



I Escape: The Great War s Most Remarkable POW (Hardback)

By J. L. Hardy

Pen Sword Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Of all the daring PoW escape stories that have come to light in the last 100 years and immortalized by Steve McQueen in the film *The Great Escape*, the story of J.L. Hardy has to be one of the most remarkable. A PoW for three-and-a-half years, Hardy made no less than twelve escape attempts while imprisoned by the Germans in the First World War, five of which being successful. In early 1915 he attempted to escape from Halle Camp, near Leipzig, by breaking through a brick wall into an adjacent ammunition factory. After five-months work the project proved impracticable. In the summer of 1915 he was transferred to Augustabad Camp, near Neu Brandenburg, and after being there 10 days he managed to slip away from a bathing party outside the camp, together with a Russian officer. After a difficult journey they covered the 50 miles to the Baltic coast. They swam a river, were nearly recaptured once, but eventually reached Stralsund. They nearly managed to get the crew of a Swedish schooner there to give them passage, but were arrested at the last moment...



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