

# Selected Records from the Collection of Former Archives of Ministry of Defense of Bulgaria in Veliko Tŭrnovo, 1941-1944

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

The collection contains name lists of Jews drafted to the labor battalions in Bulgaria, military orders and reports regarding the conscription of Jews, and lists of those released due to hospitalization, or who were otherwise granted leave.

#### **System of Arrangement**

The system of arrangement of the source repository has been preserved in the digital images. Lists of labor brigades organized by localities.

#### **Historical Note**

The Central Military Archive in Veliko Търново was founded in 1951 as the "Central Archival Fond" and till 1999 was subordinated to the Ministry of Defense of Bulgaria. Currently this Archives became part (merged with) of the Central State Archives of Bulgaria.

#### **Indexing Terms**

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