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## Community voices – transcript – OH 351/1

### Horst Salomon

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Recordings of migrants by Pastor Alfred Zinnbauer

*Extracts from an Oral History where he describes being arrested as a German travelling without the appropriate papers and his subsequent internment in Tatura, Victoria during WWII.*

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One day, I think it was in May 1940, it was after what was known as the Fall of France, in 1940, officers of the Australian Army Intelligence Corps came to see me and told me that I had travelled without a travelling permit from Adelaide to Melbourne and back, and had thereby infringed the National Security

Regulations which had been proclaimed to apply to Aliens in time of war. I'm afraid I was not aware of these regulations, at least not to the extent that I knew that I had in fact infringed a rule, and I thought that the excuse that I intended go to Melbourne to volunteer for the Australian Airforce would be sufficient excuse, but no.

They took me and I was brought in a car to I think it was Keswick Army Barracks, somewhere on Anzac Highway, half-way between Glenelg and Adelaide, and I was held on suspicion of having done a terrible crime and I was to be interned ...

When we arrived there, there was an internment camp with barbed wire and perhaps a thousand or more German people, German internees, they kept there. Most of them of course were not refugees but were Germans. There were officers from different German companies, trading companies, who employed in Australia; there were newspaper men, there were business people, there were teachers, there were travelers, there were quite a few German ex-sailors who had absconded from their ships.

