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## First Day Cover: Canadian Commemoration of Shoah Documentary and Allied Liberation of Wobbelin Concentration Camp

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When Allied forces liberated Nazi concentration and death camps, they found horrifying evidence of "The Final Solution," a code-name for Hitler's plans to exterminate the Jews of Europe. Mass graves of men, women and children, thousands of unburied bodies and starved and maltreated survivors confirmed the reports and testimony of earlier witnesses. These survivors were found in pitiful condition by U.S. Army troops at Wöbbelin Concentration Camp in May 1945.

*(U.S. National Archives/W&C 1108)*

Lorsque les Alliés libèrent les prisonniers des camps de concentration et de la mort tenus par le régime nazi, ils constatèrent divers éléments horribles de la «solution finale», code donné au projet hitlérien d'extermination des Juifs en Europe. Des fosses communes – où étaient entassés les restes d'hommes, de femmes et d'enfants –, des milliers de cadavres non enterrés ainsi que des prisonniers affamés et maltraités venaient confirmer des rapports et des témoignages antérieurs. Les troupes de la 9<sup>e</sup> Armée américaine trouvèrent ces survivants dans un état pitoyable au camp de concentration de Wöbbelin, en mai 1945.

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