

A copy of the tribute to Sgt Fred Butterfield

*Compiled by the his room mates and written by Corporal Syd Bishop - Stalag XXA
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To Sgt. Butterfield, Room Commander, Stube 29

On this, the second Christmas of our demise as Prisoners of War, it is Our honour and pleasure to present you with this record of the activities, both individually and collectively, of the members of your room.

Before enumerating the various achievements of your room- mates, a word here of the general standing of the room in regard to the rest of the Fort would be opportune

The general policy of Comradeship, Steadfastness and Reliability has been carried out to the "Nth" degree. On all matters appertaining to selection for duties and extras - good, bad and indifferent - the mode has always been by way of ballots. Externally, in all matters, the personnel of this room have always presented a united front. Where there has been a variance with the "powers that be", a straightforward talk to the "Commandant" has always resulted in an amicable settlement of the matter, or matters under discussion.

So much for the abstract. From a material point, we have a record which is the pride and envy of the whole Fort. In every sphere of activity, members of this room have played a prominent part, and the crowning glory of our efforts was the winning of the Room Championship Shield at the final Sports Meeting.

The following will show just how varied and comprehensive have been our activities

Sport:

Rugby - Fort Reps: Fleming, Foster, Thompson, Walker.

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J.Walker, Holt, Lloyd, Sharp.

Cricket: Foster, Fleming, Walker, Allison, W. Netherwood, H.Netherwood.

Basketball: Foster, Fleming, Walker D

Soccer: Butterfield, Sharp J, Sayers

Athletics: Lunnon, Sayers, Foster, Fleming, Allison, Rolff, MacDonald, Walker J,
Walker D, Lloyd, W.Netherwood , H.Netherwood

Boxing: J Ryan.

Entertainment: J.Walker, W.Rolff, W.Sharp

Staff position: H.M.MacDonald

Organisers: Mitchell, Jeffries, J.Walker, Ryan.

Educational: Bibby, Fleming, Murphy, Allison.

Quoits: McGhie, Lloyd, J.Walker, D.Walker, McNeil, Thompson, Sharp.J,

MacDonald, Ryan, W.Netherwood, W.Rolff, H.Netherwood, Allison, Foster, Fleming, Holt, Butterfield, Jeffries.

In conclusion, we, the undersigned, wish to place on record, our appreciation of your efforts, in the happy, carefree conduct of the affairs of our room. Also, our appreciation of you, as both Room" Fuhrer" and Room mate.

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