

A Breath of Freedom:

The Civil Rights Struggle, African American GIs, and Germany

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AAA	Archiv des Auswärtigen Amtes, Berlin (Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin)
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
AFRC	Armed Forces Recreation Center
APOB	APO-Archive, Free University of Berlin
AStA	Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss (General Student Board)
ASWAD	Association of the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora
BArch-Berlin	Bundesarchiv, Berlin
BArch-Koblenz	Bundesarchiv, Koblenz
BEST	Black European Studies Program, University of Mainz
BPP	Black Panther Party
BRD	Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany, West Germany)
BStU	Bundesbeauftragte für die Unterlagen des Staatssicherheitsdienstes (Federal Archive of the Commissioner for Stasi Records)
BZ	<i>Berliner Zeitung</i>
CAAR	Collegium for African American Research
CAD	Civil Affairs Division of HICOG
CBC	Congressional Black Caucus

CDU	Christlich Demokratische Union (Christian Democratic Union)
CORE	Congress of Racial Equality
CPUSA	Communist Party USA
DDR	Deutsche Demokratische Republik (German Democratic Republic, East Germany)
DOD	Department of Defense
DPA	Deutsche Presse Agentur (German Press Agency)
AKG	Archiv für Kunst und Geschichte (Archive for Arts and History)
EJAS	<i>European Journal of American Studies</i>
EM	Enlisted Man (Men)
ETO	European Theater of Operations
EUCOM	European Command
FAZ	<i>Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung</i>
FDJ	Freie Deutsche Jugend (Free German Youth)
FEPC	Fair Employment Practices Commission
FR	<i>Frankfurter Rundschau</i>
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)
GDR	German Democratic Republic (East Germany)
GI	Government Issue (term describing members of the U.S. armed forces)
GStA PK	Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin (Secret State Archives Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, Berlin)
GYA	German Youth Activity clubs
HICOG	Office of the High Commissioner

HUAB	Humboldt University Archive, Berlin
HQ	Headquarters
IANAS	Interdisziplinärer Arbeitskreis für Nordamerikastudien (Interdisciplinary Research Group for North American Studies)
INFI	Internationales Nachrichten-und Forschungsinstitut (International News and Research Institute)
ISD	Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative for Black People in Germany)
JAG	Judge Advocate General Corps
KCA	The King Center, Atlanta
KKK	Ku Klux Klan
LOC	Library of Congress, Washington, DC
LRO	Land Relations Officer
MESEA	The Society for Multi-Ethnic Studies: Europe and the Americas
MFDP	Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
MP	Military Police
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC/College Park, MD
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCO	Noncommissioned Officer
OWI	Office of War Information
PRA	Paul Robeson Archive, Academy of Arts, Berlin

PV	<i>Pfälzische Volkszeitung</i>
QM	Quartermaster Company
RAF	Rote Armee Fraktion (Red Army Faction)
RZ	<i>Rhein-Zeitung</i>
SAPMO	Stiftung Archiv der Parteien und Massenorganisationen der DDR im Bundesarchiv, Berlin (Foundation Archives of Parties and Mass Organizations of the GDR in the Federal Archives, Berlin)
SCAA	Standing Committee on African Affairs, WVF
SCLC	Southern Christian Leadership Conference
SDS	Sozialistischer Deutscher Studentenbund (German Socialist Student League)
SED	Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands (Socialist Unity Party of Germany)
SNCC	Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
SS	Schutzstaffel (Elite Nazi Formation)
STO	Southern Theater of Operations
SZ	<i>Süddeutsche Zeitung</i>
UCLA	University of California at Los Angeles
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice
UNRRA	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
USAAF	United States Army Air Forces
USAREUR	U.S. Army Europe, 7th Army
USHMM	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

VEB	Volkseigener Betrieb (People-owned enterprise, i.e., national corporation in the GDR)
VE-Day	Victory in Europe Day (May 8, 1945)
VOL	Voice of the Lumpen
WAC	Women's Army Corps
WBA	Willy Brandt Archive in the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Archives of Social Democracy, Bonn
WVF	World Veterans Federation
ZK	Zentralkomitee (Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of the GDR)

A Breath of Freedom book. Read 2 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Based on an award-winning international research project and photo... West in Germany allowed the civil rights movement to force the American government and the military to lift the racial separation. Although this was very important, this chapter of German and American history is today largely blanked out, as it does not fit into the reconstructed image of the possibly defective but good USA and the evil Germany in need of education. "A Breath of Freedom is an important book. By telling the story of African American GIs sent as part of a military occupation designed to teach and instill democratic values in a nation that had recently been ruled by the Nazi party, the authors also tell the story of America's own racist history and practices." "A breakthrough in international history, A Breath of Freedom shines a penetrating light on the neglected story of African American troops in Europe." Our encounters during and after the war in Germany, however, not only spurred our fight for equality and against discrimination wherever it occurred; they also created a long-lasting bond across the Atlantic of an intertwined past and hope for a better future." See more of The Civil Rights Struggle, African American GIs, and Germany on Facebook. Log In. or. Create New Account. I retain the belief in the innate premise of human equality, civil rights and fair play under the rule of law may be acknowledged. The silence of injustice cries out from the hill top seeking justice as I stood behind the grey curtains I said a prayer. We shall overcome. . The Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy at Temple University is proud to host Maria Hoehn for a screening and discussion of "Breath of Freedom" The documentary "Breath of Freedom" tells the story of African-American GIs who were stationed in Germany at the end of World War II as part of a poa€| globalphiladelphia.org. Maria HÃ¶hn, Martin Klimke. A Breath of Freedom: The Civil Rights Struggle, African American GIs, and Germany. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010. And clearly not only historians are interested in the dramatic story of African American GIs in Germany, so it is all the more gratifying to see the captivating photographs and attractive Web site (www.aacvr-germany.org) that accompany this project. A Breath of Freedom begins with a discussion of the pivotal World War I years, when the crisis engendered by European colonialism and the black expectations raised by the Great Migration internationalized and urbanized African American struggles for justice.