

German Military Personnel Photograph Collection

ca. 1925-1945

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A large collection of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s featuring major government officials, such as Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering, as well as regional Nazi Party leaders, SS officers, and numerous high-ranking members of all branches of the German military. Also includes film stills from the Allied invasion of Normandy as well as other large gatherings of Nazi officials and personnel. German Communist refugees in the Soviet Union, known collectively as the National Committee for a Free Germany, are also depicted.

Background

Ruling through a totalitarian dictatorship, from 1933 until 1945 Germany was governed by the leadership of Adolf Hitler and the National Socialist German Workers' Party, more commonly known as the Nazi Party. Pulling the German economy out of the depths of the Great Depression through a heavy focus on military production, the Nazi regime became extremely popular in Germany and began implementing its agenda of racism within the Third Reich and territorial expansion outside of it, eventually leading to two of the largest catastrophes of the twentieth century: World War II and the Holocaust. The military, the Nazi Party,

and the government became blurred together over the reign of the Nazis until they were almost indistinguishable.

Beginning with the invasion of Poland in 1939, the Nazis quickly conquered most of Europe by the end of 1940. However, the tides of the war shifted after the failed invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941, as well as the entry of the United States on the side of the Allies after the events at Pearl Harbor. The Nazi regime crumbled at the end of World War II as the Allies closed in on Berlin and Hitler committed suicide on April 30, 1945. The German Military Personnel Papers are a large collection of photographs from this time period documenting various actors of the regime in government and military capacities.

Scope of collection

The German Military Personnel Papers contain helpful visual resources for researchers interested in Nazi Germany and World War II. Numerous photographs of government leaders, such as Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, are available to researchers, as well as a sheaf of pictures of government ministers, bureaucrats, and regional Nazi Party leaders. Some large gatherings of Nazi officials and personnel, such as rallies and parades, are documented.

Also represented are various personnel members across all branches of the German military, including non-traditional paramilitary organizations like the SS (Schutzstaffel) and SA (Sturmabteilung). Smaller collections of Germans unaffiliated with the Nazi regime, such as Weimar Republic officials, German Communist refugees in the Soviet Union, and proceedings from the Nuremberg Trials, are included as well.

Inventory

Air Force (Luftwaffe)

undated

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Army (Wehrmacht): A-K

undated

Box 1: 2

Army (Wehrmacht): L-Z

1930, undated

Box 1: 3

Army (Wehrmacht): Unidentified

1941 Nov, undated

Box 1: 4

Combat Film Stills

1944-1948, undated

Box 1: 5

Crowds / Large Events

1931-1932, undated

Box 1: 6

Foreign Office (AA): A-R

undated

Box 1: 7

Foreign Office (AA): S-Z

1944, undated

Box 1: 8

German Labour Front (DAF)

undated

Box 1: 9

Hitler, Adolf

1936 Aug-1940 Jun, undated

Box 1: 10

Hitler, Adolf

undated

Box 1: 11

Ministers and Bureaucrats (A-L)

undated

Box 1: 12

Ministers and Bureaucrats (M-Z)

undated

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Mussolini, Benito
1943 Sep, undated
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1943 Aug
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1927-1940, undated
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Nazi Party (NSDAP) Leaders and Members: A-G
undated
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undated
Box 1: 19
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undated
Box 1: 20
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undated
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Access

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Provenance

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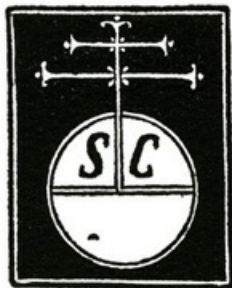
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