

# Records of the General Government-Kraków (Sygn. 880), 1939-1945

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### **Scope and Content of Collection**

These records contain information about activities of the General Government and its officials in Kraków. Also included is information about the administration of prisons in Kraków and Rzeszów, the establishment of a separate Jewish section in Kraków, and the treatment of prisoners of war. Included are instructions, orders, guiding principles, and correspondence of the cabinet of the Governor General and the office of the Governor of the District of Kraków, which mainly relate to legal and prison matters concerning the prosecution, conviction, and

imprisonment of criminals, as well as staff matters in Kraków and Rzeszów. Also included is private and official correspondence of State Secretary Dr. Ernst Boepl.

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This collection is arranged thematically.

### **Indexing Terms**

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Rzeszów (Poland)  
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	9	Correspondence concerning escapes from prisons. 1942-1944.
	10	Correspondence concerning special kinds of criminal inquiries. 1942-1944.

- 11 Correspondence concerning penal matters not under Germany jurisdiction as well as matters concerning Jews and Germans. 1942-1944.
- 12 Instructions and orders concerning the cooperation of the judicial organ and the police authorities in the execution of punitive as well as penal administrative matters. 1943.
- 12a Murder of Zbigniew Honedynski, owner of the estate of Zbydnów, Dębnie, and 21 others at the hands of a German unit (photocopies of NUREMBERG FILES and a note of a Polish officer from WIESBADEN dated 15 Oct 1945. 1943-1945.
- 14 Orders concerning the establishment of a separate Jewish section in the city of Kraków and the expulsion of Jews from Kraków (also included is the report of the investigation by Judge John Senna who was investigating the Nazi crimes in Poland, dated 26 Apr 1948. 1939-1941.
- 15 List of health service agencies, welfare agencies, social institutions and offices in German occupied Poland (General Gov.). 1940.
- 16 Listings of all units of the office of the Governor of Kraków, names of employees, their addresses and phone numbers. 1944.
- 17 Report of a colonel of the former Ukrainian Army concerning the situations in West Ukraine under the Soviet rule, dated 13 Nov. 1939. 1939.
- 18 Private and official correspondence of the States Secretary, Dr. Ernst Boepl. 1942.
- 19 Private and official correspondence of the States Secretary, Dr. Ernst Boepl. 1942-1944.
- 2 20 Private and official correspondence of the States Secretary, Dr. Ernst Boepl. 1942-1944.
- 21 Department of Labor, Teletype notices concerning transports of workers sent to forced labor in Germany. 1942.
- 22 Department of Justice, Orders and correspondence regarding administration of justice, imprisonment, etc. 1940-1944.
- 23 Instructions for elaboration of punitive measures including the death penalty. 1938.

- 24 Rules for pardoning the condemned. 1935.
- 25 Instructions for engaging employees in the districts. 1941.
- 25a Personal file of Antoni Górecki. 1942.
- 25b Personal file of Wincenty Kuczera. 1940-1941.
- 26 Instructions and correspondence concerning ascertaining and gathering of financial ?mortgages, etc.; documentation from Polish courts in the territory of the Generalgouvernement. 1942-1943.
- Correspondence with various courts. 1944.
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- 28 Lists and correspondence concerning police matters; index file of employees of the Justice Department (Abteilung Justiz). 1942-1944.
- Situation report about the public opinion of Germans, Ukrainians, and Poles. 1943. (Partial - pp. 8-22 only).
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- 31 Special German Prison in Kraków. Instructions, circular letters, and correspondence concerning matters of Polish and German jurisprudence. 1940-1941.
- 3 33 Instructions and correspondence concerning organizational, personnel, justice, and penal matters etc. 1940-1943.
- 35 Instructions and correspondence concerning the treatment of prisoners of war and prisoners detained in prisons (serving time). 1940-1944.
- 37 The Prison in Rzeszów. Information concerning the activities of the machinery of administration of justice and prison management. 1940-1944.
- 38 Official orders directed at the prison in Rzeszów by the Department of Justice (Abteilung Justiz). [no date]
- 42 Correspondence concerning provisions for and care of sick prisoners etc. 1940-1944.