

ENKO, B.-M.

744 IVANENKO, X.-Z. -
IVANEV, A.-N.

770 IVANOV, MIKHAIL AB 1924 -
MIKHAIL BIS 1929

719 IURTSCHENKO, N.-Z. -
IURTSCHIK, A.-B.

745 IVANEV, O.-Z. - IVANIC, A.-Z.

771 IVANOV, MIKHAIL AB 1900 -
MIKHAIL BIS 1929

720 IURTSCHIK, C.-Z. -
IURTSCHUK, A.

746 IVANICA - IVANICKI, A.-N.

772 IVANOV, MIKHAIL AB 1930 -
NIKOLAI BIS 1999

721 IURTSCHUK, B.-Z. -
IUSCHAK, A.-F.

747 IVANICKI, O.-Z. - IVANIEI

773 IVANOV, NIKOLAI AB 1900-1923

774 IVANOV, NIKOLAI AB 1924 -
OLGA BIS 1999

748 IVANIEK - IVANIK, A.-S.

Central

Name Index





Employees Working with the *Central Name Index (CNI)*,
Arolsen, circa 1950s

Work on the CNI began as early as the fall of 1945, at the CTB, predecessor to the ITS. Employees first transferred important information from all inquiries to index cards, particularly personal data and the details of a person's fate. When they were filed, there was to be a *meeting of cards* between search inquiries and the cards of missing persons.



Employees Checking Inquiries in the Central Name Index (CNI), Arolsen, 1952

There often was no *meeting of cards* because many missing persons had not submitted inquiries themselves or were no longer alive. For this reason, from 1946, personal information was also transferred from the preserved documents to reference cards which were filed in the index. The CNI thus became the key to the archive.



So-Called Postwar Card Index for Documents about Displaced Persons, Arolsen, circa 1972

Besides the CNI, the archive has other indexes, for example with documents about Displaced Persons, forced laborers and concentration camp prisoners. Searching the files therefore was and is time-consuming. Sorting errors in an index could make it impossible to find information on a person. The tracing system was thus very prone to error.



**Repacking the CNI in Special Archive Boxes,
Bad Arolsen, 2017**

In 2017 all of the CNI cards that had been stored in open slipcasses for decades were repacked in special archive boxes for better protection. The CNI was digitized in 1998/99. Searches are now conducted on the computer, not in front of the shelves. New information from inquiries and documents is only documented digitally today.



CNI Slipcase for the Last Name Akermann

The CNI holds over 50 million index cards referring to more than 17.5 million people. Thanks to the alphabetical-phonetic system, all information about a person is filed consecutively in the index - regardless of how a name is spelled (here for example Akerman/ Ackermann).