



[Factory Committee's memo to Bilicke re: grievances (unsigned)]

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CAMOUFLAGE DIVISION POSTON WORK CORPS, UNIT ONE

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MEMO TO: Mr. Walter Bilicke, Mgr.—Poston Camouflage Project.

FROM: Factory Committee

SUBJECT: Grievances.

The Factory Committee calls your attention to the conditions now existing at the Camouflage Factory which demands immediate action. It is urgent that action be taken tomorrow morning, March 10. Within a reasonable time a written reply to this memorandum should be given to the Committee.

The grievances:

1. The cutters are not supplying sufficient strips to the weaving sheds. At any rate, weavers have had to go to the cutting shed for strips. Furthermore, at times there was none to be had at the cutting shed because all available strips had been shipped to Unit 2.
2. Weavers have had to use raw nets which measure more than the regular 36x44 or 45x45 sizes. Besides not getting credit for the extra footage woven, the inspectors are forcing the weavers to fill in the spaces left open because of the extra size of the net. Weavers should receive credit for weaving nets larger than the specified 36x44 or 45x45.
3. At shed 2 the raw nets should be unpacked, from the boxes ready for use by the weavers.
4. The reefing crew must be increased to take care of increased production.
5. More inspectors are needed to keep up with reefers.
6. Factory and Latrines require daily cleanings.
7. Supplies in the latrines are needed and should be replenished as needed.
8. Weavers have been forced to make patterns. We are given to understand that this should be done by the Engineers.
9. Sun is shining directly into the eyes of the weavers situated on the C rigs. An awning or some other suitable shade should be furnished.
10. More ventilation in the weaving sheds and the cutting rooms.
11. Workers should take orders from the management through their foreman only.
12. Itemized statements with each pay check including two for the prior pay periods.

Yours truly

CAMOUFLAGE DIVISION

POSTON WORK CORPS.

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Chairman, Factory Committee