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Camp Ruston Artifacts, Memorabilia, and Records

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M-467 CAMP RUSTON ARTIFACTS, MEMORABILIA, AND RECORDS. 1943-1945.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Artifacts, memorabilia and materials related to the World War II Prisoner of War Camp housed at the Ruston Developmental Center. 43 items

DISPLAY INVENTORY

- 1 U-505 German Submarine model in case.
- 2 Unopened Cigarette pack from U-505.
- 3 U-505 Pin – Gift of Hans Gobeler, former crew
Member and POW at Camp Ruston.
- 4 Miniature Castle remains built by German POW's.
- 5 Bavarian Cottage in display case.
- 6 Wood Cabinet with two large doors. (Furniture)
- 7 Book case chest with drawers. (Furniture)
- 8 Cemented rocks associated with POW's.
- 9 Original Reservation Map – Camp Ruston.
- 10 Original Army corps of Engineer Map, Camp Ruston.
- 11 USGS – Aerial Map – Camp Ruston.
- 12 Framed Photographs:
 - 588th Military.
 - Ex-Sub Crewman recalls POW Life.
 - Camp Ruston.
 - Piney-Hills neighbors.
 - 1980 Aerial Photo of Camp Ruston site.
 - Camp Ruston POW layout map.
 - Camp Ruston – taken from water tower looking
Northwest.
 - “Grave Site” German soldier “Ernest Paul”.

POW's at Camp Ruston Christmas. (copy of postcard).

POW's model of Berlin Olympic Stadium.

Photograph of Castle (unnamed).

Yugoslavia POW's in front of Barracks. (note: Interviews with these POWs over 50 years later indicated that they had been forced to serve in the German Army when Yugoslavia was invaded).

German Naval POW – Cpl Harst Blumenburg.

Afrika Korps Soldier – Heinz Heinrich.

Italian Officer – Lt Nicola Mattiace.

U-505 Submarine.

- 13 Dictionary: German/English Dictionary purchased
At P/W Canteen. Personal property of P.O.W.
Franz Eggerath 8WG 42026.
- 14 Yugoslavian Mass Book: Catholic Mass Book in
Yugoslavian & Latin used by P.O.W. Milan Stumpfl at Camp
Ruston.
- 15 Wood Plaque: Depicting typical Bavarian cottage in the Alps.
Carved by POW. Inscription on back of plaque (in German)
“in Memory (Zur Erinnerung) of Camp Ruston
5-21-45. To 1st sergeant PW (Dusera)”
- 16 Statue of Erwin Rommel, Field Marshall Afrika Korps.
- 17 Schellingstrasse 48 Novel written by former P.O.W. Walter
Kolbenhoff. Includes his experiences at Camp Ruston and
with famous German author P.O.W. Alfred Anderesh are
related numerous times in the book.
- 18 Assignment Without Glory. Donated by Cesare Puelli.
- 19 Pionieri Nel Mato Grosso written by Pepita Spinelli Malagutti. 1994
- 20 Shaving brush issued to P.O.W. Eugene Papiernick

on his arrival to Camp Ruston.

- 21 Denim P.O.W. shirt. Denim P.O.W. Shirt typically worn by P.O.W.'s at Camp Ruston. P.O.W. was added with stencil and paint as required by regulations. Shirts were generally army issue uniforms with the identifying U.S. Army buttons "sanded down" for obvious reasons.
- 22 Standard Army issue Khaki shirt with required "PW" Stenciled on back. Typical of the shirts worn by POWs at Camp Ruston.
- 23 Knife made by German P.O.W. Made by German P.O.W. while working at branch camp in Tallulah, Louisiana. P.O.W. gave knife as gift to the manager of the lumber mill at branch camp, Harold Clyde Clark.

VIDEOTAPES

"Camp Ruston: World War II POW Camp Ruston Louisiana".

"Major Heinz Lettau: Former Camp Ruston POW Interview 1/2000"

"American Stalag: German POW Experience in the U.S. during World War II".

"Hans Goebler : Interview Crewmember U 505 Former P.O.W. Camp Ruston".

"Hitler's Amerika-Korps". (2 copies)

"Horst Blumenberg".

"Lt. Cesare Puelli : Italian Officer Interview 10/94 Former Camp Ruston POW".

"Camp Ruston Promo Tape".

"Camp Ruston Still Photos".

"German (Austrian) POW in the US".

"U-505 Capture".

"Interview of Mary Snelling Duchaney" By: Dr. Matthew Schott with Vince Spione Ruston Developmental Center, 8-19-94.

"Camp Ruston – PBS"

“Away Borders” – U-505 Capture Original.

BOX FOLDER

001	001	Logbook of U-505: Dated 11/8/43-6/4/44.
	002	Legal papers, newspaper articles, and maps.
	003	Publications.
	004	POW Canteen. (on display)
	005	75 slides. (OV 30)
002	001-006	National Archives.