


PRIMARY SOURCES

Women in Labour Camps




FORCED LABOR IN PLASZOW(PHOTO)
WOMEN PRISONERS PULL DUMPCARS FILLED WITH STONES IN THE CAMP QUARRY. PLASZOW CAMP,
POLAND, 1944.

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- *“It was a beautiful afternoon the day we left Krakow. Our homeland, abused by the occupation said goodbye to us with a sunny day. The monotonous clatter of the train wheels painfully reminded us that it was taking us away as slaves.”*
 - *Maria Hosajowa, a former Polish forced labourer*

FEMALE FOREIGN WORKERS IN
STADELHEIM WORK IN A
FACTORY OWNED BY THE AGFA
CAMERA COMPANY, MAY 1943,
GERMANY, UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL
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- Kazimier K., a former Polish forced labourer who worked at an industrial firm in Berlin, described the primitive conditions in her testimony:
 - *“There were twenty girls in our room. There were ten bunk beds, wooden ones...the bunk beds were made of narrow boards as wide as the palm of a hand...the mattresses stuffed with straw...two thin blankets...there weren’t any sheets just the blankets...there was one table, a coke stove and two benches...those were our furnishings...hangers for our clothes was [sic] a stick found on the road and a piece of string...that’s how we lived.”*