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(W 42-18, E 69-35):

a. Lead plant: A sketch of the plant area.

b. Tank plant: A one-page report with layout sketch of the installation.

c. Labor Colony No. 8: A one-page report with layout sketch of the installation.

Comment: The plant is presumably the Kalinin Lead Plant.
Colony No. 8 in Chimkent, South Kazakhstan Oblast

1. Labor Colony No. 8 in Chimkent is located to the north of the city, just across the road from the Tank Factory. There were about 1000 prisoners (ca. 200 women) of different nationalities: Russians, Kazakhs, Uzbeks, and others. The majority of prisoners were convicted as "Peoples' Enemies" in accordance with Section 58-1-B of the Penal Code.

2. Prisoners were convoyed to the nearby Tank Factory for construction jobs, and to a Lead Plant for unloading railroad cars. For an 8 to 10 hour working day, the prisoners received 300-1000 grams of bread and some other food. For some exceptionally hard work, they were paid 30-40 Rubles per month. With this money they bought some additional bread and food.

Attachment: Plan of Colony No. 8.
Index to Plan of Colony No. 8 in Chimkent, South Kazakhstan Oblast

No Scale

1. Barbed wire fence, 2 meters high
2. Flowed strip, about 3 meters wide
3. Barbed wire fence, 1 meter high
4. Guard House
5. Main Gate
6. Office Building
7. Kitchen and Mess Hall
8. Warehouse
9. Hospital
10. Women's Living Quarters
10-a. Barbed wire fence and gate
11. Infirmary
12. Construction Office
13. Living Quarters for Men
14. Job Superintendent (naryadchik) Office
15. Barbed wire fence
16. Gate to working area
17. Shoe and Cloth Repair Shop
18. Blacksmith Shop
19. Food Storage
20. Truck Entrance
21. Watch Towers
Tank Factory in Chimkent, South Kazakhstan Oblast

1. Construction of new buildings of the expanding Tank Factory was done by prisoners, who were convoyed from Labor Colony No. 8, just across the road from the Tank Factory. They were not permitted to enter the factory itself but were confined to a fenced area where new buildings were being constructed.

2. Bars of pig iron about 40 cm long, 15 cm wide and 6-7 cm thick were loaded on railroad cars.

Attachment: Plan of Tank Factory with attached Index to Plan.
Plan of

Index to/Tank Factory in Chimkent, South Kazakhstan Oblast

1. Road leading to Lead Plant from Colony No. 8
2. Road leading to Tank Factory from Colony No. 8
3. Gate
4. New construction area surrounded by a barbed wire fence
5. Cement mixer (stationary)
6. Foundation for a new building
7. Toilets
8. Cement mixer (mobile)
9. New building
10. Entrance to Tank Factory
11. Building in Tank Factory
12. Railroad sidings
13. Watchtowers
14. Barbed wire fence
Lead Plant in Chimkent, South Kazakhstan Oblast

1. Road from Colony No. 8
2. Main railroad - two tracks
3. Railroad sidings - total of 17 sidings
4. Main gate
5. Guard House
6. Warehouse and tool storage
7. Unidentified production shop
8. Narrow gauge railroad siding
9. "Goryachiy Tsekh" - Hot Shop - building having four furnaces with stoke holes outside
10. Unidentified shop
11. Smokestack
12. Shedroof