

Nazis Made Prisoners Walk 500 Miles With Little Food Writes Ex-Prisoner T. Austin

In the first two letters received from Pte. Ted Austin since it has been revealed that he is a liberated prisoner of war, he tells his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin Jr., Dale, that he has been free since the 24th of April.

The first letter was dated May 5 and in this he tells of being flown out of Germany. "I was freed by the Yanks and had the time of my life with them before I headed to England," he writes.

Pte. Austin also told of being in hospital and on a special diet. "I guess it is the best thing for us ex-P.O.W.'s to get our tummy's in shape again. I will be going on 14 day's leave soon."

And in a letter dated May 9 he writes:

"Yesterday was V-E Day and boy, did the people ever celebrate over here—they simply went mad! I guess now we start on the Japs. I hope it isn't long before they are beaten too.

"I hope they get what Jerry got and he got plenty, believe me, because I saw it. I didn't walk nearly across Germany for nothing. Oh, I guess I didn't tell you in my other letter how Jerry marched us for three months and believe me it wasn't funny.

"We walked over 500 miles and had very little to eat, but I came through it all. You can't get an Austin down, and I don't mean an Austin car.

"I don't know how long I will be in this county but I think and



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am hoping that I shall be home with you all again some time early in June and maybe earlier."

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