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**Memories of Wittenberge:**

Now and then the camp commandant and his subordinates played a gag. It went like this: while the prisoners were in the canteen eating dinner, a tractor dumped vegetables all over the roll call area. Turnips, carrots and beets landed in a big pile on the ground. When dinner was over, the prisoners were called to leave the canteen. The exit led directly to the roll call area. When the prisoners came out, they immediately saw the vegetables. The SS people and the commandant stood off to the side. The prisoners approached the pile of vegetables. Two or three meters away they stopped, realizing that the SS people were watching them. They stood there for five or ten minutes. Then the commandant smiled and yelled: "Please help yourselves! Help yourselves!" What happened next is very hard to describe. The whole crowd threw themselves on the pile. All the while, the commandant and his people nearly laughed themselves to death. After a couple of minutes the pile had disappeared – but many of the prisoners were left moaning on the ground, wounded.

Wassilij Maksimowitsch Owtscharenko, letter of March, 1992.

From: Herbert Dierks. *"Verschleppt nach Deutschland! Jugendliche Häftlinge des KZ-Neuengamme aus der Sowjetunion erinnern sich."* ("Deported to Germany! Young Prisoners from the Soviet Union Remember"). Eds.: The Friends of the Neuengamme Memorial Site and the Concentration Camp Memorial Site Neuengamme. Bremen 2000: S. 101-102.