

# Help for reading cards in the File of French, Belgian and British servicemen and civilians interned in Switzerland

C G I E 13-32

## ***In a nutshell ...***

*If the card you are interested in contains an alphanumeric reference beginning with the letter:*

*FR*

*FS*

*VR*

*enter it in the search engine*

*If not, your search stops here.*

These cards were

- either drawn up in Geneva by the International Prisoners-of-War Agency from the lists it received from the authorities detaining the prisoners (in the case of this file, Germany or Switzerland). For each prisoner mentioned in the list, the Agency created a nominative index card, with an alphanumeric reference number which relates to the corresponding list
- or received by the Agency in Geneva from the research organizations (this is the case of the cards produced from the pre-printed forms). Later the Agency has added a handwritten comment indicating the list reference of the sought person.

Most of the cards in this file have an alphanumeric reference. If this reference starts with the letters FS, FR et VR, enter it in the search engine. If the indicated reference is between R 50 000-51000, your search stops here, due to the fact that the documents labelled with those reference numbers were not preserved. Warning: reading the reference number can be difficult because of the handwriting or badly inked stamps.

Here are several examples of alphanumeric references to enter into the search engine :

1 Surname and first name

2 Rank (soldier), regiment (276th Infantry regiment)

3 2 reference numbers to enter into the search engine:

FS 1843  
FR 815

1 Surname and first name

2 Rank (soldier), regiment

3 Camp of origin

4 2 reference numbers to enter into the search engine:

FS 811  
FR 1303

## Abbreviations for the internment locations in Switzerland :

B.O.A	Berner Oberland A
B.O.B	Berner Oberland B
C.W.	?
O.B.A	Oberland Bernois A
O.B.B	Oberland Bernois B
...	

Rap. Is an abbreviation for « Repatriated ».