

RECORD OF MOVEMENTS AS P.O.W. KEPT BY EDGAR PROCTOR
BETWEEN HIS CAPTURE IN MAY 1940 AND LIBERATION IN APRIL 1945.

This record is hand-written on two sheets of a small pocket notebook which Ed. was able to keep either during the period of his captivity, or shortly afterwards. It is an attempt to record when and where he was being moved between his capture in Belgium near Tournai on 28 May 1940, and his liberation by the 7th Armoured Division of the U.S. 2nd Army at Fallingbosten, near Leipzig, on 16 April 1945.

SHEET 1 (written by Ed. in pencil)

This is an account of his movements to and from different prisoner-of-war camps as he was being moved on 4 May 1943 from Taubenfelde between the R. Vistula and the Russian frontier, as the Germans retreated westwards, until his arrival at Fallingbosten on 25 February 1945 where he remained until liberated.

At the top of the sheet is a list of movements in the middle of winter from Stalag 344 to Gorlitz on the Polish-German border in Silesia and thence to Fallingbosten (via Dresden railway yards during the Allied bombing (conversation with Ed. 23.7.97)). The rest of this sheet details his movements from Taubenfelde in early May 1943 until his arrival at Stalag 344 at the end of September 1944 where he stayed until the winter march of 1945. At the end of this sheet is a summary of the time involved.

Heudorf?	"Left Stalag 344	23/1	
	---dorf	28/1	- KUNNDORF
SCHWEIDNITZ (NEU SWIDNICA)	- Swei--nitz	31/1-11/2	
	Gorlitz	13/2	

Arrived Fallingbosten *25/Feb. 15/APR/45* *Stalag X1 B*

<i>XX1 B</i>			
XX1A - XX1D	1942 -	4/5/43	<i>Part Game</i>
XX1D - D/9		3/6/43	<i>JULY</i>
D/9 - O.64		26/6/43	<i>AUS 1940</i>
O.64 - XX1D		8/2/44	<i>First letter received from home</i>
XX1D - D/9		9/2/44	<i>1/10/40</i>
D/9 - RES.LAZ.		17/6/44	
LAZ. - S.344		30/9/44	
<i>X1 B</i>			<i>15 APR 45</i>

1784 days
255 weeks
63.5 months "

According to Ed. in recent conversation (July 1997), several sheets of his notes were removed from him on liberation because they were considered (by whom?) to contain sensitive information about things observed as he was moved westwards.

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Ed's notes 12/1/98.