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Analyzing Primary Sources

German P.O.W.s in Florence, South Carolina

1. When did German Prisoners of War first arrive in Florence?
May 30, 1945
2. About how many were there?
400
3. What kind of work did P.O.W.s do?
worked in fields
4. How many days per week did they work?
6
5. How many hours per day did most prisoners work?
10
6. If prisoners were not paid in cash, then how were they paid?
coupons
7. What kinds of things were prisoners allowed to buy?
Crayons, Paper, Books, Cards, Games
8. What do you think prisoners did in their spare time?
draw, read, play card games, sleep
9. How would a prisoner be identified as a prisoner if they were outside of the base?
their clothes had PW on them
10. Were German prisoners ever familiar with Florence and the surrounding area? How do you know?
Yes they drew a map of the area with roads + farms on it
11. Where was the closest P.O.W camp to South Florence High School?
at the airport
12. What are some local areas where they worked?
Timmonsville, Peniel, Glenwood
13. Did P.O.W.s in South Carolina ever try to escape?
yes
14. Where did they go? What happened to them?
two of them escaped and went to Myrtle Beach where they were arrested cause they didn't have on a necktie
15. What happened when some P.O.W.s witnessed a U.S. army airplane crash?
they helped the people
16. Why do you think German P.O.W.s were held in South Carolina?
so they can work in the fields and it would be hard for them to try to escape.
17. Do you agree with the way German P.O.W.s were treated? Explain your answer.

Yes I think they were treated very nice.
They didn't have to work all the time and they could buy stuff with coupons.