

Rested a day here. Cleaned up a bit.

March 23.

Moved to Günningen.

March 24

Marched to 3 B an emergency camp. Slept in tents here. Met Canadians from Bremen. Many yanks here and they were a dandy bunch of fellows. Many English here mainly paratroops from Anheim. Received about $\frac{1}{3}$ parcel in bulk. After a week we were deloused and sent to Barracks. They were old stables and very lousy and bad. We get a bowl of soup here \$6 men to a loaf. margo or syrup.

I was first man in my group to get lice.

Jan. 29. Crazer, Melentine, Preamline, Braddow, eichelschagen, Bayerdorf, Bahn, Marienthal, Schanfeld, Gladow, Kherberg, Nipperwiese, Hoh Kränig, Suedt, Fleinsdorf, Felschow, Dobberun, Angermünde, Klein-Beuten, Joachimsthal, ^{FREDRIKSWALDE} Ringen walde, Milmerdorf, Gotschen d.f., Thrusdorf, Templin, Kunders berg, Hammelspring, Vogelsang, Zehdenich, Badungen, Gransel, Schönermark, Keller, Lindow, Schorberg, Neuruppin, Bechlin, Daborghort, Gottborg, Kantow, Lögow, Dessau, Gastowe, Westerhasses, Planitz, Berwitz, Sohn. VOIT BRÜGGE, Rodahn, Bahn, Rubehorst

News is very good here on 1 April we could hear the
allied guns. Next day it was louder. We had orders
to move at eleven. We marched and slept in a bush ^{very cold.}
east of Gorsche. It was late at night and planes
were dropping flares all around us. Cold sleeping.
Next day we moved on and slept in a field with straw.
we bought some spuds for soap. We had $\frac{1}{3}$ loaf bread
per day for several days.

Moved to a small town past Fe Seyda where
we slept in a barn.

The farmer gave us three cooked spuds apiece
but we stole some more.

^{next day} Planes were strafing quite close to us 2 trains
were knocked out within sight. Targets were
burning on all sides in the distance. We kept
marching even with the planes overhead.

We reached a repatriation stalag in Annaberg.
Planes were over us half the time.

April 20, 45 - Hitler's birthday

Planes have been strafing the city district steadily
and many squadrons have passed over us
going to their targets.

In the middle of day we noticed many planes coming straight for us but we weren't alarmed till the bombs started falling. The concussion was terrific. Several squadrons hit in and the sky soon disappeared with smoke. Next day we seen a target supply base well camouflaged in a bush. The trees were torn to pieces and the targets were pitted with craters.

The Russians were reported at Herzberg 13 k. east and the city was in a panic front line troops were retreating through the town. Many families were on the move.

Next morning we were told to pack and at noon we started west.

That evening we stopped in a bush 6 k west of Dornisch over the elbe.

We slept in the bush here for 2 ^{rained} nights ^{@ night} than we moved to barns. The weather was always damp and raining.

Stayed in barn one night than moved. The Russians were trying to cross the Elbe and were down on A.P. 11.00.

We left at noon and marched west. The roads
were checked with refugees heading towards our
lines. We passed many troops and we knew
we were near the N. S. lines. Everything seemed
to be opposite the yards. We were about 12 Kil
m. e. of Wintersfeld. A light in Luch here two nights
on the night the yards came through (no
resistance) and took us back to their lines
looked with ease

April 26, 45

Spent a couple of months in England
to be first ship to Canada

From Germany Flown in DC to Brussels
Stayed at a Canadian camp (24 hr. food service)
After a few days flown in Halifax to England.

German Supreme Command - Dieppe.

British wireless messages

- 8:29 - Still no news from the coast, but report heavy losses at sea
- 9:40 - Held up at coast. Heavy fire.
- 11:40 - Position serious along whole line. Staff ships attacked.
- 12:00 - Position very critical.
- 12:12 - Position very critical.
- 13:21 - Position critical. Support urgently needed.
- 13:53 - The support asked for has not arrived.
- 13:59 - Loss of six full landing craft.
- 14:30 - Require strong help for return.
- 15:10 - (To landing command) Try to save yourself as best as you can.
- 18:40 - Help, aircraft.
- 20:21 - What ships are burning?
- 20:52 - Two units, both probably sunk since
- 20:40 - Help, Help, we are sinking
- 22:45 - To all units concerned. Back at once to starting point.

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