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German POW escape from Island Farm Bridgend

Caitlin Watson: Our main story this morning is the escape from the Island Farm POW camp in Bridgend. Seventy German prisoners of war escaped from Island Farm in the early hours of this morning. The tunnel was dug up to two point seven metres below a prisoner of war's bed before extending twenty one feet out beyond the perimeter fence of the camp. So far only twenty eight prisoners have been captured and taken back to the POW Camp. Forty two prisoners are still at large. Bridgend people are nervous. Over to you, Teigan, at the scene of last night's escape.

(THROW-Caitlin screen)

PTC: Thanks Caitlin. Earlier I talked to one of the guards who tried to capture one of the senior officers in Hitler's army - Abbinchi Quatez.

(Sound clip of Island Farm guard.)

SOT: Guard: Well I saw him running into the woods right next to the camp. I ran after him but he was too quick. Now the police and Home Guard are on the lookout in Bridgend and in the surrounding areas.

PTC: I have just received some news from the camp authorities. Another twelve prisoners have been captured and taken back to the camp. They were found in secluded woods nearby with a man-made compass and a map showing all of Great Britain's major ports and airports. Some escapees had stolen a local doctor's car.

(Sound clip of Dr. Milne.)

SOT: Dr Milne: Well, I was awoken by the sound of a roaring car. Little did I know that it was my own car! I raced downstairs but it was too late. I phoned the police straight away. As we speak they're on the lookout for the prisoners of war who stole the car.

PTC: We have just heard that an Austin 10 car has been found in Maesteg. It is believed to be the doctor's missing car stolen from Merthyr Mawr Road. When digging the escape tunnel the

prisoners of war used cutlery stolen from the canteen. They also used stolen benches to prop up the tunnel roof. How did the prisoners of war hide the soil dug out from the tunnel you may ask? Well, they created a false wall behind which all the soil and dirt was hidden. The tunnel was lit by connecting electric wires to the main supply. Also a hand-operated fan kept oxygen flowing into the escape tunnel that led beneath the barbed wire fence.

(UPSOT – aerial view of Island Farm POW Camp and neighbouring farms)

V.O: The German prisoners of war crawled out from the escape tunnel into the field of a local farmer, Garfield Davies.

(Sound clip of Farmer Garfield Davies)

SOT: Farmer Garfield Davies: I was out ploughing in my field when I noticed a group of prisoners of war watching my every move. They must have been worried that I would dig up their tunnel.

PTC: The authorities are still on the lookout for the thirty six missing prisoners of war. The whole of Bridgend have to asked to keep a stern eye out for the missing prisoners. This has been Teigan Rees reporting . Back to the studio.

(THROW Teigan Screen)

Caitlin Watson: Thank you Teigan for that live report from Island Farm Prisoner of War Camp.

