

Transcript of 1941 German POW Letter from Matthew Poland

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Dear Aunt Margaret & Bill

Just a line or two to let you know that I am still alive and quite well. As you will see by the above address I am a German Prisoner of War and have been such since the 23rd of May. The Germans whom we have come in contact with so far have treated us fairly well and are a contradiction of what we formerly believed when I was taken prisoner with the 21st Battalion Doctor, having volunteered to stay and look after the prisoners who were wounded. I have written home to nana and Rose but don't know whether they received the letter. If you happen to receive this drop them a line and let them know I am alright, just in case they have not heard. We are allowed to write once a week only and on one side of the paper so one can't put much down. I am writing on the back of this portrait which I hope you will keep as a souvenir, besides it is a pretty fair likeness and it shows anyway that I am not very worried. Will close now wishing you both the very best and hoping to see you soon

I remain

your aff Nephew

Matthew

