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Gruppe Kommandant
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O.-U., den 23. Oktober 1941

CAMP REGULATIONS

I. Subordination.

1. The Commandant of the Camp or his personal representative are military superiors to all P. o. W. therein. They will be saluted by all officers and other ranks P. o. W.

2. All German officers and officials of officer's rank will be saluted in the same way when and as long they are on duty in the camp.

3. In addition the guards, when on duty, are the military superiors of all officers and other ranks P. o. W. There is no obligation for the guards to salute the officers P. o. W. or vice versa.

II. General Regulations

4. One of the German officers - The First

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Camp Officer (F.C.O.) - will be charged by the Commandant to take special care of the Camp. His functions will be those of a liaison-officer between the Commandant and the Senior British officer of the Camp. The F.C.O. will be assisted by additional German officers (Camp Officers - C.O.) in case of necessity.

5. One of the officers P.S.O.W. will be appointed Senior British officer of the Camp (S.B.O. - Lagerältester) by the Commandant, this appointment being revocable. The S.B.O. (Lagerältester) is responsible to the Commandant for the carrying out of the orders issued and for discipline. He may be assisted by one or more adjutants, who, if possible, should speak German. Failure to obey the orders lawfully issued by the S.B.O. (Lagerältester) will be punished in the same way as failure to obey orders of the German authorities.

6. The officers P.S.O.W. being in flag

will be divided into companies several companies forming a battalion. The orderlies will be detailed in a battalion of their own under the command of an officer P. S. O. W.

7. The S. B. O. (dayrättstör) will nominate senior officers for the different battalions (S. O. B.) and, in agreement with these senior officers for the different companies. These nominations will have to be confirmed by the Commandant of the camp. The S. O. B.'s and the senior officers of the companies, after being confirmed, will be responsible for the carrying out of the orders issued. Every day the senior officers of the companies will detail orderly officers for their respective companies. Their names, ranks, and room-numbers will be posted at the entrances of the barracks. The orderly officer will be responsible to the senior officer of the company.

for order and cleanliness within the quarters of his respective company and for the correct carrying out of the daily routine. He will remain in barracks while on duty. When stores are lit he will be responsible that there is no danger from fire in the barracks; he will remedy any defects he notices immediately. He will remain indoors during roll-call, church-parade, bath-parade and when games etc. are taking place, or may nominate a responsible official to take his place.

A room-captain will be nominated with an assistant for each room. Their names and ranks will be posted on the doors of the room.

III. Daily routine

8. Reveille for cooks 5 o'clock. Reveille for orderlies 7 o'clock. Reveille for officers will be at 7.30 hrs and latter

will be sounded on the bugle ten minutes before doors are locked. The times of unlocking the doors, of check-parade and of meals will be laid down in special Camp-orders.

9. All rooms, including kitchen, canteen etc. will be blacked out at dusk. The lights may only be switched on when the room in question has been carefully blacked out.

IV. Fires

10. A fire-party will be detailed for each barrack, consisting of a leader and six officers (or orderlies). Their duties will be permanent.

The names, ranks, and room-numbers of the fire-party will be posted at the entrance of the barrack-block.

11. In case of fire the fire-parties will immediately endeavour to put it out, at the same time informing the nearest German guard.

12. There are, in each barrack, water-tanks and 'sand-buckets and' in some barracks, fire-buckets and hand-pumps. The leader of the fire-party, on taking over, will ensure that the implements are complete and in good order, and that the tanks and buckets are full.
13. In the case of fire-alarm the officers Ps. o. W. will go to their barracks at once unless the latter are threatened by fire. Other ranks Ps. o. W. will fall in in front of their barracks; only when the barracks are in imminent danger will they remove ~~themselves~~ their belongings.
14. Should the barracks catch fire they will be vacated quietly. The Ps. o. W. occupying these barracks, except the men of the fire party, will fall in with their belongings on their usual parade grounds.

V. Air raid alarm

15. In case of an air raid alarm a special siren will be sounded. In case of a real air raid the "all clear" will be sounded by another siren, in case of a practice-alarm by the word "Entwarming."

16. Should the air raid be by day the P. S. O. W. will either immediately move into the barracks as quickly as possible, or throw themselves on the ground in the open or take cover where they can. It is prohibited to stand in the doorways or near the windows or to crouch outside. At night's the P. S. O. W. will stay in barracks and try to take what shelter they can from splinters. The P. S. O. W. moreover will see that all windows and doors are opened and that the fire-parties and first aid-parties are all present.

17. All movement within the camp

will cease at once, all lights will be switched off.

18. It is strictly prohibited to leave the Camp. The Gentries have orders to use their fire-arms without warning at any attempt to escape.

VI. Officers' pay

19. No P. o. W. is permitted to retain German or foreign currency, Securities, bonds, etc. or savings' books. These are to be deposited, and a receipt obtained. The money, Securities etc. taken away will be looked after by the Camp-Paymaster. They will be restored to the P. o. W. or transferred to other Camps in the event of release or evacuation.

P. o. W. who in spite of the above regulation are found with any money or securities will be punished severely. In this case the money or securities found on the P. o. W. will,

Moreover, be confiscated.

20. On the 1st and 15th of every month the P. s. o. w. will receive pay. Payment is made in Camp money, which is current within the camp. In case of repatriation the money will be given back. It will be credited to the P. s. o. w.'s account (on Personalkarte II) and will be returned in current money as soon as circumstances permit.

VII. Clothing

21. A special regulation will be issued later.

The P. s. o. w. are not allowed to make themselves clothes, especially civilian, either from their own or other material. Failure to comply with this regulation will be severely punished. Such attempts being looked upon as preparations for escape.

VIII. Baggage

22. All P. s. o. w., officers included, are

not, as a rule, allowed to retain more baggage in the camp than they are able to carry themselves personally when being transferred to another camp. Exceptions to this rule will be admitted only to a very small extent, and in case of transfer facilities for the baggage to be taken to the station will only be granted accordingly.

(X. Quarters

23. The rooms and corridors of the barracks, the bathrooms, and the lavatories will have to be cleaned every day with the utmost scrupulousness. The orderly officers P. O. W. of the different barracks will inspect the above rooms several times a day and get them cleaned when necessary.

24. Regarding the issue of fuel a special regulation will be issued. It is prohibited to store up fuels of any kind in the rooms. It is also prohibited to

burn boards shavings, and any other wooden articles of the barrack inventory.

25. The P. o. W. are particularly warned to be careful of the roller-blinds of the light-switches and of the bulbs. Damages will have to be paid for by the P. o. W.

26. The P. o. W. will, furthermore, be careful to avoid any waste of water while washing or taking showers.

27. Damages to, or breakage of crockery etc. or fittings will be paid for whether the damage is willful or accidental. If the individual in whose quarters the damage has arisen cannot be traced, the company will be held responsible for the costs of repair or replacement. Furthermore attention is drawn to the fact that blankets, sheets, crockery etc. when missing will be paid for by the responsible Officer.

28. It is strictly forbidden to change

beds, tables, palliasses, and stools from one room to another.

29. Should there be any unoccupied room in a barrack it is strictly forbidden to make them uninhabitable for other P. o. W. by removing bed boards, palliasses, pillows, etc.

X. Medical services

30. There is a special Sick-bay in the camp (minor hospital). Sick-parade daily from 10 to 11 hrs in the presence of the German Camp doctor. The Camp doctor will be assisted by the medical officers P. o. W. in attending the sick P. o. W. In the event of the Sick-bay being full, newcomers will be transferred to the nearest military hospital. P. o. W. treated in the Sick-bay will not be visited by other P. o. W. of the camp. In urgent and exceptional cases visits may be granted with the authorization of the German Camp doctor. The P. o. W.

are particularly forbidden to have any communication with the Sick P. o. W. through the windows. Sick-bay rules will be brought to the notice of each patient who will certify that he has seen them.

31. Every P. o. W. who is admitted to the Sick-bay by order of the Camp doctor will bring not only his blanket and bed-linen but also his cutlery and cup. The remainder of his articles will be looked after by the Room Captain.
32. P. o. W. and other ranks who have been admitted to hospital have to restrict themselves in respect of luggage. Generally speaking only toilet-requisites will be brought. On return from hospital to the Camp such officers and other ranks have to report to the Camp doctor at the next sick-parade.
33. P. o. W. are forbidden, unless expressly ordered to the contrary, to enter the Disinfecting Rooms. The

instructions of the personnel there are to be obeyed at once in all circumstances.

34. For urination the P. o. W. ~~are~~ ~~for~~ ~~bidden~~ will use only the constructed urinals in the latrines. It is strictly forbidden to urinate in the latrines themselves, because in this case the seats will be dirtied. Failure to comply with this order will be punished. Furthermore it should be an understood thing for each officer to leave the latrines as clean as he found them. In the interest of the health of the whole camp it is forbidden for any one to relieve himself by day in any other place than the latrines, or by night in the closets and buckets to be found in the barracks. P. o. W. will not stand on the seats.

35. P. o. W. who have lice or other bugs, or who have skin or contagious diseases i.e. are carriers of bacilli, must report at once to the Sick-bay as soon

as lice are found, or their illness diagnosed, so that the spreading of the above may be stopped. The same applies to dysentery cases. The camp can only be kept free of epidemics when all such diseases are taken in their early stages. It is forbidden that P. o. W. should attempt to rid themselves of lice by washing their clothes themselves. These clothes must go to the laundry since only in this way can all eggs be killed. Failure to comply with this order will be punished.

36. Dressings in the sick-bay will take place only from 14⁰⁰ to 15³⁰ hrs.

37. It is strictly forbidden that P. o. W. officers or other ranks, who feel sick should be treated in their rooms by doctors P. o. W. who have not been nominated by the German Camp doctor for such permanent duties in the sick-bay. All officers feeling sick must report without exception to the

Camp doctor who alone may decide whether the 'sick P. o. W. will be taken into the sick-bay or remain in his room. P. o. W. who are seriously ill and cannot themselves report to the sick-bay, will inform the senior officer of their company, who, for his part, will report their 'case' to the German camp doctor. Treatment of sickness will be undertaken only by those doctors P. o. W. who have been nominated by the Camp doctor.

38. A special camp order will nominate doctors and orderlies P. o. W. to help the Camp doctor in ensuring that the hygiene of the camp and the cleanliness of the barracks and their surroundings are maintained. Such doctors and medical orderlies will not give any treatment and will confine themselves exclusively to the above duties. In this capacity they have the right to give orders to the orderlies P. o. W. who have

been detailed for the maintenance of such cleanliness.

39. Treatment of cases needing dental treatment as far as extractions and fillings are concerned will be carried out by the P. o. W. - Dentists working in the Camp hospital; treatment will be free. Dentures can be obtained from the German Camp doctor. The cost of the dentures will be borne by the patient; other ranks will be charged at the lowest rates of the Preuss. Gebühreordnung, Teil IV; officers and officials holding officers' rank at double lowest rates. The German Government will pay the costs of replacement of teeth only in so far as is necessary for the maintenance of good health. In such case an application is to be made giving the estimate of the German dentist. The necessity of repairs will be decided by the Camp doctor. Permission

must be given by the Corps doctor.
40. Bath-parades will be carried out strictly in order of rooms and barracks. The room-captains are responsible that the occupants of the rooms are marched to the bath. Once a month in connection with the bath-parade a medical examination will take place. A later camp order will detail bath-times.

XI. Divine service and educational activities
41. Educational activities may only be held after being authorized by the Commandant. Authorization has to be asked for in good time by the S.B.O. (Lagerältester). For Divine service the times must be fixed in good time with the Commandant. In case of sermons, their text must be handed to the Commandant's office 3 days before.

XII. Camp Canteen.

42. There is a Canteen in the Camp. Hours of opening are Mornings 9³⁰ to 11³⁰ hrs and, afternoons 14³⁰ hrs till dusk. Changes in these times will be ordered periodically. The Canteen will be run by the camp authorities. The distribution of salable articles will take place through the officers P.O.W. themselves under the supervision of the camp authorities. The sale of spirits is forbidden.

The purchasing of all articles for sale in the camp Canteen must be approved by the Commandant, who, for his part, will instruct the responsible administration department to obtain them. Such articles are to be entered and numbered consecutively in a duplicate-book.

All articles delivered to the Canteen are to be checked at once in respect of number and correctness, and are to be paid for.

Empty boxes, sacks, wrappings, and cartons will not be used in the camp but will be returned as quickly as possible.

Used razor-blades, tops, tubes and silver-paper are to be separately collected in each barrack.

43. All glasses, watches, fountain-pens, trussels, and all objects of any kind needing repair are to be handed in by the P. O. W. to the canteen only and a receipt obtained from an official of Oflag VI/B. The return of the above articles will follow in the same way i.e. on production of the receipt to the canteen. All attempts to obtain repairs in any other way will be punished.

XIII. Postal Arrangements

44. A separate order will give details of the regulations governing the correspondence between P. O. W.

and their relations and also details of the collection and distribution of post.

XIV. Discipline, penalties

45. All P. o. W., officers and other ranks, are expected to be willing to maintain order and discipline. Any failure to comply with the orders and instructions issued by the Commandant will be punished accordingly. The guards, patrols, and the tower-guards are ordered to make use of their firearms without warning at any attempt to escape. The same order will be carried out should a P. o. W. conduct himself suspiciously in the vicinity of the barbed wire. P. o. W. are forbidden to approach the wire fence nearer than the trip-wire.

46. All P. o. W. are subject to the laws, regulations, and orders issued in the German army, under which

disciplinary action may be taken against them by the Commandant. In addition to such disciplinary punishment, acts involving judicial inquiry may also be tried by a court martial.

XV. Complaints

47. Complaints, provided they are solidly grounded, may be laid before the Commandant through the S.B.O. (Lagerältester), who will forward them with his comments.

48. Supplementary additions to the above Camp regulations will be issued when required.

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Major and Camp Commandant

POINTS FROM LAGERBEFEHL Nr. 01

23/10/41.

German Greeting

V. The German greeting may not be used by the prisoners.

XVI. Airing of barrack rooms

I am prepared to allow as an experiment that after the nightly closing of barrack doors the windows of rooms may be opened as necessary in order to facilitate a better airing during the night. Should this concession lead to any misuse or to the least infringement of camp discipline (attempts to escape, climbing in and out of the windows), I will cancel this measure made in the interests of the prisoners of war, independently of any punishments of the culprits. It therefore rests with the prisoners of war whether they will retain by faultless behaviour

or not this concession offered in the general interest.

XIX. Pastimes of the officers P. o. W. within the Camp.

In their leisure hours it is left to the discretion of officers what games they play (chess, draughts, patience or card games). Any gambling is strictly forbidden. Those who indulged in gambling will be punished.

XXIII. Distribution of leaflets dropped by aircraft

A French prisoner had translated into French a leaflet dropped by British aircraft and read the translation to his comrades. Legal proceedings were taken against the French prisoner.

From this precedent it is ordered that such leaflets may not be distributed but are to be immediately handed to the nearest member of the

German forces. Infringement of this
order will be punished by law.

Postal Notice 8/11/41 by B. Potal Staff.

Letters mentioning the following points have been returned. - Number in Camp. Number in rooms. Locking up at 7^{pm.} Lighting arrangements. Night latrines and laboratory accommodation. Washing facilities. Fleas etc. Leaky roofs. Description of camp generally, rooms and dining hall. - "We have such a useful white cat". "The place is more like the imagined prison camp". "Not quite the standard of the Jartmoor luxury Hotel". "We are only allowed to state bare facts". "Not allowed to make derogatory remarks". "No comment is permitted on our conditions". "Camp is different from last". "Staff not prepared and cannot cope with the letters and parcels". "Difficult to write with regularity at the moment as it will take time to get things going in a camp of this size". "The Camp is fantastic and we still think it must all be a mistake". - Mention of air raids,

black out, shooting, mode of travel here,
puncturing of tires, visit of Red X repres-
entative, memories of prisoner-escorting
in England, description of hospital by S.M.O.

Under the heading "Brittanic Indignities" from the Popolo d'Italia (some date in Jan. 1942)

"The treatment by the English of Italian ps.o.w. according to certain reports is absolutely in antithesis to all existing international conventions.

"Officers in prison camps in desert zones are compelled to live 8 or 10 in a tent which should not house more than half this number, and to sleep on the bare ground. It is no exaggeration to say that the food is absolutely insufficient and almost unobtainable.

"Water is precious and as there is only one tap, usually under the control of the British, it is often entirely lacking in days of great heat or sand-storms when consumption is greater.

"As can easily be imagined with

This state of affairs, hygienic conditions are very bad and the tents are full of insects of every description.

"The Commandant of the Camp is a Sergeant, sometimes a Cpl., and check-parades etc are carried out by them in a harsh and rude manner.

"The Fascist salute is not permitted even though the S.I.O. has tried to make them understand that such a form of greeting is customary in the Italian army for soldiers without head-wear.

"But the prohibitions do not stop here. The normal salute to the Duce is forbidden and woe to him who sings the national Fascist songs.

What the Italian officers resent most, however, is being commanded by a sergeant without ever contacting British officers.

"As for pay, one can say that they have never been truly and

properly paid. The prisoners can only buy on credit, recorded for the English by means of some Jewish accountants, up to about 130 lira-worth of goods, which is ridiculous.

"The prisoners are unable to obtain their necessary wants. After the thefts and spoils which they have suffered they have nothing left. The Australians enriched themselves of their watches, rings etc by brute force and, if this was not enough, the personal baggage of the officers was minutely examined a second time by a group of English Spts. In this second search the few remaining articles of value, not to speak of ties, shirts etc, disappeared.

"In April and May several officers and men fell under the fire of the Indian sentries of the Camp. Carrying out to the letter the orders of the English, they opened fire more

than once on persons who had unconsciously advanced too close to the wire.

"The movement of p.o.w. from one point to another in Egypt is effected in open-truck goods-trains which stand for hours on end at intermediate stations under the desert sun.

"None of the prisoners has ever been visited by a representative of the protecting power. Even the Apostolic delegate was refused entry. The only visitors have been several American journalists who asked the prisoners particularly absurd questions.

Gebrauch der Schußwaffe

ohne Anruf.

Von der Schußwaffe wird ohne Anruf Gebrauch gemacht:

- 1) Wenn Kr.-Gef. den Warndraht berühren oder überschreiten, die Drahtumzäunung übersteigen oder schon die Umzäunung überschritten haben.
- 2) Wenn Kr.-Gef. in der Zeit von Zapfenstreich bis Wecken oder während eines Alarms die Unterkünfte eigenmächtig verlassen.
- 3) Wenn Kr.-Gef. die Wachmannschaften angreifen oder mit einem Angriff bedrohen.
- 4) Wenn Kr.-Gef., denen bei Uebernahme oder Festnahme für den Fall des Fluchtversuches der Waffengebrauch angedroht wurde, zu flüchten versuchen.

Die Ausnahmen bei Fliegeralarm und Bränden innerhalb des Lagers sind allen Kr.-Gef. unterm 19. 6. 1944 schriftlich bekanntgegeben worden.

I. Je ein Exemplar an alle Kr.-Gef.

II. Bekanntgabe jeweils am 1. jeden Monats beim Frühappell an alle Kr.-Gef.

Eichstätt, den 31. Juli 1944

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Oberst und Kommandant.

Use of arms without warning.

Guards will make use of arms without warning in the following cases:

- 1) Should Ps. o. W. touch or cross the trip-wire, attempt to cross or cross the barbed wire.
- 2) Should Ps. o. W. leave the barracks arbitrarily between tattoo and reveille and/or during an airraid.
- 3) Should Ps. o. W. attack or menace the guards.
- 4) Should Ps. o. W. attempt to escape while being arrested or transferred after having been informed of the use of arms in case they attempt to escape.

The exceptions during airraids and in case of fire within the camp were made known to all Ps. o. W. on 19. 6. 1944.

I. One copy to each P. o. W.

II. To be read on the first of every month on morning parade to all Ps. o. W.

Eichstätt, den 31. 7. 44.

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Oberst und Kommandant.

Anweisung für Pfortner, Wachen und Posten bei Fliegeralarm und bei Bränden innerhalb des Lagers

Die Kriegsgefangenen haben nach erfolgtem Fliegeralarm fünf Minuten Zeit um sich in die Unterkünfte zu begeben.

Erfolgt der Fliegeralarm vor und die Entwarnung nach dem Zapfenstreich, dann haben die Kriegsgefangenen, welche sich in anderen Unterkünften befinden, nach der Entwarnung zehn Minuten Zeit sich in ihre eigenen Quartiere zu begeben.

Bei Bränden innerhalb des Lagers während Fliegeralarm und nach dem Zapfenstreich dürfen die gefährdeten Kriegsgefangenen und die zu Feuerlösch-, Absperr- und Sanitätstrupps eingeteilten Kriegsgefangenen ihre Quartiere verlassen.

Die Posten sind strengstens angewiesen, bei diesen besonderen Gelegenheiten von den Schusswaffen keinen Gebrauch zu machen, wenn sich die Kr.-Gef. zum genannten Zweck innerhalb der Warndrahtgrenze bewegen.

Eichstätt, den 30. 11. 43
19. 6. 44

Zur Kenntnis an alle Kr.-Gef.

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Oberst und Kommandant

Fire and Airraid Regulations für Gate-keepers, Guards, and Sentries

Ps. o. W. are allowed five minutes to go into the barracks after the airraid warning has been given.

Should the warning be given before and the all-clear after tattoo, all Ps. o. W. not in their own barracks will be allowed 10 minutes after the all-clear to return to their own barracks.

In case of fire in the camp after tattoo or during an airraid the endangered Ps. o. W. as well as the fire, cordon, and first-aid squads may leave the barracks.

All sentries have received strict orders not to make use of arms on these occasions as long as the above-mentioned Ps. o. W. remain within the tripwire.

Eichstätt, den 30. 11. 43
19. 6. 44

All Ps. o. W. are to be informed.

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