

PART II

Current Report of Camps and Hospitals Overrun
(28 February - 25 March 1945)

WESTERN FRONT:

1. <u>STALAG VI G</u>			Rus-	Bel-	Yugo-	Poles	Ital-	Fr	TOTAL
			sian	gian	Slav		ian		
(a)	Work Camp 42	BOCKLEWIND (F395653)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b)	Work Camp 19	ICHENDORF (F272601)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c)	Work Camp 483	KOLN-BICHENDORF (F4163)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d)	Work Camp 128	FORTUNA (Vic OBIR F2665)	46	7	-	-	-	29	82
			<u>STALAG XIII F</u>						
(e)	Hospital	STRIERDGEN-WENDEL (Q4267)	883	-	190	27	98	22	1220
TOTAL			929	7	190	27	98	51	1302

2. No IsW were discovered in Serials (a), (b) and (c), when overrun.

3. Serial (d). Buildings undamaged but filthy; no water, no supplies, no cooking facilities. Of the 82 persons uncovered, some were women; all were treated as DI's although 25 French claimed to be ex-IsW.

4. Serial (e). This was not overrun, but the German guards fled, and 1220 of the inmates escaped through our lines, and were collected and taken to ST AVOLD. The French were turned over to the French authorities, and the Italians to POW cages, the Poles being evacuated to AVIGNON. Evacuation of the remainder to LE MANS was being arranged.

The hospital is said to be a large stone building with 800 beds, and six wooden buildings with 400 beds. The equipment (mostly French) was adequate for dealing with typhus and tubercular cases, incurable diseases such as cancer, and surgical cases (e.g. appendicitis). The hospital was in charge of a French Army doctor assisted by 5 French, 7 Yugoslav, 4 Italian and 11 Russian doctors.

CAMP MOVEMENTS

WESTERN FRONT:

Such information as has been received from official sources is tabulated below for easy reference; the information in Bulletin No. 5 has been incorporated and brought up-to-date:

WEHRKREIS I

- Stalag I A Attempts to evacuate by sea, destination unknown.
Results problematical.
- Stalag I B Evacuated westward by land.
(Some PW from both camps in Königsberg. Small portion through Wehrkreis XX and Wehrkreis II, approaching Wehrkreis X)

WEHRKREIS II

- Stalag Luft 4 6165 BR/US NCOs at Usedom near Swinemünde moving towards Malchin-Teterow (Vic Neubrandenburg).
1500 proceeding Stalag Luft 1; 1500 proceeding Stalag Luft 3 at Nauenberg (new camp); 2600 proceeding Stalag XI B and Stalag 357.
- Stalag II B Towns area Malchin-Teterow (Vic Neubrandenburg).
- Stalag II D 7400 British, Yugo-Slavia et al directed Jarmen-Friedland, (Vic Neubrandenburg).
- Oflag II B 1200 French officers to Gestap Oflag VI A, VI D, and Sandbittel, Ostlag X B.
- Oflag II C 500 Polish officers towards Finkenburg (Vic Neubrandenburg).
4000 Poles overrun by Russians.
- Oflag II D 4535 Poles to Neubrandenburg.
- Orlag 65 1470 Yugo-Slavians proceeding WOLDECK (Vic Neubrandenburg).

WEHRKREIS III

- Stalag III A 950 Polish officers arrived from Hungary in poor physical condition.
- Stalag III B 4600 US arrived at Stalag III A - after few days stay were to be marched 18 kms west of Luckenwalde. Now at Maerkisch-Rietz (52°4'N 12°48'E).
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- Stalag III C Evacuated west of River ODER but are close to military operations so may continue westward. Now at Warnemünde (52°38'N 13°40'E).

WEHRKREIS IV

Oflag IV D } Transferred to Oflag IV C.

WEHRKREIS VIII

Stalag Luft 3 4000 US arrived Stalag VII A.
2000 BR arrived Morlag-Milag.
2000 BR/US to proceed to Stalag XIII C.
2000 BR/US at Stalag III A.

Stalag Luft 7 Have now reached Stalag III A, where they will be moved by train or other means to Moosburg or Nurnberg.

Stalag VIII A Now reached Naumburg (51°10'N, 11°50'E) enroute to Stalag IX C. Two-thirds to be divided between Stalag IX A and Stalag IX B, remainder to new camp in region of Goettingen. 1370 US/BR unable to march sent by rail to unknown destination.

Stalag VIII B Moving to Stalag 344, and then subsequently on foot across N. Bohemia towards Nurnberg. Advance group passed through Melnik reached Rakovnik (Bohemia).

Stalag VIII C Head of Southern group near Gersund, west of Eisenach. Head of Northern group west of Sommerda.

Stalag 344 Moving Southwest across Bohemia. Advance group now near Karlsbad. Rear of column near Brux. 4000 US/BR sick and wounded to go by train to Stalag XI B, Stalag XIII C, Stalag VII A, and Stalag IX B. 800 sick BR/US to Stalag XVII A.

BAB 20 & 21 Ordered to Stalag 344, and proceeding with them to new areas.

Bad Schwarzbach Reported being sent to Spitzburg bei Eisenstein (Upper Bavaria).

Ilag KREUZBERG To Spittal/Drau; civilians from Tost to Spittal/Drau.

WEHRKREIS XX

Stalag XX A 7600 French, British et al moving towards Boitzenburg, area of Malchin-Teterow. Portion will be transported unknown destination by rail.

Trison GRAUDENZ Moving towards Wehrkreis II.

Stalag XX B 3000 British and others. Area Malchin-Teterow near Danzin (Via Neuhardenburg). Large number in Marienburg surrounded by Russians.

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WEHRKREIS XXI

Oflag XXI C/H Number of Norwegian officers arrived Stalag III A in good condition.

Oflag XXI C/Z To Stalag II A.

Oflag 64 500 US near London bei Skinsmunde.
266 officers reached Stalag III A by train.
500 US officers on train reached Parchim (53°26'N; 11°55' E) going to Stalag XIII C.
200 officers left at road and transport abandoned on road.

Oflag 64 Z Moving towards Nurnberg/Latgasser (Oflag 73).

Stalag XXI D No information.

GENERAL NOTES:

Hagenau and Boitzenburg (Wehrkreis II) are the assembly points, with destination Fischbeck, Lubek, Sandbostel and Marien-Wilg Nord for the following:

600 US officers from Oflag 64.
6165 US, BR POWs from Stalag Luft 4.
3000 BR and other nationalities near Demmin from Stalag XI B.
7600 BR and other nationalities near Demmin from Stalag IX A.

40 officers and 2,000 other rank ex-prisoners of war are in Russian hands and moving to Odessa, where a Transit Camp is being established (capacity 5,000).

A large number of liberated British prisoners of war are at large in the Radomsko area. (Lodz area)

2,000 British prisoners have been liberated from Gleiwitz and are being assisted by the Poles.

A great number of British officers and other ranks are said to be at Kracow.

There is a new Luft camp under construction, vicinity Nurnberg.

10,000 Iws formerly in coal mines of Southern Silesia are going to be moved into the Ruhr and into Liegnite mines in Saxony.

Work detachments east of Stalag IV F evacuated. Main camp remains as before.

PART III

Emergency Relief Measures

1. Following is information on measures taken by SHAEF and INTER-CROSS for the relief of United Nations IW in GERMANY.

2. Due to the RUSSIAN advance, approximately 500,000 United Nations Prisoners of War in Eastern Germany were displaced by German authorities to Camps in Western and Southern Germany. However, of this total it was officially reported that 260,000, divided into three groups, are moving in three general directions:

- a. From Camps in North East Germany Westwards in the direction of HAMBURG.
- b. From Eastern Germany towards Central Germany in the direction of BERLIN and MAGDEBURG.
- c. From Eastern Germany towards Southern Central Germany in the direction of MUNICH and MOOSBURG.

3. At the time these movements started, the normal flow of Relief Supplies from LUBECK in the North and SWITZERLAND in the South was virtually suspended due to the lack of available transportation within Germany.

4. To meet the urgent needs of the IW, the IRCC obtained from the Swiss Government, 50 railway cars. On 6 March 1945, 48 of these cars containing food and 2 containing Medical supplies, departed from Switzerland under German safe conduct to MOOSBURG. The train arrived at MOOSBURG on 8 March 1945, unloaded and returned to Switzerland on 12 March 1945.

5. On Wednesday, 8 March 1945, the IRCC dispatched from Switzerland into Germany, under safe conduct, 25 trucks. Nineteen of these carried food and medical supplies to CARLSBAD and MARIENBAD in Southern Germany. The remaining six carried gasoline and oil North to LUBECK, where they will remain, using LUBECK as a base of operation. In addition to the six trucks, the German Government has made available to the IROC, 2-22 ton trucks, making a total of 8 trucks available for use at LUBECK.

Two notes of interest are:

1. Gasoline and oil for the operation of vehicles was provided by the U.S. Army from American sources on the Continent.

2. The 19 trucks dispatched to CARLSBAD and MARIENBAD serviced on one trip, 20,000 Prisoners of War.

6. The IRCC has available in Switzerland:

a. 25 trucks procured by the ARC from the U.S. Army and transferred to the IRC.

b. U.S. Army has provided 50 trucks to the IRC.

- c. 50 trucks provided by the Canadian Red Cross.
- d. 159 freight cars provided by the French Government.
- e. 175 freight cars provided by the Belgian Government.
- f. 80,000 tons of Red Cross supplies for movement in Southern and Central Germany.
- g. 30,000 tons of Red Cross supplies for movement into Western and Central Germany through LUBECK.

60,000 tons of Red Cross supplies are stored in various ports of Southern Europe for movement into Switzerland as required.

7. The IRCC has available in SWEDEN:

- a. 50 trucks procured from the British Red Cross and transferred to the IRCC. (These trucks will be sent to LUBECK).
- b. 30,000 tons of Red Cross supplies.

Information contained above includes all data available as of 16 March 1945.

8. Over and above these emergency measures the following amounts of regular Red Cross supplies were dispatched to designated IW Camps in Germany during February and the first twelve days of March:

February : approx. 5000 tons from Switzerland
 approx. 2400 tons from Lubeck
March 1-12: approx. 500 tons from Switzerland
 approx. 1200 tons from Lubeck.

PART IV

Distribution of IWX Detachments and Officers (Called Forward)

	BR/US Liaison Detachments	British Contact	U.S. Contact	Belgian	Dutch	French	Polish	Russian	Yugoslavia
SHAEP (Main)				2	1	2	2	2	1
SHAEP (Main - awaiting call to Army Gps)		2	3			1			
21 Army Gp Hq		1		3			3		
2nd Army	1 (Type A)	6							
1st Canadian Army	1 (Type A)								
12 Army Gp Hq			2						
1st US Army			3						
3rd US Army			3						
XVIII Air- borne Corps			1						
6th Army Gp Hq		2	2					1	
7th US Army									
1st French Army		3				1			
Com Zone									2
TOTALS:	2 (Type A)	14	14	5	1	4	5	3	3

NOTES: This Summary does not include IWX personnel at Supreme Headquarters AEF (Rear) or United Nations personnel earmarked by National Authorities.