

POWs FACE GREAT HARDSHIPS IN BREAK-UP OF GERMANY

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NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—American prisoners of war in Germany, most of whom were kept in the Danzig area, are being marched deeper into the Reich through temperatures of 30 degrees below zero without proper clothing, Richard F. Allen, vice chairman of the American National Red Cross in charge of consular and foreign operations, reported Tuesday.

"Those of you who have someone in the German prison camps must be ready for bad news," Allen declared. "I am sorry to tell you that with the structure of Germany breaking up, there is real cause for concern for our prisoners of war."

The Red Cross official, who recently returned from a tour of the organization's facilities in Europe and the Pacific, spoke at a luncheon marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Brooklyn Red Cross chapter.

"The farther Germany breaks down, the worse our service to prisoners of war is bound to become," Allen explained. "They are being marched 12½ miles a day, as provided in the Geneva convention. But they have not been provided with the proper clothing for that much marching in weather of 30 degrees below zero."