

## POST-GREECE

### Signalman Ernest Edwardes Bradburn, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Corps Signals

Relevant parts of his post-liberation PoW questionnaire are shown overleaf, but significant, interesting, essential and frequently hard-to-read details are highlighted here. The original layout, (mis)spelling and punctuation is preserved as far as is reasonable.

#### Liberated PoW Questionnaire (from National Archives, Kew)

Stalag XVIII A Registration Number 3804.

No: *QX7000* Rank: *Signalman* Surname: *Bradburn*  
Christian Names: *Ernest Edwardes*  
Unit: *1<sup>st</sup> Australian Corps Signals*  
Division: *6<sup>th</sup> Div A.I.F.*  
Date of Birth: *1<sup>st</sup> February 1916* *Sydney, N.S.W. Aust*  
Date of Enlistment: *5<sup>th</sup> June 1940*  
Civilian Profession: *Labourer*  
Civilian Qualifications:  
Private Address: *"Kan-Bra", Sandford Street, South Toowong,  
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.*  
Place & Date of Original Capture: *Kalamata, Greece, 29 / 4 / 41*  
Wounded when Captured? *No*  
Main Camps in which Imprisoned:  

<i>Transit</i>	<i>Corinth</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> May 1941</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> June 1941</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>Salonika</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> June 1941</i>	<i>20<sup>th</sup> June 1941</i>
<i>Main Camp</i>	<i>Wolfsberg</i>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> June 1941</i>	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> July 1941</i>
<i>10029/GW</i>	<i>Klagenfurt</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup> July 1941</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> May 1945</i>

  
Working Camps: *Klagenfurt* *26<sup>th</sup> July 1941* *8<sup>th</sup> May 1945* *Public Works (Local)*  
Serious Illnesses: *Broken Finger (left hand)* *Working* *3 months*  
Adequate Medical Attention: *Yes*



Main entrance to Stalag XVIII A, Wolfsberg

PART 1

TOP SECRET  
M.I.9/Gen/62445  
MIS-X

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BRITISH/AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. No. QX 7000 RANK SIGNALMAN SURNAME BRADBURN  
CHRISTIAN NAMES ERNEST EDWARDS  
DECORATIONS NIL
2. SHIP (R.N., U.S.N. or MERCHANT NAVY)  
UNIT (ARMY) 1st AUSTRALIAN CORPS SIGNALS  
SQUADRON (R.A.F. or A.A.F.)
3. DIVISION (ARMY), COMMAND (R.A.F. or A.A.F.) 6th DIVISION A.I.F.
4. DATE OF BIRTH 1st February 1906 Sydney N.S.W. Aust.
5. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 5th June 1940
6. CIVILIAN TRADE OR PROFESSION Labourer  
(OR EXAMINATIONS PASSED WHILE P.W.)
7. PRIVATE ADDRESS KAY-BAY SANDFORD STREET SOUTH TOWN ONE  
BRISBANE QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA
8. PLACE AND DATE OF ORIGINAL CAPTURE KALAMATA GREECE 29/4/41
9. WERE YOU WOUNDED WHEN CAPTURED? NO
10. MAIN CAMPS OR HOSPITALS IN WHICH IMPRISONED.
- | Camp No.        | Location              | From                  | To                    |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>1st</u>      | <u>Corinth</u>        | <u>2nd June 1941</u>  | <u>7th June 1941</u>  |
| <u>2nd</u>      | <u>Salonika</u>       | <u>18th June 1941</u> | <u>24th June 1941</u> |
| <u>3rd</u>      | <u>Nolssberg</u>      | <u>25th June 1941</u> | <u>21st July 1941</u> |
| <u>10029/41</u> | <u>Kalagreen Fort</u> | <u>26th July 1941</u> | <u>1st May 1945</u>   |
11. WERE YOU IN A WORKING CAMP?
- | Location              | From                  | To                  | Nature of Work               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Kalagreen Fort</u> | <u>26th July 1941</u> | <u>1st May 1945</u> | <u>Public Works (labour)</u> |
12. DID YOU SUFFER FROM ANY SERIOUS ILLNESSES WHILE A P.W.?
- | Name of Illness                   | Cause          | Duration        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Broken Fingers (left hand)</u> | <u>Working</u> | <u>3 months</u> |
13. DID YOU RECEIVE ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT?  
YES

From Ian Brown's "Stalag 18A" website:

## Work Camp 10029 GW



**Location:** Weidmannsdorf (Klagenfurt)

**Type of work:** Cheese factory & Engineering firm (1941), Roadwork, Canal work (1942)

**Man of Confidence:** Sergeant Major Allan Stockfeld (1941), Sgt Stuart Stubbings (1942)

**Number of men:** 206 (1941), 230 (1942)

### Known to be present

Forename	Surname	Rank	Unit	POW	Comments
David	Adams	Dvr		4746	New Zealand
Robert Ernest	Adams	Pte	18 Inf. Tng. Bn.	3701	Australia
Herbert John	Adcock	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	3045	Australia
Arthur (Andy)	Anderson	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	3894	Australia; also <a href="#">10760/L</a>
Snow	Bailey				
Wilfred Angus	Bailey	Gnr	2/1 Fd. Rg.	3829	Australia
Bill	Baillie				Theatre
R. (Bob)	Bartlett	Pte		4375	New Zealand
T.B.	Bassett	Tpr	RAC	5942	
Robert John Duncan (Bob)	Behan	Pte	2/2/Inf. Bn.	3790	Australia; also 11041/GW
R.	Bell				
James	Berry	Dvr	RASC	2492	also 7010/GW?
Al	Bevis				Theatre; also <a href="#">11057/GW</a>
Lionel James	Bigmore	Gnr	2/6 In. Bn.	3808	Australia
Alfred Goulder	Bird	Spr		4063	New Zealand
Jack	Bisset				
Ernest Edward (Ted)	Bradburn	Pte	1 Cps. Sigs.	3804	Australia
S.L.	Bradley	Cpl		4246	New Zealand
Lloyd Walter	Brittingham	A/Sgt	2/8 Inf. Bn.	3771	Australia
A. (Bluey)	Brookes				
Charles Alfred	Browne	Pte		3467	New Zealand
Herbert	Bruce	Pte	2/2 Inf. Bn.	3397	NSW, Australia
John	Burrows				
Kevin Alphonsus	Byrne	Dvr	H.Q. 6 Div AASC	3705	Australia
Bernard	Cashmore	Dvr	RASC	1340	Birmingham
William Edward	Cassidy	Gnr	3 Lt.A.A.RG.	8171	Australia; also <a href="#">13048/L</a>
Len	Chadwick				Theatre
Len	Charters	Pte	1 A.C. Pet.		Australia; Theatre
Eddie E.	Chatterley	Spr	RE	2009	Theatre
Fred	Clifton			3609	Theatre
James	Coid	Pte	RE	1932	
C.F. (Dixie)	Colebrook	Dvr	RASC	3027	Grimsby
M	Collins				Theatre
W.	Collins				
Tom	Collyer				
Charles	Connor				
Gilbert L.	Conyard	Sgt	2/3 Inf. Bn.	3510	Sydney, Australia
G	Cooper				Theatre
L.	Copping				
T.	Cox				

Clifford	Crouch	Pte	H.Q. 17 Inf. Bde.	3653	Australia
Fred	Cusworth	Spr	RE	5437	
Michael Ralph	Cyster (Cister)	Galley Boy	MV Eleonara Maersk	8207	also <a href="#">109/L</a> ; killed in air-raid 16.1.44
William John D.	Davey	Tpr	RAC	1382	Somerset, also 13079/L
John	Davies				
Thomas (Butch)	Dawson	Dvr	RASC	2543	
B.J. (Ronnie)	Day	Gnr	RA	6737	Theatre
Ralph	De Knock	Dvr	RASC	3448	London; Theatre
A.R.N. (Roy)	Dennis				Theatre
Robert Dickson	<a href="#">Dobson</a>	Pte	2/7 Inf. Bn.	3628	Victoria, Australia; also <a href="#">11066/GW</a>
John (Pop)	Douglas	Gnr	RA	787	Barnsley; also <a href="#">10030/GW</a>
Derrick John	Dowrick	Pte	2/8 Inf. Bn.		Australia
M.D. (Dudley)	Duggan	Pte	H.Q. Gd. Bn.	3617	Australia
Alan Ernest	Duigan				Theatre
Gwylim	Eason	Pte	1 Cps Tp Supp Clmn	4035	Australia; <a href="#">killed</a> in air-raid 19.2.45
Bob	Edwards				
Les	Elliott				
Charles W.L.	Endacott	Dvr	RASC	3092	
Frank	Falla	Cpl	RASC	3136	Transf'd to Stalag 383
K.R.	Filmer	Pte		134	New Zealand
Edward	Firkin	Cpl	RASC	3534	Transf'd to Stalag 383
Maurice B.	Fisher	Spr	RE	1586	Staffs; also <a href="#">11030/GW</a> ?
Henry Thomas (Froggie)	French	Pte	RAVC	1449	<a href="#">killed</a> air-raid 19.2.45
J.B. (Jack)	Fryer	Spr		4537	New Zealand; Batman to Capt Munroe
William Jefferson	Gilbert	Sgmtn	1 Cps Sigs	4049	Australia; <a href="#">killed</a> air-raid 19.2.45
J.	Gilman	Spr	RE	2107	
Leslie J.H.	Gladwell	Pte	RASC	2575	<a href="#">killed</a> air-raid 19.2.45
Alan Guthrie	Glass	Pte	RE	3221	
J	Gordon				Theatre
Eric Charles	Green	Gnr	2/1 Fld. Rgt.	3644	Australia; <a href="#">killed</a> air-raid 19.2.45
Taffy	Griffiths				
Cam	Grinter	Cpl	2NZE	740	Theatre
Steve (Tubby)	Haines	L/Cpl	2/6 Inf. Bn.	3720	Australia
Stanley	Hallas	Spr	RE	1794	Huddersfield
Edward S.C.	Hanger	L/Cpl	1 Cps Ptl Pk	3940	Australia
George John	Harrington	Pte		4026	New Zealand
J. (Shorty)	Harvey				
Francis Charles	Hawken	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	3497	Victoria, Australia
Francis B.	Hawkins	Pte		4014	New Zealand
Richard G	Hersey	Spr	RE	2164	Aldershot, UK
John	Highton	Spr	RE	1206	<i>possible</i> ; died 19.2.45
Reginald	Holford	Dvr	RASC	2296	
John Edgar	Holman	Pte	2/7 Inf. Bn.	3583	Australia
Gilbert Chandler	Hool	Pte		4224	New Zealand
Ivor	Hudson				Theatre
Robert A.	Huxham	Pte	RAVC	579	
D	Jenkins				Theatre
A.	Johnson				Edinburgh

W. (Taffy)	Jones				
Walter D.	Keast	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	4028	Australia
W.D.	Keith	Pte	21 Bn.	54	New Zealand
?	Kerr				Theatre
Pat	Kershaw				London
Ken	Kewell	Gnr	RA	1630	Theatre
Ivo (Heck)	Lanham	Pte	H.Q. 6 Div. AASC	7105	Australia
Thomas William	Laracy	Pte	H.Q. Gd. Bn.	4001	Australia
Edward A.	Law	Gnr	RA	1879	
Charles H.J.	Lawrence	Tpr	RAC	6047	
Alf	Lawton	Spr	RE	1601	Theatre
Cecil James	Leach	Pte	NZMC	1505	New Zealand
F	Lee				Theatre
S.D.	Lightfoot	Gnr		767	New Zealand
F.L.	Linford	Dvr	RASC	2465	
Ian Hamilton	Lipsett	Pte	2/8 Inf. Bn.	3634	Australia
Roderick George	Lymburn	Pte		4236	New Zealand
Charlie	Macauley	Dvr	H.Q. 6 Div. AASC	5952	Australia
Harold George 'Winks'	Malcolm	Pte	2/2 Inf. Bn.	3324	Australia
S.F.	Mann	Dvr	RASC	6891	
R.A. (Dick)	Maplesden	Gnr	RA	5933	Theatre
Eric B.	Marland	Dvr	RASC	3195	
Sydney Percival	Martin	Pte	H.Q. 6 Div. AASC	3650	Australia; <a href="#">died 18.12.44 (air-raid)</a>
C.	May				
J.D.	McCallum	Pte		7656	New Zealand
G.	McCann				
Lyle (Mo)	McCartney	L/Cpl	H.Q. 6 Div. AASC	3882	AustraliaTheatre
Ancas R.	McDougall	Dvr	RASC	1730	Theatre
Archie	McGeachie	L/Cpl	RASC	7698	Theatre
Ron	McGlashan	Pte		4179	New Zealand
Frederick Stanley (Snow)	McGorrery	Pte	2/11 Inf. Bn.	656	Australia
John Edward	McHale	Dvr	RASC	3161	Kent
Malcolm Newton	McInnes	Pte	H.Q. Gd. Bn.	3904	Australia
A.	McKee	Gnr	RA	5023	
Clyde Vivian	McLachan	Pte	2/1 M.G. Bn.	5748	Australia
Pat	McLean				
Scotty	McLeod				
A.	McNeill				
H.	Merrillees				
Don C.	Michie	Pte	RASC	681	
Ernest	Midwood	L/Cpl	RASC	2436	Theatre
Joe	Miller				
M	Minarapa	Pte		4355	New Zealand; transf'd to Stalag 18C
C.	Mitchell				
Harry	Mitchell				
J.	Montgomery				
Ted	Morgan				
C.	Morris				
Jack Austen Albert	Mudge	Pte	RASC	2845	
F.	Mullins				
Donald Cyril	Munns	Dvr	RASC	2636	Surrey; also <a href="#">10620/GW</a> , 11027/GW, 27/HV

James Gibson	Munroe	Capt	RAMC	1503	M.O.; also 18A, <a href="#">95/GW</a>
Fred	Murcott	Gnr	RA	2596	
F.	Murray				
H.J.	Murray				
C.H.T.	Newton	T/L/Cpl		1520	New Zealand
John (Jock)	Nowell	Pte	6 Div. Sigs.	4006	Australia
Thomas Joseph	Oldfield	Tpr	RAC	1665	Barnsley; also 18A; transf'd to Stalag 344
Edward Frank	O'Leary	Pte	2/2 Inf. Bn.	3379	Australia; Theatre
Leslie B.	Olsen	Pte		4158	New Zealand
John Aubrey	O'Malley	Pte	2/11 Inf. Bn.	5580	Australia
Taffy	Owens				
R.	Paku	Pte		594	New Zealand
F.	Parker				
Frederick	Payne	Dvr	RASC	3249	Biggleswade
Edward	Peake				
Stan	Pendlebury	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	3118	Australia
Tiny	Peterson				
Jack	Pitt				
R.	Porter				
Tom	Powell				
J.F.	Prendergast	T/L/Cpl		5071	New Zealand
D. (Jock)	Purves				Theatre
Harry J.	Quarry	Pte	RASC	3178	
Maurice William	Quigan	Gnr		4240	New Zealand
Larry	Quinn				
Alan Noel	Rabbitts	Pte		4235	New Zealand
William	Reid				
Robert	Reihana	Pte		4394	New Zealand
V.A.	Reynolds	Gnr	RA	867	
Ronald Luther	Richards	Dvr	RASC	3349	Theatre
George Robert Carr	Richardson	Pte	2/11 Inf. Bn.	3695	Australia
Bob	Roberts				
R. (Jock)	Robertson				
S.	Rogers				
Bernard Philip	Ryan	Pte	2/1 Inf. Bn.	4023	NSW, Australia
John R.	Samuels	Pte		837	New Zealand; also <a href="#">Gmund</a>
Leslie N.	Scott	Dvr	RASC	1581	
Reginald G.	Seaman	Dvr	RASC	2913	
Jim	Seed	Dvr	RASC	3299	
Geoffrey B.	Skinner	L/Bdr	RA	3028	
Johnny	Slack	Spr	RE	1724	Theatre
A.H.	Smith				
J.	Smith				
R. (Bob)	Smith				
W. (Bill)	Smith				
Taffy	Soper				
Jim P.	Speake	Pte	RAVC	1179	
Stuart Barnard	Spooner	Pte		152	New Zealand
Luke Stuart (Jock)	Spoor	Pte	2/7 Inf. Bn.	1950	Australia
J.	Stevens				
Allan H	Stockfeld	Sgt Maj	1 HQ Cp.	4070	MOC
Jim	Stroud				



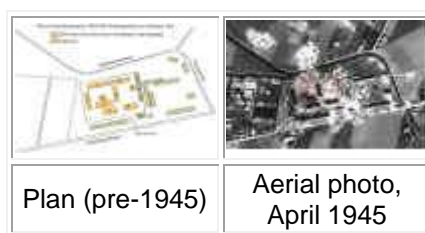
Stuart	Stubbings	Sgt	HQ 6 Div AASC	3872	
?	Sudden				
Stan	Summers				
John	Sunley	Pte	22 Bn.	489	New Zealand; also <a href="#">10049/GW</a> , 299/GW
William Francis	Surtees	Gnr	RA	5186	Capt'd Crete; also 200/GW, 955/GW
W.	Sutherland				
C.	Taylor				
J	Taylor				Theatre
Thomas H.S.	Taylor	Gnr	RA	5885	Stoke-on-Trent; also <a href="#">11057/GW</a> , 11066/GW
Basil Gwyn	Thomas	Tpr	RAC	5944	
Mick	Thomas				
Roy Ernest	Thorpe	Pte	2/12 Inf. Bn.	4320	Australia
Albert A.	Tilling	Sgmn	R Sigs	3535	Ellesmere Port, UK
L.W.	Tipper	Pte	H.Q. 17 Inf. Bde.	3605	Australia
John Onias (Leo)	Turton	Pte	2/2 Inf. Bn.	3539	NSW, Australia
J.A. (Jack)	Tutor	Pte	H.Q. 17 Inf. Bde.	3584	Victoria, Australia
Allan J.	Vaughan	Pte	1 Cp. Ptl. Pk.	7119	Australia; also <a href="#">10084/GW</a>
Arthur	Wade				Theatre
Gordon	Walker				
Cecil (Charlie)	Walsh	Dvr	1 Cps. Tp. Sply	4073	Australia; repat'd 1943
John E.	Warburton	Pte	2/11 Inf. Bn.	5728	WA, Australia
P	Watson				Theatre
Francis	Welch	Pte	18 Inf. Tng. Bn.	3636	Queensland, Australia
Donald L.	Westbrook	Pte	RASC	2785	
Jack	Whitehead				
J.L.	Whittet	Dvr	RASC	3523	
J.B.	Wilding	Pte	Leic.	2836	Wolverhampton
Ron or Ray	Williams	Pte	1 Cp. Ptl. Pk.	3982	Australia ( <i>possible</i> )
Timothy J.	Williams	Gnr		4227	New Zealand
Frank	Wilmer				
Jack	Wilmott	Spr	RE	5774	Derby; also 11030/GW?
Tug	Wilson				
Harold Russell	Wilton	Pte		4211	New Zealand
James Alexander (Lofty)	Windsor	Pte	2/11 Inf. Bn.	3706	Australia
Donald Thomas Henry	Winter	L/Cpl	1 Cps. Sigs.	3853	Australia
J.	Woodhouse				
C.	Woods				
F.B.	Woods	Dvr	RASC	3554	
Jock	Woods				
Les	Woods				
F.A.	Woolmer	Pte	H.Q. 6 Div. AASC	7420	Australia
Gordon Nelson	Yates	Pte	2/6 Inf. Bn.	3989	Australia
S.	Young				

### Michael Byrne

Michael is the son of Kevin Byrne, an ex-inmate of 10029/GW, who brought back to Australia many photos of the POWs in the camp. The marvellous thing that Kevin did (which I wish many other POWs had done) was to put the names of all the POWs on the photos. This has made a tremendous contribution to the knowledge of 10029/GW. Michael has created a blog devoted to 10029/GW. You can access it by following this link:

<http://klagenfurtpow.blogspot.com.au/2015/12/home.html>

## Plan of the camp



Paul Angerer has sent me an aerial photo of 10029/GW taken in April, 1945. It clearly shows the effects of the misdirected USAF air-raid on the camp in February, 1945. From this photo, I have been able to create a simple map of the camp as it might have looked before the air-raid. After much close examination of many photographs taken inside the camp, I have been able to identify many of the buildings used by the POWs. These buildings have been designated by letters.

A - A small hut in the square where most POW activities took place.

B, D, E, X - the larger barracks which surrounded the square. The football goal stood in front of B. X was destroyed in the air-raid and then rebuilt. D was also destroyed and not rebuilt.

C - Also destroyed and not rebuilt.

H - A small hut seen behind the tennis 'court'.






























*The pictures shown below come from Helen Amison whose husband's grandfather, George Amison, was a POW in a nearby camp ([11057GW](#)), and also Ian Glass, whose father, [Alan Glass](#), was held in 10029GW. The tennis player on the left in the first picture is probably Alan Glass. (His son Ian is convinced!)*

*Pam Boundy, daughter of Tpr William John Davey, RAC, has also kindly sent me some photographs to add to the collection. Also Colin Scott, son of Dvr Leslie Scott, RASC, Robert Hanger, son of Ted Hanger, Dave Taylor, whose wife is the niece of Gwylim Edwards, and Wendy Aitkenhead, whose uncle, Jeff Gilbert, was killed in the [air-raid](#).*

*Note: There is some doubt as to whether all of these photographs relate directly to 10029/GW. Some photographs appear to have been taken at this camp but show groups of POWs associated with nearby, smaller camps. It is possible that groups were brought into 10029/GW for photographs to be taken.*









			
Tennis	Tennis Players	Melody Makers	Christmas group
			
Charlie Macauley group 1	Charlie Macauley group 2	Group	Francis Hawken group
			
Group	Steindorf Group	Group	
			
Charlie Macauley	William Davey	<a href="#">Alan Glass</a>	<a href="#">Gilbert Conyard</a>
			
<a href="#">Kevin Byrne</a>	George Richardson	Ron McGlashan	Churchill the Camp Dog
			
Barrack A6	Barrack group	Hut group	Cookhouse
			
Gwylim Edwards group	Potato cart	Jeff Gilbert group	Hut group

			
Whirlwinds, Cup Runners up, 1943	Ted Hanger on left, R. Williams on right	Kevin Byrne + two	Group at tables
			
James Berry group	James Berry group	Basil Thomas group	Bernard Cashmore group
			
Football team	Fred Cusworth group 1	Fred Cusworth group 2	Cookhouse
			
Archie McGeachie group	Robert Douglas group	Boxing Match	Bernard Cashmore group
	 <small>Back: Bert Jones, Walter Alderton Front: Jack Brown, Bill Cassidy</small>		
James Berry group	Bill Cassidy group	Fred Payne group	

## Empire Games, 1944

This seems to have been a major sporting event in which POWs from several neighbouring camps were involved. Not all of the pictures in this section may be from that one event.

		
England Team	Group	Relay Team

		
Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
		
Relay Team	Athletics	Athletics
		
Tug of War	Tug of War	Tug of War
		
Presentation		Presentation

## May Fair

Janet Durbin (niece of Donald Munns, RASC) has sent this set of pictures showing a May Day celebration, possibly 1943.

Alan Glass brought back this rather eerie set of pictures of a Skating competition.



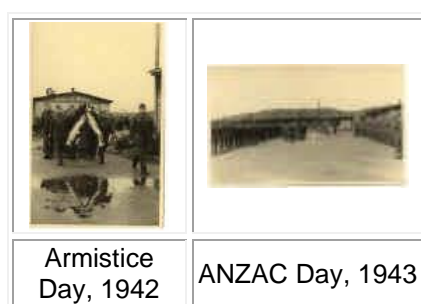
Alan Glass also brought back this sequence of pictures of an unknown ceremony from 10029/GW. Padre John Ledgerwood can be identified at the front of the procession in the third picture.



From the same ceremony, Paul Angerer has identified that the parade marched along Siebenhügelstrasse. Some of the houses in the background still exist. In the older photo, the camp is on the left.



Pam Boundy has sent in the following two pictures which appear to show similar ceremonies as those above but, judging by the snow on the ground in the first set of pictures, were not taken at the same time.



## Theatre

*Both Ian Glass, Colin Scott, David Collard-Berry, Dave Taylor, Bernadette Smith and Alan Willey have sent sets of photographs which show various theatre productions. I'm fairly sure that they come from 10029/GW. It's the only camp in the area big enough to have a theatre company.*

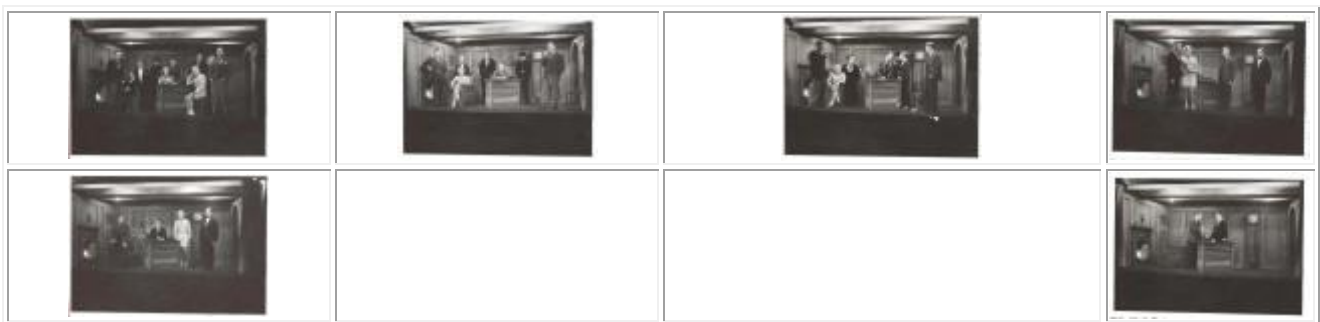
## Ghost Train



## Rookery Nook







## Ten Minute Alibi



## Aladdin





			
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### Unknown Production

### Various

			
Unknown	Unknown	Flying High	Flying High
			
Arabian Nights	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
			
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
			
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown



## Air raid: February 1945

The following pictures of the damage caused by the air raid, in which 5 POWs were killed, were supplied by Helen Amison (granddaughter of George Amison, RASC), Ian Glass (son of Alan Glass, RE), Alina McDonald (daughter of Alan Vaughan, AIF) and Janet Durbin (neice of Donald Munns, RASC)



Paul Angerer has sent me a report on the Air Raid completed by the German Authorities.

6th Company

Tessendorf, February, 20th 1945

Home Guard's Battalion 910 Az.: 2/105/45

Subject: air raid on Brit. Work Camp 10029 GW, Waidmannsdorf, February, 19th 1945

Reference: none

To Police Head Office Klagenfurt

On February, 19th 1945, Work Camp 10029 GW Waidmannsdorf, demand carrier municipality Klagenfurt, occupied by 295 brit. POW's and Work Camp 11066 GW Hatheyer, occupied by 13 brit. POW's, which are accommodated together in Klagenfurt-Waidmannsdorf, were hit by four direct bomb hits during an air raid. In the course of this air raid, Company's member Schubitz Karl, doing service as a guard, and 3 brit. POW's were killed (*This number should be higher. There are at least 5 POWs in the Graves section who were killed on this day.*). Furthermore, 5 brit. POW's were badly injured and 26 POW's were lightly injured. Four barracks were totally destroyed, 2 barracks were half destroyed and the remaining barracks are not habitable any more. Kitchen and theatre hall have been untroubled except some slightly damages. Whether Work Camp 10029 GW will persist or not is depending on provision of new accomodations. As yet, the demand carrier wasn't able to comment on this subject. Until the problem of habitation is not solved, the POW's will be accommodated at the Company in the theatre hall in Tessendorf. The KIA's funeral was initiated by the headquarter's eldest in Klagenfurt.

Work Camp 11066 GW soap works Hatheyer, will be, after the demand carrier wasn't able to create new accommodations, dissolved by Hatheyer's agreement. During the same air raid, also the civic dairy plant was hit. In this area, Work Camp 11001 GW, occupied by 27 french POW's, is located. Because of the air pressure, the accomodation has been made uninhabitable. The POW's will be, until the accomodations have been rebuilt, divided on french Work Camps. No casualties reported. The Work Camp will persist.

The Company Commander: Captain R.....?



## **International Red Cross Reports**

**Dates of visit: 26 October 1941 & 12 September 1942**

### **General Description**

(1941) Some of the men in this camp work in a cheese factory and the others in an engineering firm. Most of them work as 'heavy workers' but the work is not stated to be too hard. Their working time is from 7.00 am to 11.30 am and 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm, in all 9.5 hours a day. Most of them have Sundays free and those few of the workers in the cheese factory who work on Sundays have another weekday free.

(1942) The buildings of this Camp are built around a big yard, which is large enough to play football. The buildings are very well built wooden barracks, with rooms for 16 men each. Each man has an iron bed with mattresses and enough blankets. In every room is an iron stove for the winter, also a table and benches. In one of the buildings is a large recreation room with a stage, where shows and concerts are given. Next to this room is the kitchen with quite modern equipment. In the centre of the open space is the washroom with 40 spigots and cold showers. As no hot showers are to be had we took this matter up with the accompanying officer who promised to get in touch with the employing firm to have hot showers arranged. The great attraction of this camp is an enormous black dog which the prisoners adopted and baptized "Churchill". The dog is especially popular with the German guards.

### **Money and Pay**

They receive wages of RM 18.20 and are paid once a month.

### **Interior arrangement**

The prisoners are all living together in a camp with wooden barracks. The dormitories are not overcrowded and make a good impression. Most of the men sleep in single-tier beds. There is electric light and the barracks can be heated in winter. Three blankets are provided for each man.

### **Bathing and washing facilities**

There is a special barrack with washing and bathing facilities. Troughs and spigots with running cold water are sufficient in number. Warm showers can be had if the prisoners light a fire to heat the water. There is a good supply of coal. The latrines of the pit type were kept clean

### **Food and Cooking**

In the kitchen barrack is a big dining and recreation room. The kitchen is well equipped with cauldrons and a stove. The food is prepared by some of the prisoners. As 'heavy workers' the prisoners have an additional food ration, but the food is stated to be hardly enough for the work they have to do. The food was otherwise stated to be quite good.

### **Medical attention and sickness**

The camp has a small infirmary with a man belonging to the new Zealand Medical Corps in charge. There were at the time of the visit four patients all suffering from minor industrial accidents. They seemed to be taken good care of. There was a fairly good supply of the necessary drugs. For dental treatment the men are sent to Stalag. Those who are willing to pay for dental treatment can see the dentist in the city.

### **Clothing**

(1941) The clothing conditions were not very good. The men had got only one uniform and one set of underwear. Many were stated to have very bad shoes.

(1942) All the men are well dressed. Each man has all the underwaer he needs, also good shoes.

### **Canteen**

(1941) A canteen had not been started but arrangements had been made to start one as soon as the prisoners had enough money to run it. The German camp leader had in the meantime provided the prisoners with cigarettes at his own cost.

(1942) This camp has a well stocked canteen. All the things which are missing in other places, such as razor blades, etc., can be bought here.

### **Religious activity**

One of the soldiers reads the Catholic Mass and another soldier the Church of England service every Sunday.

### **Recreation and exercise**

(1941) There is plenty of space for sport and exercise inside the fences but so far no sport equipment has been provided. The camp leader promised to do what he could to provide a football and some other sport articles, but stated that it is very hard to get anything in Germany these days. The prisoners were also told that they would be taken for a swim to the nearby river now and then. There is a small garden with flowers and vegetables in which the prisoners may work during their spare time. The Man of Confidence expressed a desire for books, indoor games and especially for musical instruments.

(1942) Ping-pong balls, books and a football are asked for. There are quite a few Scotsmen in this camp and they would greatly appreciate to receive bagpipes is such an instrument is available.

### **Mail**

The men have been permitted to write two letters and two post cards monthly so far. No mail has arrived from home as yet, and they had received no Red Cross parcels. (The Man of Confidence at the Stalag is starting to send parcels out to all the Work Camps and the German High Command has been requested to arrange for the British to be able to write the usual two letters and four post cards monthly.

### **General impression**

The Work Camp seems to be very good and the Man of Confidence stated that they had no real complaints to make.

## Further Comments

### March 1942

Man of Confidence: Sgt Stuart Stubbings, 3872

### September 1942

230 POWs

### May 1943

280 POWs, 2 tennis courts in the yard.

### August 1943

302 POWs

### November 1943

348 POWs

### February 1945

Camp destroyed by air-raid. 5 POWs killed.



## Liberation of 10029/GW, April/May 1945

Janet Durbin has sent this rather remarkable set of photos which appear to show the arrival of Allied forces in the Klagenfurt area in April or May of 1945. The photo showing crowds in a square was definitely taken in Klagenfurt. The statue that can be seen in the background is the [Klagenfurt Lindwurm](#).

		
		
		
		
Lindwurm in 1945	Lindwurm in 2011	Lindwurm



## Location of 10029/GW

Paul Angerer, an amateur historian living in Klagenfurt, has sent me some information concerning the actual site of Work Camp 10029/GW. His research has discovered that there was a Displaced Persons Camp on this particular site after the war and that the camp almost certainly was 10029/GW before that. The site is now the Dag Hammarskjold Housing Estate.

In June 2011, I met Paul at the location of 10029/GW and we walked around what was the boundary of the old camp. The maps and aerial photos shown below are courtesy of Paul and the Klagenfurt Magistrat, Surveying & Geoinformation Department.

			
Weidmannsdorf location	Map of DP Camp, 1946	Aerial photo, 1954	Google map, 2011
			
Looking NE along Siebelhugenstrasse, old camp boundary on left.	This hedge follows the Western boundary of the camp.	Looking NE along Kranzmayerstrasse, old camp boundary on right.	Looking into the estate about the main gate location.
			
	Dag Hammarskjold Estate	Paul & some old guy	