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on Nazi Persecution

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(Online) Access of Holocaust-related
documents

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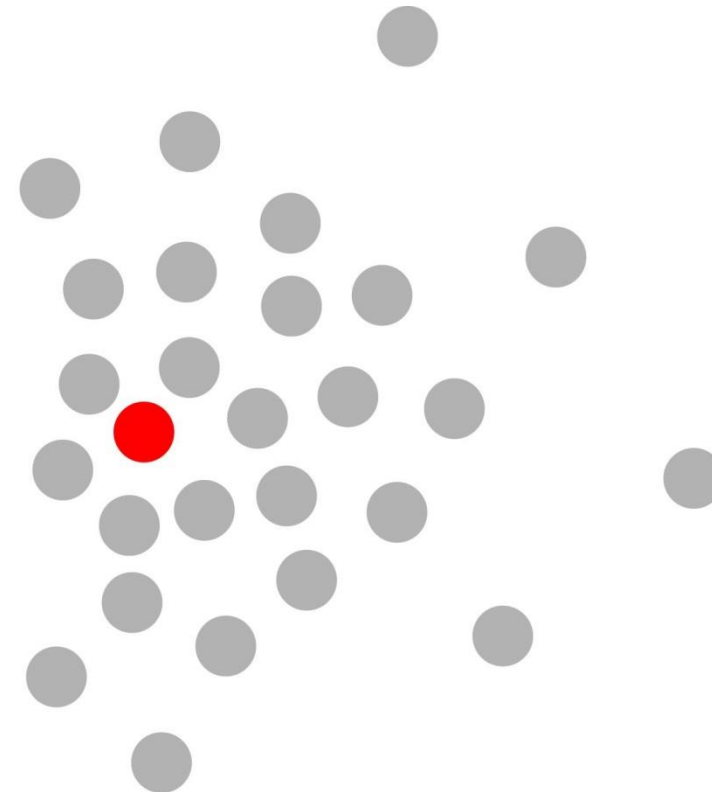
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1 What is Arolsen Archives?



New Branding

ITS
International Tracing Service
Service International de Recherches
Internationaler Suchdienst



New Branding

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From a Tracing Service to an Archive



Enquiries 2017

16,786

Enquiries in total about..

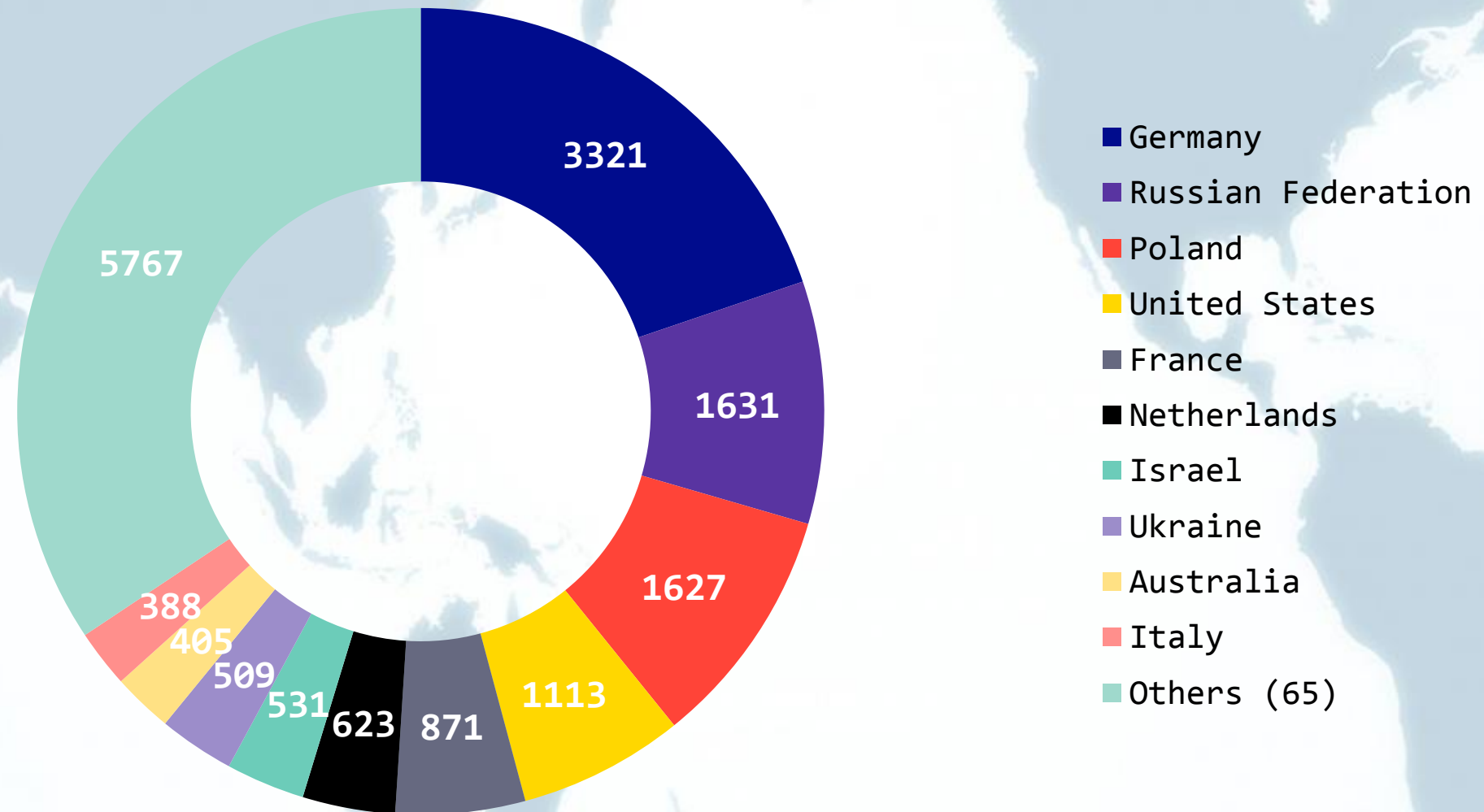
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individuals

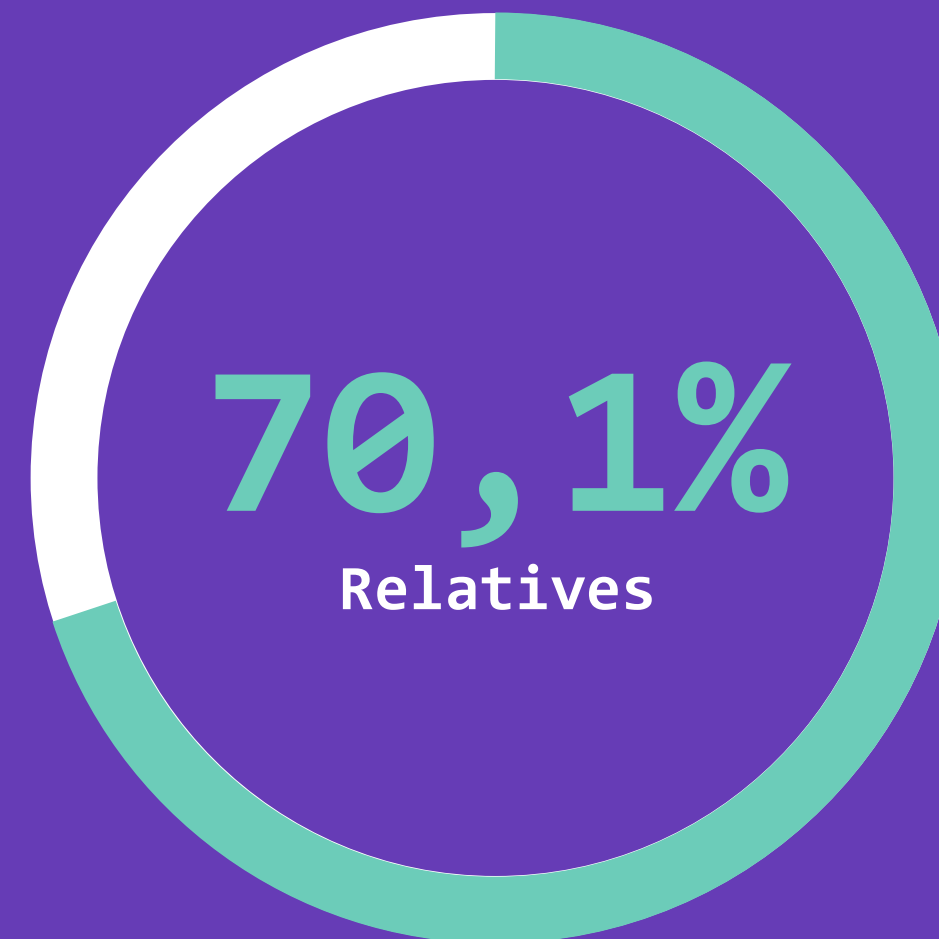
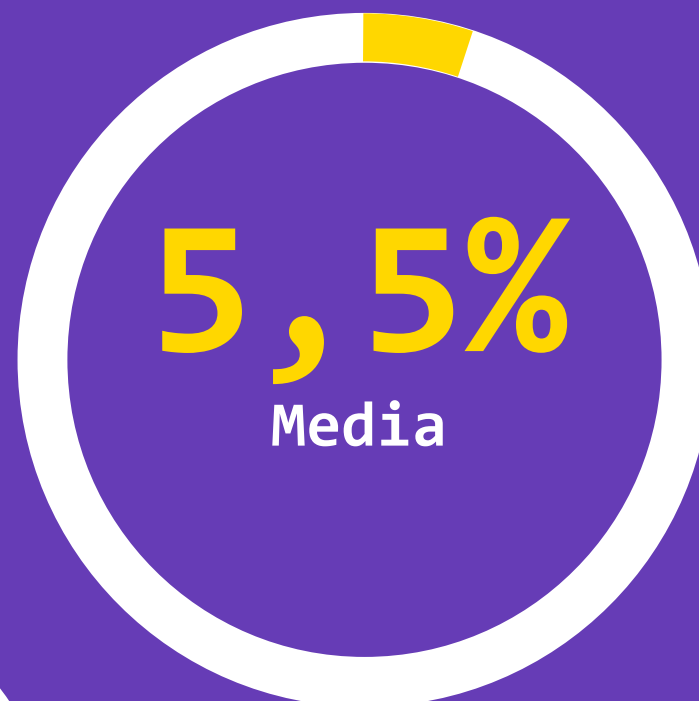
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Returns of effects („Stolen Memory“)

National background of enquirers 2017



Enquirers 2017



2 Records of the Arolsen Archives



Records of the Arolsen Archives


- Finding aids, card files
- Incarceration Documents
- (Wartime) Registrations
- Post-war Registrations
- NSDAP organizations
- Miscellaneous
- Records of ITS and predecessors
- Document Acquisition

0 - Global Finding Aids	+
1 - Incarceration Documents	+
2 - Registration of Foreigners and German Persecutees by Public Institutions, Social Securities and Companies (1939 - 1947)	+
3 - Registrations and Files of Displaced Persons, Children and Missing Persons	+
4 - Special NSDAP organizations and actions	+
5 - Death Marches, identification of unknown dead and Nazi trials	+
6 - Records of the ITS and its predecessors	+
7 - Archival records of microforms (new material / document acquisition)	+

Records of the Arolsen Archives

- Incarceration Documents (originals)
- more than 12 million documents
- original documentation, copies, microfilms etc.
- Documentation from Concentration camps, German authorities of NS state, transport lists
- available online

KL.: Weimar-Buchenwald

Häftl.-Nr.: 2.749 

Häftlings-Personal-Karte

Fam.-Name: Bernard geb. Plas Überstellt
 Vorname: Marie Louise am: 12.9.1944 an KL.
 Geb. am: 1.1.05 in: Brüssel Buchenvwald
 Stand: verh. Kinder: _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Wohnort: Brüssel _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Strasse: 37 Rue de l'Autonomie _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Religion: r.k. Staatsang.: Belgien _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Wohnort d. Angehörigen: Mutter: _____ am: _____ an KL.
Pauline P., Brüssel _____ am: _____ an KL.
Impasse du Busselenbergh 10 _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Themann: Gerard B., 22. in Haft _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Eingewiesen am: 19.6.1944 _____ am: _____ an KL.
 durch: BDS. Brüssel IV 6 KLB (2) 1432/44 _____ am: _____ an KL.
 in KL.: Ravensbrück _____ am: _____ an KL.
 Grund: Polit. Belgierin Entlassung:
 Vorstrafen: _____ am: _____ durch KL.:
 _____ mit Verfügung v.:

Grund:	Strafen im Lager:	Bemerkung:
	Art:	
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Personen-Beschreibung:
 Grösse: 148 cm
 Gestalt: schl.
 Gesicht: oval
 Augen: schwarz
 Nase: mittel, wellig
 Mund: mittel, voll
 Ohren: oval, durchl.
 Zähne: lück.
 Haare: schwarz
 Sprache: franz.

Bes. Kennzeichen: Warzen: Hals,
lks. vorne unt. d. Kinn
ges. lks.
 Charakt.-Eigenschaften: _____

 Sicherheit b. Einsatz: _____

 Körperliche Verfassung: _____

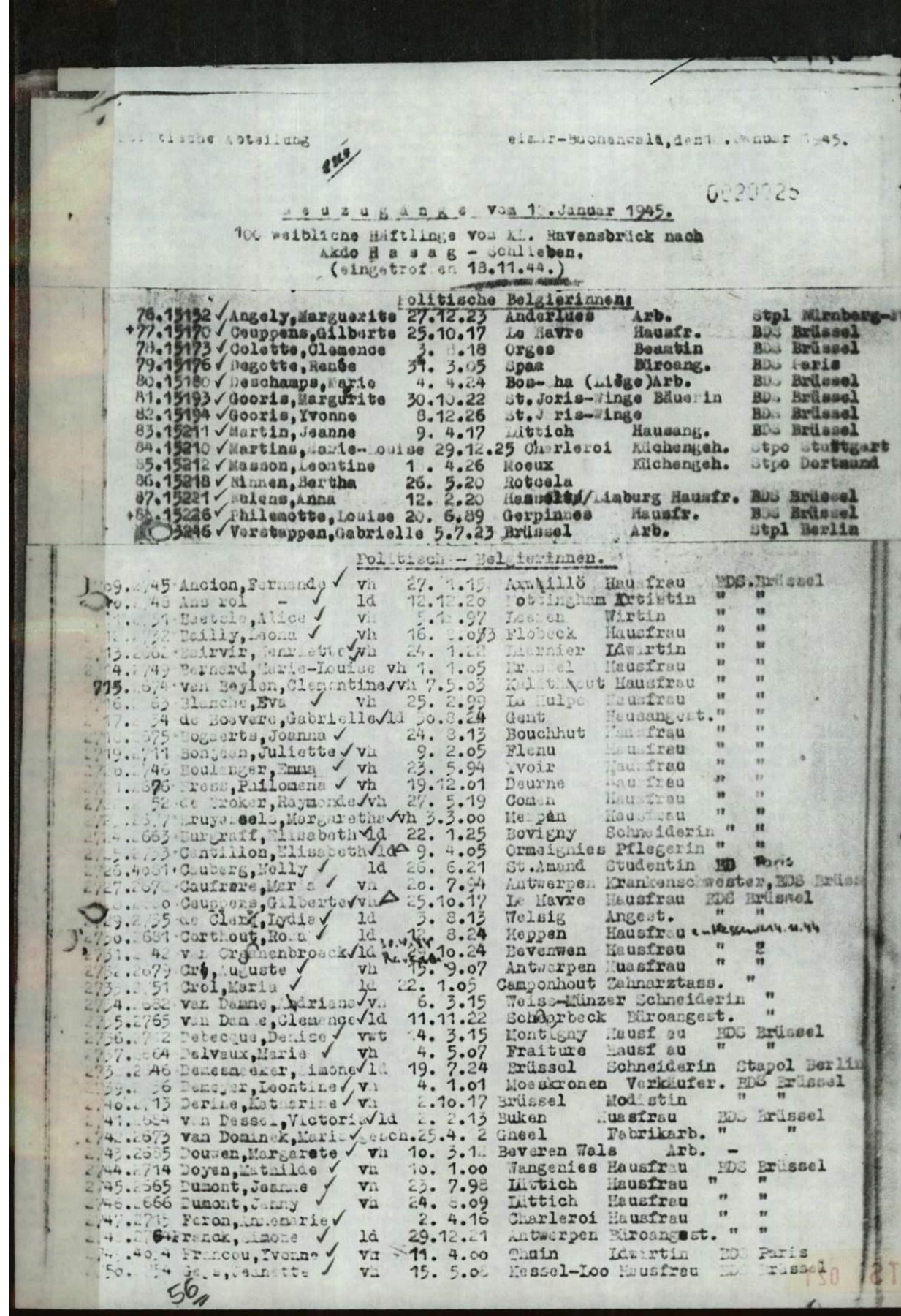
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Records of the Arolsen Archives

• Postwar Registrations (DP's)

- more than 7 million documents
- registration of displaced persons
- emigration
- UNRRA, IRO etc.
- most of it online available

19. ADRESSE ACTUELLE — Gegenwärtige Adresse

Date — Datum	RUE (ADRESSE) ou NOM DU CENTRE Straße (Wohnung) oder Name des Lagers	VILLE ou COMMUNE Stadt oder Gemeinde	PAYS Land
31.10.47	BISMARCKstr. 61	WILD BAD Kr. CALW	HE All.

20. Observations — Indiquez ici tous renseignements complémentaires.
Bemerkungen. Weitere ergänzende Angaben.

a) Raisons pour lesquelles le réfugié a quitté son pays d'origine ou d'accueil:
Warum der Flüchtling sein Ursprungs- oder Aufnahmeort verlassen hat:
expulsion de son pays d'origine par l'Allemagne...

b) Raisons pour lesquelles il ne désire, pas y retourner:
Warum er dorthin nicht zurückkehren will:
in sein pa. abzugeben...

c) Veut-il être rapatrié? *Oui*
Will er in seine Heimat zurückgeführt werden?

d) Veut-il rester en Allemagne? *provisoirement*
Will er in Deutschland bleiben?

e) Veut-il être réétabli et où? *Oui*
Will er sonstwo wieder angesiedelt werden und wo?

f) Examens médicaux:
Ärztliche Untersuchungen:

21. Signature. — Unterschrift.
E. Bellon

Date. — Datum. 31.10.47

22. Signature de l'enquêteur.
Unterschrift des Untersuchungsbeauftragten.
Herr J. ...

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COMMISSION PRÉPARATOIRE
DE L'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS
Vorbereitende Kommission
der Internationalen Flüchtlings-Organisation

N°
Nr. *W A*
Genève — Genf 25-6-1947

DEMANDE D'ASSISTANCE GESUCH UM HILFE

1. NOM DE FAMILLE — Familienname
BELLOSA

4. Date — Datum
31.10.47

5. N° d'identité — Ausweis-Nr.
149.073

2. Autre ORTHOGRAPHE ou autres NOMS
Andere Schreibweise oder Zunamen

6. Nationalité — Staatsangehörigkeit
a) revendiquée — beansprucht *BELGIQUE*
b) groupe ethnique — Volkzugehörigkeit
c) à la naissance — bei der Geburt
d) pays de résidence avant 2^e guerre mondiale —
Aufenthaltsort vor dem 2. Weltkrieg
6 A — Nationalité précédente — Frühere Staatsangehörigkeit

Religion — Religion
cath. rom., protest., juive, orthodoxe, autre
Röm.-kath., Protest., Jüd., Orthod., Andere

7. Etat-civil — Familienstand
célib. marié, séparé, div., veuf (ve) enf. non accompagné
ledig, verh., gesch., Wittw(e), alleinst. Kind
aveu

8. NOMS — Namen	Degré de parenté avec chef de famille Verwandschaftsgrad zum Familienoberhaupt	Date de naissance Geburtsdatum	Nationalité Staatsangehörigkeit	VILLE, PROVINCE et PAYS de naissance Geburtsort, Provinz und Land
8. 1) HOMME — Mann				
8. 2) FEMME — Frau <i>TISTEYON Elizabeth</i>	<i>épouse</i>	<i>21.7.29</i>	<i>BELGIQUE</i>	<i>BRUXELLES BELGIQUE</i>
8. 3) ENFANTS Kinder				
8. 4)				
8. 5)				
8. 6)				
8. 7)				

9. AUTRES MEMBRES DE LA FAMILLE, NOMS AU COMPLET
Sonstige Familienmitglieder, Vollständige Namen

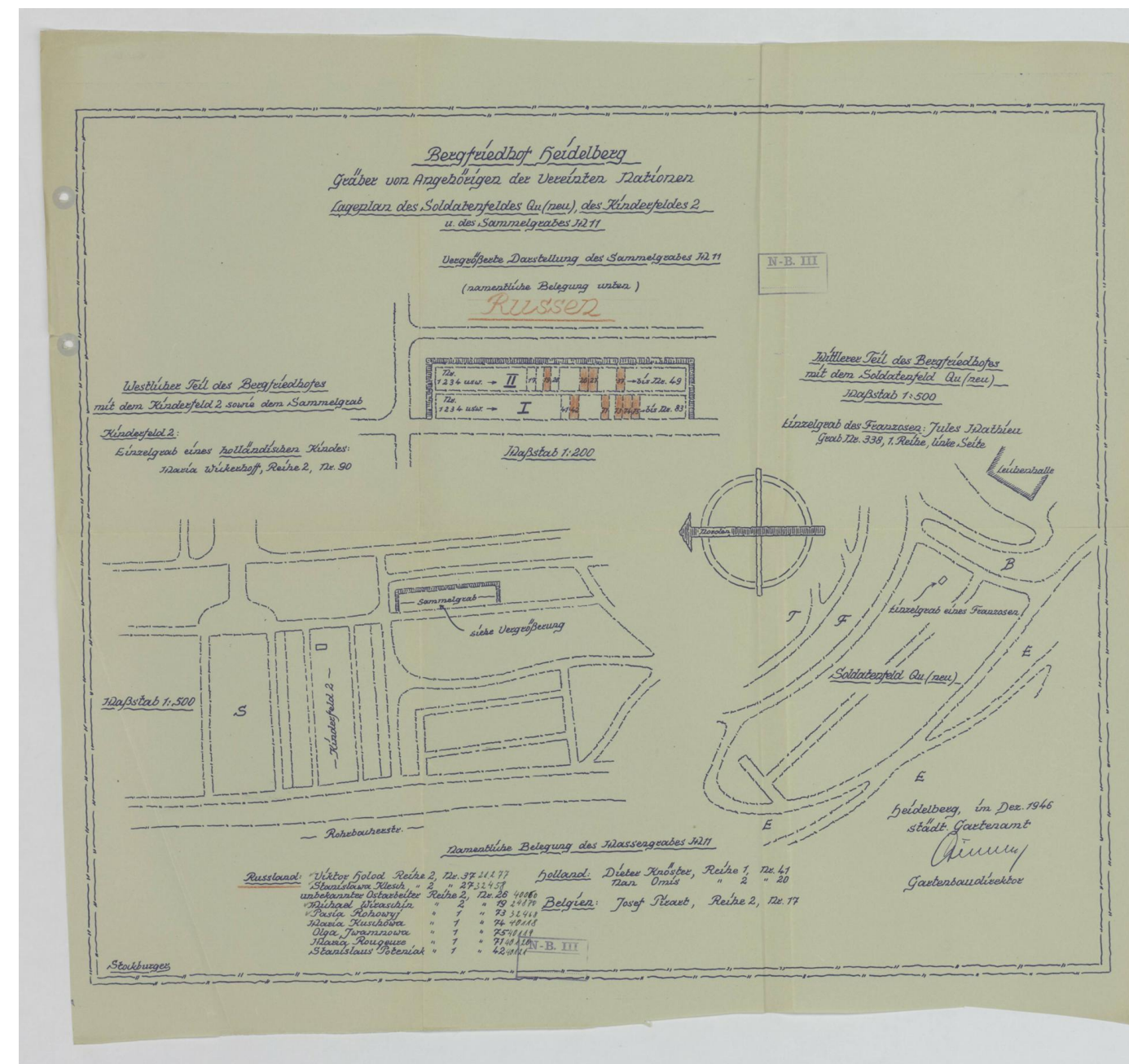
9. a	9. b	9. c	9. d	9. e	9. f	9. g
<i>BENJAMIN FINE</i>	<i>époux</i>	<i>22.11.29</i>	<i>ALLEMAGNE</i>	<i>BRITANNEN. BADEN. ALLEM.</i>		

BUREAU D'ENREGISTREMENT

Imprimerie nationale (Gr.) 4992

Records of the Arolsen Archives

- **Miscellaneous (Death marches)**
- more than 70.000 documents
- early ITS research project on death marches and exhumation of victims of death marches
- documentation on war crimes proceedings at Nuremberg



Archival tree of the Arolsen Archives

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Welcome to the Online Archive!

The Arolsen Archives are the world's most comprehensive archive on National Socialist persecution. The documents were collected to help clarify the fates of the victims of persecution. They contain information on victims of the Holocaust and concentration camp prisoners, on foreign forced laborers and on the survivors who were trying to rebuild their lives as displaced persons.

Today, over 30 million original documents are listed on the UNESCO's Memory of the World documentary heritage register. They are an important source of knowledge while at the same time serving as a warning for society today.

More and more holdings are being published in the online archive and the number of searchable names and keywords is also growing all the time.

Useful information for your search in the online archive.

Some search functions are not yet available in the new online portal. For this reason, please use the following links to the existing portal...

... if you want to look at the personal effects held by the Arolsen Archives.



[Go to personal effects](#)

Challenges for Online Access

- Dissolution of provenances
- Originals side by side with copies
- Copyrights of other archives
- Personal data
- Cataloguing, indexing oriented towards tracing
- Complexity

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Arolsen Archives
Inscribed on the International Register in 2013
Memory of the World