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Typewritten copy of the text from a postcard dated 27th March 1918 from Thomas Baker Brown to his father to inform him he has been taken prisoner on the Arrasfront at Bullecourt and is now on his way to a Prisoner of War (POW) camp in Germany.

Thomas Baker Brown was one of 16,000 men taken prisoner by the Germans during the Spring Offensive of 1918. This was when a series of attacks were launched by the German armies along the Western Front (the main are of fighting in Belgium, France, Western Germany) to try to win the war.

Key words:

POW – Short for 'Prisoner of War' – person who is taken prisoner by the enemy during wartime.

Arras Front – An area of fighting near the city of Arras in Northern France.

Question:

Where does Thomas say he's being taken to?

Thomas Baker Brown: The story of a First World War soldier from North Tyneside

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