

Holocaust Dental Gold: The Fast Track to the Gas Chamber

Several sources indicate that prisoners of the Nazi death camps were graded according to the amount of gold dental work they had in their teeth.

e.g.

"An informant stationed in the dental station at Mauthausen concentration camp stated that incoming camp prisoners were separated based on the amount of dental gold, and some of those with more gold were sent to more intensive labor camps in order to expedite their death:"

<http://www.courttv.com/archive/legaldocs/misc/naziswiss.html>

The cursory "medical" examinations which were carried out on death camp prisoners to select batches of victims (see Spielberg's depiction of camp officers yanking open prisoners' mouths in order to look inside), are sometimes interpreted by the more romantic of holocaust commentators as "the exercise of the power of life or death by the oppressor over his victim".

Is it possible that the real point of these examinations was often much more mundane than this?

Is it possible that the primary importance of these examinations was in maximising the efficiency of the process of dental gold reclamation?

And is it possible that some prisoners survived because they had looked after their teeth better than others?

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PS, I am aware that some people prefer to play down the dental gold aspect of the holocaust, to the point of ignoring or even attempting to refute eye-witness testimonies and documentary evidence. I call such people "holocaust deniers".

The following source:

http://isurvived.org/Lustig_Oliver-CCDictionary/CCD-09_L.html

says:

"It has been estimated that from Birkenau-Auschwitz alone 6,000 kilograms of dental gold were sent to Berlin."

At today's prices six thousand kilograms of gold is worth around 80 million US dollars.

The article Holocaust Dental Gold Underestimated? can be found at:

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

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