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Aus.409598 Warrant Officer Jack RUBY.
44 Squadron, Bomber Command.

c/o W.E.Ruby, Yaream, Victoria.

On 3 Sep 43 on our way back from a raid on Berlin we were attacked by fighters. I baled out 20 miles north of Berlin and landed in a potato crop. I buried my parachute and mose west etc. and started walking for Denmark. I walked all through that night and rested on the next day in the woods. On the night of 4 Sep I started walking again but I did not get very far, as there were many swamps and bogs, so I decided that I had better walk in the day time as well. I walked all the fifth day - living on Horlicks tablets and apples and other fruit I managed to pick, and slept that night. On the 6 Sep I caught a freight train on the main Berlin-Hamburg line, and rode on this to Ludwigslust, but here I was seen putting my head out of the carriage window by the engine driver, who stopped the train and handed me over to two Sgts. on the station. They took me to Ludwigslust military barracks. I was collected by some Luftwaffe officers and taken to Dulag Luft which I reached on 9 Sep 43.

Camps in which imprisoned.

Dulag Luft, Frankfurt	9 Sep 43 - 12 Sep 43
Transit camps	12 Sep 43 - 18 Sep 43
Stalag IVB, Muhlburg.	20 Sep 43 - Apr 45

Attempted escapes.

Nil

Liberation

I was liberated by the Russians on 24 Apr 45.