

R E P O R T

on

A C T I V I T I E S

Connected with the protection of German Interests
by the Consul in Charge at Sydney
acting under the jurisdiction of
THE SWISS LEGATION LONDON

During the period 13th February 1917 to 25th November 1919.

In conformity with the cable advices addressed to the
Swiss Consulate, Sydney, from the Swiss Minister, London,
under date the 7th February 1917, as follows:-

"ENSUITE RUPTURE DIPLOMATIQUE ETATS UNIS ALLEMAGNE
"SUISSE REPRESENTE INTERETS ALLEMANDS DANS EMPIRE
"BRITANNIQUE STOP VOUS ETES CHARGE DE CES INTERETS
"DANS CIRCONSCRIPTION VOTRE CONSULAT

the German Interests were transferred from the American to
the Swiss Consulate on the 13th February 1917.

Whereas the German Interests in the occupied German New
Guinea were likewise taken charge of in accordance with cable
instructions from the Swiss Minister, London, under date 16th
May 1917.

The late Swiss Consul having charge of the administration
until August 1918, when the undersigned was requested through
the Foreign Minister of Norway to act as Swiss Consul and to
take charge of the German Interests involved.

There being no Swiss Consular Representative in Newcastle,
the inventory and effects of the German Vice Consulate of that
place were forwarded by the American Vice Consul there to the
Swiss Consulate, Sydney, and were stored in the Offices of
the late Imperial German Consulate General at Sydney, in February
1917.

The work in connection with the protection of German

Interests



Interests has principally consisted in:-

1. Arrangement and equipment of Office accomodation, Archives, and Staff.
 2. Attention to the Interests, requirements and complaints of Interned (also uninterred) German subjects.
 3. Attention, distribution and advances of funds for for Internees comforts and benefit, also articles of comfort as forwarded, f.i. cigars, made, cigarettes, tobacco and wearing apparel from Manila and elsewhere.
 4. Correspondence.
 5. Compiling of various accounts and vouchers relative to the disposal of the various funds and remittances.
 6. Arrangements and control with regard to the distribution of numerous funds and grants, also taking charge of certain Trust Funds.
 7. Attention to numerous daily interviews with callers especially at the Office.
 8. Attention to extensive enquiries and researches for the missing German subjects.
 9. Camp Visits, and
 10. Reports thereon.
 11. Frequent interviews with Commonwealth Officials, Internees, and their representatives at different places distant from the Office.
 12. Compulsory removal of the late Imperial German Consular Archives and furniture from the late premises into the Storerooms.
- In reply to representations made advise was received from the Commonwealth Authorities...
- Amongst the numerous matters in connection with which the Internees have claimed intervention and urged that representations be made to the German, Swiss, Commonwealth, and other Authorities, therefore all such claims have since been submitted to the said are :-
- a. To lodge protests or claims for wrongful internment or treatment.
 - b. To ascertain the reasons for their internment.
 - c. Claims for property or luggage lost on the occasion of, or as a result of transit to their internment Camps.
 - d. Claims for liberty, assistance, extra rations, clothing, privileges, and comforts.
 - e. Removal of discomforts and hardships connected with such lengthened internment.
 - f. Claims for allowances or for wages due for work performed during internment.
- aforementioned

- g. Complaints for non-supply or for faulty supply of rations, clothing, &c. referred to this Office for apph. Requests for transfers to other Concentration Camps. through the Military Commandant of the Camp for distribution.

In all cases where any reasonable justification for Considerable unpleasantness and extra work was experienced protests, claims, complaints and representations have been made, at the hands of the refractory and the malcontented Internees the matters have been duly submitted to the respective Authorities in connection with the distribution of the German Government Grant on account of a number of the applicants being debarred, or otherwise received the attention or assistance they merited with more or less success. In connection herewith it may be stated that the representative section of the Internees after according to the German regulations governing the Grant, from participation therein. The following points being always kept suffering the monotony, discomforts, and hardships of four to five years internment on a low diet, again recently volunteered that keenly in view:-

1. The instructions received as to qualifications of especially during the last few years of their internment they have found the Camp administrators reasonably sympathetic, within the regulations of the Commonwealth Authorities. who presented

The majority of minor matters and complaints concerning individual internees were dealt with by the respective local Camp administrative Authorities through the various Camp Committees. Owing to the abuse and threats of a certain section of the Internees the Administrators resigned in February 1919. Endeavours were made with a view to appointing new Administrators but no

In reply to representations made advise was received from the Commonwealth Defence Department during the early part of the suitable persons acceptable to the Military Camp Authorities could last year that all claims for compensation submitted to them by be found. Two special visits were made to the camp primarily with or on behalf of the internees would be forwarded by them to the the view of re-adjusting matters in connection therewith and with German Government through the British Foreign Office in London, the result that Dr. Lohde consented to re-establish the distribut- therefore all such claims have since been submitted to the said ion of the said Charity Grant. Owing to all the Internees entitled Defence Department.

to this German Government Grant having been repatriated, no In connection with the rather irksome amount of work payments have been made on account of same since the month of involved regarding the administration of the 10/- monthly German June 1919.

Government Charity grant, Dr. R. Lohde and Mr. F. Hauser were Apart from the voluminous correspondence and close work good enough to assist by compiling the lists, collecting the with the said Dr. Lohde, partly as Administrator of the said data, and scrutinize and register the claimants, and generally act as Co-Administrators of and for the distribution of this Charity Grant and partly also on account of his representative position as late President of the German Camp Committee (until fund to bona fide, indigent German citizen Internees in the Camp because dissolved) a vast correspondence also took place with at Holdsworthy. The list of applicants and particulars of the Charleutnant aforementioned

Oberleutnant Lothar Marcks, a combatant (Talungtau) Officer
aforementioned data were monthly submitted to this Office
for approval, whereupon the funds required were forwarded
through the Military Commandant of the Camp for distribution.

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at the hands of the refractory and the malcontented Internees
in connection with the distribution of the German Government
Grant on account of a number of the applicants being debarred,
according to the German regulations governing the Grant, from
participation therein. The following points being always kept
keenly in view: - forward on his behalf his correspondence,

1. The instructions received as to qualifications of those entitled to the Grant.
2. That those entitled to it only received it.
3. That all doubtful cases (also those who presented claims and protests for non-participation in the Grant) were submitted to the Swiss Legation, London, for consideration.

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Internees the Administrators resigned in February 1919. Endeavours
were made with a view to appointing new Administrators but no
suitable persons acceptable to the Military Camp Authorities could
be found. Two special visits were made to the camp primarily with
the view of re-adjusting matters in connection therewith and with
the result that Dr. Lohde consented to re-establish the distribut-
ion of the said Charity Grant. Owing to all the Internees entitled
to this German Government Grant having been repatriated, no
payments have been made on account of same since the month of
June 1919.

Apart from the voluminous correspondence and close work
with the said Dr. Lohde, partly as Administrator of the said
Charity Grant and partly also on account of his representative
position as late President of the German Camp Committee (until
it became dissolved) a vast correspondence also took place with
of these relief shipments, as well as those of Oberleutnant
Batavia and other Relief Funds (see particulars under "Disposal
of

Oberleutnant Lothar Marcks, a combatant (Tsingtau) Officer Prisoner of War, who was brought here for internment. He being the local agent of the German Relief Societies. In giving this correspondent every credit for his assiduous attention to duty, it is all the more regretted that his relationship with this Office lacked at times that cordiality which always tends to enhance the result of co-operative between guardians of kindred interests. Every assistance was nevertheless willingly granted Oberl. Marcks by this Office, which obtained permission from the Commonwealth Authorities to forward on his behalf his correspondence, cables, and remittances to different parties in the Far East, in connection with his relief work. The work connected with the said Oberl. Marcks also consisted in receiving and causing to be delivered to him, no inconsiderable amount of correspondence, remittances and shipments of relief goods (smoking materials etc.) as forwarded from Sympathisers in the East.

In connection with this rather displeasing matter I cannot help feeling that it was principally on account of Oberl. Marcks' temperament probably preventing him from recognizing anybody even as co-equals in charge of German Interests, who did not hold an Official Rank in the German Official Service, but acted as I have done in an honorary capacity as a matter of neutral duty, without being prepared to take up the position as exclusive advocate for the purpose of meeting his rather exacting if not to say aggressive temperament and wishes which if carried out probably would have prevented this Office in achieving corresponding usefulness.

Besides the relief goods forwarded to the care of Oberl. Marcks many small relief shipments have been received from Manila and Batavia, mostly smoking materials and wearing apparel for general distribution through this Office. The distributions of these relief shipments, as well as those of the Manila, Batavia and other Relief Funds (see particulars under "Disposal of

of Funds") necessarily involved no inconsiderable amount of work when left to one's discretion for the benefit of the most needy internees.

A great number of Internees on being advised of their proposed deportation, requested this Office to attend on their behalf to their personal matters, the requests being most varied. Assistance was given as far as possible.

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Censor's approval of contents. Cables asking for remittances were not subject to censorship if the amounts asked for did not exceed £50. Quite a number of internees availed themselves of the opportunity to despatch cables through the Consul respecting their varied interests. After the Armistice, the Commonwealth Authorities were again approached, and granted permission to despatch cables (on behalf of Internees) of a purely social nature, without such cables being first submitted with this Consulate. But recently the Public Trustee has demanded transfer of the amounts involved, which has caused

Assistance has frequently been rendered in obtaining some communications between the Swiss Legation and this Office, possession of and forwarding free of charge Internees' private effects (luggage).

After the signing of the Armistice successful representations were also made whereby restrictions on Internees' letters

(to 150 words) were relaxed to reasonable dimensions. No provisions having been made enabling the Internees to take their excess luggage (exceeding 84 lbs.) on the Transports,

Assistance sought by the Internees to collect on their behalf wages due by previous employers prior to internment, arrangements were made for the Internees' excess luggage, and local Shipping Agents in Sydney were entrusted with all proved successful.

The great number of inquiries concerning the whereabouts of German subjects not heard of since the outbreak of the war, were inspected by the Consul when so advised and requested.

Occupied a great amount of the Staff's time. These enquiries All the Transports having just previously been used for the repatriation to Australia from England of the Australian and were frequently received through the International Peace Military Contingents. Bureau in Berne.

Apart from the general accounts referred to hereafter, Six special visits were made to the Holdsworthy Concentration Camp

Camp and one to the Molonglo Concentration Camp in connection with the repatriations of Internees.

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A number of Internees having no person to whom they could entrust their Bank - or cash - balances (above £50) availed themselves, with the permission of the Commonwealth Authorities' Defence Department, to leave such balances, or gave orders for same to be left to the order of or in trust with this Consulate. But recently the Public Trustee has demanded transfer of the amounts involved, which has caused some communications between the Swiss Legation and this Office, also with the different Commonwealth Authorities, with the view of the respective German subjects getting possession of their much needed savings.

No provisions having been made enabling the Internees to take their excess luggage (exceeding 84 lbs.) on the Trnasports, arrangements were made for the Internees' excess luggage, and local Shipping Agents in Sydney were entrusted with all matters concerning same.

Various Transports for repatriation of the Internees were inspected by the Consul when so advised and requested. All the Transports having just previously been used for the repatriation to Australia from England of the Australian Military Contingents.

Apart from the general accounts referred to hereafter, certain Officer

certain separate Accounts were kept for various special payments made according to instructions of the Swiss Legation, London, as well as other special Accounts for the Manila and Batavia Relief Funds and other remittances received for payment to interned and uninterned German subjects. All the Accounts have been checked and audited by the accountant attached to the staff of the general office of the undersigned as distinct from the staff that exclusively has attended to the German Interests. (see Page 15).

Monthly General Account:- This Account represents and includes all the monthly and quarterly allowances and pensions and other payments (with the exception of combatant and civilian Officers allowances and the monthly Indigent Grant) to interned and uninterned German subjects, effected on account of the German Government for the period 13th February 1917 to 31st October 1919. In connection with this Account the total amount of £3777.8.1 (see enclosure No. 2) has so far been expended.

Monthly Additional Expenses Account:- In connection with this Account the total amount of £2065.2.10 (see enclosure No.3) has so far been expended. This Account represents all the administration expenses incurred by the Consul in Charge in connection with the said German Interests, and in which Account are included the rent, salaries, cable expenses, office supplies, office cleaning, electric light, telephone, postage stamps, telegrams, camp visits, and petty cash expenses.

Monthly Indigent Grant Account:- This Account represents and includes all the monthly payments made to indigent interned German civilians, for the period 1st April 1917 to 30th June 1919. The total amount expended in connection with this Account was £8128.4.6 (see enclosure No.4.).

Quarterly Civilian Officer Prisoners of War Account:- The beneficiaries who were included in this Account were the Civilian Officer

Officer Prisoners of War recognised as such by the German and Australian Governments, respectively. These civilian Officer Prisoners of War received an allowance of 4/- and 4/6 per day, respectively, from the German Government, and as from the 1st January 1918 an additional 6d. and 1/- respectively, per day.

When taking charge of the German Interests in February 1917, there were eleven Internees recognised as Civilian Officer Prisoners of War, whilst their numbers subsequently increased to forty-two, who participated in these payments. The total amount expended up to the 14th October 1919 in connection with this account is £10,362/11/9. (See enclosure No. 5).

Combatant Officer Prisoners of War Account:- In

connection with this account the total amount expended up to the 14th October 1919 is £133/15/2. (See enclosure No. 6). The beneficiaries in this Account are the combatant Officer Prisoners of War who are in receipt of their Officers allowance from the British (Australian) Government, the payments made to them by this Office representing the increase of 6d. and 1/- per day, respectively, as from the 1st January 1918.

Special Separate Accounts:- (See Enclosure No. 7).

a. Freight Allowance on destitute Internees' luggage (in excess 84 lbs.):- In this connection the sum of £28/17/8 was expended as assistance to fifteen destitute prisoners of war interned in the Detention Barracks, Berrima, N.S.W. Care was taken that assistance was only granted to those proved to be of actual German nationality and certified to as destitute by the respective German Camp Committee. No assistance was found necessary to the destitute Internees of the other Camps, they having no excess luggage in their possession.

b. Christmas Distribution of £227/5/4 to Interned German Prisoners of War on account of the German Red Cross:- On behalf of the above-mentioned Red Cross Society the sum of £227/5/4 was distributed in January 1918 amongst the destitute Prisoners of

War

advanced by the undersigned. Reimbursements being obtained by drafts on the Swiss Bank Verein, London. Total amount so advanced since August 1918 being £12,703/3/6.-

War, the amount allotted to each of the Camps being as follows:-

Bourke Camp -£15. 3. 0
 Liverpool Camp -181.16. 4
 Trial Bay Camp - 30. 6. 0.

c. Payments of £75/15/2 to German New Guinea Internees on behalf of Kolonialkriegerdank, Berlin:- On behalf of the above-mentioned party the sum of £75/15/2 was distributed in March 1918 amongst the German New Guinea Internees. Internees in possession of private means relinquished their shares for the benefit of the destitute.

d. Collection from friends through H. Beinssen, Berlin:- The sum of £2094/8/- was advanced and according to cable request from the Swiss Legation, London, handed to a Committee in the Holdsworthy Concentration Camp for distribution preferentially amongst destitute German Internees in the various German Concentration Camps.

e. Payments to German New Guinea Internees:- In accordance with cable instructions (No.1 dated 15th January 1919) from the Swiss Legation, London, an amount of £24/13/9 was distributed amongst the above-mentioned Internees.

Manila Relief Fund £100:- This Relief Fund represents a collection made by German residents in Manila, and was received through the Consul for Switzerland there for distribution amongst destitute German Internees. (Late Manila residents to receive preference.) (See Enclosure No. 8).

Batavia Relief Fund £1004/9/5:- This Fund was also administered and represents remittances received through the Swiss Consul in Batavia on behalf of the German Consul General of that place. The total amount received and expended being £1004/9/5. (For particulars of distribution see Enclosure No.9).

In addition to the above-mentioned special funds there was received during the period 13th February 1917 to 31st October 1919 the sum of £15769/16/4 from numerous private sources for payments to specified interned and uninterned German subjects. This latter sum is made up of 389 remittances.

Since the undersigned took charge all funds necessary for administration and distribution in accordance with authority or instruction from or through the Swiss Legation, London, have been advanced by the undersigned. Reimbursements being obtained by drafts on the Swiss Bank Verein, London. Total amount so advanced since August 1918 being £12,703/3/6.-

was also received and sent in the German and French languages without any restrictions or comments being made to this Office by any of the Authorities.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The correspondence, as well as all other documents and accounts appertaining to the German Interests, is classified and kept separate. The books of record kept in connection with correspondence are:-

1. Journal. 1917 to 15th November 1919, is £44326/38/0.
 2. Alphabetical Index Register. Funds amounting to £8306/17/10.
- The filing system adopted is the same as before, namely that of the ordinary "Pilot" files numerically arranged for each year.

The correspondence dealt with including letters, cables, and telegrams received and sent are as follows:-

Communications received for period	13/2/17 to 31/12/17	- 1683.
" sent	" " 13/2/17 to 31/12/17	- 1650.
Petty Cash Book.		
" received	" " 1/1/18 to 31/12/18	- 2336.
" sent	" " " "	-2520.
1. Monthly General Account	received " " 1/1/19 to 15/11/19	-2482.
" " " " " "	sent " " " "	2812.
The total number of communications received - 6501.		
" " " " " "	sent	- 6982.

The correspondence may be classified in four sections:-

1. Between the Swiss Legation, London, and the Consul in Charge:-

A special set of files is kept for this correspondence, which files contain all communications received from and sent including enclosures.

2. Between the various Commonwealth Departments and the Consul in Charge:-

The subject matter of this correspondence refers to all administrative and other matters forwarded to and received from the respective Commonwealth Departments.

3. Between Interned and Uninterned German subjects and the Consul in Charge:-

This portion of the correspondence represents the great majority of the correspondence dealt with.

4. Between all other parties (except those enumerated under Nos. 1, 2 and 3) and the Consul in Charge:-

This portion of the correspondence comprises all letters received and sent by the said Consul, including matters concerning interned and uninterned German subjects.

With a few exceptions the correspondence was as a matter of convenience carried on in the English language. But correspondence was

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was also received and sent in the German and French languages without any restrictions or comments being made to this Office by any of the Authorities. The total amount expended is £133/15/2. (See no. 6 and Page 9 of this Report.)

DISPOSAL OF FUNDS:-

The following are the special separate Accounts kept by this Office for payments to German Internees:- (See Enclosure No. 7).
The total amount of funds received and expended by the Consul in charge in connection with German Interests for the period 13th February 1917 to 15th November 1919, is £44326/18/0.

In addition thereto there are the Trust Funds amounting to £8306/12/5. The total amount of Funds accounted for being thus:- £52633/10/5.-

- In connection herewith the following books are kept:-
 - a. Payments of £75/15/2 to German New Guinea Internees (See Page No. 10 of this Report.)
 - Cash Book,
 - b. Collection from friends of the Internees through H. Beinssen, Ledger, for Christmas 1918. (See Page No. 10 of this Report.)
 - Journal,
 - c. Payment of £24/13/9 to German New Guinea Internees. (See Page No. Petty Cash Book. rt.)

containing the following Accounts:-

1. Monthly (General Account, 8 and Page No. 10 of this Report)
2. Monthly Additional Expenses Account,
3. Monthly (Indigent Account. (10/- Monthly), of this Report.)
4. Quarterly Civilian Officer Prisoners of War Account,
5. Combatant Officer Prisoners of War Account. 2/5. (See Enclosure No. 10 & Page No. 7 of this Report.)

Separate Accounts were also kept for various special payments.

Particulars of the above-mentioned Accounts are as follows:-

CAMP VISITS:-

MONTHLY GENERAL ACCOUNT:-

The various German Concentration Camps have altogether been visited. The total amount spent to date is £3777/8/1, (see Enclosure No. 8 and Page 8 of this Report.)

MONTHLY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT:-

The total amount expended is £2065/2/10, (see Enclosure No. 11). Enclosure No. 3 and Page 8 of this Report.)

MONTHLY INDIGENT ACCOUNT:-

(10/- Grant.)
The total amount expended is £8128/4/6. (See Enclosure No. 4 and Page 8 of this Report.)

CIVILIAN OFFICER PRISONERS OF WAR ACCOUNT:-

In this Camp were interned some 4500 German subjects. The total amount expended is £10362/11/9. (See Enclosure No. 5 and Page 8 of this Report.)

divided into four different Compounds, one of which, No. 3, was reserved.

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- d. Collection from friends of the Internees through H. Beinssen, Berlin, for Christmas 1918. (See Page No. 10 of this Report.)
- e. Payment of £24/13/9 to German New Guinea Internees. (See Page No. 10 of this Report.)

MANILA RELIEF FUND £100:-

(See Enclosure No. 8 and Page No. 10 of this Report)

BATAVIA RELIEF FUND £1004/9/5:-

(See Enclosure No. 9 & Page No.10 of this Report.)

TRUST ACCOUNTS:-

The total amount involved is £8306/12/5. (See Enclosure No.10 & Page No.7 of this Report.)

CAMP VISITS:-

The various German Concentration Camps have altogether been visited twenty-four times.

A list showing the dates when such visits were made and the names of the Camps visited is attached. (See Enclosure No.11). From such list it will be seen that the following Internment Camps were in existence within the State of New South Wales.

- 1. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy, near Liverpool, New South Wales:-

In this Camp were interned some 4500 German subjects. It is situated 25 miles from Sydney. It was divided into four different Compounds, one of which, No. 3, was reserved.

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reserved as a Hospital, containing four separately built compartments. The No. 1 was the Main Compound. The No. 2 Compound was reserved for refractory Internees. The Nos. 1 & 2 Compounds were closed at the beginning of October 1919. The No. 4 Compound was subsequently established (May 1918) in lieu of the undermentioned:-

2. German Detention Barracks, Trial Bay:-

This Camp situated 330 miles distant from Sydney contained some 450 odd Internees mostly Merchants and Officers transported from the "Far East".

3. German Detention Barracks, Berrima:-

This Camp situated 86 miles from Sydney contained some 326 odd Internees, mostly Ships' Captains and Crews, This Camp which was closed on the 13th August 1919 was twice visited.

4. German Detention Camp Bourke:-

In This Camp was situated some 511 miles from Sydney and in it were interned some 39 men and 98 women and children (mostly) transferred from Ceylon, Fiji, and other adjacent British Possessions. In May 1918 the Camp was closed and the Internees were transferred to the Molonglo Concentration Camp situated in Federal Territory some 190 miles from Sydney, which Camp had been erected in anticipation of the transfer of some 3000 German subjects from China for internment in Australia. The Molonglo Camp was closed on the 30th May 1919.

ASSISTANCE GIVEN:-

1. Uninterned German subjects:-

Shortly after the German Interests had been taken over by the Swiss Consulate, Sydney, Pastor G. Schenk, the President, and Mr. Fred Erhard, the Cashier, of the Kaiser Wilhelm Spende, Sydney, called at the Consulate and suggested that German subjects in distressed circumstances may be sent to them as they had funds at hand for assistance. Consequently such

such applicants were referred to the above-mentioned gentlemen.

In December 1917 the said President and Cashier alleging that the said Fund became almost exhausted and after having failed to obtain permission from the Authorities to collect further funds from German residents in Australia for their charitable work, appealed to the Consul for his intervention, who successfully approached the competent Commonwealth Authorities and obtained the permission sought on behalf of the said Kaiser Wilhelm Spende.

But as the Kaiser Wilhelm Spende was only partly able to assist individual destitute cases, assistance was in a number of cases rendered by this Office after conferring with the said Kaiser Wilhelm Spende.

2. Interned German subjects:-

In a few cases monetary assistance not exceeding 10/- was granted to destitute German subjects released from Camp, which assistance defrayed their living expenses for a day or two pending the finding of employment.

Apart from the relief given in such individual cases of distress, monetary assistance was only granted to interned German subjects by way of the monthly German Government Grant of 10/-, and various Relief Funds which have been dealt with under the heading "Disposal of Funds". (See Page No. 12 of this Report.)

PERSONS EMPLOYED:-

Referring to the persons employed in connection with the protection of German Interests prior to the middle of August 1918, I understand the position was as follows:-

The late Consul for Switzerland received I understand a yearly allowance at the rate of £500 for attending to the German Interests at Sydney. I also understand he was assisted by the

late

late Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate, Mr. E.J. Wicky, also by Mr. E. H. Hyde previously in the Austrian and American Consular Service, also by Miss R. Hughes as Stenographer and Typiste.

Since I as honorary Consul took charge of German Interests in August 1918, I secured the services of the following of the above-mentioned experienced staff, viz:-

Mr. E. J. Wicky as Secretary, and those of Miss R. Hughes assisted for a time by Miss Trevitt as Stenographers and Typistes, all of whom have been exclusively employed in connection with the said German Interests, partly assisted by some members of my Staff. All under my daily control and attendance from 9.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

In August 1919 when the majority of the Internees were repatriated, the services of the said assistant Stenographer and Typiste were dispensed with. Since then the correspondence and attention to enquiries, callers and other work in connection with German Interests/the retention of the remaining staff's services necessitates until such time as I am relieved of the German Interests.

During my predecessor's term of office, I understand that the correspondence was principally prepared by Mr. E. J. Wicky, the Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate, and Mr. E. H. Hyde. The letters I understand being as a rule signed by the Consul himself, or by the Chancellor authorised by the Consul to do so.

During my term of office the correspondence was likewise principally prepared by the said Mr. Wicky acting as my Secretary, who, with permission, almost invariably has opened all incoming correspondence. All the letters addressed to the Swiss Legation, London, as well as those to the Commonwealth Departments and other Authorities, Colleagues and Officials, were signed by me, whereas it was found most convenient and practical to leave it to my Secretary's discretion for him to deal with and sign other letters concerning ordinary private administrative matters, same being

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practically in all cases placed before me either for discussion, perusal or approval.

It may be noted that reimbursements only have been made covering outlays for Office and travelling expenses, whereas commissions or fees have not been charged for cash advances £12703/3/6, nor for services rendered to interned or uninterned German subjects, and no allowance or emoluments paid in connection with the German Interests, since the undersigned took charge.

With regard to the alledged less-satisfactory conditions now developed in the Holdsworthy Concentration Camp, the steps taken for the protection of the Internees may be noted from the attached copy of my letter addressed under date the 24th instant to the Secretary of the Commonwealth Defence Department. (See Enclosure No. 12).

Please note that no Insurance Policy has been taken out by this Office for the Furniture and Effects of the late Imperial German Consulate General, stored at 38 Pitt Street, Sydney, nor for those used in this Office situated on the first floor in the A.M.P. Chambers, 89 Pitt Street, Sydney.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, this twentyfifth day of November 1919.

Paul E. Hauss
CONSUL-IN-CHARGE.

**LIST OF THE VARIOUS ACCOUNTS, RELIEF AND TRUST FUNDS
ADMINISTERED BY THE CONSUL IN CHARGE IN CONNEC-
TION WITH THE PROTECTION OF GERMAN INTERESTS
During period 13th February 1917 to 15th November 1919.**

GENERAL ACCOUNT.....	(Encl. N° 2)			£ 3,777: 8: 1 ✓
ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.....	(" " 3)			" 2,605: 2: 10 ✓
INDIGENT CIVILIAN PAY ACCOUNT.....	(" " 4)			" 10,362: 11: 9
OFFICERS ACCOUNT (CIVILIANS).....	(" " 5)			" 8,123: 4: 6
OFFICERS ACCOUNT (COMBATANT).....	(" " 6)			" 157. 133: 15: 2
VARIOUS PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF SWISS LEGATION, LONDON.....	(" " 7)			" 2,450: 19: 11
MANILA RELIEF FUND.....	(" " 8)			" 100: -: -
BATAVIA RELIEF FUND.....	(" " 9)			" 1,004: 9: 5
SPECIAL FUNDS FROM 389 PRIVATE SOURCES.....	(" " 1)			" 15,769: 6: 4
TRUST FUNDS.....	(" " 10)			" 8,306: 12: 5

Total amount of funds involved
in connection with the protec-
tion of German Interests during
the period 13th February 1917 to
15th November 1919..... £ 52,633: 10: 5.

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MONTHLY GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

For the month of February, 1917.

"	"	"	"	March,	"	38.15.	£	99.	6.	8
"	"	"	"	April,	"	41.14.	11	118.	15.	6
"	"	"	"	May,	"	39.12.	3	122.	10.	0
"	"	"	"	June,	"	57.15.	10	107.	1.	1
"	"	"	"	July,	"	41.12.	8	103.	8.	8
"	"	"	"	August,	"	41. 0.	7	157.	2.	5
"	"	"	"	September,	"	47.12.	4	109.	2.	8
"	"	"	"	October,	"	60.13.	4	99.	0.	10
"	"	"	"	November,	"	42.17.	2	114.	9.	10
"	"	"	"	December,	"	68.11.	3	93.	2.	6
"	"	"	"	January, 1918.	"	58.14.	7	199.	19.	0
"	"	"	"	February,	"	56.10.	8	110.	13.	6
"	"	"	"	March,	"	49.11.	10	267.	13.	9
"	"	"	"	April,	"	56.10.	0	142.	11.	9
"	"	"	"	May,	"	62.10.	11	128.	18.	6
"	"	"	"	June,	"	37. 2.	0	104.	18.	6
"	"	"	"	July,	"	100.14.	7	125.	18.	6
"	"	"	"	August,	"	72. 2.	0	152.	18.	2
"	"	"	"	September,	"	100. 1.	0	118.	3.	2
"	"	"	"	October,	"	100. 1.	0	123.	12.	5
"	"	"	"	November,	"	100. 1.	0	124.	5.	9
"	"	"	"	December,	"	100. 1.	0	99.	17.	4
"	"	"	"	January, 1919.	"	100. 1.	0	88.	10.	3
"	"	"	"	February,	"	100. 1.	0	111.	7.	9
"	"	"	"	March,	"	100. 1.	0	86.	8.	2
"	"	"	"	April,	"	100. 1.	0	65.	9.	6
"	"	"	"	May,	"	100. 1.	0	111.	7.	9
"	"	"	"	June,	"	100. 1.	0	74.	1.	0
"	"	"	"	July,	"	100. 1.	0	84.	10.	2
"	"	"	"	August,	"	100. 1.	0	147.	13.	6
"	"	"	"	September,	"	100. 1.	0	63.	16.	5
"	"	"	"	October,	"	100. 1.	0	65.	4.	8
"	"	"	"	November,	"	100. 1.	0	55.	8.	5
"	"	"	"	December,	"	100. 1.	0			
"	"	"	"	January, 1920.	"	100. 1.	0			

Total expended for period 13/2/17 to 31/10/19.

£ 3777. 8. 1



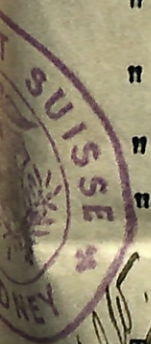
MONTHLY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ACCOUNTS.

which represent and ^{wherein} are included all the administration expenses incurred by the Swiss Consulate, Sydney, in connection with the protection of German Interests for the period 13th February 1917 to 31st October 1919.

For the month of February 1917.		£39.19. 9
"	" " March "	36.15. 3
"	" " April "	41.14. 01
"	" " May "	39.12. 3
"	" " June "	57.15.10
"	" " July "	41. 12. 8
"	" " August "	41. 0. 7
"	" " September, "	47.12. 4
"	" " October "	60.13. 4
"	" " November "	42.17. 2
"	" " December "	68.11. 3
"	" " January 1918.	58.14. 7
"	" " February "	56.18. 0
"	" " March "	49.11.10
"	" " April "	56.18. 5
"	" " May "	62.15.11
"	" " June "	57. 3. 7
"	" " July "	100.14. 3
"	" " period 1st to 19th August 1918.	72. 8. 9
"	" " 20th to 31st "	114. 1,11
"	" " month of September 1918.	82. 4. 4
"	" " " October "	179. 3.10
"	" " " November "	97. 4. 5
"	" " " December "	88. 8. 0
"	" " " January 1919.	90. 4. 6
"	" " " February "	82.16. 7
"	" " " March "	90.11. 9
"	" " " April "	121.17. 1
"	" " " May "	135. 3. 3
"	" " " June "	135.10. 7
"	" " " July "	94.12. 8
"	" " " August "	102.18. 7
"	" " " September "	76 . 8. 7
"	" " " October "	80. 6. 1

£2605 . 2.10

Total expended for period 13/2/17 to 31/10/19.



QUARTERLY GERMAN GOVERNMENT GRANT.

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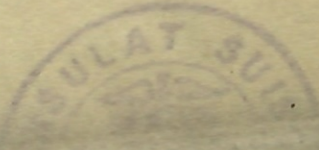
(10/- Monthly.)

which represent and are included all the monthly payments made to indigent interned German civilians on account of the German Government Grant (10/- monthly) for the period 1st April 1917 to 30th June 1919.

For the period 1st April 1917 to 30th June 1917.	£993.10. 6
" " " 1st October 1917 to 31st December 1917.	809.15. 0
" " " 1st January 1918 to 31st March 1918.	1034. 1. 0
" " month of April 1918.	349.10. 0
" " " " May " - 31st December "	338.15. 0
" " " " June " - "	349. 3. 0
" " " " July " - "	350. 1. 0
" " " " August " - "	361.15. 0
" " " " September 1918. - "	371. 9. 0
" " " " October " - "	476.16. 0
" " " " November " - "	513.17. 0
" " " " December " - "	401.18. 0
" " " " March & April 1919. - "	1134. 9. 0
" " " " May " - "	482. 5. 0
" " " " June " - "	156. 0. 0
Total for period 1st April 1917 to 30th June 1919.	£ 8123 . 4. 6



Total amount expended for period 1st February 1917 to 14th October 1919.



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QUARTERLY CIVILIAN OFFICER PRISONERS OF WAR ACCOUNTS.

represent and include all the quarterly payments made to the Civilian Officer Prisoners of War on account of the German Government, for the period 1st January 1917 to 14th October 1919.

For the Quarter 1st January to 31st March 1917.-	£343.10. 0
" " Period 1st April to 30th June 1917.-	200. 4. 0
" " Arrear Payments to 18 Civilian Officer P/W. for period 1st December 1915 to 30th June 1917.-	2000. 0. 0
" " arrear Payments to 4 Civilian Officer P/W. for period 1st December 1915 to 30th June 1917.	440.14. 0
" " Quarter 1st July to 30th September 1917.-	755.17. 4
" " " 1st October to 31st December " .-	630. 4. 0
" " arrear Payments to Civilian Officer Ps./W. Paul Schulz for period 1st December 1915 to 31st December 1917.-	144.10. 0
" " Quarter 1st January to 31st March 1918.-	797.18. 0
" " " 1st April to 30th June 1918.	718.19. 0
" " arrear Payments to 3 Civilian Officer Prisoners of War for period 1st December 1915 to 30th June 1918.	574. 9. 6
" " Quarter 1st July 1918 to 30th September 1918.-	959.10. 0
" " arrear Pay of increased allowance to Civilian Officer Prisoners of War for period 1st January to 30th September 1918.-	303. 6. 9
" " Quarter 1st October to 31st December 1918.-	768.19.10
" " Arrear pay of increased Allowance to Civil Officer Prisoners of War for period 1st October to 20th November 1918.-	56.13. 2
" " Quarter 1st January to 31st March 1919.	752. 5. 6
" " Period 1st April to 31st May 1919.-	509.17. 6
" " Arrear pay of increased allowance to Civilian Officer Prisoners of War for period 21st November/to 31st May 1919.- 1918	213. 6. 8
" " period 1st June 1919 to 30th June 1919.-	42. 8. 6
" " " 1st July to 31st July 1919.-	43.16. 9
" " " 1st August to 14th October 1919.-	<u>106. 1. 3</u>
Total amount expended for period 13th February 1917 to 14th October 1919. }	£10362.11. 9.

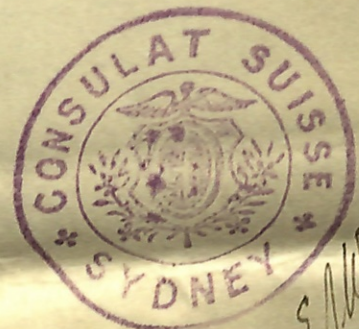


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" " Arrear Payments to 18 Civilian Officer P/W. for period 1st December 1915 to 30th June 1917.-	2000. 0. 0
" " arrear Payments to 4 Civilian Officer P/W. for period 1st December 1915 to 30th June 1917.	440.14. 0
" " Quarter 1st July to 30th September 1917.-	755.17. 4
" " " 1st October to 31st December " .-	630. 4. 0
" " arrear Payments to Civilian Officer Ps./W. Paul Schulz for period 1st December 1915 to 31st December 1917.-	144.10. 0
" " Quarter 1st January to 31st March 1918.-	797.18. 0
" " " 1st April to 30th June 1918.	718.19. 0
" " arrear Payments to 3 Civilian Officer Prisoners of War for period 1st December 1915 to 30th June 1918.	574. 9. 6
" " Quarter 1st July 1918 to 30th September 1918.-	959.10. 0
" " arrear Pay of increased allowance to Civilian Officer Prisoners of War for period 1st January to 30th September 1918.-	303. 6. 9
" " Quarter 1st October to 31st December 1918.-	768.19.10
" " Arrear pay of increased Allowance to Civil Officer Prisoners of War for period 1st October to 20th November 1918.-	56.13. 2
" " Quarter 1st January to 31st March 1919.	752. 5. 6
" " Period 1st April to 31st May 1919.-	509.17. 6
" " Arrear pay of increased allowance to Civilian Officer Prisoners of War for period 21st November/to 31st May 1919.- 1918	213. 6. 8
" " period 1st June 1919 to 30th June 1919.-	42. 8. 6
" " " 1st July to 31st July 1919.-	43.16. 9
" " " 1st August to 14th October 1919.-	106. 1. 3
Total amount expended for period 13th February 1917 to 14th October 1919. }	£10362.11. 9.



PAYMENTS TO COMBATANT OFFICER
PRISONERS OF WAR.
BY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SWISS LEGATION.

which payments represent and include the increase of 6d. and 1/- per day, respectively, as from the 1st January 1918 to the combatant Officer Prisoners of War who are in receipt of their Officers allowance of 4/- and 4/6 per day, respectively, from the British (Australian) Government.

	1918/	
22nd.	For Period 1st January to 31st May 1919.	£130. 6. 2
	For Period 1st June 1919 to 14th October 1919.	<u>3. 9. 0</u>
	Christmas distributions to German Prisoners of War on account of the German Red Cross.	<u>£133.15. 2</u>
	Payments to German New Guinea Internees on account of Kolonialkrankenanstalt, Berlin.	75. 15. 2
	Collection from H. Seiffen, Berlin, for relief of German Internees in Australia -	8. 0
	Payments to German New Guinea Internees	13. 9
	Payments for excess luggage to destitute German Internees on their repatriation -	28. 0
	<u>Total amount for period 13th February, 1917. to 15th November, 1918.</u>	<u>£ 2450. 19. 11</u>



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MANILA RELIEF FUND.
LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE CONSUL IN CHARGE,
SYDNEY, TO INTERNED GERMAN SUBJECTS
BY INSTRUCTIONS OR AUTHORITY
OF THE SWISS LEGATION,
LONDON.

These amounts are not shown in either the regular
monthly or quarterly Statements of Accounts.

1st.	Remittance from Swiss Consulate, Manila, P.I.	£160. 0. 0
January 7th.	Christmas distributions to interned German Prisoners of War on account of the German Red Cross.-	£ 227. 5. 4
February 28th.	Payments to German New Guinea Internees on account of Kolonialkrugerdank, Berlin.-	75. 15. 2
September 18th.	Collection from H. Beinssen, Berlin, for relief of German Internees in Australia -	2094. 8. 0
10th.	Payments to German New Guinea Internees-	24. 13. 9
14th.	Payments for excess luggage to destitute German Internees on their repatriation -	28. 17. 8
<u>Total amount for period</u> <u>13th February, 1917, to</u> <u>15th November, 1919.</u>		<u>£ 2450. 19. 11</u>

MANILA RELIEF FUND. - £160. 0. 0



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 LONDON.

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 monthly or quarterly Statements of Accounts.

 Remittance from Swiss Consulate,
 Manila, P.I. £100. 0. 0

1918.

January 7th. Christmas distributions to interned
 German Prisoners of War on account
 of the German Red Cross.- £ 227. 5. 4

March 28th. Payments to German New Guinea Internees
 on account of Kolonialkrugerdank,
 Berlin.- 75. 15. 2

December 18th. Collection from H. Beinssen, Berlin,
 for relief of German Internees in
 Australia - 2094. 8. 0

1919.

May 10th. Payments to German New Guinea Internees- 24. 13. 9

August 14th. Payments for excess luggage to
 destitute German Internees on their
 repatriation - 28. 17. 8

Total amount for period
13th February, 1917, to £ 2450. 19. 11
15th November, 1919.

MANILA RELIEF FUND.- £100. 0. 0



BATAVIA RELIEF FUND

Administered by the Swiss Consulate, Sydney, on behalf of

MANILA RELIEF FUND.

administered by the Swiss Consulate, Sydney
on behalf of the Swiss Consulate,
-----Manila. P.I.-----

11th. From Swiss Consul, Batavia 2106. 19. 0

C R E D I T.

1918.

August 21st. Remittance from Swiss Consulate, Manila. P.I. 9. 10 * £100. 0. 0

24th. " " " " 9. 10 *

15th. " " " " 55. 0. 0 *

21st. " " " " 27. 3. 8 *

D E B I T.

1919.

January 2nd. To Destitute Internees. £ 2. 0. 0

February 17th. " " " " 2. 0. 0

February 21st. " " " " 1. 0. 0

April 22nd. " " " " 1. 0. 0

April 25th. " " " " 22.10. 0

April 28th. To Destitute Internees, Liverpool 2. 0. 0

May 17th. " " " " 32. 0. 0

June 13th. " " " " 22.10. 0

July 1st. To " " " " 15. 0. 0 £100. 0. 0

July 5th. " " " " 15. 0. 0

BALANCE. - - -

MANILA RELIEF FUND.- £100. 0. 0



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TRUST ACCOUNTS.

ENCLOSURE No 9.

BATAVIA RELIEF FUND

Administered by the Swiss Consulate, Sydney, on behalf of
the Swiss Consulate, Batavia, Java.

CREDIT.

11th.	From Swiss Consul, Batavia	£106. 19. 0	
"	" " " " " "	105. 14. 7	
"	" " " " " "	341. 3. 0	
"	" " " " " "	169. 9. 10	≠
"	" " " " " "	169. 9. 10	≠
"	" " " " " "	55. 0. 0	≠
"	" " " " " "	27. 3. 2	≠
"	" " " " " "	<u>29. 10. 0</u>	≠
			£1004. 9. 5.

≠ The items marked with an asterisk were specially sent for assistance to destitutes on the occasion of their repatriation.

DEBIT.

12th.	To Destitute Internees, Liverpool	£94.19. 0	
"	" " Berrima	5. 0. 0	
"	" " Molonglo	7. 0. 0	
1st.	To " " Berrima	9.10. 0	
"	" " Molonglo	9. 0. 0	
"	" " Liverpool	87. 4. 7	
13th.	To " " Berrima	25. 0. 0	
"	" " Molonglo	35. 0. 0	
"	" " Liverpool	281. 3. 0	
"	" " Berrima	22.10. 0	
18th.	To " " Liverpool	146.19.10	
"	" " Berrima	22.10. 0	
24th.	To " " Liverpool	146.19.10	
"	" " " "	55. 0. 0	
August 15th.	To " " " "	<u>56.13. 2</u>	
"	22nd.		<u>£1004. 9. 5.</u>
		<u>BALANCE</u>	

BATAVIA FUND £1004. 9. 5.



TRUST ACCOUNTS.

ENCLOSURE NO. 10.

List of amounts held in trust by the Consul in Charge on behalf of the undermentioned repatriated German subjects, who were not interned:-

Mrs. Hirsch	£ 130: -: -
Miss Finger	30: -: -
Mr. R. Wieland	200: -: -
Mr. J. Bauer	150: -: -
Mr. Otto Sauer	425: -: -
Mr. Paul Wiese	430: -: -

Total £ 1350: -: -

List of amounts held in trust by the Consul in Charge on behalf of the undermentioned deported German internees:-

Mr. A. Schrader	£ 20:13:11
Mr. Otto Schwanitz	25: -:11
Mr. G. Heyne	410:17: 9
Mr.H. Meineke	1:11: 8
Mrs. Mcellermann	2: 5: -
Mr. F. Zorer	2:10: -
Mr.E.G.A.Schumann	3:15: 1

Total £ 466:14: 4

c. List of deported German internees who have signed orders in favour of the Consul in Charge for the balances of their accounts with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Savingsbank Departments:-

111148 Brennecke A.	£ 25. - . 9	Brought forw.	£ 3026.17. 5
47 Overbeck W.	8. 6. 8	216152 Brehn H.	50. 3. 4
615 Suhl M.	13. - . 6	133890 Schneider A.	37. 4. 3
325 Ritter G.	6.19. 6	134674 Bick W.	96. 1. -
737 Herber P.	4. 2. 1	147420 Wehdamier J.	119. - . 6
114537 Freyberg H.	57.16. 8	431 Schreiber E.	31. 4. 6
124898 Spitta A.	16. 9	599 Schubart C.	46. 8. 5
133725 Widmann A.	1.13. 2	619 Hartung F.	170. 9. 5
873 Grethe A.	96.19.11	216062 Wettig. G.E.	214.19. 7
134556 Bruhns H.	9. 4. 2	124925 Tresselt H.	11. 3. 7
565 Roebel-Goebel	232. 6. 2	933 Davidsohn H.	182.17. 6
567 Hagen J.	73. 5. 6	133895 Doltze J.	119. 9. 7
576 Widehase H.	90. 1. 4	147605 Dudeck S.	84.15. 6
587 Haesloop C.	174.14. 8	215881 Krug G.H.	54. 2. 9
590 Nellner H.	10.14. 1	216203 Borges J.F.	59. 2. 1
593 Westphal H.J.	5.16.8	028 Bottcher A.	65. 1. 2
596 Meyer C.	21.10. 5	191 Heyne G.	99. 2.10
147408 Gabriel J.	20.16. -	215900 Pollack M.	167.10.10
138564 Adolff E.	71.17. 4	216162 Schneider J.	92. 9. -
147467 HongKong Relief Fund	461. 6. -	225 Settgast W.	189. 3.10
111144 Wehrs G.	1.18. 6	052 Steiger G ¹ / ₂	304. 6. 8
611 Dietrich S.	1. 8. 8	215989 Jackle K-	113 .13. 3
114584 Selzke E.F.	335. 8. 9	216003 Braun A.	1.15. 3
124811 Böcking H.	20.16. 1	147641 Heckscher C.	10.11
133619 Füssel M.	43.18.11	133860 Noetling F.	35.10. 1
716 Eckhard J.	801. 6. 3	134650 Schlüter C.	23. 8. 1
134615 Marcks L.	3. 4. 4	215947Tschierschky	23. - . -
147413 Birke J.C.	8. 4. 2	1507 Freudenberg	S190.17. 1
555 Albert A.	73. - . -	8 " W.	205. 8. 7
573 Gotthardt W.	6.15. 5	9 " A.	55.19. 5
694 Hasenheir A.	65. 5. 4	38 Thomas O.	127.16. 2
771 Reinsdorf K.	176. 8. 5	42 Laeschke B.	364. 5.11
768 Hierl J.	102.14. 5	40 Uschmann A.	39.15. 1
	3026.17. 5	27 Luedecke L.	96. 4. 7.
		TOTAL.	£ 6.489.18. 1

a. Total £ 1.350: -: -
b. " 466:14: 4
c. " 6.489:18: 1

Grand Total of Trust Funds £ 8.306:12: 5



CAMP VISITS.

1917.

- May 31st. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy.
- June 7th. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy.
- June 17th. German Detention Barracks, Trial Bay.
- Sept. 21st. German Detention Barracks, Berrima.
- Sept. 12th. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy.
- Oct. 14th. German Detention Camp, Bourke.
- Oct. 22nd. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy.
- December. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy.

1918.

- February. German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy.
- May 23rd. German Concentration Camp, (No. 4 Compound) Holdsworthy.
- May 30th. German Concentration Camp, (Main Compound) Holdsworthy.
- Sept. 26th. German Concentration Camp, (No. 4 Compound) Holdsworthy.
- Oct. 16th. Molonglo Concentration Camp, via Queanbeyan.
- Oct, 17th. German Detention Barracks, Berrima.

1919.

- Jan. 23rd. German Concentration Camp, (Main & NO. 4 Compound) Holdsworthy.
- April 1st. German Concentration Camp, (No. 4 Compound) Holdsworthy.
- April 11th. German Concentration Camp, (No. 4 Compound) Holdsworthy.
- April 23rd. German Concentration Camp, (Main Compound) Holdsworthy.
- May 12th. Molonglo Concentration Camp, via Queanbeyan.
- May 13th. German Concentration Camp (No.4 Compound) Holdsworthy.
- July 25th. German Concentration Camp (Main Compound) Holdsworthy.
- Aug. 2nd. German Concentration Camp (Special Compound) Holdsworthy.
- October 8. German Concentration Camp (Special Compound) Holdsworthy.
- Nov. 17th. German Concentration Camp (Special Compound) Holdsworthy.



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ENCLOSURE N^o 12.

24th November, 9

inhuman hardships.

5. CAMP CONDITIONS:-

The absence of warm baths and showers is keenly felt especially so by the elderly men. The vermin trouble which, in spite of all combating measures, has now it is alleged, assumed such dimensions that it alone makes life a misery. Again the recreations and libraries which previously helped to alleviate the depression and monotony when the Camps were otherwise full of life and activity are now it is alleged non-existent.

Sir,

I have the honor to draw your attention to the conditions prevailing in the German Concentration Camp, Holdsworthy, and beg to state that a petition for relief has been submitted to me by the remaining internees, in which the following points are raised and for which immediate consideration and effective relief are urgently requested. The conditions now apparently commence to prey on the minds of some if not all of the said Internees, the reasons for same being found in the following:-

1. CAPTIVITY:-

The long strain of internment which, in the majority of cases, has extended over a period from 4 to 5 years, coupled with the uncertainty of their fate.

2. INTERNEES WITH DEPENDANTS:-

who brood over the long separation from their families, and the impossibility of making any plans for their future.

3. POSITION OF INTERNEES FAMILIES:-

The private means of some of the Internees are alleged to have become exhausted. The Government allowance as compared with the high cost of living is inadequate, and the indigent internees are on account of their very internment prevented from providing the necessaries of life for their families, and unwarranted hardships are consequently suffered thereby.

4. RATIONS:-

It is claimed that the nourishment has recently by most been felt insufficient, moreso as they often have been short of the regulation allowance whilst those supplied have frequently been faulty, whereas the distribution of the Canteen profits have been entirely stopped. The Internees have found it necessary to strike a levy of 2/- per head per week amongst those who could contribute to make up substitutes for short and faulty rations, and to prevent inhumane

The Secretary,

Department of Defence,

MELBOURNE.

I recognise that owing to the pending situation of the Ministers is very occupied, and that prompt attention to matters of this kind is not readily

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readily obtainable. Nevertheless on humanitarian grounds I venture to press on the Authorities that the subject of this letter be treated as a matter of urgency.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

OLAV E. PAUSS

CONSUL-IN-CHARGE.

MALTA, 29th. December, 1919.

I have the honour to submit, in pursuance of a report relative to the German Prisoners -

have received the honour of being entrusted with the management of German Interests on behalf of the British Government, and from the beginning I have been concerned with the German subjects interned in the

I have had free access to the Internment Camp, which as a rule were two days in the week, and it always afforded me much pleasure to do so, to meet their wishes and give

The number of Germans interned at the time was about four hundred and eightyfour (1914).

I have on several occasions visited the Camp, and I have the pleasure to state that I am in position to settle questions to the satisfaction