

S/SGT. BRADY ATKINS

APRIL 8, '45. - LEFT STALAG 17B FOR FREISTADT. WALKED

28 KM. TO LOBENDORF.

APRIL 9 - WALKED 23 KM. TO FEISTRITZ.

APRIL 10 - 24 HR. LAYOVER.

APRIL 11 - WALKED TO LAIMBACH THRU POEGSTALL. 16 KM.

APRIL 12 - WALKED 21 KM. TO WALDHAUSEN THRU RAIN TO SLEEP IN BARN.

APRIL 13 - WALKED TO KLAMM THRU RAIN. 19 KM.

APRIL 14 - 24 HR. LAYOVER.

APRIL 15 - BIRTHDAY. WALKED TO NAARN. 22 KM.

APRIL 16 - WALKED TO STEYREGG TO A BARN. 23 KM.

APRIL 17 - 24 HR. LAYOVER.

APRIL 18 - WALKED 32 KM. THRU LINZ. TO A BARN.

APRIL 19 - WALKED 16 KM.

APRIL 20 - WALKED 25 KM. TO KALHAM (NEU MARKET)

APRIL 21 - 24 LAYOVER. REC'D RED CROSS PARCEL.

APRIL 22 - WALKED 20 KM. TO AUROLZAUHNER.

APRIL 23 - WALKED 25 KM. THRU RAIN AND SLEET TO ALTENHEIM.

APRIL 24 - 24 HR LAYOVER.

APRIL 25 - WALKED 25 KM. TO LARGE WOODED AREA TO BE OUR CAMP.

APRIL 26 - BUILT A LEAN-TO FOR SHELTER OUT OF PINE BOUGHS.

APRIL 27, 28, 29, 30, MAY 1 - DOING NOTHING. LOT OF RAIN AND

COLD. OUR HUT LEAKS IN LOTS OF PLACES. WAITING FOR
PATTON. MAY 1 STARTED HEARING ARTILLERY SHELLING.

MAY 2 - CAMP COMMANDANT OFFERS TO SURRENDER TO 3RD
ARMY ADVANCE TANK UNIT. AMERICAN CAPT. FROM THE
TANKS CAMP UP TO OUR CAMP.

MAY 3 - A DAY NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN. 11.00 A.M. 3 JEEPS
OF THE 13TH DIV., 3RD ARMY TAKEN OVER OUR CAMP
CAPTURED ALL GUARDS AND JERRIES AROUND.

MAY 4, 5 - PLENTY RAIN. WAITING TO LEAVE. ISSUED "K" RATIONS.

MAY 5 WALKED 5 MILES TO FACTORY. ALSO WENT OUT
AND GOT FOOD.

MAY 6 - HAD HOT SHOWER.

MAY 7 - 30th SPEC. SER. DIV. BAND SHOW. U.S.O. SHOW.
RED CROSS CLUBMOBILE. MOVIES.

MAY 8 - LEFT FACTORY FOR POKING AIRPORT. G.I.
TRUCKS.

MAY 9 - NO PLANES ARRIVED TODAY.

MAY 10 - LEFT GERMANY C-47. REFUELED AT NANCY.
LANDED LE HAVRE. RODE G.I. TRUCKS 40 MI. TO
CAMP LUCKY STRIKE. GIVEN SHOWER, GOOD FOOD.

MAY 11 - WAITING AROUND.

MAY 12 - WAITING AROUND. RECD FREE PX RATIONS.

MAY 23 MOVED TO PORT OF LE HAVRE
WAITING FOR SHIP.