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Great Britain Translation

**CAMP 22.**

Visited on November 15, 1945 by Mr. Bieri.

Address: German POW Base Camp 22, Great Britain.

Capacity: 4000 men.

Commandant: lieutenant-colonel F.M. ELLIOT. M.C.

Camp leader: NESTLER Max, "Obermaat", B 4461.

Assistant: WERNER Oscar, "Hpt, Fw.", 490708 (They possess copies of the Convention).

Actual numbers: 2431 prisoners, including 12 officers, 564 warrant officers, 265 members of protected personnel and 14 prisoners attached to camp 14,

among which: approximately 150 Austrians  
6 Dutchmen  
approximately 100 Czechs  
7 Poles  
1 Yugoslavian;

made up in the following way: 1743 Army  
236 Navy  
422 Air Force  
11 of "RAD"  
19 civilians.

1020 of these prisoners will soon be repatriated.

General information

At the time of our last visit, the camp was composed of 2 "Compounds". Since then, the barbed wire which separated both "Compounds" has been removed so there is now just one "Compound". The number of huts and other installations has not changed. By contrast, new paths and flower gardens have been created and several improvements were made to communal areas of the camp (opening a bakery, etc.). All buildings are heated by stoves and lit with electricity.

Each man receives a sleeping bag and two blankets.

Food

No complaints were raised on this subject.

On the day of our visit, the menus were;

breakfast: soup with milk

lunch: mashed potatoes, cabbage, roast sausage

dinner: bread, margarine, tea.

The choir has 26 members.

The excellent orchestra, is composed of 30 members led by COMPACH Fred, "Fw.", B. 180502 (12 violins, 2 guitars, 1 piano, 1 violin-cello, 3 trumpets, 1 clarinet, 2 jazz drums, 4 accordions, 1 saxophone, 2 basses, etc.)

The theatrical troop of 14 members recently gave various performances among which was, "The broken jug" and "Faust".

The director of studies MEUNIER Wilhelm, navy, 109100, (professor and holder of two doctorates) has organized the following courses:

	<u>Pupils</u>
a) <u>Foreign languages:</u>	
English	233
French	47
Russian	61
Spanish	13
Latin	13
b) <u>Mathematics and natural science:</u>	
mathematics	41
"    general course	12
calculation	25
physics	10
electrical engineering	14
chemistry	20
astronomy	50
nature study	65
biology	22
c) <u>German:</u>	
grammar	18
Grammar for pupils of foreign languages	10
popular philology	25
Faust	17
d) <u>Commercial courses:</u>	
accountancy	26
economic science	26
e) <u>Law:</u>	
introduction to law	40
civil law	40
penal law	40
f) <u>Apprentice crafts:</u>	
German	12
professional calculation	20

g) Theory of music:  
interpretation of piano music 24

h) Various:  
shorthand 14  
drawing and painting 6  
speech 25  
music 10

i) General knowledge: (Professor Meunier)  
philosophy 56  
philosophical discussion 17  
seminar of philosophy 18  
ethics 58  
political and economic science 39  
art 46

#### Conferences (by Professor Meunier)

##### a) Problems of life.

Series of conferences on:

- the meaning life
- the nature of man
- the nature of society
- the rights of the individual compared to society
- the duties of individuals within society

These conferences are held in a strictly democratic spirit (average attendance; 150 to 160 prisoners).

##### b) Political problems.

Short conferences discussing an exchange of views concerning the people, the state, the country. Construction work and general economic questions. These conferences have a democratic basis. (Average attendance; 150 to 160 prisoners).

#### Other conferences;

- a) "Stabsarzt" Jansen has given 2 conferences on the colonisation of Panama.
- b) A series of conferences on the political conditions in Germany between the two last wars.
- c) Weekly press review, giving summaries of world news.
- d) The community of work, "democratic action".

Each week a British film is shown and each month a German film is shown. The prisoners can also listen to the radio.

#### Correspondence

Infirmary

(See preceding reports)

German head doctor: JANSEN Helmut, "Stabsarzt", A. 836494.

Assistant Doctors: POSPIECH Karlheinz, "Stabsarzt", 523537.

ARABIN Erich, "Stabsarzt", B. 34702.

GLOGGL Anton, "Oberarzt", A. 382539.

STEINFELTZ Hans, "Stabsarzt", 814695.

ZIERZ Paul, "Stabsarzt", 523555.

WASSENECH Walter, "Unterarzt", 28692.

Pharmacist: MAYER Hubert, "Oberapotheker", 523482.

Protected personnel:

With the infirmary: 7 officers

21 other ranks

In the "Compound" 50 medical orderlies and 187 who are not employed as members of the protected personnel.

Medical supplies are sufficient.

A general medical inspection takes place each month (pows due for repatriation are examined every day).

A German dental technician undertakes dental work.

An average of 230 prisoners present themselves for treatment each day.

Of the 60 beds in the infirmary, 52 were occupied on the day of our visit.

old wounds	25
boils	1
cellulitis	2
influenza	4
pleurisy (old)	2
lumbago	5
bronchial asthma	4
cystitis	2
myocarditis	1
angina	2
enteritis	2
syphilis	2

In the camp barracks there are about 30 prisoners who are amputees.

There were no serious or contagious cases.

There was no complaint about the medical department.

### Repatriates.

The German head doctor made an observation that 20% of the repatriates are aged more than 50 years old and need more care than the other prisoners. He asks if it would not be possible to obtain an increase in the fuel quota intended for these repatriates. This question also arises in other camps and will be looked at in London.

The German head doctor estimates that the health of the repatriates varies, whereas that of the other prisoners is good.

The state of nutrition of all prisoners (repatriates included) is generally good, except for some cases who have stomach problems.

### Clothing and uniforms.

Within the camp the distribution of clothing is not yet completed.

The repatriates need a shirt, socks, pants, etc.

Approximately 30% of the prisoners have a complete German uniform.

### Work

Among the prisoners, 1185 (including 353 members of the permanent personnel) are assigned to agricultural or construction work. Approximately 40% earn on average 5/6 per week, the others 2/6 per week.

### Canteen

The canteen is well supplied (except in toothpaste).

Funds amount to £27. - . - (available money; the remainder is retained to compensate for possible damage with the huts).

### Religious services

The protestant chaplain, KRUSE Johannes, "Uffz.", 500587, leads an act of worship every Sunday for about sixty prisoners. Two services take place during evenings each week.

There is not a catholic priest in this camp, but a British military chaplain celebrates mass each Sunday.

On the day of our visit, the catholic priest from camp 19 spent one week at camp 22.

### Leisure

A football pitch belongs to the camp.

The library has approximately 800 instructional books, 150 religious works, approximately 300 books in foreign languages, 20 works on the music and approximately 1500 novels in German, booklets, texts of comedies, etc. Approximately 200 novels are very damaged and will have to be repaired.

On 17 September, 1945, the prisoners sent 2000 brown cards [location postcards] and they received 600 replies, that is:

570 from the British zone  
20 " " American zone  
10 " " French zone.

#### Discipline

Discipline has not raised any comments. No escapes have been attempted.

#### Requests

The camp leader would like:

handbooks on artisan work, (particularly gardening and agricultural work)(urgent).

popular songs

music (traditional and operettas) for the camp orchestra

classical music for quartets and quintets.

music paper.

The officer doctors have requested works about modern medicine and for periodicals.

#### Conclusion

Apart from the repatriates whose situation remains provisional, they must be constantly ready to leave - the prisoners of this camp are satisfied with conditions. In general matters, this camp seems excellent.

[Translated by M Sanders]