

ALIEN PRISONERS IN NORTHERN WILDS

Camp Established at Harri-
canow, Que., in Command
of Major Date

WILL BE WELL EQUIPPED

Prisoners to Build Huts and
Clear Bush—Full Military
Camp Outfit Sent for Pri-
soners' Comfort

Major Date, assistant provost marshal for Montreal, is now at Harri-canow, Que., a point in the northern wilderness, about 170 miles east of Cochrane Station, on the Grand Trunk Pacific, where he is establishing the first internment camp for enemy aliens in the province of Quebec. While nothing has been heard of the party since they left Montreal, it is expected that Major Date and his prisoners will be by this time under canvas in the snow, with the interned men hard at work building huts for the camp, which will be a permanent one until the close of the war.

A complete equipment of officers, accompanied the party, consisting of Major W. E. Date, camp commandant; Capt. R. A. C. Kane, of the 3rd V.R.C., 2nd in command; Major J. A. Williams, A.M.C., medical officer; Lieut. F. C. A. Macklin, 5th Royal Highlanders, company officer. The military guards for the camp were supplied by 25 N.C.O.'s and men from the 5th Royal Highlanders, with the composite battalion at the Peel street barracks, 1 N.C.O. and 2 men from No. 15 Co., Canadian Army Service Corps, and 1 N.C.O., and 2 men from the Army Medical Corps.

The party left Montreal by special train on Wednesday, taking with them a few prisoners from the Detention Prison on St. Antoine street. The train called at Kingston, and picked up about 50 more alien enemies there, and completed its load en route to Cochrane.

A camping equipment, with all supplies and tools for establishing a permanent camp, was taken with the special train, which stopped at Harri-canow, where the prisoners were debarked with their military guards, several hundred miles away from anywhere on the map.

WILL CLEAR UP BUSH.

The plan is that the interned enemy aliens shall be kept there during the war, and that as many more as are needed shall be sent there for detention. The men will be kept under strict discipline, and be put to work clearing up the bush, so as to keep them employed. They will be given clothing and subsistence, and a small allowance, about 25 cents a day additional, and it is likely most of them will save money, as the opportunities for spending their money will not be oppressive.

Special care has been taken to give the interned prisoners good outfits for their holiday in the Canadian north. Each man has been equipped with a sheepskin lined coat, good strong canvas trousers, and plenty of warm underwear, so that they will not suffer from the cold, which in that region is apt to be severe at times. The men have been carefully provided for, both as to clothing, food, medical and other supplies, so that no excuse could be offered the Germans for attempting cruelties to their British prisoners on the ground that their men were not well cared for in Canada. It is likely that most of them will have a far better time of it as prisoners than they would have had around Montreal as alien enemies out of money and work.

It is expected that when Major Date has established the camp he will return to resume his work as assistant provost marshal at Montreal, and that another officer will be sent up to take permanent charge of the alien settlement in the wilderness.