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Telegrams and Notes kept on the back of photographs
Stalag IX-B

Friday, 26-1945

FRIDAY 26-1945
WELL TODAY IVE BEEN CAPTURED SINCE
DAYS, I WILL JUST TRY AND WRITE A LITTLE
EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON.
Today for BREAKFAST WE HAD HOT WATER
BUT THEY CALLED IT TEA, FOR DINNER WE
HAD SOUP WE HAVE SOUP EVERY DAY
FOR DINNER, JUST ABOUT HALF ENOUGH
SO YOU JUST ABOUT AS HUNGRY AS
BEFORE, WE HAD CATTOTT SOUP, I NEVER
DID LIKE CATTOTS BEFORE, BUT TODAY
IT WAS GOOD. FOR SUPPER WE HAD A SLICE
OF BLACK BREAD A LITTLE PEECE OF BUTTER
AND A LITTLE JAM THAT WAS A BIG BIG MEAL
WE USLEY JUST HAVE BREAD & BUTTER.
IT SNOWED TODAY ALL DAY, IN FACT IT
SNOWED EVERY DAY AND IT COLD AS EVERY
THING HERE ON TOP OF THIS MOUNTAIN
THEY HAVE ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND GERMANS
SOLDIERS HERE AND A LOT OF TRENCH AND
RUSSIANS TO.
WE HAVE TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE MEN IN
THIS BARRACK IT REALY A MESS, WE JUST

Sat 27 - 1945
Mon 29 - 1945

HOPE AND PRAY IT WANT BE LONG UNTIL
WE CAN COME HOME.

SAT 27-1945

WELL TODAY IS ANOTHER BLUE DAY IT
SNOWING AGAIN, WE HAD HOT WATER FOR
BREAKFAST AGAIN, JUST WONDER WHAT
KIND OF SOUP WE WILL GET TODAY, WELL
WE HAD PEA SOUP OF ALL I GOT WAS HOT WATER,
ER, WE HAD BREAD AND BUTTER FOR SUPER.

SUN 27-1945

WELL TODAY IS SUN AND WE WANTED TO
GO TO CATCH BUT THEY DURT UNLOCK THE
DOOR SO WE COULD GET OUT, FOUR OF FIVE
GI BROKE IN THE MACHINE AND NEARLY
KILLED A BOYD SO IT ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK
DID NOTHING TO EAT. YET, THEY
SAID WE COUDNT EAT UNTIL THEY COY
HT THEM, THEY JUST COUGHT THEM SO
MAYBE WE EAT TONIGHT. I HOPE SO
FOR ~~IN~~ GETTING WEAR EVERY DAY.

MON 29-45

NOT MUCH TO WRITE ABOUT TODAY
NOTHING HAPPENS AROUND HERE
YOU JUST SIT AROUND AND THINK
AND HOPE AND PRAY.

JAN TUE 30-45

TODAY I WENT OUT ON A DETAIL

Jan Tues 30 - 45

... THE CROSS PARADE
I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, BUT IT WAS
FOUR MEN PER BOX SO WE DIDNT GET
MUCH BUT IT WAS NICE WHAT WE DID
GET, THE GERMANS HAUNT GIVEN US
ANY THING, NOT EVON ENOUGH TO EAT
WE ONLY GET A LITTLE WOOD NOT ENOU
-GH TO BUYN ALL DAY SO WE STAY
COLD ALL DAY AND NIGHT, THEY ONLY
GIVE US ONE PEICE OF A BLANKET
AND IT NOT ANY GOOD, WE DONT GET
ANY THING TO EAT OUT OF SO WE HAFT
TO EAT OUT OF OUR HELMETS, WE DONT
GET ANY HOT WATER OR RAZOT BLADE
-S SO MOST OF US LOOK A LITTLE BAD BUT
WE STILL HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND PRAY
IT WANT BE LONG BEFOYE WE CAN COME
-E HOME TO THE ONES WE LOVE,

NOT ANY THING MUCH TODAY ONLY
WE HAD A LITTLE JAN TODAY WITH OUR
BREAD,

FEB SAT 2-45
SUN 4
WELL TODAY IS SUN + I WENT TO CHORCH
ENJOYED IT, WILLIAN I WANT US TO GO
EVERY SUN WHEN I COME HOME.

WE WALKED ABOUT THREE MILES OUT
OF CAMP + GOT ONE STICK OF WOOD
AND WALKED BACK AND THAT WAS
A BIG JOB FOR WE DONT HAVE MUCH
TO EAT AND WE NOT AS STRONG AS
~~WE~~ WE WERE, THEY KEEP TALKING
ABOUT RED CROSS PACKAGE BUT I
HAUN'T SEEN ANY YET, BUT THE
FRENCH OF GETTING THEM I DONT
SEE WHY WE CANT.

JAN WED 31-45

WELL TODAY IT NOT SNOWING.
FOR A CHANGE, SNOW IS WAS'T
DEEP IN PLACES NOW, I HOPE IT
DONT SNOW ANY MORE IVE HAD MY
PORT OF SNOW.

FEB THUR 1-1945

DEAR LILLIAN,

WELL NOT MUCH TO TALK ABOUT
JUST THE SAME OLD THING, SOUP FOR
DINNER, BREAD + BUTTER FOR SUPPER
I SURE COULD EAT A GOOD MEAL YOU
USE TO COOK NOW, I LANT HELP BUT
THINK ABOUT MYS DE LOACH BISCUITS
+ ALL THE GOOD FRINGS SUE COOKS.

Jan Wed 31 - 45
Feb Thur 1 - 1045

Feb Mon 5
Feb Tues 6

^{FEB MON 6}
WELL NOTHING HAPPEN TODAY
BUT WE HAD SOME GOOD NEWS
ON THE WAY, WE JUST
HOPE + PRAY IT TRUE.

^{FEB TUES 6-}
WELL WE JUST GOT SCRAP
-ED BY PLANE WE DONT
KNOW IF IT WAS OURS,
OR NOT BUT A LOT OF ~~BOYS~~
BOTS HIT.

^{FEB WED 7}
WELL TODAY WAS JUST LIKE ALL
THE REST OF THEM LONG + BLUE
THE TIME PASSES OFF SO SLOW
THAT

THE NEWS SOUNDS GOOD TODAY
IT JUST HOPE + PRAY THAT IT
WILL SOON BE OVER,

^{FEB THUR 8}
AGAIN WE HAVE SOUP + WE HAVE
THAT EVERY DAY AT DINNER +

Feb Wed 7
Thur 8
Feb Fri 9

Feb Thur 22
Feb Fri 23

Sat 24
Sun 25

WE HAD BUTYR POTATOE SOUP TODAY
IT WAS GOOD BUT NOT ENOUGH TO
KEEP YOU FROM BEING HUNGRY
WE DONT GET ENOUGH TO EAT
HERE, A'BOY JUST CAME THROUGHT
SELLING IRISH POTATOES FOR 3 C12
AND C19 OF SELLING FOR 200 EACH
AT ONE TIME RIGHT AFTER WE
GOT HERE C18 SOLD FOR 800 A PACK
NO NEWS TODAY FEB FRID 23
WELL WE GOT COTTAGE CHEESE SAT 24
TODAY WITH OUR BREAD
SUN 25
TODAY I WENT TO CHURCH AGAIN
AND ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH.
MON 26
ANOTHER BLUE MONDAY WITH
NOTHING TO DO JUST LOOK FOR
THE DAY WE GET FLEED.
FEB 27
LILLIAN TODAY IVE HAD YOU
AND THE BABIES ON MY MIND
ALL DAY ELON MORE THAN US

Mon 26
Feb Tue 27

Thur Mar 29
Fri Mar 30
Sat Mar 31

AND WASH, BAD DAY, LOOK LIKE IT GONNA KEEP RAINING. I HOPE IT SOON CLEARS UP. IT BAD BEING PEINED UP HERE YET. (THUR MARCH 29)
TODAY WE GOT DELICIOUS AND A SHOWER, THATS THE THEID T... WE HAD A BATH SINCE IVE BEEN HERE.
STILL SLEEP ON THE FLOOR WITH OUT CLOTHES ON A SUITE WILL BE GLAD WHEN I CAN SLEEP IN A BED OR SIT IN A CHAIR AND EAT OUT OF A PLATE DRINK OUT OF A CUP. WE EAT OUT OF OUR HELMETS LIKE A SALVAGE BUT WE STILL GOT HOPES AND FAITH. (FRID MARCH 30)
WELL TODAY IS GOOD FRIDAY ONLY IT STILL CLOUDY AND RAINER. BUT THE NEWS IS ALL GOOD. THEY SAY WE SOURANDED. WE CAN HERE THE FIGHTING NOT FOR OFF, WE JUST HOPE AND PRAY IT WONT BE LONG AND WE DONT THINK IT WILL. WE HAD ANOTHER BIG SUSPRISE TODAY TO. WE GOT RED CROSS PACKAGE ABOUT SEVEN PM. TWENTY MEN ON ONE BOX. WE EACH GOT A LITTLE AND NINE CIGARETTE APE ICE. (SATURDAY MARCH 31)
TODAY HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST DAY OF THEM. ALL WE GOT NEWS THAT WE WERE LIBERATED. YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ALL THE BOYS. EVERY BODY WAS SO HAPPY THAT THEY ALMOST CRIED. ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS YOU AND THE KIDS AND HOW BAD I WANTED TO SEE YOU ALL. AFTER ALL THE OTHER NEWS WE GOT TWO PACKS OF CIG AND SOUP TWICE BUT NO BREAD. WE DONT KNOW WHEN WE WILL MOVE OUT. WE JUST WAITING UNTIL THEY COME AND GET US. (SUN APRIL 1)
WELL TODAY IS EASTER SUN BUT IT COLD & YAINER HOPE IT NICE AT HOME. WISH I COULD BE THERE TO HIDE EGGS FOR THE KIDS. GUESS I WILL GO TO WASH TODAY AND BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT THE GOOD LORD HAS DONE FOR US.

Détacher le long du pointillé
Hinter abtrennen
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MRS LILLIAN L REARDEN

RT THREE WEST POINT GA

REPORT JUST RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS STATES THAT YOUR HUSBAND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL G REARDEN IS A PRISONER OF WAR OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT LETTER OF INFORMATION FOLLOWS FROM PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL JACULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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MRS LILLIAN L REARDEN=

ROUTE THREE WEST POINT GA

THE CHIEF OF STAFF DIRECTS ME TO INFORM YOU YOUR HUSBAND
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PUAL G REARDEN IS BEING RETURNED TO THE
UNITED STATES WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WILL BE GIVEN AN
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU UPON ARRIVAL=

J A ULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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