

AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY
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STALAG LUFT 4

STRENGTH: 1,482 AAF NCOs

LOCATION: Pin-point: 53°55' North Latitude, 16°15' East Longitude. The camp is at Gross Tychow, Pomeranis, 20 kilometers southeast of Beigard.

DESCRIPTION: Opened to Americans on 12 May 1944, this new camp is only one-quarter completed. Its eventual capacity will be 6,400. POWs are living in new wooden barracks where ventilation is at present insufficient but will soon be improved, according to the German commandant. Bathing facilities are not yet finished and POWs are unable to bathe. Toilet facilities are adequate. The Swiss delegate thinks the camp will be satisfactory when completed.

TREATMENT: Unknown

FOOD: POWs complain about the food situation. They do not handle the administration of Red Cross parcels and have asked the Swiss delegate to protest against the present system to the German High Command. In addition, the camp lacks facilities for individual preparation of Red Cross food.

CLOTHING: The clothing supply is insufficient, pending the arrival of Red Cross shipments.

HEALTH: Two American doctors are in charge of the temporary camp infirmary. Need of dental office has been foreseen, but none has yet been installed.

RELIGION: A chaplain has been requested.

PERSONNEL: Unknown

MAIL: Mail arrives irregularly.

RECREATION: A sports field lies within the camp, but there is no organized recreation, no theater and no canteen. YMCA representatives recently visited the camp.

WORK: NCOs are not required to work.

PAY: No known