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Barrack 1B Camp Vught

The last remaining authentic camp barrack 1 on the Lunettenlaan has been a listed building since 2001. Barrack unit 1B stood empty until the foundation (a partnership between the Museum Maluku, the Vughts Museum and Camp Vught National Memorial) acquired the right of superficies in 2010. Under the flag of Camp Vught National Memorial, a permanent presentation has been developed on the history and functions of the barrack. The exhibition covers four periods: the concentration camp (1943-1944), the evacuation camp for German civilian evacuees from the border area (1944-1945) and the internment camp (1944-1949). Since 1951, part of the camp has been in use as 'Lunetten' residential compound for Moluccan ex-KNIL soldiers and their families. Barrack 1B brings together the experiences of tens of thousands of people who were forced to stay at this location during the past 70 years.

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Location

Vught

Surface area

600 m²



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In 1942 building work started on the 'Konzentrationslager Herzogenbusch', the only SS concentration camp outside Nazi Germany. From January 1943 onwards more than 31,000 people were imprisoned in the camp for well over one and a half years. At the camp, Barrack 1 served as a post barrack and canteen. Camp Vught was evacuated in September 1944. After the arrival of the Allies, the site was almost immediately assigned a new usage. The army started using parts of the complex. In addition, parts of the camp were used to intern thousands of Dutch people suspected of being collaborators. They were soon joined by thousands of Germans evacuated from the border area. Since 1990 it has been the location of the Camp Vught National Memorial centre.

In 1951 a large part of what used to be Camp Vught was put to use as a residential compound for approximately 3,000 of the 12,000 Moluccans who had relocated to the Netherlands. In the decades that followed it became clear that the Moluccans were going to stay in the Netherlands indefinitely and this led to a lengthy battle in Vught to keep 'Lunetten'. At the beginning of the Nineties the original barracks were dismantled to make way for new buildings. Barrack 1 was the only one that survived. These days the former site of the camp – with a total surface area of 350,000 m² – is home to the Penitentiary Institution in Vught, the Moluccan neighbourhood of Lunetten, two barracks of the Royal Netherlands Army and Camp Vught National Monument.



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