

Disciplinary Camp of Foun-de-Flah (formerly El Oursaq)
Visited by Dr. Wyss-Dunant, July 30, 1942

Personnel: 37 men

Capacity: 45 men

Camp - This camp is located 15 kilometers above Bou Arfa, at a point where a branch for Mediterranean-Niger line is being prepared. In this way through traffic will be able to avoid the coal-bearing gorges of Bou Arfa. (Men work on the railroad). This is a temporary camp consisting of marabou tents, the whole thing reduced to the most rudimentary terms. The men sleep on straw mats and have one blanket.

Food - Less good than in other camps, but still adequate.

Canteen - Very primitive. Sells drinks and small miscellanies.

Hygiene - Drinking and bathing water has to be transported. The general health of the men is not bad, which is chiefly attributable to the dryness of the climate.

Infirmary - A doctor appears once a week. The infirmary is run by a male-nurse; the medicine stores are inadequate, but can be supplied by the camp of Bou Arfa.

Salary - Eight francs a day. There is a ten hour day.

Testimony of the men - (without witnesses) - On the whole, they admit the offenses for which they were sent to the disciplinary section, and realize that they are there only for a time. However, we brought to the attention of the Camp Commander that several men have endured this very arduous life for five or six months, all of which is contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Convention.

We were struck by one case in particular, that of a hopeless negativist whose punishments are increased in proportion to the growth and progress of his disorder. The resident general's attention has been called to this case.