

Copy of Diary of ^{1st} Lt. Lambert. who died in. Morschington
Hospital Germany. October 22nd 1918.

March 26th 1918. Taken prisoner about 9 o'clock a.m. & marched about all day, nothing to eat, and finally reached a farm at dusk, and were put in a big barn for the night. Slept on the wet beds where cattle had been and had a very small piece of bread, a very nasty piece. Had a drink of hot coffee in morning and another small slice of bread and marched off.

27th Tramped all day and had nothing more to eat. Guard lost his way. Finally put up at a camp. I slept in a disused hut. Laid on a piece of timber all night, had coffee in morning 28. and started off early and reached the town of Bohain.

756 of us crowded into a building without beds or any other convenience. Month or 6 weeks here, bed on floor in dust & mud. No water to wash with. Sang a few hymns on Easter Sunday evening. Not allowed afterwards. Food very scarce. Promised writing paper but never had it. Marched off to Comincourt crowded into a large shed formerly used by R. G. as saw mills. Mixed with French prisoners. No sleeping room. Food very bad, nothing but wurtyel. Worked on roads & clearing dug outs. ate horse flesh & nettles & dandelions & any turnips that could be found. Air raids at night very close. About 3 weeks here. & moved off to Michericourt. Food better here & hut accomodation. Had a nice bed for a few weeks, and then turned out to another hut, for Frenchmen.

Laid on a sheet of corrugated iron with 3 bricks for a pillow, for 3 weeks. Had pickled herrings issued. Had nettle soup. Men very bad with dysentery. Worked on railway. 13-14 hrs a day without dinner. Ducked a sergeant in the water trough for bread stealing. Had a new camp commandant & things improved. New latrines and better food. Shorter working hours. Saw observation balloons & aeroplanes on fire. Many air fights about. 6 or 8 weeks here & then marched off to Bohain. Found things much better food good and prisoners not so crowded. Appointed camp carpenter & made new beds.

Suddenly taken over by the French after about 3 weeks stay. Allowed to write home & received first pass for work. Moved off to Saxeallen by road as usual. Small.

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camp. but headquarters of the district. No work. Good
 bed. Food fair. All particulars taken. Short time here. &
 then moved off to Saargemund by rail. took over Russian
 camp. had plenty of sugar. Started work immediately
 laying bed floors. Erected 2 new huts etc. & employed at
 stables till entered Hospital (Morschingen) on August 8th.
 Food very bad. Sep. 13. marked out of hospital. Sep. 16 Ma
 named James died in our ward. Hospital food scarce & beds
 verminous. Left hospital on Tuesday Sep. 24. & arrived at
 Saaralben in the evening. Sep. 25. Saw two aeroplanes
 brought down, collided in the air. one falling to pieces
 or bursting. Picked out for Westphalia. Thurs. 26 Sep.
 Went off to Landenweiler by train on a carpentering
 job. billeted in an old cow-shed on wet dung, for the
 first night. & food for the day ^{was} 2 tins Sardines.
 Frid. Sep. 27. cleaned out shed and had fair meals.
 Sat. " 28. Unloading timber at Landenweiler Station.
 Sun. 29. Sorting ditto in field till 10 a.m.
 Mon. 30. Unloading machinery & timber.
 Tues Oct 1st Ditto timber.
 Wed. " 2nd " & digging foundations Paid 1 mark 20"
 Thurs. 3rd Ditto.
 Frid. 4. Ditto till afternoon then picked out to move off
 to Falckenburg. Travelling & waiting about all
 night. & arrived at Falckenburg. about 7 a.m. on
 Sat.
 Sat. 5. No provision for us so had to build a new hut to
 sleep in. Got it ready by night & slept in it.
 Sun. 6. No work to-day.
 Mon. 7. Digging foundations for another hut.
 Tues. 8. Went sick. but doctor refused to see us. (Strain)
 Wed. 9. Day off, with difficulty. Bad night last night.
 Thurs. 10. Sick with swollen chest.
 Frid. 11. Ditto. Saw doctor & ordered to Hospital at
 Morschington.
 Sat. 12. Moved off to Morschington hospital about 5 a.m.
 and entered ward. about 9 a.m. Had good meals.
 Well sounded by doctor.
 Sun. 13. Quiet day inside. Mon. 14. Ditto
 Tues. 15. Operated on for abscess on chest.

Finished by bed pal.

Your husband took worse, and refused to eat. I
died on Tuesday 22nd October.

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