

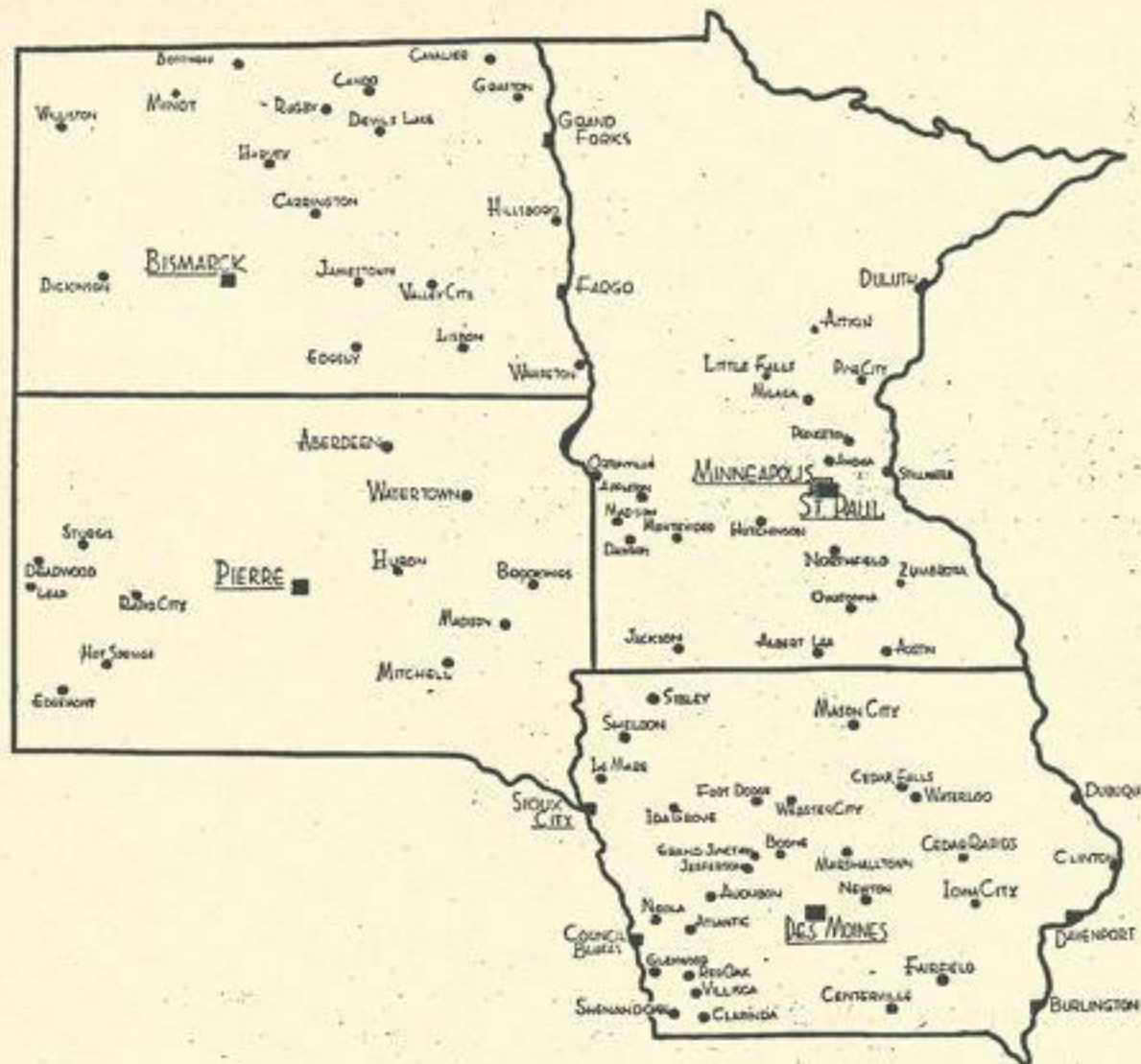


Behind Barbed Wire:

Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany

Michael Luick-Thrams

Where 34th Division Comes From



Shown above is the four-state area from which the 34th Division comes. The towns where units are stationed are indicated. Many men of the division come from towns other

than those shown, of course. Map by Private Ben F. Price, Headquarters company, 67th Infantry brigade.









Sidewalk Cafe, Wartime Style



In a rubble-littered street of La Haye du Puits, France, three imaginative Yanks rig up their own version of the famous Parisian sidewalk cafe. Drinking a toast to "a short war" are, left to right, Sgt. Robert McCurdy of Newark, N. J.; Sgt. Harold Smith, Brush Creek, Tenn., and Sgt. Richard Bennett of Wilkes Barre, Pa.

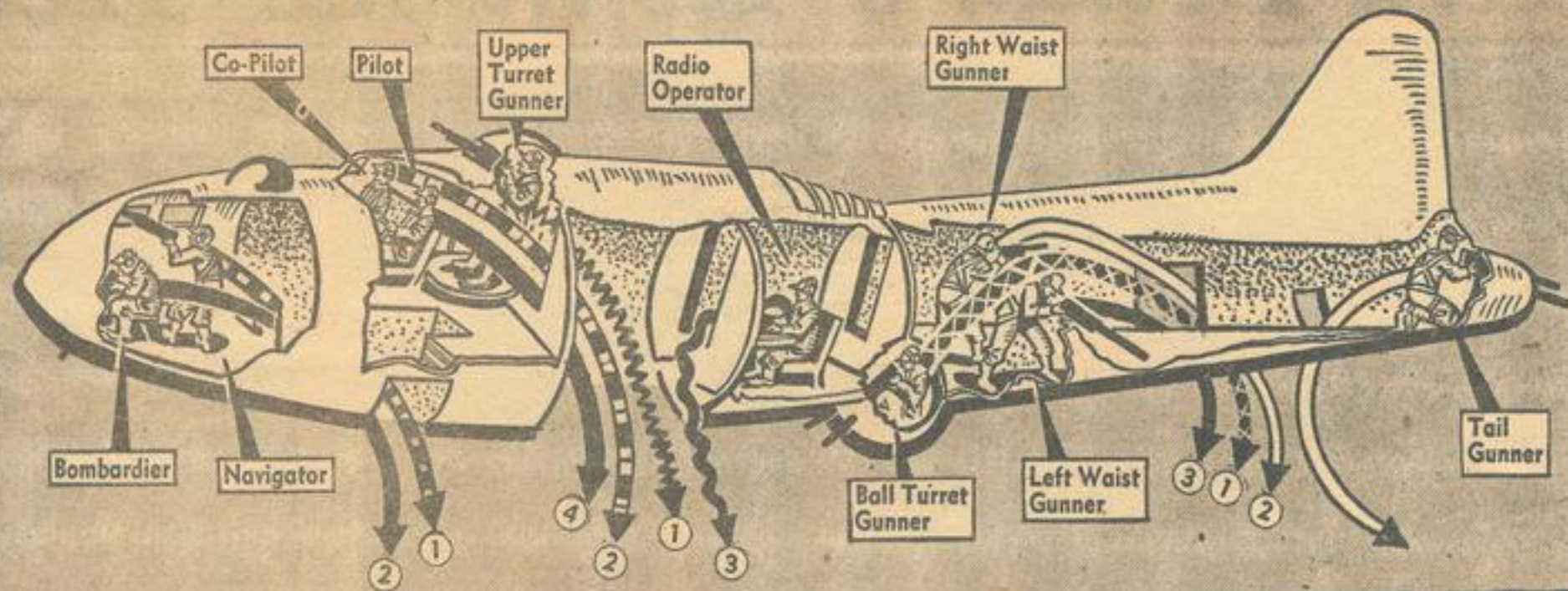






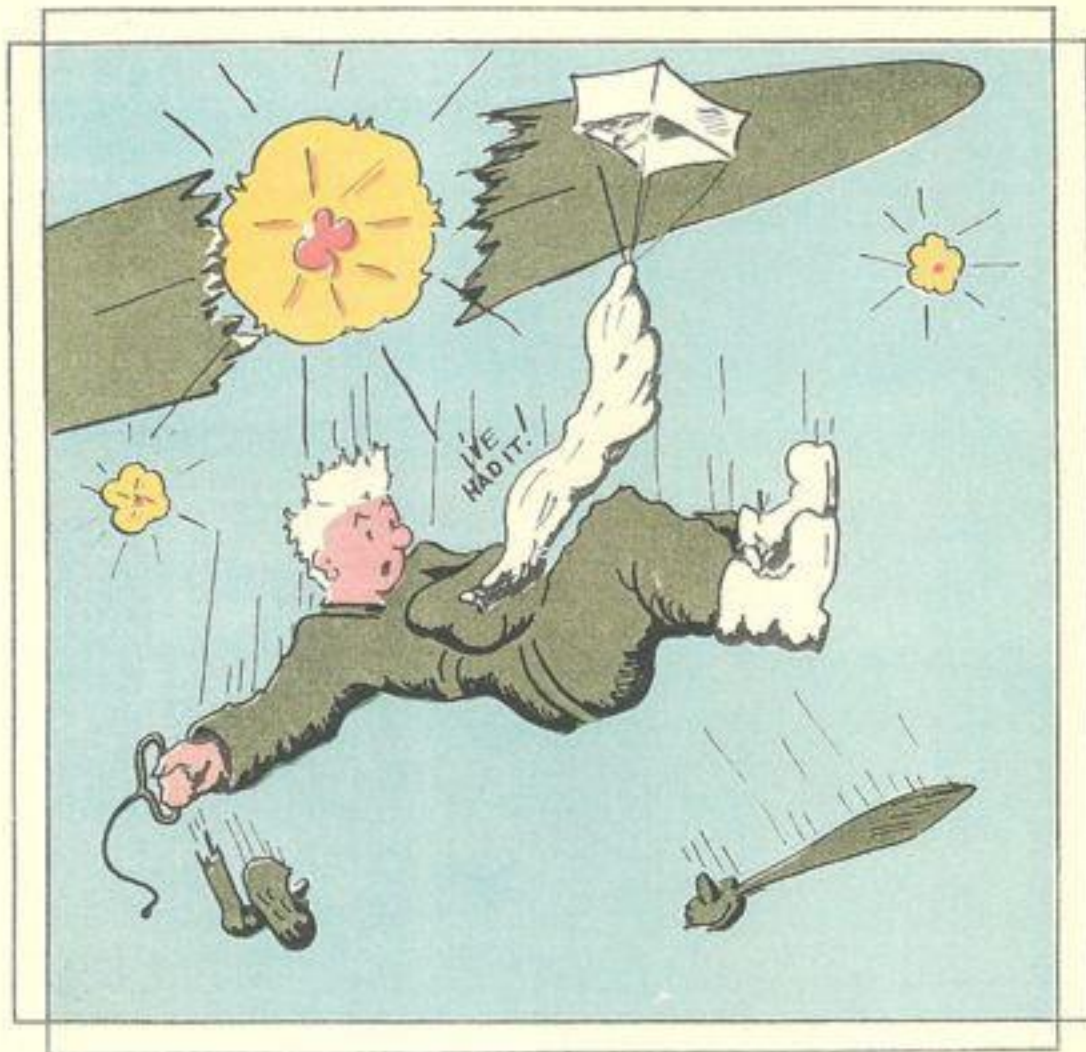


How to Bail Out of a Flying Fortress



PILOT: Exits fourth of group in nose of plane, through forward end of bomb bay. He is last man to leave plane. **NAVIGATOR:** Exits first through front entrance door. **BOMBARDIER:** Exits second through front entrance door. **UPPER TURRET GUNNER:** Exits first out forward end of bomb bay. **CO-PILOT:** Exits second out forward end of bomb bay. **RADIO OPERATOR:** Exits third, through after end of bomb bay. **LEFT WAIST GUNNER:** Exits first out main entrance door. **RIGHT WAIST GUNNER:** Exits second through main entrance door. **BALL TURRET GUNNER:** Exits third out main entrance door. **TAIL GUNNER:** Exits through small emergency door in tail. Each man takes with him individual seat-type dinghy and breast-type parachute, hung conveniently near his station.

If you think that when the order to bail out comes over the intercom of a Flying Fortress every man scrams for the nearest door and devil take the hindmost, you're sadly mistaken. When necessary to "Abandon Ship" in the air, there is no time for confusion or second-guessing. The diagram above shows the set routine, as worked out by Army Air Forces safety experts. Intensive ground drills make crews' reactions automatic. It is sketched from data on poster in Flying, prepared by AAF Flight Control Command, Safety Education Division.



O'er the target his ship caught afire,

Our lad decided

T'was time to retire . . .

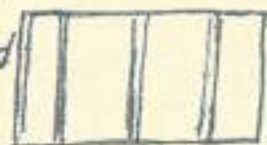




*A reception committee of the Third Reich
Was on hand to greet him
When he did alight . . .*

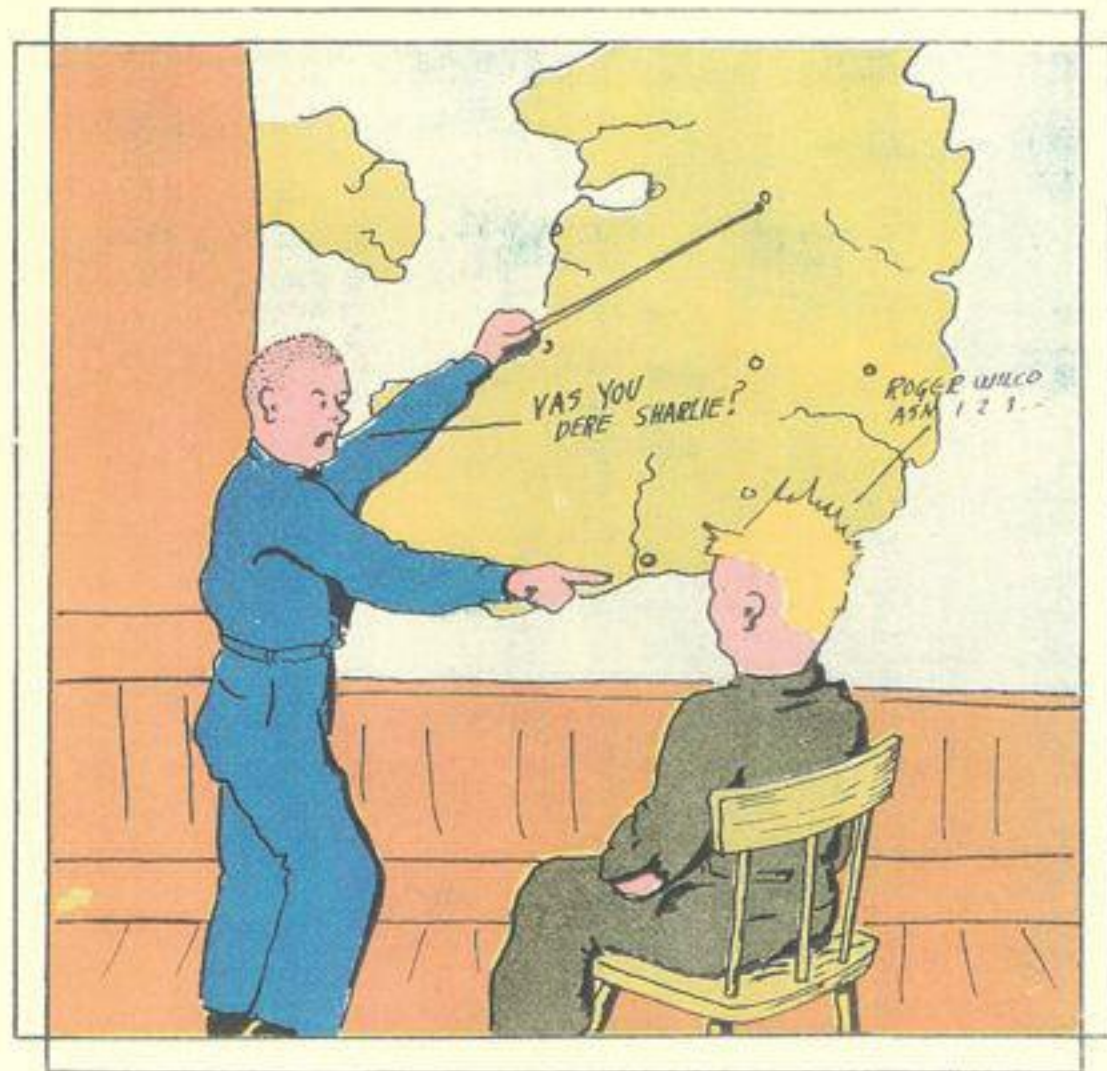


For it is better to be dead
With face turned to the sky
Than live beneath a slavish dread
To serve a monster lie.



DULAG LUFT

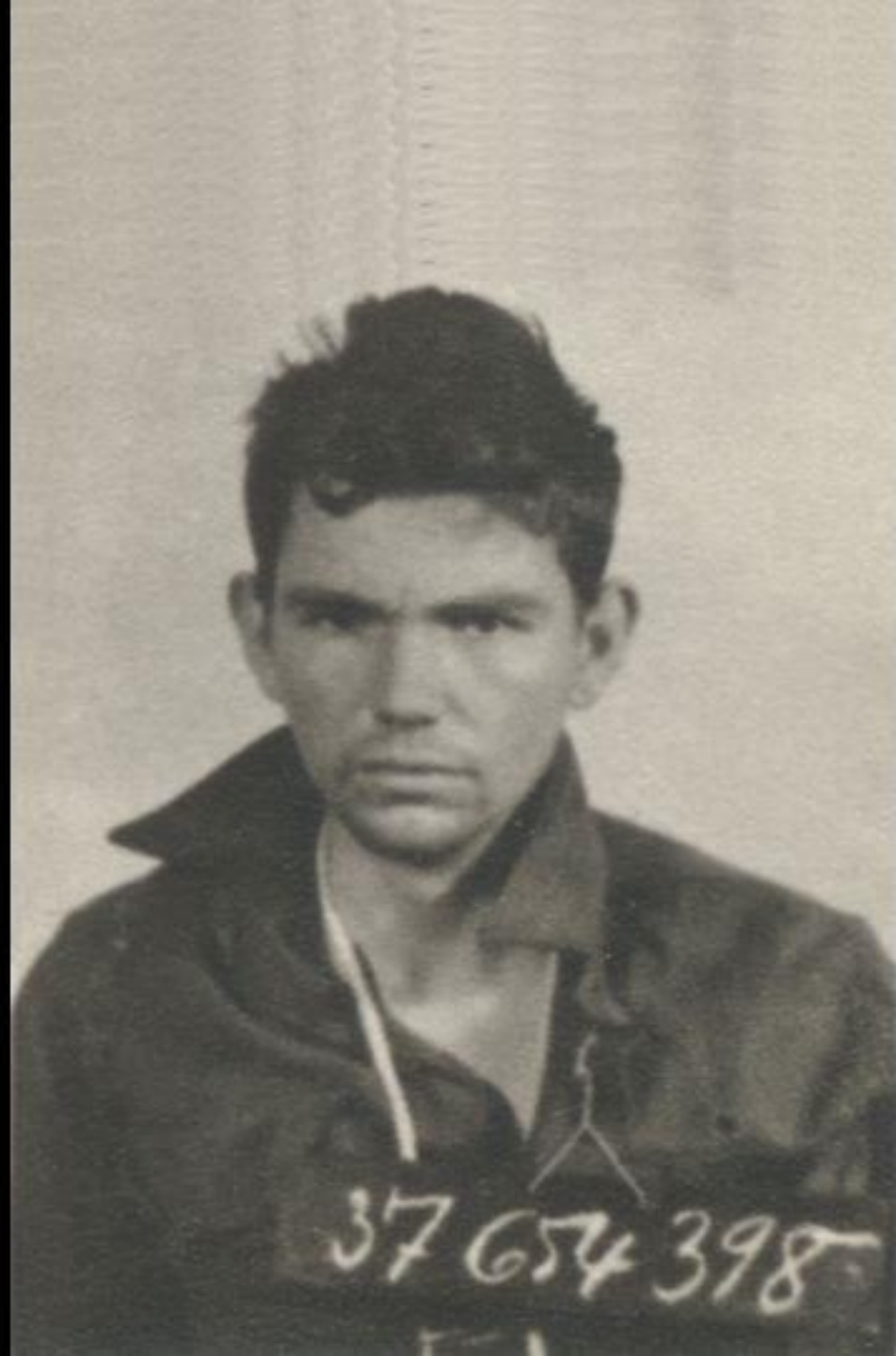




Interrogated; He knew only rank, name and number,

There never was

A guy any dumber . . .



37 654 398



Name: Märkle

Vorname: Herbert Andrews

Dienstgrad: 2. Lt.

Erk.-Marke: 3531 st. I. 1

Serv.-Nr.: 0 - 672 154

Nationalität: U. S. A.

CREW OF ILL-FATED "FOREVER YOURS"



Above are members of the crew of the Flying Fortress, "Forever Yours" who parachuted to safety when their plane was shot down over German-held territory last summer. Second from left, back row, is Sgt. Jean Ray, husband of Mrs. Mary Ray and son of Ira Ray, both of D-3, shop 3, who is held prisoner by the Germans.

Sgt. Ray Safe in Nazi Prison Camp

Wife and Parents Hear From Flier And Crew Mates

7 Elude Capture After Plane is Shot Down

"I'm a prisoner of war. Don't go jumping the gun and get married off again."

Thus facetiously did T. Sgt. Jean E. Ray reassure his wife, Mrs. Mary Ray, Inspector in D-3

At right are Mrs. Mary Ray, Mrs. Ray and 3-months old Sandra Ann Ray, wife, father and daughter of Sgt. Jean Ray, who parachuted to safety on his plane is shot down in enemy territory last summer, he is now in a German prison camp. His wife and father both work in D-3, shop



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RFD No 1

PLeasantville, IN

The secretary of War desires me to express his deepest regret that your step son Private first class THOMAS E. Mesecher has this date been reported missing in action in North African area since Feb 17 additional information will be sent you when received

Ullo The Adj't General

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Sgt. Jean Ray Reported Missing Over Europe

Served As Member Of Bombing Crew Bases In England

Technical Sergeant Jean E. Ray who had been overseas since the middle of August, had been reported "missing in action since Sept. 3 in the European area," according to word received this morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Ray of Newton.

His last letter, written Aug. 21, told of having been on his first bombing mission over Europe. It was pointed out that the raid on which he was lost was his second since it was just four days after his first journey.

Just Finished Training
He had just completed his final training at the army air base at Dulham, Texas, as a bombardier and gunner on a heavy bomber.

Sgt. Ray had been in the service since Aug. 25, 1941, when he entered with a group of recruits. His wife, the former Mary Ann

Wade, and five-month-old daughter, Sandra Ann, are living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wade of Colfax.

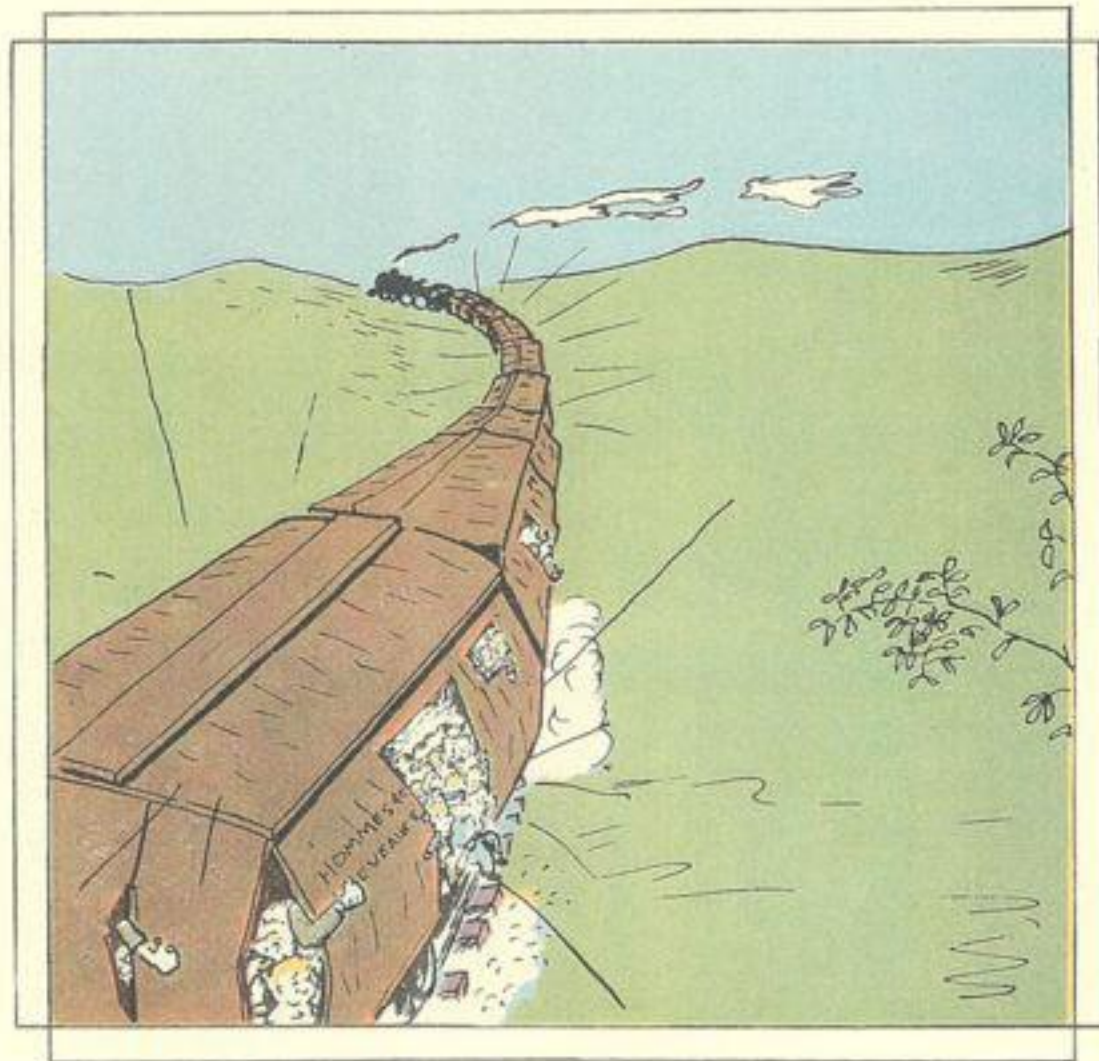
The telegram read:
"The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Technical Sergeant Jean E. Ray has been reported missing in action since Sept. 3 in the European area. If further details or other information are received, you will be promptly notified."

Three Sisters
He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray. He has two sisters, Rebecca and Donna, living in Newton, and another, Demaris, in Glendale, Calif.

Before entering the service he was employed at the Advertising Navajo company. He graduated from Newton High school with the class of 1939.

Despite the bad news, his father remarked, "We've still got hope. Missing in action can mean a lot of things."

populated city of France, which encountered fierce enemy fighter resistance and heavy fire from ground batteries, the "Forever Yours" was struck by an anti-aircraft shell on Sept. 3. (Continued on Page 4)



Then off to Stalag, first class accommodations

Living like a King

On Red Cross rations . . .

Location of German Camps and Hospitals Where American Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees Are Held
(Based on information received to December 31, 1944).

PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS		
CAMP	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
Stalag II A	Neyßendenburg	B 2
Stalag II B	Hannowitz	C 1-2
Stalag III A	Luckenwalde	B 1
Stalag III B	Fürstberg/Ohre	C 2
Stalag III C	Ahlbeck	C 2
Stalag III D	Karlshagen	B 1
Stalag IV A	Hahnau	B 4-5
Stalag IV B	Mühlberg	B 2
Stalag IV C	Wiesitz	B 2
Stalag IV D	Troppau	B 2
Stalag IV D/E	Annaburg	B 2
Stalag IV F	Hartmannsdorf	B 3
Stalag IV G	Oschitz	B 2
Stalag V A	Ludwigsdorf	A-B 2
Stalag V B	Villingen	A 4
Stalag VI C	Bergisch-Neuenahr	A 2
Stalag VI J	Kretzfeld	A 3
Stalag VII A	Münster	B 3
Stalag VII B	Münster	B 4
Stalag VIII B	Tyche	D 3
Stalag VIII C	Lamsdorf	C 3
Stalag VIII D	Sagan	C 2
Stalag IX B	Bud Ols	A-B 3
Stalag IX C	Bud Ols	B 2
Stalag X B	Bismarck	A-B 2
Stalag X C	Niesberg	A 2
Stalag XI A	Altengrabow	B 2
Stalag XI B	Fallingb. J.	B 2
Stalag XII A	Lindenberg	A 3
Stalag XII D	Waldau	A 3
Stalag XII F	Tschelbin	A 3
Stalag XIII C	Hannau	B 3
Stalag XIII D	Niesberg-Longauer	B 3
Stalag XIV	Hohenstein	B 3
Stalag XVII A	Kaltenbach	C 4
Stalag XIX	Fuppitz	B-C 4
Stalag XVIII A	Waldau	C 4
Stalag XVIII (GHI)	Maria-Pepon	B-C 4
Stalag XX	Ostke	A 7
Stalag XX A	Tarnobrzeg	D 2
Stalag XX B	Maidanek	D 1
WK 8-BAD 21	Blaichbach	D 3

CAMPS FOR AIRMEN		
CAMP	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
Laf I	Burk	B 1
Laf III	Sagan	C 2
Laf IV	Geosyche	C 1
Laf VII	Borken	C-D 2
Stalag XVII B	Krosno/Gaerzdorf	C 5
Stalag Luft	Wendau	A 5

NAVAL AND MERCHANT MARINE CAMPS		
CAMP	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
Marlag-Milag	Tannenberg	A-B 2

GROUND FORCE OFFICERS' CAMPS		
Offg	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
Offg IV C	Colbitz	B 2
Offg VII B	Eichsteden	B 5
Offg IX A/II	Spangenberg	B 2
Offg IX A/II	Wendau	B 2-3



Offg	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
Offg X B	Niesberg	A 2
Offg XI (78)	Bismarck	B 1
Offg 94	Altenburg	C 1

LAZARETTES (Hospitals)		
LAZARETT	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
IVA	Res. Laz. Elberbach (Hohenstein)	C 3
IVG	Lepzig	B 2
VB	Kornau	A 4
VIC	Res. Laz. Lingen	A 2
VIG	Res. Laz. Geroldsdorf	A 2
VII A	Frieding	B 2-3
IX B	Res. Laz. Hohenstein	A 3
IX C	Obernau	B 2-3
IX D	Niesberg	B 3
IX E	Hohenstein	B 3
X A	Res. Laz. H. Schlegel	B 1
X B	Waldau	A-B 2
XIII D	Niesberg-Longauer	B 3
XVIII A/E	Spitz/Dessau	B-C 4
Marine Lazarett Cuckoo		A 1
Lufwaffen Lazarett 4/II Wismar		B 1
Res. Laz. H. Vinnia		C 4
Res. Laz. Gera		C 4
Res. Laz. Eilen		B-C 1
Res. Laz. Waldau		C 2
Res. Laz. H. Stargard		C 2
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Res. Laz. Klotzsch		C 2
Res. Laz. Elberbach		B 3

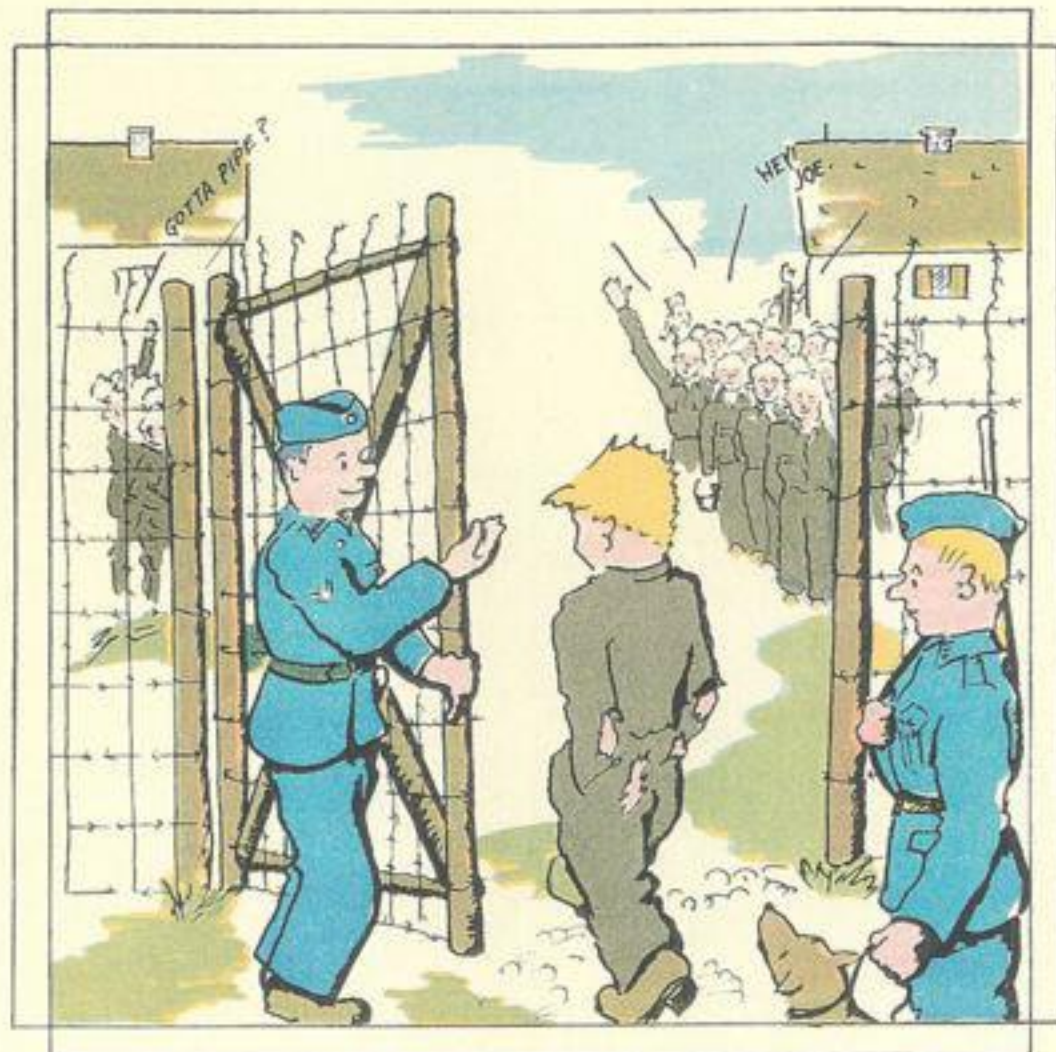
CIVILIAN INTERNEE CAMPS		
LAZARETT	NEAREST TOWN SQUARE	MAP
Flag Elberbach		B 4
Flag Lichtenau		B 4
Flag VII/H Ludau		B 4

Key

- Prisoner of War Camps
- ⊙ Camps for Airmen
- ⊕ Officers' Camps
- ⊕ Civilian Internee Camps
- + Hospitals (Lazarett)
- ⊗ Marlag and Milag

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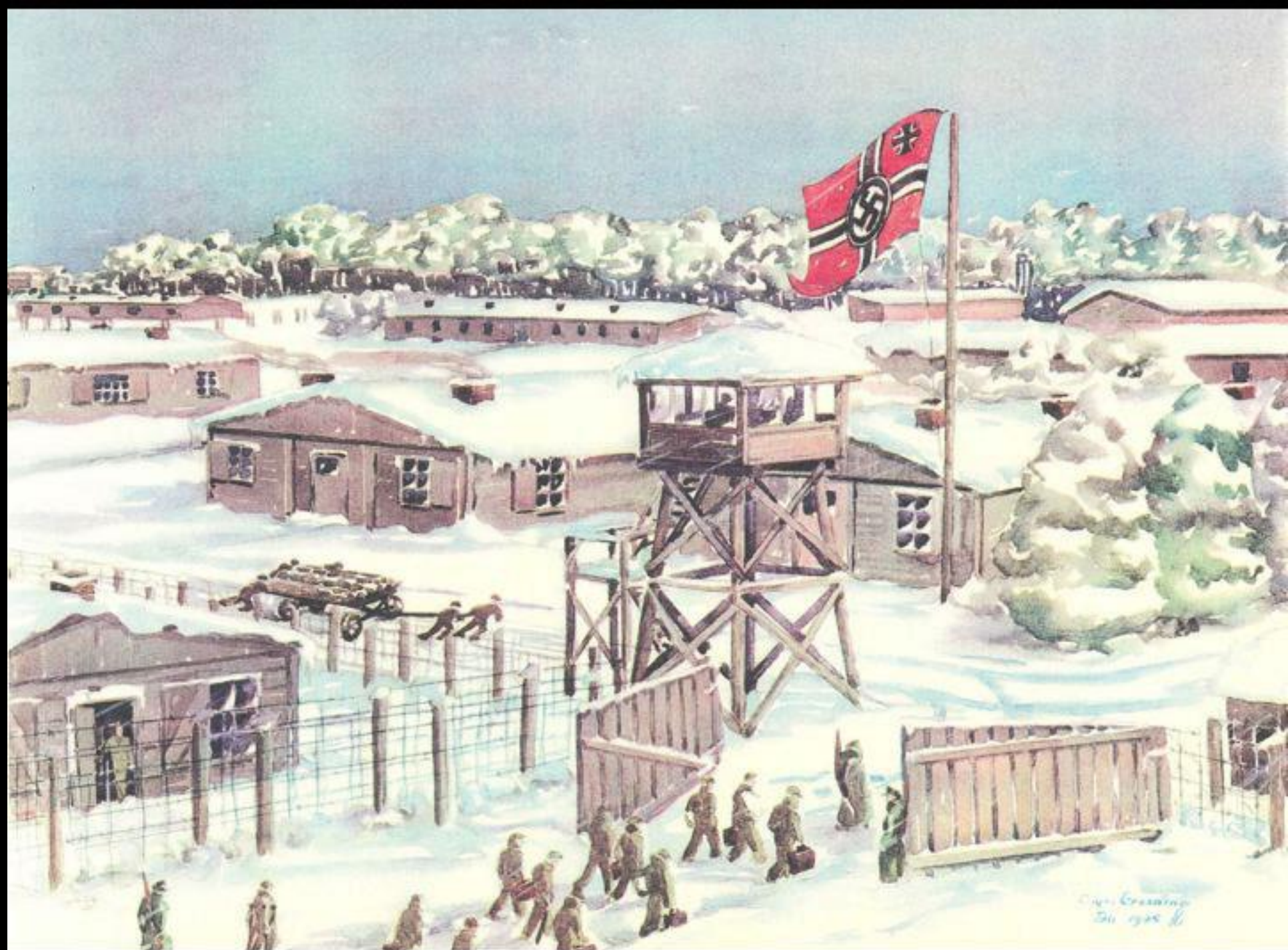
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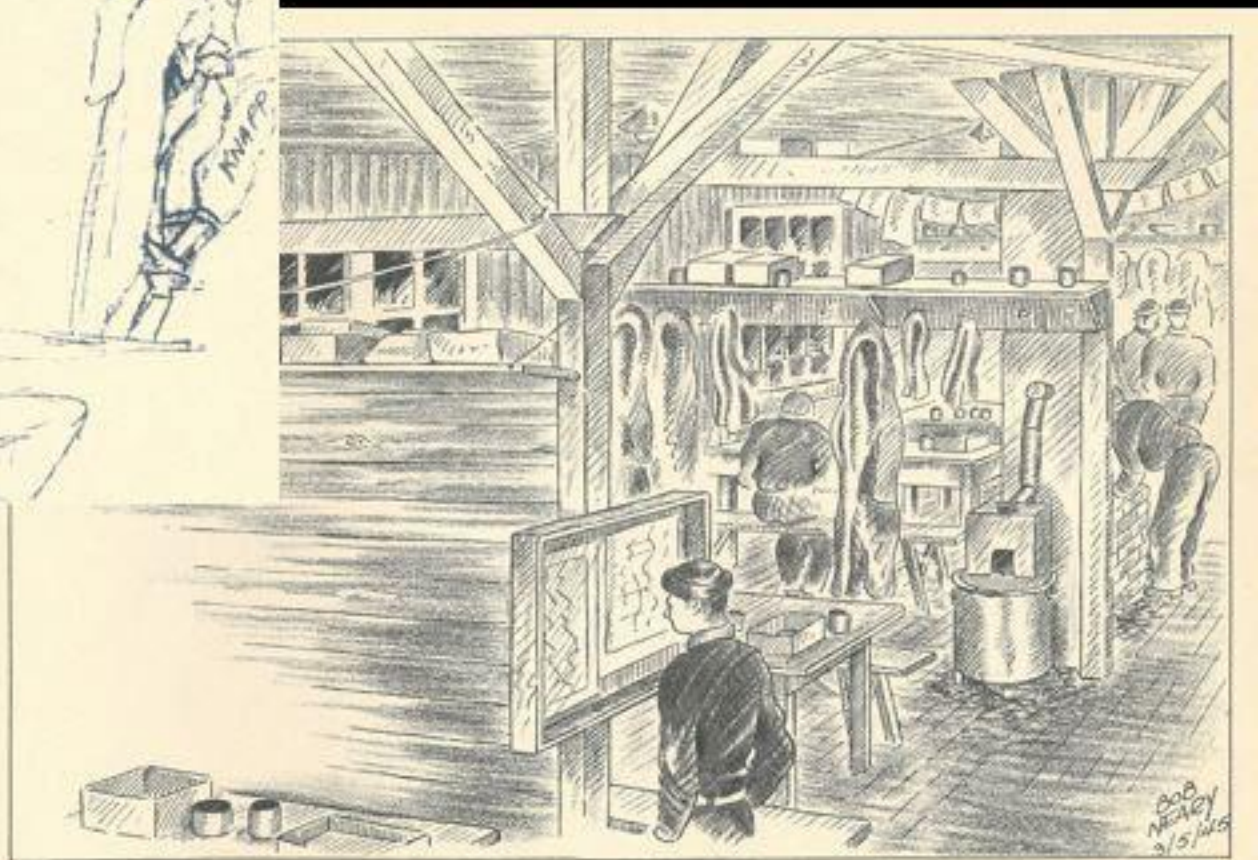
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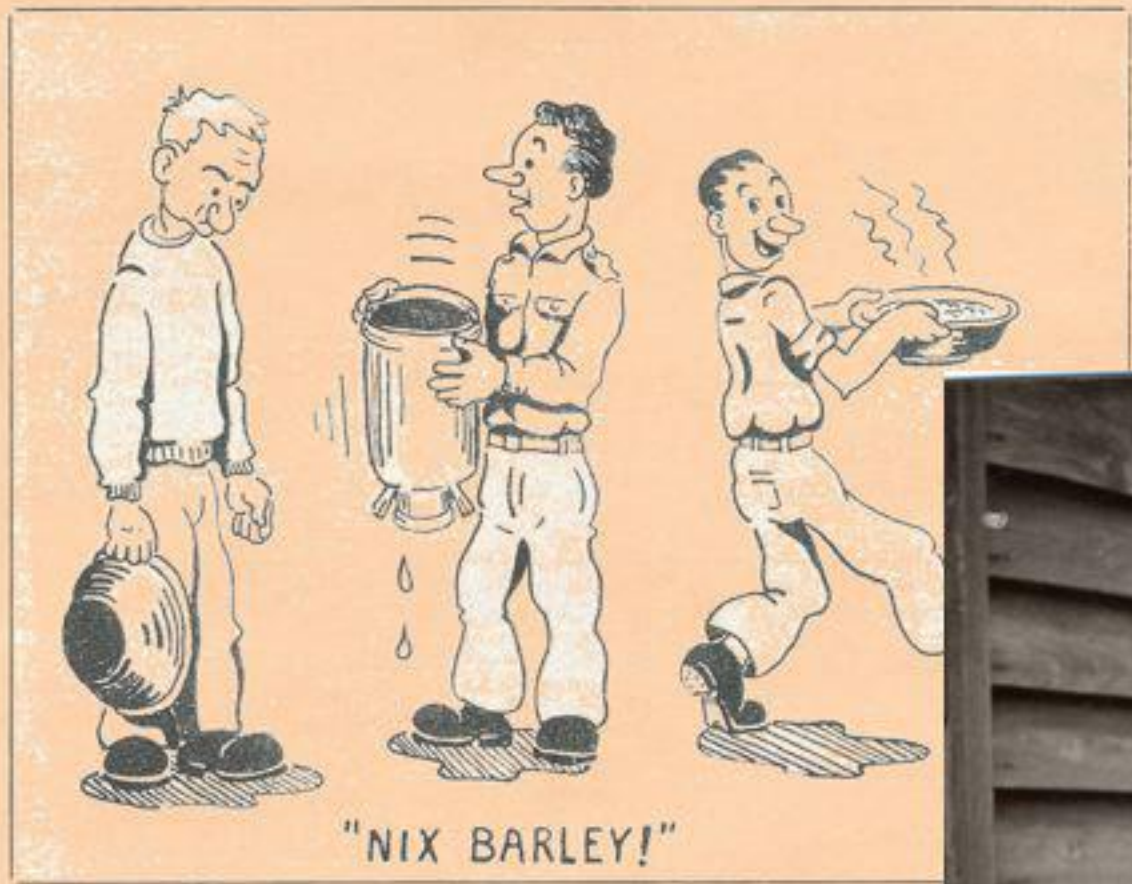
'Terror-flieger' scamp . . .



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Kriegsgefangenen-Lagergeld 4-1134428
Gutschein über 50 Reichspfennig

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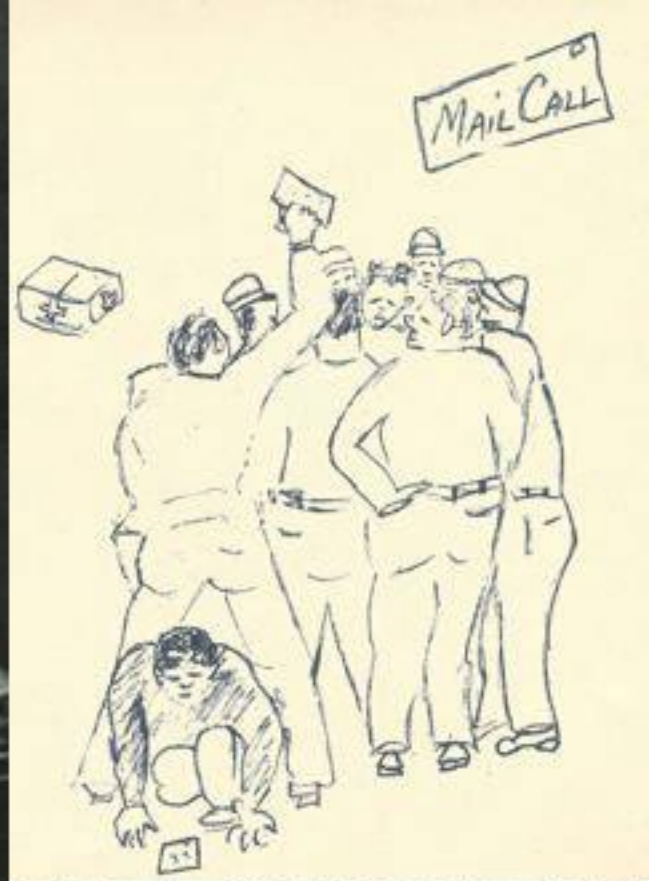
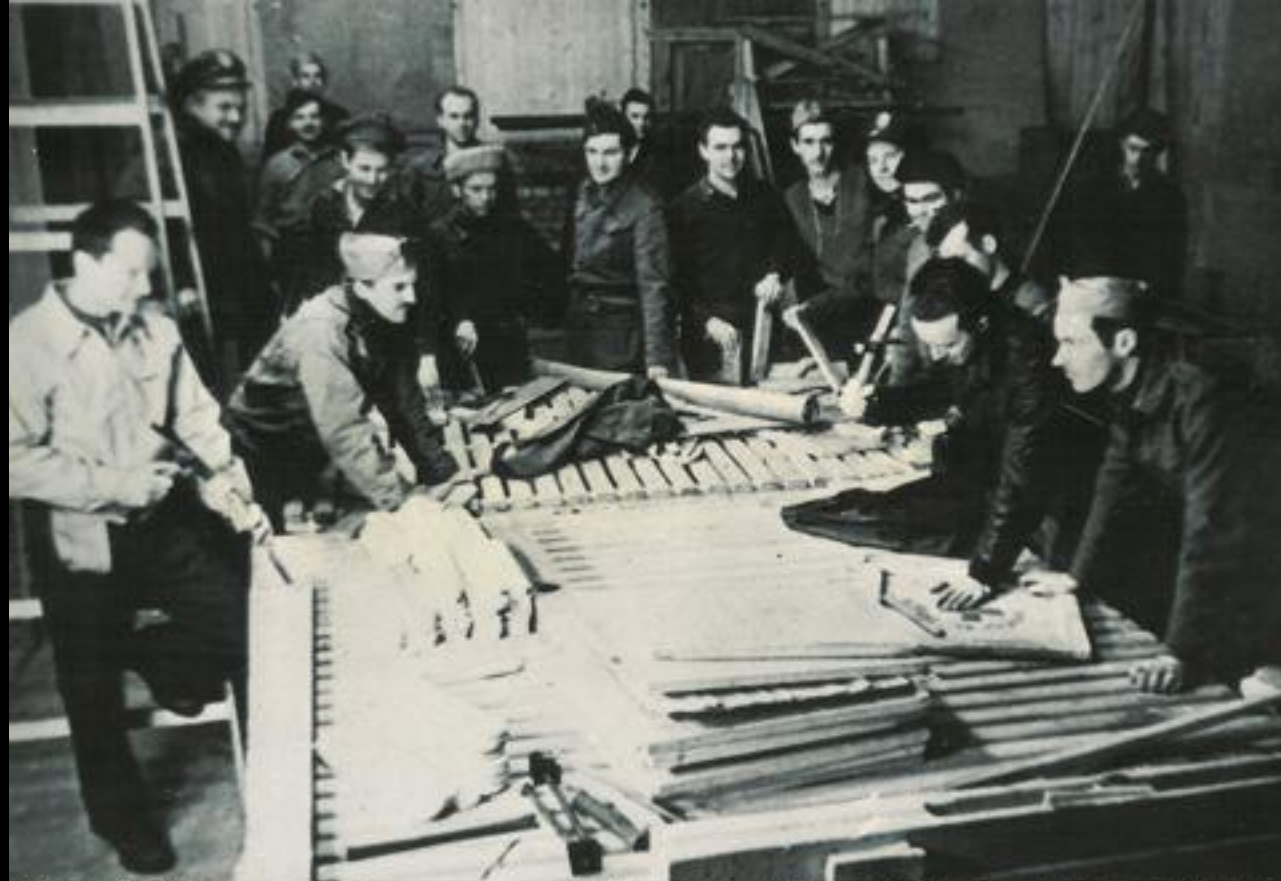
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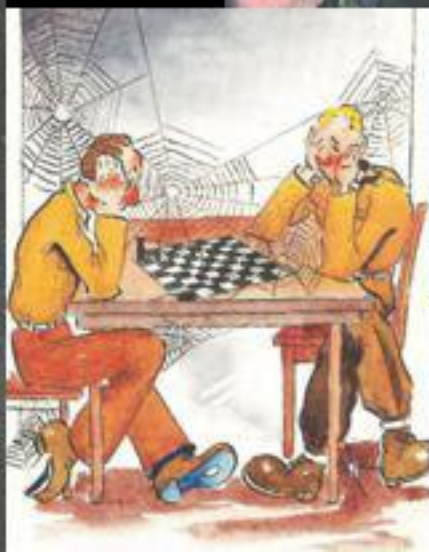
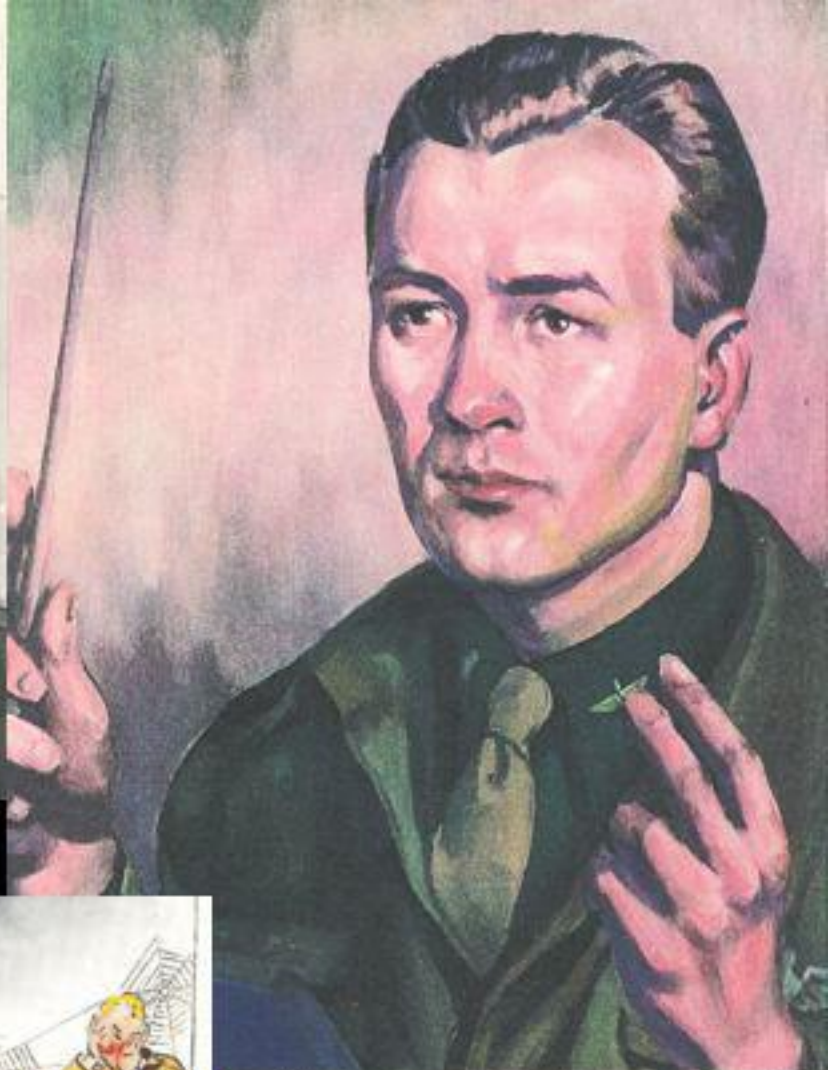










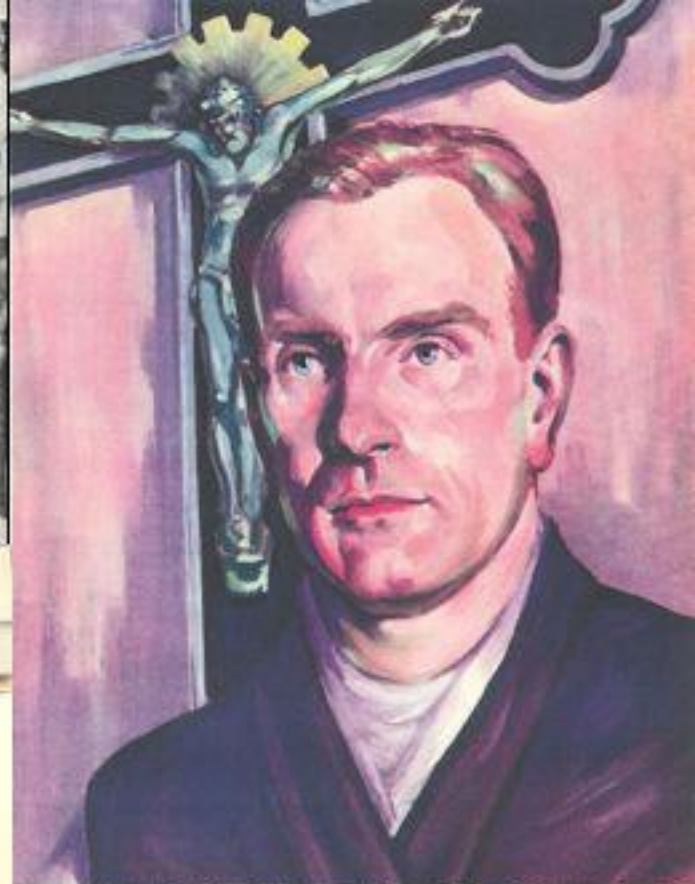
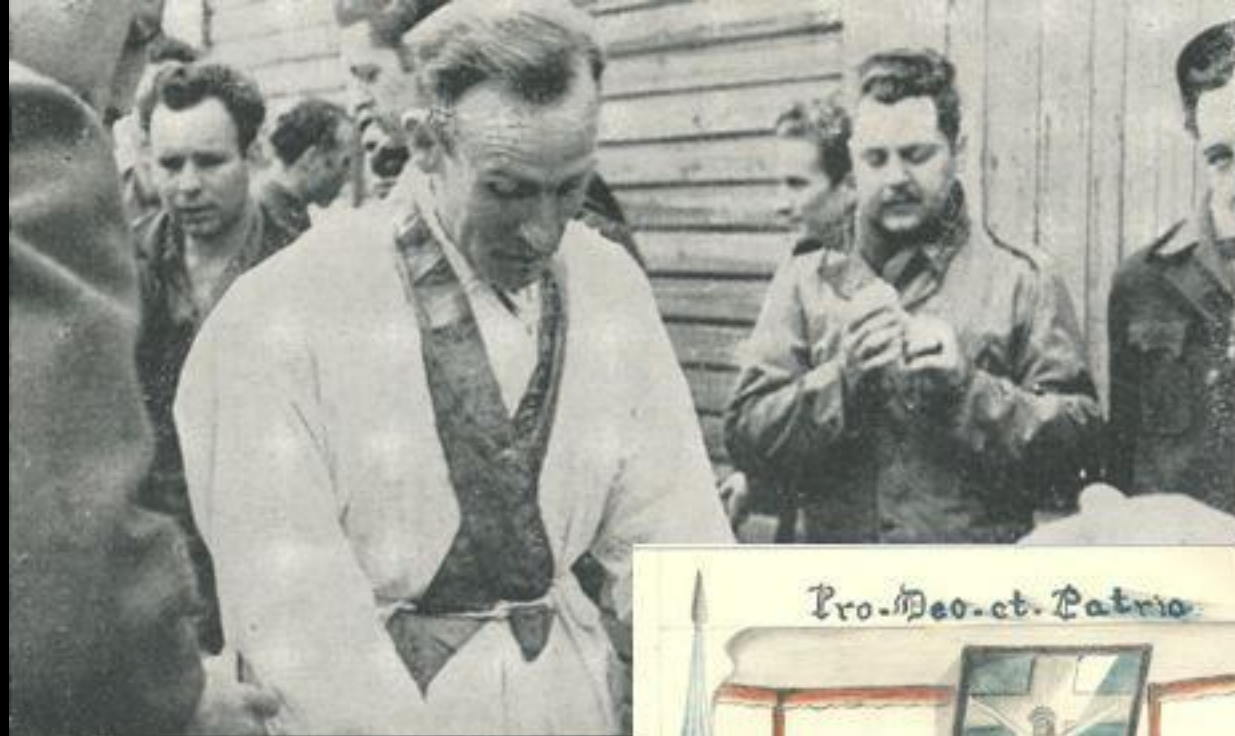




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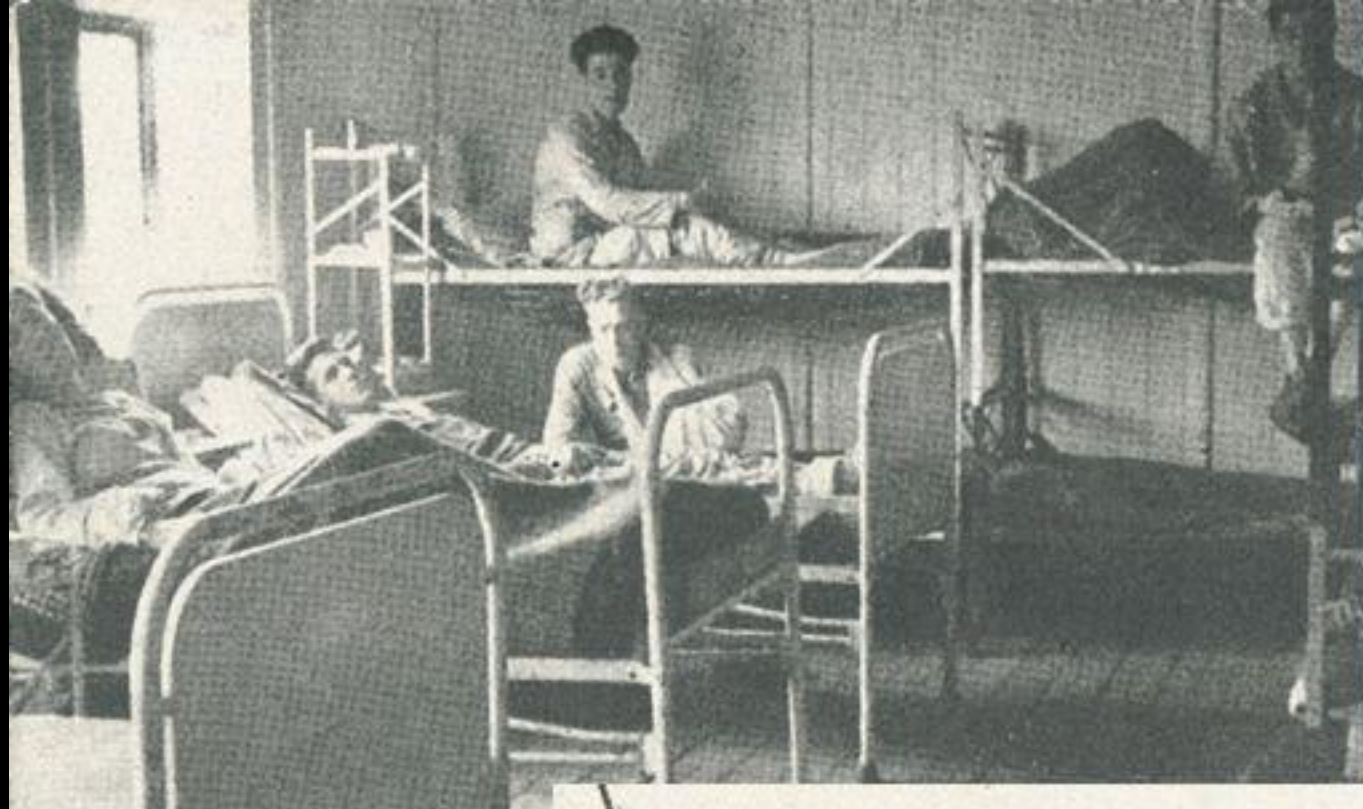
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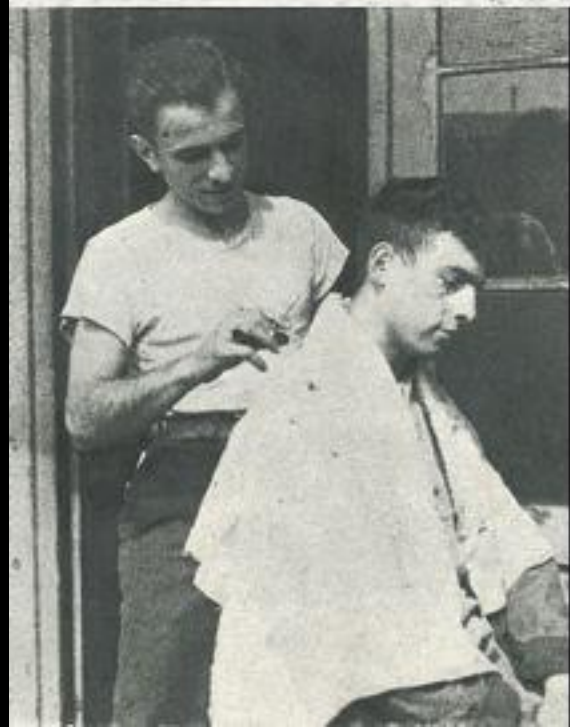
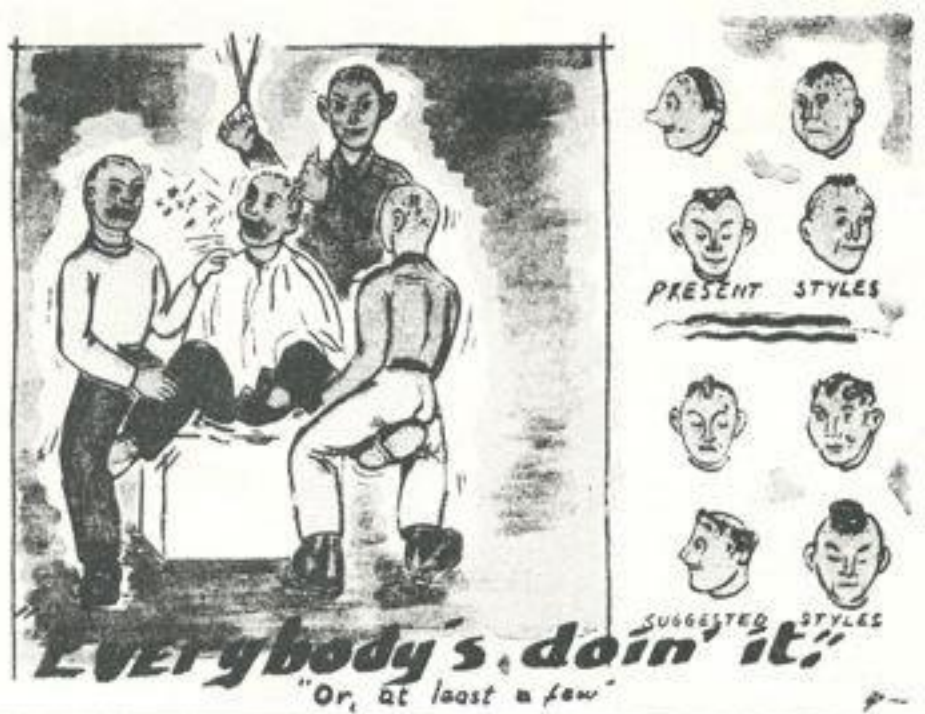




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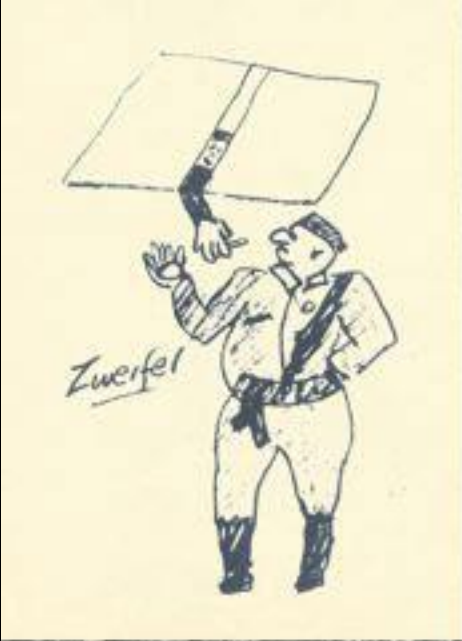










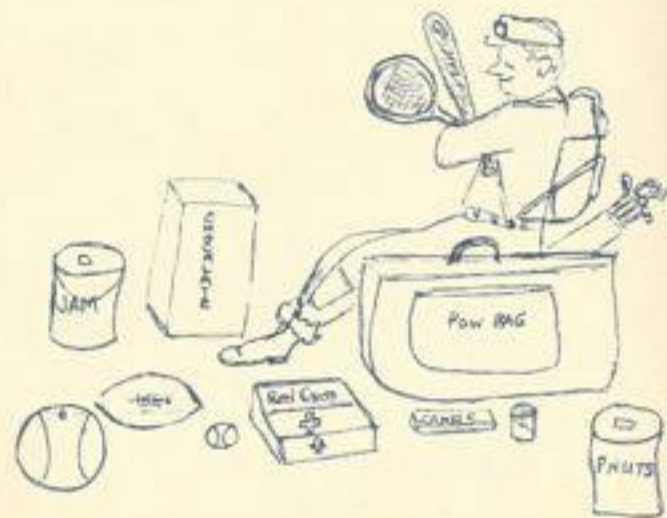
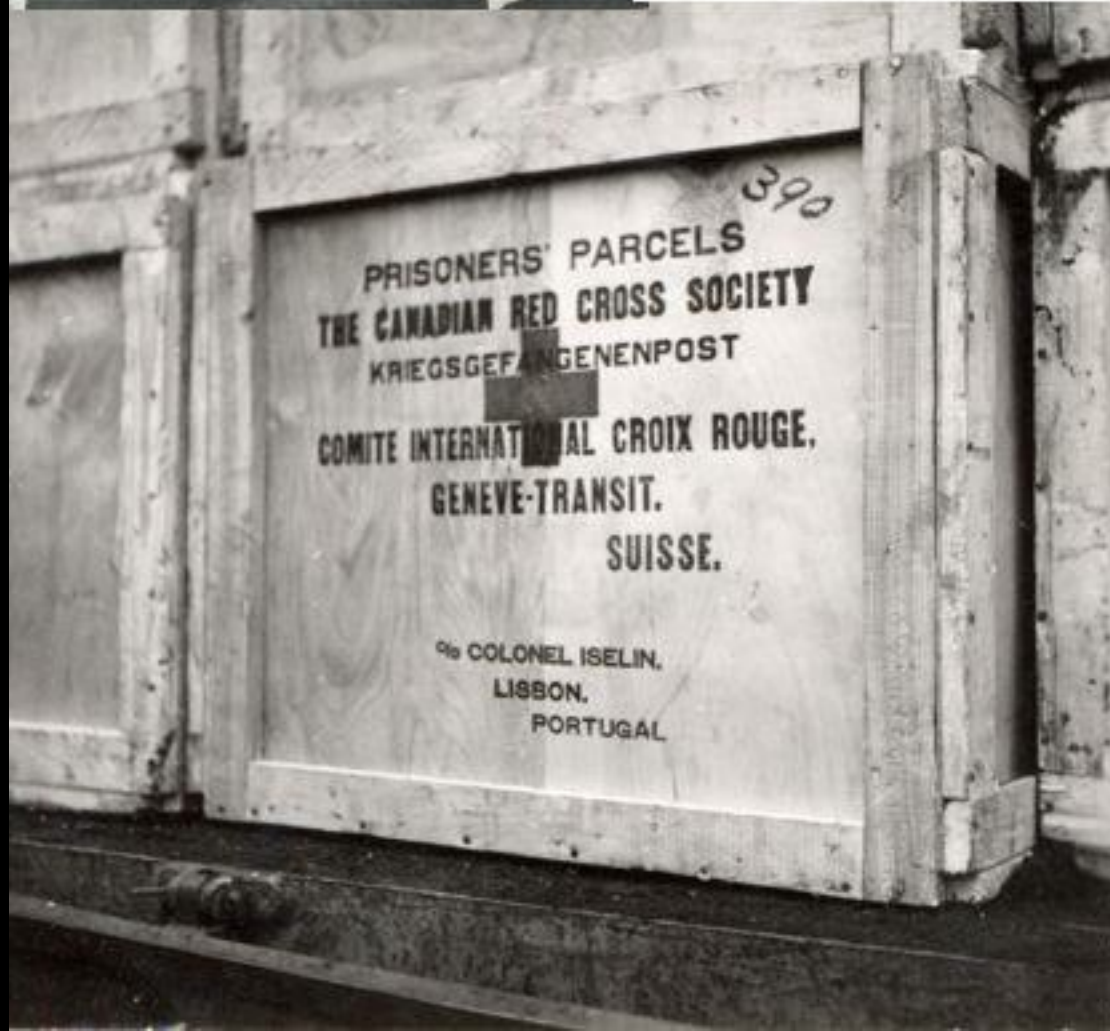






Contents of P.O.W. Package.
Powdered Milk. Equal to 1 gal whole milk.
Spam. Regular size can.
Canned Beef - Regular size can.
Biscuits - About 1/4 lb box
Chocolate - Concentrated food bar.
Sugar - 1/4 lb box cubes.
Coffee - Small jar soluble.
Cheese - 1/4 lb. Helveta
Cigarettes - 3 pkcs.

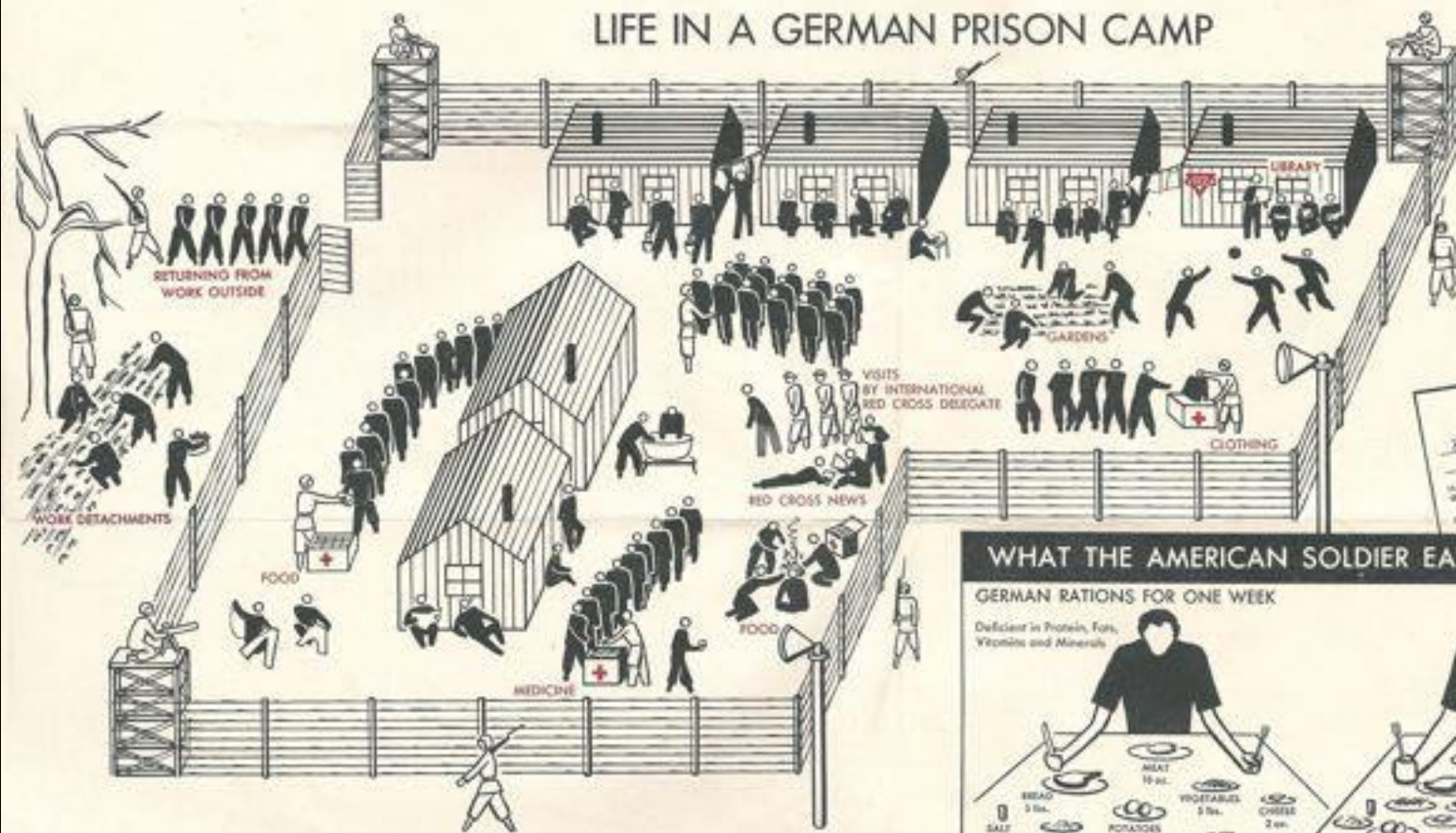
Canned Tuna Fish, Salmon and
Liver paste were occasionally included
in lieu of Spam or Canned Beef.







LIFE IN A GERMAN PRISON CAMP



WHAT THE AMERICAN SOLDIER EATS IN PRISON CAMP...

GERMAN RATIONS FOR ONE WEEK
 Deficient in Protein, Fat, Vitamins and Minerals

GERMAN RATIONS PLUS RED CROSS PACKAGE
 Provides all needed nutritive factors

BREAD 5 lb.	POTATOES 11 lb.	OLIO-MARGARINE 8 oz.	MEAT 10 oz.	VEGETABLES 5 lb.	CHEESE 2 oz.
SALT 5 oz.	SUGAR 8 oz.	MARJALADE 4 oz.	COFFEE CONCENTRATE 4 oz.	CORNED BEEF 12 oz.	SUGAR 8 oz.
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To all Prisoners of War!

The escape from prison camps is no longer a sport!

Germany has always kept to the Hague Convention and only punished recaptured prisoners of war with minor disciplinary punishment.

Germany will still maintain these principles of international law.

But England has besides fighting at the front in an honest manner instituted an illegal warfare in non combat zones in the form of gangster commandos, terror bandits and sabotage troops even up to the frontiers of Germany.

They say in a captured secret and confidential English military pamphlet,

THE HANDBOOK OF MODERN IRREGULAR WARFARE:

"... the days when we could practise the rules of sportsmanship are over. For the time being, every soldier must be a potential gangster and must be prepared to adopt their methods whenever necessary."

"The sphere of operations should always include the enemy's own country, any occupied territory, and in certain circumstances, such neutral countries as he is using as a source of supply."

England has with these instructions opened up a non military form of gangster war!

Germany is determined to safeguard her homeland, and especially her war industry and provisional centres for the fighting fronts. Therefore it has become necessary to create strictly forbidden zones, called death zones, in which all unauthorised trespassers will be immediately shot on sight.

Escaping prisoners of war, entering such death zones, will certainly lose their lives. They are therefore in constant danger of being mistaken for enemy agents or sabotage groups.

Urgent warning is given against making future escapes!

In plain English: Stay in the camp where you will be safe! Breaking out of it is now a damned dangerous act.

The chances of preserving your life are almost nil!

All police and military guards have been given the most strict orders to shoot on sight all suspected persons.

Escaping from prison camps has ceased to be a sport!



THIS EDITION IS TO BE READ SILENTLY, QUICKLY, IN GROUPS OF THREE

POWWOW

Volume III, Number 14

Stalag Luft I

June 6, 1944

INVASION!

YANKS-BRITISH LAND IN EUROPE!!!

THE INVASION OF NORTH-WEST EUROPE HAS BEGUN. Since pre-dawn this morning, Allied shock-troops have been landing on a 95-mile front between Cherbourg and le Havre on the north coast of France. The greatest military operation in history -- the blow to free Europe from Nazism -- has at last been struck.



B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N-S

German Radio, late this afternoon reported a major naval battle off the coast of Belgium.

Nazi Communique of June 5: "Despite German offer to exclude Rome from the battle area, American armored formations penetrated to the center of the city in the morning of June 4. Bitter fighting continued

A terse statement from the Nazi High Command, at 2pm today, announced

"The long-expected and long prepared invasion of the north coast of France started about Midnight, after a heavy air bombardment of the coastal defenses.

"Air-borne troops landed at several places between le Havre and Cherbourg followed by landing craft, supported by light and heavy naval bombardment.

"Our defenses were not surprised. There was bitter fighting in the sectors attacked.

"The air-borne troops were engaged before landing. The paratroopers for the most part, captured

"In spite of the fine naval units, our up their fire

"The actio

D-DAY SCOOP!

All day... Twenty minutes before New York had news of the invasion of France by Allied troops on D-Day, June 6, 1944, the "POWWOW," secret camp newspaper at Stalag Luft I in Germany, had brought out an extra, "to be read silently, quickly, in groups of three," then folded up again and passed along to other eagerly waiting Kriegic readers. Just how this bit of journalistic enterprise was accomplished under the very noses of the guards must still remain an untold secret of the Kriegies.



"Blood and Gals" Patton is charging on east.



The Russian offensive rolls on west.



Now all fronts are moving, the end is in sight,

Stalag resounds with

"C'mon Joe!" -- "C'mon Ike!" . . .



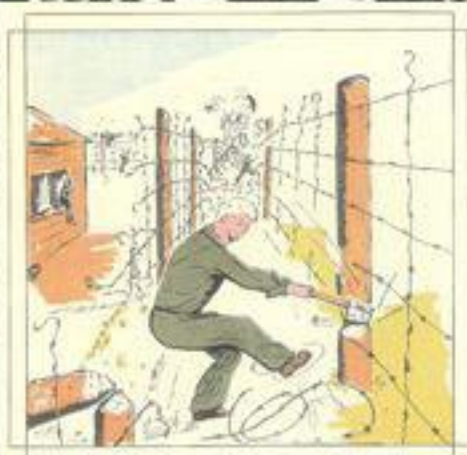








*June 6 - Invasion! - It won't be long now!
Knox in 'Kriegie-Land',
Unhappy? -- and how! . . .*



*At last came the Russians,
And liberation,
Then May 8--Der Krieg's termination . . .*





*Evacuated by the U. S. Air Force,
Finally started
On the homeward course . . .*



See one of the boxes here, they are distributed in Europe.

Release Kits for Liberated Americans

As reports multiply for the liberation of American prisoners in Europe, the War Relocation Authority is preparing to send out release kits to the liberated Americans. The kits are being prepared in large quantities and are being distributed to the liberated Americans in Europe. The kits contain a variety of supplies, including food, clothing, and other necessities. The kits are being distributed to the liberated Americans in Europe, and are being distributed to the liberated Americans in Europe.





*The grandest sight in the whole wide world
Is the Statue of Liberty
With "Old Glory" unfurled . . .*



**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Carlson B F	2. DRAFT REGISTRATION NO. 37 426 154	3. GRADE T Sgt	4. ARM OR SERVICE AL	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION 224th AAF Base Unit	7. DATE OF SEPARATION 7 Nov 45	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION AAF Separation Base Sioux City Iowa		
9. HOME ADDRESS FOR BILLING PURPOSES 504 N 2d Ave E Newton Iowa	10. DATE OF BIRTH 24 Jul 20	11. PLACE OF BIRTH Gilmore Iowa		
12. OCCASION FOR WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE RESUMED See 9	13. COLOR (EYES) Blue	14. COLOR (HAIR) Brown	15. HEIGHT 5' 11"	16. NO. DEPENDENTS None
17. RACE White	18. MARITAL STATUS Married	19. U.S. CITIZEN Yes	20. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND PAY Automobile Serviceman 7-60,500	

MILITARY HISTORY

21. DATE OF INDUCTION 11 Aug 42	22. DATE OF RELEASEMENT 11 Aug 42	23. SERVICE NUMBER None	24. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Camp Dodge Iowa
25. SERVICE DATA 1	26. COURSE AND STATE Jasper Iowa	27. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE (See 9)	
28. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND PAY Radio Opr Mech Gunner 757		29. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND RATE (i.e. Infantry, Aviation and Aviation-related badges, etc.) None	
30. THEATER AND COMPONENT Air Offensive Europe GO 33 1D 45			

31. ACHIEVEMENTS AND CITATIONS
 American Theater Service Medal European-African-Middle-Eastern Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star Good Conduct Medal GO 48 AAB Sioux City Iowa 45
 4 Overseas Service Bars 1 Service Stripe World War II Victory Medal

32. MOVING EMPLOYED IN ACTION
None

LARGEST ORGANIZATION DATA		SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN						
ORGANIZATION	STATION	OTHER (Agency)	DATE OF DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DATE OF ARRIVAL			
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34. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION
Convenience of the Government AR 1-1.4 (Demobilization) and AR 611-365 15 Dec 44

35. SERVICE RECORD ATTACHED
 Radio Opr Mech Sioux Falls S Dak
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36. PAY GRADE FOR PAY PURPOSES 2	37. PAY GRADE FOR PAY PURPOSES 2	38. PAY GRADE FOR PAY PURPOSES 28	39. PAY GRADE FOR PAY PURPOSES 300	40. PAY GRADE FOR PAY PURPOSES 100	41. PAY GRADE FOR PAY PURPOSES None	42. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER 11.25 / 11.06 W H Hutchinson Maj FD
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INSURANCE NOTICE

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49. MEDALS (This space for completion of ribbon bars or entry of other items specified in W. O. Circulars)

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(35) Typhus May 45 Cholera Mar 43 Yellow Fever Mar 43
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50. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED
[Signature]

51. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization, signature)
**JOHN J CARROLL
SMSG USA** *[Signature]*

Reunion With Relatives for Former War Prisoner



Visiting Sgt. George B. Rice of Shenandoah, Ia., at Schick General hospital, Clinton, Ia., are his wife (left) and mother, Mrs. George B. Rice.

PRISONER

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get, you just don't seem to care about things."

Rice, who was employed in the Huntington railroad freight depot in Shenandoah when the nation-

ally was captured in Italy in 1940, reported that rations served to the prisoners probably were no worse than the food given to the guards.

"At noon we got rice or macaroni soup. In the summertime we got some vegetables, a few beets for instance and maybe a little lettuce. Then we got a little piece of meat four or five times a week. We debated a lot about what kind it was. The more you shined it the larger it was. It looked like corn, but it

doesn't remember too much about it because he was pretty sick. Bomb concussions shook the hospital at Naples. The Italian civilians envied the proceedings by calling the prisoners "American gangsters," according to translations provided by tanks of Italian nationality.

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Most of his associates there were English.

About Nov. 5 he arrived at Lamsdorf. About last Feb. 3 he was shifted to Hammerstein.

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that the Germans broke through our left flank near Sid Board, a little village about a mile or less to our rear," Rice said. "Our tanks were outnumbered to such a degree that they just couldn't hold them off."

"We were ordered that afternoon to move back into a small group of mountains in the middle of the valley.

Defense Lines.

"We set up our defense lines the next morning. The Germans shelled us but that didn't cause much trouble. We had a mixed group of 300 or 400 men, a few engineers, a few artillerymen and a few regimental headquarters men.

"We had no tanks and only a little artillery and we soon ran out of ammunition for that.

"The Germans had us surrounded as early as the afternoon of Feb. 14. They laid down a barrage all day Feb. 15. The next

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I'm sure you can see why
I'M SO GLAD TO BE HOME!



Former Prisoner Of War



Thearl Mescher, polisher in D-3, is pictured at left after he was taken prisoner by the Germans last year in North Africa. At right he is shown in a recent photo with Father Francis Sampson of Des Moines, World War II chaplain who jumped with paratroops over Normandy on D-night and was taken German prisoner twice in Europe. Mescher and Father Sampson compared notes on some of their experiences. Franklin McClure, former clerk in D-2, was a member of the paratroop unit with which Father Sampson served during the Normandy invasion. The Des Moines Priest spoke at a Red Cross meeting in Newton recently and at the Catholic Church.







Former POW's At 25th Annual Stalag Reunion

George Sterler of Sheldon and Bud Madland of Inwood attended the twenty-fifth annual reunion of air force prisoners of Stalag Luft III last week, which took place at the Netherlands-Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. The two men left Thursday and returned Sunday.

There were approximately 350 men who attended the reunion. These men, who served in the air force during World War II, were prisoners of war in Stalag Luft III in Germany. The prisoners have been meeting annually since 1946. A large-scale escape from the camp was the basis of the book and movie "The Great Escape."

During the reunion, the men passed a resolution urging humane treatment for servicemen held prisoner in North Vietnam.



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