

WALT: Write a Television News Script
German POW Escape from Island Farm, Bridgend.

Billy: Good morning people of Britain. Our main headline today - Seventy German prisoners escaped from Hut Nine of Island Farm Prisoner of War camp, Bridgend, Glamorgan. The seventy prisoners tunnelled their way to freedom early this morning. The tunnel was two point seven metres deep underneath Hut Nine and led into a neighbouring farmer`s field. We expect that the prisoners escaped because they wanted to roam free or cause more havoc. Now over to you, Jimmy Simpson, in Hut Nine right at this moment. Jimmy...

(THROW) Billy to screen

PTC (Jimmy): As you know, I am standing outside Hut Nine of Island Farm Prisoner of War camp in Bridgend. This hut is exactly where seventy of the German prisoners escaped from.

(Walks inside the hut)

They dug right at this location, two point seven metres beneath this very hut using just spoons and knives.

(Walks to farmer`s field)

This farmer`s field is where the tunnel ended. The Tunnel extended twenty one metres underground.

SOT: (Farmer Garfield Davies)

Garfield: I woke up when I heard the vibration of shovels digging up the ground at about two o`clock in the morning.

PTC (Jimmy): Last night, the police received a call from the local doctor, Dr. Richard Milne. He reported that his Austin 10 had been stolen.

SOT: (Doctor Milne)

At around two o`clock, I was disturbed in my sleep. I looked out of the window and noticed that my Austin 10 had been stolen. I phoned the police and they told me that seventy German prisoners of war had escaped from Island Farm and had more than likely stolen my car to make a bid for freedom. I

was mortified!

PTC (Jimmy): Details just came in that the prisoners of war had used electrical lights tapped off the main supply to light the escape tunnel. They had escaped group by group with no more than four in a group just to make sure that they didn't get trapped in the tunnel or caught.

UPSOT (archive footage of prisoners training)

V.O. (Jimmy): We have reports that each group had false identity papers, homemade compasses, a map and basic rations.

PTC: Members of the public are warned to stay inside their homes and to report any suspicious sightings of the forty two German prisoners of war still at large in the area. Back to you Billy in the studio.

(Throw) Jimmy to screen

Billy: Thank you Jimmy, reporting live from Island Farm, Bridgend the scene of last night's escape.