

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

Jimmy Simpson: Good morning and welcome to BBC Wales News. In the early hours of this morning, there was an escape at Island Farm Prisoner of War camp in Bridgend, Glamorgan. The prisoners of war escaped by digging a tunnel about 2.7 metres down and 55ft long below Hut Nine. Seventy prisoners escaped through the tunnel that led to a nearby farmer's field. Breaching the perimeter fence, this escape happened between approximately 10 pm and 2.00 am. Billy is live at Island Farm POW camp. Billy..... over to you.....

(THROW - Jimmy - Screen)

PTC: Billy Frankie: I am here at Island Farm, Bridgend where there has been a serious escape by seventy German prisoners of war. Throughout the early hours up until now, thirty four prisoners of war have been caught but thirty six prisoners of war are still at large.

UPSOT - footage showing the tunnel

V.O: Here is the tunnel that the German POWs escaped from right into the neighbouring farmer's fields. Here's an update from the studio.

(THROW to studio)

Jimmy Simpson: Farmer Garfield Davis witnessed the dramatic escape.

(soundclip - interview with Farmer Garfield Davis)

SOT: Farmer Garfield Davis: What I saw yesterday was a German lad looking scared when I was ploughing me fields near to Hut Nine. He was probably scared just in case I would find the tunnel exit. It is right here covered by a large boulder just beyond the perimeter fence.

(UPSOT - photos of Austin 10 and Dr Milne's house)

VO: Some of the escaped prisoners of war are believed to have stolen this motor car belonging to local doctor, Dr. Milne.

(soundclip - interview with Dr. Milne)

SOT: Dr Milne: At around six o'clock this morning I woke up and I discovered that my car had been stolen so I reported the theft to the local police. They said that there had been a breakout from the prisoner of war camp at Island Farm with up to seventy escapees and that some of them were probably responsible for the theft.

(THROW - Billy Frankie Live)

PTC: Here we are at Island Farm Prisoners of War Camp. We have discovered some new details about the escape. It would seem that the German prisoners used a false wall to store all of the dirt and earth dug out from the tunnel. They also used hand operated fans so that air would flow into the tunnel.

(Billy Frankie)

PTC: There are still thirty six prisoners of war at large so you must keep your eyes open at all times. If you see even one prisoner, make it your **priority** to report it. And now a quick summing up from the studio. Back to you Jimmy

(THROW to studio)

Jimmy Simpson: As you know, seventy German prisoners of war have escaped from Island Farm Prisoner of War Camp, Bridgend. Thirty four have already been caught but thirty six are still roaming the local area. Stay tuned for more details later on. Our next story is...