LIBERATOR REFLECTIONS



"I remember my buddies and I looked at each other...We knew Hitler wasn't fond of Jews, but we hadn't heard anything about any concentration camps."¹

- Alan Moskin, American soldier who helped liberate the Gunskirchen Concentration Camp (a subcamp of Mauthausen) in Austria

"No one had told me about the death camps. I went through many orientations, but no one shared with me what had been going on in Europe for so many years. On this day in April 1945, with some of my comrades, I walked through the gates of a place called Buchenwald. I was totally unprepared for what I saw."²

- Leon Bass, American soldier who helped liberate the Buchenwald Concentration Camp in Germany

¹ Olivia B. Waxman, 'We Weren't Prepared for This.' Inside the Accidental Liberation of a Concentration Camp. Time, January 26, 2018. <u>https://time.com/5118749/liberation-soldier-holocaust-remembrance</u>.

² Farrell, Kelly M., "Bystanders to the Holocaust: Skepticism in the American Press, 1942-1945," Graduate Thesis (Florida State University, 2006), <u>https://fsu.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fsu:182618/datastream/PDF/view</u>.