

Memoirs from the Camp Commandant

[Narrator] "Memoirs of the German Commandant – Stalag Luft III

[Col von Lindeiner-Wildau] "We soon discovered that to house the intrepid young airmen of the Allied powers at Sagan, a more unsuitable location could not have been found. The camp was located about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile south of the Sagan train station; we saw hundreds of trains daily going to all directions of the compass. The camp was bordered on the east, south, and southwest by extensive forests. The ground was excellently suited for underground tunneling. In the course of time the POWs reached a mastery of tunneling which was unexcelled. The flyers were all between 21 and 30 years old; only a few staff members were a little bit older. As flyers they had been trained well, physically as well as mentally."