

Organizations in charge of the International Tracing Service

The division of Germany into four zones of occupation after the war and the diversity of occupying authorities and their organizations caused frequent changes in the direction of the International Tracing Service.

The list which appears below contains organizations which were dissolved after their original task had been completed.

In view of the Service's uncertain legal status, it was often difficult to proceed in a way which best advanced the interests of the former persecutees.

The fact that their interests were nevertheless served – and, as we can see today, well served – was not only due to far-sighted work methods and an excellent archival order of the very special kind of documents preserved here, but may also be explained by many different fortunate circumstances.

Many organizations and governments have time and again accepted responsibility for running the ITS, which underscores the importance attached to its continued existence. Their tireless commitment has ensured ongoing assistance for the former persecutees and their families.

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Brief History:

Date	Organization responsible for ITS	Administration and direction
1943	Conversion of the Foreign Relations Department of the British Red Cross into a tracing bureau	Major Eyre Carter of the Foreign Office Relief Department
15.02.1944 to 30.06.1945	SHEAF (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces)	Names unknown
01.07.1945 to 30.06.1947	UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colonel J.R. Bowring Director of UNRRA CTB 1945 - 1947 - Roman P. Flohr Director of UNRRA CTB 1947
01.07.1947 to 30.03.1951	IRO (International Refugee Organization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maurice C.A. Thudichum Director of the ITS 1947 - 1951
01.04.1951 to 05.05.1955	HICOG (Allied High Commission for Germany)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Board consisting of three members: Hugh G. Elbot (US-Representative and Chairman of this Executive Board) Jan Sconce, later Cyril L. Widger (British representatives) Armand E. Klein (French representative)
06.05.1955 to 05.06.1955	Cyril L. Widger remains in Arolsen as Director ad interim	
as of 06.06.1955	ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E. Jaquet and M. Borsinger June 1955 - N. Burckhardt, Director July 1955 - 30.06.1970 - A. de Cocatrix, Director 01.07.1970 - 31.12.1977 - P. Zuger, Director 01.01.1978 - 31.10.1985 - Ch.-Cl. Biedermann, Director since 01.11.1985

