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Clogs

Anybody who had bad boots, and most of our boots were bad, they had given us clogs. Well we weren't used to clogs, but they introduced what they called '*fuss-slappers*' which the Germans used inside their boots. They were like lumps of cloth which they wrapped round their feet before they put on their boots. It was so clever, we just wrapped these rags round our feet to stop the clog from chafing you and we realised just how warm wooden clogs were compared to the leather boots, because later on, much later on in another camp when we got boots sent through by the Red Cross we threw the clogs away and we put the boots on, and we knew we'd made a mistake because the weather was cold. A wooden clog is warm and is comfortable when you get used to moving in it.