

### Special Registry Office

Death cases in concentration camps had to a large extent not been registered during the war. Death-books had of course been kept for a few categories of prisoners, but a large number of these death-books was destroyed towards the end of the war. Already in 1948 the question arose of having these deaths certified by registry offices. This problem was solved when a Special Registry Office in Arolsen was established on the basis of the Hesse ordinance of 1st September 1949. The modification and supplementation proclaimed in the Federal Law Gazette (I No. 3/1951, page 57) extended the competence to the Federal Republic. Consequently the Special Registry Office is authorized to certify death cases that occurred in former concentration camps, which can be proved by documents held at the International Tracing Service.

For inquiries from foreign countries, international death certificates (Excerpts from the Death Register) are issued on principle and forwarded automatically to family members, based on the Agreement of Paris of 27th September 1956 concerning the establishing of certain excerpts from civil registry offices for foreign countries, thereby saving relatives of deceased prisoners time and money.

Including the deaths certified by other registry offices, 351.760 death cases have been registered by the Special Registry Office up to the 31st of December 1974.

The number of inquiries concerning deceased or missing prisoners is increasing. In this connection the ITS is induced to draw attention to the fact that prisoners who perished in extermination camps had not been registered anywhere. This pertains also to Jews deported to Auschwitz who, after the selection, were destined for the gas chambers. Also in such cases the ITS is very often requested for death certificates. Unfortunately the ITS cannot arrange such certification by the Special Registry Office in Arolsen, because for reasons of secrecy the then rulers kept no such lists. Many natural deaths that occurred in the Concentration Camps Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Gross-Rosen, Natzweiler, Sachsenhausen and Stutthof, can also not be certified as the documents available of these concentration camps are incomplete.

For completeness sake, it must be mentioned that the number of deaths registered by the Special Registry Office permits no conclusion to be drawn on the total number of deaths in the concentration camps. This number includes only those death cases which appear in the records of the former concentration camps and which could be certified. Not registered are the following deaths:

The following table shows the number of industries received and the number of applications for

Year	Industries received	Applications received
1945	82,258	47,525
1946	84,475	49,875
1947	58,455	35,250
1948	45,731	27,500
1949	47,418	28,500
1950	43,451	26,500
1951	51,475	31,500
1952	53,055	32,500
1953	57,110	35,500
1954	67,358	41,500
1955	77,607	47,500
1956	88,439	53,500
1957	95,801	58,500
1958	104,331	63,500
1959	112,571	68,500
1960	118,875	72,500
1961	128,185	78,500
1962	134,888	82,500
1963	140,758	86,500
1964	147,805	90,500
1965	150,707	92,500
1966	157,881	97,500
1967	160,543	99,500
1968	164,274	102,500
1969	168,339	105,500
1970	171,675	108,500
1971	175,743	111,500
1972	181,800	115,500
1973	186,825	119,500
1974	192,853	123,500
1975	198,881	127,500
1976	204,909	131,500
1977	210,937	135,500
1978	216,965	139,500
1979	222,993	143,500
1980	229,021	147,500
1981	235,049	151,500
1982	241,077	155,500
1983	247,105	159,500
1984	253,133	163,500
1985	259,161	167,500
1986	265,189	171,500
1987	271,217	175,500
1988	277,245	179,500
1989	283,273	183,500
1990	289,301	187,500
1991	295,329	191,500
1992	301,357	195,500
1993	307,385	199,500
1994	313,413	203,500
1995	319,441	207,500
1996	325,469	211,500
1997	331,497	215,500
1998	337,525	219,500
1999	343,553	223,500
2000	349,581	227,500
2001	355,609	231,500
2002	361,637	235,500
2003	367,665	239,500
2004	373,693	243,500
2005	379,721	247,500
2006	385,749	251,500
2007	391,777	255,500
2008	397,805	259,500
2009	403,833	263,500
2010	409,861	267,500
2011	415,889	271,500
2012	421,917	275,500
2013	427,945	279,500
2014	433,973	283,500
2015	439,001	287,500
2016	445,029	291,500
2017	451,057	295,500
2018	457,085	299,500
2019	463,113	303,500
2020	469,141	307,500
2021	475,169	311,500
2022	481,197	315,500
2023	487,225	319,500
2024	493,253	323,500
2025	499,281	327,500
2026	505,309	331,500
2027	511,337	335,500
2028	517,365	339,500
2029	523,393	343,500
2030	529,421	347,500
2031	535,449	351,500
2032	541,477	355,500
2033	547,505	359,500
2034	553,533	363,500
2035	559,561	367,500
2036	565,589	371,500
2037	571,617	375,500
2038	577,645	379,500
2039	583,673	383,500
2040	589,701	387,500
2041	595,729	391,500
2042	601,757	395,500
2043	607,785	399,500
2044	613,813	403,500
2045	619,841	407,500
2046	625,869	411,500
2047	631,897	415,500
2048	637,925	419,500
2049	643,953	423,500
2050	649,981	427,500
2051	656,009	431,500
2052	662,037	435,500
2053	668,065	439,500
2054	674,093	443,500
2055	680,121	447,500
2056	686,149	451,500
2057	692,177	455,500
2058	698,205	459,500
2059	704,233	463,500
2060	710,261	467,500
2061	716,289	471,500
2062	722,317	475,500
2063	728,345	479,500
2064	734,373	483,500
2065	740,401	487,500
2066	746,429	491,500
2067	752,457	495,500
2068	758,485	499,500
2069	764,513	503,500
2070	770,541	507,500
2071	776,569	511,500
2072	782,597	515,500
2073	788,625	519,500
2074	794,653	523,500
2075	800,681	527,500
2076	806,709	531,500
2077	812,737	535,500
2078	818,765	539,500
2079	824,793	543,500
2080	830,821	547,500
2081	836,849	551,500
2082	842,877	555,500
2083	848,905	559,500
2084	854,933	563,500
2085	860,961	567,500
2086	866,989	571,500
2087	873,017	575,500
2088	879,045	579,500
2089	885,073	583,500
2090	891,101	587,500
2091	897,129	591,500
2092	903,157	595,500
2093	909,185	599,500
2094	915,213	603,500
2095	921,241	607,500
2096	927,269	611,500
2097	933,297	615,500
2098	939,325	619,500
2099	945,353	623,500
2100	951,381	627,500
2101	957,409	631,500
2102	963,437	635,500
2103	969,465	639,500
2104	975,493	643,500
2105	981,521	647,500
2106	987,549	651,500
2107	993,577	655,500
2108	999,605	659,500
2109	1,005,633	663,500
2110	1,011,661	667,500
2111	1,017,689	671,500
2112	1,023,717	675,500
2113	1,029,745	679,500
2114	1,035,773	683,500
2115	1,041,801	687,500
2116	1,047,829	691,500
2117	1,053,857	695,500
2118	1,059,885	699,500
2119	1,065,913	703,500
2120	1,071,941	707,500
2121	1,077,969	711,500
2122	1,083,997	715,500
2123	1,090,025	719,500
2124	1,096,053	723,500
2125	1,102,081	727,500
2126	1,108,109	731,500
2127	1,114,137	735,500
2128	1,120,165	739,500
2129	1,126,193	743,500
2130	1,132,221	747,500
2131	1,138,249	751,500
2132	1,144,277	755,500
2133	1,150,305	759,500
2134	1,156,333	763,500
2135	1,162,361	767,500
2136	1,168,389	771,500
2137	1,174,417	775,500
2138	1,180,445	779,500
2139	1,186,473	783,500
2140	1,192,501	787,500
2141	1,198,529	791,500
2142	1,204,557	795,500
2143	1,210,585	799,500
2144	1,216,613	803,500
2145	1,222,641	807,500
2146	1,228,669	811,500
2147	1,234,697	815,500
2148	1,240,725	819,500
2149	1,246,753	823,500
2150	1,252,781	827,500
2151	1,258,809	831,500
2152	1,264,837	835,500
2153	1,270,865	839,500
2154	1,276,893	843,500
2155	1,282,921	847,500
2156	1,288,949	851,500
2157	1,294,977	855,500
2158	1,301,005	859,500
2159	1,307,033	863,500
2160	1,313,061	867,500
2161	1,319,089	871,500
2162	1,325,117	875,500
2163	1,331,145	879,500
2164	1,337,173	883,500
2165	1,343,201	887,500
2166	1,349,229	891,500
2167	1,355,257	895,500
2168	1,361,285	899,500
2169	1,367,313	903,500
2170	1,373,341	907,500
2171	1,379,369	911,500
2172	1,385,397	915,500
2173	1,391,425	919,500
2174	1,397,453	923,500
2175	1,403,481	927,500
2176	1,409,509	931,500
2177	1,415,537	935,500
2178	1,421,565	939,500
2179	1,427,593	943,500
2180	1,433,621	947,500
2181	1,439,649	951,500
2182	1,445,677	955,500
2183	1,451,705	959,500
2184	1,457,733	963,500
2185	1,463,761	967,500
2186	1,469,789	971,500
2187	1,475,817	975,500
2188	1,481,845	979,500
2189	1,487,873	983,500
2190	1,493,901	987,500
2191	1,500,929	991,500
2192	1,506,957	995,500
2193	1,512,985	999,500
2194	1,519,013	1,003,500
2195	1,525,041	1,007,500
2196	1,531,069	1,011,500
2197	1,537,097	1,015,500
2198	1,543,125	1,019,500
2199	1,549,153	1,023,500
2200	1,555,181	1,027,500
2201	1,561,209	1,031,500
2202	1,567,237	1,035,500
2203	1,573,265	1,039,500
2204	1,579,293	1,043,500
2205	1,585,321	1,047,500
2206	1,591,349	1,051,500
2207	1,597,377	1,055,500
2208	1,603,405	1,059,500
2209	1,609,433	1,063,500
2210	1,615,461	1,067,500
2211	1,621,489	1,071,500
2212	1,627,517	1,075,500
2213	1,633,545	1,079,500
2214	1,639,573	1,083,500
2215	1,645,601	1,087,500
2216	1,651,629	1,091,500
2217	1,657,657	1,095,500
2218	1,663,685	1,099,500
2219	1,669,713	1,103,500
2220	1,675,741	1,107,500
2221	1,681,769	1,111,500
2222	1,687,797	1,115,500
2223	1,693,825	1,119,500
2224	1,699,853	1,123,500
2225	1,705,881	1,127,500
2226	1,711,909	1,131,500
2227	1,717,937	1,135,500
2228	1,723,965	1,139,500
2229	1,730,000	1,143,500
2230	1,736,035	1,147,500
2231	1,742,070	1,151,500
2232	1,748,105	1,155,500
2233	1,754,140	1,159,500
2234	1,760,175	1,163,500
2235	1,766,210	1,167,500
2236	1,772,245	1,171,500
2237	1,778,280	1,175,500
2238	1,784,315	1,179,500
2239	1,790,350	1,183,500
2240	1,796,385	1,187,500
2241	1,802,420	1,191,500
2242	1,808,455	1,195,500
2243	1,814,490	1,199,500
2244	1,820,525	1,203,500
2245	1,826,560	1,207,500
2246	1,832,595	1,211,500
2247	1,838,630	1,215,500
2248	1,844,665	1,219,500
2249	1,850,700	1,223,500
2250	1,856,735	1,227,500
2251	1,862,770	1,231,500
2252	1,868,805	1,235,500
2253	1,874,840	1,239,500
2254	1,880,875	1,243,500
2255	1,886,910	1,247,500
2256	1,892,9	

- a) in extermination camps
- b) that partly took place a short time before or after the liberation
- c) in concentration camps for which the ITS holds no records
- d) of persons who were transferred to the concentration camps for execution.

Death cases in concentration camps have to a large extent not been registered during the war. Death-books kept of a large number of cases in a few categories of prisoners, but a large number of cases in other categories were not recorded towards the end of the war. The Special Registry Office is authorized to certify by registry certificates the deaths which have occurred in the concentration camps of the Special Registry Office in the period from 1.1.1941 to 31.12.1945. The Special Registry Office is authorized to certify by registry certificates the deaths which have occurred in the concentration camps, which can be proved by documents held at the Special Registry Office.

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