

# 350-Mile Trek to Freedom

After escaping from a prison camp in Italy and trekking a distance of 350 miles, Lieutenant Peter Boyd Gardner, Royal Armoured Corps (Lothian and Border Horse), who is the elder son of Mr and Mrs George Gardner, of the Kibble School, Paisley, has reached British-occupied territory in Italy, where he is recuperating in hospital.



Lieut. Gardner, who was wounded and taken prisoner at Thala, in North Africa, in February of this year, has conveyed the news of his escape in air mail letters received yesterday by his parents, to whom he has stated that he expects to be home by Christmas. In his letter Lieut. Gardner states that he has been at large since the capitulation of Italy, and he and three others were the first to escape from that particular camp.

Lieut. Gardner, however, mentions that the Rev. John Birnie Allan, of Gourock, and formerly of George Street Church, Paisley, who had been on chaplaincy duty, also escaped from the same camp, and when last seen was hiding in a house in Italy.