

HUN PRISON CAMP WAS UNSANITARY PLACE OF ABODE

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CAMPANA GUNNER TELLS TALE

Prisoners Given "Lime Bath" Which Takes Hair From Body; Food Very Meagre.

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Berlin, Germany, Dec. 24.—(Delayed.)—Scattered all over Germany, in hospitals and prison camps, were perhaps 3000 Americans. Generally they were well treated, especially towards the last. I have talked with James Delaney, chief gunner's mate, who made such a fine fight on the Campana with a three inch gun against a submarine's five inch gun. Outraged, he tried by the ruse of withholding his fire to draw the submarine near. He succeeded, but the small projectiles did little damage to the submarine, which stood off and had the Campana at its mercy. Nevertheless Delaney fought from 5 in the morning until nearly 2 in the afternoon, when the ship was afire and had to be abandoned. He was picked up with others by the submarine and made prisoners. Then a mysterious ship came along which opened blind gunports and fired on the submarine which plunged almost vertically directly under a mine field. It escaped all torpedoes and projectiles except a few from the Campana which injured several Germans. Delaney was complimented by the Germans on the fight he had made.

Germans Gave Little Food
After nine days Delaney, with others of the crew, including Ray Hoop of Saginaw, Mich.; Charles Kline of Reading, Pa.; Fred Jacobs of Pittsburgh, Pa., and William Miller of Chicago, arrived at Wilhelmshaven, where they were turned over to the army and taken to a prison camp. During the first four days they were ashore they received coffee with a little bread and salt. The Germans showed them how to make salt sandwiches by spreading half on the bread. The Americans offered to pay any price for other food but they were given nothing and were only allowed to look at fruit laden trees from the ear windows.

They were taken to the Brandenburger camp, which was known as the worst in Germany. There they found British prisoners who shared their rations with them. These were quite meager and the living was extremely bad until packages began to arrive from the Red Cross in Switzerland, after which life became at least endurable. On their arrival in camp they were given a "lime bath." This consisted of stripping and being painted with some unknown substance applied with a whitewash brush. Then by order of the Germans they were placed under a shower bath, after which they were surprised to find all the hair gone from their bodies. This was supposed to be for sanitary reasons.

Rats in Doves
Living conditions in the camp were very bad. One layer of bunks was on the ground with another tier above, made of loose slats, so that the numerous fleas and vermin fell on the sleepers below. The fleas were large and vicious. On each morning the prisoners hung their blankets on the barbed wire and hunted for vermin. Rats came in droves. It was impossible to keep the camp clean. They were given no brooms, though each week they were allowed to buy some brooms at a market (\$2) apiece. They were inspected by Russians who were themselves filthy, as they were never allowed to have soap.

The food continued meager, consisting of barley soup or cabbage soup. They never saw meat except that which they received from the Red Cross. The Italians suffered severely but the Russians were treated the worst and in consequence died like flies from fever. All the German doctors ran away from them. In one cemetery alone there are 1000 Russian dead. While being badly treated other than the Russians were given very little food, but if the Americans gave them any they sold it to the Germans.

Played With Bombs
On each morning the prisoners were lined up for muster. If the Germans were winning the men were called pigs and were kept standing for a long time. If the Germans were losing they were treated better; it was a sort of barometer of the front. Amusements were lacking except those created by themselves with the aid of a Mr. Hoffman, a Y. M. C. A. worker captured in a German drive. The men made boats and sailed them on the little lake within the enclosure like children while on the shore. They cooked their food in cans strung on wires. They had a hard time getting fuel with which to cook the food. Officers were not forced to work, but the men worked hard from 5 o'clock in the morning until 7 at night, laying rails. Albert DeMellow of New Bedford, Mass., was forced to work in a coal mine until one of his hands was badly crushed.

Prominent Men Prisoners
There were 34 Americans in the Brandenburger camp. These included John Murphy of Newport, R. I.; Albert DeMellow of New Bedford, Mass.; John the destroyer Jacob Jones, torpedoed by the U-53, the commander of which said he was looking for the Winslow, which had told him to keep away from ships near the American coast; Alfred Oliver of New York, the master of the Campana. From the ship sunk by the raider Wolf, there were the master of the John Kerby, John Bloom of Charlestown, Mass.; Elmer Richardson, chief of the Enoree, and Alfred Colan, second officer of the Kerby, of Philadelphia. Another was Dr. John Brown of Hampton, Va., from the Emerelda, and there were besides a number of civilian stokers and seamen of mixed parentage but naturalized Americans. William Miller of Chicago, Mass., John Rone of the Emerelda escaped from the camp on January 29, 1917, with the intention, if caught, of claiming that they belonged to a different camp or "tagger" nearer the frontier from which they might escape before their identity was discovered. These two were not heard of afterwards and no trace could be found of them. Delaney said that the Germans had a hard time in getting submarine crews ashore. The allies were sinking them faster than the Germans could build them. Germans were sent on submarine duty as a punishment.



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