

Feb 21st. morning 7a. middle of forest. At escape routes studied map. 7.30. Found path at top of hill after forcing way through brushwood. Clothing battledore and socks - flying rocks. Followed path, very wet, turned left along top of valley 1/2 mile stopping one to smoke cigarette on reaching end of path decided to give outstep up. all met Sgt German. No joy. Met German family. Handed over to Wehrmacht. waited on settee, spoke to German official. Chest type. asked how long we would last.

Taken in custody of a plane ambulance to military official. Asked many questions about A/C remainder. Interpreter told us his mother was English. After 45 mins, soon at my office to a quiet room. Taken this Document by two underofficers to initial goal, small cell with port square window looking out on to small courtyard with bomb hole. Solid iron door 1/2 in deep peep hole with glass shutter. 2 cots bed. 3 straw mattress as blanket, the stool 1 portable chamber pot. Meal one weak brown dehydrated vegetable soup. Tasteless. Two slabs black bread. Duration of stay 2 1/2 days. Taken from cell Feb 23rd.

to waiting room containing 2 American flyers. 2nd Lieut. Drove this Document to hospital told about Bill Hastings by underofficers. Drove further to large history building. Picked up badly burned Canadian Navigator who thought we were going to be shot. Drove into country picked up fine other British Air crew. More from my crew. Arrived at Luftwaffe camp Ops approx. but all with American 3A. Higher. also. 3rd. Berenger. 20. ration

Feb 28th. 3 boxes loaded with Air crew. U.S. English Canadian Australian 1/2 saw w/op Arrived same day Luftwaffe camp placed with 15 others including 1 in underground room. Partially demolished barbed block. Food insufficient. Elson type latrine. smell at types unbearable. Duration of stay 9 days.

March 9th. Journey covered in train and on foot. wearing only pair of Russian clogs. Last night of journey from ~~Vereb~~ ~~large station~~ ~~camped~~ ~~at Vereb~~. Two guards only one underofficer. Arrived at small station pitch dark. Plunging with rain. marched into muddy lane. Two guards. Heavily looking dogs in mud. Feet wet. very cold. Reached farm