

Records of the Gendarmerie Kreis Schrimm (Sygn. 72), 1939-1945

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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains information about activities of Gendarmerie personnel in Schrimm (Śrem), Poland; use of Poles from the Schrimm area for labor; activities of the SS, Gestapo, and local police in Poznań, Poland; treatment of POWs; treatment and persecution of Gypsies; members of the Reinferathe Gruppe (police personnel from Schrimm) taking part in the suppression of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; participation of the gendarmerie in the expulsion of Poles from their homes and settlement of Germans in their places; Polish orphans transferred to the camp at Łódź, Poland; establishment of a youth camp at Łódź (01 Dec 1942); regulations and monitoring of

communication, travel, and use of postal service by Poles; pursuit and treatment of escaped prisoners; and escape of British prisoners of war.

System of Arrangement

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>

This collection is arranged thematically.

Indexing Terms

Germany. Geheime Staatspolizei.
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Waffen-SS. Kampfgruppe Reinefarht.
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Forced labor--Poland.
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Poznań (Poland)
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- and resulting name changes of police stations, 1942. 6 pages.
- 2 Administrative division: A. list of inhabitants [Srem] B. numerical designation of work force for employment. 1939 - 1942, 1944. 83 pages.
 - 3 Organization cooperative efforts of civilian authorities with the police of Poznań. List of employees of the Schrimm (Srem) office. 1944. 4 pages.
 - 4 Internal instruction informing about the organizational outline of the district management. 1942. 3 pages.
 - 5 List of instances of administrations of justice in the so-called Wartegau (Polish territories incorporated into Germany after 1939). 1940. 5 pages
 - 6 Collection of daily instructions of the commander of the SS and Police in Poznań concerning regular agenda and internal business #3-22 (inter-office business). 1939. 60 pages.
 - 7 Collections of daily instructions of the SS commander and the police in Poznań concerning regular agenda and internal business #23-51. 1940. 145 pages.
 - 8 Collection of daily instructions of SS and police commanders in Poznań concerning routine daily agenda and internal business #52-67. 1941. 74 pages.
 - 9 Collection of daily instructions of the SS and police commanders in Poznań concerning regular agenda and internal business. #68-76, 78-90. 1942. 85 pages.
 - 10 Collection of daily instructions of the SS and police commanders in Poznań concerning regular agenda and internal business. #91-98. 1943. 42 pages.
 - 11 Collection of daily instructions of the SS and police commanders in Poznań concerning regular agenda and internal business. #1-12. 1944. 28 pages.
 - 12 Orders, instructions, and guiding principles for the rural police stations concerning operational goals and internal business. 1939 - 1945. 124 pages.
 - 13 Instructions, daily orders (#7-12) reports, and accounts concerning expulsion of Poles and prisoners of war. Contains information on travel expenses. 1941 - 1942, 1944. 142 pages.
 - 14 Guidelines and instructions concerning the keeping of a war day-book (Kriegstagebuch). 1940 - 1942. 27 pages.
 - 15 Circular concerning the restriction of registered mail and telephone conversations. 1942. 1 page.
 - 16 Instructions and circular letters concerning the keeping of personal files of police functionaries. 1940 - 1941, 1943. 13 pages.

- 17 Orders, instructions, and correspondence concerning the rendering of honors to the police as well as greetings by the police. 12 pages.
- 18 Guidelines governing the receiving of gifts by the state functionaries. 1942. 5 pages.
- 19 Orders concerning physical examinations of policemen from the class of 1901-1910 still on active duty and in the reserves in order to determine their service usefulness. 1943 - 1944. 15 pages.
- 20 Materials concerning extra allowances for police of the Kampfgruppe Reinefahrt taking part in crushing the Warsaw uprising and correspondence about bicycles brought from Warsaw. 1944. 18 pages.
- 21 Instructions concerning the determination of fixed amount for service travel and monthly register of people receiving such lump sums. 1942 - 1944. 55 pages.
- 22 Orders and instructions concerning the schooling of police officers in the use of explosives as fighting materials. 1943. 16 pages.
- 23 Administrative and routine matters: schooling of non-commissioned officers. 1942. 4 pages.
- 2 Records concerning the church in Mosina designated in 1942 to store records of administrative offices and in 1943 to warehouse uniforms and arms. 1942 - 1943. 6 pages.
- 25 Correspondence concerning the supply of service equipment (?device for securing finger marks). 1940 -1942. 53 pages.
- 26 Instructions and correspondence concerning provision of gas masks. 1941 - 1944. 49 pages.
- 27 Records concerning the supply of kerosine necessary for lighting of police posts in the district of Schrimm (Srem). 1942 - 1944. 31 pages.
- 28 Gestapo correspondence in Poznań with instructions for the rural police (Gendarmerie) concerning the fulfillment of operational and administrative routine tasks. 1940 - 1942. 11 pages.
- 29 Collection of written messages (received by telephone) to the police posts concerning operational tasks as well as special actions. 1941 - 1944. 336 pages.
- 30 Instructions concerning the fight against criminality to be undertaken by police. 1940. 2 pages.
- 31 Instructions and guiding principles issued by the area commander and the governor of Wartegau concerning relations between Poles and Germans. 1940 - 1943. 11 pages.

- 32 Guiding principles and correspondence concerning the participation of the rural police in expulsion of Poles and settlement of Germans in their place. 1940 - 1944. 138 pages.
- 33 Guidelines, circulars, and correspondence concerning the transfer of Polish police from Wartegau to the General Gouvernement (Nazi occupied Poland). 1939 - 1940, 1942 - 1944. 75 pages.
- 34 Guidelines concerning the transfer of Polish orphans to the Łódź camp (dated 28 Nov 1942) establishing as of 1 December 1942 a Polish youth camp in Łódź; information about the Kriminalpolizeistelle in Poznań. 1942. 2 pages.
- 35 Circular concerning the supervision of released POWs within the law. Registration, reports, and lists of former officers of the Polish armed forces who fulfilled their obligation to register. 1940 - 1942. 56 pages.
- 36 Circular concerning continuous control of Polish "passers-by." 1941. 4 pages.
- 37 Circular concerning the prevention of Poles quitting their jobs and actions in cases of breach of work contracts by Poles. 1942 - 1943. 16 pages.
- 38 Circular concerning the curtailing of Polish work force in products using explosives. 1941, 1943. 6 pages.
- 39 Area commander and Governor's circular concerning the increased supervision of Poles employed by the building of fortifications in order to attain greater work efficiency. 1944. 1 page.
- 40 The order of the governor of Wartegau concerning the restriction of usage of telecommunication by Poles. 1942 - 1943. 7 pages.
- 41 Correspondence with the Central Office for Resettlement Affairs concerning increased supervision and control of the Polish population (communication, mail, and border crossings). 1941 - 1942. 8 pages.
- 42 Guidelines of the Regents Office in Poznań concerning the handing in of field glasses and binoculars by Polish citizens. 1941. 7 pages.
- 43 Circular concerning the limitation of sale of record players and records to Poles. 1941. 1 page.
- 44 Guidelines and instructions concerning the control of clergy and their activities, treatment of representatives of different religious denominations, religious objects used etc. and the fight against communist propaganda. 1939 - 1944. 27 pages.
- 45 Circular concerning the amount of fines imposed on Poles by the German police. 1942 - 1943. 7 pages.

- 46 Guidelines for the protection and securing country's harvest production. 1941 - 1943. 65 pages.
- 47 Institutions, guidelines and correspondence concerning the equipping of Polish forest service men. 1942 - 1943. 23 pages.
- 48 Guidelines for treatment of Germans residing in places threatened by air raids in Germany who are applying for permission to visit their Polish relatives in the Wartegau. 1943. 3 pages.
- 49 Guidelines for procedure in dealing with accidents. 1941 - 1943. 63 pages.
- 50 Regulations and correspondence concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages. 1942 - 1943. 34 pages.
- 51 Orders and instructions concerning execution of control of measuring instruments. 1942. 10 pages.
- 52 Guidelines and correspondence concerning receiving of prisoners into police jails. 1943 - 1944. 13 pages.
- 3 53 Instructions concerning the prevention of escapes of escorted prisoners; reports of police posts about taking notice and familiarizing with the above instruction issued by the chief of police. 1942 - 1944. 37 pages.
- 54 Circular concerning the calculating principles of costs of transporting escorted prisoners. 1940, 1942 - 1943. 9 pages.
- 55 Materials concerning the tracing of escapees; orders and guidelines concerning increased patrolling during holidays. 1944. 27 pages.
- 56 Search for escapees. Particular orders (some by taken over the telephone) concerning escapes of British POWs. 1943 - 1944. 40 pages.
- 57 Searches and tracing of escapees. Collection of bulletins of the German criminal police. Contains photographs. 1943. 71 pages.
- 58 Search for escapees (POWs, partisans, "shot down" airmen, and forced laborers). Guidelines, instructions, orders, and correspondence. 1943 - 1944. 79 pages.
- 59 Search for escapees; weekly situational reports and results of carried-out actions. 1943 - 1945. 27 pages.
- 60 Gestapo bulletin NC 1 branch in Poznań containing lists of names of sought escapees. 1943 - 1944. 348 pages.

- 61 Collections of written telephone messages concerning containing information about escapees and deserters; the danger of air raids and internal office matters. 1941 - 1944. 129 pages.
- 62 Collection of situational reports, telephone messages concerning the threat of enemy air raids. 1944 - 1945. 127 pages.
- 63 Police reports from Schrimm and branch posts concerning the fight against moral crimes. 1941 - 1943. 58 pages.
- 64 Reports of the criminal police in Poznań concerning the Gypsy population; instructions for anti-Gypsy action. 1941. 24 pages.
- 65 Notifications about the date and place of court cases sent to policemen called as witnesses; absentee excuses. 1940 - 1944. 59 pages.
- 66 Memoranda concerning public announcements in the area of Weisenau. 2 pages.
- 4 67. Collection of bulletins entitled Meldblatt der Kriminalpolizeistelle Posen (Poznań) with information about searches for persons hiding, ordered arrests, new police regulations, etc.; information about relations between Germans and Poles; treatment of prisoners of war; treatment of Gypsies. #1-14 from 1940, #4 from 1942, and #1-8, 10-13, and 15-24 from 1944. 1940, 1942, 1944.