

NOT ONE COMPLAINT FROM AMHERST HUNS

Major Oulton, in Charge of Detention Camp, Unequivocally Denies Ill-treatment Story.

By Canadian Press.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 24.—Major G. R. Oulton, in command of the detention camp here, said last night that he had never received a complaint from one of the 700 German civilian prisoners confined there, but that on the contrary scores had expressed to him their satisfaction with the conditions. Maj. Oulton also said he had several visits from the American consul, C. Forman, of Moncton, N. B., who, according to the commandant had always expressed himself as pleased with the conditions found.

Never a Complaint Made.

In connection with the despatch from Berlin regarding alleged ill-treatment and unsanitary conditions at the camp, Maj. Oulton said:

"I have never received a complaint from one of the prisoners regarding their treatment. On the contrary, I have been told by scores of them that the treatment given them is all that could be asked for or expected; in fact, much better than they formerly received at Jamaica. Their food is the regular army rations, except that in place of one pound of fresh beef daily, they get one-half pound five days of the week and the other two days they get one pound. We are starting on the government farm work this week, when they will be given full rations. I have had several visits from the American consul, Mr. C. Forman, of Moncton, N. B., and he always expressed himself as well pleased with the conditions at this station.

Use of Oven as Lock-up.

"In explanation of the criticism of the use of oven, I would say that it is an old unused brick and iron furnace, used formerly for the tempering of casts into malleable iron. It measures eight feet by twenty feet,

is clean and cool and is never used except as a lock-up for men disobeying the order of the camp, and then for not more than twenty four hours at one time, except in one case in which a man was in for two days for assaulting a fellow-prisoner."

Dr. Mackintosh, medical officer at Amherst said: "In every respect the sanitary conditions of the camp are satisfactory. The general health of the prisoners is excellent and in fact there is less sickness among the prisoners than among the guards in charge. I have never had a complaint of ill-treatment from any of the men."

Inspected by U. S. Consul.

By Canadian Press.

Washington, Aug. 24.—State department officials expressed surprise at reports from Berlin of unsatisfactory conditions in the German prison camp at Amherst, N. S. Latest reports to the department concerning conditions at the camp mentioned the occurrence of some minor trouble, arising from the prisoners' complaint against Canadian cooking, but that had been settled, it was stated by the substitution of two of

the prisoners as cooks. If official complaints were received, it was stated, the department would instruct the consul at Moncton to investigate and report. The United States, as custodian of German interests in Canada, is responsible for the adjustment of differences relating to the prisoners.