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Title: Gomel Oblast Archive records, 1941-1947

Extent: 2 microfilm reels

Provenance: The records were created by various oblast government offices in the vicinity of Gomel during and after World War II. The records were captured by the Red Army and later deposited in the Gomel Oblast Archive. The USHMM Archives microfilmed selected files from the Gomel Oblast Archive during Nov. and Dec. 1991.

Historical Note: The City of Gomel was in German hands from 21 August 1941 to 26 November 1943. Throughout that time, it was under military jurisdiction. The Gomel Oblast, however, also covers a slice of territory that was part of Reichskommissariat Ukriane, and German records of Gebietskommissare whose domains were adjacent to the military area within the present-day Oblast may be found in these archival collections

Restrictions on Access:

Restrictions on Use:

Organization and Arrangement: Arrangement is thematic.

Language: German, Russian

Preferred Citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

Scope and Content: These files relate to the activities of various civilian and military government offices in Gomel and environs (cities and administrative districts of Dobrush, Homel, Parichi, Rechitsa, and Mazyr), including subjects such as reprisal actions by Germans against partisan activities, the liquidation of the Monastyrsk ghetto, the confiscation of Jewish property (buildings, land, livestock), arrests of Roman and Sinti (Gypsies), postwar war crimes investigations, and the like.

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Inventory:

File *Title - Description*

Reel 1:

Fond 1318, opis 1: Dobrush City and District Administration, 1941 - 1944.

- 2 German and mayor's orders to city administration, includes posters to citizens regarding partisans (in Russian, much is handwritten). January - October 1942. 69 pages.

Orders by Urban Management of the city of Dobrush: capture of partisans; fighting of diseases amongst population; regulations regarding work in railway manufacturing; Jewish houses now belonging to the Urban Management department; establishment of schools; road repairs.

- 8 Orders to District administration, railroad damage, disposal of Jewish property, etc. (in Russian) September 1941 - December 1942. 88 pages.

Feldkommandantur (V) 551 (Oberstleutnant Laub) in Gomel and to rayon administrations in and outside the city of Gomel, 1941, about various subjects including food allocation, travel permits, telephone lines, snow removal equipment, and treatment of Gypsies. Includes communications of Gomel Ortskommandantur; Feldkommandantur 200 in Klinzy, 1941, to rayons on indigenous police (Ordnungsdienst). Documents relating to the work of V.F. Shmuly; acts of withdrawals of goods belonging to communists and Jews; orders for searching houses of communists and Jews; searching of properties; documents relating to the village police.

- 1 Orders from Ortskommandantur, et al., to local civil agencies regarding organization of civil life and confiscation of goods for the Wehrmacht, including arrest of Gypsies. 1941 - 1944.

Includes communications of Gomel Ortskommandantur; Feldkommandantur 200 in Klinzy to indigenous police (Ordnungsdienst); establishment of veterinary office; repairing of phone lines; snow removal; establishment of schools; rebuilding of roads and bridges; mail delivery; distribution of food.

Fond 1322, opis 1: Loyev District Administration.

- 1 Orders fixing market prices for various goods and commodities. Some pages are illegible. September 1941 - February 1942.

Orders and reports; fixing of food and market prices; lists of professions which are profitable for German forces; lists of workers by their occupations; permits to carry weapons.

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- 4 Regulations regarding property and workers, incentives and punishment. October 1942 - July 1943. 69 pages.

Correspondence of Gebietskommissar and Ortskommandantur I-863 in Rechitsa, on labor, factories, scrap metal, recruitment of a "liberation army," and other subjects.

Fond 1326, opis 1: Rechitsa City and District Water and Log-Floating; Police and Jail. 1941 - 1944.

- 14 German orders to city and district administrations regarding various concerns, including disposal of Jewish livestock and houses (in Russian). June - December 1942. 56 pages.

Orders by Urban Department of Management: agriculture, law, police, work, defense, medicine, education, transportation, hiring and firing of people (includes names). Registration of population residing in the Rechitsa district; regulations of work, especially in the factories; agricultural matters; medical concerns; establishment of schools.

Fond 1345, opis 2: Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German Fascist Crimes Committed on the Territory of the USSR.

- 5 Information concerning Monastyrsk Ghetto on page 4; liquidation of this ghetto on pages 8-9; document about mass shooting of the Gomel Jews, pages 35-40; chapter on prisoners-of-war. In Russian. no dates. 84 pages.

Invasion of German troops into Gomel; terrible acts of violence; establishment of Jewish ghetto in Gomel's suburb of Monastyrsk (4,000 Jews were killed); people in prisons died from hunger and diseases; lists of witnesses and perpetrators; destruction of factories and cultural places; civilians taken to Germany to work.

- 7 Testimony in court proceedings of 1947 against sixteen Germans, includes an eyewitness account of Zhlobin action (page 30); and Ozarichi camp (1944?); *dushequbiteli* [gas vans] on page 86; reprisals against village because of partisan actions. In Russian. 188 pages.

- 8 Testimony at War Crimes Trial. Action against partisans 1943, page 201; attempts to cover up sites of early shootings, including Jews, page 250. In Russian. 307 pages.

History of all men, their crimes committed, other details of the web of terror that the Germans committed in territories under their control; includes numbers of dead people, how killed, place and date of death; witnesses testimonies; verdicts are at the end of the file.

- 9 This delo begins where the previous delo ended. Testimony at War Crimes Trial. Includes statistics in total number of Soviet citizens killed. In Russian. pages 308-480.

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Materials about the crimes of German Army during its occupation of Gomel; lists of German war criminals and their Russian accomplices in Gomel; lists of the people killed by Germans in the city; lists of people who were taken by force to work in Germany; records of interrogations of German prisoners-of-war and Russian traitors; acts about criminal activities of SD and GFP (secret field police); action about finding mass graves; diagrams of the places where people were executed.

Fond 1809, opis 2: Parichi (Bobruysk District) District Police. 1942 - 1944.

- 4 Parichi district police force military activities reports and correspondence regarding medals to Ordnungsdienst men for fighting partisans, etc. In German and Russian. May - December 1942. 114 pages.

Reports to kommandant (official in charge of quarters) of the Bobruysk's district police about the fighting activities of the Parichi's district police; staff, armaments, and provisions; bookkeeping done by the police.

- 5 Partisan activities. Reports. In Russian. January - December 1943. 256 pages.

Fond 1809, opis 4: Parichi (Bobruysk District) District Police. 1942 - 1944.

- 6 Arrestees, including partisans and Jews (in Russian). July 1942 - May 1943. 23 pages.

List of prisoners in the Parichi prison. Prison was opened July 1942 and closed May 1943.

Fond 1811, opis 2: Third Police Battalion Feldgendarmarie (Schupo?). 1943 - 1944.

- 1 Anti-partisan activities, medals, insubordination, etc. (in Russian and German). no dates. 253 pages.

Orders and instructions by the commander of 3rd Police Battalion: orders to Field Gendarmerie 516; information about the staff, armament and ammunition; orders by the commanders and administrative-economy; correspondence with field commandant's office and sub-units of battalion; operations completed by the battalion; hiring and firing of personnel.

Fond 1820, opis 1: Mozyr' City and District Administration, including water, police and Jail. 1942.

- 2 Oblast Kommissar orders to create ghetto for Jews and instructions for its operation; operation of Bobruisk prisoners-of-war camp (in German and Russian). October 1941 - . 52 pages.

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Orders and reports by the kommissar about the regulations of handling of Jews; lists of citizens who were released from prisoner-of-war camps; regulations of work; correspondence about administrative-economic issues; prices of food and services.

- 3 District chiefs situation reports to Oblast Kommissar: confiscation of local livestock, local anti-Nazi resistance (non-cooperation) and punishments (in German and Russian). January 1941 - December 1941. 169 pages.

Lists of appearance of work by the citizens; establishment of school; prices of food; collection of scrap metal; measures that must be implemented in order to prevent the spreading of diseases; punishment of people includes workers, police officers, etc.

Reel 2:

Fond 1820, opis 1: Mozyr City and District Administration, including water, police and jail (continued). 1942.

- 4 German orders for local horses and cows to be confiscated, including those belonging to Jews (e.g. page 132) (in Russian). 1941. 224 pages.

Orders by the deputy of Buromister: registration of cattle that belongs to the civil population and transfer to the authorities; return of the cattle to the civilians; settling of land problems; registration of all robbed property and belongings; registration of food; issue of passes to "allowed" people; regulations for keeping the city clean.

- 7 List N-1 of the staff of the City Management department as of 25 October 1941. The lists of the staff including their post, occupation, salary, and start date. 29 pages.

- 10 Orders to form Jewish Councils and on how to treat Jews, see especially pages 48, 50-52 (in Russian). 64 pages. Orders about different kinds of fines; opening of school; orders regarding prices; orders about handling a flood; positions and condition of churches; establishment of a medical group and its duties; announcement about the registration of the population; tax regulations; announcement about dismissal of prisoners-of-war.

- 11 Mayor's correspondence with village chiefs regarding various concerns (page 36 contains information regarding Jewish cows). 1942.

Correspondence of Buromister with the village elders about registration regulations of cattle; supply of borage; dismissal of the citizens from the camp; delivery of hay; regulations about work; lists of products which must be given to the German Army.

Fond 1840, opis 1: Khoyniki (village). Forest Enterprise.

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- 1 SS action to destroy partisans (in Russian). 20 October 1942 - 21 July 1943. 23 pages.

Orders to staff, acts about causing damage to the forests during the operations of the German forces (SS) against the partisans, the regulations about apartment rent.

Fond 1846, opis 1: Zhitkovichi District Administration. 1941 - 1943.

- 8 Gebietskommissar orders and responses from German subordinates. 1942. 358 pages.

Lists of Russian people whose nationality was German, who lived in Zhitkovitchsk's district, the orders of "Gebitskommissar," information about the population that lived in the territory of the district; and movements within Zhitkovitchsk's district.

Fond 1853, opis 1: Petrikov Gebietskommissariat. 1942.

- 1 German confiscations; Gebietskommissar report to Rosenberg regarding partisans; lists of people working in German organizations; resumes of two Gebietskommissare. Schedule for Rosenberg's visit in Vinnitsa 16 June 1943. January 1943 - January 1944. 74 pages.

Information about the condition of the economy in the Petrikov district; lists of persons working in German institutions (offices).

Fond 2752, opis 1: Lelchitskiy District Administration.

- 1 Miscellaneous orders and correspondence to and from district administration officials, including police organization, informants, punishment for contact with partisans, etc. (in Russian). no dates. 517 pages.

The orders by the gendarmerie and be Gebitkommissar. The registration of the population; collection of warm clothes from civilians for German Army; regulations of using the train; prohibition about any kind of assistance to the Russian prisoners-of-war; orders about appearance in the street (when and where); other orders to village elders. Orders by police; supply of food and salary to the police-staff; steps that must be taken in order to prevent flood; orders by the Labor Exchange department; orders by the Road department; regulations of work. Orders by the Law department: authorities and the regulations of the department; orders about gathering all Jewish and communist property to the City Board Building; regulations about light camouflage; nomination of police-staff in villages. Treasury Department: exchange of currency; tax policies; selling of old and abandon property; insurance regulations.