



POW Camp Descriptions

AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY

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RUMANIA

STRENGTH: 543 AAF Officers and NCOs.

LOCATION: POWs are held in the following places:

Bucharest: 44.25' north latitude, 26.6' east longitude

Sinai Hospital: 45.21' north latitude, 25.32' east longitude

Regina Maria Brasov (military hospital): 45.38' north latitude, 25.34' east longitude

Timisul de Jos (Camp #18): 45.29' north latitude, 25.31' east longitude

DESCRIPTION: In center of Bucharest 396 Ps/W are confined in a school house, barrack and part of hospital. This figure includes 165 officers, 225 NCOs and 2 privates. A few more are held in the Sinai Hospital and the Military Hospital, Regina Maria Brasov, but the largest part of the remaining 147 are in Camp No. 18 at Timisul de Jos. Officers are segregated from enlisted men.

TREATMENT: Treatment has been excellent. Some report they are treated more like guests than POWs. All Americans were taken to Dulag Luft for periods ranging up to 2 weeks. After interrogations they were returned to Rumania. Marshal Antonescu and the Prime Minister of Rumania, accompanied by their wives and a small group of friends, visited the camp at Timisul de Jos. The party made a tour of inspection and suggested several improvements. POWs were asked if they had any complaints or suggestions to make. Marshal Antonescu brought gifts including a box of his specially made cigarettes bearing his autograph for each P/W.

FOOD: Rumanian ration is supplemented by Red Cross parcels and is satisfactory. Officers and enlisted men receive the same food.

CLOTHING: POWs have sufficient clothing, part of it furnished by the Red Cross.

HEALTH: A Rumanian military doctor visits camp daily. A civilian dentist visits camp twice a week. POWs are permitted weekly hot showers. Sanitary facilities in the enlisted men's quarters are not satisfactory but the Swiss delegate has taken up the matter with the Rumanian authorities.

RELIGION: No American chaplain but Catholics can attend services held by Rumanian priests once every 2 weeks. No Protestant services are held.

PERSONNEL: Senior American Officer: Major William Yaeger

American Man of Confidence: Sgt. Fred Randallr

Rumanian Commandant: (Camp No. 18): Major Cavaropol.

MAIL: POWs receive one letter and four card forms per month. Two letters and 8 cards per month are issued to the SAO. Mail from America arrives in 2 1/2 months. Letters from camp arrive in the U.S. in 3 to 4 months.

RECREATION: POWs are permitted to stay in the open air all day. They play volleyball and table tennis and have made their own cribbage boards, roulette, chess and checker sets. Much time is spent playing bridge and other card games. A good library is available and classes are being conducted in navigation, French and German. POWs have a recreation room and a radio.

WORK: POWs do not work, although they have requested that they be permitted to do so. All work in camp is done by Russian orderlies.

PAY: American POWs were paid in cash until November 1943. Since then both officers and noncommissioned officers receive credits in a sliding scale based on rank. Expenses for food and other items are deducted from these credits. Officers' credits are at the following rate:

Major	18,000 lei per month	Lieutenant	11,400 lei per month
Captain	13,000 lei per month	Second Lieutenant	9,400 lei per month

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