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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Burton Curtis Andrus

Burton Curtis Andrus (1892-1977) attended the State University at Buffalo and worked for the Standard Oil Company of New York from 1910 until he was called to active duty through the Officer Reserve Corps (ORC) in 1917. By June 1942 he had advanced to the rank of Colonel, and by 1944 he was commanding officer of the 10th Traffic Regulation Group (TRG) and a Combat Observer for the G-3 (Operations) Branch, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations in World War II.

His most significant military duty, however, came after the war when Colonel Andrus served as Commandant of the 6850th Security Detachment. This unit was responsible for guarding the accused Nazi war criminals who were tried by the International Military Tribunal in 1946, also known as the Nuremberg Trials. After Nuremberg, Andrus served as attaché to Israel in 1950 and Brazil from 1950 – 1952, at which point he retired from military service. Colonel Andrus taught at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington from 1955 – 1968 and was appointed Professor Emeritus in 1968. He was the author of two books; *The Infamous of Nuremberg*, and *I Was the Nuremberg Jailer*. His Military decorations include The Bronze Star, The Legion of Merit, Order of Leopold with palm, Croix de Guerre with palm (Belgium), Order of the Oak Wreath Crown (Luxembourg), and the Military Medal (Brazil).

International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg

The Nazi war criminals who were to be tried in Nuremberg were originally held at Central Continental Prisoner of War Enclosure No. 32, codenamed *Camp Ashcan*, between May and August 1945. Camp Ashcan was an Allied prisoner-of-war camp located in the Palace Hotel, a four-story luxury hotel in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg. The camp was commanded by Col. Andrus and staffed by men of the U.S. 6850th Security Detachment, Allied intelligence services, and 42 German prisoners of war including barbers, dentists, and doctors. The prisoners were transferred to the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg to stand trial in August 1945, and the camp was disbanded shortly afterwards. Between November 1945 and October 1946, the Tribunal tried 21 of the most important military and political leaders of the Nazi regime. It was here that the world first learned about the Nazi Party's horrific actions over the course of the war including details regarding the "Final Solution," the murder of POWs, the atrocities carried out in Nazi extermination camps, and many other cruel acts committed against Jews. As a result of the trial three Nazi prisoners were acquitted, seven were sentenced to prison, and ten were executed. One prisoner, Hermann Goering, committed suicide in his cell before he could be hanged.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of five boxes divided into five series, outlined below. These items relate to the military career of Col. Burton C. Andrus, the 6850th security detachment, and their role in the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Their duties not only included guarding the prisoners at Camp Ashcan and at the Palace of Justice, but also *protecting* the prisoners from harm, interviewing tribunal witnesses, providing psychological profiles of the prisoners, providing basic necessities to the prisoners, and providing security and administration services for the trial itself. The materials in this collection document their performance of these duties.

SERIES ONE: PERSONAL RECORDS OF BURTON C. ANDRUS

Series One includes official orders and reports pertaining to the administration of Camp Ashcan and the Palace of Justice.

SERIES TWO: 6850th SECURITY DETACHMENT DAILY OPERATIONS

Series Two includes information regarding standard operating procedures, progress reports, and personnel documents of the 6850th Internal Security Detachment.

SERIES THREE: INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, 1945-1946

Series Three includes records pertaining to the daily operations of the trials, witness and prisoner rosters, prisoner complaints, and prosecutorial documents. This series also contains items that were taken from a notebook that contains psychological studies, memos for record, correspondence by prisoners, orders, and more regarding the International War Crimes Tribunal of 1945-1946.

SERIES FOUR: CORRESPONDENCE

Series Four includes the official and personal correspondence of Col. Burton C. Andrus between 1943 and 1946. It also includes administrative documents regarding the prison at Nuremberg and the military tribunal.

SERIES FIVE: PRINTED MATTER

Series Five consists of books, magazines, and articles acquired by Col. Andrus, pertaining to the Nuremberg Tribunal.

Keywords and Terms: World War II; World War, 1939-1945; Nuremberg Trials; 6850th Internal Security Detachment; International Military Tribunal; Germans; Nazis; War crimes; Prisons; Palace of Justice; Nuremberg-Furth military community; Army chaplains; Army psychologists; Central Continental Prisoner of War Enclosure No. 32; Camp Ashcan; Palace Hotel; Palace of Justice; Trials; Executions; 1940s

Names: Burton, Andrus C.; Goering, Hermann; Goering, Emmy; Keyes, General; McNarney (General); Morel (General); Sonenfeld, Dick; Thrasher, Charles O.; Hess, Rudolph; von Ribbentrop, Joachim; Keitel, Wilhelm; Kaltenbrunner, Ernst; Rosenberg, Alfred; Frick, Wilhelm; Frank, Hans; Streicher, Julius; Funk, Walther; Schacht, Hjalmar; Doenitz, Karl; Raeder, Erich; von Schirach, Baldur; Sauckel, Fritz; Jodl, Alfred; von Papen, Franz; Seyss-Inquart, Arthur; Speer, Albert; von Neurath, Konstantin; Fritzsche, Hans; Gilbert, Gustave

Locations: Nuremberg; Bavaria; Germany; Mondorf-les-Bains; Luxembourg; Washington, D.C.; United States

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE: PERSONAL MILITARY RECORDS OF COL. BURTON C. ANDRUS **BOX 1**

- Folder 1 Confidential File of Colonel Andrus (Declassified) – Camp Ashcan (Central Continental Prisoner of War Enclosure No. 32), May – July 1945
- Topics: Camp Ashcan; Official orders; Commandant responsibilities; Camp administration; Progress reports; Personnel transfers leaving Ashcan short staffed; Lead investigator complaints; Instructions to prisoners in German; Equipment requests; Personnel requests; Inspection reports
- Names: Thrasher, Charles O.; Colonel Sheen; Colonel Fountain; Colonel Gill; Colonel Bogart
- Folder 2 Citation for the Legion of Merit for Colonel Burton C. Andrus, Cavalry, United States Army, 4 June 1946
- Folder 3 Military Orders and Pay Data for Colonel Burton Andrus, December 1944 - November 1946
- Topics: Payroll; Vaccines; Reassignment records; Travel records; Leave of absence notices
- Folder 4 Personal Papers and Correspondence, March - August 1946. Includes photographs of Andrus
- Topics: Andrus' family; Andrus military assignments; personal correspondence; Party invitations
- Folder 5 Miscellaneous Manuscript Material. Includes correspondence, a "Return to Nuremberg Group" suggested itinerary, a manila envelope addressed to Col. Burt Andrus (empty), and a program of the Guanabara Lodge of Mark Master Mason's No. 1156, 15 August 1977

SERIES TWO: 6850th SECURITY DETACHMENT DAILY OPERATIONS **BOX 1**

- Folder 6 Internal Security Documents, May - July 1945
- Topics: Detachment rules, Rules for prisoners; SOP Operations; Progress reports; German language documents; Guard orders
- Folder 7 Internal Security Documents, August - September 1945

Topics: Detachment rules, Rules for prisoners; SOP Operations; Progress reports; German language documents; Guard orders

Folder 8 Standard Operating Procedures

- Standard Operating Procedure No. 16: Evacuation, Processing, and Handling of Prisoners of War
- Standard Operating Procedure No. 49: Employment of Prisoners of War, 2 October 1944
- Standard Operating Procedure No. 56: Punishment of Prisoners of War (Including Members of Italian Service Units – Cooperators), 5 April 1945 (2 copies)

Folder 9 Treaty Series

- Treaty Series No. 846: Convention of July 27, 1929, Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War
- Treaty Series No. 847: Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick of Armies in the Field (Red Cross Convention)

Folder 10 Commendations to the 6850th I.S.D. from General McNarney, Lord Justice Lawrence, General Keyes, General Morel, Charlotte, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg

Folder 11 Heraldry Blank Letterhead paper showing the insignia of the Security Detachment at Nurnberg

SERIES THREE: INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, 1945-1946
BOX 2

Folder 1 Tribunal Witness Rosters (1 of 2)

Folder 2 Tribunal Witness Rosters (2 of 2)

Folder 3 Prisoner Complaints, May 1946

Folder 4 Oral History Interview with Dick Sonenfeld, titled “Goering.” N.d.

Folder 5 Goering Death Investigation

Folder 6 Tribunal Establishment and Administrative Documents

Folder 7 Case #1: U.S.A. Vs. Members of the Nazi Regime. Indictment naming Nazis accused of various war crimes, which describes these crimes in detail

Defendants include: Brandt, Karl; Handloser, Siegfried; Rostock, Paul; Schroeder, Oskar; Genzken, Karl; Gebhardt, Karl; Blome, Kurt; Brandt, Rudolph; Mrugowsky, Joachim; Poppendick, Helmut; Sievers, Wolfram; Rose, Gerhard;

Ruff, Sigfried; Romberg, Hans Wolfgang; Brack, Viktor; Becker-Freyseng, Hermann; Wetz, Georg August; Schaefer, Konrad; Hoven, Waldemar; Beiglbock, Wilhelm; Pokorny, Adolf; Oberhauser, Herta; Fischer, Fritz

- Folder 8 “Unification of the Service and Penal Regulations for the Carrying-out of Sentences Within the Realm of the Reich Judicial Administration.” 114-page document outlining the process and procedures for holding and sentencing prisoners on trial for war crimes, n.d.
- Folder 9 “Introductory Statement of the French Prosecution.” Prosecution documents to be presented at the International Military Tribunal, n.d.
- Folder 10 “Summary of the Portions of the Judgment,” 1 October 1946. Document prepared “solely for the convenience of the press.” This document describes the crimes for which each of the twenty-one prisoners were tried and the results of their trials
- Folder 11 Tribunal Orders and Actions. Outlines orders and actions regarding specific prisoners and witnesses
- Folder 12 Tribunal Prison Guard Orders and Rosters
- Folder 13 Tribunal Internee (Prisoner) Rosters

BOX 3

Folder Nos. 1-13 were taken from a notebook that contains psychological studies, memos for record, correspondence by prisoners, orders, etc. centered around the International War Crimes Tribunal of 1945-1946. The title of each folder corresponds to a section of the notebook, though titles are missing for two of the sections.

- Folder 1 Tribunal Notebook Section 1: Andrus
- Includes an “undesirable” article from the *Sunday Express* titled “What Goering & Co. Talk About in their Cells,” 25 August 1946
- Topics: Prisoner mental status; correspondence
- Names: Dunn, William H. Kaltenbrunner, Ernst; Rosenberg, Alfred; Frank, Hans; Frick, Wilhelm; Streicher, Julius; Funk, Walter; Schacht, Hjalmar; Doenitz, Karl; Raeder, Erich; von Schirach, Baldur; Sauckel, Fritz; Speer, Albert; von Neurath, Constantine; Goering, Hermann
- Folder 2 Tribunal Notebook Section 2: Gilbert
- Gilbert diary, June – July 1946. Gustave Gilbert was a prison psychologist, interpreter, and the American Military Chief Psychologist for the Nuremberg Trials.

- Folder 3 Tribunal Notebook Section 3: Untitled (1)
- “General Outline of Press Conference Held Monday Morning, 19 November 1945,” held by Colonel Andrus
- “Physical Conditions on Admission and Present Status as Dictated by Lt. Colonel Juchli, 19 November 1945, Prior to Press Conference.” Lists 21 prisoners and physical conditions at the time of writing
- Folder 4 Tribunal Notebook Section 4: Ley
- “Log Notes: Per Colonel B.C. Andrus.” Notes, announcements, and autopsy results regarding the suicide of Nazi prisoner Robert Ley, 26 October 1945
- Folder 5 Tribunal Notebook Section 5: Goering
- Medical reports and other notes regarding Hermann Goering, along with a visitation request from his wife, Emmy Goering
- Folder 6 Tribunal Notebook Section 6: Letters of the Accused
- Letter to prisoners from Andrus regarding treatment; Notes regarding letters to prisoners from outside of the prison; multiple letters from prisoners
- Names: Keitel, Wilhelm; Deluege, Kurt; von Papen, Franz; von Horthy, Nikolaus; Doenitz, Karl (Donitz, Karl); Kesselring, Albert; von Boetticher, Friedrich
- Folder 7 Tribunal Notebook Section 7: Inventories
- Lists of items owned by German prisoners
- Folder 8 Tribunal Notebook Section 8: Prisoners
- Prisoner transport report
 - “Proposed Broadcast by Colonel Andrus for BBC” transcript
 - Roster of accused with religious preferences
 - *Epoca* magazine article written by Andrus titled “An Eye Witness ant Nuremberg,” n.d.
 - “A Brief Report on My work with the 21” by American Chaplain H.F. Gerecke, 1 November 1946. Discusses prisoner religious beliefs
 - Morale of defendants, 9 January 1945 and 5 September 1946
 - “A Study of Adolf Hitler,” excerpt from Hans Frank’s autobiography. Written in his prison cell, October 1945
 - Memorandum on the status of Rudolph Hoess, 20 May 1946
 - Prisoner statements from Hoess, Sauckel
 - Details on arresting of wives and families of defendants
 - “Trip Through the Nurnberg Prison,” no author or date

- Documents regarding Christmas services at the prison

Folder 9 Tribunal Notebook Section 9: Regulations

Documents relating to Camp Ashcan in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg

- Urgent facility needs and dangers
- Prison map with prisoner locations
- Inspection reports
- Prison morale reports
- Guard orders
- Prisoner complaints
- Camp and prison regulations
- “Procedure for Interview of Defendants by Defense Council,” 21 February 1946

Folder 10 Tribunal Notebook Section 10: Security. Documents relating to security concerns for Camp Ashcan in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg, including potential dangers for prisoners from outside of the facility. Also included is a notice (propaganda) to the men and women of Germany claiming mistreatment of German POWs by American soldiers

Folder 11 Tribunal Notebook Section 11: Mutiny. Includes information regarding missing military vehicles and a critical shortage of personnel at Camp Ashcan

Folder 12 Tribunal Notebook Section 12: Untitled (2)

Includes information regarding prisoners who were acquitted by the military tribunal; Schacht, von Papen, and Fritsche

Folder 13 Tribunal Notebook Section 13: Verdicts

Topics: Post-trial incarceration; Post-trial schedules; Prisoner executions; Press releases; Post-trial prisoner psychological reports

Folder 14 Photographs.

Includes eleven captioned photographs from a photo album and two additional photos from the Nuremberg Trials. Album photographs depict Col. Andrus and the Palace of Justice prison in Nuremberg

Topics: Cell block; Prisoner meals; Prison Barber; Prison kitchen; Prison jump nets; Prison library; Prison Dentist; Nuremberg Trials; Judges

SERIES FOUR: CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDUMS

BOX 3

Folder 15 Correspondence and memos, October – November 1945

Topics: Prison staff shortages; Nuremberg Trials security; Interview procedures for the accused; Prison rules and regulations; Commendations; Interrogation of witnesses; Press releases; General military correspondence

Folder 16 Correspondence and Memos, November-December 1945

Topics: Prisoner health; Nuremberg Trial procedures; 6850th medical personnel; Courthouse security; Prison staff; General orders; Civilian prison employees; Prison religious services; Security concerns; Public Relations policies; Prisoner reactions to concentration camp films; Executed prisoner autopsies; von Bargaen, Werner

Folder 17 Correspondence and Memos, July 1946

Topics: Tribunal witnesses; “The Case of the Missing Cigarette Case”; Press releases; Pre-trial documents; Prisoner requests; Palace of Justice, Nuremberg; Prison administration; Tribunal administration; Guard orders;

Folder 18 Correspondence and Memos, August 1946

Topics: Community information bulletin; Nuremberg-Furth military community rules and regulations; Tribunal witnesses; Palace of Justice, Nuremberg; Prisoner rosters; Investigation into staff shortages; Prison administration; Post-trial guidelines for prison guards; Prison operations costs

BOX 4

Folder 1 Correspondence and Memos, September 1946

Topics: Prison administration; Prison security; Tribunal administration; Prisoner rosters; Swiss penal system; Tribunal judgement day

Folder 2 “Ready Reference File,” October – November 1946

Topics: Dachau Prison; Prisoner acquittals; Prisoner list with verdicts; Prisoner executions; Press releases; Press rules and regulations; Appeal letters from families; Letters to prisoners; Prisoner defense council; Tribunal administration; Goering suicide; Schleichler murders; Inspection reports; Tribunal security plans; Palace of Justice, Nuremberg; Prisoner rosters

Names: Schacht, Hjalmar; von Papen, Fritz; Fritzche, Hans; Kneissler, Pauline

Folder 3 Handwritten Personal Correspondence, 1943 – 1944 and undated

Folder 4 Correspondence pertaining to the book *I was the Nuremberg Jailer*, 1970-1971

SERIES FIVE: PRINTED MATTER
BOX 4

- Folder 5 *Abkommen Uber Die Behandlung Der Kriegsgefangen, Vom 27.7.29.* Printed in German, 1945.
- Folder 6 *Field Service Regulations: Command and Employment of Air Power.* Fort Leavenworth, KS: Command and General Staff School, 1943.
- Folder 7 *Armored Cavalry Journal, Vol. LVI, No. 2.* Richmond VA: U.S. Armored Cavalry Association, Mar-Apr 1947.
- Folder 8 *Army Talks.* Vol. IV, No. 26. Information and Education Service, 11 November 1945. (2 copies)
- Folder 9 *Army Talks.* Vol. V, No. 1. Information and Education Service, 13 January 1946.
- Folder 10 *Army Talks.* Vol. V, No. 3. Information and Education Service. 20 January 1946.
- Folder 11 *Atlantic Monthly.* Vol. 177, No. 1. Concord, NH: January 1946.
- Folder 12 *Battle Experiences, European Theater of Operations.* Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, 15April 1945.
- Folder 13 *International Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War.* Geneva, 27 July 1929. (3 copies)
- Folder 14 *Call for Justice: Telephone Directory, Office of Chief of U.S. Counsel.* Nuremberg, 19 December 1945.
- Folder 15 *Justice Telephone Directory: International Military Trials. Nurnberg.* Office of Chief of U.S. Counsel Nuremberg, April 1946.
- Folder 16 *Mondorfetat, Bulletin De La Station Thermale.* Luxembourg, n.d. Contains images of the Palace Hotel in Luxembourg before it was converted to Camp Ashcan
- Folder 17 *Newsweek, Continental Edition.* Vol. XXXVI, No. 23. New York: Newsweek Inc., 3 December 1945.
- Folder 18 *New Yorker, Overseas Edition* Vol. 3, No. 30. New York: F.R. Publishing Corporation, 7 September 1946.
- Folder 19 *Nuremberger Extra-Blatt.* Published in German, 30 November 1946.
- Folder 20 *Ordinance, The Magazine of Scientific and Industrial Preparedness,* Vol. XXXII, No. 168. Washington D.C.: American Ordinance Association, May – June 1948.

- Folder 21 *St-Lo, 7 (July – 19 July 1944)*. Washington D.C.: Historical Division, U.S. War Department, 21 August 1946.
- Folder 22 *These 21*. Stars and Stripes, n.d. Includes profiles on each of the 21 defendants in the Nuremberg Trials
- Folder 23 *Third Army: A Brief History of Operations in Europe*. G-3 Historical Sub-section, n.d.
- Folder 24 *Time Weekly Magazine*, Vol. XLVII, No. 24. Chicago: Time Inc., 17 June 1946.
- Folder 25 *Weekly Information Bulletin*, Issue 104. Office of Military Government for Germany, 4 August 1947.
- Folder 26 Raffey, J.G. “The day Hitler’s Top 11 Nazis Died.” October 1966.
- Folder 27 Visual aid poster showing many of the prisoners at Nuremberg and the Sentences they received, 27 October 1946