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Stalag III West Compound

- Apr 27 1944 - 71 Officers and E.M. enter camp
28 - 90 more men on 1st big purge - only 159 -
160-161-162 open
- May - one half of camp open as purges
arrive almost daily
- June 1 - purge of 90 brings camp strength to
1285; all blocks open
8 - theatre opens
9 - newsroom opens
15 - music equipment arrives - Flying
Syncopaters form
20 - Klarion debut - Reference library closed
Major Eagan says, "Home or home by Xmas"
25 - Tex Newton and "Sugar Blues" monopolize
"Sing Songs". Population 1853.
- July 2 - "Orchestra Wives"
4 - no appeal - Newton & Houston awaken
camp at 7:00 A.M. All day sports program
Syncopaters debut at evening Variety
Show.
6 - Col. Alkire gives the first "Tonight at 8:00"
16 - "D-Bars" at 40 pts - heat is spoiling

Food - Softball season starts

17 - Appell and calisthenics now held on athletic field

18 - Barrel of Fun Show - 10 men go into 8 man rooms. Maj. Millicen pitches first no hitter

21 - Optimism runs high as big break comes in W. Front.

24 - Six repats leave the Compound

Aug-6 - Lt. Col. "Jonesy" appointed Athletic Director.

13 - Brig. Gen. Vanaman makes first visit

19 - Seats in Theatre finished - "Happy Hr #1" "D-Bars" 50 pts

18 - 163 wins American League Flag.

19 - 170 wins National League Flag.

20 - 158 defeats 164 for the volley ball title

23 - Softball season ends - no bats. "Dixie Dugan" movie.

30 - tents are put up.

Sept 4 - No appell - 165 wins Labor Day Calisthenics with "D-Bar" for every man in the block. North wins volley ball - South takes softball and track

Sept 5 - "Corsican Brothers"

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Sept-7, 1944 - Purges still arriving, population is now 2090

11 - Compound goes onto half parcels; Kriegies choose Ingrid Bergman their Klim Kan Queen.

17 - Minstrel Show

24 - Men living in tents move into blocks as rooms grow; WPOW takes the air

Oct 1 - "Triple Deckers" in 165; "D-Bars" are up to 80 pts

12 - "Happy Hr #2"

15 - Big letter day with 5,675 letters

29 - Reference Library closes

31 - Kriegies spend a quiet Halloween, nobody removed the main gate.

Nov 7 - Roosevelt sweeps the Compound.

12 - "D-Bars" are up to 130 pts. 9+10 man rooms become 12.

19 - Football season ends due to cold, rain, & injuries. 158 & 165 tied.

21 - Radio Playhouse presents "The Melodeers" for the 1st time.

- Nov 23 - "The Spoilers" plays as a "silent" movie. The Food Acco closes - no food
- 25 - 11 car loads of food arrive to supplement a supply that would only have lasted till the last wk of Dec.
- 28 - 2 men pass the repat board.
- 30 - Cooks drag out food they have saved by skimping - Big Thanksgiving spreads
- Dec 3 - Reference Library closes. "D-Bars" are up to 200 pts.
- 5 - Four Red Cross Xmas parcels are included in a shipment that makes our reserve good for 10 wks at $\frac{1}{2}$ parcels.
- 8 - Reference Library opens with a new addition.
- 9 - Enough Xmas parcels arrive for a $\frac{7}{10}$ issue.
- 12 - Black-out paths are finished.
- 17 - Kriegies pick Apr 1st forend of war
- 19 - 61,190 cigarettes donated to Belleria
- 21 - Holiday Harmonies with an American Flag
- 23 - Xmas Parcels are passed out

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Dec 24, 1944 - Christmas Eve, lights till 2:00
A.M. "Traveling Troupes" entertain in
blocks, carol singing, Tex-mailman
25 - no appell; turkey is excellent
31 - lights till 2:00 A.M., Population
2350

Jan 1, 1945 - no appell
15, "Big Red Team" starts to roll
18 - announcement that full parcels
will be issued for 2 wks starting Jan 22
English Xmas parcels passed out, $\frac{1}{3}$
per man. Optimism soars with
an air raid on Breslau.
22 - Russian drive cuts off bread supply.
Orders come out to walk 10 kilometers per day
starting tomorrow
25 - Stratton's news quote 42 miles
come on Joe unquote - becomes
barracks password
27 - Adjutant's call blows at 21:15, on the
road at ~~22:35~~ 0035
28 - Marched 32 km. - 6 hr rest in open
air - well below freezing. Marching
again at 18:00

29 May '45 - 40-45 kms. arrived shelter at 1100 - marched 17 hrs with no sleep since 0915 on the 26 Jan. Approx $\frac{1}{2}$ our men (1000) made the complete march men straggling in here all day. Removed 200 hospital cases near death - seems entirely plausible - no. of fatalities to date not known - ~~seems to be trying to slow down~~ ~~seems to be trying to slow down~~ - expect to start 0800 tomorrow morning. Col. Alkire fell out at about 20 kms. - had hospital wagon to pick him up - the last 10 km we had no wagon, men that fell out just had it - one man (at least) wounded when runaway horse started guards to shooting along the road. Got bread holes here - first ration?

30- Leaving here (Moskva) with 320 volunteers to help fill up south camp - leaving now on 18 km march - shelter in barns. got bread & also ^{rations} first

31 - March 8 km to Spremberg entrained 1608. ^{HOT} BARLEY soup

Feb 1st - Issued meat, jam & bread on train.

2 - Pull onto siding after dark - looks like may be
our camp - Men in cars have G.I.'s

3 - move into delousing camp - rank moves out to get

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the camp ready - getting food here - bread, cheese and potatoes - washed hands & face - first since 27 Jan

4 - Germans won't work Sundays - very crowded here but drawing food and fairly warm - water scarce

5 - Air raid today - rumored that the rest of W Comp is outside in cars Germans trying to speed up delousing & searching - leaving tonight

22 - Recovered note book - lost 5 Feb in search - Came back to compound after 3 nites in barn for 2nd delouse. 51st buzz camp during air raid. Col. Huber says things will get worse before better - 1st mail arrives

24 - 51st buzz camp - fired upon by guard tower - 6 nos

25 - Notified that last wk of parcels starts tomorrow mixture - Am stand, canad, English St, Eng & Am Xmas.

MAR 4 - No more kitchen fuel.

8 - Parcels in camp no knowledge as to how many. Cologne bridges falling down.

10 - Two gash parcels per 12 men + regular $\frac{1}{2}$ parcel issue after exactly 7 days goon rations. Enuf parcels for approx 2 wks at $\frac{1}{2}$.

15 - Full parcels to start Monday 19th

17 - Showers

19 - Full parcels enter compound then leave again as

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vii) Komm. tries to regulate supply - still have hopes for full - Red Cross truck "over the wire"

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MARCH 20 1945 - Full parcels - some Brit Xmas and Canadian - majority Br + Am Reg.

APRIL 2 - Am "A" parcels - vit pills, onions, peaches - mix marger, cheese, coffee

3 - First big mail call

9 - Move into new compound - Argentine bulk Tents - big air show

10 - half parcels announced - Nurmemberg hospital cases pulling in

11 - Full parcels on again - bombing ring around camp. Full swing trading with G.I's.

15 - Seven language sign disappears

17 - Shoe repair begins to run nite + day

20 - Men ^{Col Good takes over} move from tents to barracks and vice versa

21 - Men arriving daily from Nurmemberg - Adolph comes in - Cigs come back from syndicate

25 Soup is best we've ever had.

26 - Goon's announce we won't be moved

27 - Kriegies officially take over camp at 1500

28 - Rain - no appeal inside or out. Goon guard standing by under full packs ready to march at 2200

29 - Light machine gun fire heard at dawn - 2 women injured by stray bullet in

skirmish outside camp; Stars and Stripes
flies over Moosberg at 1240 -
End of a Kriegic Log