

The Transit Camp

In autumn 1946, a transit camp for German men, women and children who had been expelled from other countries was added to the internment camp. It was the only camp of its kind in the British zone. The expellees came from many countries in Europe, Africa and Asia, where they had frequently already been interned at the beginning of the war. Many of them were missionaries with their families who were now being supported in Neuengamme by Christian relief organisations. After a short examination of their cases, most of these returnees were allowed to leave the camp after a few days.

If, however, these examinations revealed that the person in question had been a member of the foreign arm of the NSDAP or was suspected of espionage, he was transferred to the neighbouring CIC 6.