

1) Concentration Camp Documents Section

This section is not only the most important with regard to the nature, but also in respect of the volume of documents.

Kept here are mainly the records which were saved and which concern the concentration camp prisoners, and to a lesser degree prisoners of other places of detention that existed on the territory of the Reich and of the German occupied territories from 1933 to 1945.

Individual documents of prisoners, as well as lists of prisoners, belong to the concentration camp documents which originate from the most different concentration camps, to a particularly large extent from the former Concentration Camps Buchenwald and Dachau.

With regard to documents that were established individually for each prisoner, the following are concerned:

Häftlingspersonalbogen (with personal data of prisoners, date of arrest and reason for arrest, established in the prisoners registry office on arrival of the prisoners in the camp)

Häftlingspersonalkarte (final copy of the Häftlingspersonalbogen)

Effektenkarten resp. Effektenverzeichnisse (effects-cards resp. lists of effects, with particulars concerning clothes, papers and articles of value taken away from the prisoners and kept in the effects-room)

Revierkarten (cards containing information on physical condition on arrival, protective inoculations, reports on sickness and treatments in the sick-bay, partly also indications of pseudo-medical experiments)

Arbeitseinsatzkarten (cards containing information with regard to the outlying commando to which the prisoner was transferred for work assignment, also work assignment in the so-called interior commandos)

Postkontrollkarten (index cards of the post-office containing notes on prisoners' outgoing and incoming mail)

Schreibstubenkarten (index cards of the prisoners registry office)

The Häftlingslisten (prisoners lists) include:

Zugangsbücher (numerical rosters of prisoners according to prisoners' numbers)

Zugangslisten (lists containing information about prisoner's arrival and place of departure, for example transfers from other concentration camps or new commitments by order of the Gestapo)

Veränderungsmeldungen (daily reports on strength with notes on changes such as transfers, releases, death cases and arrivals)

Transportlisten (transport lists containing reports on transfers of prisoners to other concentration camps and to outlying commandos as well as retransfers from outlying commandos to the main camp)

Lagerarztuntersuchungen (lists with particulars given by the camp physician concerning the "Arbeits- und Transportfähigkeit" (prisoners' ability to work and to be transported or their "Arbeitsunfähigkeit" = inability to work)

Blockverlegungen (reports with regard to the transfer of prisoners from one housing block to another) etc.

Included in these documents are also the nominal lists of liberated prisoners established by the Allied Forces when liberating the concentration camps, the so-called liberation lists and the Military Government Concentration Camp Inmates Questionnaires, which were issued when the prisoners were discharged.

The aforementioned documentary material contains information in respect of the duration, the category of arrest, the death, the release or liberation of the prisoners. Sometimes also the exact reasons for commitment to protective custody, which are usually indicated only in the "Schutzhaftbefehl" (warrant for protective custody), are stated briefly in the "Häftlingspersonalbogen". Occasionally the "Häftlingspersonalbogen" also contain indications of the incarceration of relatives.

An important component part of the archives of the CC-Documents Section are lists concerning the deportation of Jews. Available are lists on transports from the territory of the Reich (mainly from the territory of the present Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin), the occupied Western European countries, from the Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia and partly from Slovakia.

Also available in the CC-Documents Section are various indices of the Gestapo, incomplete prison records and a smaller number of files of the "Volksgerichtshof" (People's Court).

The principal task of this section is to establish certificates of incarceration and deportation. Furthermore applications for photocopies of documents and medical records - mainly for indemnification authorities and courts - are dealt with here.

The activity of the CC-Documents Section also consists in ascertaining the exact particulars and data for memorial books for the victims of persecution, for archives and publications.

Tracing inquiries for persons who were heard of last from a concentration camp, or who are known to have been deported, are also channelled through this section.

Veränderungsmaßnahmen (will reports on strength with notes on changes such as transport, witness, health check and so on)

Transportation (transport lists containing reports on location of prisoners to other concentration camps and to outside camps as well as transfers from railway companies to the main camps)

Administrative documents (will also include lists of prisoners concerning the "transport" and "transporting" lists, prisoners' ability to work and other reports on their "Arbeitsfähigkeit" - ability to work)

Administrative reports (reports will report on the transfer of prisoners from one housing block to another)

Records of these documents are also the subject of lists established by the Allied Forces and covering the concentration camps, the so-called liberation lists and the Military Government's Operation Camp Transfer (Operationen), which was issued when the prisoners were discharged.

The aforementioned documents contain valuable information in the course of the investigation, the category of arrest, the release of the prisoners. Sometimes also the reasons for committal protective custody, which was usually imposed only in the "Schutzhaft" (custody for protective custody) and issued usually in the "Schutzhaftbescheid" (order for protective custody) and issued usually in the "Schutzhaftbescheid". Operations in "Schutzhaft" also include the indications of the incarceration of relatives.

An important component part of the records of the CC-Documentation is the data concerning the departure of Jews. Available are reports from the records of the Reich Ministry from the period of the present Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin, the records of the Western European countries, from the Federal States of Germany and from the party lists.

Also available in the CC-Documentation are various indices of the "Vollstreckungsliste" (Execution List) and a number of lists of the "Vollstreckungsliste" (People's Court).

The principal task of this section is to establish evidence of identification and deportation. Furthermore applications for recognition of documents and medical records - mainly for administrative authorities and courts - are dealt with here.

The activity of the CC-Documentation Section also consists in ascertaining the exact whereabouts and date for memorial books for the victims of persecution, for archives and publications.

Traveling industries for persons who were held of last from a concentration camp, or who are known to have been deported, are also handled through this section.

The Special Registry Office (page 20) is competent for the certification of deaths that occurred in concentration camps, of which voluminous records - among them also death-books and registers of the camps' own registry offices - are available.

At the outset of ITS' activity, mainly re-enlargements of photostats of CC Mauthausen-documents were available in the CC-Documents Section. In 1949, after the war crime trials had been concluded, the original documents of the CC's Buchenwald, Dachau and Flossenbürg were put at disposal.

Since 1958 different archives were made accessible to the ITS, so that by way of microfilming a significant extension of the documentary material took place.

Completeness

of the documents of the principal concentration camps

Buchenwald	almost complete
Dachau	almost complete
Flossenbürg	incomplete but quite numerous
Mauthausen	trivial gaps
Mittelbau	trivial gaps
Natzweiler	not complete but quite numerous
Stutthof	not complete but quite numerous
Niederhagen-Wewelsburg	not complete but quite numerous
Ravensbrück	incomplete
Auschwitz	very incomplete
Gross-Rosen	very incomplete
Sachsenhausen	very incomplete
Neuengamme 1	very incomplete
Lublin	very incomplete
Krakow-Plaszow	very incomplete
The archives comprise:	more than 3.700 files with about 600.000 sheets of lists of prisoners resp. deportation lists. Of these, 650 files pertain to prison and Gestapo documents.
Individual documents:	about 3.735.000

50 persons are employed in this section.

1 Predominantly records are available concerning deceased prisoners who during the period from 1940 till the beginning of 1945 died in the main camp and in outlying commandos. (Also partly effects-envelopes of prisoners).

The Special Registry Office (SR) is responsible for the control of books that occurred in concentration camps, of which volume-
 four records - among them also book-records and registers of the camps
 are registry offices - are available.

At the end of 1945, shortly after the re-arrangement of documents
 of the Reich Security Office were available in the US-occupied zone,
 in 1951, after the war, the original documents were not included in the
 list of the SR's documents, but they were included in the list of the
 SR's documents.

The 1955 German Archives Act made available to the SR, as
 a part of its inventory, a significant amount of the documentary
 material that was placed.

Comments

of the documents of the principal concentration camps

Category	Quantity
almost complete	1
almost complete	1
incomplete but quite numerous	1
typical parts	1
typical parts	1
not complete but quite numerous	1
not complete but quite numerous	1
not complete but quite numerous	1
incomplete	1
very incomplete	1
very incomplete	1
very incomplete	1
very incomplete	1
very incomplete	1
more than 2,700 files with about 800,000 sheets of lists of prisoners resp. depart- ment lists. Of these 650 files pertain to persons and 150 files documents.	1
about 2,700 files	1

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The preliminary records are available regarding detailed persons who during the period 1933-1945
 in the beginning of 1955 and in the next years are in custody elsewhere. (The only clear-answers
 of persons)