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BAD ORB -IXB

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1945. Was captured the 6<sup>th</sup> of January



Berga (FLSTER)

March 20, 1945.-

Yesterday our planes dropped leaflets over the area with our bombs.

6 men were sent to a British hospital by order of Dr. Meith.

We saw Sidh Call very smoothly

5 more men Escaped today - Goldstein's body was returned here today for burial. - He was shot while attempting to Re-escape. So they say but actually was recaptured and shot thru the head (forehead).

March 21-1945.-

no more planes came over today.-

Three bombs were dropped not very far from here.

Another one of our boys is pretty low today, he is not expected to live till night.

On this day we are expected to be moved to a better conditioned barracks. - But seems to me it will be too rough on our hospital

patients.-

Alls medicos went down to the SS kitchen for our food. - On our way back we were surprised to meet a British Red Cross truck with Red Cross Packages for our men. - This was a very busy day.

March 22, 1945.-

On this first day in the new camp Pvt Schultz died of malnutrition this makes the fourth man which die.

The weather is beautiful and it looks like Spring which has finally come to Germany.

By this time back home I'll be suffering from Hay-fever

March 23, 1945

Something is in the wind. - Every thing is so quiet. - We have not had any air alarms - in 3 days - Perhaps an Armistice - But that would be too much



to expect. - Still the Red Cross packages have not been released. Every one thinks of the delicious food but most of the boys agreeing to Smokes.

A surprising Rumor is the the man one to be taken out of the mine.

March 24, 1945.

To day I received the only letter from my girl friend, the girl I am hoping to see when I get back. - I think a lot of her I want to get, her name Solin Espingza Another of our boys died last night from mal-nutrition. - Red Cross packages still remain under lock & key; we hope to get them out soon as possible to stop our men from dying especially those Invalids that will be for our men in our hospital.

March 25, 1945.

Palm Sunday. - no chance of

going to a church; but still our prayers are holding everyone up.

This boy it reminded me of the hundreds of people attending mass at the Cathedral in Durango Mexico. I wish I could be there now.

March 26, 1945.

Red Cross packages were released to us today and the boys are as happy as kids. - I was just laughing as well as the rest of our men not to have a big side call the following day with Stomach ache. - On the 26th it is only 16 hrs. away from here

March 27, 1945

This morning our Mikes got together and ate Scrambled Eggs + Sausage from our Red Cross Boxes Boy did we enjoy it



Received very good news today - the Americans are 250 km. from here affirming fact.

March 28, 1945

On this day Steve Schweitzer was made Librarian and received some books from the Red Cross. We thanked God we had something decent to read.

Russian + American fronts are supposed to be 140 km apart. - we are supposed to receive another Red Cross package Easter Sunday - hope the Germans keep their promise this time.

March 29, 1945.

Holy Thursday, the Meliks still bringing the coffee for our men - 3 sacks in the morning, we go for coffee or tea - at 11,00 we march out for soup hoping to it will be Potato Soup or Oct Meal and at night we go for more coffee and bread is given out +

bitter (marginine) + marauded.

Daily and on we pray very earnestly for our loved ones back home, his war widow today but the general opinion is that it won't be too long.

March 30, 1945

Good Friday - On this Holy Day our thoughts are all at home and of the times. Easter Sunday it is also the feast of Pasover for our Jewish comrades + they do think of home + family.

From the Tribune + Jewish under ground we received good news - Americans are only 200 km. away from here - which means they are moving very fast.

March 31, 1945

Still more sick men are admitted to our hospital, the most serious cases are taken and the recovering are sent back to their



Barracks -

Holy Saturday - Tenting Fort ends at noon today. But does not apply to us we had been fortifying since December 31, 1944. Today we saw the biggest formation of four planes pass over this morning. - Looks like they mean business.

APRIL 1, 1945.

Easter Sunday. - Our men but work today; thus Red Cross Boxes are given out

April 2, 1945

Two more of our men died today + one last night makes 3 + 16 - makes 19; living in unsanitary conditions; water must be boiled before it is drunk.

No latrines. Deaths are increasing in great number. men forced to work in the mine whether they are ill or not.

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1945. -

Excellent news today. - Americans are only 100 km. from here. Rumors are that we have to be moved away.

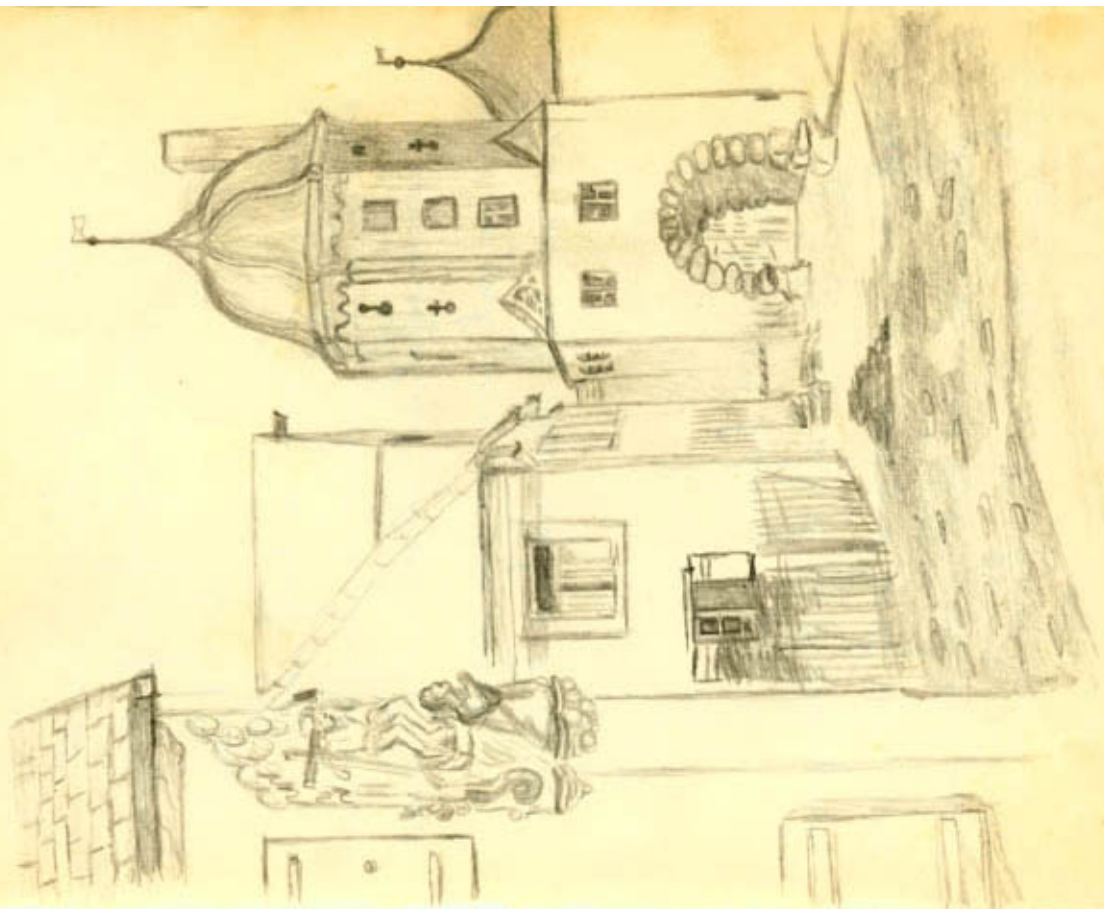
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1945

Very definite that we are moving away from here + on foot. - This isn't very good for our sick men. No drinking water + no latrines. -

April 6, 1945

Started in the woods. - I rode along with the sick men. Saw me die at the start of the march Stewart + Young died. We rode for about 25 kms. to Gritzy. + the men were pretty well beat up

We stayed in a former Russianlager for the night. - Wilson + Hoenigman died during the night.





April 7, 1945

We are to walk 25 km today & the prospect of it frightens me.

April 8, 1945.-

The front is closing in on us & the are striking us away from it. The death from Bataan could be worse than this. - From here on every day we marched we'd get to a town and there we would spend the night

April 8, 1945

We marched 10 km today. - were supposed to go to the town of Hof. But we arrive to a big town for our Air Corps were bombing that town continuously

We started out with 304 men from Bataan - Elster - we now have 287 men.

April 10, 1945

We had better soup to eat at this barn - but still we had more men dropping - 500 lbs. of potatoes was purchased by Stanley Cohen

April 11, 1945

Still living at this barn but planes flew over us - Some fighters flew so low that the pilot could be seen in its cockpit. - Our Tobac. ration has been cut to 10 men on a loaf. and is now to a #10 can of meat.

April 12, 1945

Willis died this A.M. I was sent on the burying detail, on our way Willis the German guards we were hidden in the woods for our planes started straggling the roads. -

Better news were given out by one of our guards. - Said that our boys were 60 kins from us.

April 13, 1945

No air activity as yet today most of our men are found optimistic about liberation. -

Notice of lots of ground activity in the vicinity today. Both Sea Force & Artillery. - Best news for us. President Roosevelt's Death - ~~was~~ we all felt bad

About it. - We held a prayer service for the repose of his soul. - Pankashai died today #44 see page 42

April 14, 1945

Johnson died early this morning morning #45

Still worst of all we are in. dated :-



Body lice. -

April 15, 1945. -

We started on march again at 12:45 Pm. Later Arnold died at the start of the trip. - and was buried along the road 2 Km from the top

We could now hear of artillery. -

Drew a Ration of Bread meat + marmalade for three days.

We kept on marching till we came to some barn which was so small most of us slept sitting up.

April. - 16 - 1945

Drew one days Ration of meat + marmalade. - marched all Day till 7:00 Pm. Packed down in another barn. - made two small to sleep in -

April. - 19. -  
more of our men died. - so fast that you couldnt keep track of their numbers. -

We kept on marching. - I fell back of the column to help the sick we were so far back that we lost other Columns tracks. - It was dark then we couldnt find the way. - Our guards were lost they took us through fields and other roads so they gave up. They took one road and we took another one.

We came to a barn that night, the people treated us very fine, coffee was give to us and also bread. - They gave us a place to sleep in. - The next morning, but coffee + milk and hot Squads was given to me and the fellows.

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Medical Record

March 1 - 1945

Our medical record begins with the following men.

Prison No.	Name	Diagnosis
First 24906	Samanda N. Rogers	Pneumonia - <del>Cardiac</del> Died 2.9.45
1.	Rogers	Cardiac - Died 2.9.45
2.	25076. Walle	Pneumonia
3.	25801. Watkins	Pneumonia
4.	..... Haulton	Cardiac - Died 3.13.45
5.	26905 Herring	Pneumonia
6.	24838. Rosenberg	Pneumonia - + Phosphorus
7.	26097. Carter	Pneumonia
8.	27542 Willstone	Pneumonia - Died 3.15.45
9.	26950 Green	Pneumonia
11.	26916. Broe	Diphtheria
12.	26468. Schultz	Grippe - Died 2.3.22.45
13.	24653. Rosen	Pneumonia - Died



Pawn No.	Name	Diag.	Case
14.	25892 - Arndt	---	Grippe + Stomatitis 1912-14-15
15.	26986 - Ligon	---	Grippe
16.	25886 - Mervin	Dysentery	---
17.	25912 - Ryan	---	Grippe
18.	26966 - Harrington	U.G.	---
19.	25840 - Beat	---	Grippe + Induration. Died 11-15
20.	24952 - Hanson	---	Grippe
21.	25802 - Schweitzer	---	U.G.
22.	26100 - Ramsey	---	U.G.
23.	26133 - Young	---	Dysentery. Died
24.	25158 - Klenberg	---	Dysentery
25.	25951 - Simeoff	---	Dysentery. Died 9, 17-15
26.	26472 - Vogel	---	Dysentery
27.	26034 - Fisher	---	Dysentery
28.	26572 - Claffy	---	Pulmonary (Cholera) Died 11-15
29.	27031 - Perkins	---	Dysentery - Died 3-27-15

Pawn No.	Name	Diag.	Case
30.	27465 - Rubenstein	---	Grippe
31.	25335 - Nozide	---	Dysentery
32.	24658 - Felman	---	Dysentery
33.	27030 - Schmeiser	---	Dysentery
34.	26889 - Crain	---	Dysentery
35.	27018 - Anderle	---	Dysentery
36.	26804 - Stevens	---	Dysentery. 18 ac. 3-26-15
37.	25251 - Migliore	---	U.G.
38.	25928 - Goldberg	---	Malnutrition. Died 3-25-15
39.	26162 - Barron	---	Malnutrition
40.	26066 - Moore	---	Pulmonary
41.	27010 - Thompson	---	Malnutrition
42.	27128 - Felman	---	Malnutrition
43.	24316 - Humphries	---	Malnutrition. Died 11-15-15
44.	25074 - Scrogge	---	Malnutrition. 9-27-15
45.	25786 - Kelly	---	Stomach



Prison No.	Name	Diag.	case
46.	26091 - Horton	Stomach	
47.	25870 - Culina	Gonorrhea + Stomach	
48.	26588 - Johnson	Gonorrhea	Recid 4-1-45
49.	26481 - Carter	Mel. Intestine	Recid 3-21-45
50.	25076 - Nolle	Double Relapse of Gon.	
51.	24451 - Bickelmeier	Dysentery	
52.	25943 - Rowe	Cardiac	
53.	26011 - Jorwin	Dysentery	
54.	27047 - Kohn	Cardiac	
55.	27035 - Dasher	Phn. Fever	
56.	24631 - Gilmore	Dysentery	
57.	27121 - Trachman	Gonorrhea	
58.	24879 - Clark	Cardiac - <sup>recid 4-2-45</sup> Hemorrhoids	
59.	26091 - Horton	Mel. Intestine	" 4-2-45
60.	26149 - Feigden	Dysentery + Chol.	
61.	26060 - Switzer	" "	
62.	26081 - Burdick	Dysentery	Recid 4-10-45
63.	27008 - Wilson	Diphtheria	" 4-6-45
64.	Krivan	Mel. Intestine	" 4-6-45

Prison No.	Name	Diag.	case
65.	..... Koenig	Mel. Intestine	Recid 4-6-45
66.	..... Vincent	"	" 4-7-45
67.	..... Strada	"	" 4-7-45
68.	..... Dome	"	" 4-8-45
69.	..... Morrell	"	" 4-8-45
70.	..... Saurys	"	" 4-8-45
71.	..... Stewart	"	" 4-5-45
72.	..... Hamilton	"	" 4-5-45
73.	26331 - Ajmond	"	" 4-5-45
74.	..... Smith	"	" 4-9-45
75.	..... Boyd	"	" 4-7-45
76.	..... Wagner	"	" 4-9-45
77.	..... Sandt	"	" 4-9-45
78.	..... Cohen	"	" 4-8-45
79.	..... Givis	"	" 4-8-45
80.	..... Appel	"	" 4-9-45
81.	..... Lahr	"	" 4-8-45
82.	..... Gladzinski	"	" 4-7-45
83.	..... Willis	"	" 4-8-45
84.	..... Burdick	"	" 4-8-45



Correct number of deaths

- 1. Roger... 3-9-45 24. Kubram - 4-6-45
- 2. Adams... 24138 - 3-12-45 25. - Jurgan 4-6-45
- 3. Snyder - 2558 - 3-14-45
- 4. - Alldstein - 25758 - 3-10-45
- 5. - Kurbate - 25084 - 3-21-45
- 6. - Shutz - 26468 - 3-22-45
- 7. - Schmeiser - 27030 - 3-24-45
- 8. - Polberg - 25928 - 3-25-45
- 9. - Wilstone - 27542 - 3-25-45
- 10. - Sengge - 25074 - 3-27-45
- 11. - Cantore - 26481 - 3-29-45
- 12. - Gornae - - - 3-22-45
- 13. - Snyder - - - 3-22-45
- 14. - Rosh - 24653 - 3-13-45
- 15. - Hanston - - - 3-15-45
- 16. - Buchforter - 26153 - 3-20-45
- 17. - Johnson - 26588 - 4-1-45
- 18. - Forton - 26091 - 4-2-45
- 19. - Clark - 24879 - 4-2-45
- 20. - Humphries - 24516 - 4-3-45
- 21. - Rubenstein - 27465 - 4-3-45
- 22. - Claffy - 26572 - 4-6-45
- 23. - Wilsh - 27008 - 4-6-45

- 26. - Vincent - 4-7-45
- 27. - Strada - 4-7-45
- 28. - Payne - 4-8-45
- 29. - Wapshill - 4-8-45
- 30. - Sautzer - 4-8-45
- 31. - Stewart - 4-5-45
- 32. - Hamilton - 4-5-45
- 33. - Young - - - 4-5-45
- 34. - Smith - - - 4-9-45
- 35. - D'ard - - - 4-9-45
- 36. - Wagner - - - 4-9-45
- 37. - Land - - - 4-9-45
- 38. - Chen I. - - - 4-8-45
- 39. - Jains - - - 4-8-45
- 40. - Kisher - - - 4-9-45
- 41. - Baker - - - 4-8-45
- 42. - Gladjindai - 4-7-45
- 43. - Willis - - - 4-11-45
- 44. - Burdeshi - - - 4-13-45
- 45. - Johnson - - - 4-14-45
- 46. - Brndt - - - 4-14-45
- 47. - Dever - - - 4-15-45
- 48. - Gilmore - - - 4-15-45
- 49. - Farina - - - 4-15-45

50.- Cooper. - 4-15-45  
 51.- Asher - 4-15-45  
 52.- Breun - 4-15-45  
 53.- Wilderman. - 4-15-45  
 54.- Korhola. - 4-15-45  
 55.- Wilenky. - 4-16-45  
 56.- Weller. - 4-16-45  
 57.- Szaryga. - 4-17-45 - 26573  
 58.- Seibel. - 4-17-45  
 59.- Christensen - 4-17-45  
 60.- Savitt. - 4-17-45  
 61.- Hansen. - 4-17-45  
 62.- Kove. - 4-17-45  
 63.- Kelly. - 4-17-45  
 64.- Best. - 4-17-45  
 65.- Rothman. - 4-18-45  
 66.- Brieding. - 4-18-45  
 67.- Borthen. - 4-18-45

April 20, 21, 22, 1945

Day & night it rained everyone was wet from top to bottom. -

We march on as we walked along the road you could see men which had been shot through the head these were Political Prisoners every 25 yard intervals there layed 3 or 4 men. - man that couldnt make the march had to drop out then were shot. -

On Mid nite the 22 of April we arrived to a barn; there they gave us hot cooked Spuds. - We slept that nite till next morning, hot tea was given out. -

Our Baked ration + meat. - 5 men to a loaf + 5 to can of meat. - by 11:30 + 12:00 tea soup was given but boy it was a great while not having something to eat.



I was waiting in line for seconds in South when one of our interpreters cried out that we were to move out immediately pretty soon we started hearing short arm fire in the distance & from other zones. - We knew that was our bang so we all decided to play out out. - That was to act every one called it walk; I myself hid there on the floor with straw on me the German goods yelled at us. Pause. Pause! (Up let's go). - But every man stayed right in their own bed; the Captain pulled out his pistol at our interpreter because our men wouldn't move.

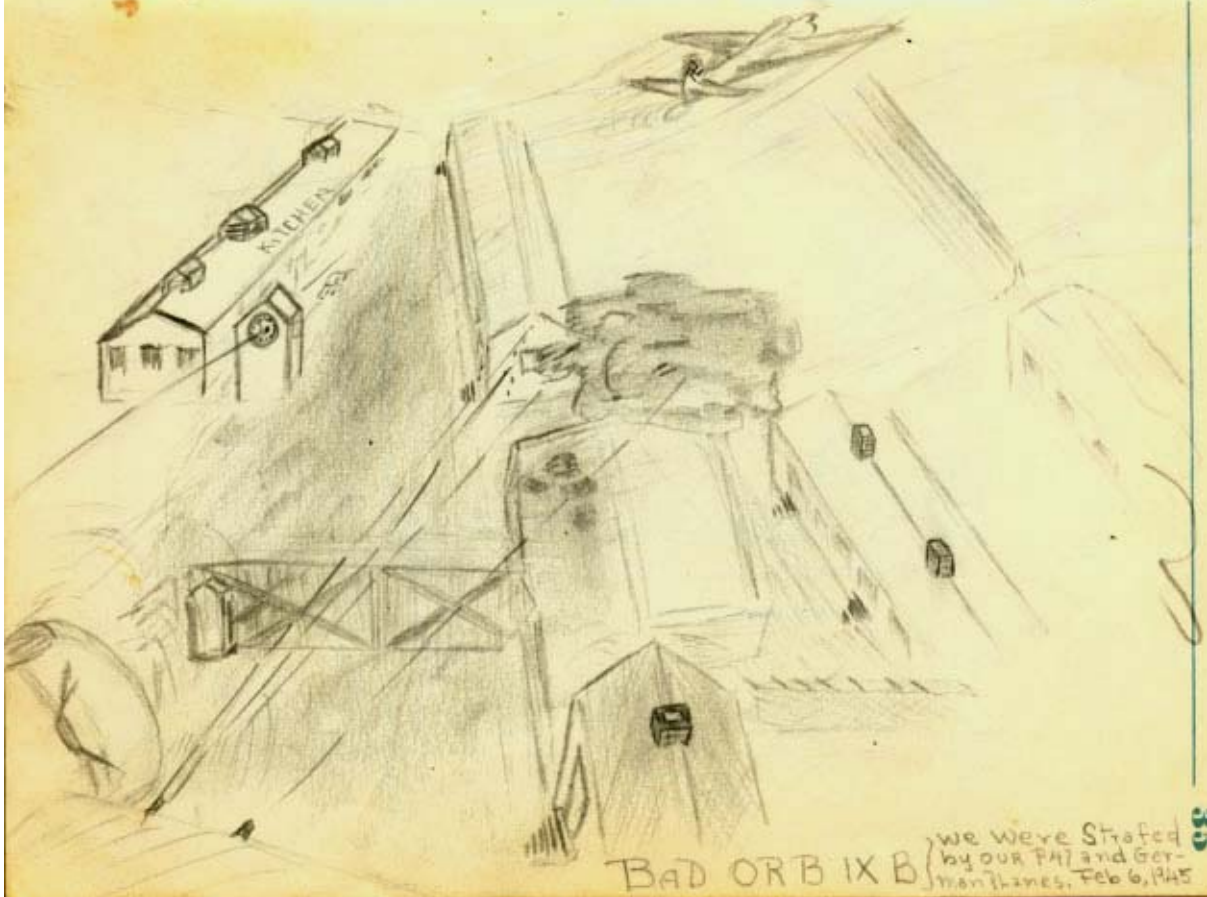
The captain and a lieutenant came up to me and told me to get out. - and I said to them. -

I am a Sanitary man - for the Kronton men. - For a while our men wouldn't move; till all of a sudden we heard the tanks coming the guards started taking off; the Officers the same; everybody was yelling in the barn; till one German guard came up to us and gave himself up saying that we were free.

Boy every thing looked so exciting that morning our last death was anonymous we were liberated today April the

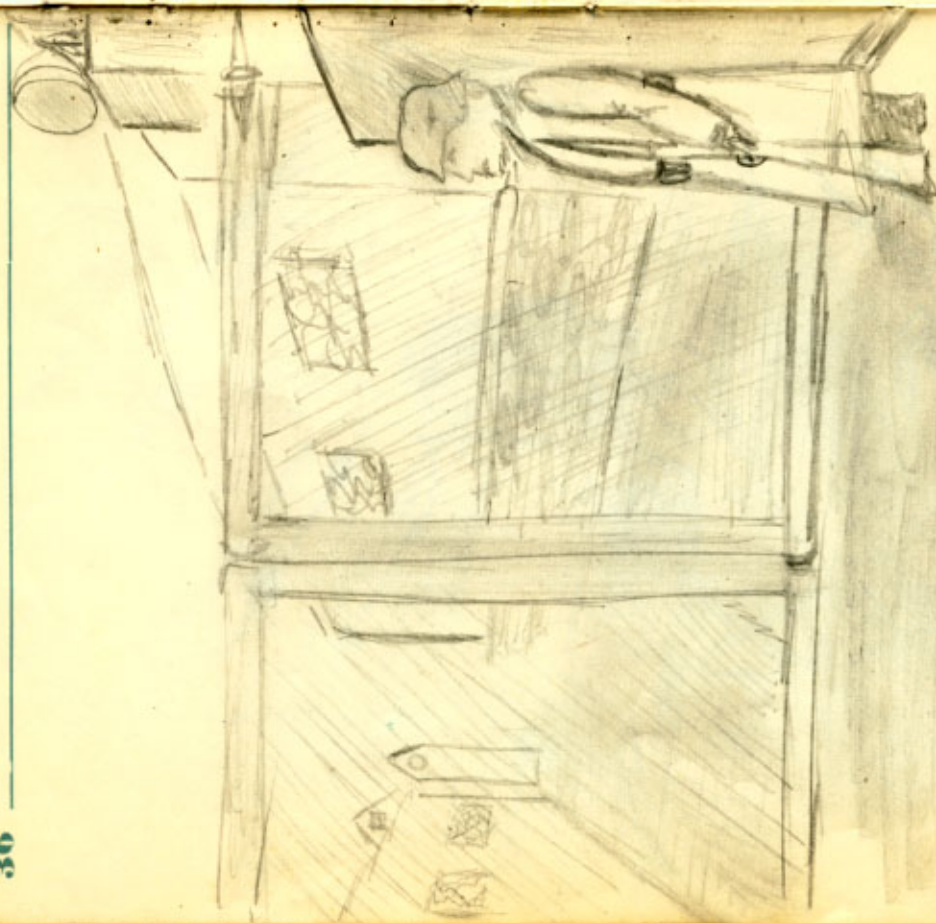
25/1945. -

To day April the 24, 1945 we had a very good meal. I was in the Hoop. I sat down and started writing a letter - Cham is the town where we stayed -

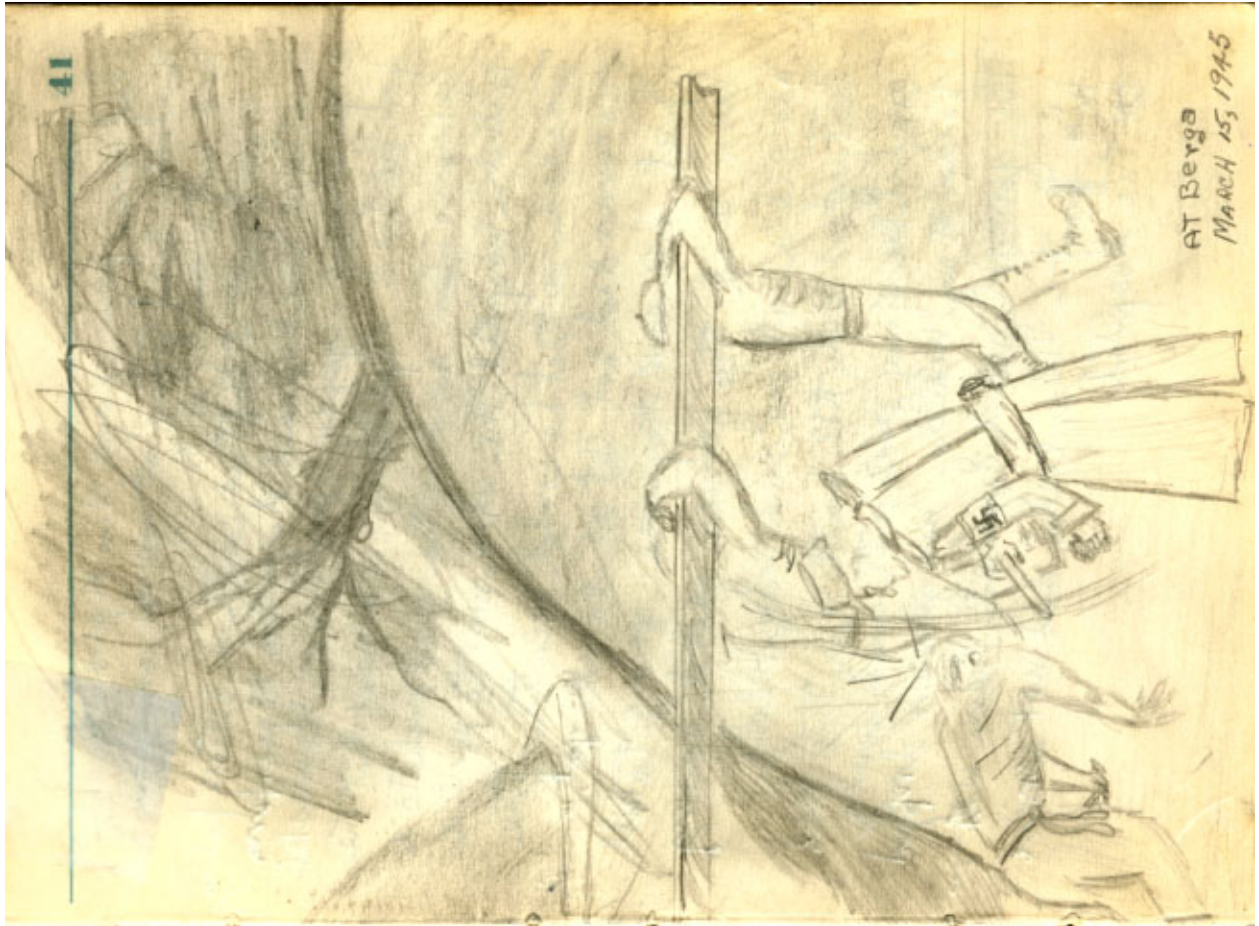


BAD ORB IX B } we were strafed  
 by our P47 and Ger-  
 man planes, Feb 6, 1945





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Feb 26, 45



AT Berga  
MARCH 15 1945





Reference from page 19. - April 13, 1945  
 Burdeski died today at age 41, we knew he  
 had left a family of 7.

Worst part of it left us with a bitter feeling  
 another medic and I wanted to perform  
 a quick emergency operation on Burdeski  
 for he had dysphasia, we knew that the  
 germans were sending the most sick to a  
 British hospital. The idea was to rent a  
 trachea so that he could breathe. The  
 germans did not let us so we got  
 upset. We said they were going to kill  
 him and the german guard swung  
 his rifle at me and my buddy  
 hitting us with the butt in the face  
 cracked one of my front teeth and swung  
 back at my buddy his glasses dropped  
 The german guard crushed them with  
 his foot - Burdeski did not arrive  
 to the hospital

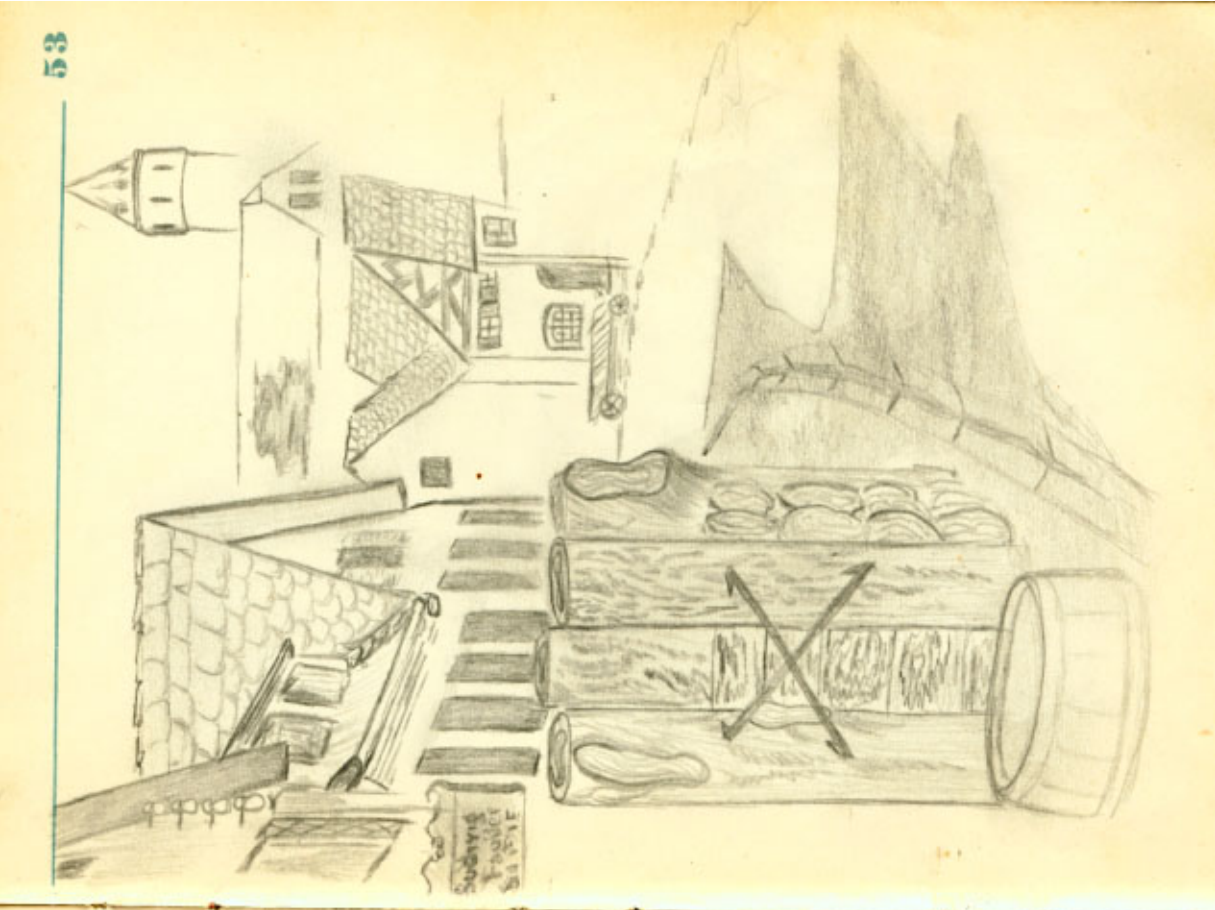
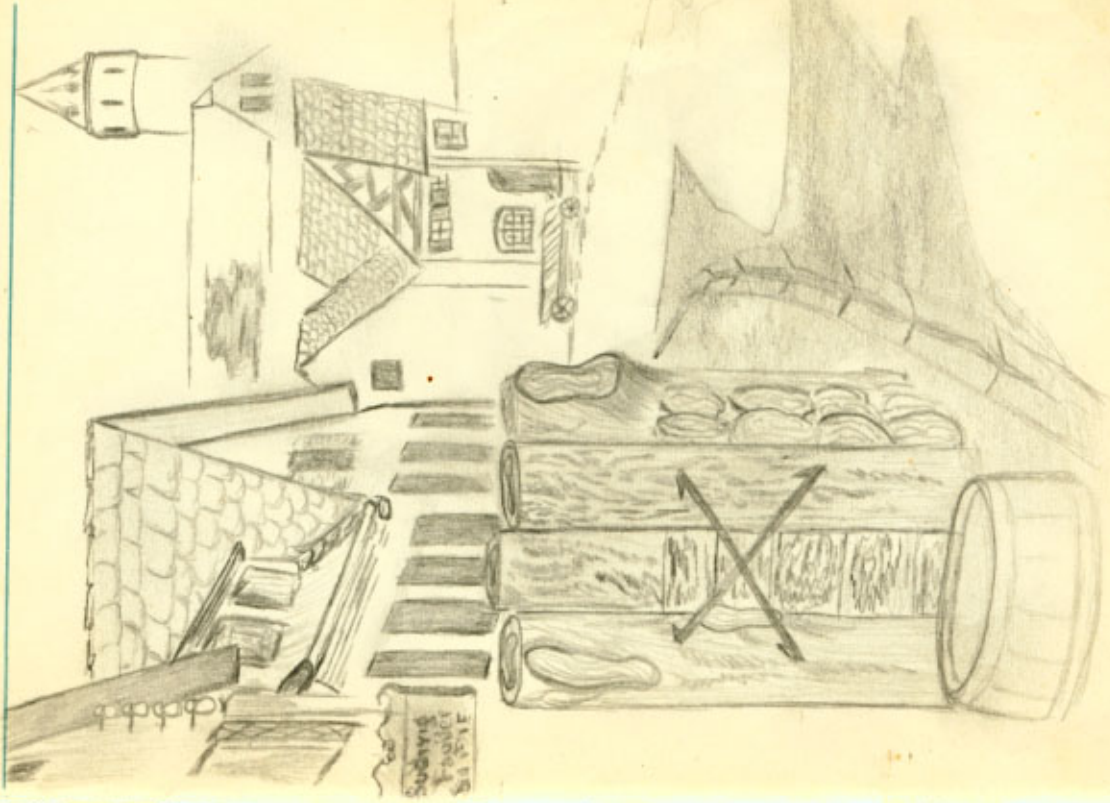




There were days in Truman Camp when we thought our liberation would never come or that our bodies would resist any more. While in prison guards used to tell use that we were been fed cat and dog meat.

But one very Guse think the water from Bega (or Black Water from sewage) was given to us to drink, thus this produced more dysentary which weakened the lifes of my fellow prisoners.

On every march, when ever we stopped to get some water from some creek or river - as we would be feeling our canteens the German guards would kick our canteens from our hands, thus all that water would be thrown away.





Self-induced Starvation -

The Germans sternly command  
with respect to the Americans &  
Englishmen, who consider it sporting  
to sport their full strength against  
weaker opponents. German boys killed  
them selfs because as brutal ruthless  
towards their inferiors, thus this man-

is to paranoiac. Psychology teaches us that suffering  
is an important part of experience.