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CATALOGUE OF CAMPS AND PRISONS IN GERMANY AND THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES 1939—1945.

When the first volume of this Catalogue of Camps and Prisons was published, in June 1949, recipients were asked to provide material for a supplement and to suggest alterations to be made to the first issue.

The very good response received has helped the International Tracing Service to produce this second volume. It is, however, realised that this work is still far from complete and although there may be no opportunity of revising or supplementing data given, suggestions and comments both in connection with this and with the previous issue will be appreciated.

Information on many hitherto undocumented camps will be found in these pages as well as corrections and additions to information already given in the first issue. For example, research of documentary material has yielded certain statistical data on the strength of the Kommandos of the main camps, death rates and industrial employment.

To give a better idea of the Kommando relationship and of the geographical positions of the camps, three maps have been drawn and will be found as appendices II, III and IV. The large map gives the locations of concentration camps in Central Europe, that is Germany and its approaches, the two smaller ones show the Kommandos of Buchenwald and Dachau respectively. Appendix I gives the text of a secret order issued by Heydrich on the grading of concentration camp prisoners.

Although a certain amount of valuable and interesting information on camps and prisons will undoubtedly be gathered during the coming months, the International Tracing Service feels that in presenting this volume and the previous one it has contributed to the work of research necessary to compile the history of deportation and slave labour in Germany during the years 1939—1945.

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