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Did you know

... that the first prisoner to die in Ravensbrück was a 16-year-old Roma girl from Austria? She was so thin that she managed to crawl under the barbed-wire. But her escape was discovered and she was caught and brought back to the camp, where she was sentenced to be beaten with a stick - a punishment the frail girl did not survive.

For you to do

Find out more about the conditions under which the women in Ravensbrück lived and worked. Why is it that almost a quarter of the prisoners died? What can be done to commemorate the countless unknown victims?

The photo

Austrian Roma women making rush mats under supervision in the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Archives of the Ravensbrück Memorial Site, Germany.

Most of the 152,000 prisoners in the Ravensbrück concentration camp in northern Germany were women, many of them Roma and Sinti, who were deported to the camp with their small children. Of the 28,000 victims of the camp, only 16,500 are known by name.