

POST-GREECE

Driver Eric Barnes, RASC, 211 Coy

From Ian Brown's Stalag 18A website:

Archivist's Note: Eric Barnes' inclusion here is as yet unconfirmed.

Work Camp 110 L



Location: Urscha (near Gleisdorf)

Type of work: Farmwork

Man of Confidence: Sgmn Thomas Sullivan?

Number of Men: 10

Known to be present:

Forename	Surname	Rank	Unit	POW	Comments
Eric	Barnes				
Richard	Barton		RASC		
John A.	Couper	Pte	21 Bn.	7522	New Zealand
Fred	Cozens	Tpr	RAC	6022	Dorset
John	Halley	Pte	2/11 Inf. Bn.	7053	Australia; also 223/L
Percy	Harris	Dvr	RASC	7831	
John	Harvey		RASC	3012	
V.J.	Saunders	Gnr	RA	2233	Islington, London
Ronald	Sharp		RASC		
Thomas	Stone	Dvr	RASC	7837	
Reg J.	Stow	Pte	6 Div. AASC	7444	Australia
Thomas Daniel	Sullivan	Sgmn	NZ Div. Sigs.	4246	New Zealand
C.W. (Bobby)	Tull	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	7440	Australia

Names and photos supplied by Denis Sullivan, son of Thomas Sullivan.







Drawing by Trooper Fred Cozens, 3 RTR, 1944
 (Archivist's Note: Eric Barnes did not sign the drawing – but then neither did John Halley)



Ian Brown believes this is Eric Barnes (according to Denis & Thomas Sullivan)

International Red Cross Inspection Report

Date of visit: 22nd January 1943 (taken from a report on several small Work Parties)

Interior arrangement

One or two large rooms in a farm. The POWs have beds or plank beds of one or two tiers furnished with palliases or mattresses. The peasants give them blankets or eiderdowns in sufficient quantity. Lighting is only supplied by oil lamps, filled with difficulty. The delegates obtained an assurance from the competent authorities that the quantity of fuel supplied for lighting purposes shall be doubled. The prisoners do not complain of the cold and when the temperature is very low the prisoners stay as long as possible in the houses of their employers. They return to their barracks only to sleep.

Toilet facilities

Very primitive. The prisoners have some basins and wash themselves either at the laundry or in the courtyard of the farm. Each week they can heat water up for a bath.

Food and Cooking

The prisoners share their employers' meals and they do not complain about the food. On Sundays the prisoners prepare the foodstuffs which come from the personal and collective parcels at their own quarters.

Clothing

All the prisoners possess one complete uniform. This is in more or less good condition depending on the date of their last stay in the Stalag where it is possible to exchange worn clothes for some in better condition. Certain men still have some articles of French, Belgian or Yugoslav uniform which they were given at some time or other at Stalag XVIIIID. The Delegates were assured that each prisoner will receive a complete new outfit which will come from the stocks in the old camps XVIIIIB (annexe, ex-XVIIIID) and XVIIIIB, which are about to be closed down.

Laundry

Done by such prisoners as can heat the necessary water. In the winter the clothing has to be dried in the prisoners' rooms.

Money and Pay

The usual pay is RM 18.20 per month.

Complaints

The prisoners complain that they do not get enough time for their mid-day meals. They only get from 10 to 15 minutes instead of the regulation half hour. The delegates were assured that this question would very soon be gone into and settled.

