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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **ADBC Collection**

#### **Series: World War II Prisoners of the Japanese Data Files**

##### What information is these records?

These records contain information on military personnel and a few civilians who were prisoners of the Japanese during World War II. The records include name, rank, service number, branch of service, source of the information, unit information as available from parent unit to subordinate unit, and notes.

##### Why were these records created?

The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (ADBC), a private organization, used their organizational records and other materials from their members to expand upon the information in the electronic records series, Records of World War II Prisoners of War (Record Group 389).

##### Is there more than one version of the records in this series?

Yes. The creators of these records have donated a previous version to NARA. Only the most recently accessioned file is available on AAD. The previous file, however, will continue to be preserved and available for reproduction when requested. Each version differs in the information contained in the records. For the most recently donated file, the creators expanded the source field into three separate fields, added individual records, updated unit information for some of the records, and corrected typographical errors.

##### How do these records differ from the Records of World War II Prisoners of War (Record Group 389)?

The information in these records is derived from some of the fields in the Records of World War II Prisoners of War and also includes additional information from American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor's organizational registration cards, unit rosters that they located, and other sources. Also, these records contain information only on prisoners of the Japanese, while the Records of World War II Prisoners of War contain information on prisoners of the Japanese and Germans. There may be information on a prisoner of the Japanese in both sets of records or there may be information in only one set of records. In addition, since the donors sometimes expanded upon the information obtained from the Records of World War II Prisoners of War, the World War II Prisoners of the Japanese File may have data for an individual that differs from that found in the Records of World War II Prisoners of War.

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