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"MARCHING" JAN 27th - FEB 4th.
LUCKENWALDE. FEB 4th -

A PRISONER OF WAR.

It is a melancholy state - you are in the power of your enemies. You owe your life to his humanity, your daily bread to his compassion. You must obey his orders, await his pleasure, possess your soul in patience.

The days are long, hours crawl like paralytic centipedes. Moreover, the whole atmosphere of prison, even in the best and most regulated prisons is odious.

Companions quarrel about nothing at all, and get the least possible enjoyment from each others company.

You feel a constant humiliation of being fenced in by railings and wires, watched by armed guards, and webbed by a bangle of regulations and restrictions.

P.O.W. WINSTON CHURCHILL. 1899.



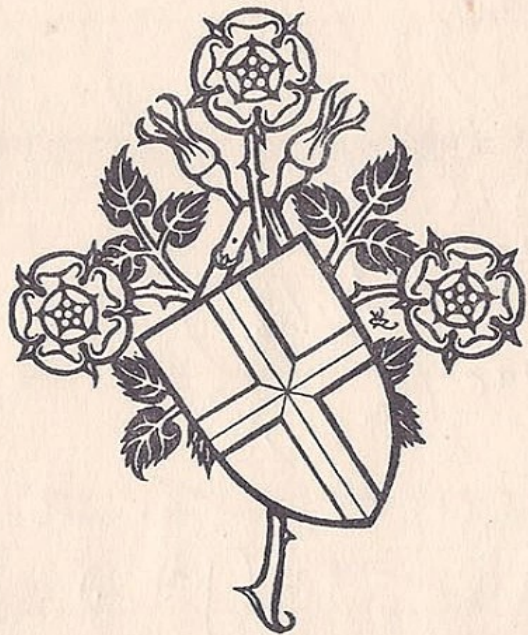
Lie in the dark and listen
 It's clear to night, and they're flying high,
 Hundreds of them, thousands perhaps,
 Riding the bright moonlight sky,
 Men, machines, bombs and maps,
 Altimeters, guns and charts
 Coffe, sandwiches and fleece-lined boots,
 Deep in the earth they've left below,
 Lie in the dark and let them go
 Lie in the dark and listen.

Lie in the dark and listen
 They're going over in waves and waves
 High above the valleys, woods and streams,
 Country churches and little graves,
 And little civilians worried dreams.
 Very soon they will have reached the seas
 And far below them will be the bays
 and cliffs, and lands where the used to be
 Taken for summer holidays.

Lie in the dark and listen
 There is a land you'll never know,
 Lie in the dark and let them go.

Lie in the dark and listen
 City magnates and steel contractors,
 Factory workers and politicians
 Soft hysterical little actors.
 Ballet dancers, reserved musicians,
 Safe in your warm civilian beds,
 Count your profits, count your sheep.

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Life is passing over your heads,
 Just humours & try to sleep,
 Lie in the dark and let them go
 There is a debt you'll forever owe,
 Lie in the dark and listen.

NOEL COWARD.
 TO/BOMBER COMMAND.

BELARA. JAN. 27TH 1945.

"MIDNIGHT"

J. Hushbie (Baro)

Arthur P. Kernan (Pat)
James Carrie (Jock)

James Westley (Jimmy)
Reg Priest (Poune)

V. W. Hutchinson (Hutch)

G. J. Macrae (Mac)

L. G. Lunn (Lunn)

J. Dale (Joe)

I. W. Piper (Tom)

L. B. Russell (Charlie)

John G. Brown (Ann)

Per Conradi Hansen
Larvik
Norway

Graham Bruce
Tower House, EPPING
ESSEX

Allyamer (Red)

William McJames Sharpe.
"Jock"

Paradise (W. G. G. G.)
Best of luck -

Delacour "Foo"

Jan 29 1944. After the awful alarms,
we marched away from "Belavia" at about 06:30 hrs.
all of us in my room managed to make bluzhs.
Jimmy Graham, Hulet & I are sharing one.
We each took two blankets & our food,
plus a few clothes. During the day we
"forced marched" 20 Kilometres. To a
place called H ulbay, where we slept in a
barn, at the time of going to bed, I really
thought I wouldn't last the journey, but after
1 1/2 hrs sleep, & a breakfast the next morning
of 1 slice of bread, cheese + 2 biscuits, we
started again, still South, after 10 Kiloms.
we had a rest for 1/2 hr, we got some water for
a brew & had some biscuits & cake, after
7 more kilometres we arrived at "Prelba".
billeted in a barn again. much warmer
in bed.

JAN 30. No marching today. Walked

around the yard & tried to keep warm.

JAN. 31ST Temp. still well below zero. This is the first (to my knowledge
last time) that I shall have to exist in a constant freezing
temp. Sleighed another 17 KLM.s. to BRAHNSDORF near
MUSKAO. In barns again to night. Rumoured that we are
staying here all tomorrow.

FEB. 1ST The thaw has set in. This means we must carry our
kit for the rest of the journey. We aren't moving till tomorrow
so we have a little time to organise ourselves. Lack of hot
water for brews is still our main trouble.

FEB 2ND 12.00 hrs. Started off with sleight, but ditched it
after 100 metres & humped our packs, for a 24 Km. march
to GROSS SELTON. Transport (a farm wagon) was provided for the
personal food parcels, otherwise we should never have made
the journey. arrived at the barns at 17.30. Jimmy, Hulet & I got
repacked from Jack & Graham. We had no food, so we
"bought" our "food" & managed to get a slice of bread & cheese
for breakfast in the morning.

FEB. 3RD 09.30 hrs. started off for SPREMBURG, where we were
issued with 2 cups of warmish barley, & our food parcels.
after a short rest we had another 4 Km. march through the town to
our cattle trucks. We were unfortunate in getting into an iron
one, the walls of which were soon streaming with condensed
moisture from the breaths of 35 persons. There were no
sanitary conditions except for a few steps in route & we
were in these cattle trucks for 24 hrs, doing a 90 Km journey
to LUCKENWALDE. which we reached at dusk on the night
of FEB 4TH. From the station we had a march of 3 Km. to
the camp, where after about 8 hrs waiting we were
searched, and at last managed to get a bunk in a
Barack with about 200 other officers & NCO's. The

GERMAN RATIONS. - LUCKENWALDE. - FEB 5TH -

	GRAMS PER WEEK.	OZS. PER DAY.	ISSUED.
BREAD	2,225.	11.2	DAILY.
SUGAR	175	.88	2. WEEKLY.
JAM or HONEY	175	.88	"
CHEESE	62	.32	1 "
MEAT.	50	.25	2 "
FAT	218	1.1	3 "

POTATOES. 3 or 4. PER DAY PER MAN.
SOUP. 1/2 LITRE PER DAY PER MAN.

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The above rations, are what we should receive. We do not always get them!

A DAY AT LUCKENWALDE. CERCA 12-2-45.

- 07.45. GET UP. WASH - SHAVE EVERY 2ND DAY.
- 08.15. MINT TEA. 2 SLICES OF BREAD, MARG. AND MAYBE A SPREAD.
- 09.00 APPEL.
- 09.30 } BOIL A BREW OF RED + COFFE. (WHILE IT LASTS!)
- 10.30 } READ, SLEEP OR WALK. (SLOWLY!)
- 12.30 } GERMAN SOUP. + 3-4 POTATOES.
- 13.00 WASH-UP.
- 13.15 } BRIDGE, SLEEP OR READ.
- 15.30 } APPEL.
- 16.00 MINT TEA OR COFFE (GERMAN) + 1 SLICE BREAD & MARG.
- 16.15 } BRIDGE, OR SLEEP.
- 19.30 } SUPPER. 3 SLICES BREAD + MARG. + SOMETIMES PORRIDGE. } SOMETIMES
20.15 } BRIDGE OR READ. } TWO
21.45 } } FILM
22.00 - TO BED. } SHOWS.