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Descriptive summary

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Scope and content of collection

The full collection at the source archive consists of records consolidated from various sources concerning German military forces during WWI and WWII. Includes Bormann orders, records relating to operations on Leningrad, intelligence activities, war diaries of the Strafbataillon (German Penal Battalion) (1944); German leaflets against British and French government (1939); leaflets, posters, newspapers; bulletins of anti-fascist organizations of Denmark (1943-1944); information bulletin of the International Union of Trade Unions; war diaries from occupied countries and from German-Soviet front; albums of photographs relating to life and work of the commander-in-chief of the 2nd German Army on the German-Soviet front (1942-1943); war diaries of German military units (1939-1945); reports on the activities of German military units

(1940-1944); statistics on pension payments to invalids of the war and survivors of German fatalities 1940-1941) [Opis 1-2]; materials on various German troops, reports from the 444th Security Division (444 Sicherungs-Division) on duty in the southern Ukraine 1941-1943; situation reports on number, distribution of, and plans for eliminating Jews in numerous locations; reports about the Ukrainian pogrom against Jews in Velikiy Boryslav in July 1941; reports on forms and proofs of Aryan purity of members of the German army; reports on administrative matters including efforts to revive industry and mining, the disposal of collective farms, the attitudes of peasants, and food supplies for the population; information about forced Ukrainian labor for work in the Reich, civilian vehicular traffic, and the confiscation of gold; routine administrative reports from 286th Security Division (286 Sicherungs-Division), including ammunition reserves, rifle training, and weapons maintenance [Opis 3]; records related to WWI (war diaries, newspaper clippings, essays, lectures, and brochures); records relating to WWII: correspondence, radio messages, arrangements, orders and instructions in the military units of German Army, a list of the troop units intended for the implementation of the Barbarossa plan by German Wehrmacht (1941); registers of missing persons (1942-1944); secret messages of the German Press Office on industry, cultural events and the press in the occupied countries; war diaries; geographic maps of the military air raids, German anti-Soviet leaflets; memories of an unknown eyewitness of the German war in Poland in the WWII; essays, articles, clippings, speeches (Mussolini) related to WWII matters; diaries of a prisoner of war [Opis 5]; investigation files of the war guards of the German army; lists of German soldiers; interrogation records of soldiers; personal records of the German troops, records of various German military units including registers of death soldiers, expanses of prisoners of war, geographical maps [Opis 6].

Note: USHMM Archives holds only selected records.

Administrative Information

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Related materials:

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System of arrangement

Fond 1275 (1938-1945). Opis 1-3, 5-6, delo 1-1730. Selected records arranged in seven series: 1. Situation reports of the Security Division 444 (Ukraine and Poland); 2. Records on various German administrative matters (mostly on Ukraine); 3. Materials collected by the German archive in the town of Potsdam, 1919-1945; 4. Formation of local police units (Ordnungsdienst, Schutzmannschaften) on the occupied territory of the USSR, 1942; 5. Interrogation of soldiers and war diaries, 1939-1942; 6. Letters and photographs from the Eastern front sent to Germany, Jan. 1942; 7. Records on antifascist propaganda and maps.

Note: Microfilm reels: 92, 396-398 (16 mm). The finding aid created in the Museum and an original German FA do not correspond to each other.

Indexing terms

World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--Europe.
World War, 1939-1945--Confiscations and contributions--Europe.
Jews--Persecutions--Ukraine--History--20th century.
Antisemitism--Europe--20th century.
Pogroms--Ukraine--Velykyi Bychkiv--History--20th century.
Germany--Politics and government--1933-1945.
Forced labor--Europe--History--20th century.
Prisoners of war--History--20th century.
Holocaust Jewish (1939-1945)--Europe--History.
Poland--History--Occupation, 1939-1945.
Ukraine--History--German occupation, 1941-1944.
Velykyi Bychkiv (Ukraine)
Articles.
Correspondence.
Diaries.
Leaflets.
Letters.
Reports.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel 92

Fond 1275, opis 3

(Note: Folders 102, 219, and 409 are out of sequence on the reel. They appear between folders 665 and 666.)

661 Sicherungsdivision 444. no date. Folder begins at image 302

Situation reports from Sambor, Poland (July 1941). Reports from Security Division 444: notes that Jews wear white armband with Star of David and are available for any kind of labor, to which they are assigned by the Judenrat (Jewish Council). Locale of reports apparently in occupied Ukraine: one is from Pervomaisk (September 1941); other reports originate in Drohobycz and mention situation of Jews in areas close to the Hungarian demarcation line. Another report, from Zaporozhe, deals with Jewish issues; a report from Dnyepopetrovsk notes that "The Jewish Question...is of minor significance here after SD measures [Massnahmen] were carried out." A Kirovograd report notes that there are 4,000 Jews left who are being used to clean up and work in certain trades, but who receive smaller food rations than the local population. 1941.

662 Place of origin - Vinnitsa. Folder begins at image 384

Roster of assignments of rayon chiefs and situation reports, with one mentioning that Ukrainian militia is being used among other things for "watching Jews." Jews can run small businesses. List of Ukrainian rayons with population totals, number of Jews, type of industry, etc. A report from Uman says that a ghetto is to be set up by September 1941 which is to accommodate all Jews in the area. 1941.

663 Report from Velikiy Boryslav (July 1941). Folder begins at image 452

Report states the inhabitants were still incensed because during the Russian withdrawal a large number of Ukrainians were murdered. "After the Russians had left, the Ukrainians revenged themselves by murdering some 350 Jews." 1941.

664 More reports from Uman and Fernovka; also from Novo-Ukrainka. Folder begins at image 468

Reports state only 82 Jews are left, after the remainder, the well-to-do departed with the Russians; "Cleansing [Bereinigung] will be taken care of by the Security Police command." 1941.

665 Situation report from Krivoi Rog. Folder begins at image 522

Mentions executions of Jews and communists carried out by the SD in the Zhirokoye District. In October 1941, a police Aktion against the remainder of the Jews in Krivoi Rog

was carried out with the help of the entire complement of Ukrainian Auxiliary Police. "Krivoi Rog is now supposed to be free of Jews [Judenfrei]." 1941.

102 Partisans. No date. 101 pp. Folder begins at image 788

Air raid protection measures from Moscow Air Region Command (March 1942). A great variety of items dealing with the German air force, anti-aircraft equipment, the use of men with previous criminal records, including for homosexuality, as combat soldiers; codes for radio communication, etc.

219 Aryan heritage. Forms and punishment lists of German Army. No date. 220 pp. Folder begins at image 926

Military personnel forms, proofs of Aryan purity in connection with marriages.

409 Sicherungsdivision 286. Routine orders, etc. No date. Folder begins at image 1267

More military reports about ammunition reserves and stocks, and other arms related items, such as rifle training, weapons maintenance, etc.

666 Idem. Folder begins at image 1402

Discussions about evacuating Dnyepopetrovsk population (November 1941). Document regarding Jewish question: "As far as Dnyepopetrovsk is concerned, the Jewish question has essentially been resolved. At the start of the occupation, it contained 35,000 Jews. 15,000 were taken care of through SD measures, 15,000 fled because of these measures, and the remaining 5,000 Jews are still present." 1941.

667 Idem. Folder begins at image 1455

Various German administrative matters in Ukraine, mostly concerning efforts to revive industry and mining.

668 Idem. Folder begins at image 1589

Various reports from the occupied Ukraine, such as attitude of peasants, what to do with collective farms, etc., food supplies for the population. Krivoi Rog is to provide 12,000 miner "volunteers" for work in Germany (November 1941). Fiscal and tax matters, resources availability in Zaporozhe, Kremenchung, Poltava, Chernigov, Dnyepopetrovsk, down to Crimea. Reference to sending Ukrainian labor to work in the Reich. 1941-1942.

669 Idem. Folder begins at image 1717

Various German administrative matters in Ukraine, such as civilian vehicular traffic, and the confiscation of gold. 1941-1943.

670 Idem. Folder begins at image 1951

More administrative matters concerning Security Division 444, apparently in charge in Ukraine in Army Region South. 1941-1943.

Reel 396

Fond 1275, opis 2

- 96a OKW/OKH re formation of local police units (Ordnungsdienst, Schutzmannschaften) on the occupied territory of the USSR, 1942. Folder begins at image 1733
- 328 War diary of 115 Inf. Div., 1941. Folder begins at image 1834
- 367 3. Inf. Div. (mot.); general OKH information, 1941-42. Folder begins at image 1845
- 371 Report on impressions during trip to USSR, 1940-41. Folder begins at image 2107
- 372 Frontzeitungen (n/p.s for soldiers in army areas), 1942. Folder begins at image 2126
- 387 (Note error on target sheet.) Report of German units to OKH re situation of Soviet POW's and the Red Army, 1945. Folder begins at image 2154

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- 387 (Continued.) Folder begins at image 7

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- 39 Various orders, 1939-42, 88 pp. Folder begins at image 185
- 43 Instructions to German army, 1939-42. Folder begins at image 287
- 45 Reports by 540. Straßenbau-Btl., 1939-42. Folder begins at image 437
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- 67 War diary of an unknown soldier on the Eastern front. Folder begins at image 1396
- 93 OKW instructions, 1940-41. Folder begins at image 1422
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- 179 Letters from Eastern front to Germany, Dec. 1941, 11 pp. Folder begins at image 1516
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- 238 Kommandobefehl Taganrog, 1942, 3 pp. Folder begins at image 1563
- 374 (Note error on target sheet.) Letters from Eastern front to Germany, Jan. 1942, 82pp. Folder begins at image 1569
- 375 (Note error on target sheet.) Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1942. Folder begins at image 1692
- 376 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, Nov. 1942, 14pp. Folder begins at image 1702
- 377 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, Dec. 1942, 32pp. Folder begins at image 1724
- 378 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1942, 18pp. Folder begins at image 1775
- 387 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1942, 43 pp. Folder begins at image 1796
- 388 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1943, 10pp. Folder begins at image 1819
- 389 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, including photographs, 1943, 38pp. Folder begins at image 1831
- 390 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1943, 334pp. Folder begins at image 1878

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- 390 (continued) Folder begins at image 7
- 391 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1943, 355 pp. Folder begins at image 212
- 392 Soldier's letters from the Eastern front to Germany, 1943, 156pp. Folder begins at image 745

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- 26 Orders etc. to Wappenhans in Minsk, meeting re trade, 1939-45, n.p. Folder begins at image 998

- 27 Orders for individual military units. Folder begins at image 1052
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- 29 Orders for individual military units. Folder begins at image 1141
- 30 Orders for individual military units. Folder begins at image 1279
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- 32 Orders for individual military units. Folder begins at image 1369
- 33 Orders for individual military units. Folder begins at image 1377
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- 35 Corr. SS-Hauptsturmführer Jordan re literature, removal of items from Dnepropetrowsk museum, 1943-44. Folder begins at image 1718
- 70 Orders to SS-Inf.Div (mot.), 1941. Folder begins at image 1733