Selected Records of Various Gendarmerie Outposts, 1939-1945

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Scope and Content of Collection

The collection contains records concerning expulsions and relocations of various groups of citizens (including list of people), registration matters, criminal matters of various kind of violation of the law (e.g. lack of documents, illegal slaughter, alcohol production etc.), letters of warrant of arrest of fugitives from prisons, camps and forced labor.

System of Arrangement

The system of arrangement of the source repository has been preserved in the microfilmed reels and digital files. Arranged by eleven series: 1. Gendarmerie Kreis Graetz (Grodzisk Wielkopolski) (Sygn. 1016); 2. Gendarmerie Kreis Graetz. Posten Buchwarder (Bolewice)-Żandarmeria powiatu grodziskiego, posterunek w Bolewicach (Sygn. 1016); 3. Gendarmerie Kreis Jarotschein (Jarocin)-Żandarmeria powiatu jarocińskiego (Sygn. 1017); 4. Gendarmerie Kreis Ostrzeszów-Żandarmeria powiatu ostrzeszowskiego (Sygn.1017); 5. Gendarmerie Kreis Kosten (Kościan)-Żandarmeria powiatu kościańskiego (Sygn. 1020); 6. Gendarmerie Kreis Ostrowo (Ostrów Wielkopolski)-Żandarmeria powiatu ostrowskiego (Sygn. 1231); 7. Gendarmerie Schrimm (Śrem)-Żandarmeria powiatu śremskiego (Sygn. 1235); 8. Gendarmerie Warthebruecke (Koło)-Żandarmeria powiatu kolskiego (Sygn. 1237); 9. Gendarmerie Wolsztyn (Wolsztyn)-Żandarmeria powiatu wolsztyńskiego (Sygn. 1238); 10. Gendarmerie Wongrowitz (Wągrowiec)-Żandarmeria powiatu wągrowieckiego (Sygn. 1239) ; 11. Gendarmerie Rawitsch (Rawicz)-Żandarmeria powiatu rawickiego (Sygn. 1233) .

Indexing Terms

Jews--Poznań (Poland)--History. Holocaust survivors--Poznań (Poland)--History. Jews, Polish--Poland--History--20th century. Jews --Poland—Migrations--History--20th century. Jewish property--Poznań (Poland) Poznań(Poland)--Ethnic relations. Poland--Historical geography.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel List

Reel 1: File 6; Reel 2: File 13, 21, 2, 3, 2; Reel 3: File 1, 7, 10, 11, 26; Reel 4: File 1, 5, 125; Reel 5: File 145, 146, 149, 150, 154; Reel 6: File 1; Reel 7: File 23, 26, 1, 3.

Reel	Sygnatura/File	Description
1	Sygnatura 1016; File number 6	List of Poles evacuated in 1941 from localities of the Grodziski[?] province containing several hundred names. Lists prepared for the Chief of Security Police and the SD "Umwander" Central Office in Posen, department Litzmannstadt. All to be microfilmed.
2	Sygnatura 1016; File number 13	Registration documents and passes, identity cards, citizenship, foreigners, workers, beggars and homeless. Control of vagrants, emigrants, returnees, gypsies. Nature of registration for the army, desertion 1940-1941.
	Sygnatura 1016; File number 20	Gendarmerie posts Buchwarder /Bolewice/, 1941. Criminal matters – registrations regarding travel of Poles without passes, leaving of forced labor locations without permission, incidents and fights among Poles, also records of hearings regarding political matters, for instance passing of information by Poles on activities of the
	Sygnatura 1017; File number 2	Polish government in London. Gendarmerie District of Jarotschin – Gendarmerie posts Kotlin 1939-1945. Police penal matters containing decisions on punishment of Poles for various offenses (among them secret
	Sygnatura 1017; File number 3	murder, lack of passes and documents) and for internment in September 1939 of Germans residing in Poland
	Sygnatura 1017; File number 1	Gendarmerie District of Jarotschin – Gendarmerie posts Kotlin 1939-1945. Police penal matters containing decisions on punishment of Poles for various offenses (among others secret murder, lack of passes and documents) as well as internment in September 1939 of Germans residing in Poland.
		Gendarmerie posts Schilberg /Ostrzeszów/. /Contains list of

individuals of December 1939, mostly Polish land owners (with information on family, ocuppaction and property) as well as teachers from the Kepiny province.

3 Sygnatura 1020; File number 1 Orders and general correspondence 1940-1945. /the file contains, among others over a dozen cases concerning offenses of economic nature by Poles (for instance, illegal murder, production of alcohol, etc.), years 1943-1944.

Sygnatura 1020; File number 7

Political Police and Country Defense. /1940-1943/. /Copies of various orders regarding "protection" of Polish school libraries, Catholic and those of the Association of Public Libraries in localities of Kosciany[?] province and forwarding them to the bookstore at the Library of the University of Poznian; copies of orders from July 1940 and 1941 of the Gestapo in Poznan regarding Catholic church, among others regarding performances of church choirs during Polish church services, RSHA orders regarding Polish convents, "Caritas" and Gestapo warrants of 1941 and 1942.

Sygnatura 1020; File number 10

Arrest warrants for escaped prisoners and captives, reports cocerning enemy air raids /1940-1943/ At end of file several notices regarding anti-aircraft defense not to be microfilmed/

Sygnatura 1020; File number 11

Deportation, decisions on countermand of deportations and alike, 1940-1942. /Various rulings and lists regarding expulsion and relocation of Poles from the Kosciany province as well as decisions on countermand of deportation, orders regarding treatment of Poles who escaped deprtation from GG and returned to their previous place of residence, lists of forced labor workers in the Kosciany province (forrest).

Sygnatura 1020; File number 24

Gendarmerie district of Kosten, Gendarmerie posts Altboyen /Bojanowo Stare/.Church, punitive police and political.matters 1942. /concerning performance of religious services in still operative Polish churches in the territory of the province; Gestapo literture regarding closing of Polish churches as well as search for Polish war prisoners and other Poles (arrest warrants)/ All to be microfilmed.

4 Sygnatura 1231; File number 1

Gendarmerie post of Adelnau /Odolanów/. Notices 1942-1943. /Gendarmerie notices regarding search for runaway Poles from forced labor, captives and prisoners of war, Polish and Russian, from transports and camps; files contain also other documents regarding gendarmerie's internal matters. It is difficult to separate them because they are filed in various places in the entire collection/ Decision to be made about microfilming/.

Sygnatura 1235; Head of administrative district (to Gendarmerie of the district) File number 5 1939-1945. Orders /German administration and police) regarding, among other, the obligation on the part of the Poles to carry personal identity documents (Ausweise), nationality lists, behavior of Poles vis-a-vis Germans, obligation to register on the part of Polish soldiers returning from "stalags", store opening hours for Poles, credits and objects left as security by Poles and Jews before the outbreak of war, as well as vis-a-vis the Catholic church. The file also contains material regarding matters of German police only./ Decision to be made regarding microfilming of the entire file./ Sygnatura 1235; Special action 1941. Concerns special action in. November and File number 125 December 1941 carried out in the Sresmsk province during which checks were made of Poles and all means of conveyance on the road. Its aim was to counter-act "smuggle". The file contains, among other, orders connected to the action as well as reports on the way it was carried out in the t erritory of the province. To be microfilmed in its entirety. Sygnatura 1235; Search 1941-1942. The file contains a large number of warrants for File number 145 Polish citizens, Russian prisoners, civil workers and members of underground organizations. To be microfilmed in its entirety. Sygnatura 1235; Search 1942-1943. Whole file of warrants for Poles (for various File number 146 reasons), Russians, prisoners of other nationalites, among them Jews, forced laborers. To be microfilmed in its entirety. Sygnatura 1235; Special search March 1943 – Aug. 1944. copies of "Schnellbriefes" File number 149 [express letters] with names of persons sought by order keeping, criminal and security police and Gestapo of various individuals, among them Poles, Germans, allied officers, escaped forced laborworkers. To be microfilmed in its entirety. Sygnatura 1235; Search sheet of the Frankfurt a/O state police. Apparently as File number 150

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Sygnatura 1235; Search sheet of the Frankfurt a/O state police. Apparently as needed (confidential) 1941-1942. They contain names of sought prisoners, forced laborers of almost all European nationalities (among them Jews). To be microfilmed in its entirety.

Sygnatura 1235; Russian workers and war prisoners, /1942-1943/. Orders of the File number 154 Reich state official, chief of order keeping police, Gestapo and others, regarding Russian war prisoners in the Warthegau territory. To be microfilmed in its entirety..

6 Sygnatura 1237; Gendarmerie Post Eichstaedt /Dąbie/, 1940. Record of activities II.
File number 1 In it, list of returning prisoners of war in the community district,
Kulm of district Wartheland /contiains approx. 250 names of Poles
and 11 of Jews as well as 7 of ethnic Germans.

7 Sygnatura 1238; Matters concerning Poles, 1940-1941. among others list of Polish File number 23 farms (by communities). With information on their size and number

of their inhabitants. For possible microfilming.

Sygnatura 1238;

File number 26 Criminal police matters. Reports of various local departments /Posten/, 1939-1944. Documents of various types, among them

police reports on husbandry offenses (such as illegal slaughter), denounciation against Poles, etc. For possible microfilming.

Sygnatura 1239;

File number 1 Lists of individuals in the transport of evacuees to

Generalgouovernment of 10 Feb 1941. List of Poles taken on 10

Feb 1941 from the Potulitz assembly camp to

Generalgouvernement. The list containes 790 names (in it 412 from Bydgoszcz) and other localities in the Bydgoszcz province togehter with information on place and date of birth, place of residence and

occupation..To be microfilmed in its entirety.

Sygnatura 1233;

File number 3 Gendarmerie Department II Goerchen / Miejska Górka/. Secret

information on orders regarding treatment of Polish population, keeping an eye on post and telegraph offices, search for Poles by the Gestapo (warrants for arrest), watching of former Polish

officers. To be microfilmed in its entirety.