

DIGITAL COLLECTION - PROJECT WARLUX

Soldiers and their communities in WWII: The impact and legacy of war experiences in Luxembourg

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Introduction - Project WARLUX - Soldiers and their communities in WWII: The impact and legacy of war experiences in Luxembourg

- During Nazi occupation in Luxembourg, women and men (born 1920-1927) were conscripted to serve in Reichsarbeitsdienst and Wehrmacht
- aim of the project is: collecting their biographies and individual life paths throughout the war



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Outreach:

- start: mid-February 2021
- press & poster campaign
- over 220 people contacted us

Crowdsourcing:

- start: 1 March 2021
- visits, pickups, emails, postal mail
- conventions (consent GDPR)
- scanning at the UNI
- bringing back
- end: Summer 2021



Erzielt eis Är Geschicht!

Am Kontext vum Geschichtsprojekt «WARLUX»
iwwert den Zweete Weltkrich, sicht d'Université
Lëtzebuerg no temoignagen, Geschichten,
Dokumenter, Briever, Postkaarten, Tagebicher,
Fotzen,... iwwert d'zwangsrekrutiert Jongen
a Meedercher an hier Familijen.

Sidd Dir tëschent 1920 an 1927 gebuer?
Wart Dir am RAD, am Kriegsdienst,
an der Wehrmacht, Refractaire oder gouft
Dir fräigestallt? Oder kennt Dir eng Persoun
(Familljemembere, Frënn,...) mat sou engem
Schicksal?

Wa jo, da géif d'WARLUX-Team sech freeën vun
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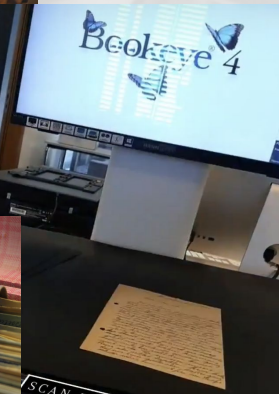
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RESULTS

- 160 relevant collections - about 7000 files
- unique digital collection on war letters and diaries

NEXT STEPS

- transcribing, tagging and add metadata (Using Transkribus)
 - linking and add information
- linking to WWII Portal (planned)
- accessibility for researchers
- “War Letters” Workshop - 30 May 2022 (WARLUX-NIOD)



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Challenges

- Transcribing in German AND Luxembourgish
- GDPR, Copyright
- “archiving” and sustainability
- accessibility after end of the project

