

Context Clues: Card 10

The following vocabulary is intended to provide context for information that is presented in Card 10. Also included are links to closely related secondary source material, such as brief encyclopedia articles and maps.

Vocabulary

Aurillac A city in the department of Cantal in France.

Clermont-Ferrand A city in the department of Puy-de-Dôme in France.

Feigl, Pierre The name Peter Feigl used to assimilate after he and his family fled to Belgium from Austria in 1938.

Interrogation Detailed questioning by the police or other law-enforcement authorities.

Lyon City in east-central France in the department of Rhône.

Geneva The second most populated city in Switzerland; the official language is French.

No Man's Land A term used to describe an area that is unclaimed, unowned, or whose ownership is uncertain and/or ambiguous, as in the land in between the two rows of barbed wire separating the French and Swiss border.

Papers Any document which may be used to verify aspects of a person's personal identity.

Passeur \pasœr\ A guide who helped refugees cross the Swiss border, often in exchange for money.

Red [International Committee of the Red Cross, ICRC] Private non-governmental humanitarian organization founded in 1863 and staffed by citizens of neutral Switzerland.

Switzerland Long a neutral country with a tradition of providing a safe haven for refugees. During World War II, however, Switzerland floundered in its attitude towards immigration and refugees: at some points, it practiced a strict immigration policy, while at other times many Jews were allowed into the country. In all, over 300,000 refugees passed through Switzerland during the Nazi period; 30,000 were Jews.¹

Vichy City in central France in the department of Allier.

Viry A town in the department of Jura, close to the Swiss border.

Yad Vashem <http://www.yadvashem.org/>

Related Resources

1. "Escape Routes from German-Occupied Europe, 1942." Online Map. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/media_nm.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005470&MediaId=361
2. "Red Cross, International." Shoah Resource Center. Yad Vashem: http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%205769.pdf
3. "Switzerland." Shoah Resource Center. Yad Vashem: http://www1.yadvashem.org/odot_pdf/Microsoft%20Word%20-%206062.pdf