



Research
Services

Presentation Handout: Captured German Records Related to American Prisoners of War During World War II, Rachael Salyer

Series in Record Group 242: National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized

- I. “Card Files Pertaining to American Prisoners of War” (entry NM-44 279, National Archives Identifier: 6924202)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6924202>
- II. “Card File on Individual Prisoners of War” (entry A1 1058, National Archives Identifier: 7323534)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7323534>
- III. “Photographs of Allied Airmen Prisoners of War” (entry UD 1079, National Archives Identifier: 7348010)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7348010>
- IV. “Personnel Cards on Prisoners of War in Stalag XB and Stalag XIIA, and on Merchant Seamen in POW Camps” (entry A1 1057, National Archives Identifier: 7323510)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7323510>

Access to Archival Databases (AAD): <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

- I. “World War II Prisoners of War Data File”: <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-description.jsp?s=644&cat=WR26&bc=,sl> (National Archives Identifier: 583428)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/583428>
- II. “World War II Prisoners of the Japanese File”:
<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-description.jsp?s=4277&cat=WR26&bc=,sl&col=1215> (National Archives Identifier: 731002)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/731002>

Series in Record Group 389: Records of the Office of the Provost Marshal General

- I. “Subject Correspondence Files, 1943–1945” (entry A1 435, National Archives Identifier: 645921)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/645921>
- II. “Records Relating to the Collection and Dissemination of Information Concerning American Civilians and Military Personnel Captured or Interned in Enemy Countries, 1942–1945” (entry A1 459, National Archives Identifier: 719211)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/719211>
- III. “International Red Cross Lists of Prisoners of War and Civilian Prisoners, 1942–1945” (entry P 11, National Archives Identifier: 1130297)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1130297>

Series in Record Group 153: Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army)

- I. “Stalag Name Index to the Series ‘Case Files, 1944–1949’” (entry A1 141-D, National Archives Identifier: 1681937)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1681937>
- II. “European Name Index to the Series ‘Case Files, 1944–1949’” (entry A1 142, National Archives Identifier: 1683246)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1683246>
- III. “Far East Name Index to the Series ‘Case Files, 1944–1949’” (entry A1 140-A, National Archives Identifier: 1670340)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1670340>

Records Related to Individual Service Members

- I. Archival Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs):
<https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel/ompf-archival-requests>
- II. Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) and other individual casualty records like the example National Archives Identifier: 297287480
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/297287480>
- III. “Hospital Admission Card Files” in Record Group 112: Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army)
 - described in the Catalog as National Archives Identifier: 570973

- <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/570973>
- available online via Ancestry.com as the collection “U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942–1954”
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/>
- available online via Fold3.com as the collection “U.S. WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942–1954”
 - <https://www.fold3.com/publication/1088/us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>

Reference Information Papers (RIPs)

- RIP 80: Records Relating to Personal Participation in World War II: American Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees: <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/005813444>
- RIP 82: Records Relating to Personal Participation in World War II: American Military Casualties and Burials: <https://www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/82>
- RIP 104: Presidential Libraries Holdings Relating to Prisoners of War and Missing in Action: <https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip104.pdf>
- RIP 105: Records of Military Agencies Relating to African Americans from the Post-World War I Period to the Korean War: <https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip105.pdf>
- RIP 109: Military Service Records at the National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip109.pdf>

Additional Resources

- I. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency: <https://www.dpaa.mil/>
- II. Arolsen Archives - International Center on Nazi Persecution (formerly known as the International Tracing Service, ITS): <https://arolsen-archives.org/en/>
- III. National World War II Museum: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/prisoners-world-war-ii-pows>
- IV. Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/veterans-history-project-collection/serving-our-voices/diverse-experiences-in-service/prisoners-of-war/>
- V. International Committee of the Red Cross: <https://www.icrc.org/en/document/prisoners-war-what-you-need-know>