

## Wartime West Sussex 1939 - 1945 The Great Escape case study

Source E - Letter from Leslie Speller to Kurt Kampf, the German guard who escorted him across Europe by train to Stalag Luft III. Written after the war in 1946.

sent 4/12/46

Dear Kampf,

I was very pleased to receive your letter, as soon as I ~~read~~ saw it I guessed who had sent it. You can be sure that I had not forgotten our train ride together, as you can imagine it was not really a pleasant experience for me, not knowing where I was going or for how long. However you and the other guard, his name was Felix, wasn't it, treated me very well and I have not forgotten that. I remember well that you obtained good rations of food for me at the various stations where we stopped, particularly at Belgrade and Vienna, and as far as you were able you made my journey as comfortable as possible. Of course all the time I was wondering how I could escape from you, but unfortunately for me I'm afraid you guarded me too well. Still you were ~~only~~ doing your duty, the same as I was doing mine.