

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Fort Lincoln, North Dakota

GERMAN CAMP BULLETIN NO. 9

General rules

1. All detainees must be off the streets and in their barracks by 10 p.m.
2. All detainees must be out of the washrooms, in their beds, lights and radios off by 10:45 p.m.
3. No smoking in the rooms after 10 p.m.
4. No smoking during the moving picture shows.
5. Rooms must be clean and in good order at all times.
6. All trash must be placed outside of the buildings and in the proper containers by 8:30 a.m. every day.
7. All detainees who live in rooms that have empty beds must move so that they occupy beds next to each other.
8. Each detainee is permitted one suitcase in his room and either one suitcase, trunk, box, or seabag in the baggage room. All other baggage must be properly inspected, listed in three copies, locked, and placed in the Government storehouse.
9. No one will be excused from room service because of classes. No one will be excused from work required by this office because of school classes except those attending the Kates and Technical classes and they will be expected to work, when required, on off time.
10. No posters, cartoons, or notices of any type are to be posted at any place unless authorized by the Liaison Office.
11. All meetings or gatherings of any type, except school classes, church services, or movies must be approved by this office.
12. No electrical equipment of any type will be permitted to enter the inclosure except by permission of the Liaison Office.
13. The meal hours are: 8 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., 12 M to 12:20 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Only the kitchen and messhall workers are permitted to enter the messhall before the regular meal hours.
14. Any detainee who defaces or destroys any Government property will be subject to disciplinary action.

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Hospital rules

1. All detainees who are advised by the attendants at the First Aid Station to report to the camp hospital for observation or treatment, should report direct to the camp hospital, enter through the south door and sit in the waiting room until called by the doctor.
2. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, all detainees in need of dental attention may answer dental call at the same time and in the same manner as those answering sick call.
3. Inform the Liaison Office immediately of any emergency treatment needed.
4. No medicines will be permitted to enter the inclosure except from the Government hospital.
5. Special medicines may be purchased by those desiring same with the written permission of either Dr. Moyer or Dr. Orr. Money for such medicines must accompany the orders and be turned over to the Liaison Office.
6. Refraction of eyes and repairs to glasses may be arranged through the Liaison Office. Where the cost is to be paid by the Government, arrangements must be made with the Liaison Office.
7. Detainees will be permitted to visit the camp hospital on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Permission to visit must be obtained from the Liaison Office. Detainees visiting the hospital must enter through the south door and under no circumstances enter the isolation ward without permission from the doctor or public health nurse in charge.

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Mail Rules

1. All communications to and from detainees will be censored.
2. Detainees will be permitted to write two letters per week. Necessary business letters will not be counted against the two-letter limit.
3. Letters must be written on one side of the paper only, and be of not more than twenty-five lines in length. Inform those writing to you that this also applies to incoming mail, except mail coming from outside the United States.
4. Special delivery and registered letters will not be permitted except in cases of emergency.
5. Approval of the Liaison Office must be obtained before mailing any pictures.
6. The censor's stamp will appear on the lower lefthand corner of each page. The censor's stamp will not be placed on the envelope.
7. Detainees may send letters free of all postal charges to their native countries. This does not include air mail.
8. Envelopes of letters which detainees wish to send postage-free to their native countries must be addressed as per sample.

<p>Name of Detainee</p>  <p>Full name and address of addressee</p>	<p>Name of detainee Room No., Area No. Fort Lincoln Box 300, Bismarck, N.D. U.S.A.</p>
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9. Detainees may send letters, postcards and packages, not exceeding four pounds in weight, free of postage to any place in the United States. This does not include air mail, insurance or registration of articles.
10. COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING PROHIBITED OR OBJECTIONABLE MATTER LISTED BELOW WILL EITHER BE RETURNED TO THE SENDER OR THE OBJECTIONABLE MATTER WILL BE DELETED.
  - a. Malicious and false complaints regarding conditions of detention. (This shall not apply to complaints of whatever nature addressed to this Department, the State Department, or the Legation of the Protecting Power.)
  - b. Malicious and false complaints against policies of the United States, concerned with its prosecution of the war or its handling of the alien enemy problem.

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Mail Rules (Continued)

- c. Matters appearing to be enemy propaganda.
- d. Matters relating to personnel, equipment, or organization of the armed forces of the United States, such as military assignments, recruitments, troop movements, or equipment, etc.
- e. Information relating to shipping and ship movements.
- f. Information concerning the production of materials of war.
- g. Information regarding the physical layout of the detention facility, the number and location of guards and other personnel assigned thereat, of matters in any way relating to the security of the detention facility.
- h. Number or names of alien enemies in detention.
- i. Statements which are not understandable and which may have a hidden meaning. Doubts shall be resolved in favor of this Service and the United States. (Abbreviations, nicknames, biblical references, formulas of any type, descriptions of persons, geographic names, weather conditions.)
- j. No communication regarding stamp collections will be handled.
- k. Information received in letters cannot be sent to anyone else.
- l. Generally speaking, communications shall be of a personal or family character. No mention of politics or military matters shall be made.

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Whistle and Siren Signals

Outside Count

1. Immediately after TWO long blasts of the whistle, all German detainees will assemble in the athletic field west of building No. 30.
2. Assembly will be in groups of 25 men. Each room captain will be held responsible to the officer making the count to report any man in his room who is unable to be present. Detainees will stay in this assembly until released by one long blast of the whistle.
3. Detainees billeted outside of the inclosure and in the hospital must return immediately to their quarters at the sounding of this whistle count and remain there until the release whistle is blown.

Bed Count

1. Immediately after THREE long blasts of the whistle all detainees must assemble in their quarters and remain by their beds until released by one long blast of the whistle.
2. Detainees billeted outside of the inclosure and in the hospital must return immediately to their quarters at the sounding of this whistle count and remain there until the release whistle is blown.

Air Raid

1. When the first Air Raid Warning is called to the Camp, the Guards will inform all detainees to return to their quarters.
2. When the siren signal of two minutes' duration is sounded, all detainees must be off of the streets and in their quarters and all lights MUST be extinguished immediately.
3. Smoking is prohibited during air raid blackouts.
4. After the first siren signal is sounded, all detainees are required to remain in their barracks until the siren is sounded again indicating all clear.