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Just imagine ...

... that you have just arrived in one of the ten wooden barracks standing here. Nine hundred women have arrived here with you. All are tired, many are ill. Many of you can barely stand because you have not eaten anything for days. Your last meal consisted of stinking lukewarm water with a few potato peels in it. You are one of the female prisoners who have worked here for months in the munitions factory. The work is difficult and long. You are forced to fill casings with explosives, working in underground rooms with fetid air. Many horrible accidents have occurred, but no one wants to think about that.

If only there could be peace and quiet in the camp. But the female SS guards with their dogs are just waiting to torment you there, too. Two days ago, like every day, you had to stand for morning roll call. The first snow had fallen. Wooden shoes and thin clothing barely protected you from the cold. Roll call was endless because something didn't add up. You stood until the afternoon. You were lucky and able to make it through. Those who collapsed from exhaustion were beaten. Now you are lying down and thinking about the town's lights, which are only a short distance away. How nice it must be there — warmth, food, sleep!!! Can it be that the residents don't know what is happening here? Why doesn't anyone help us? We haven't done anything! Your eyes are closing. Sleep will bring you a little relief before the new day of horror dawns. How much longer?

(Student work based on an eyewitness report on the living conditions in the camp.)