

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

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- When did German Prisoners of War first arrive in Florence?  
*May 30, 1945*
  - About how many were there?  
*400*
  - What kind of work did P.O.W.s do?  
*Worked in fields*
  - How many days per week did they work?  
*6*
  - How many hours per day did most prisoners work?  
*10*
  - If prisoners were not paid in cash, then how were they paid?  
*Coupons*
  - What kinds of things were prisoners allowed to buy?  
*Crayons, Cards, Books, Paper*
  - What do you think prisoners did in their spare time?  
*Played card games, slept, + read*
  - How would a prisoner be identified as a prisoner if they were outside of the base?  
*Clothes had PW on them*
  - Were German prisoners ever familiar with Florence and the surrounding area? How do you know?  
*Yes, They drew a map of there surrounding areas. Ex. roads + farms*
  - Where was the closest P.O.W camp to South Florence High School?  
*The airport*
  - What are some local areas where they worked?  
*Glenwood, Penick, Timmonsville*
  - Did P.O.W.s in South Carolina ever try to escape?  
*Yes they did*
  - Where did they go? What happened to them?  
*2 escaped and went to Myrtle Beach and were walking around. They were arrested for not having a necktie on.*
  - What happened when some P.O.W.s witnessed a U.S. army airplane crash?  
*They helped save the people.*
  - Why do you think German P.O.W.s were held in South Carolina?  
*So that they would work in the fields + be very difficult to escape.*
  - Do you agree with the way German P.O.W.s were treated? Explain your answer.  
*Yes I do. They were treated very better than most are.  
They did not work all day and could also buy things with  
Coupons*