for the treatment that they have received in hospital both from the Germans and from the British staff which seems to have run for the most part at least one of the hospitals to which many of these prisoners were taken. There is a hint in perhaps two of the letters that these reports of the good treatment from the Germans are not genuine. On the other hand, some of the phrases which praise the German behaviour have a ring of truth about them. It is overwhelmingly clear that the food supplied by the Germans is not sufficient and that without the Red Cross parcels the prisoners would have suffered severely from hunger. With these parcels, however, they seem to be faring tolerably. There is no suggestion of illtreatment by guards or any other Germans. There is some indication that the conditions of train travel from the scene of action to the hospitals were rough but this may have been inevitable especially in view of the condition of the railroads in the coast areas which have been more subject to Allied Air Force attacks.

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