

**LANDRAT DES KREISES BRIESEN. RECORDS**  
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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Landrat des Kreises Briesen. Records.

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Creator: Briesen (Germany: Kreis). Landrat.

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Abstract: Contains information about forced labor of Poles and Soviets; police actions to control forced labor; management of prisons and prisoners; anti-Jewish ordinances; handling of prisoners of war; and young people designated for work in the RAD - Reichsarbeitsdienst.

Languages: German, Polish

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Acquisition information: The records were selected for filming from Main Commission, Record Group 82 and were microfilmed during 1992 and 1993. The microfilm was received at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives on 23 Apr. 1993.

Custodial history: The Landrat of the Kreis Briesen created the records between 1939 and 1944. After World War II, these were deposited in the archives of the Main Commission for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes in Poland, located in Warsaw, and subsequently became part of the archival collections at the Institute of National Remembrance (Instytut Pamięci Narodowej) in Warsaw.

Existence and location of originals:

The original files and the copyright to them are held by the Institute of National Remembrance - Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation (Institute of National Remembrance), ul. Wotoska 7, Warsaw 02-675, Poland. Phone no. + 48 22 581 85 00.

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Processing history: Inventory created circa 1993, revised 2014.

### **Administrative history**

During the second Polish Republic (1919-1920), the town of Wąbrzeźno was restored to Polish sovereignty through the Treaty of Versailles, and made the seat of a county with the same name. After the German invasion of Poland in September 1939, the town and surrounding region was re-named Briesen, as it had been when it was part of West Prussia during the partition of Poland. At the time of the German occupation, Kreis Briesen was administratively part of the Reichsgau Danzig-Westpreussen. After 1945 this territory was returned to Polish control.

**Scope and content of collection**

Contains information about forced labor of Poles and Soviets; police actions to control forced labor; management of prisons and prisoners; anti-Jewish ordinances; handling of prisoners of war; and young people designated for work in the RAD - Reichsarbeitsdienst.

**System of arrangement**

Arrangement is by topic.

Records are arranged in the original order of their acquisition from the source archive. The museum has acquired only selected records from Institute of National Remembrance (Instytut Pamięci Narodowej-Komisja Ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, or IPN). More information about this collection and other materials in the possession of the Institute of National Remembrance, including archival finding aids from the Archives of the Institute of National Remembrance, is available at the website: <https://ipn.gov.pl>

**Indexing terms**

Germany.--Reichsarbeitsdienst.

Landrat des Kreises Briesen.

World War, 1939-1945--Conscript labor--Poland.

Police--Poland.

Poles--Crimes against.

Poles--Nazi persecution.

Jews--Legal status, laws, etc.

Prisoners of war--Poland.

Prisoners of war--Soviet Union.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Reel 1:

Work of forced Polish and Soviet laborers; situation of the labor market in Gdansk (Danzig), West Prussia; assignment of work; training of laborers; grievances of workers; interventions of employers; reports of the labor office in Gdansk; lists of names of laborers; investigation reports, 1939-1942.

Work of forced laborers (Polish and Soviet); work assignments; increasing work output; markings for laborers (patches); health care for laborers; instructions for the "Four Year Plan"; list of names of laborers; copies of withdrawn work identification forms, 1943-1944.

Orders and instructions from the highest German authorities for dealing with the combatting of desertion of foreign forced laborers; monthly reports (numerical) from the administrative units of the elementary level about police actions and repression of workers leaving work places, 1943-1944.

**Prison management:** building, repairs, and safety measures of prisons, police holding stations, and treatment of prisoners and internees; rules for transferring, escorting, and transporting prisoners; regulations of the Prussian Ministry of the Interior; orders, instructions, and communications of the President of the Regency in Kwidzin and other government officials; correspondence and incidental affairs, 1939-1944.

Jews - introduction to anti-Jewish ordinances; elimination of Jews from economic life; need for wearing symbols in order to recognize Jews; use of public transportation by Jews; orders and instructions from the highest authorities of the Reich and the Chief of the Danzig district in Western Prussia; correspondence and incidental matters, 1939-1943.

### Reel 2:

**Prisoners of war (POWs):** Poles, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Russians and others. Distribution - employment, treatment, escapes from camps and work commandos; apprehending efforts; release of POWs of German descent and release of ill prisoners; instructions, orders, and communications of the President of Regency in Kwidzin and of other government offices concerning incidental cases, 1941-1944.

LABOR SERVICE (RAD - Reichsarbeitsdienst). List of young people born between 1923 and 1927 subject to work duty in RAD, 1942-1943.

Coal allocation; allocation of coal for employees of the economic, trade and commerce branches provided by the government; reports of the regional offices as to the state of meeting the demands of the coal recipients, 1941-1942