

To Make Men Traitors

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Office of the Commandant, Zossen,
Crescent Camp (Halbmondlager).

CRESCENT CAMP,
August 20th, 1915.

REPORT.

On June 7th, 50 Irishmen, with one German non-commissioned officer, were handed over to this camp, to be temporarily accommodated. On July 16th another 5 Irishmen arrived, one of whom, having a broken leg, was sent to the camp hospital. There are therefore 54 Irishmen now here (1 sergeant-major, 1 deputy sergeant-major, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 3 lance-corporals and 43 privates).

They were accommodated as well as could be in the quarters of the Indian battalion, an arrangement which is very inconvenient, but inevitable considering the tasks imposed upon Crescent Camp.

The Irish form an Irish Brigade, which was constituted after negotiations between the Foreign Office and Sir Roger Casement, the champion of Irish independence.

Enclosed is the Foreign Office communication of December 28th, 1914, confirming the conditions on which the Irish Brigade was to be formed.

The members of the Irish Brigade are no longer German prisoners-of-war, but receive an Irish uniform; and, according to orders, instructions are to be issued to treat the Irish as comrades in arms.

The Irish are under the command of a German officer, First Lieutenant Boehm, the representative of the Grand General Staff (Political Division),