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Rec. 20/2/43

Al Mrs. A. C. Dobson
"Brompton" - Eccleston Park
PRESCOT - LANKS

GT. BRITAIN

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MITTENTE: Casato, nome e grado DOBSON.
SENDER: Surname, name and rank Anthony H. G.
EXPÉDITEUR: Prénom, nom et grade Major
Campo PG. 29 - P.M. 3200 - ITALY

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3 Nov 42

My dearest Mum: Mail now complete up to 23/9 for yours & 20/9 Dad's.

The latter the first typed to date, good idea under the circumstances.

Have now got No. 7, did I write and say I was missing? A

line from Bunfalo 6, Cambridge, the henri's' house, which they will soon see the last of, was also very welcome. I wonder where

he is to be sent now that his time instructing is up? -

Ethna and Joan Grove have written letters but otherwise the mail has been confined to yours with nothing from ME yet.

I want one from particularly Cairo: I fear my belongings

dumped in various flats round Cairo will undoubtedly disappear

or get ~~lost~~ sold by or on orders of the standing committee of adjustment

and I should like to know what's happening. - We have just

undergone a fairly major change some Stafficans having

left. Gave us more room but not for long as replacements

soon arrived. Bobbi's Anders-She has moved out of my

room so as to share with a fellow officer of his own Regt.

and I now share with one Pat Wingfield (I think he has an

"honourable" tacked on his name - we move in the best circles

only in this camp!). Autumn has arrived with a bump

but not yet very cold - surrounding country very lovely

but not much use to us except to look at. I get acute

skinning nostalgia every now and again: but cannot

complain as not everybody got an excellent week of it as

I did before my "return to Europe"! All love as ever, Tony.

VIA AEREA

Rec. 8/7/43



Posta di prigioniero di guerra



Al COL. A.C. DOBSON DSO
"BROMPTON" ECCLESTON PARK
PRESCOT
LANCS
GREAT BRITAIN



MILITANTE: Casato, nome e grado MAJOR
Soprannome, name and rank Anthony Henry Grove
PER CENTRA, nom, number grade DOBSON
VERIFICATA Campo PM 3200 ITALY



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9 Feb 43

My dearest Dad: I think I am about due to write you a letter though what chance it has of reaching you remains to be seen. Yours come thro' well, and appear to be complete up to 3 Jan. Mother's number 21 22 24 27 have arrived since I last wrote. Many thanks for all of them. There has been a spate of parcels recently and I have had two of cigarettes & one of pipe tobacco so things are looking up. Sorry you have had car trouble - so-called experts are an awful snare & delusion. I haven't heard from ME for so long that I really don't know now what has happened to my poor old Bink. I think I told you that the blue sweater (? shirt as described by you) was confiscated on arrival - will be returned in due course, being held in the camp locked up by our worthy hosts. Razor blades did not turn up - doesn't matter as I was lucky enough to be able to buy a Rollie shortly after I got here - also a shaving brush an item extraordinary hard to come by in these parts. Glad you got Xmas message. The Papacy was strongly represented here and among other things presented the camp with a slightly "tin edged" gift in the form of an accordion. Take some of the descriptions you read in POW magazines about this camp with a grain of salt - both ways. Writers tend to have their individual idiosyncrasies. On the whole we are very well off - which doesn't mean we like it! All love to you both: most sorry about Aunt F. - Love Tony

VIA AEREA

Mittente

(Sender's)
(Отправитель)

Cognome Dobson

(Surname)
(Фамилия)

Nome Anthony H. G.

(Name)
(Имя)

Grado Major.

(Rank)
(Чин)

Campo p. g. № 29 P. 3200

(P. of W. Camp.)
(Лагерь в. п.)

ITALY.



POSTE ITALIANE
CARTELLINA POSTALE
PER PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA



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Rec. 15/4/43.
Col. A. C. Dobson. No

Prescot

Seaton Park

PRESCOT

GI BRITAIN

LANCS

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5 Mar 43

Dearest Dad: Have an idea these cards get

to you a bit quicker, so write by one. Your letter

of 17th Jan and 7 Feb. have arrived - quite

good. No need to worry unduly about boats:

quite a number come in - Red X; otherwise.

I think Red X. do not send in individually - may

account for your not getting reply from them

- 849907 Hendds! A good French did. who

German (Karouss or Lassells) would be welcome

difficult to get here. All love to you both. Tony

Tobacco parcels arriving OK; but would like more
cigarettes please.

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P 27

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CORRESPONDENCE
TO WITHDRAWAL IN THE SUBJECT

Via AEREA

Rec. 5/7/43 PC

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Posta di prigioniero di guerra

PASSED
P.W. 3656

Al Col. A. C. Jobson DSO
'Brompton' Ecclestone Park
PRESCOT - LANCOS
GREAT BRITAIN

S. A. "Etruria", Roma - Ord. 343 del 23-1-43-XXI

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Mittente: Casato, nome e grado

DOBSON

Sender: Surname, name and rank

Anthony Henry George

Expéditeur: Prénom, nom et grade

Major

Campo

Pg. 17 P.M. 3200

VERIFICATO
PER CENSURA



29.

18 May 43

My dearest Dad: Mails have shown a slight but welcome improvement of late: your letters are complete up to 1 Mar. with an odd one d. 4 Apr. and Mums up to 17 Feb. with 10th 19th Mar. this one is for luck. Also Dad's parcel arrived last week containing many most useful items. The warm weather is on us now and unless we are still here next winter (God forbid) I shall not unfortunately be able to use the lovely woollen underwear. Very many thanks for everything in the parcel. I really have very few requirements now, but if this arrives in time to be of any good, then shirts with collars attached (khaki of course) and their pyjamas would be welcome. Also shaving soap which for some unknown reason Red Cross don't supply - or only supply very little. Though we get more ordinary soap than I normally use in a year of Sundays the work so as we only get an 'all over' shower about once a week as a very good average! Chocolate is always most welcome! The recent news has of course brightened our outlook about 1000%! Hope things continue to move as fast in the right direction. Letter from Mrs. Gallie last week - Beatrice is it seems a friend of the wife of one Montague Jones who is one of our leading camp characters. All love to you both as always
Your affec. son Tony

Tel. No.— Mayfair 9400

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office
(as opposite),
and the following number quoted.



THE WAR OFFICE,
CAS.P.W.,
CURZON STREET HOUSE,
CURZON STREET,
LONDON, W.1.

286/D (Cas.P.W.)

Your Reference

24th November, 1943.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that according to a reliable report which has been received your son, Major A.H.G. Dobson, Royal Engineers has reached Switzerland.

No further details are yet available but as soon as any additional news is received you will be informed.

Should you hear from your son direct, the Department would be glad to be informed.

Information regarding the sending of letters etc., may be obtained from your local Post Office.

The address to which communications should be sent is as follows.

In top left-hand corner of the envelope:—

"Prisoner of War Post
Service des Prisonniers de Guerre"

Mr. A.H.G. Dobson, B.A.
British Internee,
Wil St. Gallen,
SWITZERLAND.

As shown above, your son's rank and personal number should not be included in the address.

Next-of-kin parcels cannot be despatched for the present.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Colonel A.C. Dobson, D.S.O.,
"Brompton",
Eccleston Park,
PRESCOT,
Lancashire.

L. D. Rogers

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29 Feb 44.

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Camp d'Internement militaire

My dearest Luini,

WIL. ST Gallen. SUISSE

There seems to have ^{been} a bit of a hold up in the mail recently and I have only got three of Dad's to acknowledge numbered 6, 7, and 8 - none from you. On the other hand, some tobacco parcels which never reached Italy have turned up re-directed from Geneva Red Cross - three of cigarettes and one of tobacco - very welcome indeed. Perhaps there may turn up - a lot certainly never reached me in Camp. I also hope the missing rest of his parcel may arrive here yet. - I have been, and still am, pretty busy, as we have been indulging in a mild 'flu epidemic - I have wiped out practically everybody else in the office seems to have indulged and pretty well all at the same time. It seems quite harmless but it puts people on their backs for an astonishingly long time, so that

I have been two and three men's job for the last week and look like going on so for another week. It doesn't matter as the power ~~has~~ be have stopped all leave, or for the matter of that all movement for practically all purposes in our Area, so I couldn't get away if I wanted to. It is an infernal nuisance as I can't get weekend skiing which I had looked forward to - especially now when after several weeks of snow storms the conditions are as nearly perfect as they are ever likely to be. No can one get an odd day or so in Zurich to relieve the monotony of this very small town. However one can't complain - many of us live in villages of a few houses and are pretty well confined to them, poor dogs, and anyway I had an unexpectedly good long spell in Arosa. - Really isn't much to tell you, so won't start a new sheet. Small country towns don't provide much "hot news". The Telegraph article of about 24 Feb. gives you a pretty fair picture of our major sorrows

All very love on snow - I don't continue to enjoy life in some of it -
 anyway, I think, to mention that we are often all staying lucky to be here at all!
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Mit Luftpost
Par avion
Per via aerea

FLUGPOSTKARTE / CARTE POSTALE POUR TRANSPORT AÉRIEN / CARTOLINA POSTALE AEREA



Camp d'intermédiation
WII (St. G.)
Militaire



Melle. Noni Houben

à Pré Fleuri

Yverand

Vaud

11/4/44 Camp d'internement Anglois. WIL. Stallen

Merci mille fois pour deux ^{lettres} qui sont arrivées
"in der Reihenfolge umgekehrt." Ich bin viel
schlaumer als Du, da ich in meinem Fahrplan
einen Zug gefunden habe, der nur am 15.
April fährt! Er fährt aus Hamburg um
16 Uhr 20 ab, und kommt nach Scheidegg
um 17 38 an. Was mir erlaubt, erst um
10 24 Wil zu verlassen - viel bequemer!
Ayant encore une fois oublié d'achever du
papier, j'ai dû me servir de cette carte postale
et je te prie de m'excuser. Demain je
t'écirai une lettre plus élégante! Mais
il m'a fallu t'écire, pour dire comme je
suis heureux que tu viennes lundi à Scheidegg
- j'ai déjà écrit pour réserver des chambres
en disant à la direction que nous étions trois
pauvres et qu'il lui faudra nous donner
évidemment un tarif spécialement réduit pour
évadés britanniques de guerre! - Alors, jouis
de ton séjour à la belle campagne. Sans
doute sont déjà fleuris les prés - c'est un
nom vraiment joli, celui de la maison où
tu es descendu. Bon soir, petite, à
demain quand j'écirai mieux, et à lundi
quand j'aurai encore une fois la joie de te revoir.
Tony

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RANK & NAME: *No 52585*
(SURNAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

MASORAH G DOBSON

British Prisoner of War

PASSED
P.W. 8904

PRISONER OF WAR No. 6
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

CAMP NAME & NO.: *Wald Gellen*
(INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY NUMBERING OR LETTERING IF ANY - E.G. WORKING CAMP)

COUNTRY: *Switzerland*

FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME & ADDRESS)

*Mrs S. Dobson
Munster, Ecclestone Park
Prescott - Lancs
England*

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No 52585
RANK & NAME: MAJOR A.H.G. DOBSON
(SURNAME IN BLOCK LETTERS) British Prisoner of War

PRISONER OF WAR NO. 6
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)
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P.W. 8904

CAMP NAME & NO.: ~~Prisoner of War~~
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Switzerland
Country: ~~Switzerland~~ →

FROM (SENDER'S FULL NAME & ADDRESS)

Mrs S. Dobson
Manor, Ecclestone Park
Prescott - Lancs
England

BOTTOM PANEL

You will like to know the good old
bar is going strong still - not looking quite
so elegant as of old - does her best as far as she
is allowed - so you may get the chance of
driving now - ? well darling there is
no news but was news of much interest
I had teller and - with my dearest
love & best wishes - your loving
dad sends much love too. Mother.

WRITE VERY CLEARLY ON THE LINES TO AVOID DELAY IN CENSORSHIP

NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

No 21

DATE Aug 16. 44.

My darling Tony,

We feel almost too excited to write in fact Dad did not last Sunday but sent you a prepaid cable yesterday, 15th. We have just discovered prepaid wires are accepted & you require all your pennies & more we know - We shall look forward to a wire & hope you are getting our letters tho' do not feel any hopeful considerations, being things - however you get all the great news we know that is being things - we are all praying the horrible thing is nearing its end - & we shall have you all home soon - I expect it is very hot now - I do hope you have had some more leave - Aunt H is in Cornwall which sounds good to me Morris & Sue are working for a house in London which doesn't sound quite so good - however they are thinking of the future - Aunt L. is busy looking after vacancies - she seems to like it! This abroad is being painful outside, I feel it might have lasted for the duration but an awful hot thing - otherwise so the "man & boy" are climbing all over the place & popping up at windows at the most inconvenient times! This small garden is full of cheerful birds - & cabbage butterflies - can't think why the former

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so the "man robby" are climbing all
over the place & popping up at windows at
the most inconvenient times! This small
garden is full of cheerful birds & cabbage
butterflies - can't think why the farmer
don't eat the latter & rid us of a pest -

CONTINUE IN BOTTOM PANEL OVERLEAF