

March 2nd, 1943.

Dr. S. F. Oliver,
Surgeon General,
Alien Detention Station.

Dear Sir:

The following suggestions are made which if accepted and carried out would greatly help in combatting the dangers arising from the presence of snakes and poisonous spiders and would in general improve sanitary conditions in the camp.

Garbage & Trash Collecting Barrels.

Twelve (12) sewage concrete floors, each holding 2 garbage and 2 trash barrels are provided for the shelter blocks. These barrels should be cleaned thoroughly by washing every time they are emptied, the emptying to take place once a day, if possible, or at least once every second day. If the iron barrels now in use should prove insufficient in number, and if it should be necessary to add wooden barrels, such wooden barrels should be closed with wooden tops. All barrels are to be kept well closed at all times, and no garbage or kitchen refuse should remain littered about on the ground. The aforesaid also applies to any other barrels that may have been put up in other parts of the camp. The dumping of garbage or kitchen refuse into the respective barrels should be done by grown-ups only and not be entrusted to children. It is advisable that any barrels put up additionally to those on the concrete floors be removed. The above measures will tend to counteract the breeding of flies.

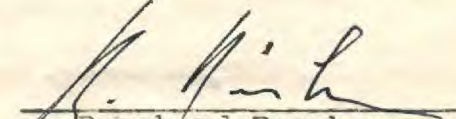
Control of Mosquitos. The 10 concrete tanks at the 5 road crossings in Camp Area 2, which are now partly stuffed or filled with sand, should be cleaned to provide proper flow-off for rain-water to come in the future. In case there should be stagnant water in the tanks which is to be expected from time to time, such tanks should be disinfected with kerosene to prevent them from becoming breeding places for mosquitos. Faucets on the outside of the lavatory buildings as well as those used for spraying should be kept shut tightly at alltimes when not in use so that no puddles might form near them. It is not advisable to dig in water-barrels as reservoirs for spraying garden plots.

With regard to the danger arising from the presence of snakes and Black Widow Spiders in the camp it is suggested that the grass growing between the shelters be kept short all the time. All piles of scrap lumber should be eliminated and all scrap lumber from barracks torn down taken away. It should not be permitted that vines or other clinging plants be grown on the walls of the buildings. Empty tin cans found within a radius of 300 meters inside or outside of the fence should be collected and removed and this area kept free of cans in future. The pool outside the fence is to be constantly kept clean of all weeds. Speaking of control of mosquitos it would be good to take into consideration also the pump station.

Later on all holes in the ground scattered all over the camp must be filled in. All irrigation ditches must be kept clean to permit an even flow of water. It is presumed that those parts of the camp that have not yet been planted to grass will also be covered to keep down the dust. Any pools forming inside or outside of the camp should be disinfected with kerosene or any other suitable disinfectant, if such pools are still existent after 48 hours.

We would welcome it if the management of the camp would provide fly catchers, flit and flitguns, lysol and ammonia.

Respectfully yours,


Bernhard Buesken.

Employment Service -

(Future planning for future needs)
List of personnel working in division -

Qualifications of workers.

Orderlies for hospital -

Respectfully yours,


Richard [Name]