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Introduction to the Captured German Records at the National Archives

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Rachael Salyer, archivist, discusses records from Record Group 242, the National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized, and offers strategies for starting your historical or genealogical research using the Captured German Records.

Presenter's Biography

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National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized (Record Group 242)

- Established in 1947
- Initially from Germany, Italy, and Japan during WWII and Axis powers at the end of the war
- Language of country of origin
- Other records from Korea, 1950-1953, and Grenada, 1983
- Primarily microfilm/fiche as originals have been returned to countries of origin
- Located at Archives II in College Park
- Types of Records Include:
  - Textual: Microfilm
  - Textual: Traditional
  - Maps and Charts
  - Posters
  - Aerial Photographs
  - Still Pictures
  - Motion Pictures
  - Sound Recordings

German Records Seized During & After WWII

Records of the National Socialist (Nazi) Regime

- Nazi organizations as well as private citizens

Records of Earlier German Governments

Records of Other European Governments that the Germans had seized during the war

Supplemented with microfilmed copies of related records that had been seized by the Department of State, the Department of the Navy, and other sources.

Where to Start: Guide to Federal Records

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242.1 Administrative History

Finding Aids: *Guides to German Records Microfilmed at Alexandria, Virginia*, Nos. 1-94 (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service/Administration, 1958-93); hereafter cited as "GG," followed by the appropriate number or numbers.

Related Records: National Archives Collection of World War II War Crimes Records, RG 238.

Collection History

The National Archives established this record group in 1947 for records in federal custody that had been captured from Germany, Italy, and Japan during World War II, or seized from the defeated Axis Powers at the end of the war. Included among the German records were not only those of the national socialist ("Nazi") regime, but also those of predecessor German governments and of other European governments that had been acquired by the Germans during the war. The National Archives augmented this World War II collection by accessioning microfilm copies of other seized records from the Department of State, the Department of the Navy, and other sources. In addition to the World War II collection, this record group now includes records acquired by U.S. armed forces during operations in Korea, 1950-53, and on the Caribbean island of Grenada, October 1983.

Nearly all of the originals of the seized World War II records have been returned to their country of origin, with the National Archives retaining the microfilm copies. The Grenadan records were accessioned in microfiche format.

Language Note: Records are in the language of their nationality or country of origin.

Copyright Note: Some of the materials in this record group may have been of private origin. The fact that such materials were seized is not believed to have divested their original owners of any literary property rights in them. Anyone who publishes such materials in whole or in part without the permission of the original owners or their heirs may be held liable for infringement of property rights.

242.2 Microfilm Copies of General Records of the National Socialist German Labor Party (Nazionalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei, NSDAP) and Related Organizations
1813-1945 (bulk 1919-45)
363 rolls

Textual Records: Records of organizations of the party proper, and of related organizations (classified by the party itself as "formations," "affiliated associations," and "supervised organizations"), 1813-1945 (bulk 1919-45), dealing with intraparty operations on the national, regional, and local levels, and documenting the NSDAP's permeation of public and nonpublic institutions.

Textual Records: Microfilm

Microfilm Reading Room (Room 4050) at the National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II)
Monday - Saturday* / 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Reference service available Monday – Friday.

Overview of Microfilmed RG 242 Records

- Over 70,000 rolls of microfilmed captured German documents
- Most are organized by the location where the records were filmed:
  - Whaddon Hall, U.K.
  - Navy Records filmed in London, England, U.K.
  - Berlin, Germany
  - Berlin Document Center (BDC)
  - Alexandria, VA
  - Nazi Party and SS records
  - Private Individuals and Enterprises
  - Pre-World War II German Military Records
  - Other Captured Records

Almost all of the original paper records have been returned to their countries of origin.

Overview of Microfilmed RG 242 Records

Whaddon Hall, UK

- German Foreign Office / German Foreign Ministry, 1867-1945
- German Diplomats, 1833-1931
- Reichs Chancellery, 1919-1945

London, England, U.K.

- German Navy Records, 1850-1945

Berlin, Germany (Non-Biographic)

- NSDAP offices, organizations, associations, etc.
  - *e.g.* Parteiamtliche Prüfungskommission (PPK), Parteikanzlei
- Papers of Nazi leaders
- Reich ministries / government agencies
  - *e.g.* RKK, RuSHA, RMVP, RWM, SS
- Individuals and corporations

Overview of Microfilmed RG 242 Records

Alexandria, VA (1920-1945)

- Various German central, regional, and local government agencies, military commands, headquarters, and units
- Nazi party, party formations, organizations, associations
- Private businesses, institutions, and persons

Other Series

- Miscellaneous Lists and Registers of German Concentration Camp Inmates (International Tracing Service)

Pre-World War II Records

- Documents from the Heeresarchiv Potsdam, 1679-1935
- Royal Bavarian War Ministry & Other Bavarian Military Recs, 1866-1913

Nazi Party and SS Records

- Cultural and Research Institutions
- Deutsches Ausland-Institut, Stuttgart

Private Individuals and Enterprises

- Austrian, Dutch, and German Enterprises, 1917-1946
- W. Lütgebrune, T. Morell, K. Kaushofer, H. v. Bismarck

Overview of Microfilmed RG 242 Records

Berlin Document Center (BDC) - Biographic Records

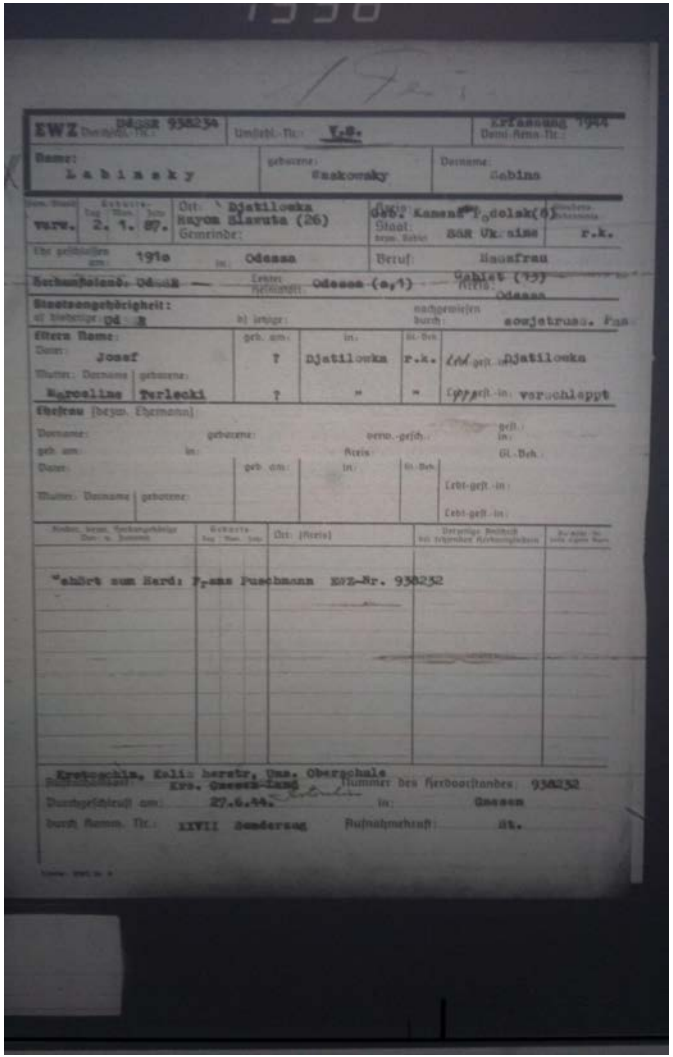
- Personnel and related records of the NSDAP, 1920-1945
  - *e.g.* Ortsgruppenkartei, Zentralkartei, Party Census, Lehrerbund Kartei und Akten, SA Personnel files, SA Personal & Process Akten, SS Officer Personnel Files, SS Enlisted Men Personnel Files, SS Women Personnel Files, SS Lists, RuSHA, NS Frauenschaft/Frauenwerk, Einwandererzentrale (EWZ)

- Generally arranged by organization, then series, then alphabetically (or phonetically) by family name

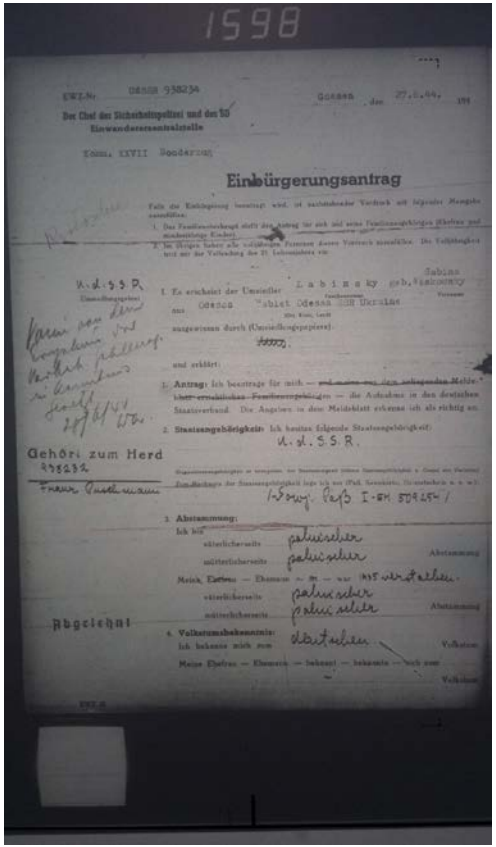
Berlin Document Center (BDC)

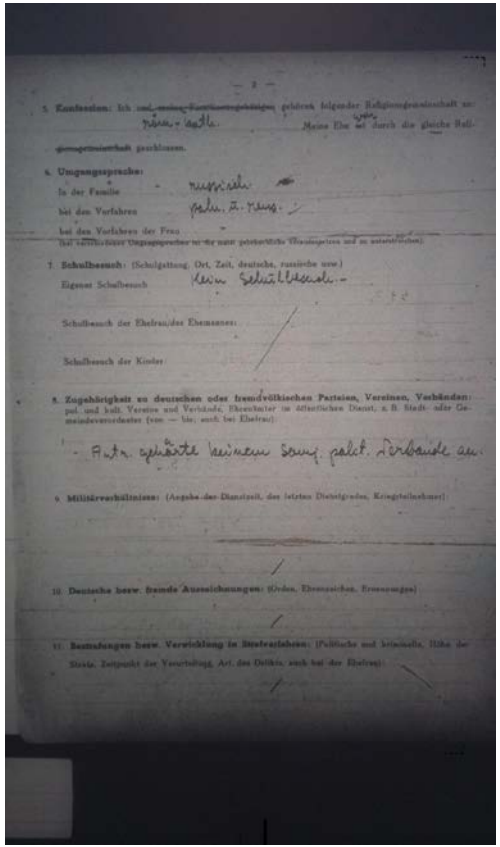
Einwandererzentrale (EWZ, A3342, 7320 rolls)

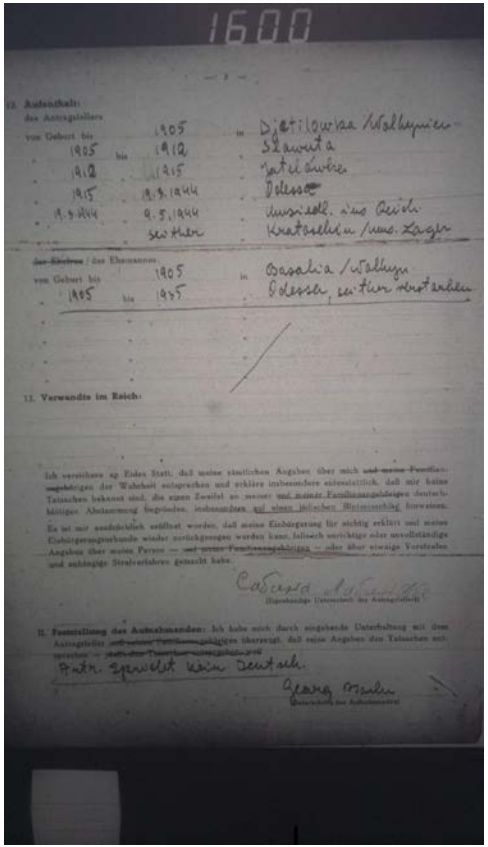
- Applications for naturalization of ethnic Germans
  - EWZ 50 USSR
  - EWZ 51 Rumania
  - EWZ 52 Poland
  - EWZ 53 Baltic
  - EWZ 541 Yugoslavia
  - EWZ 542 France
  - EWZ 543 Bulgaria
  - EWZ 544 Wehrmacht, Organisation Todt, SD or SS Personnel
  - EWZ 545 Süd-Tirol
  - EWZ 56 Rasse Kartei
  - EWZ 57 E/G Kartei



Berlin Document Center (BDC) – EWZ Examples







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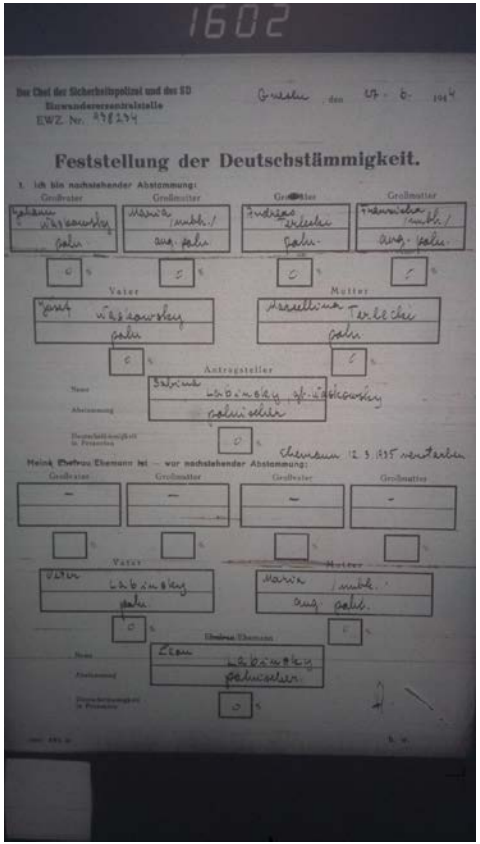

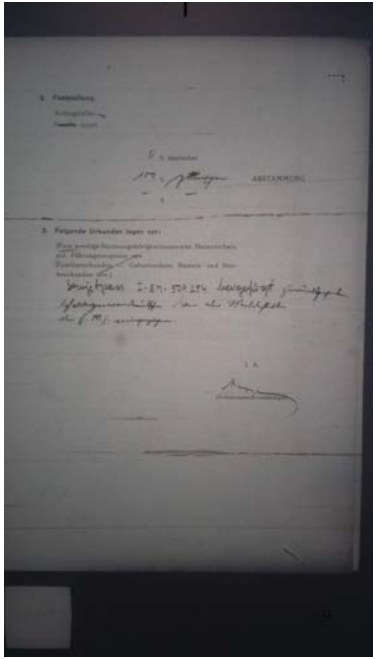

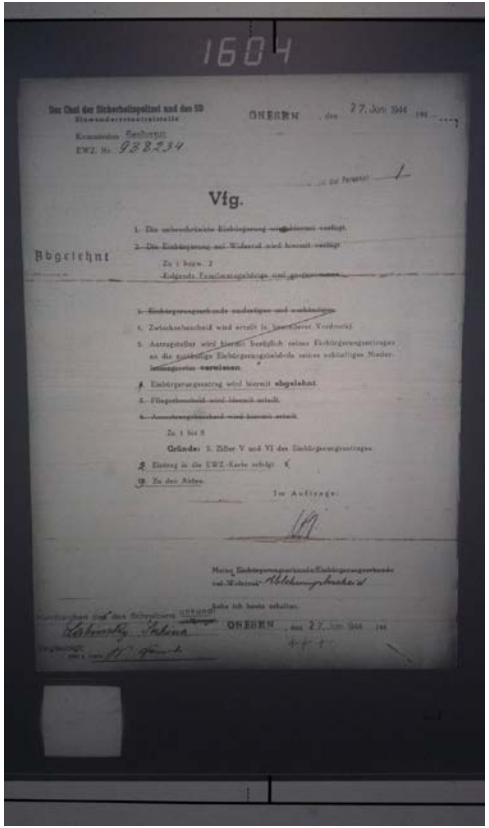

Berlin Document Center (BDC) – RuSHA Example

Rasse-und-Siedlungs-Hauptamt (RuSHA)
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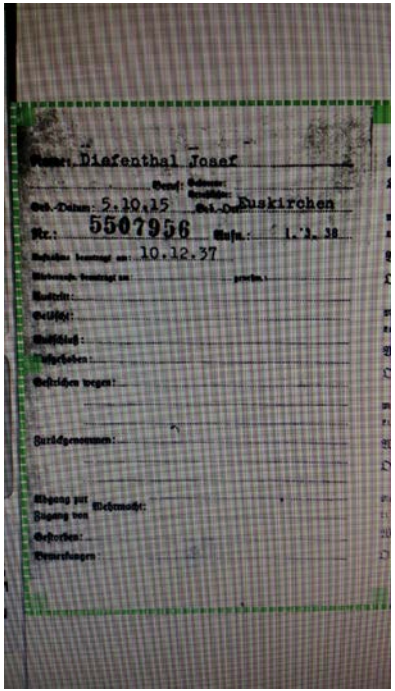

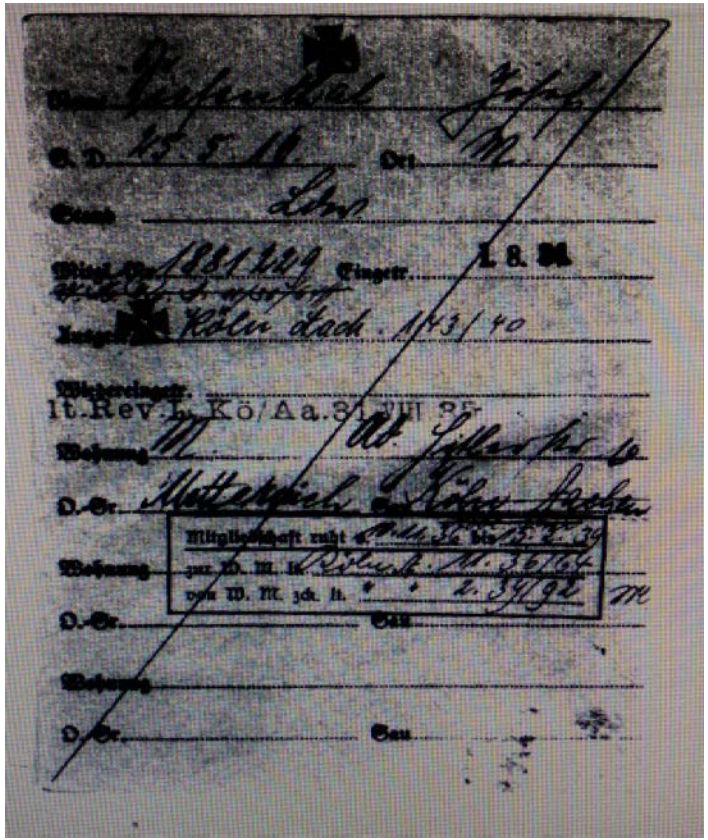

Berlin Document Center (BDC) – FS Example

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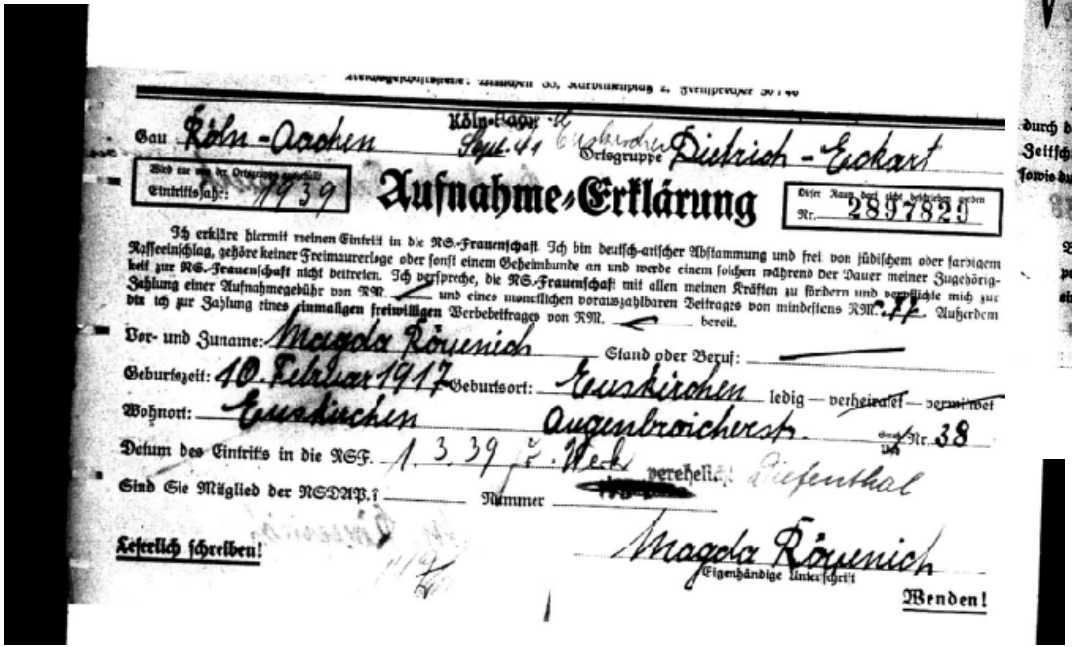


Gau Köln-Aachen Ortsgruppe Dietrich-Eckart

Eintrittsjahr: 1939

Aufnahme-Erklärung

Nr. 2897829

Ich erkläre hiermit meinen Eintritt in die NS.-Frauenschaft. Ich bin deutsch-arischer Abstammung und frei von jüdischem oder farbigem Rassereinschlag, gehöre keiner Freimaurerloge oder sonst einem Geheimbunde an und werde einem solchen während der Dauer meiner Zugehörigkeit zur NS.-Frauenschaft nicht beitreten. Ich verspreche, die NS.-Frauenschaft mit allen meinen Kräften zu fördern und verpflichte mich zur Zahlung einer Aufnahmegebühr von RM. — und eines monatlichen vorauszahlbaren Beitrages von mindestens RM. 1.— Außerdem bin ich zur Zahlung eines einmaligen freiwilligen Werbebeitrages von RM. — bereit.

Vor- und Zuname: Magda Röwenich Stand oder Beruf: —

Geburtszeit: 10. Februar 1917 Geburtsort: Euskirchen ledig — verheiratet — geschieden

Wohnort: Euskirchen Augenbroicherstr. Nr. 38

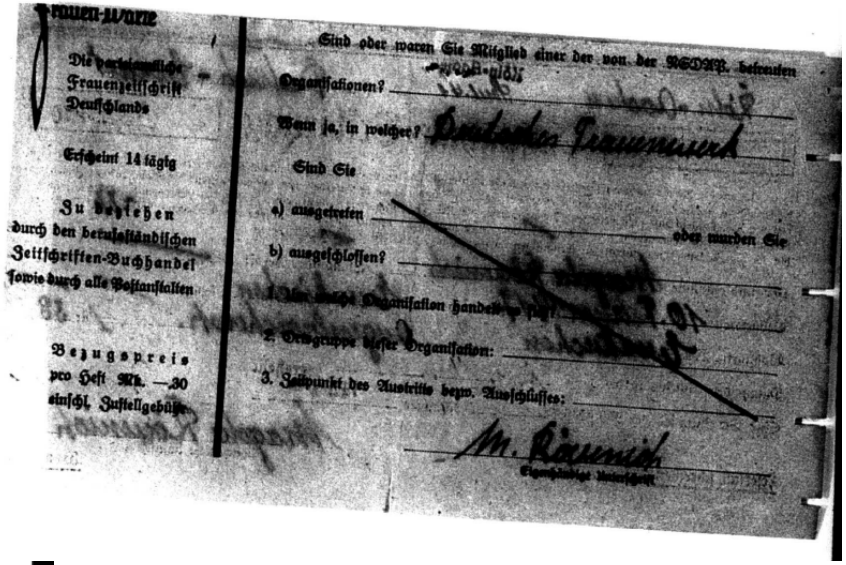
Datum des Eintritts in die NSF. 1.3.39 verehel. Siefenthal

Sind Sie Mitglied der NSDAP.? Nummer

Leserlich schreiben!

Magda Röwenich
Eigenhändige Unterschrift

Wenden!



Frauen-Warte

Die parteiamtliche Frauenzeitschrift Deutschlands

Erscheint 14 tägig

Zu beziehen durch den berufsständischen Zeitschriften-Buchhandel sowie durch alle Postanstalten

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Sind oder waren Sie Mitglied einer der von der NSDAP. betreuten Organisationen?

Wenn ja, in welcher? Deutsches Frauenwerk

Sind Sie

a) ausgetreten oder wurden Sie

b) ausgeschlossen?

1. Name der Organisation

2. Ortsgruppe dieser Organisation:

3. Zeitpunkt des Austritts bezw. Ausschlusses:

M. Röwenich
Eigenhändige Unterschrift

Textual Records: Paper/Analog

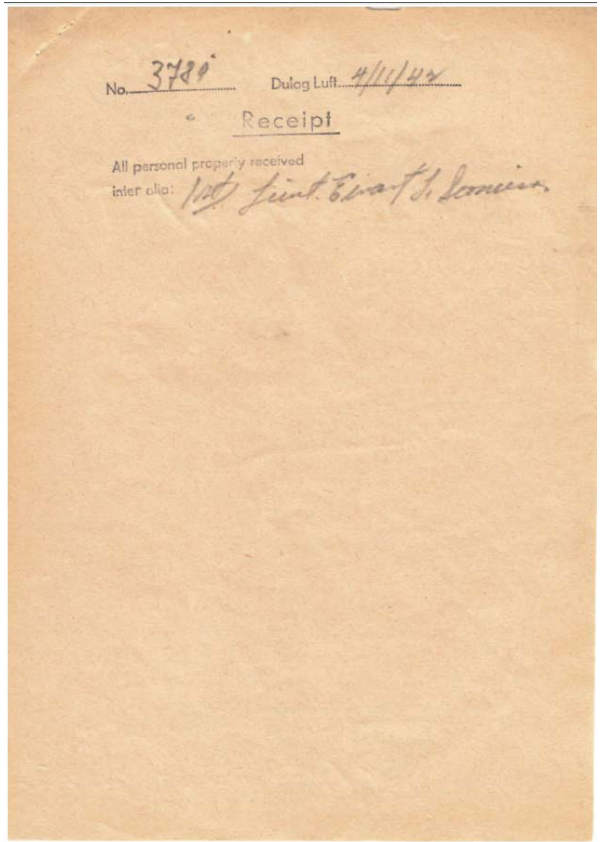
Analog Textual Records in RG 242

- Records of the Headquarters of the German Air Force High Command [ca. 1938-1945]
- List of German Army Technical Manuals
- Handbook of the Organization Todt
- Copies of Selected Records of the German Army Field Command [1940-1944]

Records of Luftgaukommandos:

- Records Relating to Captured Allied Personnel [1935-1945]
- Chronological Reports of Downed Allied Aircraft [1942-1945]
- Reports of Downed Allied Fighters and Other Aircraft (“J” Reports), 1943-1945
- Register of Downed Allied Aircraft Reports (“KU” Reports)

Analog Textual Records in RG 242 – KU Reports



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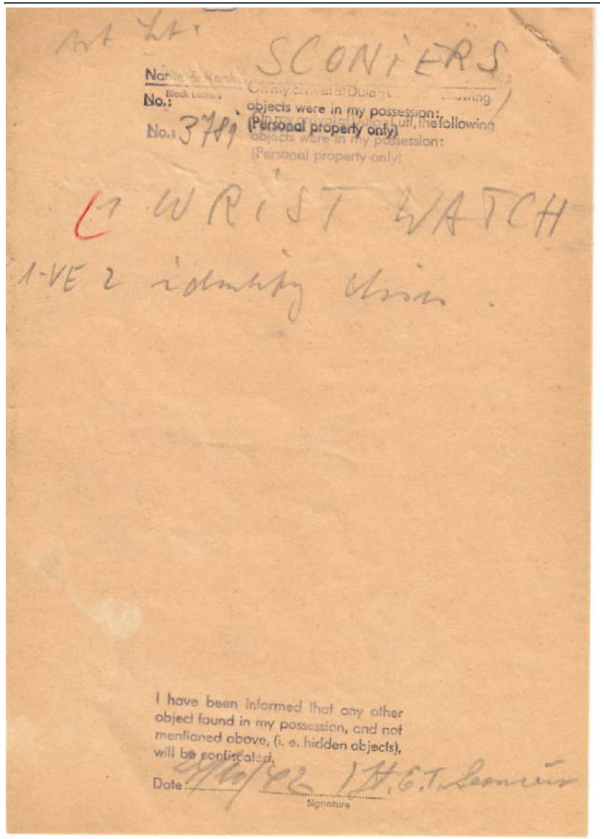


Name & Rank (Block Letters) SCONIERS

No.: 3789

objects were in my possession: (Personal property only)

1 WRIST WATCH

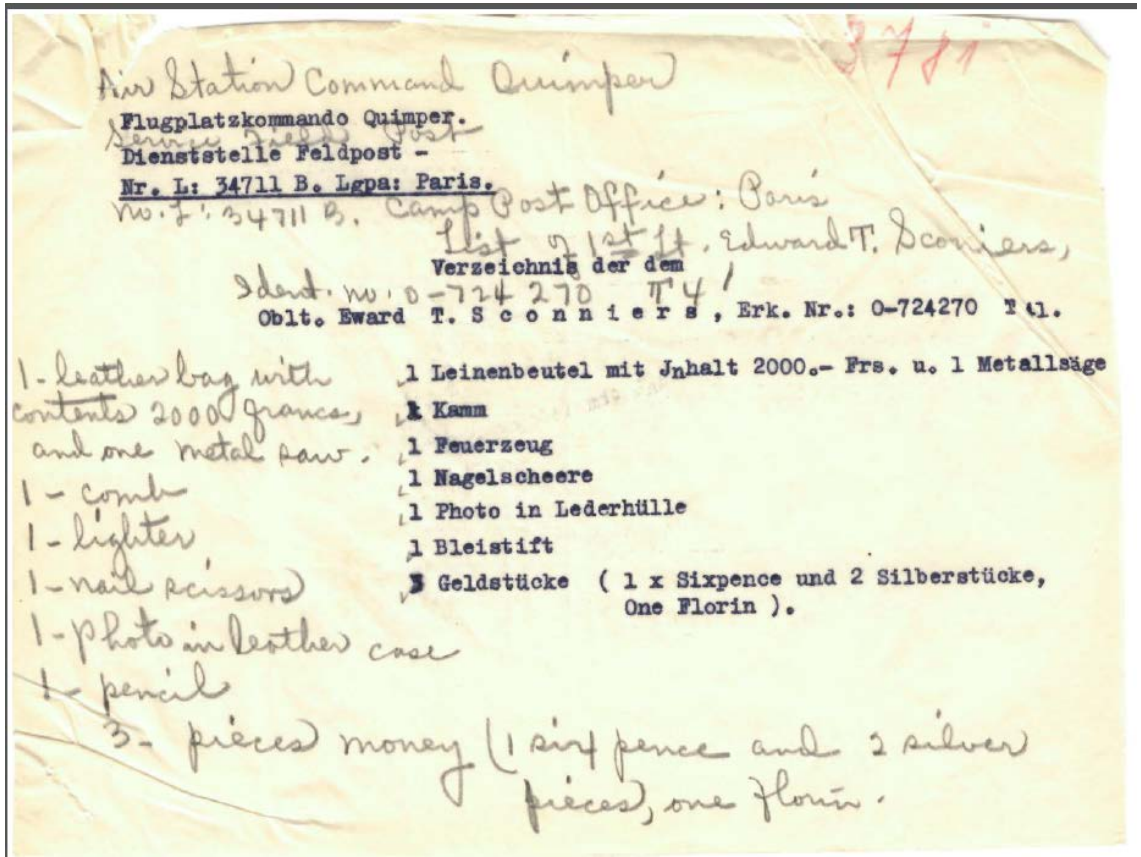
1-VE 2 identity disc.

I have been informed that any other object found in my possession, and not mentioned above, (i. e. hidden objects), will be confiscated.

Date 4/11/42 1st Lt. E. S. Sconiers

Signature

Analog Textual Records in RG 242 – KU Reports



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List of 1st Lt. Edward T. Sconiers,

Verzeichnis der dem

Ident. no. 0-724 270 π 4 /

Oblt. Eward T. S c o n n i e r s , Erk. Nr.: 0-724270 Tel.

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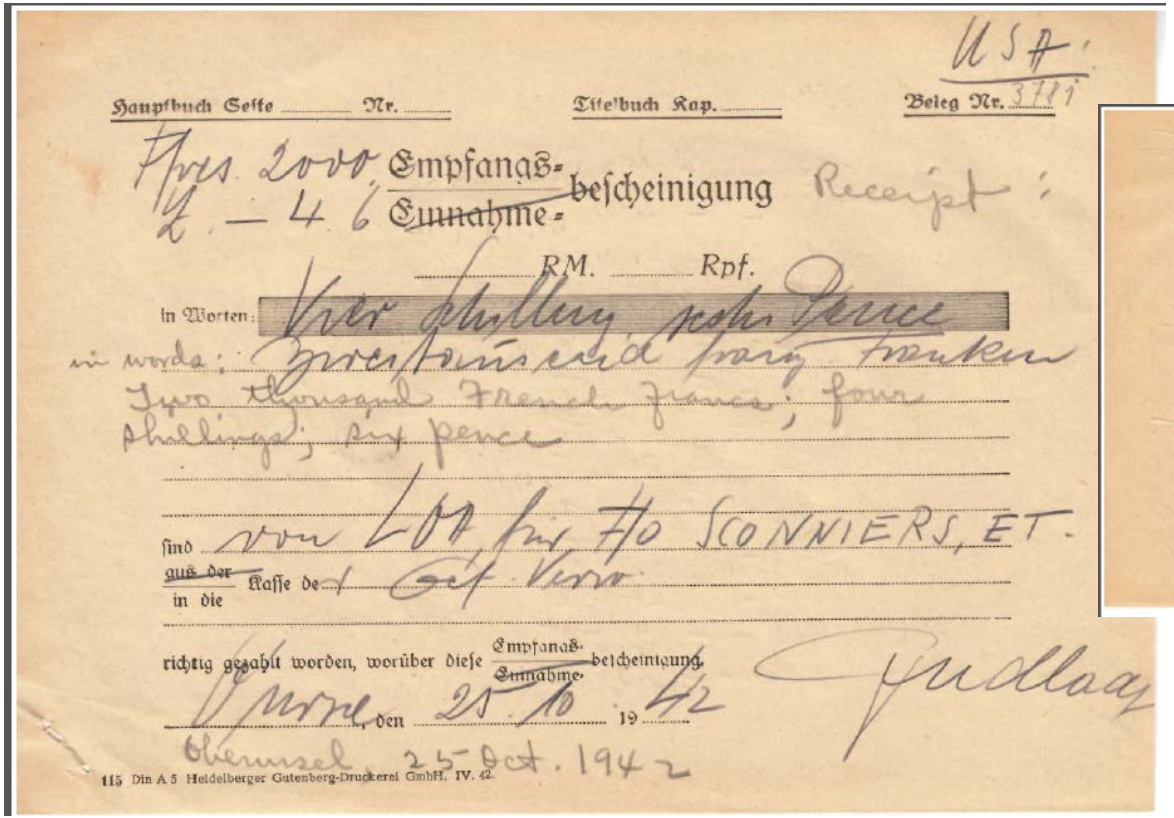
1 Kamm
1 Feuerzeug
1 Nagelscheere
1 Photo in Lederhülle
1 Bleistift
3 Geldstücke (1 x Sixpence und 2 Silberstücke, One Florin).

1 - leather bag with contents 2000 francs, and one metal saw.
1 - comb
1 - lighter
1 - nail scissors
1 - photo in leather case
1 - pencil
3 - pieces money (1 sixpence and 2 silver pieces), one florin.

Analog Textual Records in RG 242 – KU Reports



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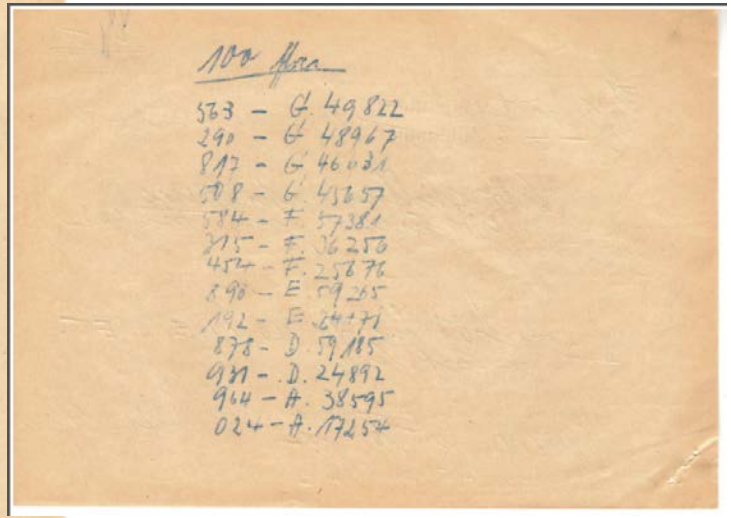

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Sound Recordings

Examples in RG 242

Speeches:

- Bormann, Doenitz, Goebbels, Goering, Himmler, Hitler, Rosenberg, Speer, etc.

Ceremonies:

- Monument for NSDAP & Wehrmacht Fallen, Christmas Addresses to Troops

Monitored Broadcasts:

- Coded messages, music, radio shows, news broadcasts, etc.

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See also the list of Captured German Records on Microfilm

The publication of a list to a heretofore little-known collection of captured Nazi recordings should require no elaborate justification. Serious h inquiry and unflagging popular interest virtually guarantee that nazism and the Third Reich will be ever topical and relevant. Similarly, both t and the scholarly community readily agree that recorded oral history provides us with a unique historical perspective on our times. Thus the co tion of an important historical subject and a fruitful form of source material should, in itself, be sufficient reason to produce such a list, provided that the

Sound Recordings - Overview

of radio broadcasts arranged chronologically and made by Allied authorities in the summer of 1944 that were monitored by the Germans in Lille, France. Included are recordings of intercepted code messages as well as one item (242-231; entry 64) that appears to be the monitoring of a meeting of British and American POW's in a German prisoner-of-war camp.

Additional recordings that were found among the captured German recordings have not been included in this list because of their marginal historical value. Such recordings, which may have been used for propaganda purposes, were originally recorded on magnetic tape at 30 IPS (inches per second). They contain brief fragments and disjointed segments of popular American songs sung in English with a heavy German accent. Also excluded were several miscellaneous recordings of industrial machinery, gunfire and battle noise.

To enable the researcher to quickly locate relevant information, the following format has been used:

1. Speaker and/or subject.
2. Place and date.
3. Length of the recording.
4. Item number (the first part of which is the Record Group number and the second part is the file number). When there is more than one reel, the reel number appears.
5. A descriptive paragraph, including a notation if the recording is incomplete and giving comparisons with other sources, additional information, and cross-references.

Throughout this publication various file numbers are used. For the reader's information, file numbers containing the letters "NG" or "NO" refer to prosecution documents that were used by the 12 US military tribunals at Nuernberg. Some file numbers are prefaced by the letters "EAP," which refer to an archival classification used by the Germans. The German designation "Heft Nr.," which is used before some file numbers, simply means pamphlet number. The designation "IMT" stands for International Military Tribunal. Occasionally a file number contains the letters "PS," which refer to a prosecution series of the IMT. Finally, in section III, the file numbers are the original ones that were used by the Germans.

Inquiries concerning the availability and cost of audio copies of items in this list should be addressed to the Motion Picture and Sound Recording Branch (NWCS-M), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd., Room 3360, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or by facsimile at (301) [illegible] or through internet e-mail at mopix@nara.gov. Copies are available in most state-of-the-art audio formats.

The National Archives holds large accumulations of textual, still photographic, and motion picture records that are closely related to the sound recordings described in this list. These records are located in Record Group 238, National Archives Collection of World War II War Crimes Records, and Record Group

Sound Recordings - Overview

Section I: Speeches

1. Bormann et al. "Speeches to the Reichs and Gauleitertagung." Posen, Oct.6, 1943. Approx. 6 hours, 15 min. Item 242-223, reels 1-13. According to the tagesprogramm, (Germany, Reichsfuhrer SS und Chef der deutschen Polizei. Personlicher Stab. Himmler Files. File 342. In Hoover Institution Collection) the meeting was opened by Martin Bormann. A speech by Albert Speer (there is an account of this speech in Albert Speer, Erinnerungen [Berlin, 1969], p. 325) was followed by speeches of his deputies: Willy Schliecker, the expert on American rearmament; Walther Rohland, the head of Panzer production; Karl Frydag, who was in charge of aircraft building; and Otto Merker, who was responsible for naval expansion. In the afternoon Erhard Milch spoke on the problems of the Luftwaffe, Karl Doenitz on the Navy, Wilhelm Schepmann on the SA, and Heinrich Himmler on the SS. A comparison with the typed text shows the recordings are complete. Disc sequence is numbered 1-87. The text for the speeches (with the exception of Heinrich Himmler's speech, in Reichsfuhrer SS. Personlicher Stab. Schriftgutverwaltung. Folder 63. EAP 161-b-12/82. Tl75, roll 85, frames 2610152-200) can be located on EAP 161-b-12/275. T175, roll 119, frames 2644970-075. Recordings of the above event are also available on tape at the Deutsche Rundfunk Archiv, Frankfurt.

2. Bormann, Martin. "Introductory Remarks to Gauleitertagung." Posen, Oct.6, 1943. Approx. 3 min. Item 242-223, reel 1.

3. Doenitz, Karl. "Speech to Gauleitertagung." Posen, Oct. 6, 1943. Approx. 45 min. Item 242-223, reels 11-13.Text of speech in Reichsfuhrer SS. Personlicher Stab. Schriftgutverwaltung.. Unnumbered folder.EAP 161-b-12/275. NARS Microfilm Publication T175, roll 119, frames 2645036-048. For further information see entry 1, "Speeches to the Reichs and Gauleitertagung."

4. Goebbels, Joseph. "Speech of Introduction for Adolf Hitler." Tempelhofer Feld, Berlin, Sept. 28, 1937. Approx. 9 min. Item 242-108. See entry 31 concerning Hitler's speech of same date.

5. Goebbels, Joseph. "Speech on Winterhilfswerk." Sportspalast, Berlin, Sept. 4, 1940. Approx. 70 min. Item 242-175D, 242-175E, 242-175F. Incomplete. For further information, see entry 35.

6. Goering, Hermann. "Speech to the Employees of the Hermann Goering Reichswerke in Berlin." Berlin, Sept. 9, 1939. Approx. 90 min. Item 242-181. Incomplete. In a sequence of 43, discs 18, 26, and 28 are missing. Speech was broadcast by Grossdeutsche Rundfunk. Also available on record [illegible] (ADENA 51125K).

7. Himmler, Heinrich. "Speech to SS Fuhrer, Fifth Division 'Deutschland.'", Apeldoorn, Netherlands, Dec. 13, 1940. Approx. 34 min. Item 242-187, 242-188, 242-191. Incomplete. No text or notes are extant. Internal evidence indicates that this speech was given to the officers of the 5th Division during the brief

Sound Recordings - Example

Series: Sound Recordings of Speeches of Axis Leaders and Other Propaganda Material, 1939-1945

Item: Heinrich Himmler at a Meeting of Schutzstaffel (SS) Major Generals

Time: 7 minutes, 53 seconds
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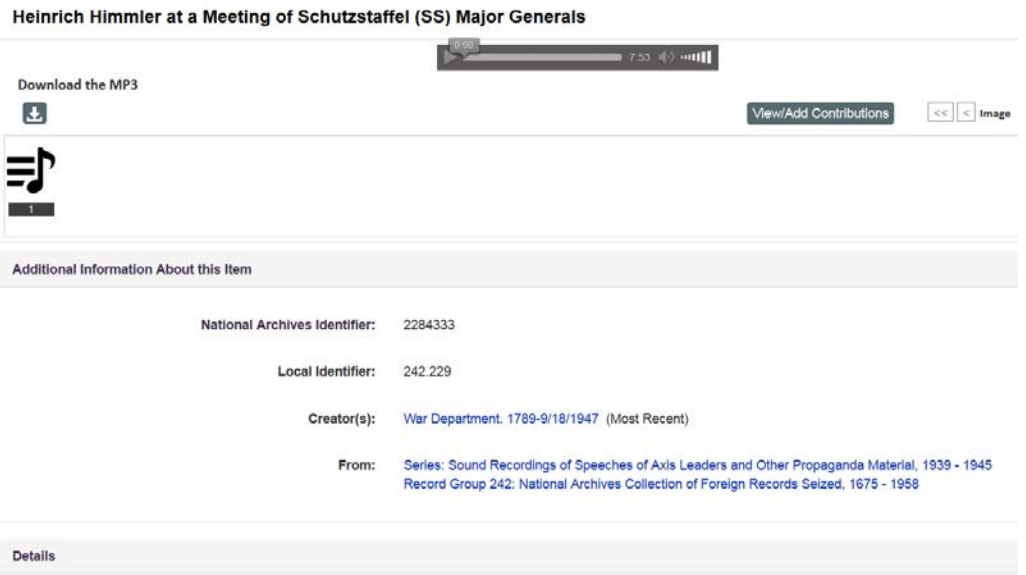

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Item: Adolf Hitler’s Address in Danzig, Germany

Time: 32 minutes, 9 seconds

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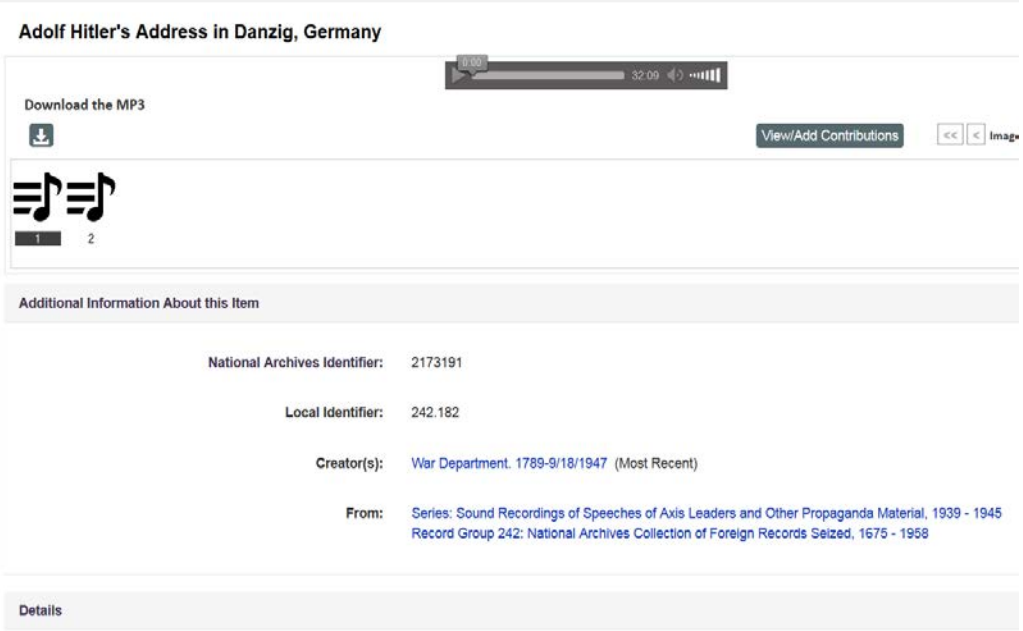

Moving Images

Examples in RG 242

- German and Italian Submarine Warfare
- German Rocket and Scientific Experiments at Peenemunde
- National Broadcasting Company/Soviet Television Newsreels
- G-2 Army Military Intelligence Division, 1918 - ca. 1947
- German Newsreels

Motion Picture Films of UFA Newsreels (German), 1939-1940

Reel 1 - “On the invasion of Poland. The Schleswig-Holstein bombards Danzig; the garrison surrenders; cigarettes are distributed to POW's. Inf. and horse-drawn artillery advance. Artillery is fired; skirmish lines move up; bicycle troops move along a road; and prisoners are marched to the rear. Refugees are fed at a Ger. Army field kitchen. Fr. pilots are buried with mil. honors. The Mayor of Dvina surrenders the city; Ger. armor enters. Ger. minesweepers patrol the Bay of Danzig. Ger. pilots practice strafing. Shows a devastated airport at Bromberg. Barefoot prisoners are marched to the rear. Troops enter Cracow. A Ger. honor guard presents arms at Marshal Pilsudski's grave. A Brit. officer reports good treatment by his captors.”

Motion Picture Films of UFA Newsreels (German), 1939-1940

No. 14 - “On Hitler's triumphal return to Berlin after the fall of Paris. A military band plays and an honor guard presents arms as Hitler, Goring, and other officials detrain. Hitler and Goring walk to an official automobile, ride in a motorcade through the city as crowds frenziedly cheer, and wave from a balcony to cheering crowds below.”

Motion Picture Films from G-2 Army Military Intelligence Division, 1918 - ca. 1947

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Motion Picture Films Confiscated from Foreign Countries & Sources, 1940-1944

Volk im Krieg

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Maps and Charts in RG 242 - Examples

- Captured German Air Force Maps
- Captured German Army Maps
- Target Dossiers
- Captured German Hydrographic Charts
- German Military Situation Maps
- Records of the Headquarters of the German Army High Command
- Captured German Submarine Atlas for U.S. East Coast
- Captured German Navy Atlas for U.S. East Coast
- German Submarine Manuals
- Records of the Headquarters of the German Navy High Command (OKM)
- German Field and Technical Manuals and Tables of Organization and Equipment

Maps and Charts in RG 242 - Example

Goering's Atlas

"This volume consists of the reproduction of 33 German maps, outlining the raw material resources and industrial plants of primary importance to the German war effort. It was reproduced from a hand colored set, classified by the Germans as Top Secret, and translated into English. Originally these maps were prepared in the office of the Delegate for the Four-Year Plan, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering."

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Photographs & Other Graphic Materials

Examples in RG 242

- Captured German Air Force Aerial Mosaics of French Cities
- War Diary Aerial Photographs
- Reich Propaganda Directorate, Slides Office Lectures
- Photographs from the Rehse Archiv
- Photographic Albums of *Grossdeutschland im Weltgeschehen Tagesbildberichte*
- Winter Olympic Games at Garmisch-Parkenkirchen
- Picture Postcards Depicting Activities during the 1930s
- Portraits of Members of the Reichstag

Photographs & Other Graphic Materials - Examples

Series: Copy Prints and Negatives Made from Photographs in the Ribbentrop Albums, 1938-1942

Image: Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov signs the German-Soviet non-aggression pact; Joachim von Ribbentrop and Josef Stalin stand behind him, Moscow, August 23. 1939. Von Ribbentrop Collection.

Photographs & Other Graphic Materials - Examples

Series: Hoffmann Collection
Subseries: HLB; 35mm Prints and Negatives Made by the Berlin Office, 3/1933 - 7/1934

“This subseries documents the major political, military, diplomatic, cultural and social events of the Nazi era.”

Finding Aid Notes: There is a personality index as well as an annotated list of roll numbers describing events and identifying some individuals.

Image: Adolf Hitler in Paris, 6/23/1940

Photographs & Other Graphic Materials - Examples

Series: Photographs from the Berlin Office of the Firm Presse Illustration Hoffmann, ca. 1933 - ca. 1944

Image: Himmler besichtigt die Gefangenenlager in Russland. (Heinrich Himmler inspects a prisoner of war camp in Russia), circa 1940-1941. Heinrich Hoffman Collection.

Scope & Content: In addition to being an early member of the Nazi Party and a personal friend of Hitler, Heinrich Hoffmann was a professional photographer and the owner of a publishing house. He had personal and professional access to Hitler that no other photographer had, and achieved a favored position in the publication and sale of photographs of Nazi political activities and formal and informal portraits of Hitler.

Photographs & Other Graphic Materials - Examples

Series: Photographs Taken by Propaganda Units of the German Armed Forces (Wehrmacht) and the Waffen-SS, 1939-1945

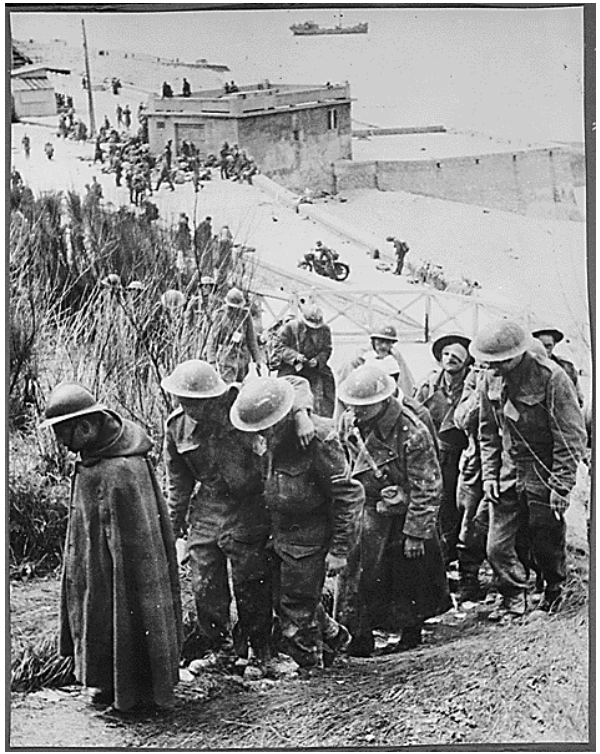
Scope & Content: “The subject content of this series is extremely diversified. Among the subjects covered are the invasion of European countries, their occupation by the Germans, civilian life under German rule; frontline military action, German soldiers in barracks, POWs, military equipment; civilian life in Germany, bomb damage to German cities, German military leaders and officials, political leaders, soldiers decorated with medals.”

Image: German Troops in Russia, 1941

Photographs & Other Graphic Materials - Examples

Series: Eva Braun's Photo Albums, ca. 1913 - ca. 1944

Images: British prisoners at Dunkerque, France, June 1940.
Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini in Munich, Germany, ca. 6/1940



Further Research: Related Record Groups

- Records of the United States Army, Europe (RG 549)
- General Records of the Department of State (RG 59)
- Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army) (RG 153)
- National Archives Collection of World War II War Crimes Records (RG 238)
- Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I) (RG 120)
- Records of Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, US Army, 1942-1945 (RG 498)
- Records of the Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library, 1897-1917 (RG 45)
- Captured German Soldiers' Mail (*Feldpostbriefe*) in Records of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), 1940-1945 (RG 226)

Further Research: Useful Websites

- “Research Our Records: World War II Records” at www.archives.gov
- Holocaust-Era Assets at https://www.archives.gov/research/holocaust
- Fold3: WWII Captured German Records
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: Holocaust Survivors and Victims Database
- The National Archives of the United Kingdom: German Foreign Ministry and Italian Documents 1867-1945 Captured by the British
- The Library of Congress: German Captured Documents Collection

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