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## **Finding aid for the German concentration camp prisoners letters 6118**

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**Abstract:** Two letters written by prisoners in the German concentration camps of Gross-Rosen and Sachsenhausen.

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**Historical note**

Sachsenhausen concentration camp, located in Oranienburg, Germany, was established in 1936 and used primarily for political prisoners. Its location, 22 miles north of Berlin, gave it a primary position among German concentration camps, and in fact the administrative center of all the camps was in Oranienburg. Sachsenhausen was also a training center for SS officers. Gross-Rosen concentration camp, established in 1940 as a satellite of Sachsenhausen, was actually a network of close to 100 subcamps located in eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia, and occupied Poland. At its peak in 1944, this network of camps housed 11% of the total number of inmates in Nazi concentration camps.

**Scope and Contents**

Two letters written from German concentration camps. The first is a letter from prisoner Stanislaw Konezarek at Gross-Rosen prisoner on official camp letter form, postmarked July 19, 1942. He writes to his wife in Litzmannstadt stating that he remains healthy and wonders why he has not received a letter from her. He tells her to arrange to have fuel for the winter and thanks her for sending money.

The second is from Jakob Smol, prisoner at Sachsenhausen, who writes to a woman, presumably his wife, dated May 2, 1943. "...I received the package...and the 15 Reichsmarks....How did you spend the holidays?...It has already been three years....I doubt that you are loyal to me....Our garden must probably be pretty."

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