

1) Dora-Mittelbau originally a subcamp of
Buchenwald. Prisoners sent there in
1943. In Oct, 1944 the SS made Dora an
indep. concentration camp with more than
30 sub-camps. Developed after allied
bombs destroyed Peenemünde on the Baltic
Coast.

The camp was there to build a large
industrial complex for the V-2 missile
Program.

No Jews but primarily East European
& Gypsies.

2) at receipt, about 12,000 prisoners with
death rate ~~2~~ ⁵⁰⁰⁻⁶⁰⁰ a month. Until
Spring, 44, prisoners kept in tunnels.
Camp built but spring with a crematorium.
The subcamps were nearby a developed
ammonia, munitions, & concrete production.

In April 45 at liberation, there were
less than 3,000 prisoners alive & more
than 5,000 dead. The camp was
abandoned about 2 weeks before
allies arrived

3) The tunnels were stripped by US forces
before territory given up to Russians.
They took what was left & the tunnels
were blown up in 1948.

With est. of Free Germany, decision
made to reopen the site & make it a
Museum. On the 50th anniv. 1995 about
800 survivors came to a reunion -
all nationalities.

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4) In Spring of 45, about 40,000
prisoners.

In early 45, camp produced 690
v2's a month

As allies approached parties of 500
prisoners left for other camps