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PRISONER OF WAR

A TRUE STORY

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AMERICAN PRISONER IN EUROPEAN
THEATER OF WAR
GERMAN PRISON CAMPS
WORLD WAR II 1941-1945

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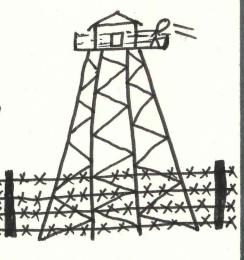
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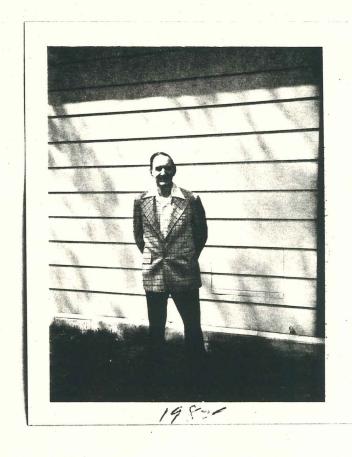
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TOMRS R.L. BOYD
THEW ROCKFORD
THORTH DAKOTA

From
Sg1 DOR WITH R. BOYD
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COD. 337 ITH ARORS
COD. 347 ITH ARORS
COD. 347 ITH ARORS
MAY 22, 1944

best mon.

Just a line to let you know I am fine, Howeld

had time to write very much before, Have been

pushing the Human putty had, wein at demonths hum now, you set the popula to you have

on the hum now, you set the popula to you have

about it them I can tell you.

I reid your letter of may 3. Also reid one for

but now mail for me, but havit caught up of it.

I have tried the last tok, but couldn't carry

it anyway, well mon, have is everyone?

Hope your on all well. Win says her and

pop are fine for like his new rooming place

very well the closer to his gob. I may not

be able to write to get yourself and don't

warry about me; him fine, write soon.

love Dormin



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MRS MATHILDA BOYD-

NEW ROCKFORD NDAK

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON STAFF SERGEANT DORWIN R BOYD HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TWENTY SEVEN OCTOBER IN ITALY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED.

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Dear Mr Boyd. while listening to a broadcast from Germany Juas able to pick up the following message from your Sons D. R. Bajd no. 6/276583 (\$1. 89t) Dear mother + Dad. any alive and well and a presoner of war, well write as soon as possible your loving Sons I hope, if you have not already had rous of your Lorb, this message will bring Very Sincerely fargarets of Smith

W/260793 PTE. ROBINSON M.
ROOM H3, 'C' WING.
PUERN ETHELBURGA'S SCH.
HARROGATE
YORKSHIRE
ENGLAND

2" MAY '+5

Dear mis Boyd,

No doubt you

are surprised to hear from

me again and am sorry that

this time I have no reals

for you However I was so

pleased to have a reply from

you I thought I would will

again.

as you will see

by my address I am in the

A.T.S and so understand what

it means to be away from

Rome. I have been in the

and shall be very glad

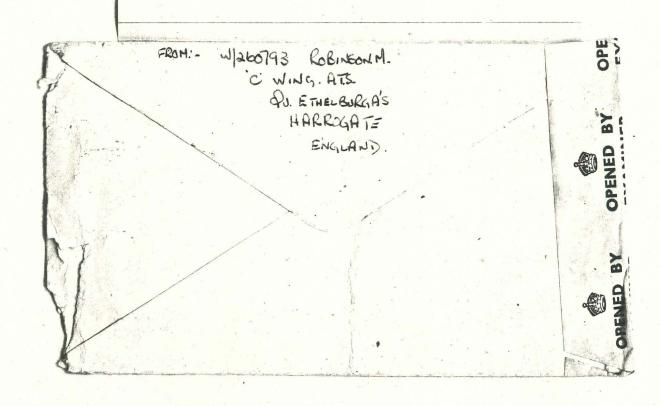
to get back to curliam life again. as for uniform In really tred of it and Rope that it Dark be long before we can all be wearing nice clothes again (rationing your letter certainly made a long trip, Bust going to my Rome in Dawen coming Reve, a fallowing me to Scatland where I wa spending my Cave. I Rave never bean there before and certainly Rad a smashing well, mis Bayd, oda Lapa that by this time your on ville Rave been liberated and an Rio Day Rome Ito

really marvellous the Day
our aimies are rushing an
and Deapert the European
what wise be are during
the next few days.

My And regards and
best wishes to you.

Yours sinceres;

Makel



29 Garry Sto

bathcarts

14- April 45- Glacgow.

Sortland

Dear in Bople,

many thanks for your very kind

letter and I am so glad for received

mine alright. Believe me I am only

too pleased to be able to pick up

these messages and send them to the

kin of the liaps. I listen in every

evening and I have received many such

messages but I have received many such

messages but I have only received two

from American lacks, your pon's and

one other, So far I have not heard from

the other people, but there, my letter

hay not have reached them.

M. S. SMITH

29. GARRY ST

CATHCART

GLASGOW

SCOTLAMO

I have two brothers in service there are just four of us two days two girls and thung & Rad. They eldest brother is in the merchant have and the Joungest the Rotal air force. I know how much we miss them and Thung worries where no news is received. although you are, as you say poto in Clanger & Your homes you have Jule your heu, husbands & Sons and they are very precious indeed. Lere in Glasgow we have met quite a few and I myself have spoken with many as they come into the Canteen in which I am a Voluntary worker. I will certainly let you know if I heart any more news of their done I am only too pleased to be able to do this

Service. With conditiones as they are in Germany mail will be slow in getting through but it may be that very soon he will be free again. I gray that this may come in the very rear Luture and once more we will have beace a lasting one. I would very much like to Reep in touch with you and when you receive word from your port I wonder il you would let me know my prother and Tather send Rendest regards and sincere wishes to Low and a speedy reunion with your sort Good rights and God be with you Nery Suicerely yours margaret.

J. Victor M. Carlow 37276566 Staly 8 Ry. Kew York, 47. 12-27-44 Can Mrs. Doyd fust now received your letter wanting to know about Dorwen and will till what little I can It was him that I mentioned to May at that time but could not some of his buddies that he was captured at the time you mentioned. Lowing mehole platoon was there and those of them that were not captured were accounted for and one of the bogs told me for some that Dowin was captured this fellow had been back to get some eats at the time so that how he missed being along. I did

not think of getting his name at the time but if I see him again I will get it. all the forge under Darwin Chought the world of him as I have talked to many of his min. I sme hope they we ill it the same place so it wont he so Course for them. He you have heard from the Umercian Red Cross by this time to his wherestown but if you havn't maybe they you ask them. I don't know whiten they let prisoners of war weite a snot. Usure hope everything turne out alright with him and that this was ende soon so we all can get back home. If you here from Dowin will you please let me know, diston

My Dear Mrs Doyd, In riply to your inquiry con cerning the whereabout of your son Caruin I and able to give you the following information. It is my ofonion and also the oformion of other members of our unit that was part of a small force holdisty a hill a short distance Sohward of our main lines. Un every force for temperior to our own at that fartickelar soint overran The socition during a counter-attach and Took our men fristoners. Larwin was a member of that small group and it is my whole hearted bellef that he is now at prisoner in the Lerman's hands do his mother I can understand how you must feel as a mothers love forther son is a God given instinct. Information concurring men who But it is my belief that you will be. notified in the near future that Darwin is well and safe. Through interviews with our own men who where capture at other times but were fortunate knough to escape and return to our lines we have learned that americans taken prisoner recieve an Considerate and humane treatment

at the German's hands.

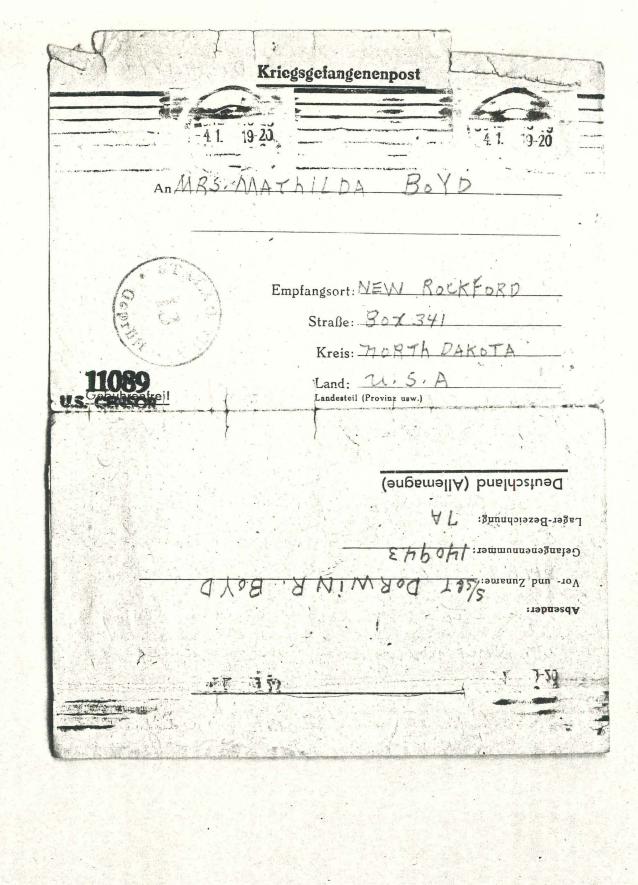
gow have my heart felt sympathy as I considered farting as one of my dogest friends and better soldiers. He was always mun to help the others and we all miss him terribly.

Hoping your receive encouraging news soon from our war dept. I remain.

your Griendst

your Griendst

your Griendst



Dear mom & Dad; Well how is everyone. I am fine and have high hopes you are all the same, I hope you have Rec, my other letters I sent before this one, Nowwas the Thanksquing Denner? I suppose you had, all the filings, I fail pretty good . also, was Gordon, nells family down for dinner? I don't suppose Delois had a chance to get forme. Say, send me althe news about the family 2 Rec. aV mail letter from Norma just before 2 was lastined. Tell her delwrite as som as I'm alloted more stationery. Itel be a little late but a miny Kmas to everyone, Be sure andlygy it. Don't wary about me; because I'm being treated fine How are you these days Dad? I suppose your pretty busy firing the old furnace. Nas it Snowed, much as yet? Willmust Close now. Bye for now. · land your son Donne

ARMY SERVICE FORCES OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

19 APRIL 1945

NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY

It is the desire of the War Department to invite your attention to the fact that due to present conditions in Germany, there is a possibility that next of kin parcels to American: prisoners of war may not be delivered.

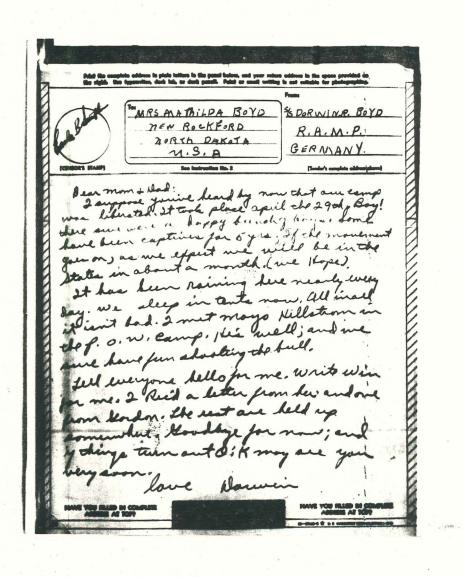
The frequent transfers of American prisoners of war within Germany by the German Government coupled with the fact that transportation facilities have largely been destroyed make it doubtful that the delivery of individually addressed packages to our prisoners can be accomplished. Such transportation as is available to the International Red Cross is used, first, for the delivery of unaddressed standard Red Cross food parcels to American prisoners of war.

While no assurance can be given, every effort will be exerted to effect delivery of individually addressed parcels.

Colonel, CMP

Director, American Prisoner of War Information Bureau

Provost, Marshal General's Office



EX-PRISONER OF WAR QUESTIONNAIRE

| 1. | Name: Dorweie R. Bayet |
|-----|---|
| | 910-12t Governor Mindak Address at time you went into service: |
| | Address at time you went into service: New Rockford, M. Dak Birthday: 7-14-13 |
| | Birthday: 7-19-13 |
| 2. | This is it flows |
| 3. | Work and educational experience prior to going into service? High School Education 4462 + wached far Awiff + Co. |
| , • | |
| 4. | May-1942 at 71. Inelling It Paul |
| 5. | Summary of events from time of entry into service and until just prior to capture or entering status as a POW? (Pasic Iraining & Manuelvers in Saulsiana & Manuelvers in Austria Allegona. Mas at |
| | Fact Die far 3 mo. + Shipped out at Mewport News, Virginia. West to Casablanca africa for few manchs + on to Coast of Efrica Foraked on landing Craft to Secrety From Sicily to naples, Haly Then to To Valley. |
| 6. | Unit, Country, time, area, weather, etc., at time event occurred which resulted in POW status? Captured in Oct 1944 at Particley & eventher was faggy & Caed. My unit was \$5 th liv. 339 Reg. Co. D. Heavy weapons. Machine Hun. |

Describe military or other events that resulted in your POW status? Penned by Germans on the last mountain ange befake to balley lit time being penne own Delmans Randyrenaded us + Martas us I was knocked out week Termen hand grenade + captured 8. Following your capture, describe what happened. How many men were involved? Where did you go? How did you go? What type of personnel (military or civilian) took control of you? I was only one from my lench caplified + adact 20 more from defluent fines lies hed tickens hill well captured a German face after 18 men marched us back, Leman for about 8 miles They loaded its Balagha. Trucks & lank ils to There by Derman Irain wen Brenner Plass to Germany. Was impress.
Were you able to hide or escape? If so, tell what he tell what happened. did you hide? Food? Clothing? Water? Weather? Sleep? lime of was made presones of war sees were pushed backerin seich small area ere was no Chauce of escape -I was space, It while the row time I went in till I got aut. No reduced Care. How did your escape end? Returned to U.S. control? Discovered by 10. enemy?

Could you describe in sequence the various places you were interrogated and the methods of questioning the enemy used?

las questioned in Beligna, Italy & y + in preson Camp

| 12. | Did you have a weapon on yourself when you were captured? Did it effect your treatment? Had a P-38 Junger they took |
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| l 1 | I t Threatings me with it butded not go throng with the threat also took my american a second truthen |
| 13. | |
| 9 | |
| 14. | When captured or escaping, what clothing or equipment were you wearing? What changes did the enemy make in your clothing? The ahanges in clothing at all Was according to the Negular army Clothing & Reference. |
| | |
| 15. | What was your first food you received after your capture and what was your food from that date on? Then when lapliced fan fait a land of brief for their politic stage a day hear stocks without they because bailed in a their party. I will a week a small piece |
| | of meat. The Kel Cross pages among 15 med |
| 16. | Did your nationality, religion, or race have a bearing on your treatment from the enemy? |
| | |
| 17. | What was your impression of your captors? Were they arrogant, considerate, professional, troubled, confused, anxious, etc.? At ffish they arrogant & then later |
| | Conquesed. |

| 18. | Were you alone or with others? How many? Same unit? Other units? Other services? Other nationalities, etc.? There were estimate of 100,000 to 50,000 in negocial configuration, English Thurs, Thurs and an higher class of Kussean, |
|-----|--|
| 19. | At time of your capture, did you have higher or lower ranking persons with you? Did the difference in rank effect you? The reach were develop in Companies to the privates were allawed to heart to get a little more food. Honeomes were food. Honeomes were |
| 20. | Following your capture, how did you feel about your family at home, and at what point or time did you feel they probably knew about your pow status? The got in Contact as some as persuite with sending manual agent who free was names on hadro My mother heart from with a lady in 6 nglased are in Sealland who heald it on the kadio |
| | |
| 21. | When did you receive your first letter, package or information that your family knew of your capture? I got no littless or package from them that mailed They releved fellers from me. |
| 22. | In regards to your interrogation or questioning—was this conducted formally at a special camp or location? Did you have special or skilled interrogators? What did they want to know? How long were you there? Then where did you go? They would to know my family in the affect of the family was refused to know they would not be a facility to the family the interrogation for 2 this. They took our pictures typice was to a Company of the Interrogation for 2 this. They took our pictures typice was to a Company of the Interrogation for the accompany of the Interrogation for the pictures typice was to a Company of the Interrogation for the accompany of the Interrogation for the pictures typice was to a Company of the Interrogation for the Interroga |
| | sivery in the |

How did you feel the war was going when you were captured? Did you think you would eventually get home? Ila. Did you have an opportunity to observe the enemy in combat, training, 25. camp, or moving from one place to another? The observed are bombers garing hair preson Camp lvery day 26. Did you suffer any injury at the time of your capture? What was done about your injury or illness following your capture? Hermoun Concussion hand glenade Consister of grate country Cest my hea I Slight headakhe & reaging cars fal 3 penpers. At your permanent camp or camps, would you describe your conditions. 27. Food? Living area? Beds? Food ration? Health? Water? Weather? Number of men? Guards? Size and location of camps? Organization in camp by enemy and by U.S. forces? & has been meple I beds with straw on them x ce + bed bygo. Enclosed in e e entanglement, an ence 24 hrs. side ,000, to 150,000 presoners. ue pres anigalions

| 28. While in your permanent camp, did you know what was going on in the war? What did guards say about the ending of the war? |
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| tome of the presences built short wave sets |
| The quards new they were being licked at end of war. |
| 29. If you worked in camp or lived in work camps, please describe your daily transportation, work, food, punishment, etc.? |
| none- |
| |

- 30. Was your camp or camps ever bombed or damaged by the enemy or friendly military action?

 No. Clase but not
- 31. Could you describe your roll call or counting procedure in camp?
 We were Counted twice a day
 morning + lvening

32. What type of guards did you have? Age? Rank? Weapons? Number?
Service, etc.?

Older Herman Poldurs + Crippled armet
Hermans. These was a Herman Major in
Charge of Camps + had Dargants & Corpany
+ Unlisted men,

33. Could you describe your camp? Size? Fences? Guard towers?
Latrine? Ration distribution? Hours? Lock-up? Heat?
Recreation, etc.?

It, was an Jermany Training Camp Made
with preson Camp, Survaiended with dauble
barb were fences, with Coils of barb were
believed the fences. With the large get
on each thout corner, no guard tower
yish a greated house, The latrices were
fithe heat as we get were fittle
Coal for heaters & farracks were Chied. The
Played in our beenks most time
"He secreption."

34. Could you describe the men close to you or the men you knew best?

How did you get along with them?

I had Three as I real close beeddies.

| 3 | 5. | Could yo | u tell | about | epidemic | s or | sickness | in camp? | What | were th | e . |
|---|----|----------|--------|-------|----------|------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|-----|
| | | medical | facili | ties? | How were | you | medically | treated | in cam | ip? | |
| | | no es | rife | MIPA | e de | rel | Law R | unne | ua: | care | |
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| | | lites | | No! | mede | ecal | 1 trea | true | ut, | | |
| | , | | | | | | | | | | |

36. Were any prisoners killed in camp or taken from camp and disappeared?
There was talk about a few descriptions

37. Could you describe the ration or food distribution system? How much? Fresh, canned, stale, dried, etc.? Local foods, Red Cross parcels, parcels from home, trade with guards or civilians?

Clically buln Stated,

38. Describe the type of work or responsibilities you were assigned within the camp from friendly or USA prisoners?

none.

39. What were some of the things that kept you going while in camp?
Your health? Age? Faith in U.S. Armed Forces? Religion? Family?
Aid from other prisoners?

The well to get home to met family the
the knowledge we were the ware to meet the friends of had in Camp

of faith.

40. Did any prisoners become mentally sick or irrational in camp and were they removed?

There that I know of

41. Did you have any secret radios, newspapers or outside news sources in camp from which you received information? What information did the enemy give you? That are shark wave sets men blendt. And the line men being turned are radios of heart Belly.

42. Did you have any serious illness in camp?

Lust after effects of the gelnade after

Captified. These ingleweight from fack

Hittal foods threy many back water beau

43. Did you have any riots in camp? lack of fuel.

Not that I know of.

- 44. How did you first know that war was coming to an end? Through the short waves
- 45. What were some of the tricks you played on guards?

46. What about escape procedures and methods used by you or others that you have knowledge of or direct information about?

- 47. Were you ever bombed by friendly or enemy aircraft?
- 48. Describe any special train or ship trip you took while a prisoner?

- 49. When were you close to death or felt all was not worth living and you probably would die or be killed?

 At the time of capture when hit hey a hand younder.
- 50. Could you tell about any special religious observances by the enemy or special occurance when they relaxed or tightened security rules?

- 51. Would you describe in detail any particular holiday, if observed, by enemy or prisoners, such as, New Years or Christmas.

 They holiday were observed by greated at the got and the got no lettra Herfred food but got one feel Cross package per 12
- 52. How did you feel about food in camp? How did enemy food agree with you? What was food? What were utensils? What did you make to eat with? Pots, pans, cups, plates?

 He facual Cans, and I stale a facility for the facual Cans, and I stale a facility have been facility than their marched to present Camp.

53. Were you aware of any other American or Allied POW camps in your area? Civilian camps?

I knew there was more camps but had no contacts with them.

54. In reference to your mind or yourself, how do you feel you held up in camp? Did you suffer periods of depression, crying, hysteria, headaches, loss of memory, etc.? How about the other men in camp? How do you feel you and others were able to live without nervous breakdowns?

a few were low, Especially the younger

55. How do you feel other American POW's behaved or acted while in enemy hands? Please do not name an individual by name if you feel their behavior was not correct or up to the standards you set for yourself.

Over all good behavior.

| 56. 57. | Towards the end of the war, what were first signs that the war was coming to an end in our favor? Loward the end live heard of the Prices Photlewer on May 27 + 28 th we saw war was choultwave on May 27 + 28 th we saw war was entitle shout plane once in a which are a little from a distance. How did the enemy guards or administrative personnel treat you towards the end of the war or when it was apparent the enemy would lose the war? They treated med the same as they are the color of the same and the same are the color of the same and the same are the color of the same and the same are the same and the same are the color of the same and the same are the sam |
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| | |
| 58. | Could you describe how your POW status ended? |
| 50. | could fou describe now four row states emaca. |
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| | |
| 59. | When or where did enemy guards leave? Did guards say or do anything at the end of the war? They left same day as our traps pulled my hay left. The German greates did nothing as the american greates took over the greatest. |
| 60. | What did the American staff at the camp do at the end of the war? |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| 61. | At the end of the war, where did you move? What was your food? Your health? Your morale? Munich & fed sen these them to themes France with new Clothing to thought fusing the party of the fact of the factories. There is the character of the party of the |

62. Could you describe some of the confusion that took place when you were liberated at the end of the war? Time, place, friendly or enemy forces involved, food, health, morale, POW discipline in camp, contact with U.S. military forces, etc.?

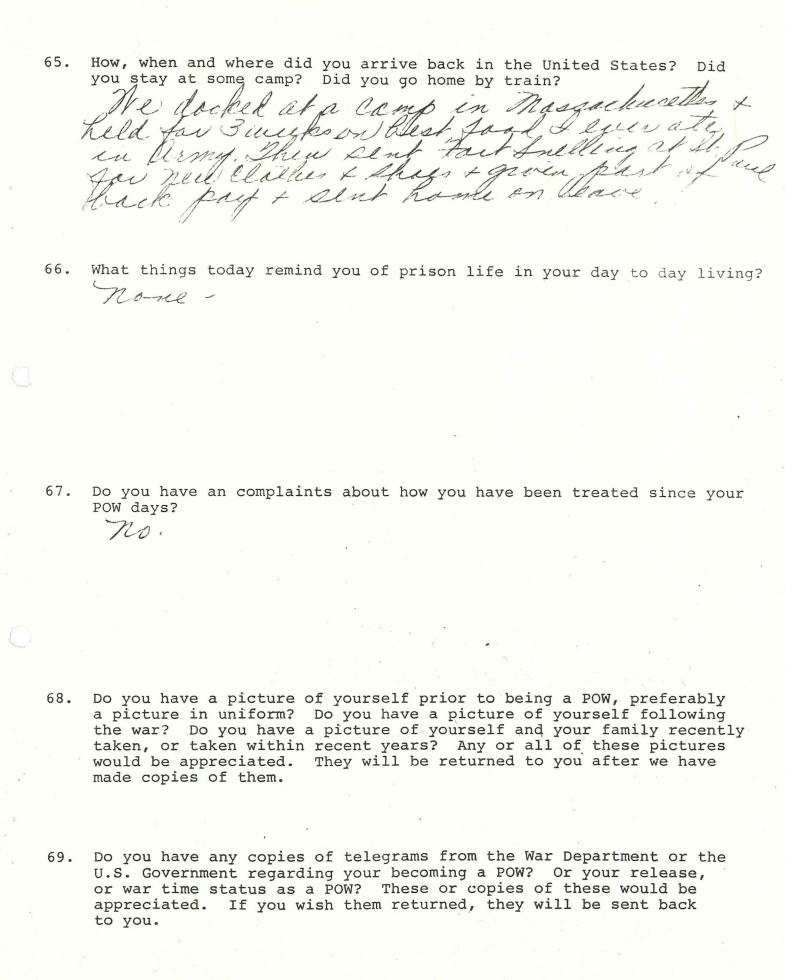
Their was no Confusion When the American quants took over Herman quants. Morale

63. After liberation or the war ending, what happened? Did you move as an individual or group, go by foot, train, bus? Where did you go, to another U.S. camp?

already explained

64. What happened at your camp prior to returning to the States? Did U.S. military officials interrogate you, examine you physically, give you food, clothing, etc.?

already explained.



- 70. Do you have any letters or copies of letters you sent home or received from home during war or during period you were a POW? These or copies of these would be appreciated. They also will be returned if you so indicate in your reply.

 No letters Leceused Lethile pressure.
- 71. A few POW's were able to return to the U.S. or home with a few articles they may have made, been given or in some way secured in POW camp. Some of these could be: paper notes, camp regulations, clothing, cigarette lighter, insignia, hand made pans or pots, special cans used in camp, small tools, etc. If you have any of these, we would appreciate a picture of them. If you desire they could be sent with this report and we will take a picture of them and return them to you if you so desire.

 TABLE

72. The above questions or suggestions are limited and you may write or explain many items not included; therefore, feel free to express yourself in any manner you desire.

Discharged from It Francis Ellerren, Sheyenne, Wyoning March 25-1945 Tech Sargeont Downe C. Bryd

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