

Lesson V: Anthony Del Duca Liberation 75 Local Connections (southwest Florida resident)

Note to Parents & Teachers. *Please* review this video as it contains graphic photographs. Feel free to skip questions you deem to be inappropriate, too.

Questions:

1. The US 11th Armored Division, nicknamed the Thunderbolts, liberated Mauthausen Concentration Camp in May of 1945. Click on this link [http://www.11tharmoreddivision.com/insignia/i_insignia.html] and determine what each color field of the insignia represents:



Red: _____

Blue: _____

Yellow: _____

2. Watch the video of Anthony Del Duca (southwest Florida resident) [<https://youtu.be/Nt65dkSpmxU>] and answer the following:
 - a. Where was Mauthausen located _____
 - b. Mr. Del Duca stated that Mauthausen Concentration Camps was located “right on the Danube”. Use Google maps [<https://www.google.com/maps>] and enter “Mauthausen” in the search field. Based on the map, the Danube is...
 - a. A quarry
 - b. A mountainside

- c. A marsh
 - d. A river
- c. Mr. Del Duca stated that they were told to get to the camp quickly because they were, “killing 1000s a day”. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum [<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/mauthausen-resistance-liberation-and-postwar-trials?series=18606>], how many prisoners were killed there in total? _____
- d. He states that they were ordered to stay in their “half-track”. Using the tank encyclopedia link [https://tanks-encyclopedia.com/ww2/US/M3_Halftrack.php] and the image below, describe what a half-track is:



- e. Mr. Del Duca stated that the “SS” abandoned the camp. Using the Jewish Virtual Library link [<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/background-and-overview-of-the-ss>] determine which main SS group would have been concentration camp guards. _____

3. Mr. Del Duca stated that the US soldiers saw living “human skeletons” and that some of the soldiers threw them C rations.

Who were the living “human skeletons” _____

Using [<https://www.merriam-webster.com/>] define C ration _____

_____.

4. At 1:29 of the video, Mr. Del Duca tells the horrifying story of a just-freed, starving prisoner so hungry that he tried to eat the C rations without opening the can. Even more tragically, another prisoner, possibly so tormented and psychologically defeated, struck and killed the man eating the C ration can.

In your own words, try to explain the level of desperation that scene depicts.

_____.

5. Benjamin (Beryl) Ferencz (southeast Florida resident) describes his findings at Mauthausen upon Liberation [<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/mauthausen-resistance-liberation-and-postwar-trials?series=18606>]. Watch the brief video and explain...
- a. What branch of the US Army was he transferred to _____
_____.
 - b. What was he charged with collecting _____
 - c. Ultimately Mr. Ferencz became _____