

Remnants of Darkness

Scattered on the forest floor of Wilhelmshagen, tiles from a former transit camp's delousing facility testify to the inhumane treatment the forced labourers were subjected to upon arrival. From 1942 to 1945 tens of thousands passed through the camp. Every single one, a body being deloused.

Meant for the "rapid and proper passage of workers" to their places of employment, people were only supposed to be at Wilhelmshagen transit camp for 2-4 days. However, as women and children, old people and sick people unsuited for work in the armaments industry were also deported, the reality was that many were held much longer. Housed in a specially fenced part of the camp, separated once more.

Food was in short supply at Wilhelmshagen, no less due to the extended period of time people were held there. Often these forced labourers, primarily from Eastern Europe, would not be fed for days on end. Given the poor condition they were already in, many died, effectively making Wilhelmshagen transit camp a human waste station.

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