

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE - Geneva Morocco
Camp of Berguent - G.T.E.#4 (elevation 1,100 meters)

Under Department of Industrial Production, visited by Dr. Wyss-Dunant
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Personnel 155 men, 13 away, 142 present
113 at work, the remainder in camp

Food - 500 grs of bread per day
125 to 150 grs of meat during a six day period
 $\frac{1}{4}$ liter of wine twice a day

Canteen This is located in a shelter dugout. Men can buy lemon soda, beer, aperitifs, a few fruit preserves and cigarettes. It is open after working hours until ten at night

Clothing - Two shirts, shorts and sandals for summer; a pair of Norwegian trousers and a pair of high shoes for winter. Since, in winter, the temperature in this region drops to 12°C, the clothing question remains a serious one, unless help in the form of shipments from the outside is forthcoming.

Hygiene - There is not enough water since it must be brought twice a day on camel back from Berguent, a distance of five kilometers. The men can bathe once a week in the pool at Berguent. Laundry is washed every Monday. Lavatories in the open.

Salaries - From 4.25 frs. to 9.25 frs. according to type of work and bonus allocated, since all are engaged in repairing the roadway, the engineering camps pay a bonus which is added to the 4.25 of the Department of Industrial Production.

Mail - Daily

Library - Consists of 40 German books. German and French books are requested, and, if possible, choral music for four voices.

Worship - The internees are well provided for in this respect. Three synagogues at Berguent are available and three Rabbis representing Algerian Jews, the Sect of Figuig and the great community of Debdou.

Discipline - Six internees were sent to the disciplinary section of Bou Arfa. As morale is bad, voluntary discipline disintegrates and penalties rain down without producing any real effect. Other men have been sent to Berguent prison. The Camp Commandant is a former legionnaire with an inflexible disposition.

Testimony of the men - (without witnesses) The internees prefer sleeping in the open to sleeping in the shelters. They always lack water. They complain that the ill are tended only when their temperature goes above 38°C. They are badly shod. A certain number of internees declared unfit by the reform (revision) commission were nevertheless kept in camp. Work on the roadbed is not suitable for them since they consist for the most part of tradesmen, intellectuals, accountants or artisans.

Conclusion - We have petitioned government headquarters for the discontinuance of this camp.