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U.S. 83RD DIVISION COMMAND POST, GERMANY--SECOND
ADD CARTER XXX AGRICULTURAL AREAS.

THE YOUNGER CARTER SAID THE WORST TREATMENT HE HAD RECEIVED SINCE HIS CAPTURE CAME AT THE HANDS OF ITALIANS DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF THE WAR.

AFTER BEING SEIZED AT FAID PASS HE WAS FLOWN TO ITALY IN A GERMAN JU-52 AND THE FORMATION WAS AMONG THOSE ATTACKED REGULARLY BY AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANES.

"WE REALLY HAD TO SWEAT THAT CROSSING OUT," HE SAID, "BUT LUCKILY OUR PLANE WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE SHOT DOWN."

IN ITALY HE WAS TAKEN TO THE TOWN OF CAPUA, A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH OF NAPLES, IT WAS THERE THAT THE ITALIANS VENTED THEIR SPITE ON THE AMERICAN PRISONERS, WHOSE COUNTRYMEN THEY LATER WERE TO GREET AS LIBERATORS.

"THEY SPAT ON US AND THREW ROCKS AT US," CARTER SAID. "IT WAS THE WORST TREATMENT WE HAD FROM ANYBODY."

FROM THERE HE WAS TAKEN TO GERMANY AND SHIPPED TO POLAND, WHERE HE SPENT 18 MONTHS AT THE SZUBIN OFFICERS' PRISON CAMP, OFLAG 64. WHEN THE RUSSIANS BROKE THROUGH IN THAT AREA LAST JAN.21, THE GERMANS STARTED WALKING 1,500 PRISONERS OUT. CARTER SAID "LOTS OF THEM HAD FROZEN FEET OR WERE SICK AND THEY WERE LEFT BEHIND."

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