

GERMANY THREATENS TO TREAT CANADIAN PRISONERS WITH GREATER SEVERITY

Official Statement Issued by German Military Authorities Asserts That Germans Interned at Amherst, N.S., Are Kept in Unsanitary Prisons Are Badly Fed and Maltreated—Authorities in Charge of Detention Camp and Washington State Officials Both Deny German Report

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LONDON, Aug. 23.—The Hague correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the German military authorities have issued an order that certain classes of British prisoners of war, especially Canadians, are henceforth to be treated with increased severity. The order is accompanied by an official statement alleging that a number of Germans interned at Amherst, N.S., are being kept in insanitary prisons, are badly fed and maltreated. On this pretext Canadian prisoners are to be deprived of privileges ordinarily accorded prisoners of war, and will be placed on reduced rations.

No Complaints Received

AMHERST, N.S., Aug. 23.—In connection with the despatch from Berlin today regarding alleged ill treatment and unsanitary conditions at the military detention camp here, Major G. R. Oulton, in command of the detention camp, said tonight 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. Major Oulton also said that he had 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.

No Ground For Complaints

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—State department officials expressed surprise today 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' complaints against Canadian cooking, but that had been settled, it was stated, by the substitution of two of the prisoners as cooks. If official complaint 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.