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1. The Dnepropetrovsk Concentration Camp is located in the Lenin District (Rayon) of Dnepropetrovsk, on the outskirts of the city and in the vicinity of the huge Dnepropetrovsk Metallurgical Equipment Plant. The camp held an average of 1400-1500 prisoners. It was a strict regime camp, of the third category, for prisoners serving their second (or more) sentences.

2. There were five categories of labor camps in the USSR. Starting from the strictest, the categories are as follows:

- a. Prison regime (TZ - tyuremnoye zaklyucheniye) for prisoners specially sentenced by a court or for those who committed crimes in another camp.
- b. Especially strict regime (osobo-strogiy rezhim) for prisoners convicted three or more times for the same type of crime.
- c. Strict regime (strogiy rezhim) for prisoners serving their second (or more) sentence.
- d. Strengthened regime (usilennyy rezhim) for first offenders serving up to five years.
- e. General regime (obshchiy rezhim) for first-offenders serving up to three years.)

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3. The camp near Dnepropetrovsk was known as ITK 308/89, ITK standing for correctional work colony (ispravitel'no trudovaya koloniya). The camp was administered by about 20 MVD officers in uniform, not counting those in the guard company and others in the camp factory. The organization of the camp administration was as follows:

- a. Camp commander - full colonel
- b. Political officer (zampolit) - lieutenant colonel
- c. Chief, maintenance and supply - major
- d. Chief, operation section (chast') - major and about three officers
- e. Chief, special department (otdel) - major, and several women
- f. Eleven lieutenants and captains who were chiefs of the eleven units (otryady) into which the prisoners were organized.

4. The guard company was a low-strength MVD company of five officers and about fifty enlisted personnel. The officers were the company commander (captain), the political officer (captain) and three platoon leaders (lieutenants). Guard occupied towers at the four corners of the camp, but security depended more on the physical constraints of three walls, electronic security, and dogs. Any breach of the electronic security system would cause a rocket to go up, thus alerting the guards on duty. See Enclosures A and B for drawings of camp security system.

5. The production plant (zavod) inside the camp was run by 16 MVD officers in uniform, aided by a number of civilian employees. Apart from the engineers and technicians the work force was composed of prisoners. All the supplies for the plant came from the Kiev MVD, Material Technical Supply Department (OMTS - Otdel Material'no-Tekhnicheskogo Snabzheniya) which maintained many warehouses. The plant manufactured large reduction gear sets (reduktora), called No. 64, 65, and 66, which had a 50-60 kilowatt motor (dvigatel'). The plant also made steam-water shut-off equipment (paro-vodennaya zapornaya aparatura). The customers for these products were civilian (not military), who set contracts with the MVD for the plant's production.

6. Although the plant director carried the title of Deputy Camp Commander for Production, in practice, the officers running the plant had little connection with the camp administration. Other posts at the

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camp occupied by MVD officers were the following:

Chief Engineer
Chief Electrician
Chief Designer
Chief Technical Department
Three Deputy Plant Directors
Chief Bookkeeper
Chief Economist.

7. There were about 65 free civilians working in the plant, as follows:

Four Assembly Line (Tsakh) Chiefs
Seven Deputy Chiefs
Eight Technologists (two per assembly line)
Four Technicians (one per assembly line)
Four Bookkeepers (one per assembly line)
Eight Standardizers (Normirovshchiki) (two per assembly line)
Technical Department (15 civilians)
Electric Power Department (3 civilians)
Chief Bookkeeper's Office (8 civilians)
Economist's office (3 civilians).

8. Aside from the plant, there were about 35 other free civilian employees in the camp: 15 in the technical school (uchilishcha) and 20 in the grade school (fifth through tenth grade). The schools were subordinate to the Ukrainian SSR Ministry of Education, and were run for the prisoners who were forced to attend the technical school. Most of the inmates were professional criminals who were not interested in acquiring skills for honest employment after release.

9. The civilians received a 25 percent bonus for serving in a concentration camp. For an especially strict regime camp, the bonus would have been 35 percent. A deputy department chief received a base pay of 160 rubles per month, plus the 25 percent bonus.

10. The civilian employees had to have a special clearance to work in the camp. The clearance was issued by the Personnel Department of the Dnepropetrovsk Oblast' MVD. Their chief concern was to ensure that the civilians had never served time in a camp or prison.

11. There were no escape attempts at the camp from 1967-1975. There were no political prisoners in the camp. Some of the prisoners were highly skilled criminals, such as expert counterfeiters of government bonds and pickpockets. There were also ordinary thieves and murderers. The inmates attached to civilian employees who treated them in a decent manner.

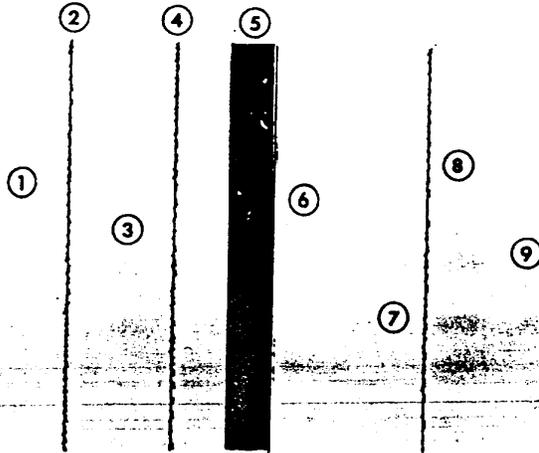
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Enclosure A: Section of Camp Security System



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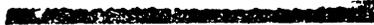
Legend to Enclosure A:

1. Inside Camp
2. Barbed wire fence
3. Plowed area two meters wide
4. Barbed wire fence
5. Electronic security wiring
6. Dog patrol area
7. Plowed area.
8. Cement block wall, three meters high, with barbed wire on top
9. Street side.

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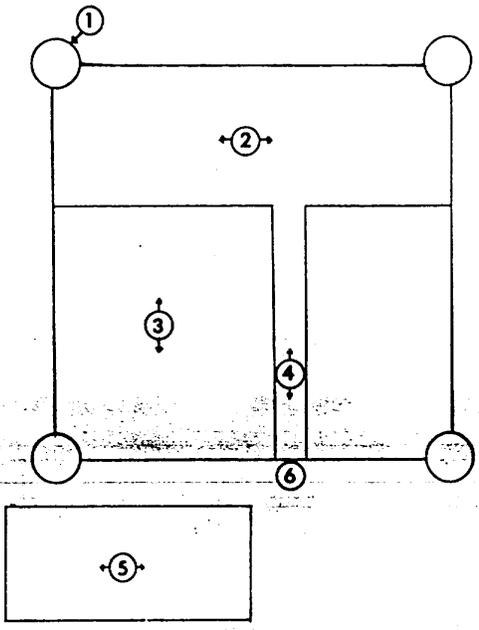


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Enclosure B: Plan of Camp



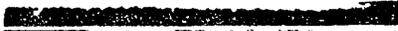
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1. Guard tower
 2. Production plant
 3. Prisoner barracks
 4. Road
 5. Camp Administration
 6. Gate

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