

GERMANY CLAIMS AMHERST PRISONERS ARE ILL-TREATED

Will retaliate by Using Canadian Prisoners in Germany More Severely

Berlin, Aug. 23.—The German authorities are contemplating treating Canadian prisoners in Germany, civil and military, more severely, in retaliation for the treatment accorded German prisoners at Amherst, Nova Scotia, where seven hundred are interned. Complaints have reached here that the Amherst detention prison is an unventilated, unsanitary factory, and that prisoners, for attempting to escape and for less serious infractions of the rules were confined in a brick oven.

OTTAWA DENIES IT

Ottawa, Aug. 23. — It is officially stated here that the Berlin story of the ill-treatment of Germans at the Amherst interment camp is without the slightest foundation. There were 687 men interned there, most of them from German cruisers sunk early in the war. They were comfortably housed, fed with Canadian military rations and given no work or duties. On the objection of some of the naval officers to being quartered with ordinary seamen the former were removed to Halifax. "The basest of fabrications," the reports of ill-treatment are characterized.