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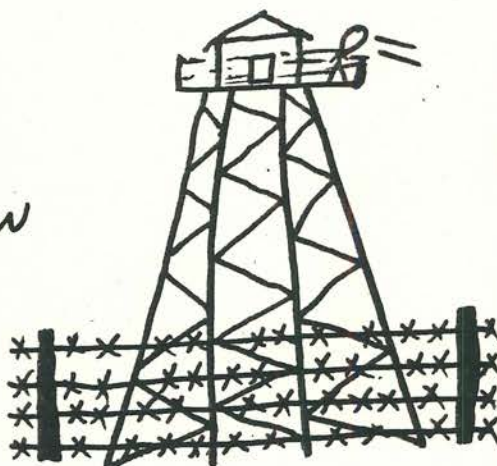
A TRUE STORY

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MINOT, N. DAK

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

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EX-PRISONER OF WAR QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name: DENNIS MEDENWALDT

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L ROGER WOOD, ND 58053 (HOME)
BREMERTON, WASH. (ADDRESS WHEN INDICTED)

Birthday: BORN FEB 7, 1922

2. Family: (spouse and children)

WIFE LEONE

DAUGHTERS (3), VICKI, DENISE AND HOLLY

3. Work and educational experience prior to going into service?

WORKED ON HOME FARM IN N. DAK. UNTIL JAN 1942
WORKED IN PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD AT BREMERTON, WASH.
3 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENTERING SERVICE.

GRADUATED HS IN 1940 FROM HANMUNSON, ND.
ATTEND COLLEGE ND ~~IN~~ IN FARGO 1941-42.

4. Dates and place of entry into service?

FORT LEWIS, WASH, 11-15-42

5. Summary of events from time of entry into service and until just prior to capture or entering status as a POW?

ATTENDED BASIC TRAINING AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.
RADIO GUNNERY SCHOOL AT STEVENS HOTEL, CHICAGO 22 WKS
GUNNERY SCHOOL LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 6 WEEKS.

PHASE TRAINING IN B-24 BOMBER AT 3 DIFFERENT SITES.
OURESEAS JAN 44 TO ITALY.

FLEW 17 COMBAT MISSIONS AS GUNNER FROM ITALY.
SHOT DOWN ON APRIL 21, 1944.

6. Unit, Country, time, area, weather, etc., at time event occurred which resulted in POW status?

FLYING IN B-24 AS RADIO OPERATOR - GUNNER IN
747TH Bomb Sq, 456 Bomb Gr ~~OUT~~ 15TH AF OUT OF
ITALY. TARGET OF DAY OVERCAST, HIT TARGET OF
LAST RESORT WHICH WAS BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA
AT 12,000 FT ABOUT NOON. WAS HIT DIRECTLY
ON TAIL BY ANTI AIRCRAFT. BAILED OUT. THIS
OCCURED ON APRIL 21, 1944 ABOUT 2 PM.

7. Describe military or other events that resulted in your POW status?

SEE 6 above. FOUR OF CREW OF 10 MANAGED TO BAIL OUT. CIVILIANS WERE SHOOTING AT US ON THE WAY DOWN. ONE KILLED BY THESE GUNSHOTS LEAVING ONLY 3 OF 10 ALIVE. CIVILIANS TREATED US HARSHLY AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE KILLED US BUT GERMAN SOLDIERS ARRIVED AND TOOK US.

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?

INITIALLY CIVILIANS CAPTURED US BUT AS STATED ABOVE SOLDIERS EVENTUALLY CAME AND TOOK CONTROL. WE WERE PLACED ON REAR OF TRUCK AND PUT ON DISPLAY IN BELGRADE FOR A PERIOD. OUR DEAD CREW MEMBER WAS IN TRUCK WITH US. I SUPPOSE ABOUT 10 CIVILIANS AND 10 MILITARY WERE INVOLVED. WE WERE TAKEN TO ~~A~~ A BUILDING, WERE PLACED IN SOLITARY ROOMS IN BELGRADE OR NEAR BELGRADE.

9. Were you able to hide or escape? If so, tell what happened. Where did you hide? Food? Clothing? Water? Weather? Sleep? etc.

NO. CIVILIANS WERE ALL AROUND US WITH WEAPONS WHEN WE LANDED WITH OUR PARACHUTES.

DID NOT ESCAPE

10. How did your escape end? Returned to U.S. control? Discovered by enemy?

NOT APPLICABLE

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

ONLY ONE. ENEMY USED GENTLE PERSUASION SUCH AS OFFERING SMOKE, DRINK, ETC. INTERROGATOR HAD A COMPLETE FILE ON ME. SUCH AS: WHERE I WAS BORN, ATTENDED SCHOOL (BOTH CIVILIAN + MILITARY) WHERE I HAD TAKEN OFF FROM DAY I WAS SHOT DOWN, MY COMMANDERS NAME, ETC. I SUSPECT THEY HAD SUCH A COMPLETE HISTORY BECAUSE OF MY GERMAN ^{ANCESTRY} ~~NATIONALITY~~.

12. Did you have a weapon on yourself when you were captured? Did it effect your treatment?

YES. A 45 CALIBRE.

DON'T KNOW IF IT AFFECTED MY TREATMENT.

13. Were you at any time considered a civilian or an enemy spy or a wrong nationality? If so, how did this effect your treatment?

NO

14. When captured or escaping, what clothing or equipment were you wearing? What changes did the enemy make in your clothing?

WAS WEARING NORMAL FLYING CLOTHING, TO INCLUDE HEATED ~~SWIT~~ SWIT, FLAM VEST, ETC. I CANNOT RECALL WHAT CLOTHING THEY REMOVED AND WHAT I WAS ALLOWED TO KEEP.

15. What was your first food you received after your capture and what was your food from that date on?

FIRST FOOD WAS PLAIN GERMAN DANK BREAD AND OLKO. ALSO SOME BAD COFFEE. AFTER I ARRIVED IN POW CAMP I RECEIVED $\frac{1}{2}$ RED CROSS PARCEL WEEKLY PLUS SOME B. ARMY SOUP AND COOKED POTATOES OCCASIONALLY. ON RARE OCCASSIONS SOME GERMAN CHEESE AND MEAT WHICH I SUSPECT WAS HORSE.

16. Did your nationality, religion, or race have a bearing on your treatment from the enemy?

I DON'T KNOW. FAR AS I COULD SEE I WAS TREATED SAME AS OTHERS. MY ABILITY TO SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND SOME GERMAN MAY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

17. What was your impression of your captors? Were they arrogant, considerate, professional, troubled, confused, anxious, etc.?

SOME WERE ARROGANT.

SOME WERE CONSIDERATE

MOST APPEARED TO BE FAIRLY PROFESSIONAL ALTHOUGH THEY WERE FOR THE MOST PART OLDER OR THOSE UNFIT FOR ACTUAL COMBAT DUTY. I GOT THE IMPRESSION MOST WERE ABLE TO SPEAK & UNDERSTAND SOME ENGLISH AND WERE AWARE GERMANY HAD LOST THE WAR. THEY ONLY ARGUED ON HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE.

18. Were you alone or with others? How many? Same unit? Other units? Other services? Other nationalities, etc.?

ONLY WITH 2 OTHER OF MY B-24 CREW MEMBERS.

19. At time of your capture, did you have higher or lower ranking persons with you? Did the difference in rank effect you?

I WAS TSQT. THERE WAS ONE 1ST LT AND ONE SSGT. RANK DID NOT AFFECT US. WE

ALL ENDED UP IN STALAG LUFT III. THE 2 NCO'S AS SO CALLED ORDEALIES.

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?

I FELT ANXIOUS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PROLONGED PERIOD OF ONLY KNOWING I WAS "MIA". IT TURNED OUT THAT THE RED CROSS AND OTHER OFFICIAL CHANNELS MADE THEM AWARE I WAS A POW ABOUT 1 MONTH AFTER I WAS SHOT DOWN.

21. When did you receive your first letter, package or information that your family knew of your capture?

RECEIVED MY FIRST LETTER FROM HOME ON SEP 6, 1944. MY FIRST FOOD PARCEL ON OCT 3, 1944. (NOTE - I WAS SHOT DOWN APRIL 21, 1944)

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?

INTERROGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT AN OFFICE IN BELGRADE ON SAME DAY I WAS SHOT DOWN. IT WAS FORMAL BY A GERMAN OFFICER. HE SEEMED TO BE SKILLED AND KNEW MY COMPLETE BACKGROUND PRACTICALLY FROM BIRTH UNTIL I WAS SHOT DOWN (SEE ITEM 11). THEY WANTED TO KNOW MY OUTFIT, WHEN WE TOOK OFF AND FROM WHERE, ETC. HOWEVER, THEY SEEMED TO HAVE THE ANSWERS ALREADY. I WAS THERE ABOUT 24 HRS, THEN ONTO TRAINS TO STALAG III IN GERMANY. VIA SAGAN.

23. How did you feel the war was going when you were captured?

I FELT THE ALLIES HAD IT WON AND FULLY EXPECTED IT TO END WITHIN 1 OR 2 YEARS. I KNEW THE LUFTWAFF WAS PRACTICALLY DICIMINATED.

24. Did you think you would eventually get home?

YES.

25. Did you have an opportunity to observe the enemy in combat, training, camp, or moving from one place to another?

ONLY DURING THE SEVERAL DAYS I WAS ON THE TRAIN AND IN DEPOTS BETWEEN BELGRADE AND SAARBRUCKEN GERMANY. (LUFT III) DID NOT SEEM TO BE TO MUCH TROOP ACTIVITY.

26. Did you suffer any injury at the time of your capture? What was done about your injury or illness following your capture?

YES. 1. TWO TEETH NOCKED OUT WITH RIFLE BUTT.

2. HIT IN BACK AND WAS UNABLE TO WALK PROPERLY FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

3. NOTHING DONE UNTIL ABOUT 2 MONTHS LATER WHEN WORK ON MOUTH WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

27. At your permanent camp or camps, would you describe your conditions. 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?

CONDITIONS AT STALAG LUFT III GOOD. FOOD

ADAPQUATE BUT DID LOOSE CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT.

BARRACKS WERE ABOUT 10 TO A ROOM AND WERE ADAPQUATE.. BEDS UNCOMFORTABLE AS MATTRESSES WERE FILLED WITH SAWDUST. WE RECEIVED 1 RED CROSS PARCEL PER WEEK AT FIRST BUT THIS WAS SCALED DOWN TO $\frac{1}{2}$ AND $\frac{1}{4}$ AS ALLIES APPLIED MORE PRESSURE TO GERMANIES TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. GERMANS GAVE POTATOES AND BREAD AND SOUP EARLY ROUTINLY. WEATHER TOLERABLE. WE HAD MANY GUARDS BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY. STALAG III MUST HAVE HAD SEVERAL THOUSAND POW'S.

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?

YES. THE GERMANS POSTED NEWS ARTICLES ON A CENTRAL DB. WE ALSO HAD SECRET RADIO WHICH WE GOT THE ACCURATE INFORMATION, WE HAD TO "READ BETWEEN" THE LINES ON GERMAN NEWS BUT WERE ABLE TO KEEP FAIRLY CURRENT.

29. If you worked in camp or lived in work camps, please describe your daily transportation, work, food, punishment, etc.?

STALAG III WAS AN OFFICERS CAMP. EACH BARRACKS WAS STAFFED WITH NCO POW'S WHO HAD THE DUTY OF PICKING UP AND DISTRIBUTING THE FOOD, LINEN, ETC TO OFFICERS. THAT WAS THE ONLY DUTIES WE HAD AND THEY WERE EASY. OTHERWISE ALL WERE EQUAL.

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

YES. WE WERE BOMBED AT NEUENBURG AND ~~WAS~~ STRATED WHILE ON TRAIN BETWEEN CAMPS.

31. Could you describe your roll call or counting procedure in camp?

WE HAD ROLL CALL, OR APPELL, TWICE DAILY AND WERE LINED UP IN COLUMNS OF 4. THE OFFICER WOULD COUNT US.

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

GUARDS SEEMED OLDER AND OF LOW RANK. THEY HAD POLES TO PULL IN GROUND SEEING TUNNELS AND MOST WORE PISTOLS. ALL SEEMED TO BE AIR FORCE OR LUFTWAFFE.

WE HAD MANY GUARD TOWERS MOUNTED WITH MACHINE GUNS ALL AROUND THE COMPOUND. WE NICKNAMED THE GUARDS "FERRETS".

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

SEE ATTACHED COPY OF
"STALAG LUFT III" Book.

34. Could you describe the men close to you or the men you knew best? How did you get along with them?

GOT ALONG WELL.

I SUPPOSE A CERTAIN DEGREE OF "CABIN FEVER" DEVELOPED AND THERE WERE DISAGREEMENTS AND/OR PERSONALITY CLASHES. BUT ALL THINGS CONSIDERED WE GOT ON WELL. WE SPENT MUCH TIME PLAYING "BRIDGE" AND OTHER CARD GAMES. ALSO ALL TYPES OF SPORTS. WE ALL HAD THE SAME DESIRE TO GET HOME SAFELY ASAP.

35. Could you tell about epidemics or sickness in camp? What were the medical facilities? How were you medically treated in camp?

WE WERE MEDICALLY TREATED FAIR.
I CAN'T RECALL ANY EPIDEMICS EXCEPT
DYSINTERY DUE TO THE HORRIBLE DIRT
OR SOUP (GREEN DEATH) WE WERE FED
TOWARD THE END OF THE WAR.

36. Were any prisoners killed in camp or taken from camp and disappeared?

NOT IN CAMP THAT I AM AWARE OF.
HOWEVER, WE LOST SEVERAL HUNDREDS ON A FORCED MARCH
BETWEEN CAMPS. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY DIED, ETC.

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?

AT FIRST - 1 RED CROSS PARCEL PER WEEK
LATER - $\frac{1}{2}$ THEN $\frac{1}{4}$ THEN NONE.

THE GERMANS PUNCTURED HOLES IN ALL CANNED
GOODS TO INSURE WE COULD NOT HOARD FOOD
FOR ESCAPE PURPOSES. WE RE-SEALED THESE
WITH MARSHMINE OR OTHER MEANS.

PARCELS (FOOD) FROM HOME WERE USUALLY
STALE OR SPOILED UPON RECEIPT.

GERMANS GAVE BARLEY SOUP, POTATOES AND BREAD, SOMETIMES
OTHER VEGETABLES.

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?

SPORTS COMPETITION AND CARD GAMES -
MY HEALTH EXCELLENT
I WAS YOUNG (23)

I HAD UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN OUR ARMED FORCES
I WAS SINGLE BUT VERY ATTACHED TO MY FIANCEE
WHOS LETTERS REALLY PICKED ME UP, AS DID
MY PARENTS.

OTHER POWS WERE CONSIDERATE AND HELPFUL.

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

I ~~WAS~~ CAN RECALL SEVERAL WHO BECAME
IRRATIONAL OR "CRACKED" BUT CANNOT RECALL THE
DETAILS. THEY WERE REMOVED. STILL, FOR THE MOST PART
ALL HELD UP WELL.

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?

YES - RADIOS AND GERMAN PAPERS.

THE RADIO WAS SECRET.

WE HAD BULLETINS PASSED FROM BARRACKS TO
BARRACKS WHICH I ASSUME CAME FROM
RADIO MEDIA.

THE GERMANS REGULARLY DISTRIBUTED AN
ENGLISH PROPAGANDA PAPER CALLED "THE OVERSEAS KID".

42. Did you have any serious illness in camp?

NO. FROZE BOTH FEET SEVERELY.
DYSINTERY. WICK.

43. Did you have any riots in camp?

NO.

44. How did you first know that war was coming to an end?

THE GERMANS STARTED MOVING US FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER AND WE COULD HEAR GUNS IN BACKGROUND. FINALLY ALL BRANCHES AND DIFFERENT COUNTRIES POW'S ENDED UP TOGETHER.

45. What were some of the tricks you played on guards?

1. WHEN WE HEARD THEM BENEATH BARRACKS WE WOULD TALK OF ~~THE~~ FALSE ESCAPE PLANS.
2. WE WOULD SHIFT AROUND DURING ROLL CALL COUNT AND CAUSE CONFUSION IN THIS MANNER.
3. WE WOULD MAKE THEM TAP ON DOOR BEFORE ENTERING OWN ROOM, IF THEY DID NOT, NO COFFEE, OR CIGARETTE. WE TRAINED THEM WELL, THEY WOULD NOT ENTER UNLESS WE TOLD THEM TO.

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

TUNNELS WERE MAIN PROJECTS. WE HAD SOME GOING AT ALL TIMES.

WE BUILT FANS OUT OF TIN CANS TO PUMP AIR INTO TUNNELS.

USED BED SLATS TO SHORE UP TUNNELS.

BECAME DIFFICULT AS GUARDS (FERRETS) STARTED COUNTING BED SLATS DAILY.

47. Were you ever bombed by friendly or enemy aircraft?

YES -

48. Describe any special train or ship trip you took while a prisoner?

ONE TRAIN TRIP IN HOET 8 CAR. WAS STRAFFED TWICE BY AMERICAN FIGHTER, UNTIL WE FINALLY MADE THEM AWARE IT WAS A POW TRAIN.

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

Never except the day
I was captured. Conditions were very bad.

50. Could you tell about any special religious observances by the enemy or special occurrence when they relaxed or tightened security rules?

No

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

I REMEMBER A 4TH OF JULY IN STALAG LUFT III.
WE HAD SAVED RAISINS, SUGAR, PROVES, ETC. AND
MADE "HOME BREW". OUR COUNTER PARTS IN THE
BRITISH COMPOUND NEXT TO US DID LIKE WISE. WE
ALL GOT "TIPSY" AND THE GUARDS HAD CONSIDERABLE
TROUBLE KEEPING US ALL UNDER CONTROL. WAS FUNNY!!

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?

FOOD WAS ^{FAIR} ~~GOOD~~ FIRST 6 MONTHS.

BAD AFTER THAT.

ENEMY VEGETABLE SOUP CAUSED DYSINTERY.

WE MADE OUR OWN UTENSILS OUT OF CANS FROM
RED CROSS PARCELS.

ENEMY BREAD WAS VERY HEAVY BUT TASTED
QUIT GOOD WHEN TOASTED AND COVERED WITH
MARGARINE AND JELLY. FRESH POTATOES AND
VEGETABLES WERE GIVEN OCCASIONALLY.

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

POLISH CAMP NEXT TO US.

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?

I HELD UP GOOD.

YES I HAD PERIODS OF DEPRESSION.

WE KEPT FROM BREAKDOWNS BY KEEPING
OCCUPIED IN SPORTS, GAMES, CARDS,
CONVERSATION ETC. ALSO READING. STALAG
III had an excellent library.
WE CONSTANTLY DISCUSSED WHAT WE WOULD
DO WHEN WAR WAS OVER. WE EXPERIMENTED
IN "COOKING" FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES.
PLENTY OF PRAYER.

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.

~~WITHO~~

EXCEPT FOR A VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS
AMERICAN POW'S BEHAVED VERY WELL.
Did what we could to harass the
enemy, we kept ourselves reasonably
clean considering the facilities available.

56. Towards the end of the war, what were first signs that the war was coming to an end in our favor?

See item 44

57. 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 BECAME INCREASINGLY TOLERANT AND FRIENDLY. THEY WERE MORE LAX IN NOTICES. However, they kept security fairly well. One exception during forest marches.

58. Could you describe how your POW status ended?

ON APRIL 29, 1945 AN AMERICAN TANK SPONTANEOUSLY MOVED UP ON MOOSBURY WHERE I WAS IN A CAMP. THERE WAS NO HIT SITING ALL AROUND US. I STAYED IN A HOLE ON DITCH. IN ABOUT 2 HOURS IT WAS OVER. OUR GUARDS THREW THEIR RIFLES DOWN AND WAITED UNTIL A TANK COMMANDER

59. When or where did enemy guards leave? Did guards say or do anything at the end of the war?

THEY THREW GUNS DOWN AND STOOD IN FORMATION WAITING TO BE CAPTURED. AMERICAN TANK COMMANDER HAS THEM MARCHED OFF.

60. What did the American staff at the camp do at the end of the war?

Turned us loose in the small town we were in for a short period, fed us good American made food and bread. Provided us with showers and clean bedding.

61. At the end of the war, where did you move? What was your food? Your health? Your morale?

Went to a camp in France, was processed for return to states on a boat. Food from USA very good after liberation. My poor immediately prior to liberation. Health good except lost much weight. Morale excellent.

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.?

Much Confusion existed. German tanks threw their weapons on the ground and stood in formation waiting for capture. Observation aircraft flew overhead. Artillery shells roared overhead. One American tank entered the compound. The tank commander took the German prisoners. He spoke to us and asked if any of the Germans had mistreated us. If so, he would allow us to get revenge now. Morale high, Food soon furnished.

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?

After liberation we were moved as a group to La Fosse France to an old POW camp called "Lucky Strike". It was a joyful trip where we were cheered, praised, etc in each city or village we passed through.

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.?

Yes, all the above. In fact food was so good after POW camps we ate probably too much and rapidly gained weight. we did no work and were waited on hand and foot by German POW's.

65. How, when and where did you arrive back in the United States? Did you stay at some camp? Did you go home by train?

we arrived at New York by boat. We were transported by bus to a camp in New Jersey where we were rapidly processed. I was placed on a passenger train that had ~~4~~ ⁶ cars from the Midwest that went "express" to ~~St Paul~~ ^{St Paul} ~~Minnesota~~ ^{Minnesota} and home.

66. What things today remind you of prison life in your day to day living?

Nothing. Occasionally news articles, stories concerning POW's such as TV shows remind me. Also meeting with and talking to other POW's. However, nothing in my home.

67. Do you have any complaints about how you have been treated since your POW days?

No.

68. Do you have a picture of yourself prior to being a POW, preferably a picture in uniform? Do you have a picture of yourself following the war? Do you have a picture of yourself and your family recently taken, or taken within recent years? Any or all of these pictures would be appreciated. They will be returned to you after we have made copies of them.

Please, return the photos!!!
They are very precious to us.

69. Do you have any copies of telegrams from the War Department or the U.S. Government regarding your becoming a POW? Or your release, or war time status as a POW? These or copies of these would be appreciated. If you wish them returned, they will be sent back to you.

you may keep these,

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.

You may keep them also.

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.

I only have a primer of war log book I maintained during POW status. I carried from start to finish and it has many entries and pages. I am hesitant to mail it. I would reproduce its pages for you if desired at a later date.

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.

- 1. I am enclosing reproduced copies of the Camps I was in as a POW, you may keep these. It graphically and verbally accurately depicts POW life.*
- 2. Please return the photos.*
- 3. You may keep the enclosed message, letters, newspaper articles, etc.*
- 4. I was discharged in October 1945. I re-enlisted in 1970 and retired from USAF as a CMSgt (E9) in 1971. I saw combat duty in both Korea and Vietnam conflicts.*