GERMAN PRISONS (AND THEIR ALLIED PRISONERS), WWII

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

NOTE: Sources here reveal that approximately 98,000 Americans were prisoners of Germany during WWII.

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GENERAL SOURCES

   Intended for relatives of U.S. prisoners; includes notes on various camps.

   Dozen first-hand accounts.

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Surveys policy and practice.


Monthly total of U.S. POWs held by Germans. Highest number reported as 75,034, May 1945.


See esp pp. 24-26, 40-51 & 62-64.


See also:
-Bibliographies on Repatriation & Ramps in POW-WWII-Europe and Surrender
SPECIAL ASPECTS

Collection of poetry.

Contingency plan for protecting Allied POWs.

Plan to protect POW camps in case of enemy reprisals/ massacre of internees.

Lists POW & civilian internees camps of Japan & Germany.

Techniques of German interrogation of downed airmen.


Datner, Szymon. Crimes against POWs: Responsibility of the Wehrmacht. [Edited by Wanda
Machlejd; translation of Zbrodnie Wehrmachtu na jeńcach wojennych armii regularnych w II

Diary of International YMCA observer of German POW camp.

Doyle, Peter. “Necessity, the Mother of Invention: Ingenuity in German Prisoner of War Camps.”

Reprinted from Atlantic Monthly, Aug 1945. Survival psychology & technique of surrendering, based on German experiences.

Eisner, Peter. The Freedom Line: The Brave Men and Women Who Rescued Allied Airmen From the

German interrogation techniques.
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List of camps in Europe, including Italy. Concise info on many. See pp. 17-44.


See Chap 8, paying US POWs.

Account of downed bomber crew's capture in Ger, Aug 1944, killed by civilian mob. Postwar trial also covered.

Return of airmen held in Bulgaria.

Briefing manual for personnel in danger of capture.


British reprisals against German practice and Canadian reaction.

See Chaps 5-6.


SPECIFIC CAMPS-Colditz Castle


SPECIFIC CAMPS-Oflag 64


Garris, Herbert L. Papers. 13 Boxes. Arch. Includes memoirs & correspondence relating to incarceration.


Post Oflag 64. Veterans Newsletter. Per.


World War II Prisoners of Oflag 64 Papers. Arch. Camp newspapers, diaries + postwar reflections of veteran organization

SPECIFIC CAMPS-Stalag Luft I

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US pilot captured Oct 1944, interned in Stalag Luft I.

SPECIFIC CAMPS-Stalag Luft III


Sagan (Stalag Luft III) on which a book & film were based.


And related articles on Stalag Luft 3 (Sagan) of movie fame.

“His Great Escape: One POW’s Artwork was a Necessary Diversion.”  World War II (Jan/Feb 2012): pp. 46-51.  Per.

Photo essay on the work of Carl Holmstrom, cited below.


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Hummel, Julius M.  Papers.  1 folder.  Vertical File-Box 68-Folder 4-Arch.
   Downed flyer from 38th Fighter Squadron.


   Also in Stalag Luft VIII & XIII.


   Stalags III-A & III-B.


   Interview w/ret USAF Gen A.P. Clark, who participated in dramatic episode at Stalag Luft III.

   Airman downed near Naples, Dec 42; held at Stalag Luft III & Stalag VII A.

SPECIFIC CAMPS-Stalag Luft IV

   POW in Stalag Luft IV.

   Stalag Luft VIII, IV, XVII and Moosberg.

   Dulag Luft Frankfurt & Stalag Luft IV.
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**SPECIFIC CAMPS-Stalag VII**


**SPECIFIC CAMPS-Others**


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Sachsenhausen.


Scottish POW, Stalag VIIIIB.

MacKenzie, Kenneth. Memoir. 1 Folder (211 p.) Arch.
Company F, 1943-45; captured & interred in Stalag XIIA.

Per.

Camps in northern Germany for primarily naval POWs.


Miracle, Rocky R. Mrs. Cordie’s Soldier Son: A World War II Saga. College Station, TX: TX A & M,

Assigned to Civil Affairs Detachment D6G1, which was assigned to 110th Infantry Regiment; captured during Battle of Bulge & held in Stalags IX-A & IX-B.


German Aircrew Interrogation Centre, northwest of Frankfurt-am-Main.

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Szpek, Ervin E., & Idzkowski, Frank. Shadows of Slaughterhouse Five: Reflections and Recollections

Toliver, Raymond F. The Interrogator: The Story of Hanns Scharff, Luftwaffe's Master Interrogator.

German interrogation of Allied air forces personnel at central facility, Frankfurt-am-

Main.


Analysis of captor-captive relations at Marlag/Marlag Nord (for naval POWs) and Stalag
8B(for enlisted).

Whitlock, Flint. Given Up for Dead: American GI’s in the Nazi Concentration Camp at Berga.
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Elek, Joseph M. Papers. 1 Folder. Vertical File-Box 67-Folder 9-Arch. Stalags IX A & IX B.

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   Novel set in Ger POW camp.


Handy, Ned, & Battle, Kemp. The Flame Keepers; The True Story of an American Soldier’s Survival
   Handy’s first-person account.

Haygood, Tamara M. “Prisoner of War Memoirs of World War II: The European Theatre.” War,
   Commentary on literature available.

Higgins, Sam. Survival: Diary of an American POW in World War II. Central Point, OR: Hellgate,
   Stalag IX B.

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LaCroix, Hal. Journey Out of Darkness: The Real Story of American Heroes in Hitler’s POW Camps:


Lian, Elmer T. Papers. Arch.
   Articles and completed questionnaires by USAAF POWs who resided in North Dakota
   afterwards.

Lovoi, Joseph W. Listen My Children so it Can’t Happen Again. S.l.: By the Author, 1996. 190 p.
   D805.G3.L68.


   Includes firsthand accounts by American Indian POWs, pp. 64-85.

Peterson, Richard. Healing the Child Warrior: A Search for Inner Peace. Cardiff, CA: Consultors,
   Personal account of capture in Ardennes, imprisonment at Stalag IX B, plus analysis of
   general experience.
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Reflection by U.S. soldier who did.

War diary & philosophy of a POW.


Individual accounts arranged by campaign.

Experiences of four POWs.


Memoirs & letters cover training, combat service with 62nd Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division, and internment in Stalag XIA, Jan-Apr 1945.

**PERSONAL VIEWS-Other**


British captured in France 1940.

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