

Holocaust Dental Gold: 20 Pounds per Crema per Day

The following is taken from "The Kingdom of Auschwitz" by Otto Freidrich:

"Each crematorium had four large elevators. Each elevator could hold about twenty-five bodies. When it was filled, a bell rang and the elevator rose to the incineration room. Sliding doors opened automatically. The Sonderkommando prisoners again seized the thongs around the wrists of the corpses and hauled them onto a chute that carried them toward the furnaces. One last rite still had to be administered. All the victims' hair was shaved off and stored. Then the Tooth Kommando, eight prisoners who had once been dental surgeons, set to work. They pried open the corpses' mouths and yanked out any gold teeth or bridgework they could find. The gold teeth were dropped into buckets filled with an acid that burned away all flesh and bone.

According to Dr. Nyiszli's calculations, these operations recovered about eighteen to twenty pounds of gold per crematorium per day. The bodies were then loaded onto pushcarts, three to a cart, and slid into the ovens."

In an extermination camp operating four crematoria, 20 pounds of gold per crematorium per day would equate to around 500 pounds of gold in a week.

At today's prices that's more than three million US dollars.

Does anyone know if any of Europe's ethnic groups have ever decided that a metal amalgam made with mercury is an unsuitable material for use in dental restorations?

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PS, the article "Holocaust Dental Gold Underestimated?" can be found at:

<http://www.bookbootusers.co.uk/underestimated.htm>

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