

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE - Geneva

Algeria

Camp of Boghar

Autonomous group of Foreigners (Camp of disabled sick)  
Under supervision of Regional Office of Work (Algiers), visited by  
Dr. Wyss-Dunant, August 16, 1942.

Personnel:

40 Poles  
340 Spanish  
20 German Jews  
45 detached to Boghari and Algiers  
16 in infirmary  
1 in prison  
401

Capacity of camp: 500

Camp - Situated at 1,200 meters altitude. It is composed of six barracks, each accommodating about 40 men; other barracks equally sturdily built can also be utilized. Moreover, there are three wooden barracks, supplementary or auxiliary, all lighted with acetylene lamps.

The camp is situated on the summit of a hill, near Camp Morand, in the midst of pines. The climate is excellent. The old barracks are kept in good condition and well ventilated.

The bedding is of wood and in two tiers, furnished with a straw mattress and sufficient winter covers. There is a stove with sufficient wood.

The men have considerable freedom since 230 work outside for private employers.

Food - 500 to 600 grams of bread daily  
Meat three times a week (150 grs.)  
½ liter of wine for workers

The Commandant receives a grant of 11 frs. daily for each man from the state. A well cultivated vegetable garden assures a supplement of green vegetables and potatoes.

Canteen - Conducted by a grocer of Boghar, - open at fixed hours.

Community Hall - does not exist.

Clothing - The Regional Office has reserved some clothing for winter, but needs linen, sweaters and towels.

Hygiene - Showers are obligatory twice a week and a third with hot water. The quantity of water available is 12 liters an hour in the summer, which is somewhat scant. The toilets are well installed.

Infirmary - A doctor who is an internee, a military doctor, and an infirmary attendant meet the needs of the sick. There are no compresses and bandages, no "solucamphre" and "Eugenan".

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It contains 24 beds, the more serious cases are sent to the Military camp of Morend which is near.

An Austrian dentist has organized a dental unit where he has been able to make plates and bridges with the aid of a dental technician.

Library - The men read very little. The YMCA has sent them some books.

Permissions - These are given by the Office of Work, for those who have approval of officials in the place where they propose to stay during their leave.

Work - There are three groups:

The men who go to private employers are paid according to the tariff of the collective contract, from 50 to 70 frs. a day.

Workers in the camp workshop who are paid piece work (blacksmith, carpentry, alfalfa workers.

Camp workers are occupied with light work and paid .50 frs. an hour, 4 frs. a day.

Work is voluntary since included among the internees are the disabled, infirm, and old.

Discipline - The men can be punished by prison or by additional disciplinary work. Five inspectors and six guards watch the camp.

Interviews - (without witnesses)

The food is insufficient. The chief of the camp replies that with only 11 frs. provided for each man's food daily, he can do no better. There were no other complaints.