

RELEASE OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOUR

IN REG BEZ MINDEN.

INSTRUCTIONS TO LANDRATS (except Halle & Bielefeld)

PROCEDURE AT REG BEZ LEVEL

1. About 23 000 GERMAN prisoners of war will be distributed to farms throughout Reg Bez MINDEN.
2. They will all pass through a 'DISPERSAL POINT CAMP' situated at KUNSEBECK SOUTH of HALLE.
3. Here they will be sorted into parties for each Kreis & dispatched in lorries every 24 hours.
4. Registration & sorting will be carried out at the DISPERSAL POINT CAMP by the Arbeitsamt at BIELEFELD.

PROCEDURE AT KREIS LEVEL.

5. Reception Centres.

- (a) Every Landrat will arrange for a Reception Centre for the prisoners of war in his Kreis.
- (b) The exact location of the Kreis Reception Centre shown on a sketch map will be sent to the Military Government Detachment of the area & a copy will also be sent to the Arbeitsamt at BIELEFELD, on or before June 4th, so that convoys of prisoners can be directed thither, (To Kreis Reception Centre).
- (c) Batches of prisoners will begin to arrive in Kreise on June 6th.
- (d) Documentation will be carried out by the staff of the Nebenstelle of Arbeitsamt.

6. Procedure on Arrival of Prisoners at Reception Centre.

- (a) Each batch of Prisoners will be in charge of a British soldier who will hand two copies of the Nominal Roll of the prisoners delivered, to the Landrat or his representative. A copy of the Nominal Roll is attached.
- (b) One copy will be signed & returned to the soldier as a receipt for the prisoners.
- (c) The other copy will be retained at the Reception Centre, columns (4) & (5) on the form will be completed for each prisoner & the forms will then be sent to the Military Government Detachment of the area, indicated at the foot of the form.
- (d) Each prisoner will be issued with a food ration card & will proceed to his place of employment on foot, unless the Landrat provides transport if required. Army transport will not be used.

7. Classes of Prisoner.

- (a) There are two Classes of GERMAN Prisoner:-

- (I) Class 'A' are those who live in the Kreis. They will proceed to their homes.
 - (II) Class 'B' are those who live in a different Province, but are required to make up necessary numbers.
- (b) Class 'B' Prisoners will be ordered by the Landrat, to report to the local police office once every month.

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1. Übersetzen.
2. Abschrift der Übersetzung hat Arbeitsamt hier und in Salzkotten erhalten.
3. Die weiteren Abschriften sind den Ämtern Lichtenau und Atteln zur Kenntnisnahme ~~vorzulegen~~. zuzusenden.
4. Bericht wie vorseitig eingefordert mit Skizze erstatten.
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