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Misc. Notes etc.

22 June taken prisoner  
 23/6/42 Left Tolosa  
 do Slept Tournon  
 24/6/42 Arrived Derna Libya  
 25 July Arrived Benghazi  
 5-11-42 Left Benghazi  
 do Slept Alaghalia  
 6-11-42 do do  
 7-11-42 do do  
 8-11-42 Arrive Tripoli (Sudan)  
 13-11-42 Left Sudan by train for Tripoli  
 14-11-42 Sailed from Tripoli  
 18-11-42 Arrived at Palermo Sicily  
 19-11-42 " " Regio Calabria (Italy)  
 20-11-42 } " " Capua Camp 66  
 { Rescued, 1st Red Cross Detach (1000 5)  
 29/1/43 Arrived at Camp 54 Foss Sabina  
 24/3/43 " " Bologna Camp 13

8 9 43 Italy Capulalia

9 9 43 Taken to Camp 19 Bologna by Germans

11 9 43 Left Modena by train

14 9 43 Arrived at Moosburg Stalag VII A Bavaria

21 9 43 Left Moosburg

23 9 43 Arrived at Sagan on Bober Silesia VIII C

8 2 45 Left Sagan on foot to a Loaf

4 to 6 to Mr Arrived at Wurschan 23 km Slept in Glass Woods

9 2 45 Walked to 20 km Slept in Woods

10 2 45 Slept 4 to Bed block

Arrived at Muskan 16 km

11 2 45 Left Muskan for Spremberg

11.2.45 Arrived from ...  
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Leaving Gotha 1/6 Loaf of Bread 2 Qt 2  
Cheser, about 1 1/2" circ. & about 1/3 the  
Reason given for small bread ration  
was that that was all they had  
I think the same applies to all  
other occasions when rations  
have been short. The reason why  
we had no soup previous evening  
was that the guards did not take  
any POW to fetch it  
My first 50 anniversary day in my  
life as regards war, the reason being that  
this was the first occasion that  
I have seen one of my own  
fighter planes since I was taken  
POW in June 1942. Saw a couple of  
American "Thunderbolts" at a  
height of 300-400 feet.

*[Handwritten signature]*

1/3/45. Shocked with  
actions this morning 1/3kt  
rescued and began fat  
to 1 day on previous occasion  
that biscuits were rec.  
1/7kt. 1/9 meat also issued  
but that was the day we lost  
our meat issue. This morning  
had the nasty experience of having  
a tin full of urine thrown over my  
kit by some so call Brit soldier  
I call them scum of the earth. This  
is a favourite trick of theirs.

Crossed Werra River at Wurtha  
4.00pm arrived at Oberhausen  
after wandering around the  
village we were taken to a POW  
Lazaretto given a ladle full  
of hot pea soup which

Had three good helpings of porridge today. also received tomorrow's ration, 1/2 loaf & 2 nice cheeses. Loaf was very small.

28/2/44. Before leaving Oberheim received a <sup>3/4</sup> mug of hot soup so called. authorities said there is bran in it anyway it was very good. Buckshot finished in the fore just ahead of mine. Rumour has it we are only going as far as Eisenach today where we will again receive soup. Time alone will tell.

Passed through Eisenach to a village call Stedtfeld & sleep there great difficulty in cooking porridge but succeeded eventually. we did not arrive till following

was very welcome eventually  
arrived at the local farm yard  
for the night and fairly  
comfortable night. 25KM

2/3/45 At last some of  
the German has materialises

we are having a rest the first  
one after 22 days continuous marching

3/3/45 I woke up this morning &  
found my bread & cheese had  
been stolen during the night. This  
has taught me a lesson about the Germans  
as you get them & then they can  
steal them.

Started off today on the Snow  
very short march to Kumboldshausen 15KM  
issued with 3 days rations 3/4 loaf of  
thin meat (steak) & may be replaced



10/3/45. Another days rest  
at Steinar

11/3/45. Still at Steinar  
Still waiting for today's  
rations. Heard that Cologne had  
fallen & Yanks across the  
Rhine. Rat  $\frac{1}{3}$  Bread -  $\frac{1}{3}$  tin meat.

12/3/45 Still at Steinar  
Rat  $\frac{1}{3}$  Bread  $\frac{1}{6}$  Sausage two hot  
soups with good helping of  
extra pdong.

13/3/45  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{3}$  Bread  $\frac{1}{6}$  Pol

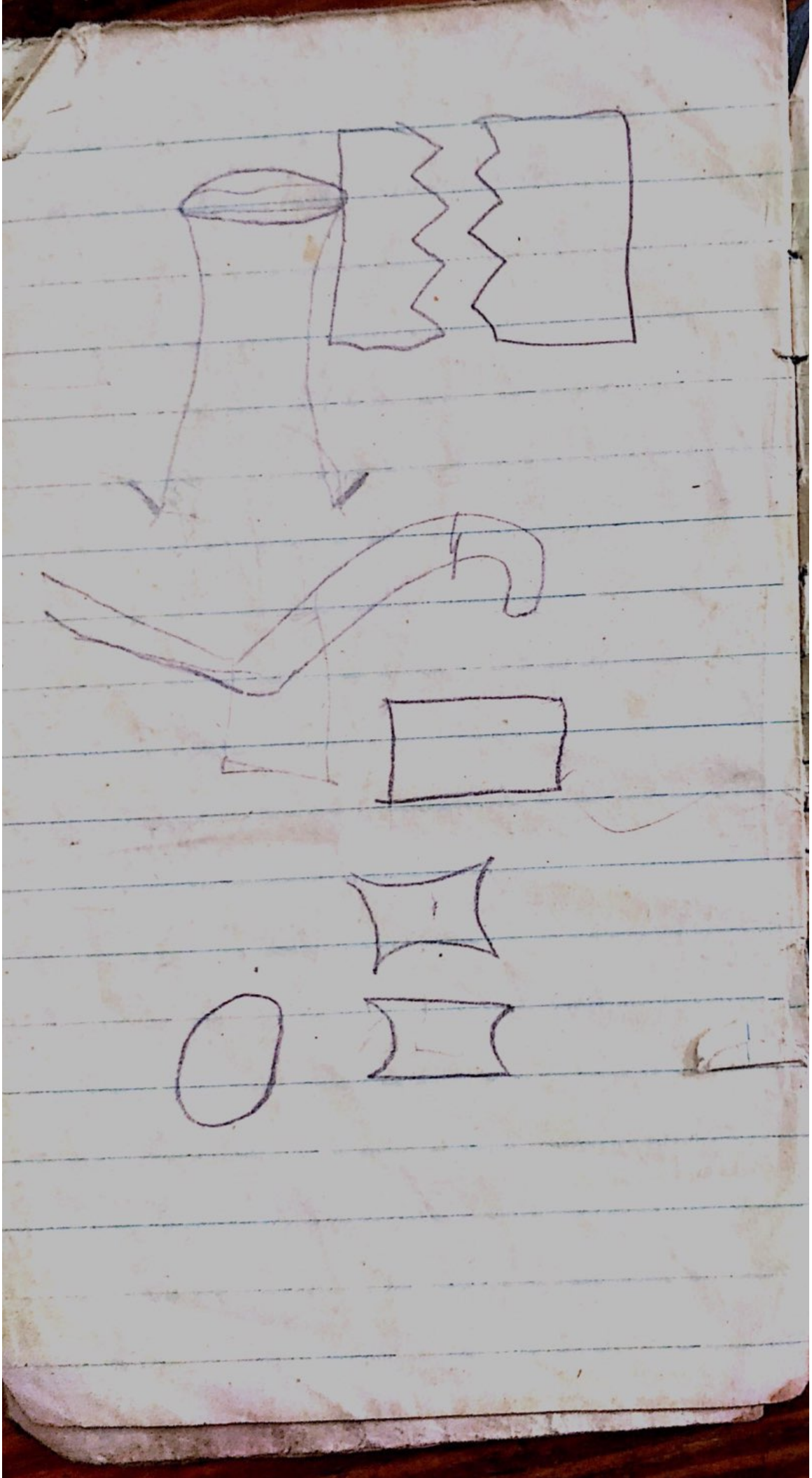
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 $\frac{1}{3}$  tin meat.

14/3/45. Left Steinar at last  
Having lovely weather for  
the journey has it the last stage

18/3/45 Sunday very quiet days

19/3/45 Hundreds of Allied bombers & fighters passed over today

2/4/45 Rebased  
by Americans



Day	Distance (km)	Approx. Mileage	Total Distance (km)
19th Day	27	21 <sup>0</sup> 390	402
20	17		419 km
21	24		
22	25		468
23	rest		
24	15		483
25	33		
26	5		521
27	rest		
28	27		548
29	21		569
30	rest		<u>71x</u>
31	do	Miles Approx	<u>355</u>
32	do		
33	do		
34	do		600
35	16	Total walked	<del>585</del> km
		Approx Mileage	365

Distances Walked

Day	Distance	Total
1	23	
2	20	
3	16	
4	20	
5	20	
6	26	
7	20	
8	20	
9	20	
10	20	
11	19	205
12	17	
13	21	
14	22	
15	31	300
16	16	390
17	23	
	36	370