

# Camp Suffering Evident When Freed Prisoners Face Eggs and Hot Cakes

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. 9TH ARMY, Germany, May 11 (By Wireless).—Until you've seen the look on a released war prisoner's face when a dish of hot cereal, then two fresh eggs fried sunny side up, then golden brown hot cakes and syrup are set in front of him at breakfast, you have no idea of the depth war suffering reached for him.

Five young American lieutenants sat down at such a breakfast as guests of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, 9th Army commander, and they didn't have words to measure their happiness as the tall, lean Texas general told them in his deep-voiced, kindly way, "Boys, you can have all you want."

Two of them, Lt. Louis Deloiso, Natrona Heights, Pa., and Lt. Robert Harvey, Chicago, had bribed German guards and "walked out" of the big camp near Luckenwalde, 30 miles south of Berlin, only a few days ago. Then they volunteered to return to the camp, to lead officers from General Simpson's Army to the prison to arrange for evacuation of more than 4,000 Americans there, as well as numbers of French, Polish and other United Nations prisoners.

#### Other Breakfast Guests.

Two of the Americans who accompanied them back from that sortie, Lt. Robert T. Henry Jr. of 3604 Baldwin, Fort Worth, and Lt. John T. Jones Jr. of Houston, were among General Simpson's breakfast guests, and the fifth released "kreigie" was Lt. Amon Carter Jr. of Fort Worth, who had come out of the camp with Frank Conniff, INS war correspondent, and two GIs, Pvt. James Thill of Hoboken, N. J., and Pfc. Ralph Bowling of Gallagher, W. Va.

Henry sat and looked long at the eggs on the plate, then ex-

plained with a pleased smile, "This is a dream come true—I've really been dreaming about just such a meal as this since I was captured near Cassino, Italy in January, 1944." Jones hesitated several minutes before giving an affirmative when the man serving this "dream meal" asked him if he wanted the hot cakes in addition to the cereal and eggs.

"I'm sure I can't overdo the thing," he finally decided. "Once when I got into town on an errand from the prison camp, a Polish family slipped me a good hot meal and I ate about a quart of melted lard. I hadn't tasted anything resembling butter in so long a time."

#### Attention on Food.

Harvey, Deloiso and Carter devoted their attention strictly to food and Harvey broke their silence merely to ask, "Please pass the butter and syrup."

"Just to think," Henry reflected, "that last morning in the prison camp I had about a handful of oats with weevils in it, and I used the

cup of hot ersatz German tea to mix my last spoonful of Red Cross parcel coffee I had been hoarding."

Reports showed that 376 Americans straggled out of the camp earlier, before evacuation trucks and jeeps arrived.

"The 83rd Division surgeon reported to me that the camp was one of the best he had seen, that the sick evacuated were in good condition," General Simpson said.

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