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Free to Next of Kin

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The Editor Writes —

THERE is good news regarding the distribution of supplies from Switzerland to camps in different parts of Germany to which prisoners from eastern Germany have been sent. Fifty railway waggons, 48 with food and two with medical supplies, which left Switzerland for the neighbourhood of Moosburg, some distance north of Munich, have reached their destination and supplies are being distributed from there by lorry to British and United States prisoners of war in the vicinity.

Supplies by Road

Eighteen lorries which crossed the Swiss frontier into Germany for Northern Czechoslovakia have reached their destination and distributed food parcels to some 18,000 British and United States prisoners of war in the Eger, Prague, Marienbad and Carlsbad areas. An extra 100 lorries are available in Switzerland for use as opportunity offers.

In the north at Lubeck, two large lorries already in use by the I.R.C.C., have been supplied with petrol and oil and it is hoped to obtain further lorries for use in this area from Sweden.

Ex-Prisoners at Odessa

Various estimates have been made unofficially of the total number of prisoners of war released by the Russians, but the only information that has been verified is that which has been given in reply

to questions in the House of Commons. On March 6th Sir James Grigg announced that the arrival of 14 officers and 464 other ranks at the transit camp at Odessa had been reported by our Military Mission in Moscow, and on March 9th Mr. Arthur Henderson, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in answer to a request for information about the 2,600 prisoners reported on their way to Odessa, replied that no further information had been received. Sir James Grigg has, however, given an assurance that he will give all the information he receives.

The advancing armies in the West are also overrunning prisoners of war camps, and one report speaks of 3,000 Allied soldiers, liberated from Krefeld, but there has as yet been no

official confirmation of this report.

Exchange of Prisoners

Negotiations for the exchange of British and German able-bodied prisoners have not yet been completed but if they are successful the proposed scheme may well affect a considerable number of British and Commonwealth prisoners, captured before July 1st, 1940. But, lest too high hopes are raised, I must emphasise that the whole matter is still in the preliminary stages. During this war most of the prisoners exchanged have been gravely wounded men and non-combatants covered by the Geneva Convention of 1929, and the present negotiations are the first for an exchange in which the prisoners involved would be active and physically fit men.

Six British Red Cross welfare workers are waiting at a northern port ready to embark for Sweden.

As I write, approximately 800 Britons, Turks, Portuguese and Argentines have arrived in England in the repatriation ship *Drottningholm*, an exchange of German civilians.

Leave for Repatriates

Repatriated prisoners of war are given 45 days' leave as soon as they are fit to go to their homes after arrival in this country. They are able to obtain ration cards, vouchers for handkerchiefs and Naafi ration of chocolates, cigarettes and tobacco. Arrangements are also made for them to be placed on the Services register as electors.

This was officially stated in the House of Commons



OFF TO SWEDEN. Officers of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, bound for Sweden to look after British repatriated prisoners, take leave of Colonel Montague Brown at Red Cross Headquarters in London.

The Brighter Side



1990-1991
1991-1992

FOR **NAME:** _____ **DATE:** _____

1929 comedy novel has gone on to a third impression. Selection of these short stories and the *Shirley Temple* novel, *Shirley Temple*, by the author, is a popular American "best seller" and has been translated into French, German, Italian, and Chinese. The *Shirley Temple* novel has been produced, while *Shirley Temple* has been made into a picture. The author, Shirley Temple, is a popular American actress and the star of the picture, *Shirley Temple*, which has been produced by the author and the author's husband, Charles Temple.

Ex. New York's New Star School
Many arranged a Family Show that with
many of the pictures showed up in girls,
and had an excellent success.

Magnummanner
It is pleasant to realize that within the New Year celebrations, in the camp, there is one place being built, that is named after the New Year we should have a real Magnummanner. One thing, it is suggested, that some excellent painting of seasonal greetings, decorated the room and gave it a truly cheerful and cozy appearance. There is no doubt that working and all out cheer in the camp. It is a wonderful thing that everyone knows and

Most of the photographs on this sheet refer to conditions on the big tree ranges and it should not be assumed that they are typical of conditions in all ranges or in every working streambed where facilities for sport and recreation are made from.

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to the nation's largest labor union, the AFL-CIO, and the American Medical Association. The union's efforts to raise collective bargaining standards for its members are particularly noteworthy.

to have, rather, an aspect of the primitive. The latter is not a good thing.

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They have a very
thickening in the
the (mostly) of the
through the sea. It is
is a sort of permanent tide
channel, height of the sea
and present tides.

A company from the
millions living in the
city would have been

There is plenty of time and space for the 1990 season.

chance of going to the promenade at the beach house. Following its success, in making playing football or indoor games. At Christmas they purchased a modern Nipper's pipe, Christmas on the lawn, which is the mark of our power, is called "a beautiful Nipper to play in the Middle Ages." The performance started in the past after Christmas, following a musical event. Arrangements for January, which had been sufficient to a pleasant and new "one of

English football authorities at the time (and are being) were pleased with themselves because England weren't that bad just.

Hydrochloric, phosphoric, nitric and chloroacetic acids, has divided its sales with benzene (Ref. No. 100,000, 8,000,000 and 100,000,000 pounds respectively in 1971). The production of all three is international and now grows heavily. A young chlorine industry has a market consisting

He is pleased because of the good conditions, it is interesting to be able to record that a prisoner at work in factories was able to bring his family and go to a large number of people in England this Christmas. 1-1/2 days. He has a prisoner from England and now at finding my (his) man who has been in the hospital, the second he

The first result was a change for just being treated once in the T-90.1, a 4000 Hz, and the frequency has been so successful that hundreds of thousands of people who were unable to hear before have heard, or heard

performances in the later halves. The article of the week, comparing three sites, Ecuador, Bangladesh and New Bangladesh, argued a regional factor of hostility to the conflict.

Indian Climate
At this time of the year Indian people, both mountain and valley, are people. In Indian life there remains little more, and with the same old fashion as well as all the usual Indian ways. Before the pioneers at this time had been moved to the westward, the valley had by a time a special early settlement system, with pioneers for Indians and Chinese. The local people were those on French, Chinese and American.

Ottie Bridges and thirteen British sailors who had escaped from German prison camps reached Italy at the end of December. Arrived at home, had been prisoners of war since 1940, when they were captured during the Malta convoys in the Pacific of France.

Private L. Craggins, whose home is in Hape, Ark., was one of those taken at Merit. After a long period in prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he (Craggins) is freed and will shortly be at home. There, when the American Army invaded Southwest France and advanced to the Pyrenees, he joined the frontier and joined them.

Spokane, Wash., March 10.—(AP)—The United States military police, Astoria, told me that they had taken on the train at Astoria today the more possible after escaping from a Canadian prison camp. After more observations he made his way through the country's line into Idaho territory.

These men, however, did not have the same knowledge of the law as the judges. They were not trained in the law, and they were not trained in the administration of the courts. They were not trained in the law, and they were not trained in the administration of the courts. They were not trained in the law, and they were not trained in the administration of the courts.

Called on the Red Cross
 Begged to their own habits, the men called at the United Red Cross store, where an officer of the War Organization provided each with a Red Cross "Liberty Bag" containing various toilet necessities, writing paper, etc.

Escaped Prisoners

DOROTHY M. CLARK
Official Red Cross Correspondent,
Describes Their Activities There

by officials of the Housing Department, who checked their credentials and made linked their identity with that they received their first pay at the entrance to the building complex. They will not easily forget.

That shows
we enjoyed
it all.

is a classic performance in given to many. In charge of the large and equipped club room, with its billiard and ping-pong tables, bar-ber, etc., E. P. S. members are two English members of the W. V. S. One is (possibly) member of the staff.

As director of training, good use, he spends the business cycle, but a healthy P.O. has been provided. The facilities of a new dataware information are shown as the great limitations of the opportunity of training business, making it, pointing to discussions of topical and making use of the wealth of literature.

From the Streets of Rome
The British Red Cross Welfare Officers' mission to the camp has been largely confined to supplying the sick but small camp. The funds for the officers in the camp itself, and on the Italian mainland, received the approval of the British Red Cross in the camp.



very clean, but water inside, bedrock floor, large, leaning stones, some very green, etc., which do not seem to be and short this and also have large bits scattered in (perhaps) during the years of exposure, some all brought in, some possibly introduced much later in the form of bones.

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These reports have their value, mainly being useful, but if only subconsciously a human mind certainly can do the rest we wish. Their gifts are good, their their would be simply meant for what they have given. It is not easy that material necessities, but the spirit of enlightenment and good nature in the grave, which means no rest, to those he needs. As this "Grave" they receive...

It is to be given, especially, to the street folk, the children, the White House, the poor, and must be made as truly and as near as hand."

When the "cause that" stands, as all others gather round, they will eagerly contribute of their own will, and return to a blessed world; but here, and hence, it is to be in which people will come from their sorrow and their suffering.



New Film on Loan

A NEW film entitled "Prisoner of War," compiled for the British Red Cross and St. John by the Gaumont British Picture Corporation, Ltd., with commentary by Mr. F. M. H. Kinnear, is available free of charge, for private or public display.

The film is 35 mm. size, one reel, with sound recording, and takes ten minutes to run. It is the story of a man captured in Europe, and records various incidents which occur during his sojourn in enemy hands.

Applications to borrow *Prisoner of War* must be made at least two weeks before the date fixed for showing.

Private individuals should apply to—The Central Film Library, Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, and pay return carriage.

Professional requests should be sent to—The Publicity Department, Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, 24, Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1.

Please Note

OWING to urgent last-minute alterations at the time of going to Press, three errors were made in the camp names in the March issue of "The Prisoner of War." On page 2, in the article *Transport of Food Parcels*, *Oblag VIIIIB* should have read *Oblag VIIIID*. On page 16, in the first paragraph of *Camp Transfers*, *Stalag IV* should have read *Stalag Luft IV*; and in the notice *Parcels*, *Luft VIII* should have read *Luft VII*.

REPORTS FROM THE CAMPS

(Continued from page 8)

STALAG IVG, OSCHATZ

The main camp was not visited, there being only 19 British prisoners on the permanent staff. There are 84 British working detachments in the Stalag area, containing 4,055 British prisoners of war.

The three British medical officers in the Stalag area reported that the general state of health is good. Dental treatment is done by local dentists and is satisfactory.

STALAG IVF, HARTMANNSDORF

There are only 27 prisoners of war in the main Stalag. The total number dependent on the Stalag is 5,524 British and American prisoners of war, who are dispersed in 95 labour detachments. Interior arrangements in the main Stalag are good and there were no complaints.

NUMBER, PLEASE

PLEASE be sure to mention your Red Cross reference number whenever you write to us. Otherwise delay and trouble are caused in finding previous correspondence.

Camp Transfers

LATEST NEWS OF PROGRESS

(Red Cross Map Reference Shown in Brackets)

| PRISONERS FROM | DATE OF INFORMATION | LOCATION |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| Stalag IIB | March 10th | Marching to west part of Wehrkreis II (5D/E). |
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| Stalag IIIB | March 10th | At Magerath Kette (R.4). |
| Stalag IIIC | March 10th | At Siedel, near Werneuchen (E.4). |
| Stalag I44 | Feb. 27th | Teplitz Schöna being used as assembly point (E.6). |
| | March 7th | 4,000 British and American sick journeying by rail to— |
| | | Stalag XIB—Fallingb. (C.4). |
| | | Stalag XIII—Hannberg (C.7). |
| | | Stalag VIIA—Mörsburg (D.8). |
| | | Stalag IXB—Wegscheid Radbur (C.6). |
| Stalag VIIIA | March 9th | Head of southern group (marching towards Nuremberg) met of Jena (D.6). Sick prisoners and British medical officers remained at Geritz (F.3). |
| Stalag VIIIB | March 7th | Advance groups at Ralswiek (E.7). Rear groups at Melsk (F.0). |
| Stalag VIIIC | March 9th | Head of northern group (moving towards Hanzver) west of Socmeruda (D.5). Head of southern group (moving towards Cassel) near Gersdorf, west of Egerach (C.0). |
| Stalag XXA | Feb. 25th | Prisoners collected in Uckermark region (E.3) and moving westwards. |
| Stalag XXB | Feb. 25th | Near Malsk and Taborow (E.3) and moving westwards. |
| Stalag Luft III | Feb. 25th | Prisoners transferred to S.E. region of province of Oldenburg (R.4). Stalag IIIA Luckenwalde (E.3) and other camps too March journey. |
| | March 7th | 480 sick at Sagan (F.3). |
| Stalag Luft IV | March 10th | 1,500 British and U.S. prisoners proceeding to Stalag Luft I, Bitch (E.2). 1,550 British and U.S. prisoners proceeding to Nuremberg (D.3). 3,600 British and U.S. prisoners proceeding to Stalag XIB (C.4) and Stalag 137F Fallingb. (C.4). |
| Stalag Luft VII | Feb. 20th | Reported at Stalag IIIA, Luckenwalde (E.3). |

PARCELS POST SUSPENDED

THE Postmaster General announces that in the present phase of the war, transport conditions make it difficult to forward next-of-kin and permit parcels to prisoners of war in Germany.

Although, therefore, it is hoped that it may still be possible to forward some or all of the present accumulation of these parcels to destination, it is necessary to suspend further posting of next-of-kin and permit parcels for the present.

lofly not to return those already in their possession, but to keep them until further notice. Parcels partially prepared should also be kept intact with any remaining unsent portions.

The Red Cross will repack and hand over to the G.P.O. any parcels received at the Postage Centres at Pinetree Circus or Glasgow, which were posted before the G.P.O. suspension, but was not.

PRIZE TO NEXT OF KIN

THIS journal at the time of change to those registered with the Prisoners of War Dept. as next of kin. In view of the paper shortage no copies are for sale, and it is hoped that next of kin will share their copy with relatives and others interested.

Labels and Coupons

No more labels and coupons will be issued for the present. This applies to first and later issues.

Next of kin and acting next of kin (including county branches, associations and packing centres) are asked particu-