

HAFTBUCH JAHR - 1943

The Haftbuch, 1943 for Tomaschow, is available through X-2 Branch, OSS. This book is a very large standard register used by the Gestapo in occupied towns as a record of persons arrested and the disposition of each case. The book now available contains 3817 entries over the period from 1 June 1943 to 20 December 1944.

In many cases the offense charged is a general one. For example "Action October" is one offense under which a large number of persons were arrested. Another offense was simply being Jewish - "Als Jude". Such persons were shot or sent to the annihilation camp at Auschwitz. Action taken against the Jewish Poles depended upon the offense committed by them. Some were sent to the annihilation camp at Auschwitz; some were sent to work camps in Germany.