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Scope and content: This collection contains Häftlingspersonalbögen and other camp records from Auschwitz for the years 1942 to 1945.

Inventory:

Reel 1

Reel consists of two parts. Legibility varies, and much of the second part is extremely difficult to read. All of the material was held by the ITS in Arolsen, copied for Yad Vashem, and then copied for the USHMM.

The first part is a typed list, compiled after the war (probably prepared for war crimes trials), of 5,270 names of persons who arrived in Auschwitz between July 25, 1942 and October 28, 1944, and June 8, 1943-June 26, 1943. Prisoner numbers run between 52,430 and 116,999. However this list obviously includes less than 10% of these persons. The information provided includes: prisoner's name, number, date of birth, nationality (or sometimes the name of a city) and when that person arrived in Auschwitz. It does not state that person's fate. Legibility is poor.

This is followed by handwritten daily reports (Veränderungsmeldungen) for January 19, 1942 through August 18, 1942. Most of the material consists of daily reports of deaths, but there are also some lists of transfers (überstellungen) to unspecified places, arrivals, and a few releases (entlassenen). In some cases only a prisoner number is given. However, most lists give a name, category of prisoner (e.g. Dutch Jew, or simply, Pole), prisoner number, date of birth and date of death, transfer or release. The material includes Jews and non-Jews: the largest number of Jews from France and Slovakia and the largest number of non-Jews from Poland. Some of the names do not appear in the published Auschwitz death books for Jews and non-Jews, nor are these death dates recorded in Klarsfeld's French deportation book.

Reel 2

As in the previous reel, portions of this reel contain daily reports that, although difficult to read, all appear to date to August 1942.

The bulk of the material on this reel, however, consists of lists of transports to or from Auschwitz. Listed below are the transports for which origin or destination was noted. Most prisoners are identified only by name, prisoner number and date of birth, but occasionally place of birth and/or profession is included. Legibility of material is highly variable.

May 3, 1941	Dachau to Auschwitz
March 12, 1943	Auschwitz to Flossenbürg, ca. 40 Zwangsbeiter (abbr. ZA)
August 2, 1943	from Auschwitz, ca. 29 Jewish women
March 12, 1943	from Auschwitz, 1,025 ZAs
March 17, 1943	from Auschwitz, 6 ZAs
Sept. 21, 1943	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, 52 ZAs
Sept. 21, 1943	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, 55 ZAs
May 10, 1944	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, 40 ZAs
May 14, 1944	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, 20 ZAs
May 22, 1944	from Auschwitz, Gypsies
July 1944	Auschwitz to Dachau, 500 Hungarian Jews
July 1944	from Auschwitz, 800 Hungarian Jews
July 14, 1944	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, 2,500 Hungarian Jews
July 27, 1944	from Auschwitz, 800 Hungarian Jews

August 13, 1944	Auschwitz to Allendorf (Buchenwald), 1,000 Hungarian Jews
August 31, 1944	from Auschwitz, 500 Jews
Sept. 12, 1944	Auschwitz to Flossenbürg, 100 Jewish women
Sept. 24, 1944	Auschwitz to Flossenbürg, 524 ZAs
Sept. 17, 1944	Auschwitz to Flossenbürg, 1,000 ZAs
Sept. 29, 1944	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, ZAs
Oct. 12, 1944	545 Hungarian Jewish women
Oct. 28, 1944	Auschwitz to Flossenbürg, 500 male ZAs
Nov. 1944	Auschwitz to Lippstadt (Buchenwald), 304 Hungarian Jewish women
Jan. 6, 1945	Auschwitz to Buchenwald, 81 ZAs
Jan. 6, 1945	Auschwitz to Dachau, 405 Jewish men
October 20, 1944	1,000 Jewish men, includes lists of the deceased

The next section on the reel consists of a list of transports. The lists are mostly illegible but each list has been retyped (probably by ITS) and dates of death for most persons have been added. Lists total over 10,000 names, about two thirds with death dates.

April 17, 1942	973 Slovakian Jews
April 19, 1942	464 Slovakian Jews
April 23, 1942	543 Slovakian Jews
April 27, 1942	442 Slovakian Jews
April 29, 1942	423 Slovakian Jews
May 22, 1942	1,000 prisoners from Lublin
June 7, 1942	1,000 Jews from Compiègne (Convoy #2)
June 20, 1942	404 Slovakian Jews (prisoners)
June 24, 1942	1,000 Jews from Drancy (Convoy #3)
June 27, 1942	1,000 Jews from Pithviers (Convoy #4)
June 30, 1942	1,000 Jews from Beaune la Rolande (Convoy #5)
June 30, 1942	456 Jews from Lublin
July 4, 1942	264 Jews from Westerbork
July 11, 1942	182 Slovak Jews
July 17, 1942	650 Dutch Jews
Oct. 14, 1942	425 prisoners from Buchenwald
Dec. 5, 1943	930 ZAs from Flossenbürg
May 27, 1942	405 ZAs from Buchenwald
Jan. 27, 1943	19 ZAs from Lodz
Dec. 5, 1943	41 ZAs from Flossenbürg
Dec. 5, 1943	955 ZAs from Flossenbürg
Nov. 27, 1942	150 ZAs from Buchenwald
May 28, 1943	31 ZAs from Buchenwald
Sept. 22, 1943	15 ZAs from Buchenwald
Sept. 23, 1944	153 ZAs from Buchenwald

Oct. 3, 1944	ca. 1,000 Jews from Buchenwald
Dec. 19, 1944	38 ZAs from Buchenwald
Jan. 12, 1945	12 ZAs Brünn-Monowitz
June 10, 1943	3 ZAs to Buchenwald
July 22, 1943	152 ZAs to Buchenwald
August 20, 1943	450 ZAs to Buchenwald
August 20, 1943	451 ZAs to Buchenwald
August 21, 1943	194 ZAs to Buchenwald
Sept. 21, 1943	52 ZAs to Buchenwald
Oct. 21, 1943	300 ZAs to Buchenwald
Oct. 23, 1943	1,552 ZAs to Buchenwald
Nov. 28, 1943	82 ZAs to Buchenwald
Dec. 14, 1943	200 ZAs to Buchenwald
Jan. 20, 1944	104 ZAs to Buchenwald
Feb. 23, 1944	145 ZAs to Buchenwald
March 3, 1944	422 ZAs to Buchenwald
March 9, 1944	80 ZAs to Buchenwald
April 2, 1944	202 ZAs to Buchenwald
April 17, 1944	684 gypsies to Buchenwald
April 27, 1944	600 ZAs to Buchenwald
May 14, 1944	1677 ZAs (mostly French) to Buchenwald
May 25, 1944	560 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
May 28, 1944	ca. 100 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
May 31, 1944	13 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
June 2, 1944	13 ZAs to Buchenwald
June 3, 1944	2000 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
June 18, 1944	1000 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
June 24, 1944	435 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
June 24, 1944	2000 ZAs to Buchenwald
July 16, 1944	2500 Hungarian Jews to Buchenwald
August 3, 1944	918 gypsies to Buchenwald
August 15, 1944	2000 ZAs to Buchenwald
Sept. 9, 1944	110 ZAs to Buchenwald
Oct. 1, 1944	1300 ZAs to Buchenwald
Oct. 21, 1944	100 Jews to Taucha
Oct. 12, 1944	504 ZAs to Buchenwald
Oct. 18, 1944	30 prisoners to Buchenwald
Oct. 31, 1944	270 Jews to Buchenwald
Oct. 29, 1944	301 ZAs to Buchenwald
Nov. 14, 1944	5 Polish Jews to Buchenwald
Nov. 15, 1944	150 Jews to Buchenwald
Nov. 17, 1944	100 Jews to Buchenwald
Nov. 19, 1944	283 Jews to Buchenwald
Dec. 2, 1944	55 prisoners to Buchenwald

Dec. 7, 1944	500 ZAs to Buchenwald
Dec. 18, 1944	423 ZAs to Buchenwald
Jan. 14, 1945	9 ZAs to Buchenwald
Jan. 17, 1945	37 ZAs to Buchenwald
Jan. 22, 1945	2200 prisoners to Buchenwald
Jan. 23, 1945	341 prisoners to Buchenwald

Reel 3:

Reel 3 is a continuation of the last list on Reel 2 (begins after 23/1/45 transport, which totaled 917 ZAs).

Jan. 26, 1945	3935, mostly Jews, to Buchenwald
Sept. 17, 1944	72 prisoners from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 9, 1944	123 Hungarian Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 10, 1944	49 women gypsies from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Dec. 3, 1944	3 women gypsies from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 12, 1944	123 Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 14, 1944	9 Polish Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 14, 1944	1 French woman from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 24, 1944	165 women ZAs from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 31, 1944	206 Hungarian Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Nov. 3, 1944	4 Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Jan. 19, 1945	5 Hungarian Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
July 31, 1944	532 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
August 13, 1944	1000 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
August 31, 1944	500 Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Sept. 18, 1944	3 women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Sept. 18, 1944	2 Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Sept. 19, 1944	1000 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Sept. 21, 1944	998 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 4, 1944	518 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 5, 1944	200 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 14, 1944	200 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 7, 1944	2 French Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 10, 1944	3 women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 11, 1944	400 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 12, 1944	500 Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 17, 1944	1216 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 20, 1944	400 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald

Oct. 20, 1944	1000 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Oct. 26, 1944	18 Hungarian Jewish women from Buchenwald to Auschwitz
Oct. 29, 1944	500 Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Nov. 2, 1944	200 Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Nov. 19, 1944	250 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Nov. 23, 1944	300 mostly Polish Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Nov. 28, 1944	21 women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Dec. 4, 1944	12 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Dec. 5, 1944	31 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Dec. 9, 1944	2 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Dec. 9, 1944	530 Hungarian women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Dec. 19, 1944	1 Hungarian Jewish woman from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Dec. 29, 1944	12 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Jan. 1, 1945	300 Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Jan. 15, 1945	1 Hungarian Jewish woman from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Jan. 19, 1945	12 Hungarian Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald
Jan. 29, 1945	2 Polish Jewish women from Auschwitz to Buchenwald

The reel continues with files of the Geheime Staatspolizei Düsseldorf on the following persons, all of whom died in Auschwitz:

Cohen, Michael born 14/11/06 in Krefeld
Ellson, Ernst born 18/2/04 in Düsseldorf
Heimann, Wilhelm born 27/1/00 in Elberfeld
Herzberg, Walter born 23/5/97 in Düsseldorf
Hirsch, Julius born 19/11/77 in Sinzig
Sosheck, Martha nee de Beer born 19/1/03 in Krefeld
Meyer, Alex born 23/12/80 in Duisburg
Niedzwiedzki, Friedrich Salomon born 13/2/02 in Slonnicki
Ratzker, Daniel born 23/6/95 in Krakow
Schlessinger, Ferdinand born 27/9/12 in Düsseldorf
Silbernagel, Kurt born 5/7/94 in Magdeburg
Szman, Selig Beer born 15/4/90 in Janow
Weinberg, Gusav born 12/2/80 in Gelsenkirchen

The reel continues with Personalbogen, beginning with women with names from Ajzner to Zylbermann. Then men from Abastado to Bartoszewski. (see below)

Reels 4-8:

These reels contain Auschwitz Personalbogen (forms giving information on individual forced laborers), organized alphabetically by last name. Legibility of material varies

from excellent to virtually illegible. Prisoners include Jews and non-Jews, of virtually every European nationality. Given information includes name, date, place of birth and last residence, profession, religion, physical description, information on family members, etc. The majority of names of Jewish laborers are recorded in another collection of Personalbogen held by the Holocaust Museum. The names of non-Jewish laborers are elsewhere unrecorded in the museum's collection, and appear only on these reels.

Reel 4:

Aforementioned Personalbogen, beginning with Bartoszewski and ending with Goldstein.

Reel 5:

Continuation of list, from Golstein to Kocznur.

Reel 6:

Continuation of list, from Koen to Mystkowski.

Reel 7:

Continuation of list, from Neter to Strus.

Reel 8:

Continuation of list, from Strus to Zyser.

The rest of the reel contains a list, organized alphabetically by name, of prisoners' personal possessions (Effektenverzeichnisse). Almost all persons appear to be non-Jewish. Given information includes name and prisoner number. The portion of the list on this reel begins with Abhosov and ends at Koroliszyn.

Reel 9:

Continuation of list, from Koroliszyn to Zyromski.

Property lists begin after the list of personal possessions ends. Prisoners' names are not included, but prisoner number is given.

This is followed by 17 individual files (Einzelmeldungen) relating to work detail changes, suicides, etc.

The reel also contains material relating to Gölleschau, a subcamp of Auschwitz. The material begins with a list of transports of male prisoners to Gölleschau between April 1943 and December 1944. Legibility is variable. Following the transport list is a Kommando Buch, apparently a list of prisoners. This includes names, dates of birth, and sometimes dates of death. The typed list consists of 2,348 names – mostly Dutch.

The material then continues on to detail prisoner interrogations (Häftlingsvernehmungen). The material is largely illegible. Following is a list of 19 German persons with multiple convictions (Berufsverbrecher), followed by a list of prisoner punishments (Strafmeldungen). This material is also mostly illegible.

At the end of the reel is the beginning of large collection, carried over to Reel 10, of hospital records. 5,470 names are included, but the records are mostly illegible.

Reel 10:

Continuation of hospital records detailing admission and releases, medicines used/treatments administered, etc. The records are mostly illegible.

At the end of the reel is a list, compiled after the war, of survivors who had been subject to medical experiments.

Reel 11:

Duty assignments (Verpflichtungs Erklärungen) for prisoners (mostly illegible). Verschiedene Berichte und Raporte (scattered individual files). Postwar correspondence with UNRRA and other organizations attempting to identify individuals. October-December 1942 lists of prisoners at unidentified sub camp, hundreds of names. List of 78 Jews deported from Giessen to Auschwitz. List of 26 Jews deported to Auschwitz from Württemberg. 3 lists of Norwegian Jews deported to Auschwitz.

The end of the reel contains death certificates for Jews and non-Jews—mostly illegible. Most identical with Auschwitz death books but certificates provide additional information on the individual and his/her family.

Reel 12:

Continuation of death certificates.

Reel 13:

Continuation of death certificates.

Following the death certificates are the Polish Red Cross records, specifically information cards on persons who died in Auschwitz between February and March 1945 (i.e., after liberation). Material is organized alphabetically by family name and usually gives name, nationality, year of birth (sometimes also place of birth) and date of death. A list of deaths on January 2, 1944 is also included. The information is then broken down by nationality: French, Dutch, Belgian and Polish. Legibility of the material is poor.

The reel ends with lists of prisoners from the crematorium. The prisoners are recorded by number—no names are given.

Reel 14:

The reel begins with a continuation of the crematorium lists.

This reel includes lists (which also appear in the French Government's publication *Liste Officielle No 3*), which include information on the 7 transports from Drancy to Auschwitz between March and August 1942. Added to these lists, however, are the dates of death for these persons.

Also on this reel are lists of people who died in the Auschwitz hospital, as well as brief lists from Majdanek, Bergen-Belsen, Sachsenhausen, Natzweiler and Ellrich.

There is a list of people executed at Auschwitz between November 1941 and March 1943. Following this list is a list of the deceased, organized by nationality: Belgian, Czech, French, German and Yugoslav. These lists appear to have been prepared after the war on the basis of the death certificates noted above.

Also included on this reel:

- Short list of dead in Natzweiler.
- List of persons who died in Auschwitz, by name but with no other identifying information.
- 1942-1943 Red Cross correspondences regarding prisoners.

Lists of persons, both Jews and non-Jews "found" (i.e., survivors) in the Auschwitz hospital on March 5, 1945. Lists are organized by nationality. The category termed "mixed nationalities," may include persons counted under other nationalities.

- American (5)
- Czech (268)
- Dutch (143)
- French (282)
- Hungarian (505)
- Russian (85)
- Turkish (3)

- Iran/Iraq (1)
- Lithuanian (2)
- Latvian (1)
- Norwegian (2)
- Yugoslav (42)
- Mixed nationalities (various lists with 117, 121, 48,44, 69, 122, 26, 24 and 6 names)
- Russians (40)
- Russian (14)
- Mixed (40)
- Belgian women (9)
- Dutch (63)
- French men (12)
- Mixed (144)

Also included on this reel:

- Blechhammer survivors and victims (last name only) (39)
- Second Blechhammer list (30 names)
- List of ca. 30 Dutch survivors
- List of ca. 60 Dutch survivors
- List of ca. 60 French survivors
- List of ca. 150 Czech survivors
- February 1945 handwritten (illegible) and typed (mostly legible) alphabetical list of 5,600 survivors in Auschwitz, Birkenau, Monowitz. Includes some who died after liberation.
- List of people who died after liberation, broken down by nationality:
 - Austrian (5)
 - Czech (11)
 - Danish (2)
 - Dutch (5)
 - French (3)
 - Greek (5)
 - Hungarian (17)
 - Italian (5)
 - Rumanian (2)
 - Unknown nationality (1)

Various prisoner survivor short lists:

- 3 lists of Norwegians deported to Auschwitz
- Birkenau list (nature unknown) family name illegible. Dated August 11, 1944.
- Jawischowitz list (nature unknown). Dated August 11, 1944.
- Monowitz list (nature unknown). Dated August 11, 1944.

- Birkenau list (nature unknown). Dated August 11, 1944.
- Birkenau typed list with thousands of names (nature unknown). Dated January 10, 1945
- Second undated list—largely illegible

At the end of the reel is a large collection of Auschwitz prisoner photographs. No names are given, but prisoner numbers are recorded.

Reel 15:

The reel begins with a continuation of prisoner photographs. This is followed by a finding aid for the photographs, linking prisoner numbers (but not names) to photos, accompanied by category of prisoner (e.g. Pole or Hungarian Jews).

Charts with prisoner numbers (150,000 to 199,000) giving their “destination”. By about half the numbers there appears “üb”, probably überstellt (transferred), but not to where, or “int”—not clear what that means.

The reels end with the International Red Cross guide to prisoner numbers.