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33rd Signal Construction Battalion, Third Army



Photos by Capt. Fred L. Buswell Jr., Company A, 33rd Signal Construction Battalion

Ohrdruf Subcamp of the Buchenwald System

On April 4, 1945, the 4th Armored Division liberated Ohrdruf.

On April 12, 1945, Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, and Patton toured Ohrdruf.

[Following his visit, General Eisenhower ordered American units in the area not engaged in combat to tour Ohrdruf.](#)

On April 14, 1945, 2nd Platoon, Co. A was in Gotha, 11 miles away from Ohrdruf.

Sometimes after April 12, 1945, on General Eisenhowers orders Captain Buswell appears to be have been among the soldiers who toured and photographed Ohrdruf.

The 33rd Signal Construction Battalion was among the units in the area as specified in General Eisenhower's order.

Capt. Buswell's photos do not have captions. That they are from Ohrdruf from mid-April was confirmed by comparing his photos to the official photos from General Eisenhowers April 12, 1945 tour. The position of the bodies and the buidlings match.



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