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The following vocabulary is intended to provide context for information that is presented in Card 8. Also included are links to closely related secondary source material, such as brief encyclopedia articles and maps.

Vocabulary

B., Mrs. The wife of Mr. Brémond, the director of the children's colony at Les Caillols.

Catholic A member of the Catholic church, especially Roman Catholic. Although the Catholic Church was persecuted in the Third Reich, Catholics as a group were not officially targeted by the Nazis merely for practicing the Catholic faith.¹

Collège Cévenol A secondary school where Peter (Pierre) Feigl attended classes, located in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon.

Kilometers, fifteen Compares to a little over 9 miles.

Kilometers, twelve Compares to almost 7 ½ miles.

Le Chambon \lə-sh\\ain^ -b\\\overline{0}^n \ Le Chambon-sur-Ligonon is a village in the department of Haute-Loire in south-central France, which was in the unoccupied zone of France until November 1942. Its inhabitants (plus those from surrounding villages), from December 1940 to September 1944, provided refuge for an estimated 5,000 people, many of them children, fleeing from Vichy French and German authorities.\(^1\)

Les Grillons A children's home several miles from the village of Le Chambon.

Massif Central Mountainous plateau in south-central France.

Protestant Broadly, any Western Christian who is not an adherent of a Catholic, Anglican, or Eastern Church.

Trocmé, André Pastor of Le Chambon's Reformed Church of France, who along with his wife Magda, and his assistant, Pastor Edouard Theis, led the residents of Le Chambon and surrounding villages to offer shelter, forge identification and ration cards, and in some cases guided the refugees across the border to neutral Switzerland.¹

Trocmé, Mr. Daniel Trocmé (Pastor Andre Trocmé's cousin) who was the director of Les Grillons children's home. On June 29, 1943, the Germans staged a raid and arrested a number of children and Daniel Trocmé, who was deported to the Majdanek death camp in Poland where he was murdered by the SS.¹

¹United States Holocaust Memorial Museum http://www.ushmm.org/

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Related Resources

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