

“Final Solution”: Death Marches

- As the Allies started to gain momentum in the war
- The nazis ordered the prisoners to be evacuated from Eastern concentration camps
- They were to be marched towards Germany





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- By 1944 evacuations were frequently done using trains
- By the winter of 1944, evacuations were done on foot
- These were called ‘Death Marches’





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- The nazis did this for 3 main reasons:
 - They did not want the prisoners to be rescued and tell stories of the horrors of the nazis
 - They wanted prisoners to continue to do forced labour
 - They wanted to use the prisoners as hostages to negotiate



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- Prisoners were treated terribly during the marches
- They were shot if they slowed down or could not walk
- They did not have the proper clothing during colder months
- They had minimal food or water





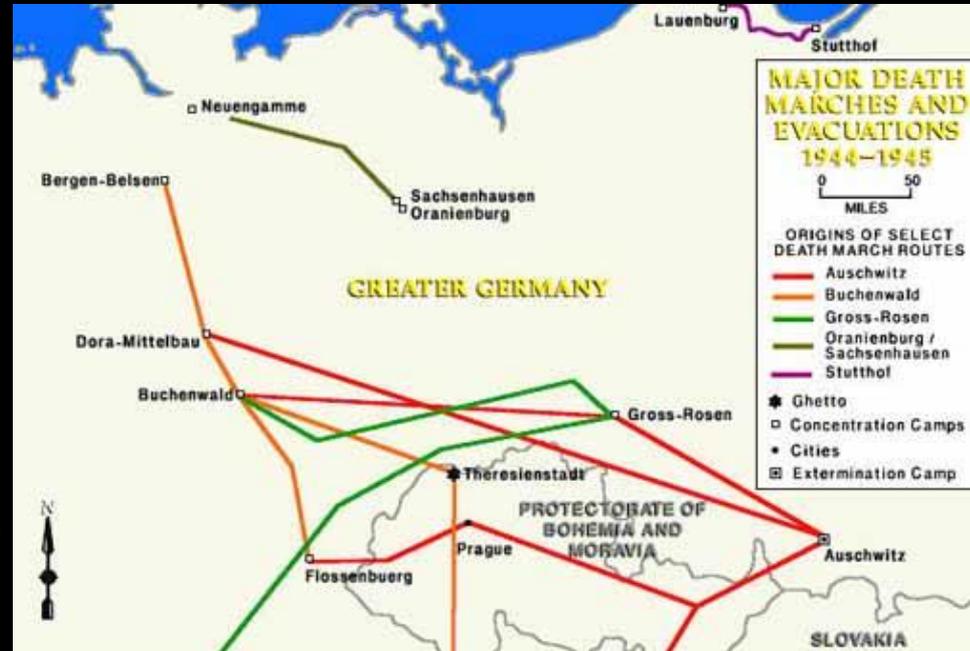
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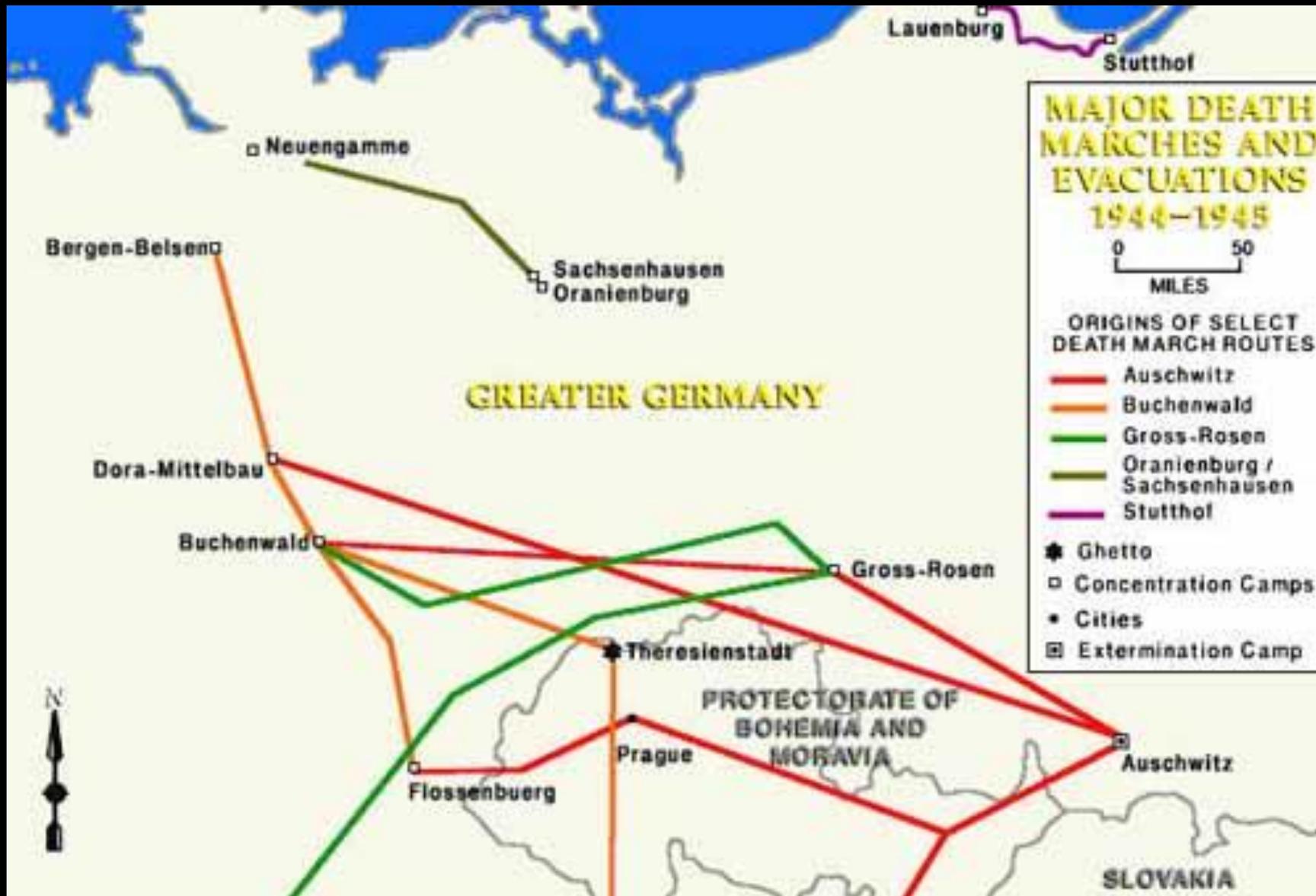
- Many prisoners died during these marches
- Starvation, lack of water, exposure to the elements, exhaustion and executions were all causes of death
- Some of the marches lasted 100 miles or more



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- Allied forces freed many people who were on death marches by 1945
- Towards the end of the war, the nazis loaded hundreds of death march prisoners onto boats in the North Sea
- The Allies thought the boats were carrying German officials and bombed the boats





Lily Applebaum Malnik

- Lived in Belgium
- In 1940 when Germany invaded Belgium she went into hiding
- She hid her Jewish identity for 2-3 years
- In 1944 she was identified as a Jewish person

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Recording history

- In fall 1939, a Jewish historian, Emanuel Ringelblum, established a secret archive to document Jewish life in the ghetto
- Helped by other, he recorded the lives, deaths and horrors committed by the nazis in the Warsaw ghetto



Recording history

- In 1942–1943, they buried these documents in metal containers, such as this milk can
- They preserved a record of Nazi crimes for future generations.



Liberation

- In the last months leading up to the end of WW2 in Europe, Allied soldiers started to discover the concentration camps
- The soldiers were shocked and devastated at what they saw



Liberation

- The soldiers saw death, starvation, malnutrition, corpses out in the open, disease...
- They did what they could to help the survivors by giving them food, water, sanitation and proper clothing
- They could not give too much food to the people who had been starved







Post War Trials

- War criminals of the Holocaust were put on trial
- From October 1945-to October 1946, these war criminal were tried in specific countries and by international juries
- The United Kingdom, soviet union and United States led the trials





Post War Trials

- A very famous trial was that of Adolf Eichmann
- He was the main person behind the deportation of Jewish people from places of origin to concentration camps
- He was found guilty and sentenced to death in 1962 by hanging
- Unfortunately many war criminals from the Holocaust were never found and tried

