

CAMP NO LONGER

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE - Geneva

IN OPERATION

Morocco

Camp for Foreign Workers in Moulay-Bouazza, near Oued-Zem under Department of Industrial Production, but associated with the Administration of Forests and Waterways. Visited by Dr. Wyss-Dunant July 15, 1942. Camp is 65 km. from Oued-Zem and can be reached only over difficult trails. The climate is very hot. Country is hilly.

Personnel - 56 men, 3 of whom are non-commissioned officers, 10 men in hospital, 15 sick in the camp, 1 recent death.

15 Poles	4 Germans
4 Italians	2 Swiss
5 Russians	2 English (1 has been set at liberty)
2 French	3 Yugoslavs
8 Belgians	1 Dutch
5 Spaniards	1 Slav
3 Czechs	1 Luxemburger

Camp - Camp is made up of tents on a slope facing to the southwest. (very hot) Clayey ground, muddy when wet. Extremely rudimentary conditions, the men sleeping on mats. (two blankets, acetylene lamps.)

Food - Adequate. Kitchen and store room very primitive.

Canteen - Located in a tent; men can secure beer, tobacco, miscellanies.

Clothing - No shoes available. 5 men, barefoot, cannot join the other men at the coal pits, 7 kilometers away. Clothing is in bad shape and will be inadequate for winter if the camp is kept open.

Hygiene - Lavatories in the open, very inadequate showers, sufficient in winter; in summer the creek is quite dry. One spring has been found but cases of dysentery have become more and more numerous during hot weather.

Infirmary - Located in a tent, directed by male nurse. Supply of drugs totally inadequate. Doctor, 65 km. away, cannot come to the camp. For lack of gas, one death has occurred, apparently due to cardiac trouble.

Intellectual and Spiritual Needs - No facilities whatsoever.

Mail - Mailman comes with difficulty due to distance involved.

Salaries - Fixed amount of frs. 1.25, plus reward for work. Doing the minimum amount of work assures a man of frs. 9.60. With harder work the men can double this sum, but only one has succeeded in doing that. It may be added that the work which is assigned them is not unbearable.

Discipline - Easily maintained, thanks to the tact of the commandant.

Interviews with men - (without witnesses) - Morale is very low due to the isolation, the heat and in the case of those who have asked for repatriation, lack of answers to their letters. All are weakened by dysentery. Hardly anything is to be seen as a result of the labors of these people. Medical care is insufficient.

Summary - Camp is to be discontinued.