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With truly amazing cheerfulness and fortitude, newly freed Canadian soldiers march out of the Reich on the first stage of their journey home. Taken prisoner at the famous Bieppe raid the long months of captivity in German hands failed to break their splendid morale. The American Third Armoured Division opened up the barbed wire cage at Duderstadt. The British, American and Russian prisoners freed there had been marched 900 kilometres from Eastern Germany.

Goldstream Guardsmen released three hundred and fifty more Allied prisoners from a Stalag north of Kingen. Among the prisoners were six Irish Guardsmen as well as French, Polish, Czech and Yugoslav soldiers. Now here are the most damning pictures of all. These are British soldiers and this is how they looked after 4 years in a stalag. They were force-marched on a starvation diet away from the advancing Allied Armies. Ten stone men weighed about 80 pounds by the time the Germans had done with them.

Once back in Britain, released prisoners take a few days to get used to a square meal again. Even Naafi tea tastes good after ersatz slop.

Pay parade and the pleasant feel of a wad of back money are a feature of life in this reception depot in Amersham. Now they can really smile, for tomorrow they're going home.