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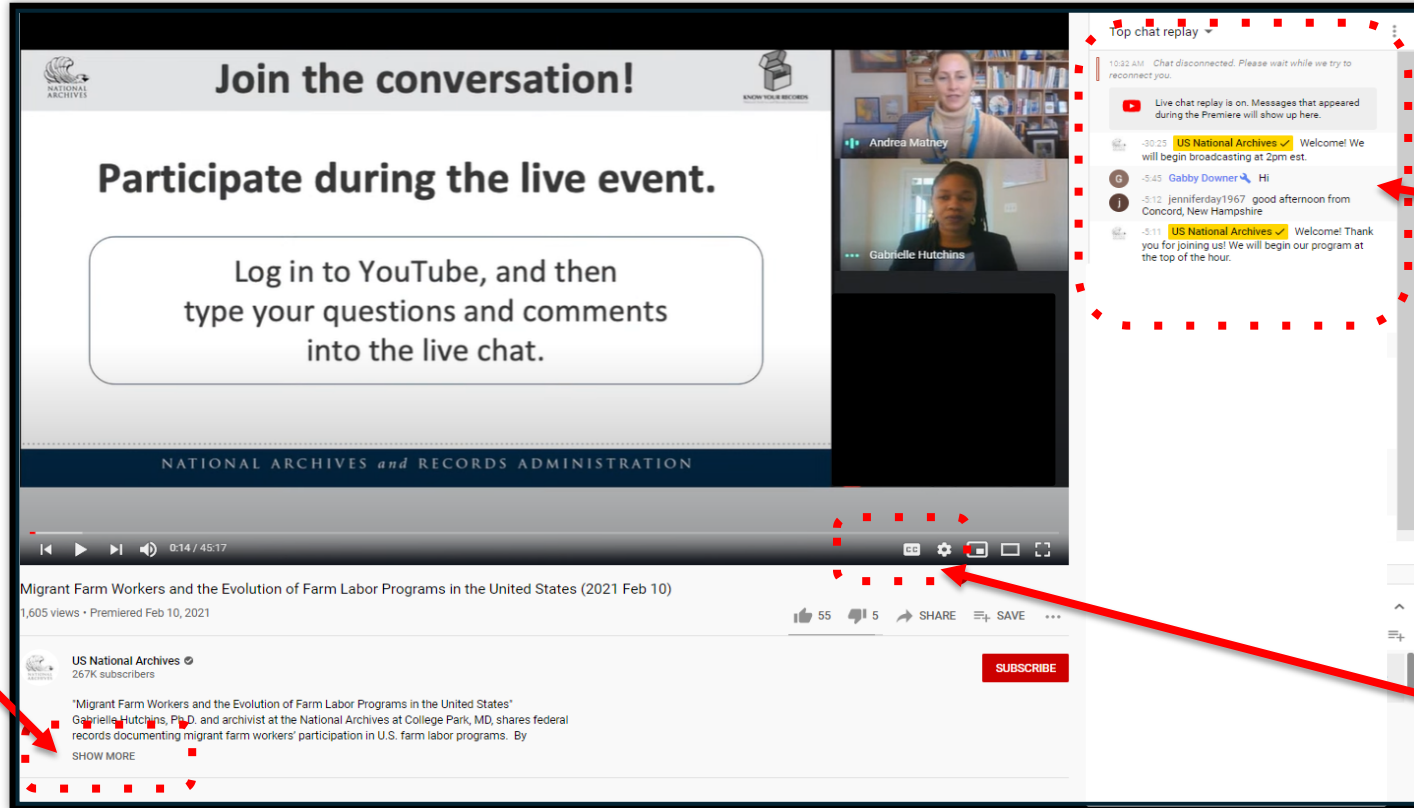
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- ask questions

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May 28 1 p.m. ET	<i>After Their Service: Tracing the Lives of Native American Army Scouts</i> Cody White
June 4 1 p.m. ET	<i>Captured German Records Related to American Prisoners of War during World War II</i> Rachael Salyer

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June 18 1 p.m. ET	<i>Alien Files (A-Files): Researching Immigrant Ancestors at the National Archives</i> Elizabeth Burnes
June 25 1 p.m. ET	<i>World War II Enemy Alien Records related to Japanese Americans at the National Archives</i> David Castillo, Ruth Chan, and Katharine Seitz
June 25 following 1 p.m. session	Closing Remarks



Session Overview

Captured German Records Related to American Prisoners of War During World War II

The majority of Captured German Records in the National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized (Record Group 242) are [microfilmed copies](#) of original German records that have been returned to Germany. However, this record group also includes original records that relate to Allied airmen and American prisoners of war (POWs) during World War II. This presentation will include an overview of these records, most of which are in German, and offer guidance on how to access and search the records effectively, even if you do not read German. The presentation will also provide historical background and related resources.

Presenter Biography



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Rachael Salyer is an archivist at the National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II), and a Subject Matter Expert in Modern Military Records. Rachael started her career at the National Archives as an archives technician in the Textual Research Room and then became an archivist in Textual Processing. Since 2019, she has served as an archivist in the Augmented Processing Section and in the Reference Section of the Archives II Textual Records Division. Rachael has a bachelor of arts degree in English and German from Oklahoma Baptist University, a master of arts and a doctor of philosophy degree in German Studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a master of science in Library and Information Science with an archives concentration from Simmons University. Before joining the National Archives, Rachael worked as a professor of English composition, literature, and German at various colleges and universities in Massachusetts.



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Captured German Records Related to American Prisoners of War During World War II

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Record Group 242 and Captured German Records

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Record Group 242

National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized

- Consists primarily of microfilmed copies of German records
- Also includes some Italian, Russian, Hungarian, Polish, Japanese, North Korean, and Grenadan records, as well as a few other miscellaneous records from other countries
- Original documents mostly returned to countries of origin
- Contains some cartographic and photographic records, along with moving images and sound recordings



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Captured German Records on Microfilm

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Captured German and Related Records on Microfilm

Revised October 1, 2012

See also the list of [Captured German Sound Recordings](#)

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National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized, Record Group 242

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- [Captured German records microfilmed in Berlin, Germany](#)
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- [Nazi Party and SS records](#)

More information about these records—including specific Microfilm Publication Numbers—can be found on the National Archives website.



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Record Group 242 in the National Archives Catalog

Click the blue “Search within this Record Group” button to explore RG 242.



National Archives NextGen Cat: x +
catalog.archives.gov/id/569

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foreign records seized

Back to Search Results Result 1 of 69,478

Record Group 242 PARTIALLY AVAILABLE ONLINE
National Archives Collection of **Foreign Records Seized, 1675–1958**
NAID: 569 Collected: 1675–1958
Search within this Record Group 693 Series

Partially Available Online
This Record Group contains records, some of which are available online.
29,239 File Units and 6,095 Items (with a total of 19,429,558 digital objects) from this Record Group are currently online and ready to view.

Dates
The creator compiled or maintained this record group between 1675–1958.

Inside this Record Group

Type here to search 49°F Partly sunny 9:45 AM 3/13/2024

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/569>



Filtering Catalog Search Results

Examples of Filters:

- All records vs. Available to access online
- Type of Materials
- Level of Description
- Location of Archival Materials

The screenshot displays a search results page for a record group. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search within this Record Group" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, it indicates "1-20 of 57,550 results within this Record Group in 1.18 seconds." and "Results per page: 20".

The "Filter by:" section on the left includes several options:

- All records
- Available to access online (35,334)
- + Type of Materials
- + Level of Description
- + File Format of Archival Materials
- + Part of Record Groups
- + Location of Archival Materials
- + Dates by Year

The "Sort by:" section shows "Most Relevant" selected. The results are displayed in a list format, with the first two items visible:

- File Unit**
Camp Records - Inmate Cards - Mauthausen - Records on Prisoners, Tel-Z
NAID: 88513503
Creators: Germany. Geheime Staatspolizei; Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. Administrative Services Division. Departmental Records Branch. Captured Records Section. (9/18/1947 - 1958); International Tracing Service. (1/1/1948 -)
Series: Lists and Registers of German Concentration Camp Inmates
- File Unit**
Camp Records - Inmate Cards - Mauthausen - Records on Prisoners, Boh-Gas
NAID: 88498560
Creators: Germany. Geheime Staatspolizei; Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. Administrative Services Division. Departmental Records Branch. Captured Records Section. (9/18/1947 - 1958); International Tracing Service. (1/1/1948 -)
Series: Lists and Registers of German Concentration Camp Inmates

The third item is partially visible at the bottom: "Camp Records - Inmate Cards - Mauthausen - Records on Prisoners, A-Boj".



Microfilmed and Original Documents

Most of the original captured German records were returned to Germany after being microfilmed by various Allied organizations.

- For access to these documents, please contact the German Bundesarchiv (Federal Archives):

<https://www.bundesarchiv.de/EN/Navigation/Home/home.html>

Notable exceptions include original documents that relate to American airmen and prisoners of war (POWs/PWs).

- Information about POWs was governed by articles 77–80 of the 1929 Geneva Convention:

<https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/en/ihl-treaties/gc-pow-1929>



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Entry NM-44 279
“Card Files Pertaining
to American
Prisoners of War”



National Archives Identifier (NAID): 6924202

Although this series is not yet available online, it has been digitized and will be available in the Catalog in the near future.

Series ⚠ NOT YET AVAILABLE ONLINE

Card Files Pertaining to American Prisoners of War, 1951 ?–1958

Other title: Other German Records: Card File Pertaining to Allied Prisoners of War

Creator: Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. Administrative Services Division. Departmental Records Branch. Captured Records Section. (9/18/1947 - 1958) (Most Recent)

NAID: 6924202 | Textual Records | Collected: 1951 ?–1958 | Covers: ca. 1943–1945

⚠ Not Yet Available Online

This Series contains records, none of which are available online.

This series consists of card files pertaining to American prisoners of war (POW). A file typically includes personnel data including the POW identification number; camp number; first and last name; date and place of birth; religion; height; hair color; finger print; name of the father of the POW; nationality; rank; branch of service; service number; civilian occupation; date and place of capture; contact information of person to be notified in POW's homeland; and commands. Some of the files also include a photograph and a maiden name of the mother of the POW as well as a list of transfers if applicable. Most of the records are in German.

Arrangement

Arranged in two parts. The first part is arranged alphabetically by last name of prisoner of war, and the second part is arranged numerically by camp number.

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6924202>



Series Overview


- These records are in the custody of the Textual Reference Branch at the National Archives in College Park, MD (Archives II).
- The records are arranged alphabetically by family name of prisoner, with a small section arranged by camp number at the end of the series.
- The records are mostly in German, and they cover the time period of 1943 through 1945.
- The series includes 86 boxes of records; however, it does not include files for every American POW held by the Germans.
- The information available on each card may vary from prisoner to prisoner.



Typical Personnel Data on Cards

- first and last name
- date and place of birth
- religion
- nationality
- height
- hair color
- fingerprint
- rank
- branch of service
- commands
- service number
- civilian occupation
- POW identification number
- camp number
- date and place of capture
- contact information of person to be notified in POW's homeland
- photograph
- name of the POW's father
- maiden name of the POW's mother
- list of transfers

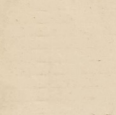
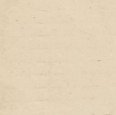
Sample Images: DiBella, Louis J.

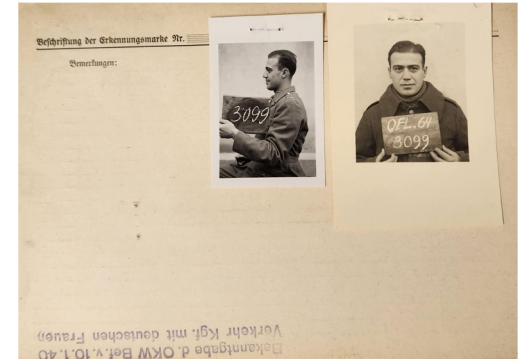
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Personalkarte I: Personelle Angaben Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager:																							Beschriftung der Erkennungsmarke Nr. 3099 Oflag 64	
Name: DiBella Vorname: Louis J. Geburtstag und -ort: Aug. 17 Montclair / N.J. Religion: kat. Vorname des Vaters: Giuseppe Familienname der Mutter: Casadona												Staatsangehörigkeit: U.S.A. Dienstgrad: Leib. Truppenteil: Inf. Komp. usw.: Zivilberuf: Aufstellungsbef. Berufs-Ort: Matrikel Nr. (Stammrolle des Heimatstaates): 0-2206 194 Gefangennahme (Ort und Datum): 14. 12. 1943 Italien Ob gesund, krank, verwundet eingeliefert: gesund												
Lichtbild												Nähere Personalbeschreibung												
Größe: 1,70 Haarfarbe: schwarz												Besondere Kennzeichen:												
Ringabdruck des rechten! Zeigefingers 												Name und Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person in der Heimat des Kriegsgefangenen Mrs. Josephina DiBella 97 Glenridge Ave Glenridge New-Jersey												
Wenden!																								

Bekanntgabe d. OKW Bef. v. 10. 1. 40
Verkehr Kgf. mit deutschen Frauen

This is an example of a typical POW card that includes basic personal details about the prisoner, a fingerprint, and his camp assignment.

This file also includes two small photographs of the prisoner.

Beschriftung der Erkennungsmarke Nr. 3099 Oflag 64		Beschriftung der Erkennungsmarke Nr. 3099 Oflag 64	
Name: DiBella Vorname: Louis J.		Name: DiBella Vorname: Louis J.	
Geburtstag und -ort: Aug. 17 Montclair / N.J.		Geburtstag und -ort: Aug. 17 Montclair / N.J.	
Religion: kat.		Religion: kat.	
Vorname des Vaters: Giuseppe		Vorname des Vaters: Giuseppe	
Familienname der Mutter: Casadona		Familienname der Mutter: Casadona	
Lichtbild		Lichtbild	
Größe: 1,70 Haarfarbe: schwarz		Größe: 1,70 Haarfarbe: schwarz	
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Bekanntgabe d. OKW Bef. v. 10. 1. 40 Verkehr Kgf. mit deutschen Frauen			



Sample Images: Doyle, James L.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Personalkarte II: Wirtschaftliche Angaben Kriegsgefangenenlager: Oflag 64 Name: Doyle Vorname: James L. Geburtsort und -zeit: _____ Staatsangehörigkeit: _____													Weisung der Erkennungsmarke Nr. 138 886 Buchstabe: _____ Lager: _____ Dienstgrad: Oberleutnant Zivilberuf: _____ Berufs-Gr.: _____ Grad der Arbeitsfähigkeit: _____												
a) Private Geldmittel																									
Datum		Den Kriegsgefangenen abgenommene Beträge in Saluta			Hilfsleistungen in Saluta			Gutschrift in R.M.		Sicher ausgehört in R.M.		Weist Guthaben in R.M.		Anerkennungsschein der Sabmeisterei				des St.-Gef.							
b) Abgenommene Wertgegenstände																									
Datum		Wägere Bezeichnung				Aufbewahrende Stelle		Rückgabevermerk mit Datum				Anerkennungsschein der Sabmeisterei				des St.-Gef.									

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258,677

This card only includes the prisoner's name, POW number, and camp assignment.

Some cards are more detailed than others, and the amount of information can vary widely from person to person.

c) Arbeitslöhne nach den Lohnlisten												138 886.													
Arbeitgeber	Jahr	Monat		Wochen	Wochengehalt	Guthaben	Anerkennungsschein des Sabmeisterei	des St.-Gef.	Arbeitgeber	Jahr	Monat		Wochen	Wochengehalt	Guthaben	Anerkennungsschein des Sabmeisterei	des St.-Gef.								
	m	n	o							p	m	n						o	p						
d) Cazarett-, Krankenhaus- und Revierbehandlung (Krankenblätter, D. B.-Verhandlungen werden besonders geführt)																									
Einfuhrdatum	Ort, Cazarett, Krankenhaus oder Revier		Wer der Kranke ist und ob er im Kriegszustand oder in der Gefangenschaft war		Einfuhrdatum	Bemerkungen über Dienst- und Arbeitsfähigkeit, Dienstbezeichnung etc.		Bei Tod	Datum, Wohngeschick, Krankheits- und -beobachtung																

Sample Images: Grinaldi, Pasquale

Kgf.M-Stammlager XI F

F 285

1. Name Grinaldi

2. Vorname Pasquale

3. Geburtstag Marx. 11, 1913

4. Geburtsort Manhattan, N.Y.C.

5. Nationalität American

6. Dienstgrad Private First Class

7. Truppenteil F.A.

8. Matrikel Nr. 32249954

9. Ort u. Tag der Gefangennahme Holland 28 Oct. 1944

10. Einlieferung G.I.V.V. von S. D. J. UEBERNAHMESTELLE

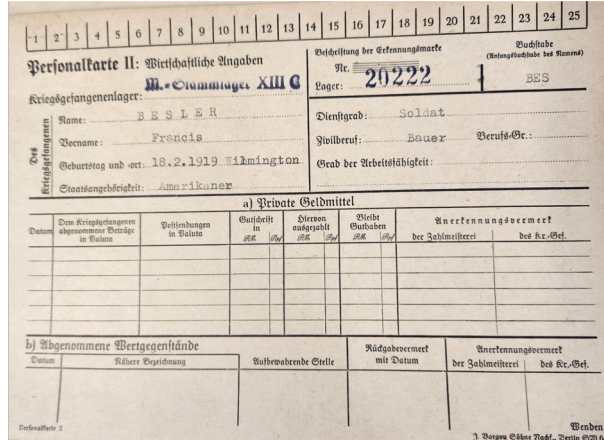
11. Abtransportiert 27. Okt. 1944 ILB-

12. Nächste Angehörige Mrs. Grace Grinaldi
264 - 63 Ave
N.Y.C.
MANHATTAN

This is a different style card that contains similar personal information about this particular prisoner.

Sample Images: Besler, Francis

This card is part of the file for “Camp XIII C,” and it includes a typed copy of the card that has been translated into English.



Personalkarte II: Berufliche Angaben

Bezeichnung der Erkennungsmarke: **20222** Buchstabe: **BES**

Kriegsgefangenenlager: **M. Stammiger XIII C**

Name: **BESLER**

Vorname: **Francis**

Geburtsort und -zeit: **18.2.1919 Wilmington**

Staatsangehörigkeit: **Amerikaner**

Dienstgrad: **Soldat**

Hilfsberuf: **Bauer** Berufs-Gr.: _____

Grad der Arbeitsfähigkeit: _____

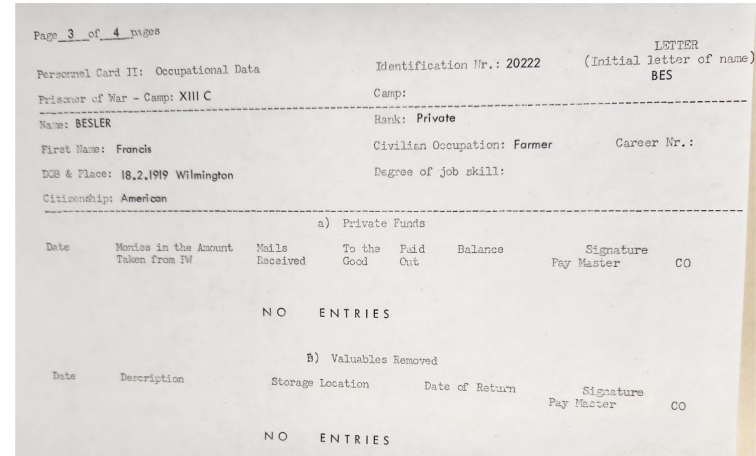
a) Private Geldmittel

Datum	Dem Kriegsgefangenen abgenommener Betrag in Dollars	Vollziehungen in Dollars	Geldlohn in \$/¢		Dienstlohn ausbezahlt in \$/¢		Mehrwertsteuer in \$/¢		Erkennungsbuchwert der Zahlmeisterei		Erkennungsbuchwert des Kr.-Bef.	
			\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢

b) Abgenommene Wertgegenstände

Datum	Art der Gegenstände	Halbwahrende Stelle	Rückgabevermerk mit Datum	Erkennungsbuchwert der Zahlmeisterei	Erkennungsbuchwert des Kr.-Bef.

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Personal Card II: Occupational Data Identification Nr.: 20222 LETTER (Initial letter of name) BES

Priisoner of War - Camp: XIII C Camp: _____

Name: BESLER Rank: Private

First Name: Francis Civilian Occupation: Farmer Career Nr.: _____

DOB & Place: 18,2,1919 Wilmington Degree of job skill: _____

Citizenship: American

a) Private Funds

Date	Monies in the Amount Taken from PW	Monies Received	To the Good	Paid Out	Balance	Signature Pay Master	CO

NO ENTRIES

b) Valuables Removed

Date	Description	Storage Location	Date of Return	Signature Pay Master	CO

NO ENTRIES



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Examples of Other Prisoner of War Series in Record Group 242



“Card File on Individual Prisoners of War”

- Entry A1 1058, National Archives Identifier: 7323534
- <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7323534>
- 2 boxes of records (not digitized)
- arranged alphabetically by family name of prisoner

This series contains German-created personnel cards on individual POWs, including name, rank, date and place of birth, POW number, date of capture or transfer to POW camp, and POW camp number or designation.

Sample Images from Entry A1 1058

Familien- u. Vorname: <i>Chattany + Bertram</i>		Hinterlegungs-Nr. <i>U.S.A. 51</i>	
geboren am	in:	Kreis:	
Truppenteil:			
Dienstgrad:		<i>1st Lt. 7822256</i>	
Erkennungsmärke: <i>Rog.</i>			
Tag des Todes	Ort des Todes	Verdicht am	
<i>erschossen</i>			
Lage und Nr. des Grabes:			
Gemeldet durch <i>Rog. M. Stammlager VII a Gruppe Verd</i> <i>Az. 2 f 24 Sgt I.K.14 Oct 43, Dulag</i> <i>226, Field Postal No. 29950</i>			

Name: *Chattany, Bertram*
 Nationality: *USA 51*
 Rank: *POW*
 No. *7822256*
 Date of Death: *Escaped*
 Reported by: *POW M. Stammlager VII a Group Verd*
Az. 2 f 24 Sgt I.K.14 Oct 43, Dulag
226, Field Postal No. 29950

This series includes a wide variety of different prisoner of war personnel cards.

- Name: *Cow*
- Vornamen: *Robert H.*
- Geburtsort: *39 March 1918*
- Geburtsort: *Platteau, South Dakota*
- Lager: *POW*
- Dienstgrad: *Sergeant*
- Truppenteil: *1st Army*
- Nr. der Erkennungsmärke des deutschen Lagers: *POW 222 277 / 111 A*

- Vorname des Vaters: *Robert H.*
- Name der Mutter: *...*
- Anschrift der nächsten Angehörigen: *...*
- Beruf: *Profession*
- Wann und wo gefangen: *...*
- Nr. der Erkennungsmärke des eigenen Truppenteils: *...*

215 Brum

Bei V. u. G. die Staatsangehörigkeit angeben

Familien- u. Vorname: *DINDFFER Walter*

geb. am *7. XI. 23* in: *Michigan*

Truppenteil: *98922 - 211 A*

Dienstgrad: *1st Lt.*

Name des Lazarets: *Malaria*

Erkrankungstag, Art der Krankheit oder Verwundung: *...*

Zugang: *Rei. U.S.A.*

Abgang: *20.3.43*

woher, wo, wohin: *...*

Lfd. Nr. des Laz.-Krankenbuches: *8511*

K.S. 54 Karl Gruber & Co Bremen

Bei Verbündeten und Gefangenen sowie verstorbenen deutschen Wehrmachtangehörigen:

Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Angehörigen: *led. M. Elizabeth Dindffer Michigan*

Bei Verstorbenen:

genaue Bezeichnung der Grabsite:



“Photographs of Allied Airmen Prisoners of War”

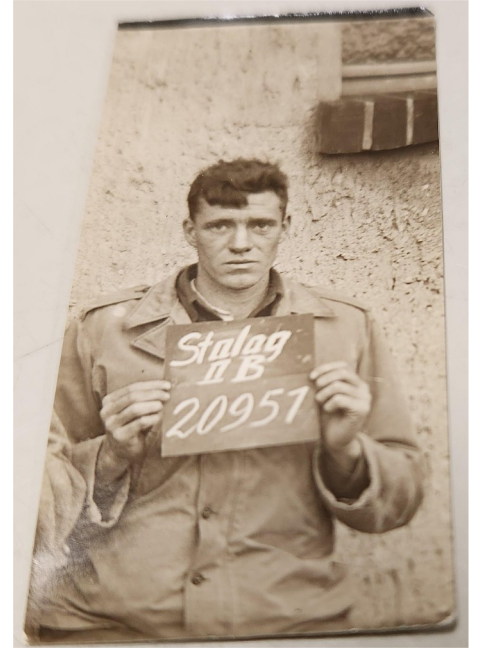
- Entry UD 1079, National Archives Identifier: 7348010
- <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7348010>
- 2 boxes of records (not digitized)
- Arranged in two sections: the first section is numerical by Stalag number, and the second is unarranged. This series is not indexed or searchable by name of POW.

This series includes mugshot style photographs of Allied airmen who were captured by the Germans. Most photographs include POW numbers, but there are no names on the photographs.

Sample Images from Entry UD 1079



These small photographs are not labeled, and prisoners' names are not included in or on the images. Each photograph generally includes a camp number and a POW number.





“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>
- 1 box (not digitized)
- Arranged by camp number, and then alphabetically by family name of each prisoner.

These cards include name, rank, POW number, date and place of birth, and occupation.

Sample Images from Entry A1 1057

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Personal Card # 111 - Serial # 111										Beschreibung der Lager Erkennungsmerkmale										Buchstab.				
Name: PARSON										Datum										Arb. Kde				
Vorname: Robert										Staatsangehörigkeit: U.S.A.										Volksstum:				
Dienstgrad: 1st Lt. Field										Truppenteil: U.S. Army										Geburts-tag und Ort: 18.25.25				
Date and place of Birth: 18 Jan. 1925 - Georgia																								

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Personal Card # 111 - Serial # 111										Beschreibung der Lager Erkennungsmerkmale										Buchstab.				
Name: TRUJILLO										Datum										Arb. Kde				
Vorname: Roy										Staatsangehörigkeit: U.S.A.										Volksstum:				
Dienstgrad: Uff. 1st Lt.										Truppenteil: U.S. Army										Geburts-tag und Ort: 29.5.25				
Date and place of Birth: 29 May 1925 - Missouri																								

The small cards from this series generally include fewer details, but many of them do have annotations and additional information in English.



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Examples of Other Records at the National Archives Related to World War II Prisoners of War

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“World War II Prisoners of War Data File”



- This series is part of Record Group 389: Records of the Office of the Provost Marshal General.
- The database is available online via the National Archives’ Access to Archival Databases (AAD) website: <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>.
- It is also described in the National Archives Catalog as National Archives Identifier: 583428
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/583428>

Field Title	Value	Meaning
SERIAL NUMBER	O1306197	O1306197
NAME	DI BELLA LOUIS J	DI BELLA LOUIS J
GRADE, ALPHA	2 LT	Second Lieutenant or Nurse or Dietitian or Physical therapy aide
GRADE CODE	G	Second Lieutenant or Ensign
SERVICE CODE	1	ARMY
ARM OR SERVICE	INF	Infantry



“World War II Prisoners of the Japanese File”

The Records of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (Collection ADBC) includes another database that is available online via AAD: <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>.

These records are described in the National Archives Catalog as the series “World War II Prisoners of the Japanese Data Files” (National Archives Identifier: 731002)

- <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/731002>



Additional Series in Record Group 389

- “Subject Correspondence Files, 1943–1945” (entry A1 435, National Archives Identifier: 645921)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/645921>
 - contains information about the care and treatment of American POWs by Axis Nations
- “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>
 - contains records that help document the experiences of American POWs
- “Decimal Files, 1942–1945” (entry A1 460, National Archives Identifier: 731082)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/731082>
 - contains press releases related to American POWs
- “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>



Examples from Record Group 153: Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army)

- “Stalag Name Index to the Series ‘Case Files, 1944–1949’” (entry A1 141-D, National Archives Identifier: 1681937)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1681937> - *fully digitized*
- “European Name Index to the Series ‘Case Files, 1944–1949’” (entry A1 142, National Archives Identifier: 1683246)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1683246> - *fully digitized*
- “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> - *fully digitized*



Examples of Additional Relevant Record Groups

- Record Group 38: Records of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
- Record Group 59: General Records of the Department of State
- Record Group 165: Records of the War Department General and Special Staffs
- Record Group 331: Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters, World War II
- Record Group 407: Records of the Adjutant General's Office
- Record Group 497: Records of the Africa-Middle East Theater of Operations (World War II Army)
- Record Group 498: Records of Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army (World War II)
- Record Group 554: Records of General Headquarters, Far East Command, Supreme Commander Allied Powers, and United Nations Command



Records Related to Individual Service Members

- Archival Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs):
 - <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel/ompf-archival-requests>
- Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) and other individual casualty records:
 - partially digitized in the Catalog (see example National Archives Identifier: 297287480)
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/297287480>
 - email the National Archives at St. Louis at stl.archives@nara.gov
- “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 and Fold3



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Additional Resources

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

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