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## **ENEMY PRISONERS IN THE UNITED STATES, WWII**

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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**NOTE:** US Army Service Forces, Statistical Review (cited below), reports the number of enemy POWs who arrived in USA during WWII as follows:

German	-	378,156
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Japanese	-	<u>5,424</u>
Total	-	425,036

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