

FOUR THOUSAND MILES OF BARREN SIBERIAN LANDS SAFEGUARD RUSSIA'S CAPTIVES

Prisoners Roam About at Will All Day but Have to Report by Nightfall—Failure to do This Results in Their Being Locked Out, Which Means Death as Surely if They Were Stricken on the Battlefield

London, Dec. 19.—One small squad of Russian soldiers is serving as the guard for 100,000 Austrian and German prisoners, whose prison walls consist of four thousand miles of frozen steppes separating them from the borders of their own countries. These prisoners are interned at Semipalatinsk on the Irtysh River, near the borders of Western Mongolia. The prisoners were brought by rail to Omsk, where they embarked on steamboats for the thousand-mile trip down the Irtysh River to Semipalatinsk. Here splendid quarters for them were found in the big barracks erected for the mobilization of the Russian Army and unoccupied since its departure for the front.

Own Guards. Every morning at 8 o'clock the prisoners are released from the barracks and permitted about at will. When they depart in the morning they are told that unless they report at the barracks by nightfall they will be locked out, and at this time of the year in that bleak country this would mean certain death, as there are practically no places where they could obtain shelter. The freedom of the prisoners during the day is absolute, even to the extent of accepting employment from local mining companies.

One of the handicaps to the development of South-eastern Siberia is the lack of roads, and it is likely that the Russian War Department will be

asked to put these prisoners to road making. They have within their ranks not only the necessary manual laborers, but the equally important engineering staff to plan and supervise the work.

Acute Problem. The problem of caring for the German and Austrian prisoners in Russia is already becoming acute as the number increases, and the Russian government will enable the prisoners to be self-supporting.


An attaché of the Russian government now in London who left Petrograd only last week states that he was informed by an official of the Department of the Interior which has charge of the maintenance of the prisoners, that there are now in Russia, exclusive of the Germans reported as captured in the operations now under way in North Poland, 750,000 Austrian and German prisoners of war. Of this number only 200,000 are German. The remainder are Austrians, and most of them were captured during the campaign in Galicia.

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Some of the Germans Taken Prisoners in Western Belgium Are Only 17 or 18 Years of Age

In a letter to relatives in Burton, an officer of the Army Motor Transport Corps writes:

The last few days when we have been up to the front I have been put in command of a section of cars to take German prisoners to the railroad. I was talking to one of them, who was a waiter at the Grand Hotel Brighton, when I was there with you. Some of the prisoners taken the last few days are mere boys of 17 and 18. One of them yesterday told me he had only been in the field a few days before going into the trenches. Their officers are filling them with drinks and sometimes drugging it to make them mad. Most of them are quite pleased to be prisoners. A woman was shot here yesterday morning as a spy. She had been tapping the wireless station from the church steeple in the town where we return each evening at present.

We have been here about ten days now. A tremendous battle is raging round about this district, and some nights it is impossible to sleep for the guns roaring. Last night I had to turn out to take some reinforcements to the firing line. The row when I got up there was awful. When the big guns go off it shakes the clothes on you.

I asked the major, who very kindly asked me to stop and have a cup of tea at their headquarters, why the Germans had not continued to shell the village. All he said was, "Listen," and I listened, and could hear our guns going it, and then I understood what had silenced them.

Our artillery knew the position of these guns. They had watched the Germans bring them up and fix them, and let them commence firing, and afterwards put them out of action.

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JOKES AND SHOTS ARE EXCHANGED 'TWTIXT LINES

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ranged a modus vivendi. Diplomatic representatives from Scotland and Eaveria met and drew lots for the animals. Night and morning milkmen in kilts and milkmen in green-gray visited the hollow and milked the cows. When on the fifth day the German charge swept forward the dour Scots held to their trenches like badgers. The milkman encouraged them:

"Wud ye let they Dutchies hae the wee coos?" he demanded, angrily.

Two little groups, one German and one French, were entrenched within a few yards of each other in the Argonne forest. Over them hung that frightful odour that is characteristic of war. The wounded were everywhere. The Frenchmen ran up a white flag.

"Will you cease firing for an hour?" they asked. "Our lieutenant is dying and the noise pains him."

So the Germans ceased, and in a little more than an hour a young man walked forward from the French trenches and bowed like a courtier to the enemy.

"It is over now," said he. "We thank you, for we loved him."

And as the French soldier returned to his men the German captain rose in his place, his hand at the salute.

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