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Dear Robert:

I am sending a copy of my Route of March and hope that it will be usefull. I knew my original notes needed correction so I worked out better German spellings and then found maps plus a translator to get a current Polish spelling. My reference to Hallwag maps is based on what I found in book stores, other road maps of similar scale would work. I did buy some Army Map Service sheets to work out the first days marches.

I marched with the 7A Group to Parchim, and I think its possible that sometimes we were billeted in various farms or villages. My notes cover the nights billet and the ration situation. At the moment I am trying to reconstruct the Hammelberg situation and hope to get on to Moosburg eventually.

Your diary notes agree with mine and include a couple of drop off detachments I had no information on. Also, I couldn't locate Wegheim even though I had a note that it was where we stayed west of Exin. It was made in a POW concentration point by the Russians according to General Deane's book.

Sincerely yours,



Clarence B Meltesen

ROUTE OF MARCH FROM OFLAG 64 - 1945

Diary 1945 is my personal diary in which I attempted to note when and where I stayed the night during the POW evacuation of Oflag 64, Schubin, Poland to Parchim, Germany and then on by rail movement to Hammelburg, Germany. (Clarence R Meltesen, Lt Col USA Ret)

Current map locations are based on the following Hallwags:

Poland (Polen) 1:750 000

German Democratic Republic (DDR) 1:500 000

The route Exin-Lobsens was the subject of map study using pertinent Army Map Service sheets.

Translation of German place names was provided by the Polish Cultural Foundation, San Francisco using a Gazetteer published in Breslau (Wroclaw) in 1948.

Officially the march period comprised 48 days on the road for a distance of 567 kilometers.

Heinrichsdorf, Crammar, Latheran and Neuberg have defied efforts to find the right map. Possibly my notes are garbled or more likely my sources on the march had difficulty reading the German on a sign during twilight conditions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Diary 1945</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Current Name</u>
21 Jan 45	Schubin-Exin		Szubin, Kcynia
22	Wirnitz-Echfeld		Smogulec-Ostek n. Notec
23	Charlottenburg		Wyrzysk
24	Lebenach	Lobsens	Lobżenica
25	Plattan	Flatow	Złotow
26	rest day		
27	Jastrow		Jastrowie
28	Zippman	Zippnow	Sypiniewo
29	Oflag IID		
30	Machlin		Machliny
31	Templeburg	Tempelburg	Czaplinek
1 Feb 45	Heinrichsdorf (7 listed in Gazetteer)		
2	Falkenburg		Złocieniec
3	Zülshagen	Zuelshagen	Suliszewo Drawskie

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4 Feb 45	Cienow via Dramburg	Gienow	Ginawa
5	Wangerin-Zietlitz	Zeitlitz	Wegorzyno
6	Regenswald	Regenwalde	Resko
7	Lilbin		PIoty
8	Stuchow		Stuchowo
9	Gr Justin		Gostyn
10	Dievenow		Dziwnów
11	Neuendorf		Wisejka
12	Swinemunde		Świnoujście
13	Gorz		Garz
14	Stolpe		
15	rest day		
16	vic Anklam		
17	Getzow-Grafin Estate		Gützkw
18	parcel issue-no march		
19	Tussow		Tutow
20	Demmin		
21	rest day		
22	vic Neukoln		Neukalen
23	Bessedam		Basedow
24	Crammar		
25	Plauerhagen		
26	rest day		
27	Latheran		
28	Siggelskan-Neuberg		Siggelkow-Niendorf

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Diary 1945</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Current Name</u>
1 Mar 45	rest day- $\frac{1}{4}$ parcel		
2	rest day		
3	rest day		
4	rest day		
5	rest day		
6	Parchim - Entrain - Wittenberge		
7	Magdeburg		
8	Bad Kissingen - Hammelburg		
9	Detrain - March to Stalag/Oflag XIII B		

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I assume that Heinrichsdorf is now called Siemczyno since it is midway between two definite march points.

I assume that Crammar and Latheran are large farms or estates in an area that has a scattering of dorfs and such. It is possible that Crammar is in the vicinity of Hohen Wangelin and fits in between Basedow and Plauerhagen. Most of our marching from Plauerhagen to Siggelkow was cross country along cart roads, stream trails and actually across some cultivated fields, and was divided into two days with a stop at Latheran. We crossed route 191 on the first day so we must have approached Siggelkow from the southeast.

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