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INMATES OF THE PRISON CAMP IN VELIKA PISANICA TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL OF BJELOVAR (1945—1946)

Abstract

On the basis of unexplored archive data the paper gave information on the ill and deceased inmates of the Prison Camp in Velika Pisanica, a place in the vicinity of Bjelovar. The research found 84 ill or wounded inmates both male and female and children who were sent for treatment to the District hospital of Bjelovar and were there during summer of 1945. Treatments had different outcomes, e. g. full cure, improved condition, uncured condition or death. On the basis of living conditions in the camps morbidity is connected to diseases such as infectious diseases (typhoid, dysentery, tuberculosis, diphtheria), venereal diseases (endometriosis, syphilis), inflammatory diseases (abscesses, phlegmon), abortions with death because of sepsis and premature births, typical for camp conditions. According to the data we got four camp inmates died in the mentioned period. Three of them were women who died of infections and sepsis and one man who died of heart disease and inanition. Since the accurate number of camp inmates, ill, gone and deceased in the Prison camp of Velika Pisanica during and after the Second World War has not been researched and defined yet this paper is a contribution for further research in defining the living conditions, morbidity and death of the imprisoned in the Prison Camp in Velika Pisanica.

Key words: Prison Camp, Velika Pisanica, Bjelovar, hospital, morbidity, death