

INTERNATIONAL TRACING SERVICE

Catalogue of camps and prisons in Germany
and the Occupied Countries 1939 - 1945.

In presenting this compendium of information the International Tracing Service is attempting to comply with repeated requests for a publication embodying all relevant data relating to concentration camps, camps of both conscripted and voluntary labourers, prisons and indeed all types of institutions in which foreigners were confined during the war years 1939 - 1945, in Germany and the occupied countries.

The International Tracing Service has no information on camps which were located in the satellite countries. Only those camps established in Germany and the occupied territories, and on which some form of evidence is available, have been listed. The original source of information quoted is given in brackets after each item, so that an evaluation of the evidence may be made by the reader. For example (Duergermeister), (Buchenwald strength Reports), indicate that the preceding statements were taken from a Duergermeister's report and Buchenwald records respectively.

While every effort has been made to ensure that the information given is as accurate and as complete as possible, and careful research has been carried out in original documents, and, in many cases, by field investigations, it is realised that these sources are not infallible. Therefore any suggestions, corrections and additional information which will enable the International Tracing Service to complete the documentation in succeeding issues and supplements, will be welcomed.

The present edition of the catalogue is not a final one. Research work and investigation are continuing, and much more information is expected from I.T.S. field officers and from the National Tracing Bureaux. Supplementary issues will thus be made as soon as sufficient complementary data can be processed.

The International Tracing Service hopes that when the final supplement has been distributed, a complete survey of all camps and prisons will be in possession of all those to whom this type of information has become vitally important.

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