944 were destroyed between May and Sept. 1944, so that only the walls remained (Soviets entered the area in August 1944)
- 7 boundaries of Treblinka II, alleged murder camp

- 8 scars in ground vegetation in 1944 photos that could have been caused by buildings without cement foundations that had been demolished
- 9 location on some eyewitness maps that show cement gas chambers, graves and cremation grills. However, 1944 air photos show no evidence of previous buildings, graves, or scorched earth. It is alleged that cement foundations were removed, however, cement foundation floors of all buildings at the Treblinka I labor camp were not removed and existed in 1993. Comparing to possible packing density (max. 5/m³), only a small fraction of 870,000 could have been buried here (see caption to Photo 10 farther down).

Map drawn from May to November 1944 air photos as reproduced here.

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Change in boundaries between trees and farms shows the alleged camp area...

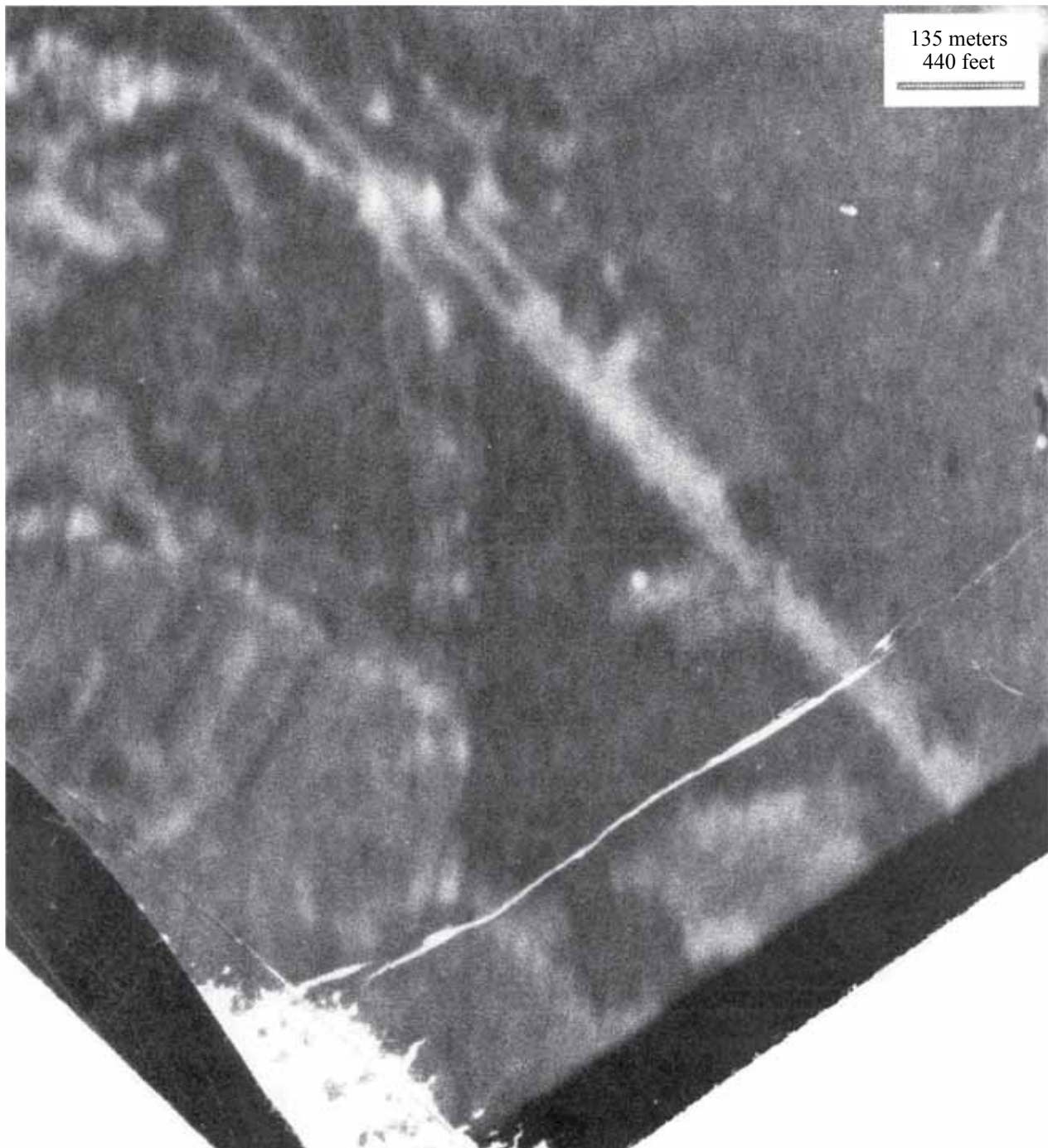


Photo 8 – May 25, 1940: This is the only pre-1944 air photo of the alleged Treblinka camp area which has been found up to this time. The July 1942 to September 1943 camp was located next to the torn corner at the bottom of the photo. By comparing the railway lines, roads, and boundaries between groups of trees and farmland with the photo on the next page we can state:

- (a) The gravel-pit railway line and other rail lines and roads were installed before 1940.
- (b) Groups of trees in the northern third of the camp area were removed after 1940.
- (c) The five houses in the 1944 photos were either not yet built or were completely surrounded by trees in 1940.
- (d) The farms have visible lines, which indicates they were being worked.

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...was as visible from surrounding roads, farms, and villages in 1940 as in 1944.



Photo 9 – May 15, 1944:

The 1940 and 1944 photos have been enlarged to the same scale and reveal the following:

Small groups of trees in the northern third of the camp area were cut. The five buildings were most likely constructed after 1940. The farming areas to the east towards Wolka Okraglik village and to the west remained *unchanged* from 1940 to 1944. This means the camp area was as *visible* from the surrounding roads, farms, and villages in 1940 as it was in 1944.

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May 1944 photo shows no evidence of railroad side spur or previous camp...

55 meters
180 feet



five buildings next to entrance road appear intact

mass-grave area described by eyewitness survivors

Photos 10 – May 15, 1944:

According to maps and descriptions of some survivors, the mass graves were dug in an area of about 90 by 70 meters (300 by 225 feet) in the southeast corner of the camp. However, based on a grave depth of 5 m (as claimed) filled with bodies 4 m deep (covered with a top layer of soil 1 m thick), this area could have held only between 50,000 (at 2/m³) and 125,000 (at 5/m³) bodies. To bury 870,000, the area needed would have been 7 to 17 times larger, covering an area almost as big as, or even bigger than, the entire camp. Taking into account space needed between individual mass graves for work crews to move about and for storing excavated soil, the real area needed would exceed the camp's size under any circumstance.

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...while November photo shows no building foundations as at Malkinia Camp



Photo 11 – November 1944:

Three buildings are destroyed and two are missing roofs. Within the camp area there is no visible evidence of previous cement ‘gas chamber’ foundations, building foundations, a rail line, or fences as would be expected if the eyewitness accounts were true. This contrasts to the visible foundations of destroyed buildings at the Malkinia and gravel-pit camp (Treblinka I). There is growth of what appears to be dark grass, moss, or other vegetation on the ground which would not occur for years if there had been large continuously burning fires which would have destroyed the organic material in the soil.

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Dismantling Malkinia Camp, and Bug River bridge bombed

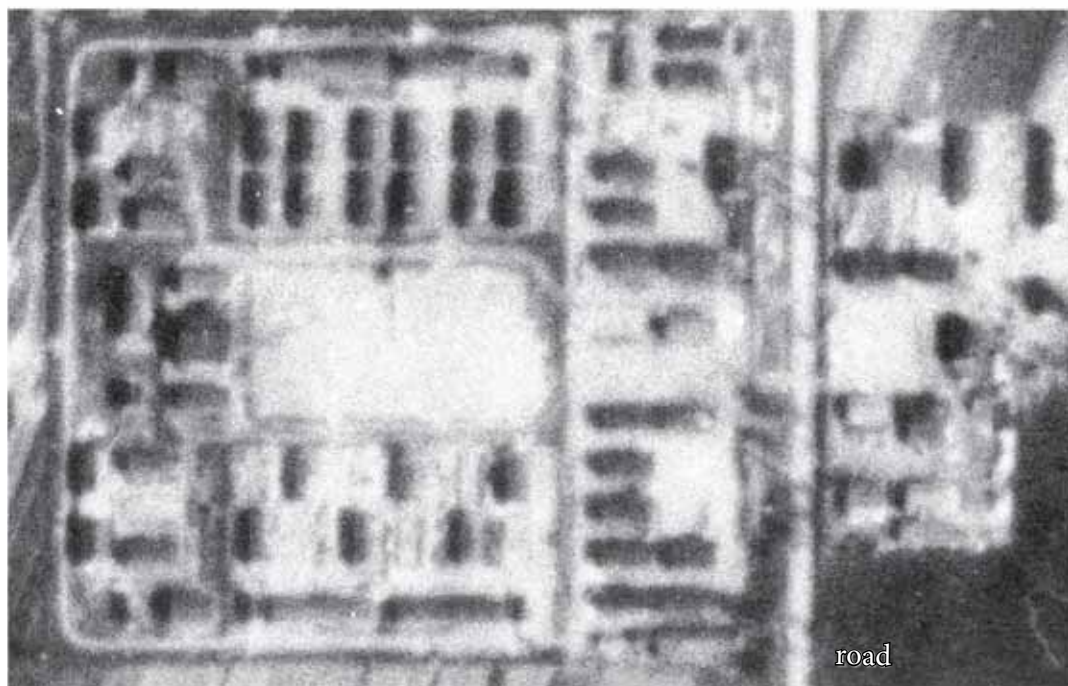


Photo 12 – May 15, 1944: (above)

The vertical road goes through the camp on the right side of the photo. All buildings appear undamaged. The camp could still be occupied. There are a ditch and fence but no watchtowers. There are 55 buildings left of the road and 11 buildings right of the road. The Malkinia camp was built after 1940, as the May 25th, 1940, photo shows only farms.

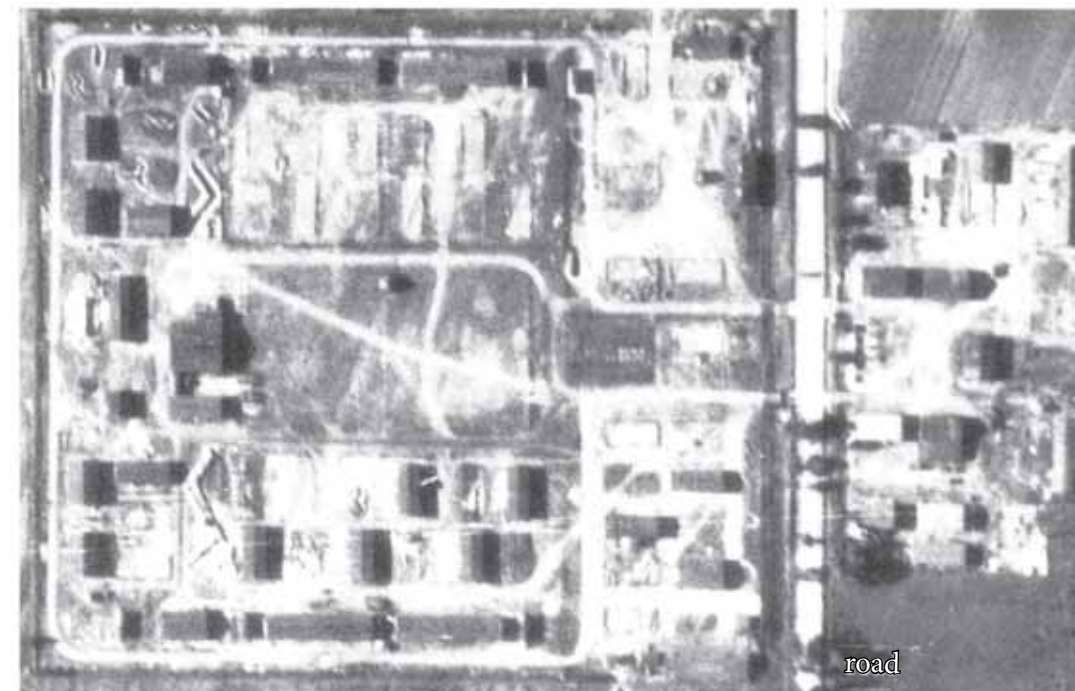


Photo 13 – Fall 1944:

In the camp 26 buildings have been demolished and 29 remain. The foundations of the demolished buildings are visible.

Scale: 2 centimeters = 170 meters, or 1 inch = 700 feet

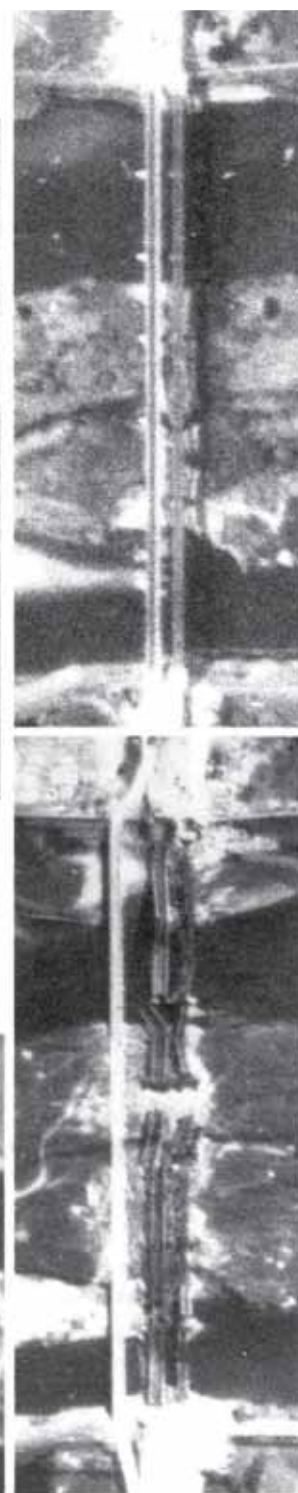


Photo 14 – May 15, 1944, and Photo 15 – Fall 1944: (top)

Bridge over Bug river was not bombed until after May 15th, 1944.

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Dismantling of Treblinka I Camp proceeds slowly like Malkinia Camp dismantling

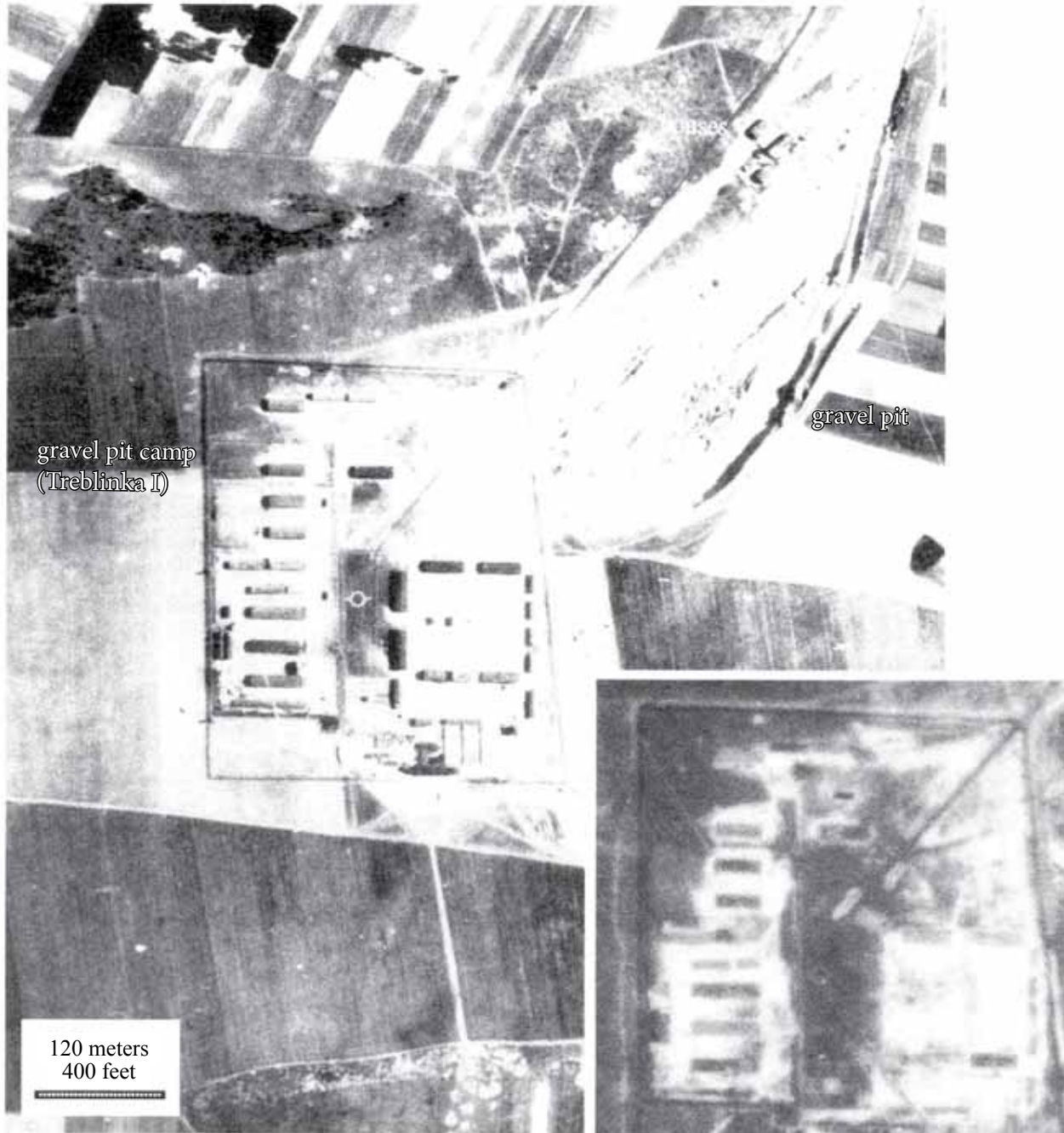


Photo 16 – May 15, 1944:

All buildings are intact in the gravel-pit camp Treblinka I. Supplies appear to be piled at the bottom of the camp close to the surrounding ditch, and the circle in the central garden has been trimmed. The camp has the appearance of being inhabited, but it is not possible to determine if it was in operation at this time.

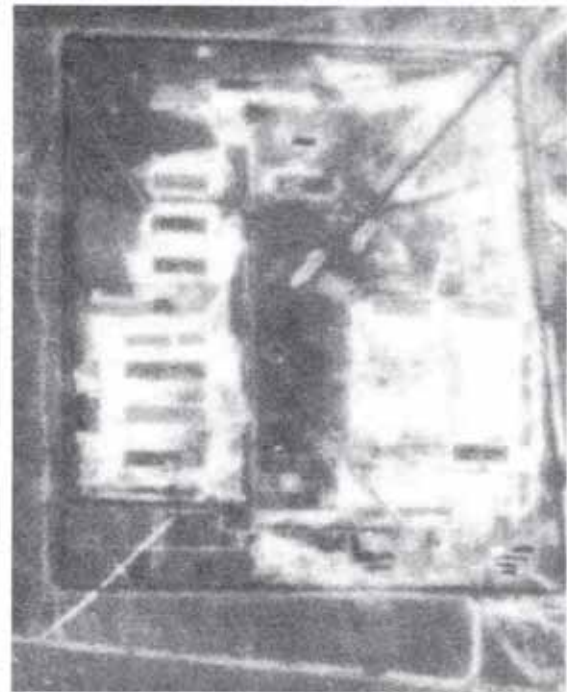


Photo 17 – September 2, 1944:

Five buildings appear to have been dismantled or destroyed, the supplies are no longer visible, and the garden is unattended.

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The Treblinka Camp accusations versus what the air photos reveal

Allegations by witnesses:

What 1940 and 1944 air photos reveal:

In 1942 and early 1943 some 870,000 people were killed and buried in mass graves in the southeast corner of the Treblinka camp. This area measured some 90 m × 70 m (300 ft × 230 ft). Assuming that half of the area was used for mass graves filled 4 m deep (13 ft), the graves would have had a volume of some 12,500 m³.

Using the Hamburg and Katyn examples of up to 2 bodies per m³, only 25,000 corpses could have been buried in this area, or only some 3% of the 870,000 bodies that are alleged to have been buried. The area needed to bury 870,000 would have been some 220,000 m², or 470 m × 470 m (1540 ft × 1540 ft) or an area some 35 times larger than the area claimed.

Between July 1942 and February 1943 about 870,000 people, or 3,500 per day, were exterminated in first 3, then 13 gas chambers, and subsequently buried in huge mass graves.

An unobstructed view 300 meters (1000 feet) across farms from the Wolka Okraglik access road and 5 meters (16 feet) from the gravel-pit road and railway would have allowed everyone in the area to see and hear the executions.

During 120 days in 1943, about 870,000 bodies, or 7,250 per day, were dug up and burned day and night on huge pyres fueled by wood.

Large fires would have attracted attention from local villagers and spies working in the area. There is no evidence of ground disturbance caused by burial of the large amount of bones and ash that would result from burning 870,000 bodies, and there is no ground scarring from large fires.

In September 1943 the buildings, fences, and watchtowers were removed.

There is no evidence of building foundations such as those at Malkinia camp and the gravel-pit camp (Treblinka I). The May 1944 photos show no soil disturbance where the cement 'gas chamber' foundations or fences would have been.

The area was made to look like a farm.

The area does look like a farm in which the five farmhouses were either dismantled or destroyed between May and September 1944, and the farmland was not worked during 1944.

A large extermination camp operated at this location from early 1942 to the end of 1943 in which 870,000 people were murdered, buried, dug up, and then burned on large open fires.

There is no evidence to suggest any more buildings than the five houses in the May 1944 photo existed at this location in 1942 and 1943, and there is no evidence of mass burials and burnings. The alleged executions, burials, and burnings would have been visible across farmland to thousands of local villagers for 14 months from July 1942 to September 1943. There is therefore no evidence an extermination camp was located here.

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Comparing the Katyn murder site to the alleged Treblinka murder site

Katyn:

Treblinka:



Photo 18

4,400 shot and buried in 5 weeks from April 3 to May 11, 1940 = 120 per day

4,100 bodies dug up in 2 months from March 29 to June 7, 1943 = 60 per day

in the center of a forest of 1 km² (2/5 square mile) beside a narrow road and no houses

no witnesses, as no one was allowed entry into the isolated forest with 1 windy road

1940 and 1942 photos show no change in boundaries between the forest and cleared areas

4,100 bodies buried in graves totalling 96 meters (315 feet) long and 7 meters (23 feet) wide, at 2 corpses per m³

local villagers and spies didn't witness the killings, so no reports were sent out of the area

allegedly 870,000 gassed and buried in 8 months from July 1942 to February 1943 = 3,500 per day

alleged 870,000 dug up and burned on large fires within 120 days = 7,250 per day

surrounded by active farms with no trees and next to a road and railway leading to an active labor camp

thousands of witnesses from open farms, a village 1 kilometer (5/8 mile) away, and roads

1940 and 1944 photos show no change between the boundaries of tree groves and farms around the camp site

allegedly 870,000 buried in 90 m × 70 m (300 ft × 230 ft) area, but it would have taken an area 35 times larger than that

local villagers and spies would have witnessed gassings and cremations during 1942 and 1943 and sent out reports



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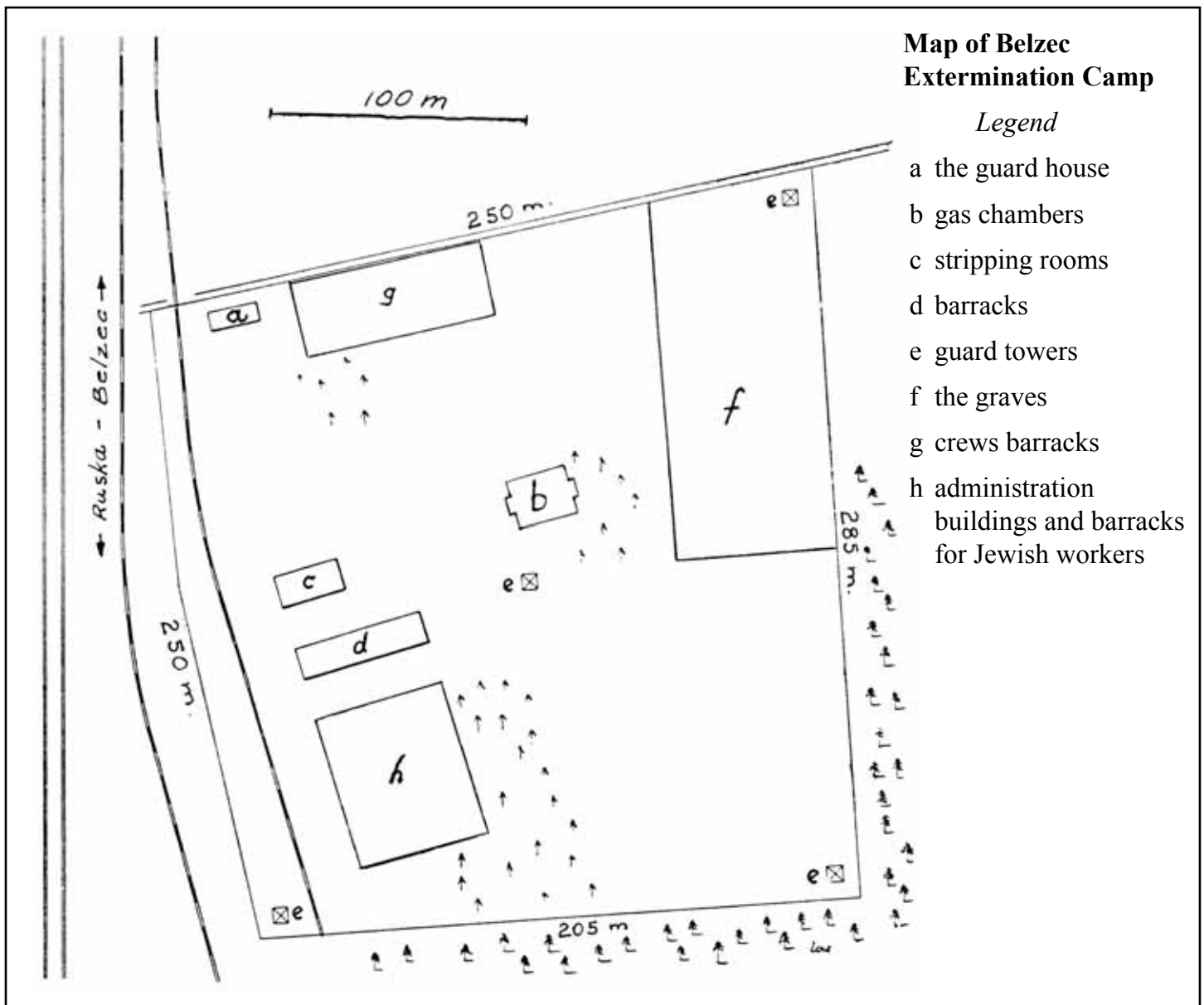
600,000 Allegedly Cremated in Belzec Camp

Belzec was established in the summer of 1940 as a labor camp on the north-south rail line on a side rail spur south of Belzec town. From March to December 1942 about 600,000 Jews were gassed and buried in the Belzec camp grounds.

From November 1942 to March 1943 the 600,000 bodies were dug up and burned on large pyres built on railroad tracks. Ashes and bones were buried in

ditches. After May 1943, the camp was dismantled and pine trees were planted to cover the previous mass graves. (Ref.: Arad, Y., pages 126f., and Gutman, I.)

In 1945 the Polish government measured the camp area and the resulting map accompanied a report describing the mass exterminations (Ref.: Szrojt, E.).*



Map 1 – 1945: The map commissioned by the Polish government to accompany their mass-extermiation report. (Ref.: based on map in Szrojt, E., unpaginated insert.)

* Similar to Treblinka, claims about the number of victims, the murder weapons used, the way the corpses were disposed of, and the time sequence and duration of the events are contradictory. For a critical analysis of the various claims in combination with other evidence see Mattogno, *Belzec*.

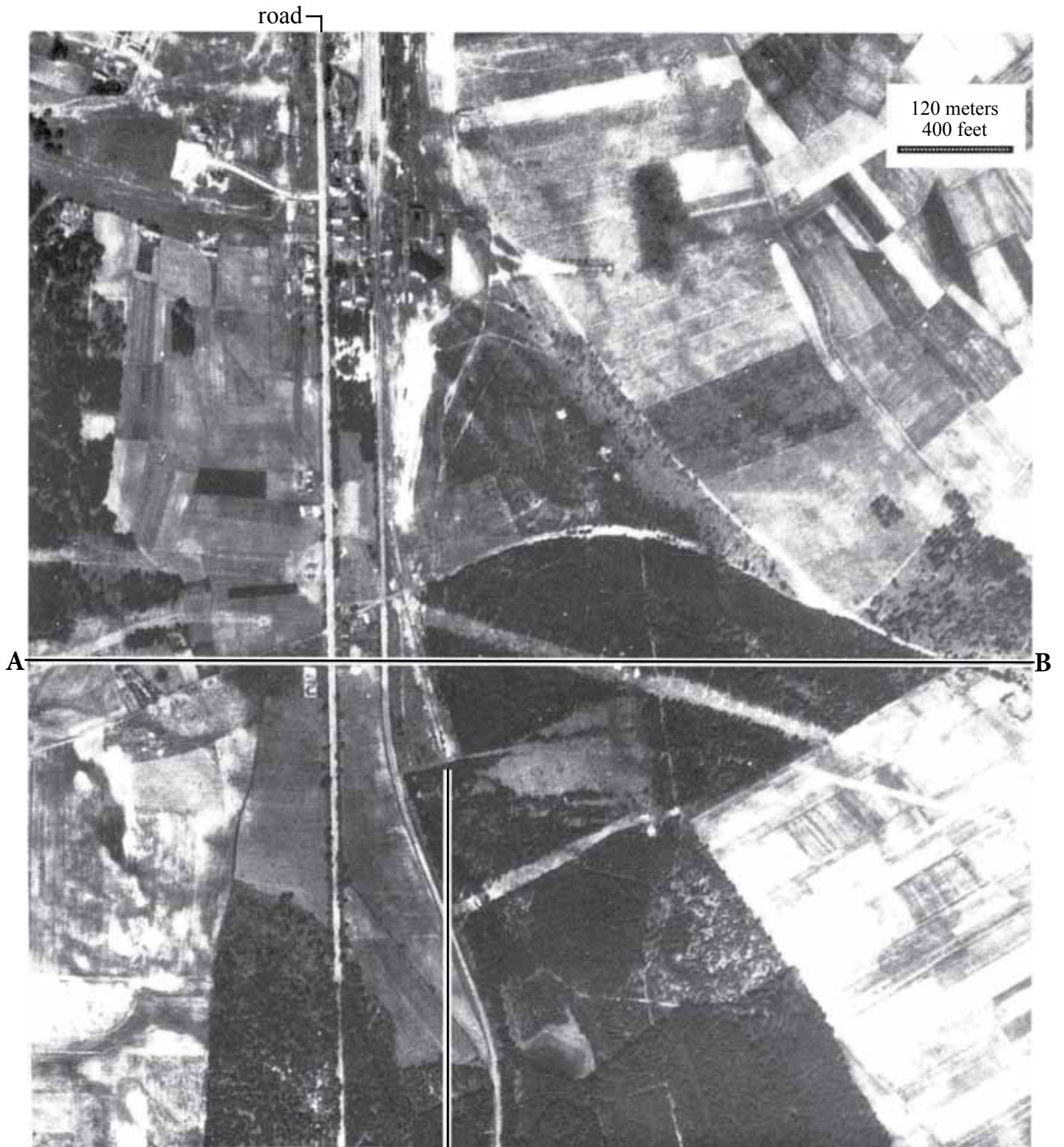
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Top of the ridge that parallels the railroad track going to Lysa Mountain just below the photo-

Photo 1 – May 26, 1940: The railroad line which runs from bottom right to top left of the photo passes Belzec railroad station in the middle and Belzec town in the upper left of the picture.

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railroad side spur installed before 1940

main railroad line running south from Tomaszow

Photo 2 – May 26, 1940: On the cross section along the line from A to B – see drawing below – the ridge is 35 meters (115 feet) above the valley floor.



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1940 to 1944 activities on hillside were visible from roads, houses, and the railroad below

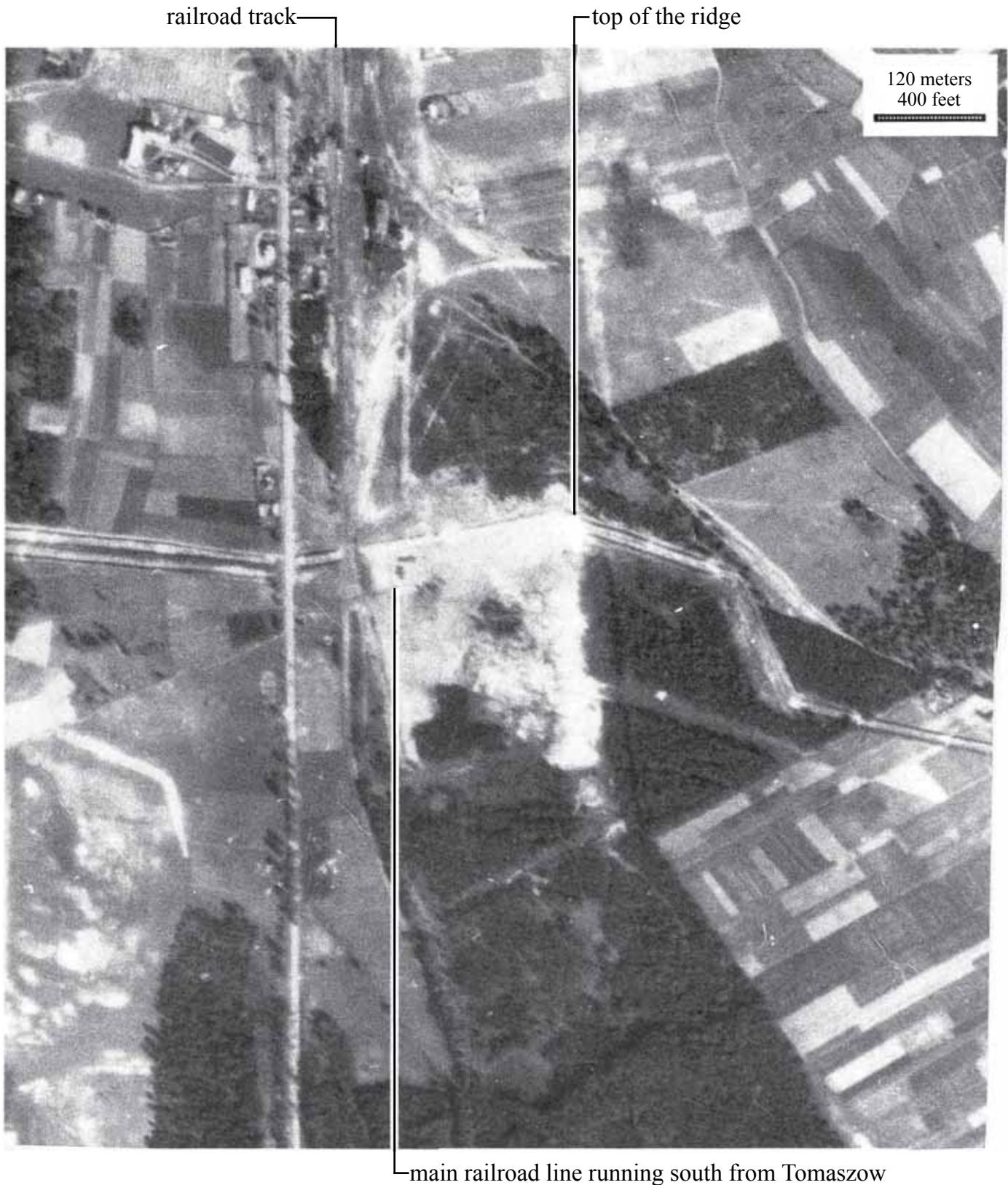
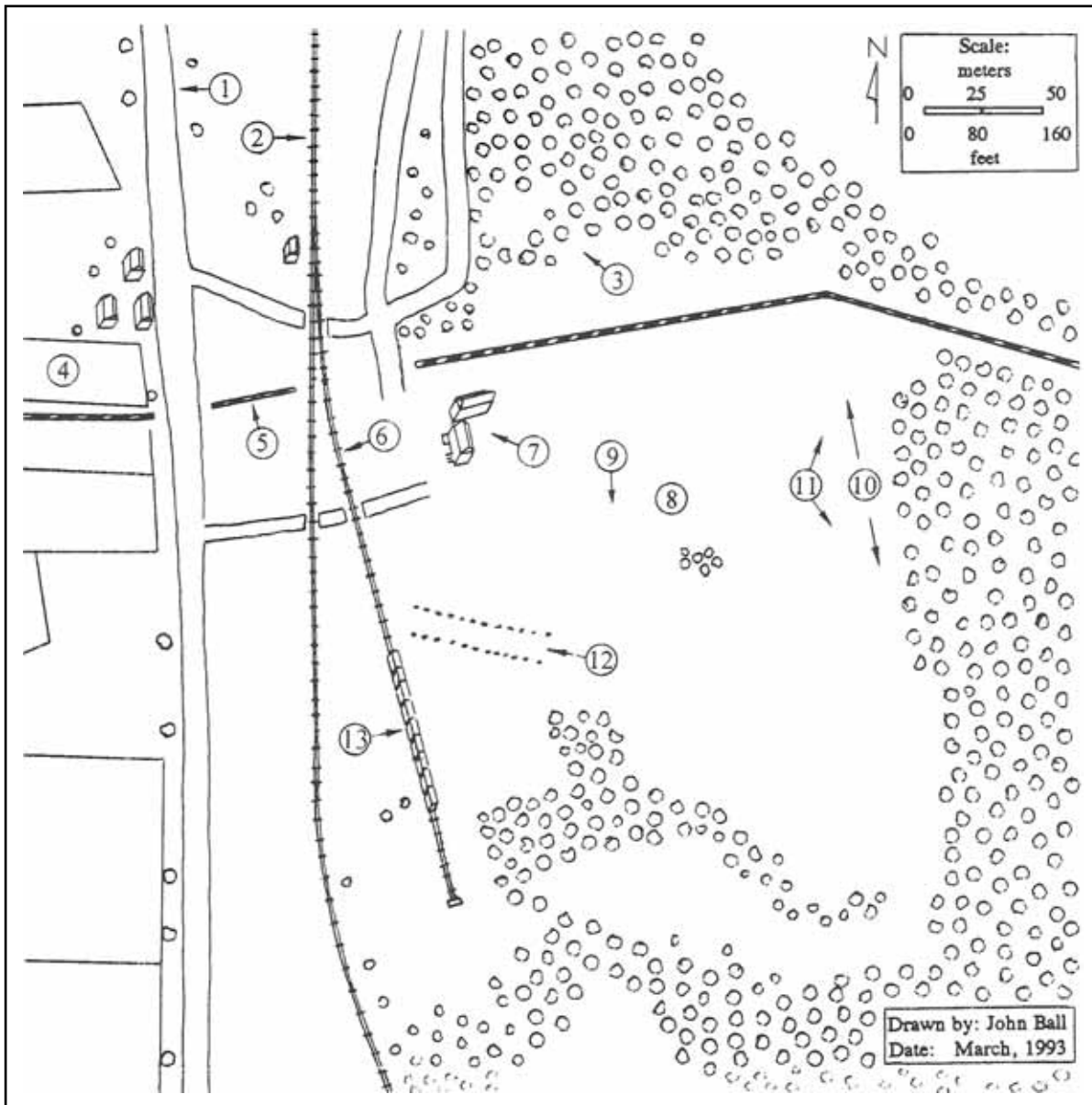


Photo 3 – 1944: Almost all the trees were cut and removed from the cleared area on the hillside, which would have left tree stumps and roots throughout the thin topsoil. Two buildings remained in 1944.

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Schematic drawing of the Belzec Camp area



- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1 roads</p> <p>2 main rail line passed through Belzec train station one kilometer (5/8 mile) north</p> <p>3 trees</p> <p>4 farms that were ploughed and tilled in 1944</p> <p>5 cleared line may have been a power cable</p> <p>6 short railway spur</p> <p>7 the lower building appears to have been a sawmill</p> <p>8 the camp area between the ridge top and the railway spur of 240 m × 250 m (790 ft × 820 ft) was cleared by logging of all trees between 1940 and 1944.</p> <p>9 site of the supposed 1942 homicidal gas chambers</p> <p>10 hill-top ridge 30 m (100 ft) higher in elevation than the railway spur in the valley</p> | <p>11 location shown on alleged survivor's maps where 600,000 bodies were buried; it would have been cumbersome to transport the bodies uphill from the supposed gas chambers</p> <p>12 heavily worn path in the soil appears to have been a skid for sliding logs downhill to the rail cars</p> <p>13 rail cars</p> <p>Similarity between the Sobibor and Belzec camp: Both camps were erected in a forested area. In 1944, both camp areas had been almost completely cleared of trees. This required intensive logging activities, pointing to the fact that both camps also served as logging camps.</p> |
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The alleged mass graves would have been near the top of the hillside...

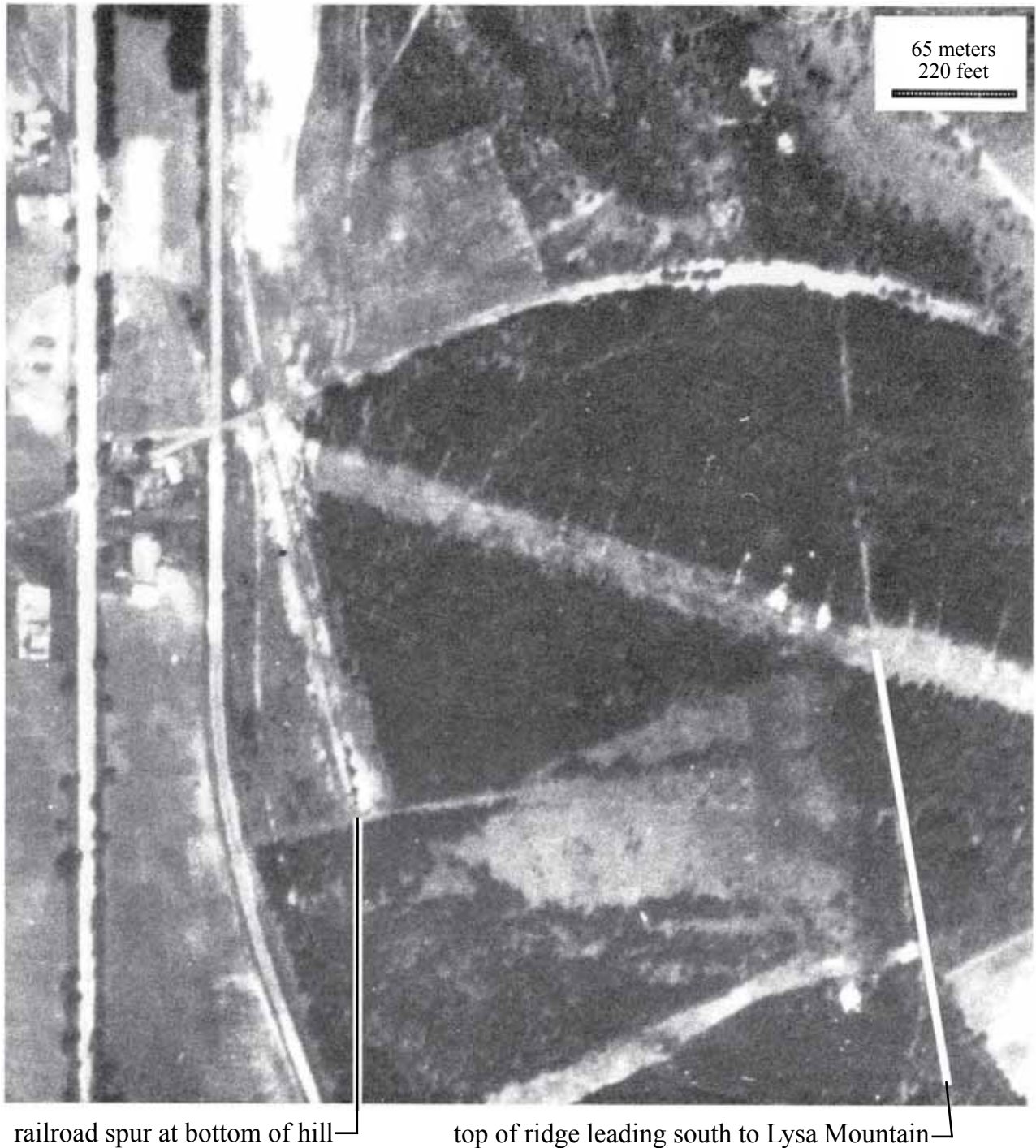


Photo 4 – May 26, 1940: The alleged mass-gravesite as drawn in maps by survivors is supposed to have been near the top of the ridge 200 meters uphill from the railroad spur. The valley bottom would contain thick amounts of earth and silt, but the hillside would contain relatively thin topsoil, and together with the tree stumps and roots caused by logging, it would have been very difficult to dig mass graves.

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...a difficult location to dig mass graves because of the thin topsoil

alleged location of mass graves for 600,000 corpses

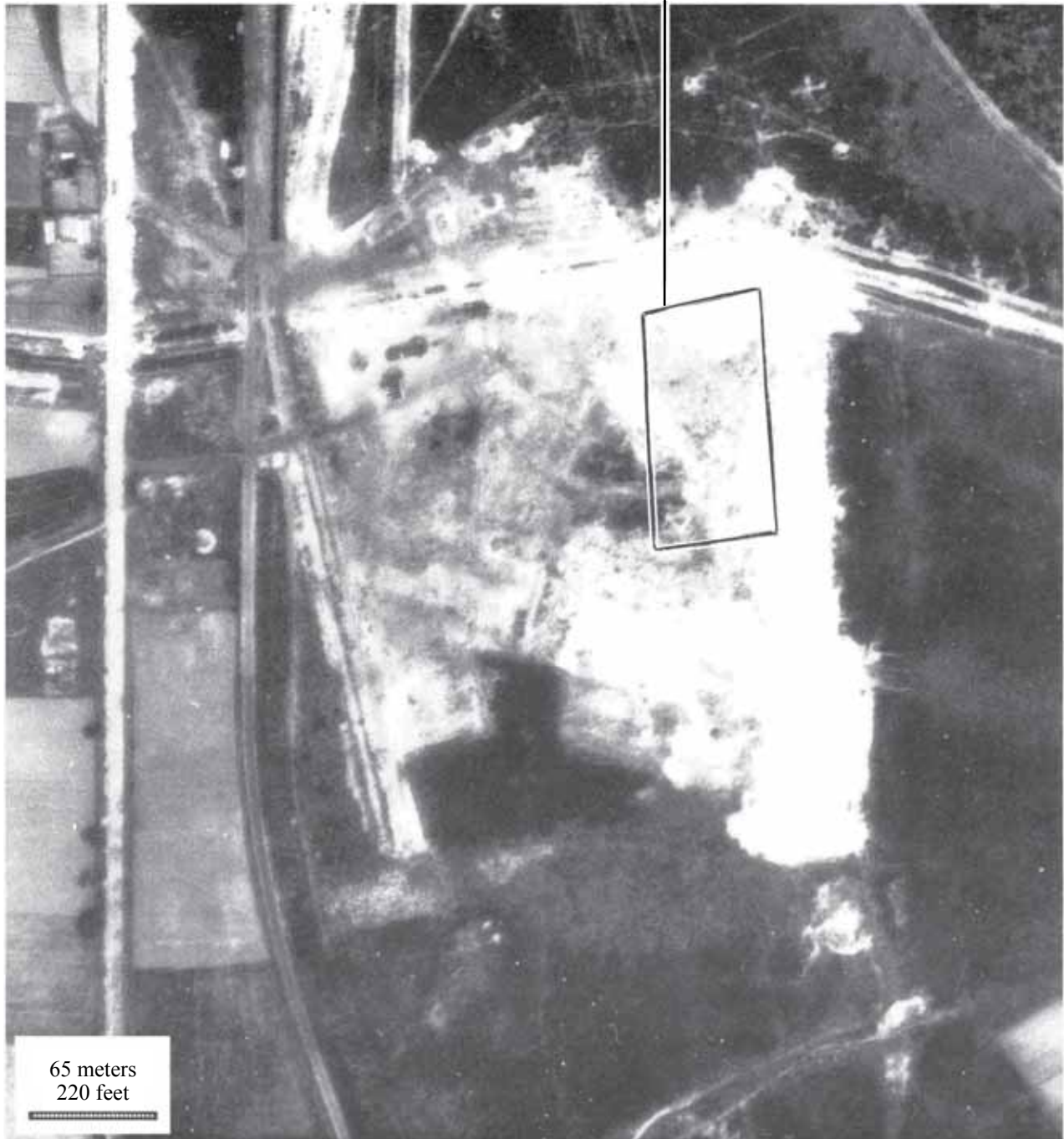


Photo 5 – May 16, 1944: The size of the area where mass graves are said to have been located is 120 m × 55 m (390 ft × 180 ft). Using the Katyn and Hamburg mass-grave examples with a packing density of some 2 bodies per m³, and a filled depth of 4 m, and assuming that half the area was used for graves, the rest for depositing soil and as work space, then this area could have held some 26,400 corpses or 1/23rd of the alleged 600,000.

Air photos reveal that the Belzec camp was a hillside with moderately sized trees which were cut and removed from the train tracks to the top of the ridge from 1940 to 1944 while villagers had an unobstructed view of any activities on the hill. In 1944 two buildings remained on the clearing.

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250,000 Alleged Cremated in Camp Near Sobibor Rail Station

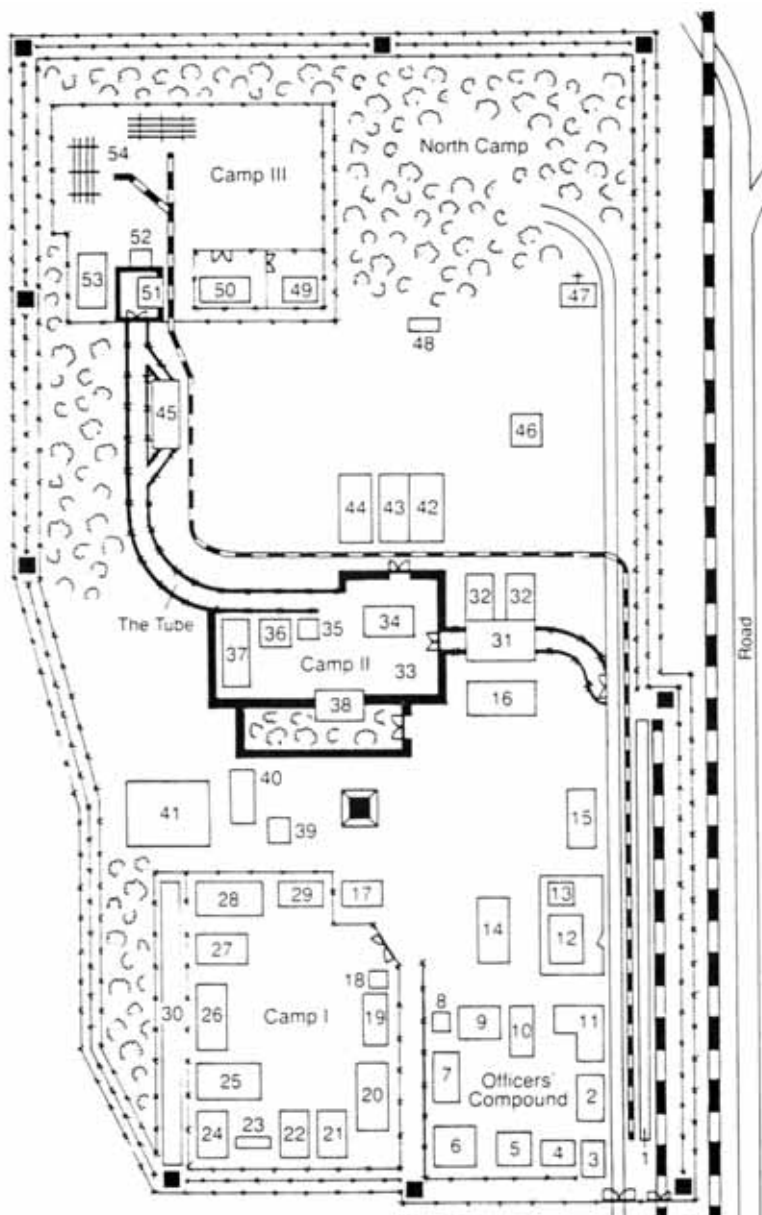
Sobibor was established as a labor camp on a main railway line in late 1941.

Up to the end of 1942, 100,000 Jews were killed and buried in mass graves 60 meters (200 feet) long, 15 meters (50 feet) wide and 6 meters (20 feet) deep in a cleared area in the northwest corner of the camp.

At the end of 1942 the bodies were exhumed and cremated on gigantic pyres. From January to July

1943 a narrow-gauge railway transported Jewish prisoners from the main railway station to the northwest corner of the camp where 150,000 of them were gassed and cremated. (Ref.: Arad, Y., pages 128-130)

At the end of 1943 the camp area was demolished and plowed under before pine trees were planted and a farm was established to make it appear as if a camp has never been there. (Ref.: Gutman, I., pages 1374-1378)*



Map of the Sobibor Camp

Legend:

1. Dentist office for SS
7. Laundry for SS
17. Bakery
19. Tailor shop
27. Prisoner's kitchen
29. Shoemaker shop
37. Stables and barns
39. Ironing room
41. Garden
43. Barracks for sorting clothes
45. Women's barber
46. Incinerator
47. Hospital (the former chapel)

Extermination area:

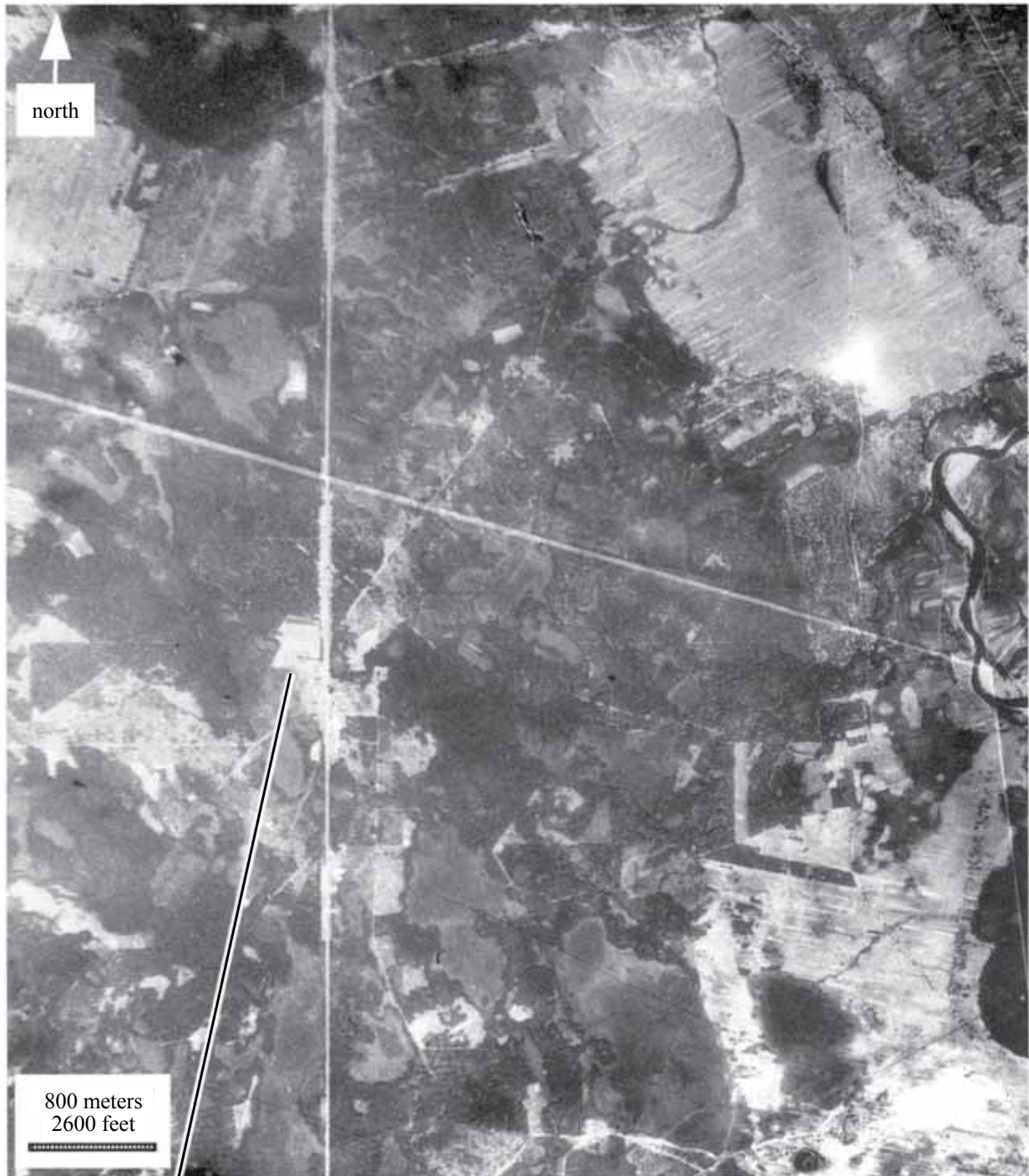
49. Barracks for camp III worker Jews
 50. Kitchen and dentist workshop
 51. Gas chambers
 52. Engine room for the gas chambers
 54. Outdoor crematoria (pyres)
- Watchtower
 Small railroad from main railroad station to camp III
 Barbed wire fence

Map 1: As remembered by survivor Thomas Blatt. (Ref.: Rashke, R. *Escape from Sobibor*, 1982)

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Location map of Sobibor railway station in 1940 photo



— Sobibor railway station was on the straight north-south railway line

Photo 1 – July 11, 1940:

In 1940 the Sobibor railway station was on the main north-south rail line in eastern Poland, and the meandering Bug River, on the right side of the photo, was the border between the German area of influence and the Soviet zone of influence in former Poland. The station was surrounded by forests, logging access roads and some farms.

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1940 photo shows lumber mill, tarworks, a church and forests

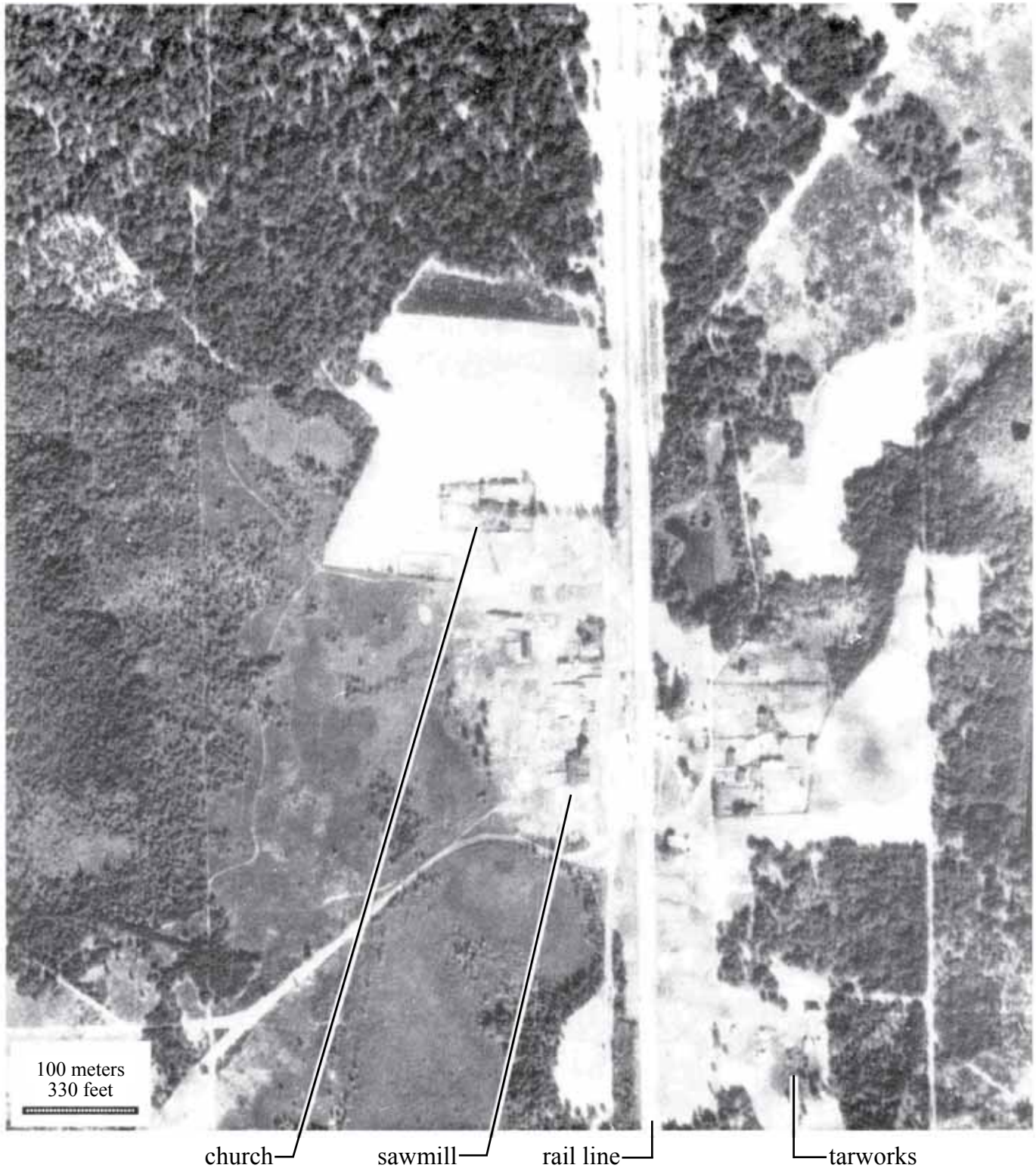


Photo 2 – July 11, 1940: The locations of the lumber mill, tarworks, and church are on a U.S. Army map which was drawn using 1940 air photo coverage. The lumber mill consists of three small buildings and a larger one. The tarworks are not releasing smoke. The church does not appear to have a spire. Forests surround Sobibor railway station. (U.S. Army map series M 751, sheet 3620)

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In 1944 the one logged area shows no building foundation or rail scars



Photo 3 – May 30, 1944:

The previous lumber-mill area now has 14 buildings. The recently logged section in the upper left of the photo measures 170 m × 130 m and has what appears to be four large buildings. Recent cutting of lines through the forest is evident. There is no ground disturbance or scarring caused by large fires, building foundations, or a narrow-gauge railway line.

Air photos reveal around Sobibor railway station that there was a sawmill, tarworks, a church, and houses, and between 1940 and 1944 one small extension was cleared of logs, but there was no disturbance of soil as would have been caused by buildings, a rail spur, mass burials, and large cremation fires.

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Majdanek – Allegedly 80,000 People Executed and Cremated

Majdanek was established in July 1941 on flat farmland in the suburbs of Lublin three kilometers (2 miles) from the center of town (population over 50,000) and one kilometer ($\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile) from Kosminok (population over 8,000) on the main highway from Lublin to Chelm.

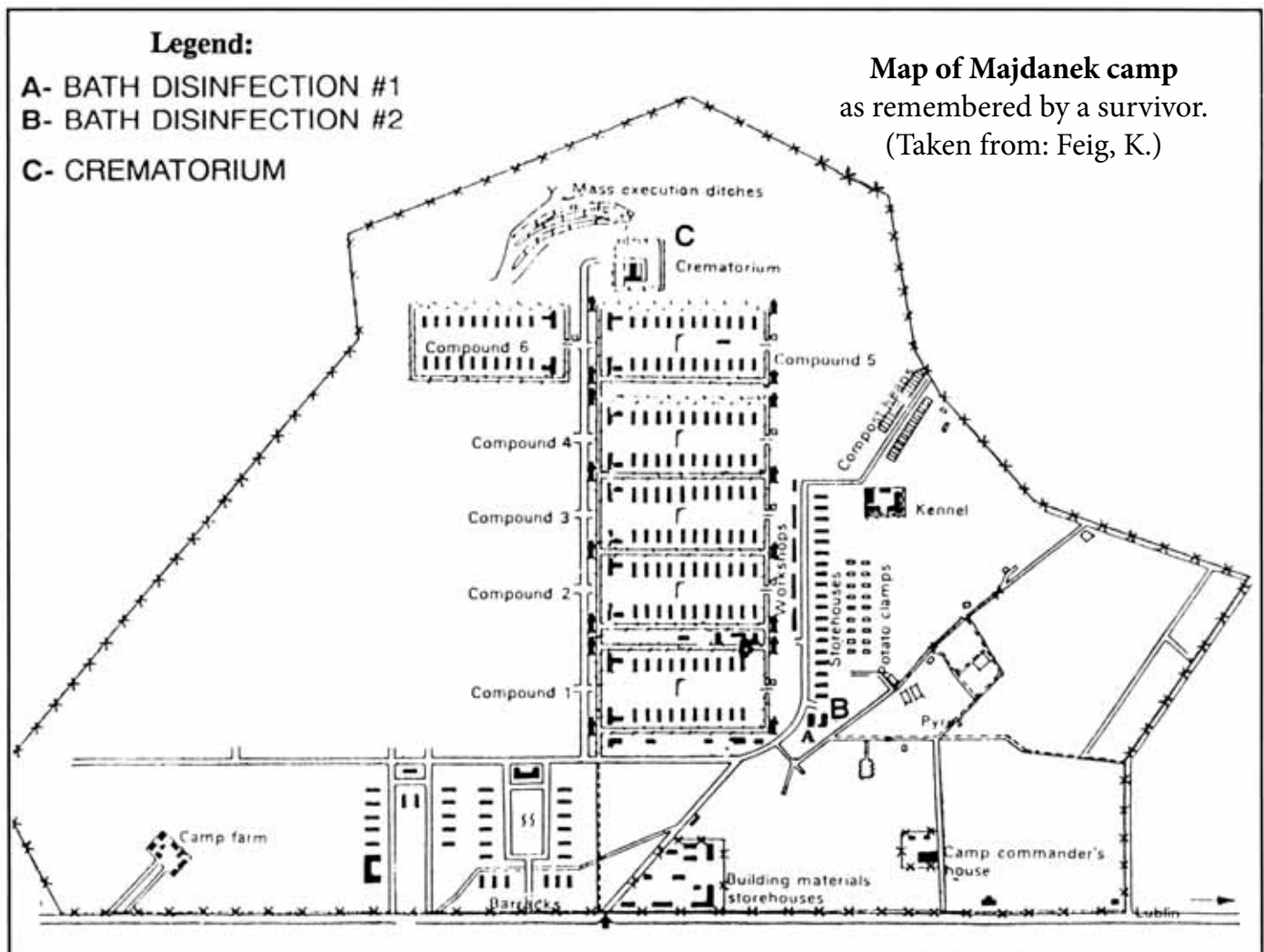
Initially there were seven gas chambers, two wooden gallows, and a small crematorium in the area separating the camp compounds from one another. In September 1943 a larger crematorium with five furnaces was added.

From 1942 to 1944 about 140,000 prisoners, including 80,000 Jews, were executed by firing squad or were gassed to death using Zyklon B or carbon monoxide.

Before the Soviet army arrived in July 1944, the Germans burned some buildings including the large crematorium but failed to destroy the gas chambers. The crematorium was rebuilt after the war from plans of the original structure with a chimney that is 11 meters (36 feet) tall.

(Ref.: Gutman, I., pp. 937-940)

The Majdanek story has changed drastically over the decades. Right after the war the Soviets claimed that this camp's death toll was as high as two million, killed mainly in seven gas chambers. After many downward revisions over the decades, the Majdanek museum's research director Tomasz Kranz published a paper in 2005 in which he reduced the camp's death toll to 78,000 while maintaining only two of the initial seven gas chambers. Zyklon B is no longer claimed to have been used as a murder weapon.*



* For details see Graf/Mattogno, *Majdanek*; and the documentary by Hunt, *The Majdanek Gas Chamber Myth*..

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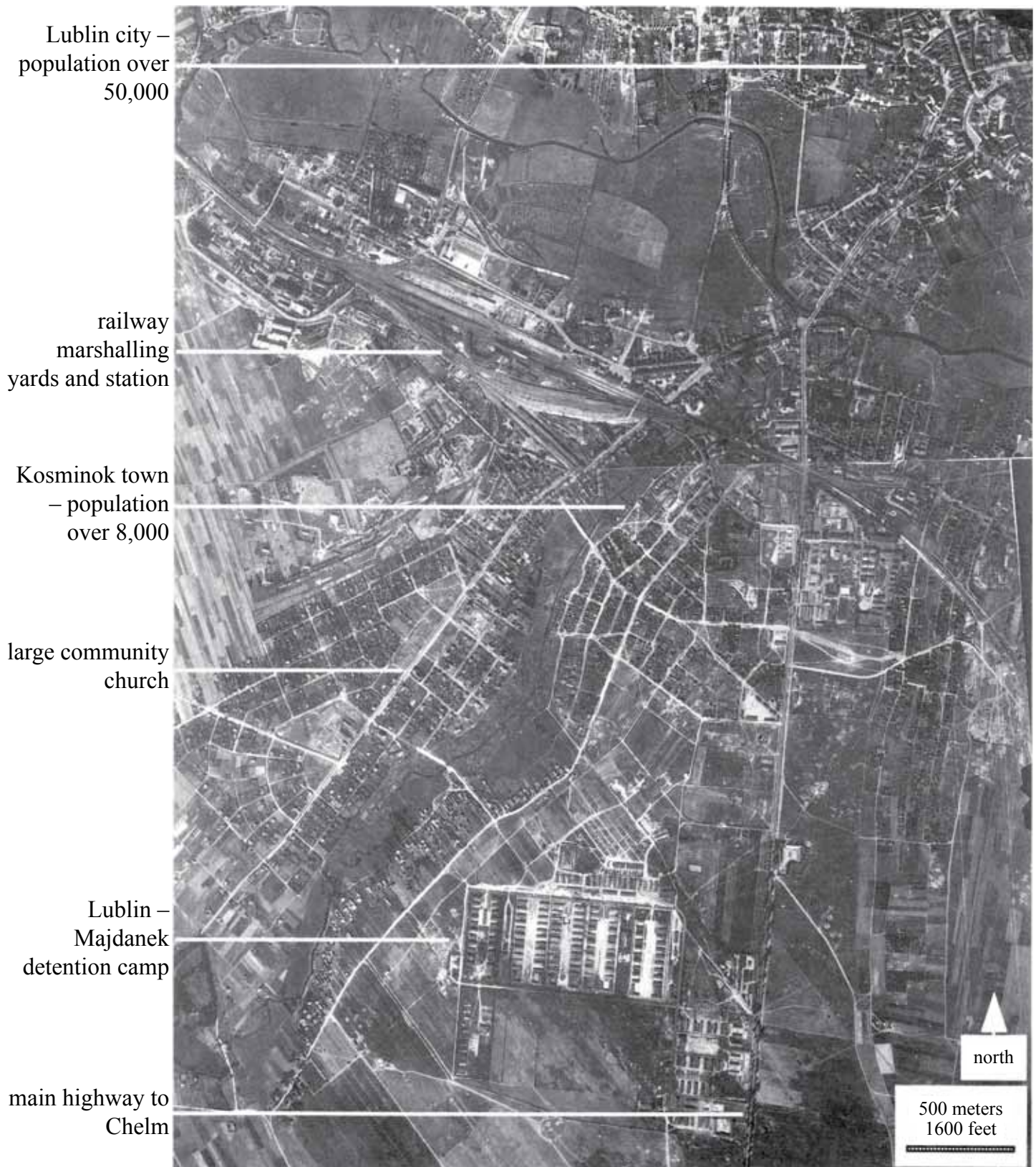


Photo 1 – September 18, 1944:

Hundreds of houses in the Lublin suburbs surrounded Majdanek, and a large church was located 800 meters (half a mile) away. People in the approximately 100 houses along the left side of the camp were only 200 to 500 meters (660 to 1600 feet) away across farmland and would have had an unobstructed view of everything occurring in the camp.

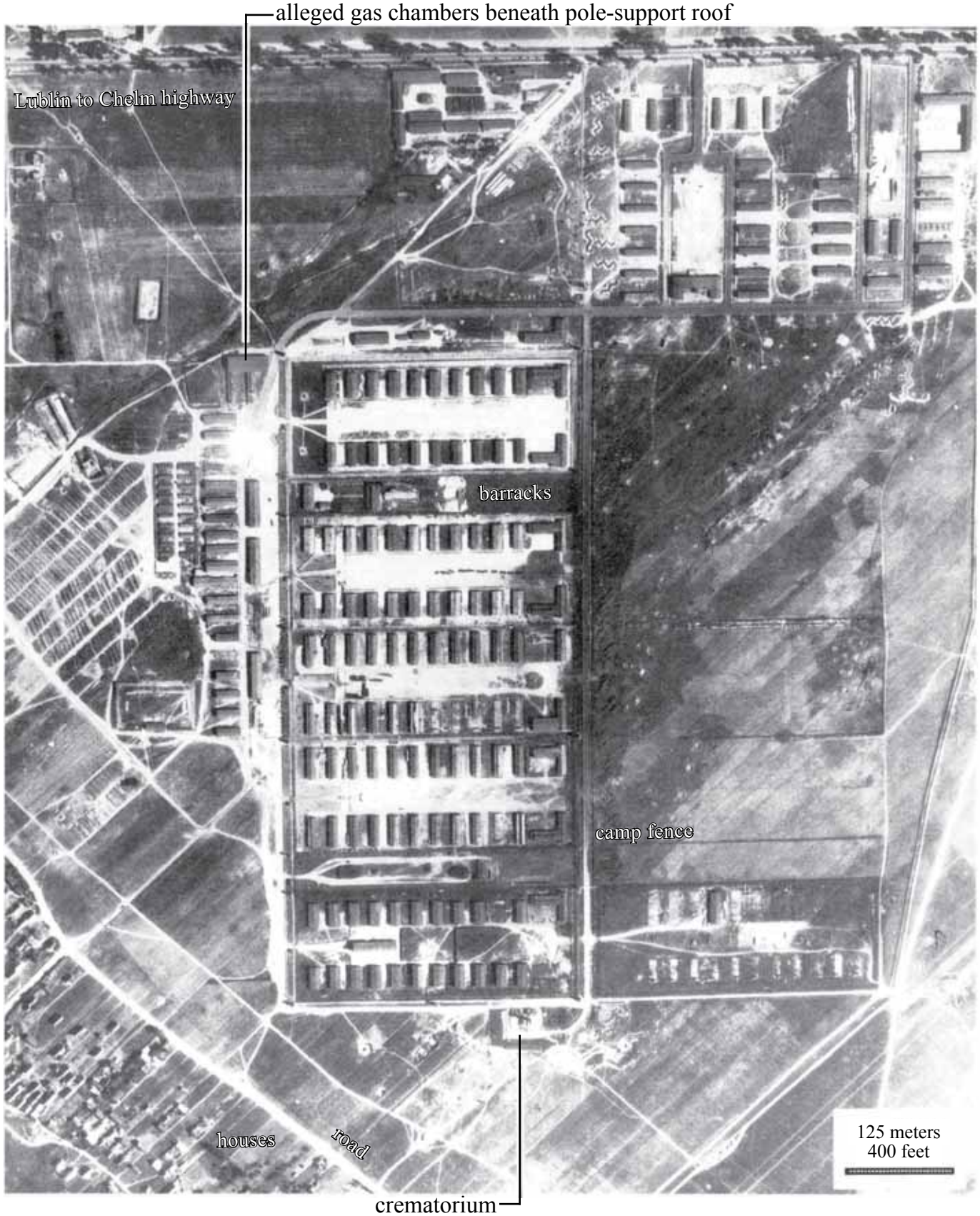


Photo 2 – Sept. 18, 1944: The only two homicidal gas chambers claimed today, allegedly operated with carbon monoxide, are said to have been in the sanitation facility close to the “Bath & Disinfection I” building. In the above photo it is located beneath a large pole-support roof which was used to air out clothes and linens disinfested with Zyklon B. This roof does no longer exist, and the map on p. 149 does not show it either. These buildings were located outside the fenced area of the camp and 200 meters (660 feet) across farmland from the Lublin-to-Chelm highway. The alleged crematorium was also outside the main camp fence and 200 meters (660 feet) across farmland from hundreds of houses.

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Alleged gas chambers standing alone outside of camp fence

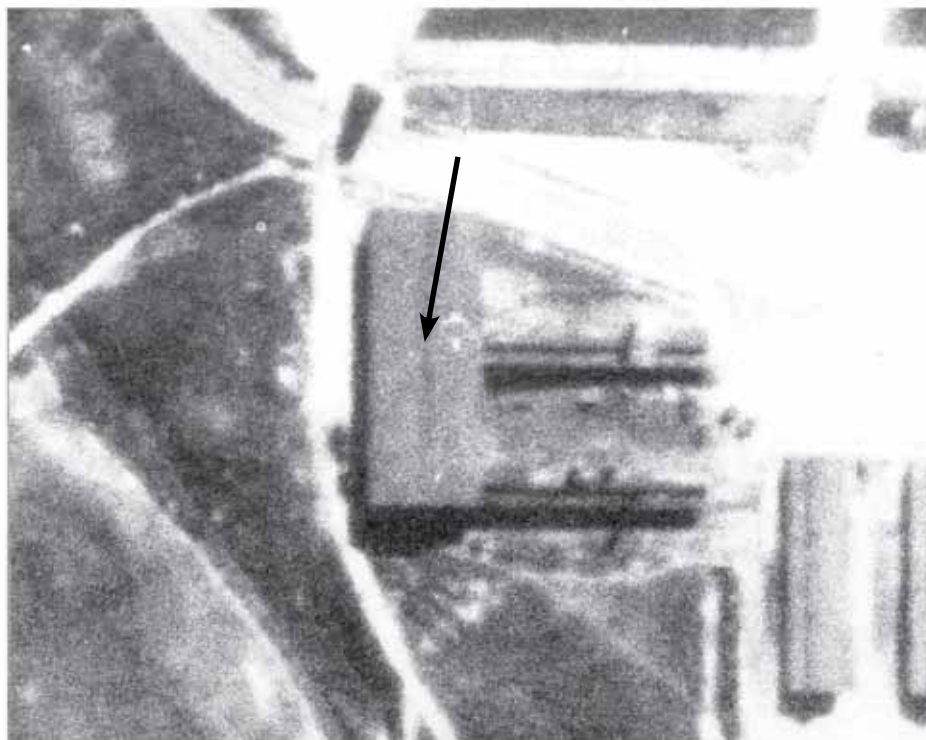
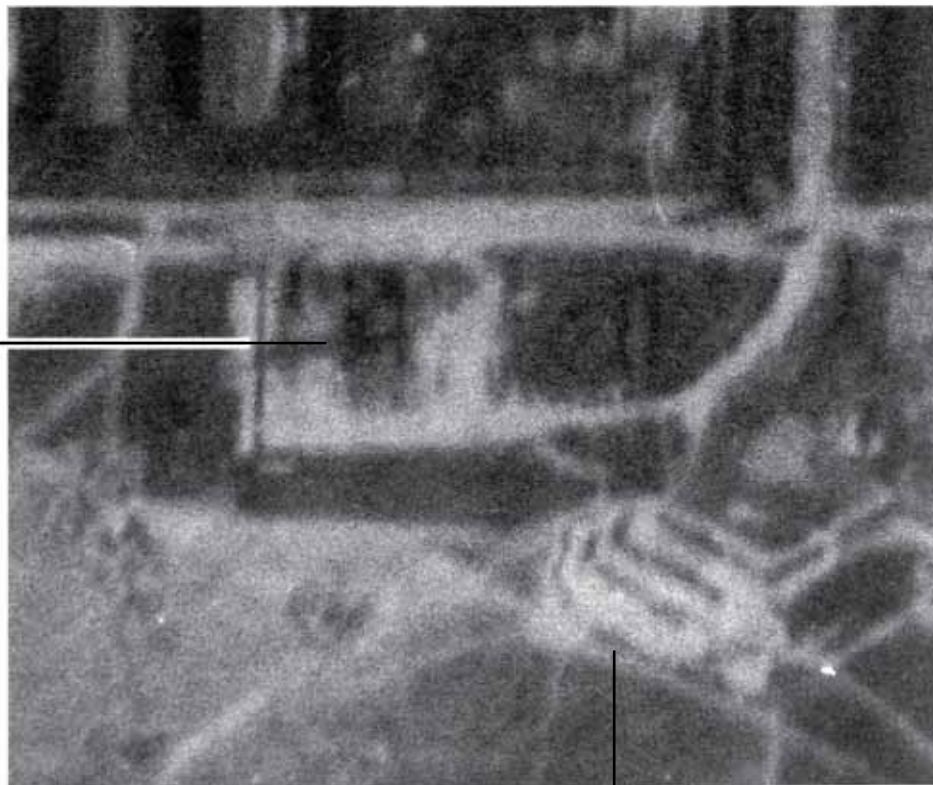


Photo 3 – September 18, 1944: Beneath the large pole-support roof (arrow) is located a small concrete building which housed three disinfestation chambers (see Photo 3 on p. 115). The two buildings extending from it are the “Bath & Disinfection” buildings I and II housing inmate showers, one for males, one for females. One of them also had a make-shift Zyklon B delousing chamber. For some time after the war it was claimed that this was a homicidal gas chamber, but not anymore. The top building extension (Bath & Disinfection I) has one chimney, and the bottom one has two chimneys. The buildings are outside the fence on the main road leading into camp, and there are no guard towers.

125 meters
400 feet

Photo 4 – September 18, 1944:

The edge of the camp and the camp fence is along the top of the photo. The “new” Majdanek crematorium is directly in the middle. It is a relatively small building with an 11-m (36-ft)-high chimney. When the Soviets wrote an investigation report of this facility in Aug. 1944, they reported that all wooden parts of the building had burned away. This photo shows an uneven roof structure, probably caused by the fire. In the lower right corner four ditches can be seen, which are said to have served for the execution by machine-gun fire of some 18,000 Jews in November 1943 (current official version).



burned-down
crematorium

ditches were 18,000 victims
were allegedly gunned down

Chapter 10

Babi Yar Mass Executions – 1943

In 1941 the Babi Yar Ravines were a series of dried-up stream drainage channels that once drained into the Dnieper River in northwest Kiev in the Ukraine region of the former Soviet Union. The upper channels had flat bottoms.

It is alleged that in 1941 on September 28th and 29th, 33,771 Jews from Kiev reported as ordered to the end of Melnik Street where the Jewish cemetery meets Babi Yar Ravine. There they were marched in small groups to the edge of the ravine

and were killed with machine guns by Waffen-SS soldiers.

In 1943, from August 18th to September 19th, 327 workers lived in the ravine while digging up the 33,000 corpses and burning them on pyres built on railroad tracks doused with gasoline.

During the 1970's fill was plowed into the ravine, and today there are no photos or other evidence of the crimes other than eyewitness accounts.

(Ref.: Gutman, I., page 113-115)

Photo 1a: Photo of the Babi Yar dried-up stream channel taken by the Soviet Extraordinary State Commission investigating (alleged) German war crimes in 1943. The victims allegedly fell into the ravine after having been shot and were then buried, and two years later were dug up and burned. It is not known if any roads went down the steep walls to the flat bottom.



Photo 1b: Color photograph by Johannes Hähle, a military photographer with the German *Propaganda-Kompanie* 637 of the 6th Army. “When Hähle came to Babi Yar, he entered the ravine and was overwhelmed by the huge quantities of belongings of the murdered Jews. He seized the opportunity and took some photos of the possessions of the victims.” – Littered belongings do not prove that their (former) owners were murdered, though.



Photo 1c: Color photograph by Johannes Hähle, as above. “In October 1941 about 300 [Soviet] POWs were taken to the ravine to bury the bodies. In the photo they level the earth over the mass graves. The German soldier (foreground) is showing Ukrainian women the workers in the ravine.” – If true, the Germans thus created hundreds of witnesses.



(Ref.: *The Babi Yar Album*,
<http://www.deathcamps.org/occupation/byalbum>)

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location of alleged shootings and cremations was at edge of Jewish cemetery at Babi Yar Ravine—



Photo 2 – September 26th, 1943:

This photo was taken one week after the end of the supposed mass cremations in the ravine. If 33,000 corpses were exhumed and burned on huge pyres (or even more, if more people were executed after September 1941, as is claimed*), evidence of vehicle and foot traffic to supply fuel should be evident in the area where the Jewish cemetery meets Babi Yar Ravine. However, there is no evidence of traffic either on the end of the narrow road that proceeds to the ravine from the end of Melnik Street, or on the grass and shrubbery within or on the sides of the cemetery.

* On the numerous conflicting claims about the alleged mass murder at Babi Yar see Tiedemann.

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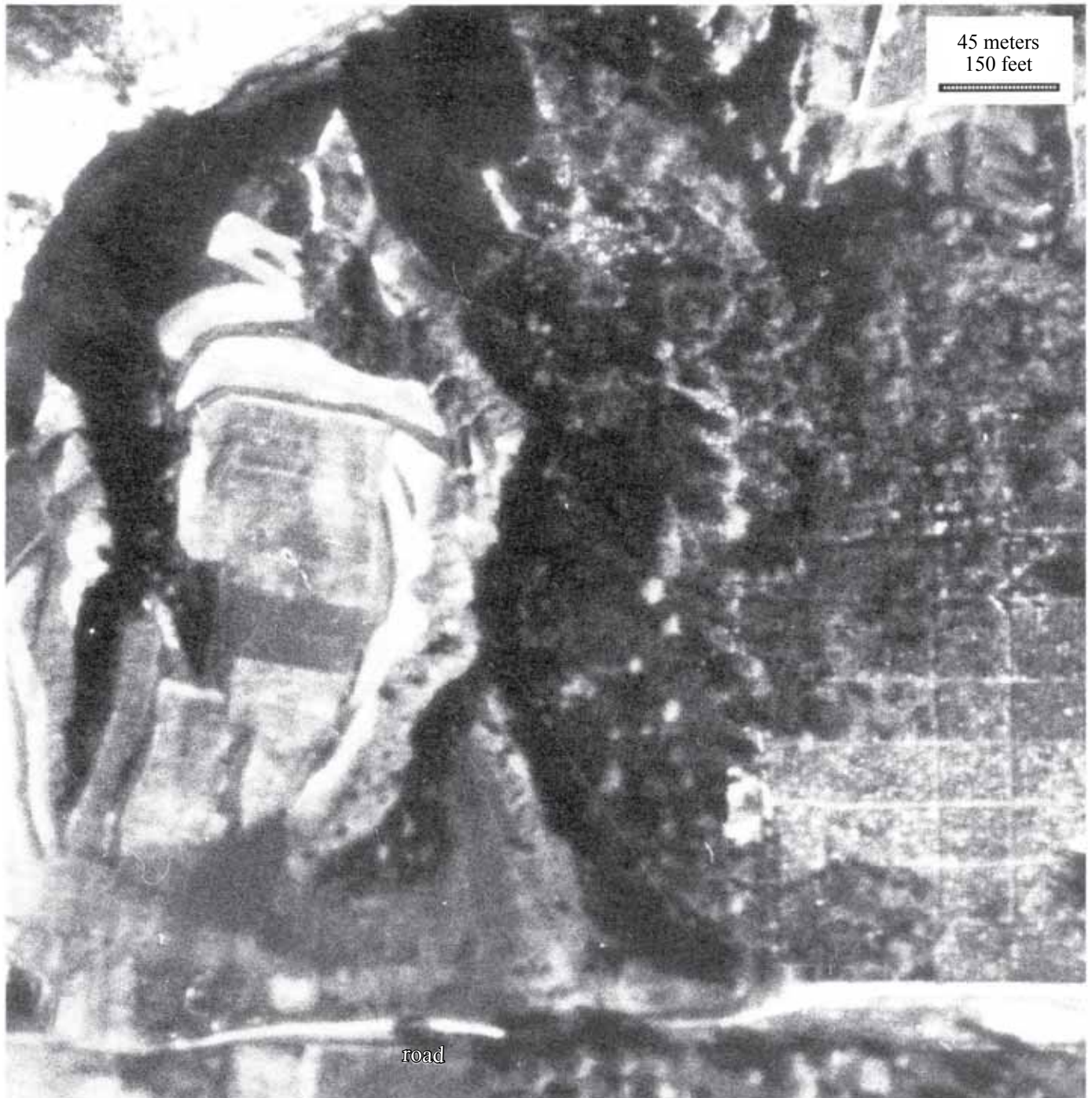
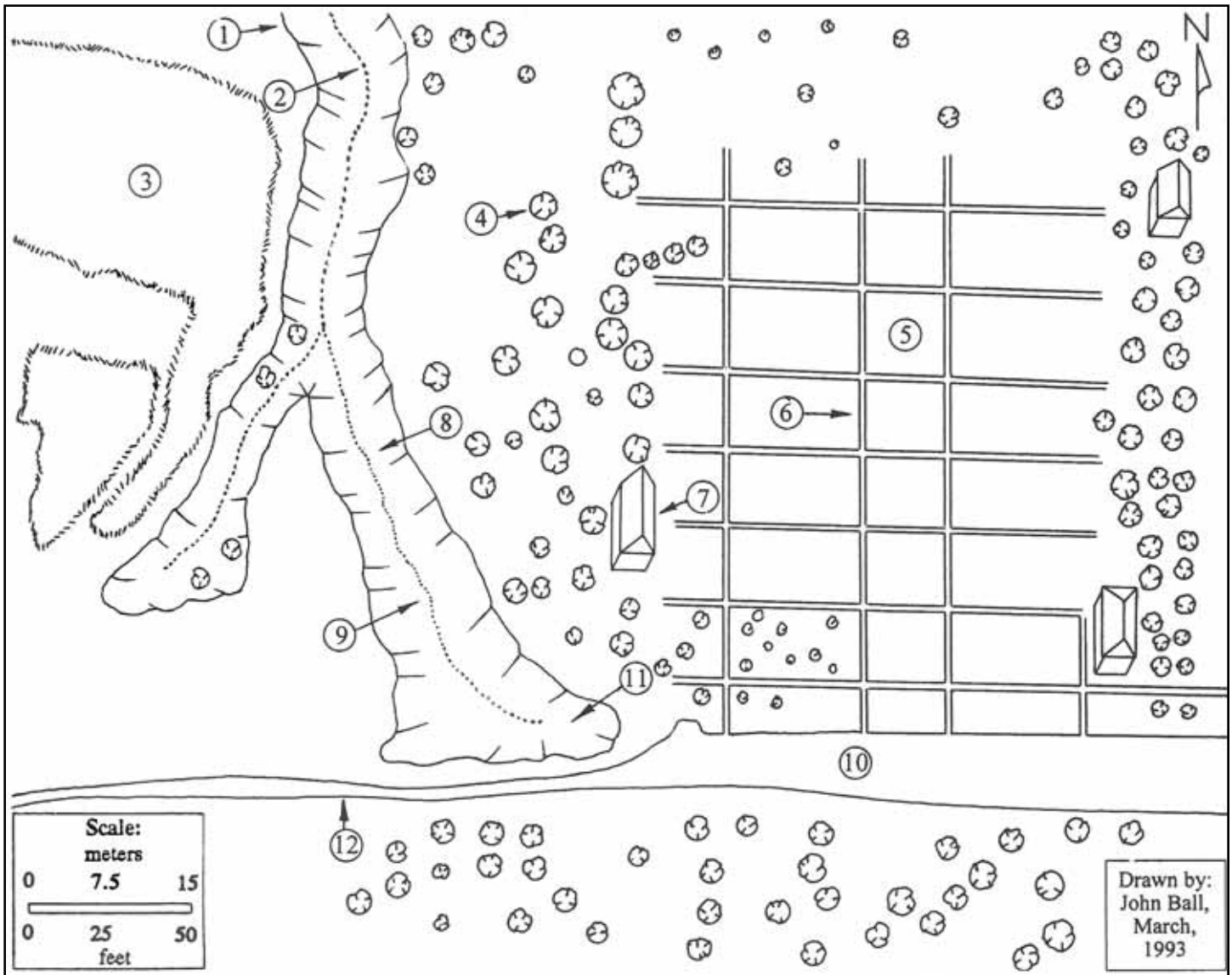


Photo 3 – September 26th, 1943: An enlargement reveals no evidence that 325 people were working in the ravine finishing the cremation of 33,000 or more bodies just one week earlier, for many truckloads of fuel would have had to be brought in, and there are no scars from vehicle traffic either on the grass and shrubs at the side of the Jewish cemetery or in the ravine where the bodies were supposedly burned on pyres.

1943 air photos of Babi Yar Ravine and the adjoining Jewish cemetery in Kiev reveal that neither the soil nor the vegetation is disturbed as would be expected if materials and fuel had been transported one week earlier to hundreds of workers who had dug up and burned tens of thousands of bodies in just one month.

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Schematic drawings of the section of Babi Yar where murders allegedly happened



Map drawn from September 26th, 1943, air photos as reproduced here.

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| 1 Outer edge of winding Babi Yar Ravine. | undisturbed soil, and there was no scarring from bulldozer excavations, vehicle movements, or other soil moving work. There is no evidence that excavations and cremations were conducted. |
| 2 V-shaped bottom of the ravine | |
| 3 Farms not ploughed or tilled during 1943. | |
| 4 Trees | |
| 5 Cemetery | 9 No scars from roads or horse trails exist in the ravine. |
| 6 Straight footpaths between grave plots. | 10 Melnik Street |
| 7 Buildings | 11 No vehicle tracks or horsetrails exist from Melnik Street into the ravine bottom. |
| 8 Location on the ravine floor where between 33,771 and 100,000 bodies were said to have been exhumed and cremated in the previous five weeks, had sparsely scattered vegetation and | 12 Narrow road and horsetrail proceeding west from the end of Melnik Street. |

Chapter 11 – Conclusions

The Hamburg Holocaust and the Bergen-Belsen typhus epidemic

Summaries:

1. For 10 days from July 24th to August 2nd, 1943, bombing destroyed large areas of Hamburg and killed about 100,000 people.
2. Buildings in many areas were completely burned out with only the walls left standing.
3. 40,000 bodies were buried in four graves each measuring 130 m × 16 m (426 ft × 52 ft), which can be viewed in the cemetery today.

1. Hamburg



Conclusions:

After the firestorm, rubble-filled building foundations, and scars from burning were visible in air photos.

The mass burial, trenches for 40,000 victims, if placed end to end, would have measured 520 meters long and 16 meters wide with large piles of dirt 10 meters wide on both sides of the graves.

Summaries:

1. When the British entered the camp on April 15th, 1945, thousands of dead and dying typhus victims lay in the yards and barracks.
2. At least five mass graves each from 15 to 20 meters (50 to 66 feet) long and holding thousands of bodies were dug in one area.
3. The British burned 80% of the wooden barracks in the camp in May 1945, and building foundation scars are visible in the August 1945 air photos.

2. Bergen-Belsen



Conclusions:

During April 1945, when vehicles and workers were digging the mass graves and pushing earth fill on top of them, they left mounds of earth and vehicle tracks that are visible in the August air photos four months later.

The building foundations of the burned camp are also visible in the August photos.

Chapter 11

The Katyn Forest and the Auschwitz farmland

Summaries:

1. In September 1942 the narrow winding road passed by the cleared gravesite, and the forest boundaries remained the same as 1940.
2. Placed end to end, the mass graves measured 96 by 6 meters (315 by 20 feet) and held 4,100 bodies.
3. Before August 1943 the Germans had reburied the 4,100 in 7 mass graves.

3. The Katyn Forest



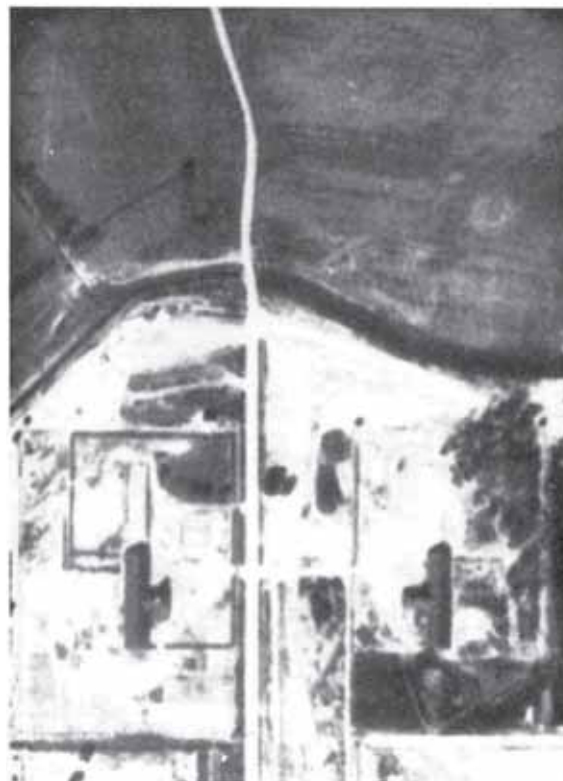
Conclusions:

To ensure that no one would witness the 1940 execution of 4,400 prisoners, the Soviet police moved the men by windowless trucks to the center of a fenced-in forest of one square kilometer (2/5 of a square mile) and executed them. The mass graves, if joined end to end, would have measured 96 by 6 meters (315 by 20 feet).

Summaries:

1. For at least 3 kilometers (1¼ mile) outside the camp fences and adjacent guard towers there were no visible gates, gatehouses, or watchtowers.
2. All four crematoria at Birkenau were fully visible to spies and the general public from outside the camp at least until end of May 1944. No air photo shows smoke from their chimneys, coal piles, or fuel-delivery systems.
3. Two 1944 air-photo dates reveal no smoke from outdoor fires. Four other 1944 air-photo dates show smoke rising from a small area north of Crematorium 4.

4. The Auschwitz Farmland



Conclusions:

If mass executions were occurring at the Birkenau crematoria, spies and the general public would have reported them, air-photo interpreters would have detected them, and the Birkenau crematoria would have been bombed. Instead we see four crematoria visible from outside the camp designed to burn only a limited number of corpses per day with no smoke rising from chimneys, no coal piles or fuel-delivery systems. Smoke rising from a small outdoor fire is incompatible with witness claims of gigantic pyres.

Chapter 11

The Treblinka and Belzec Camps

Summaries:

1. From 1940 to 1944 the camp was surrounded by farms, roads and thousands of villagers who would have witnessed exterminations.
2. To bury the alleged 870,000 would have used an area of 220,000 m² (470 m × 470 m or 1540 ft × 1540 ft), an area 35 times larger than the described 90 m × 70 m (300 ft × 230 ft) gravesite area.
3. The 1944 photos show no evidence of previous fences, railways, or more than five buildings.

5. Treblinka II



Conclusions:

In May 1944 the Treblinka II camp consisted of 5 buildings on open farmland surrounded by roads and villages in which nothing unnatural could have occurred without thousands of people including spies knowing about it. There is no soil disturbance from previous camp structures. Only 1/35th of the alleged amount of bodies could have been buried in the claimed 90 m × 70 m mass-grave area.

Summaries:

1. From 1940 to 1944 people in the valley had an unobstructed view of the hillside camp and would have witnessed any mass murders.
2. To bury the alleged 600,000 would have used an area 390 m × 390 m (1280 ft × 1280 ft) or 23 times larger than the 120 m × 55 m (390 ft × 180 ft) described mass-grave area.
3. In 1944 two buildings were on the area that had been cleared of trees between 1940 and 1944.

6. Belzec



Conclusions:

The Belzec camp was located on a hillside leading up to a ridge which had a thick stand of trees that were cut and removed between 1940 and May 1944, after which two buildings remained in one corner of the clearing. In the 1944 air photos there is no evidence of previous building foundations or mass cremations, and they therefore reveal the alleged gigantic murder activities did not happen at this camp.

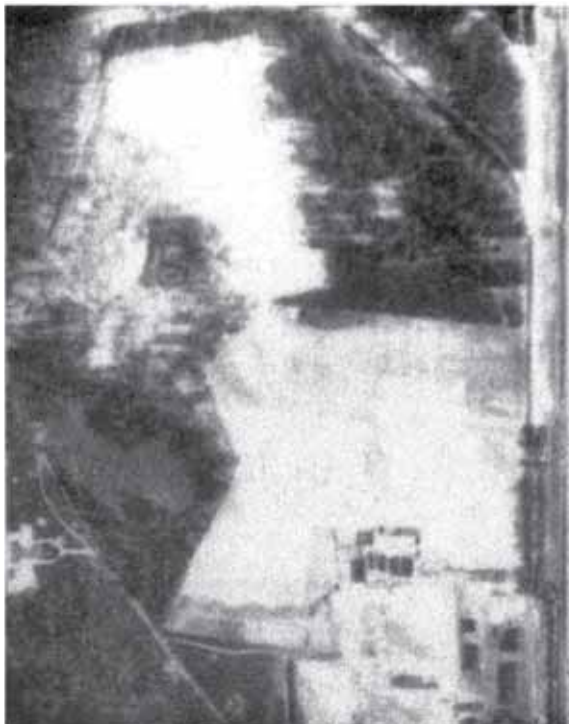
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The Sobibor and Majdanek Camps

Summaries:

1. From 1940 to 1944 the Sobibor train station area held a sawmill, tarworks, a church, and other buildings.
2. An area alleged to have been the mass-gravesite is the small northern extension cleared of trees between 1940 and 1944.
3. There is no evidence of ground disturbance caused by buildings, burials, a narrow-gauge railway, or cremations on any of the cleared areas between 1940 and 1944.

7. Sobibor



Conclusions:

The Sobibor camp was located at a railway station and near a sawmill. A small northern extension was cleared of trees between 1940 and 1944; there is no evidence in the 1944 photos of soil disturbance from building foundations, a narrow-gauge railroad line, fences or mass cremations. The alleged gigantic murder activities did not happen at this camp.

Summaries:

1. Majdanek detention camp was surrounded by main roads, churches and hundreds of houses in the Lublin suburbs.
2. The alleged gas chamber was outside the camp fence and 200 meters (660 feet) across farmland from a main highway.
3. The crematorium was outside the camp fence 300 meters (1,000 feet) across farmland from hundreds of houses.

8. Majdanek



Conclusions:

Any unnatural sights or sounds which occurred outside the Majdanek camp fence at the alleged gas chamber or crematorium would have been detected by the thousands of townspeople and spies who lived around the camp in the Lublin suburbs. Visible mass executions and unusual cremations almost certainly did not occur at Majdanek.

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Final Conclusions

			
	<p>Katyn No one witnessed the forest murders. The graves held 4,100 and measured 96 m × 6 m (310 ft × 20 ft)</p>	<p>Hamburg The mass graves for 40,000 bombing victims measured 520 m × 16 m (1705 ft × 52 ft)</p>	
	<p>Auschwitz – Birkenau There were no coal storage yards, smoke from chimneys or huge outdoor pits, or other evidence of mass murder. Until May 1944 the crematoria were visible for everyone. If massive homicides with cremations had occurred, spies would have seen them, air-photo interpreters would have verified them, and planes would have bombed them.</p>		
	<p>Treblinka There is no photo evidence of any homicidal activities, which would have been seen by nearby farmers and villagers. To bury 870,000 would have taken an area 35 times larger than the alleged gravesite.</p>	<p>Belzec There is no photo evidence for mass murder activities at this camp. Such activities would have been seen by many. To bury 600,000 would have taken an area 23 times larger than the alleged gravesite.</p>	
	<p>Majdanek The alleged gas chambers and the crematorium were visible from hundreds of homes in the Lublin suburbs.</p>	<p>Sobibor In 1944 there was no disturbance of soil from the alleged railway, buildings, or mass cremations at that camp.</p>	

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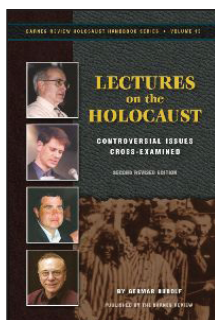
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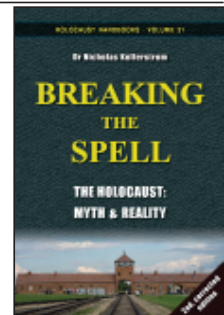


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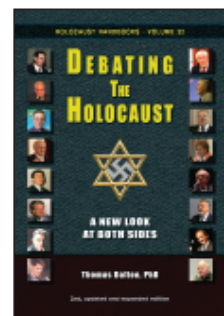


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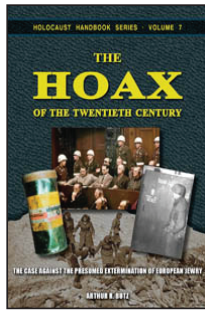
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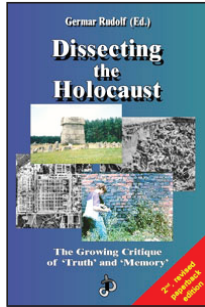


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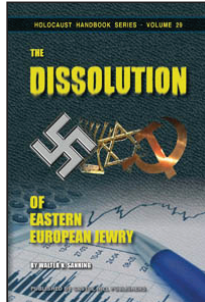


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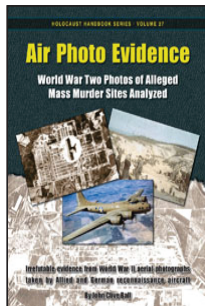
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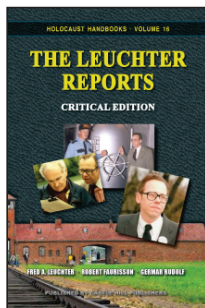


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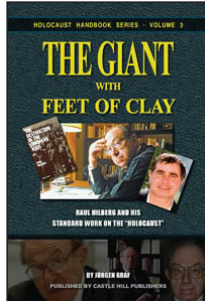


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Inside the Gas Chambers: The Extermination of Mainstream Holocaust Historiography. By Carlo Mattogno. Neither increased media propaganda or political pressure nor judicial persecution can stifle revisionism. Hence, in early 2011, the Holocaust Orthodoxy published a 400 pp. book (in German) claiming to refute "revisionist propaganda," trying again to prove "once and for all" that there were homicidal gas chambers at the camps of Dachau, Natzweiler, Sachsenhausen, Mauthausen, Ravensbrück, Neuengamme, Stutthof... you name them. Mattogno shows with his detailed analysis of this work of propaganda that mainstream Holocaust hagiography is beating around the bush rather than addressing revisionist research results. He exposes their myths, distortions and lies. 268 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography. (#25)

SECTION TWO: Books on Specific Camps

Treblinka: Extermination Camp or Transit Camp? By Carlo Mattogno and Jürgen Graf. It is alleged that at Treblinka in East Poland between 700,000 and 3,000,000 persons were murdered in 1942 and 1943. The weapons used were said to have been stationary and/or mobile gas chambers, fast-acting or slow-acting poison gas, unslaked lime, superheated steam, electricity, diesel exhaust fumes etc. Holocaust historians alleged that bodies were piled as high as multi-storied buildings and burned without a trace, using little or no fuel at all. Graf and Mattogno have now analyzed the origins, logic and technical feasibility of the official version of Treblinka. On the basis of numerous documents they reveal Treblinka's true identity as a mere transit camp. 365 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#8)

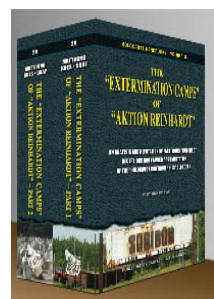
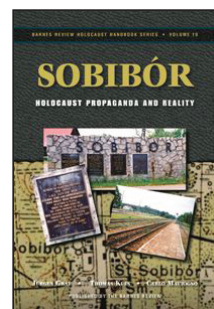
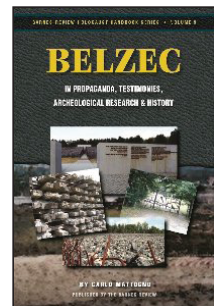
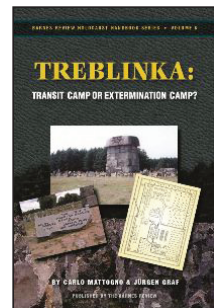
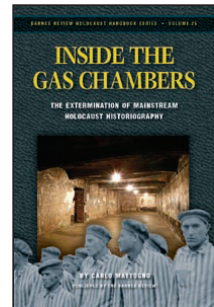
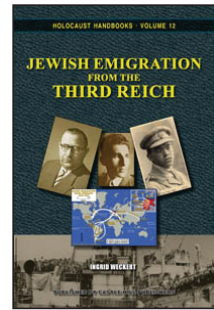
Belzec in Propaganda, Testimonies, Archeological Research and History. By Carlo Mattogno. Witnesses report that between 600,000 and 3 million Jews were murdered in the Belzec camp, located in Poland. Various murder weapons are claimed to have

been used: diesel gas; unslaked lime in trains; high voltage; vacuum chambers; etc. The corpses were incinerated on huge pyres without leaving a trace. For those who know the stories about Treblinka this sounds familiar. Thus the author has restricted this study to the aspects which are new compared to Treblinka. In contrast to Treblinka, forensic drillings and excavations were performed at Belzec, the results of which are critically reviewed. 138 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#9)

Sobibor: Holocaust Propaganda and Reality. By Jürgen Graf, Thomas Kues and Carlo Mattogno. Between 25,000 and 2 million Jews are said to have been killed in gas chambers in the Sobibór camp in Poland. The corpses were allegedly buried in mass graves and later incinerated on pyres. This book investigates these claims and shows that they are based on the selective use of contradictory eyewitness testimony. Archeological surveys of the camp in 2000-2001 are analyzed, with fatal results for the extermination camp hypothesis. The book also documents the general National Socialist policy toward Jews, which never included a genocidal "final solution." 434 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#19)

The "Extermination Camps" of "Aktion Reinhardt". By Jürgen Graf, Thomas Kues and Carlo Mattogno. In late 2011, several members of the exterminationist *Holocaust Controversies* blog published a study which claims to refute three of our authors' monographs on the camps Belzec, Sobibor and Treblinka (see previous three entries). This tome is their point-by-point response, which makes "mince-meat" out of the bloggers' attempt at refutation. It requires familiarity with the above-mentioned books and constitutes a comprehensive update and expansion of their themes. 2nd edition, two volumes, total of 1396 pages, illustrations, bibliography. (#28)

Chelmno: A Camp in History & Propaganda. By Carlo Mattogno. The world's premier holocaust scholar focuses his microscope on the death camp located in Poland. It was at Chelmno that huge masses of prisoners—as many as 1.3 million—were allegedly rounded up and killed. His book challenges the conventional wisdom of what went on inside Chelmno. Eyewitness statements, forensics reports, coroners' reports, excavations, crematoria, building plans, U.S. reports, German documents, evacuation efforts, mobile gas vans for homicidal purposes—all



are discussed. 191 pages, indexed, illustrated, bibliography. (#23)

The Gas Vans: A Critical Investigation. (A perfect companion to the Chelmno book.) By Santiago Alvarez and Pierre Marais. It is alleged that the Nazis used mobile gas chambers to exterminate 700,000 people. Up until 2011, no thorough monograph had appeared on the topic. Santiago Alvarez has remedied the situation. Are witness statements reliable? Are documents genuine? Where are the murder weapons? Could they have operated as claimed? Where are the corpses? Alvarez has scrutinized all known wartime documents, photos and witness statements on this topic, and has examined the claims made by the mainstream. 390 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#26)

Concentration Camp Majdanek. A Historical and Technical Study. By Carlo Mattogno and Jürgen Graf. Little research had been directed toward Concentration Camp Majdanek in central Poland, even though it is claimed that up to a million Jews were murdered there. The only information available is discredited Polish Communist propaganda. This glaring research gap has finally been filled. After exhaustive research of primary sources, Mattogno and Graf created a monumental study which expertly dissects and repudiates the myth of homicidal gas chambers at Majdanek. They also critically investigated the legend of mass executions of Jews in tank trenches (“Operation Harvest Festival”) and prove them groundless. The authors’ investigations lead to unambiguous conclusions about the camp which are radically different from the official theses. Again they have produced a standard and methodical investigative work, which authentic historiography cannot ignore. Third edition, 350 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#5)

Concentration Camp Stutthof and Its Function in National Socialist Jewish Policy. By Carlo Mattogno and Jürgen Graf. The Stutthof camp in Prussia has never before been scientifically investigated by traditional historians, who claim nonetheless that Stutthof served as a ‘makeshift’ extermination camp in 1944. Based mainly on archival resources, this study thoroughly debunks this view and shows that

Stutthof was in fact a center for the organization of German forced labor toward the end of World War II. Third edition, 171 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#4)

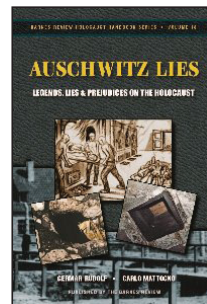
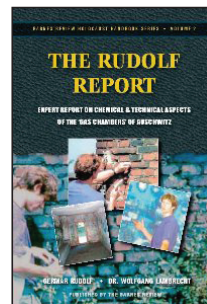
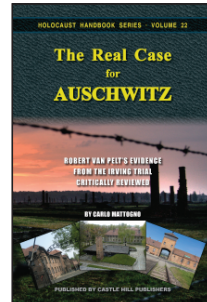
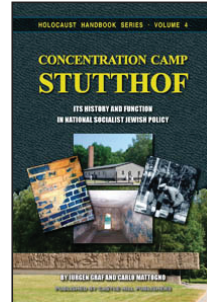
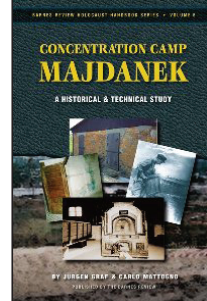
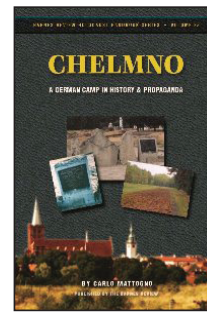
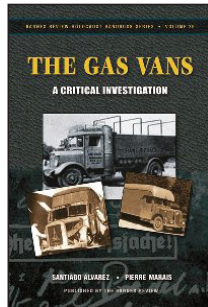
SECTION THREE: Auschwitz Studies

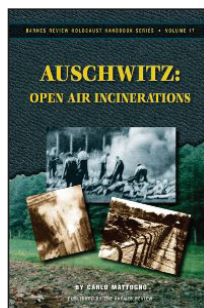
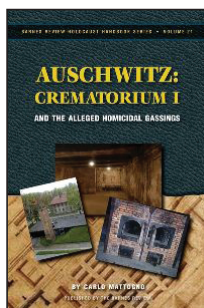
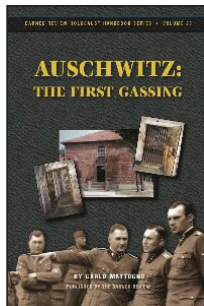
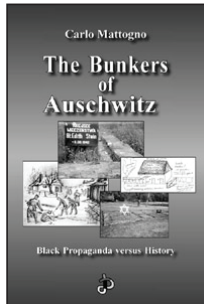
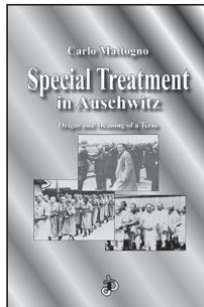
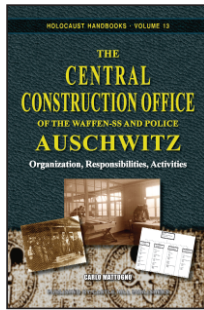
The Real Case of Auschwitz: Robert van Pelt’s Evidence from the Irving Trial Critically Reviewed. By Carlo Mattogno. Prof. Robert van Pelt is considered one of the best mainstream experts on Auschwitz and has been called upon several times in holocaust court cases. His work is cited by many to prove the holocaust happened as mainstream scholars insist. This book is a scholarly response to Prof. van Pelt—and Jean-Claude Pressac. It shows that their studies are heavily flawed. This is a book of prime political and scholarly importance to those looking for the truth about Auschwitz. 2nd edition, 758 pages, b&w illustrations, glossary, bibliography, index. (#22)

Auschwitz: Plain Facts—A Response to Jean-Claude Pressac. Edited by Germar Rudolf. French pharmacist Jean-Claude Pressac tried to refute recent findings with their own technical methods. For this he was praised by the mainstream, and they proclaimed victory over the “revisionists.” In *Auschwitz: Plain Facts*, Pressac’s works and claims are debunked. 197 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#14)

The Rudolf Report. Expert Report on Chemical and Technical Aspects of the ‘Gas Chambers’ of Auschwitz. By Germar Rudolf and Dr. Wolfgang Lambrecht. In 1988, execution expert Fred Leuchter investigated the gas chambers of Auschwitz and Majdanek and concluded that they could not have worked as claimed. Ever since, Leuchter’s work has been attacked. In 1993, Germar Rudolf published a thorough forensic study about the “gas chambers” of Auschwitz. His report irons out the deficiencies of “The Leuchter Report.” Second edition, 457 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#2)

Auschwitz Lies: Legends, Lies and Prejudices on the Holocaust. By Carlo Mattogno and Germar Rudolf. The fallacious research and alleged “refutation” of Revisionist scholars by French biochemist G. Wellers, Polish Prof. J. Markiewicz, chemist Dr. Richard Green, Profs. Zimmerman, M. Shermer and A. Grobman, as well as researchers Keren, McCarthy and





Mazal, are exposed for what they are: blatant and easily exposed political lies created to ostracize dissident historians. In this book, facts beat propaganda once again. Second edition, 398 pages, b&w illustrations, index. (#18)

Auschwitz: The Central Construction Office. By Carlo Mattogno. Based upon mostly unpublished German wartime documents, this study describes the history, organization, tasks and procedures of the Central Construction Office of the Waffen-SS and Auschwitz Police. Despite a huge public interest in the camp, next to nothing was really known about this office, which was responsible for the planning and construction of the Auschwitz camp complex, including the crematories which are said to have contained the “gas chambers.” 2nd ed., 188 pages, b&w illustrations, glossary, index. (#13)

Garrison and Headquarters Orders of the Auschwitz Camp. By C. Mattogno. A large number of all the orders ever issued by the various commanders of the infamous Auschwitz camp have been preserved. They reveal the true nature of the camp with all its daily events. There is not a trace in these orders pointing at anything sinister going on in this camp. Quite to the contrary, many orders are in clear and insurmountable contradiction to claims that prisoners were mass murdered. This is a selection of the most pertinent of these orders together with comments putting them into their proper historical context. (Scheduled for early 2016; #34)

Special Treatment in Auschwitz: Origin and Meaning of a Term. By Carlo Mattogno. When appearing in German wartime documents, terms like “special treatment,” “special action,” and others have been interpreted as code words for mass murder. But that is not always true. This study focuses on documents about Auschwitz, showing that, while “special” had many different meanings, not a single one meant “execution.” Hence the practice of deciphering an alleged “code language” by assigning homicidal meaning to harmless documents – a key component of mainstream historiography – is untenable. 151 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#10)

Health Care at Auschwitz. By Carlo Mattogno. In extension of the above study on *Special Treatment in Auschwitz*, this study proves the extent to which the German authorities at Auschwitz tried to provide appropriate health care for the inmates. This is frequently described as special mea-

sures to improve the inmates’ health and thus ability to work in Germany’s armaments industry. This, after all, was the only thing the Auschwitz authorities were really interested in due to orders from the highest levels of the German government. (Scheduled for early 2016; #33)

The Bunkers of Auschwitz: Black Propaganda vs. History. By Carlo Mattogno. The bunkers at Auschwitz are claimed to have been the first homicidal gas chambers at Auschwitz specifically equipped for this purpose. With the help of original German wartime files as well as revealing air photos taken by Allied reconnaissance aircraft in 1944, this study shows that these homicidal “bunkers” never existed, how the rumors about them evolved as black propaganda created by resistance groups in the camp, and how this propaganda was transformed into a false reality. 264 pages, illustrations, bibliography, index. (#11)

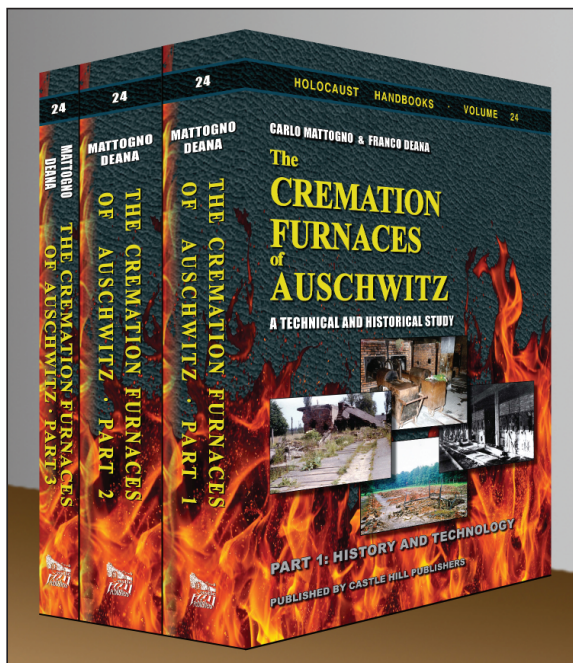
Auschwitz: The First Gassing—Rumor and Reality. By Carlo Mattogno. The first gassing in Auschwitz is claimed to have occurred on Sept. 3, 1941, in a basement room. The accounts reporting it are the archetypes for all later gassing accounts. This study analyzes all available sources about this alleged event. It shows that these sources contradict each other in location, date, preparations, victims etc, rendering it impossible to extract a consistent story. Original wartime documents inflict a final blow to this legend and prove without a shadow of a doubt that this legendary event never happened. Second edition, 168 pages, b&w illust., bibliography, index. (#20)

Auschwitz: Crematorium I and the Alleged Homicidal Gassings. By Carlo Mattogno. The morgue of Crematorium I in Auschwitz is said to be the first homicidal gas chamber there. This study investigates all statements by witnesses and analyzes hundreds of wartime documents to accurately write a history of that building. Mattogno proves that its morgue was never a homicidal gas chamber, nor could it have worked as such. 138 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#21)

Auschwitz: Open Air Incinerations. By Carlo Mattogno. Hundreds of thousands of corpses of murder victims are claimed to have been incinerated in deep ditches in the Auschwitz concentration camp. This book examines the many testimonies regarding these incinerations and establishes whether

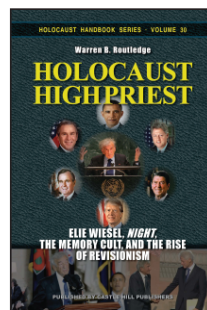
these claims were even possible. Using aerial photographs, physical evidence and wartime documents, the author shows that these claims are fiction. A must read. 132 pages, b&w illustrations, bibliography, index. (#17)

The Cremation Furnaces of Auschwitz. By Carlo Mattogno & Franco Deana. An exhaustive technical study of the history and technology of cremation in general and of the cremation furnaces of Auschwitz in particular. On a sound and thoroughly documented base of technical literature, extant wartime documents and material traces, Mattogno and Deana can establish the true nature and capacity of the Auschwitz cremation furnaces. They show that these devices were cheaper versions than what was usually produced, and that their capacity to cremate corpses was lower than normal, too. Hence this study reveals that the Auschwitz cremation furnaces were not monstrous super ovens but rather inferior make-shift devices. 3 vols., 1198 pages, b&w and color illustrations (vols 2 & 3), bibliography, index, glossary. (#24)



SECTION FOUR Witness Critique

Holocaust High Priest: Elie Wiesel, Night, the Memory Cult, and the Rise of Revisionism. By Warren B. Routledge. The first unauthorized biography of Wiesel exposes both his personal deceits and the whole myth of “the six million.” It shows how Zion-



ist control has allowed Wiesel and his fellow extremists to force leaders of many nations, the U.N. and even popes to genuflect before Wiesel as symbolic acts of subordination to World Jewry, while at the same time forcing school children to submit to Holocaust brainwashing. 468 pages, b&w illust., bibliography, index. (#30)

Auschwitz: Confessions and Testimonies. By Jürgen Graf. The traditional narrative of what transpired at the infamous Auschwitz camp during WWII rests almost exclusively on witness testimony from former inmates as well as erstwhile camp officials. This study critically scrutinizes the 40 most important of these witness statements by checking them for internal coherence, and by comparing them with one another as well as with other evidence such as wartime documents, air photos, forensic research results, and material traces. The result is devastating for the traditional narrative. (Scheduled for summer 2016; #36)

Commandant of Auschwitz: Rudolf Höss, His Torture and His Forced Confessions. By Rudolf Höss & Carlo Mattogno. When Rudolf Höss was in charge at Auschwitz, the mass extermination of Jews in gas chambers is said to have been launched and carried out. He confessed this in numerous postwar depositions. Hence Höss’s testimony is the most convincing of all. But what traditional sources usually do not reveal is that Höss was severely tortured to coerce him to “confess,” and that his various statements are not only contradictory but also full of historically and physically impossible, even absurd claims. This study expertly analyzes Höss’s various confessions and lays them all open for everyone to see the ugly truth. (Scheduled for summer 2016; #35)

An Auschwitz Doctor’s Eyewitness Account: The Tall Tales of Dr. Mengele’s Assistant Analyzed. By Miklos Nyiszli & Carlo Mattogno. Nyiszli, a Hungarian Jew who studied medicine in Germany before the war, ended up at Auschwitz in 1944 as Dr. Mengele’s assistant. After the war he wrote an account of what he claimed to have experienced. To this day some traditional historians take his accounts seriously, while others accept that it is a grotesque collection of lies and exaggerations. This study analyzes Nyiszli’s novel and skillfully separates truth from fabulous fabrication. (Scheduled for spring 2016; #37)

Further Projects

Further studies we propose to publish would scrutinize eyewitness accounts from, e.g., Filip Müller, Rudolf Vrba, Henryk Tauber, Yankiel Wiernik, Richard Glazar. Scholars interested in taking on any of these or other witnesses, please get in touch using the contact form at www.codoh.com/contact-us

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