



The Central Names Index (CNI) of the International Tracing Services (ITS) contains 50 million of documents covering 17.5 million people. Many different kind of cards in many languages much of it handwritten, etc. These cards fall into two basic categories – Inquiry cards and Reference cards.

Inquiry Cards

The ITS and its predecessor organizations, including the United States Army and the International Refugee Organization (IRO), created inquiry cards when a person or organization submitted a request for tracing an individual. When ITS received an inquiry, it compiled the letter's salient facts on an index card or as data. These facts generally include any possible surnames or given names, maiden name, parents' names, spouse's name, birth date or place, path of persecution, last known address, and information about the inquirer. If the CNI contains an inquiry card regarding a person, this does not necessarily mean that a document(s) exist regarding that person.

Please note that the information provided with the inquiry cards may not be accurate because it was compiled from a request for information, not necessarily from information contained in an original document.

Inquiry Card Example #1:

BA-3694
C O E N, Paul 975 187
9.10./12.1877 Hamburg
od. Bamberg
20.12.1939 in Berlin verhaftet
Geburtsd. 9.10.1877 u. Geburtsort Bamberg a.u. Unterlg.
mi.
Der Polizeipräsident i. Bln.
28.4.69
12.5.69

Inquiry Card Example #2:

RO 124 927
T R A U M Emil Elias
Ehefr. Gisa
c.1892 Wielky Ocy -

L.Adrs.Wien XII Grieshofgasse
1943 vermutl.nach Polen dep.

S.M.TRAUM Jerusalem

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Reference Cards

ITS and its predecessor organizations, including the United States Army and the International Refugee Organization (IRO), created reference cards when they received document collections from various organizations or persons. When ITS received an archival collection, it created a reference card for each individual registered on a document, as well as any additional information about that person on the document. Reference cards frequently refer to a name on a list or other documents held elsewhere in the ITS collection.

Please note that the information on a document may not be accurate for a number of reasons, relating to clerical errors, change of personnel who were filling out the forms, etc.

Examples of Reference Cards Below:

Reference Card Example #1:

Date	21.7.50/EA		
Name	T RAUM, Eisig Israel	File	VCC 148
BD	1.9.06	BP	Nat Jew
Next of Kin			
Source of Information	Photo or orig. Gestapo-Files. Transport from Wien to the East. (21. Transport)		
Last kn. Location	Wien 2, Tandelmarktg. 11/14	Date d	15.5.42
CC/Prison		Arr.	lib.
Transf. on	15.5.42	to	Izbica
Died on		in	
Cause of death			
Buried on		in	
Grave		D. C. No.	
Remarks	Page No. 32		

Reference Card Example #2:

09.09.1996 /hzz
Name: : EISENBERG
Name2 :
Name3 :
Name4 :
Geburtsname:
Geboren am : 03.12.1916
Nation : bei
Geburtsort :
Fundort : KL Ravensbrück 64/005
Sonstiges: Häftlingsnummer des KL Ravensbrück

Fiche Nr. : _____

Reference Card Example #3:

24.6.48

Name	EISENBERG, FANNY	File	G.C.C. 9/4/E
BD	20.1.24 BP	Nat	GERMAN-JEW
Next of Kin			
Source of Information	C.C. BUCHENWALD RECORDS COMPILED BY MRS. PILPOUL, PARIS		
Last kn. Location		Date	
CC/Prison	MALCHOW KDO. RAVENSBRÜCK Arr.	lib.	
Transf. on	2.4.45	to	C.C. BUCHENWALD KDO. HASAG-LEIPZIG
Died on		in	
Cause of death			
Buried on		in	
Grave		D. C. No.	
Remarks	RAV. PRISONER-NO. 105950		

Reference Card Example #4:

Name: A S P I C H , Laja Rywka
 verh.: ORENBUCH, Rywka Laja
 BD: 6/86

Wurde am: .19.5.44.....
 mit Transport: XXV/223.....
 nach: .Auschwitz... ..
 evakuiert.

Transportliste
 des Sammellagers
 Malines

Az.: OCC 14

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