

## Premises of the International Tracing Service

The ITS has had to change location several times. After London, Versailles and Frankfurt, Arolsen was proposed by Colonel Bowring at a meeting on 21 November 1945: "The town of Arolsen is a suitable seat for the Central Tracing Bureau, since it is located on the boundary of three zones, has not been destroyed and has good telegraph and telephone connections."

The UNRRA Central Office was transferred from Frankfurt to Arolsen from 3 to 6 January 1946.

In Arolsen the personnel was housed in different buildings:

- local high school
- in the present town hall
- the "new castle" (now Schlosshotel)
- the spa building (now Kurhaushotel)
- the Belgian Officers' Mess
- "Unter den Eichen" (now the state planning department and building control office)
- what is now the Belgian army barracks.

Beginning in 1948, the records and documents were collected by the three Western occupying powers for the International Tracing Service.

Responsible for this in the individual zones were:

- US Headquarters in Esslingen,
- British Headquarters in Göttingen
- and French Headquarters in Rastatt.

After repeated discussions as to whether to relocate the ITS in other cities (including possibly Berlin), it was decided in the early

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city in 1630 to the present time  
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50s that it should remain permanently in Arolsen and that a building there be provided for the Service.

Since 1952, the ITS' address has been Grosse Allee 5-9 in Arolsen where it is housed in a specially constructed building.

The archives grew steadily, requiring more and more space. A house in Wetterburgerstrasse 4 was therefore rented from 1 November 1973 to 31 January 1982.

In 1978, a plan was drawn up to renovate the entire main building. The building itself, the offices and equipment all needed thorough refurbishing. A total of 4.1 million Deutschmarks were spent completely modernizing the ITS.

As entire sections and their documents had to be moved out to accommodate the renovation work, the Haus am Park, which was empty at the time and just a short distance from the main building, was rented in 1980. This allowed the ongoing evaluation work of the ITS to continue unhindered. After the sections concerned had moved back to the main building, the Haus am Park was also renovated and today replaces the house in Wetterburgerstrasse as an annex to the ITS.





