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Accommodation

They were single storey wooden huts, probably about 15 to 20 feet wide and about 50 or so feet long. And they were double-skinned because in the cold weather they were very cold, and they had insulated the inner skins of the outer skin with burnt coke which acted as an insulator. There was a single stove inside for heating and one tap. That was all the accommodation. There were wooden bunks, they were three tiers high and there were twelve people allocated to a tier of bunks with one blanket each and mattresses, or paliasses made out of paper, like paper sacks. And we were given lengths of rope, soft rope, and were told to tease it out and then make it as for stuffing for the paliasses.