
500 BRITISH PRISONERS TO BE TRANSFERRED.

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A Swiss commission, consisting of eight medical officers, which left Berne on Saturday and will arrive in London on Monday, will visit all the camps containing German invalid soldiers, in order to select cases for transference to Switzerland.

A similar commission is starting for Germany, but meanwhile the German authorities, at the request of the Swiss, have consented to allow a first batch of 500 British prisoners to be selected immediately by German doctors and sent to Constance, whence, after inspection by a mixed Swiss and German board, they will arrive at Château d'Œx, Rossinières, and Rougemont, in the same valley, probably before the end of May.

Colonel Picot, late British Military Attaché at Berne, who was recently decorated as an officer of the Legion of Honour by the French Government, has been appointed a delegate representing the British prisoners in Switzerland. He is specially qualified by his experience in the Indian Army to make provision for separate camps for native Indian soldiers, who, with Dominion troops, will be among the prisoners transferred.