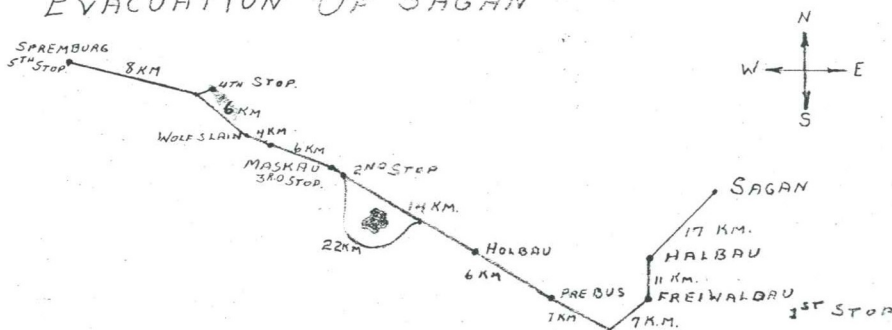


EVACUATION OF SAGAN



WE RECEIVED WORD "WE MOVE IN ONE HOUR" AT 8:40 P.M. SAT JAN 27 1945.

WE LEFT CAMP AT 1:00 A.M. SUN JAN 28, 1945 AND MARCHED 28 KILOMETERS TO FREIWALDAU, ARRIVING AT 11:30 A.M. JAN 28. LEFT THERE AT 5:30 P.M. AFTER SPENDING 6 HOURS IN THE OPEN WITH THE TEMPERATURE AT ZERO. WE WALKED 32 KILOMETERS TO WHERE I STOPPED OVERNIGHT IN A HOTEL. ARRIVED THERE AT 4:00 A.M. JAN 29. STAYED THERE UNTIL 11:30 A.M. LEFT THERE AND WALKED 10 KILOMETERS TO MASKAU. ARRIVED THERE AT 3:00 P.M. STAYED THERE IN A BRICK FACTORY UNTIL 11:00 P.M. JAN 31. LEFT THERE AND WALKED 16 KILOMETERS ARRIVING AT 7:30 P.M. STAYED OVERNIGHT IN A BARN. LEFT THERE AT 5:30 P.M. FEB 1 AND WALKED 8 KILOMETERS TO SPREMBURG ARRIVING AT 9:00 P.M. STAYED OVERNIGHT IN A TANK REPAIR SHOP. HAD 3 AIR RAIDS DURING THE NIGHT. LEFT AT 8:00 A.M. AND WALKED 5 KILOMETERS TO THE TRAIN YARDS LOADED IN BOX CARS AT 12:00 NOON. 50 MEN AND A GERMAN GUARD TO A CAR 30 FEET BY 8 FEET LEFT AT 2:00 P.M. FEB 2 AND WAS ON THE TRAIN UNTIL 5:00 P.M. FEB 4 LEFT THE TRAIN AND WALKED 1 KILOMETER TO CAMP. GOT IN OUR BARRACKS AT 7:00 P.M. TOTAL DISTANCE OF WALKING 100 KILOMETERS OR A LITTLE OVER 62 MILES IN 6 DAYS

IT IS GREAT TO LIVE IN THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BUT IT IS HELL TO VIEW ITS GREATNESS FROM INSIDE AN ENEMIES PRISON CAMP