

The Mark of the Halbert

Diary of Willard Lee Hogan

Nov 10 1943...Reported to Fort McClelland at Anniston to get my physical for induction into the army. Spent the nite then returned home until **Dec 2 1943** when I reported to Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Ga. Stayed nine days /lectures/physical/clothes/equipment.

Dec 10 1943...Boarded the train to Camp Shelby, Miss. Stopped in B'ham for an hour at 10:30 P M

Dec 11 1943 10am...Arrived at Camp Shelby. We were part of the 65th Division which was activated in July. When assigning us to our units I was the only one left. They assigned me to H & S Company 265th Engr's. The reason I was assigned to the Engrs was that I had worked with the U S Engrs for the past 2 summers running outboard motorboat to spray for mosquitoes. As you will see I was assigned later to outboard motors and also to water purification units overseas during the war.

Dec 12 1943...We took basic training for 3 months. I didn't take training because I was assigned to Bn. Supply. We had to pick up the food and supplies everyday and deliver them to all the companies in the Bn. We got hot bread every Tue & Thurs. Boy was that good with the butter we had already picked up. We also did a lot of KP (washing dishes and keeping the mess hall clean).

Dec 25th 1943...Had chicken & dressing. By nite we all had food poison. Had to run to the latrine all nite. I was very sick. I never had to stand parades or inspection... I did have to go in the field for 2 weeks for training. We had to bath in the river. Burr cold. The moon was so bright I wrote letters by moonlight.

Mar 1944...Training over. Joe Molloy, VanCurren, & myself were sent to Milwaukee Wisconsin to train at the Evenrude Outboard motor factory on operation & upkeep of outboard motors. When we left Camp Shelby it was very warm. When we arrived in Milwaukee it was freezing cold and our coats were packed and we couldn't get to them. We almost froze to death.

Mar 20 1944...Left hotel 6 AM Rode streetcar to Evenrude factory. Filled out papers and got our badges. They issued us heavy coats boots rubber suits & gloves. We were taken to Lake with a 22 HP Johnson a 22 HP Evenrude and a 50 HP evinrude which was the largest outboard built at that time. Our boats were metal 8ft wide 50 ft long. The 50HP was built to push the Storm Boat which was for carrying troops in battle. It was so cold the spray from the boat going so fast it froze on our suits. For 2 weeks we learned to take motors apart and back together. Molloy and I took an old 2 HP motor apart and back together then cranked it with our hands.

Mar 22 1944 till Apr 1 1944...We studied and worked on motors everyday. Made 96 on my test, Molly 96.6, VanCurren 93. The 2 highest were to stay an extra 2 weeks but VanCurren brown-nosed his way to get the extra 2 weeks. Vancurren and the instructor were both from the north. I had no chance since I was from the south I and Lou went dancing with Charlotte and Lorene almost every nite. The first nite she kept saying CABBAGE I ask her why. She said a man was suppose to walk on the curb which I wasn't doing.

Back to same routine at Camp Shelby.

Apr 17 till 17 1944...On furlough for 2 week

Apr 28 1944...When I reported back to my unit I didn't know the place. They had shipped out most of my group. A group of Air Force Cadets had moved in. I grew to know them all.

Apr 28 till Aug 10 1944...We had 2 twenty mile hikes during this period. I spent a lot of time on KP and food service Sgt Roe left for officer training. Sgt Adair and Sgt Springsteen took time about being Commander until

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Capt O'Donnell took over. Everything was disorganized. I had 23 Day Pass during this time. I worked on the lake for a week operating a 20 HP motor moving pontoons into place to build a pier.

Sept 1st till Sept 30 1944... On furlough... We stayed in the field training but I was on food supply. I had to go ever nite until 2AM and slept until 11 AM. I got out of all training. I went to driver school for 2 weeks I learned to drive large trucks but I only drove when other drivers were sick. We trained for Blackout driving. Boy the instructors drove fast and us with no lights. We stood inspection for Gen. Lear to check us for shipping overseas.

Oct 1 till Oct 31 1944... Same routine. On maneuvers. Training for going overseas.

Nov 1 till 11 1944... We are on 24 hour restriction Looks like I won't get home before we go overseas. We (B S O) had to do all detail work after being excused for the last two weeks. I went to Hattisburg 4 weekends. The most passes I have had since I came to Camp Shelby. Molloy & Olah's wives came down for 3 days.

Nov 16 1944... Worked in BSO office all day

Nov 17 1944... Got in 10 new men to put us overstrength to fill in for anyone that doesn't pass over seas exam. I worked in the office again today filling out the papers for the men in preparation of leaving for New York staging area. For shipping overseas. Stayed in tonite Bought 1.50 cents candy at PX today.

Nov 18 1944... Got my drivers license today. Rained all day very cold. Olah and I set off a cap from a flare got metal in our legs. Very reckless thing to do. Played cards the rest of the nite.

Nov 19 1944... Cleaned rifle & wrote 6 letters. Got haircut. Played football all afternoon.

Nov 20 1944... Back on food supplies.

Nov 21 1944... LaFontain accused me of taking his machine which I didn't. He didn't speak to me all day everyone was on work detail except two of us. I went to the office to type some letters. Trayham brought some chairs and tables Boy our hut looks like a resort.

Nov 22 1944... On KP all day. Got 12 Turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Nov 23 1944... Thanksgiving Day. Had the best dinner since I have been in the army Olah & Delaney foundered themselves. I ate too much.

Nov 24 1944... I worked in BSO all morning. Spent evening drawing rations for the men Clark and some others were applying for a discharge but they were turned down. Got package from home with candy, cookies & cake. Sgt Cowan wouldn't let me have H-10 truck. It would have been a promotion for me.

Nov 25 1944... Rained all day. I was on food pick up truck. Ate supper early had veal cutlets Musso begged Sgt Cowan for H10 and he assigned it to him...

Nov 26 1944... Rained till noon. Went to movie -30 seconds over Tokyo...

Nov 27 1944... Went to the shooting range. We stayed in the target pits all day. Don't know if we will get to shoot or not.

Nov 28 1944... Had to deliver two days supplies. HS Company was on guard duty tonite but I got out of standing guard.

Nov 29 1944... Went to firing range but it rained so we came back to the hut and spent the rest of day cleaning our rifle. Bannister and Winnie transferred back to our unit. Went to movie tonite "Sign of the Cross"

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Nov 30 1944...Picked up ration most of day. Musso got sick so I had to drive the truck. Got paid today 23 dollars 35 cents Gonna get rich fast. Worked in BSO exchanging uniforms for the men. Klinger got sick.

Dec 1 1944...Got new class B uniforms. Had formation at 4:30 The Col. Told us we would stand inspection by the General next week to decide if we were ready to go overseas. KP again.

Dec 2 1944...One year ago today I left home to go in the army. Washed dishes all day. Olah & Pete went to town.

Dec 3 1944...Olah & I went to Hattisburg for the day. Saw two movies Shopped a while then ate supper at the Pickwick Café. Returned to camp at 6:30.

Dec 4 1944...Worked delivering food all day. Had to mark our new clothes. We had to clean the area (in preparation of inspection by the General). Molloy & I cleaned the latrine(cleaning the commodes) Worked till 10 PM, boy am I tired. Got to get up at 5AM .

Dec 5 1944...Worked in BSO all day. Had test on water purification. 2nd Army stood inspection today. Movie tonite "Abbot & Costello".

Dec 6 1944...Rained all day. Sgt Cowan wouldn't let me drive H 10 .Got new shoes. Delaney got stuck in the mud. While he was hunting someone to pull us out I drove it out. Mother sent me a watch. I mailed my gifts.

Dec 7 1944...Got rest of our equipment for overseas. Delaney is still trying to get assigned to H10. He must be feeling better. All the men were packed into the Rec Hall to watch a film on Malaria. Must think we are going to the Pacific area. Had a drawing to see who drew the day we would board the boat. I got Jan 2nd The pot is \$4.50

Dec 8 1944...Worked in BSO all day. Delaney finally got assigned to H10 again. Had class on map reading.

Dec 9 1944...Got off at 12noon, Bannister, Delaney & myself went to Hattisburg., Ate supper Went to movie.

Dec 10 1944...Received ten dollars from mother today. Came in handy.

Dec 11 1944...Still getting more equipment for overseas. Had guard duty tonite.

Dec 12 1944...Still issuing clothes to the men. Had class tonite.

Dec 13 1944...Went to the dentist today. Had 2 teeth filled and 2 x rayed. Had a class in Booby Traps and Mines. Lt. Hutto taught the class. I got a package from home.

Dec 14 1944...Two more teeth filled and grounded to improve the bite. Issued more uniforms. I was on CQ tonite

Dec 15 1944...More of same. Saw George Salter and J T Piper today.

Dec 17 1944...Went to pick up combat boots but they didn't have any. Worked in BSO all day.

Dec 18 1944...Got our combat uniforms today. Molloy & I stayed in BSO while the rest of the men were being fitted. Had class on safe water.

Dec 19 1944...On KP again. Gets old washing dishes so often.

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Dec 20 1944...Worked all day issuing combat clothes & rifles. Went to Hattisburg today. Saw Olah's wife and baby. Got one-man tents and boots I didn't get my boots. The Captain inspected us tonite.

Dec 21 1944...Still busy issuing clothes and rifles. Went to the Rec Center to see J F for awhile.

Dec 24 1944...Got up at 5 A M to start hauling men and duffle bags to the train. Loaded three Troop trains. Got in bed at 330AM had to get up at 5 AM

Dec 25 1944...Xmas day but we had to keep hauling troops to the train. Had Xmas party tonite. J F came down. We had a good time.

Dec 26 27 1944...Hauling troops to the train.

Dec 28 1944...Had a shakedown inspection at the Rec Hall. Cleaned our hut and had rifle inspection.

Dec 29 1944...We finally boarded the train. We were the last to load.

Dec 30 1944...Slept all nite without cover. Everything was in a turmoil our car was a regular Pullman. Delaney and I slept on the top bunk and Olah on the lower.

Jan 2 1945...Arrived at Camp Shanks where we began the task of loading the boats. We had to move all the men and equipment to the boat..

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This is the story of THE 65th Division from leaving New York until the end of war.

We got a 12 hour pass to go to New York City after we finished loading the boats. The infantry had all week to go to the city while we were loading the boats. We boarded the train to travel to the boats at 8AM and was on the boat by 11:30. Our ship was the USS Monticello. We were on F Deck just as low as you could be. A few more of our units was on our ship. The rest was on the other ships. There were 5 troop ships and about 35 cargo ships. The range was 12 to 15 knots per hour according to one of the sailors. About three days out we hit a terrible storm which slowed us down to 9 knots.

The troops were packed in so close we hardly had room to move. All we could do was stay in our bunk and read. We were allowed on deck about 2 hours a day for 2 hours each time. For next two days the storm was so bad we had to stay below. The smoking was so bad you couldn't breathe.

We ate two meals a day which was very little for most of us. The ones that were sick didn't even eat. We were allowed two candy bars from the PX each day.

We had to take 2 more typhus shots and 2 shortarms while on the boat.

Most of the men were reading, playing cards or playing guitar and singing.

On the morning of Jan 21st 1945 we sailed into the harbor at LeHarve France. We couldn't unload until that nite. Finally at 1AM Jan 22 1946 we were loaded on to LSTs and taken to shore. We unloaded about 100 yards off shore and had to wade ashore. It was freezing cold and us wet. After standing around for an hour we were packed into long open trucks which we called cattle wagons and headed for camp Lucky Strike. We didn't know how far it was. It snowed the rest of the morning and the wind blew hard. It was so cold we were miserable. It took 10 hours to drive the 50 miles to Camp Lucky Strike. When we got there we found it was a tent city just starting to be built.

For 3 days we couldn't get anything to eat because our supplies were sent to England. It was Feb 10th before our supplies arrived.

At first they wouldn't let us have a stove because of fuel shortage but it was so cold we found some stoves and burned anything we could get our hands on.

The first two weeks were the worst any division could have endured. But they finally got the supplies coming. The reason our supplies went to England was that was where we were to land but the orders changed while we were at sea. That was true because our advance party had gone to England and fixed us a place. They got to Lucky Strike one day before us.

As I said this is a camp just started to be built. Our Egnr went to work fixing up the area. Lucky Strike was divided into 4 blocks. The 65th was in block "D" The 89th was in block "C" and Special Troops in the other blocks. The 89th left a week before us and blacks started moving in.

I guess you would call our stay at Lucky Strike a period of combat preparation for combat. The Infantry was training. The other units were doing the things they would be doing if in combat. Our water section was in charge of distributing the water to our division. Since our water units weren't in service we had to supervise the 487th Water BN. to see that all the units got their equal share. They had portable filters set up on a stream in Palual, France a couple of miles from camp.

The ADT had several trucks hauling gravel from the coast of the English Channel to get the roads fit to travel on. Two of the trucks hit mines in the gravel and exploded and injured 4 of them. One was killed and 7 others injured. Some say they were walking where they shouldn't. We were warned not pick up any thing because of booby traps.

Our division had a large number of TRENCH FOOT the first three weeks because of the nite riding in the open trucks the nite we arrived. Trench foot is cause by wet freezing feet. We had to change socks 4 times a day and keep the ones we changed under our arm pits to dry them out.

As a bunch of soldiers will do we noticed that there were very few women around.

Morel who speaks French asked someone why? They said they all went with the German soldiers voluntarily.

All the towns along the coast of the English Channel had high cliffs. They had been fortified heavily. Planted land mines all over the place. We were cautioned not to roam off the road or pick up any objects because we had several deaths from booby traps.

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General Eisenhower inspected our division. on Feb 22, 1945 We received a good report.

We were ready to move to Dieppe, France on the 26th. They changed it on the 24th and sent the 89th instead. We have to be out by Mar 1st. Everyone was wondering where we would be sent Rumors were from Belgium and the army or Rheims and the 3rd army. The Infantry moved out on the 27th by train. The Engrs were to move the 1st. On the 29th we were ordered to take 3 of the water units trucks and go to Paris France to pick up ammunition. We were to meet the rest of the units at beyond Paris in 2 days. We drove to Paris in 5 hours. but it took 7 days to get the ammo requisition OKed. Of course we sure didn't get mad. We were seeing the heart of Paris. Good place to stay, good food. We got to see Paris first class. It took a day after requisition was OK then we learned one truck had to go to Belgium and meet us in Riems. Then we were told the 65th Div was moving to the Metz sector. We also learned the 65th Div had relieved the 26th Div at Saarlauten from combat. So our Div. went into the fight that day.

On the 9th of Mar we had picked up all our supplies and the other truck had gone to Belgium. They were to meet us at Sossions France and pick up explosives. Then go to Riems, France. We meet the other trucks in Riems. Then we drove our truck to Loau to pick up more equipment. We were back in 2 hours. We moved on to meet our Division at Boulay—Moselle where the Div. Headquarters was set up. We spent the nite there. We found out our Infantry and 2 companies of our Engrs had been in battle for 6 days. Our Company was at Remingen when we found them. We could hear the big guns in the distance

We moved with the 265th Engrs to Saurlutten . We were to cross the Saar River in Saurlutten . The Germans held half of the town and we had control of the other half. Company B was guarding the bridge from both sides but the Germans were laying in a lot of shelling. A lot of it was falling on Remingen.

On the 12th Olah and I had to drive our trucks to Distroff to pick up explosives. I was loaded with 5500 lbs of TNT and 2000lbs of other explosives. Olah had the same. We drove back with out lights(blackout). Shells were falling all around us. Scarry.... We got back safely..

The next day I was sent to Valeroso's water point.(a water point is 4 men and the equipment to filter drinking water for all the troops in our area. We had to keep moving with the Infantry and all units in the fighting to furnish them water). We were in Art-Folwiler which was 2 miles from Saurlutten. Things were really hot. There were shells exploding every where. The 260th Inf. in Saurlutten with B Company of our Engrs.

The 261st Inf was north of Thionville with company C of our Engrs. We had the 867th and 868th Field Artillery set up in the hollow behind us. You talk about noise that was very loud. Then we had the 691st Tank Div and the 43rd Calvary come in to join the fighting..

The nite of Mar 14th the bomber started flying over at 8 PM and was continuous for 40 minutes. They dropped their loads not far from us. The sky lit up like 4th of July. We could see the ach-ach bursting in the sky

We had the first soldier killed in action, on the 15th. Johnson our welder was in Saurlutten. He and Stubbs were hunting a generator for the General when an 88 shell hit them. Stubbs lost his eye but later he died.

Early the morning of the 15th there was the most fire from machine guns, mortar and artillery. The infantry had crossed the Saar River and were holding it but they lost a lot of men.

At 4 AM the artillery started firing heavier than ever for about 2 hours. We heard later that day that the Germans were retreating so fast our troops couldn't catch up with them.

The 7th army joined us about 30 miles across the Saar River. There was so much confusion the 7th army was fixing to shell Saarwellegen which had been taken 3 hrs before by our men.

We moved our water point about 50 miles to Landswiler near Neukirken while we were looking for water to filter. We passed the infantry strung out for several miles. Everything was in confusion. There were men mixed in the group from the 70th, 63rd, 66th and the 65th divisions. They were parts of the 3rd and 7th armies The 2 armies had joined up at the Saar River.

Sarrlutten was destroyed worst than any I had seen in Germany. Our Engrs were blowing up the pillboxes (pillboxes were concrete boxes for the Germans to shoot from) the line of boxes and pillows was across Germany from Austria to Belgium. For miles all we saw was the pillboxes and concrete blockades.

This line of defense was called The Siegfried Line.

We were in Neukirchan seven days getting prepared to advance to the Rhine River. While in Landsburg we meet a kid about 13 who said the German army was the best in the world. That seems to have been taught to all the kids. We had lot of cases that small kids would say Hail Hitler not knowing we were not Germans.

The 28th Mar. 1945 we move on to Schoborn and rested overnite. We got in late with our water point. The next morning we move to Edgehiem about 6 miles from the Rhine River. Rested overnite. But two of our water

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points were to cross the Rhine with Company A of our Engrs. We left at 1 AM morning of 29th Mar. We crossed the river at 4 AM Then we crossed the "MAIN"(name) River on pontoons at 9AM. We moved north to Frankfurt which had just been taken. Was still being cleared of stray Germans. We had to set up our water point at Vilbel to furnish water for the infantry who was crossing this morning. We rolled into Messerhiem about a mile from Vilbel and set up our water point. About an hour later the 691st Tank group came in and asked what we were doing there. They said the town had not been taken. We said it is now because we were there. I had noticed all the people shied away from us.

We were there two days but the infantry had passed us so we had to move the 31st Mar We went 50 miles to Laubach where the headquarters was. Spent the nite. Move on to Hersfeld where our outfit was located. We were there in about 4 hours. The place was still burning. The Germans had just left. They put up quite a bit of resistance.

The main force of the Third Army was 20 miles to the north but by the next day they had advanced to meet with our troops who were clearing the town.

We were on the move again Apr 5th We went to the next town to meet with our Bn. Our move was delayed 6 hours. We couldn't leave until 5 PM. While waiting we found some German aircraft lifeboats. We opened them. They contained rations, flares & food rations. We each got a compass. We got lots of stationary and fur jackets.

We left at 5PM headed to Obernuer near Multhausen. Our troops liberated prisoners from the concentration camp at Multhausen. On the way here we met a long line of POWs being lead by just 3 GI s. We saw this scene from there on to the Enns River. They were surrendering to us because they didn't want to surrender to the Russians.

The next morning we went to Langensalza to set up our water point. The 6th army was bringing out about 2000 POWs

While we were looking for a place to set up our water point all the citizens start bring out guns and ammo and giving them to us. The order posted in every town was that if they were found with weapons they would be shot but that was the first time I had seen them turning the weapons in before the order was posted.

We had airplanes strafe us every day. We have a 50 CAL machine gun on top of truck. We fired at them every day.

On Apr 7th the Germans made a counter attack and had Mulhausen & Langensalga surrounded. Our group had ten minutes notice to leave and didn't let us know. We knew no one was coming for water. We didn't know we(our water point) were surrounded until we heard it on the radio. Each side thought the others had control of the town. We learned later that our artillery was set up to destroy the town. We would have been in a bad position if they had started shelling us. Our Division was sent back to the rest area and they came for us this time. We were sent to Obersaule. We set up our water point out side the area.

The rumor was that we were going into Czechoslovakia.

Apr 12th we left going east to Dresden

We followed the 87TH Ang 69th to the Elba River Then the 65th split off and went on to take Dresden. Our first stop was Horselgu. Just east of Gotha. We got on the Audubon (freeway) at Eissenach.

We were in Horselgue one nite. They sent 2 of our water points on up. One was set up at Arnstad. We went on to Osthausen and set up in a well about 5 feet deep. We hunted all over the country before we found the well. The infantry was in the towns around us. The 259th Infantry was in our town. The Engr division and special troops were in Arnstadt.

Looks like our objective was going to be taken by the Russians. The report was that the 9th army was in Berlin.

Our objective was changed again as usual. We were headed to Regensburg down on the Danube River. We left on the 16th Apr to an area at Bamberg. Our water points arrived in Baunach at 12:30 on the 18th

The Engrs had to furnish trucks to move the infantry. We left at 7:30 for Hersbruck. We had to drive blackout (the front truck had dim small lights and the rest followed the tiny red spot on the tail late on the truck in front of them. It was very dusty all day. We returned at 3:30 am and were told we had to get up at 5:am to leave for Altdorf. We then were to go on to Nuemarket. We got about 5 miles from town, we were stopped because the town was still under siege. Our infantry and the armory were clearing the town but they were still fighting at dark so we had to stay in the woods that nite. They lost a lot of men. They couldn't get German artillery out of the hills so our artillery set up in the hollow behind our water point, very loud shooting. After a day the Germans left.

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Apr 23rd we moved to Velburg. Then they sent us to Parsburg. We stayed in Parsburg until Apr 27th. The infantry had crossed the Danube River the 25th.and had taken Regensburg. They came for us the 27th to go to Daubing. Stayed all nite..

Went to Regensburg the next morning. It rained all nite and the tank division moved up and the roads were muddy as heck. Took us 6 hours to drive 20 miles. Crossed on pontoon bridge. We learned the division was taking a rest in Regensburg. We set up the water point on the Danube River. We were the only point in the area so we had to furnish the 80th Div XX Corp and the 65th. Division.

The Germans had blown two bridges and the Engrs put in a pontoon bridge getting the traffic back on the road.

Val and I were riding a motorcycle when the Col. caught Val and turned him in and he was busted to private. Greenfield got promoted to T/5. The Col. chewed our butts out but he didn't get my name.

They needed lifejackets to cross the Isar River. Mr. Morrison and Hank went to Esenach to get the lifejackets. When they got back the infantry had already crossed. Hank got shot in the foot by a 25 cal. pistol. He won't be back with us. They made us turn in all the guns we had found because of Hank shooting his self. They say we will get them back. We had 7 men wounded and one killed from the pistols.

It snowed in Regensburg Apr 30th & May 1st. It was very bad weather. The next morning we were filtering water when we looked up there were about 80 Germans coming down the street with no guard. They were 14 to 16 years old. They had been hiding.

May 1st 1945 we started down the Danube to go into action again. We went to Plattling but everyone had to move on except S-4. We left at 7 PM hunting our battalion. After riding awhile we came to a town the infantry was still clearing out. It was dark so we slept with them tonite.

The next morning we found the Bn. in Eholting but we moved on to Neuhaus on the Inns River. We stayed all nite because the pontoon bridge wouldn't be ready until morning. Our destination was Linz, Austria. We heard two weeks earlier that the Russians had taken Linz but the Germans put up fierce resistance at the river. They finished the bridge at 9 AM May 4th they were to have it finished earlier but didn't have the material. We were the first truck across the bridge. We passed up the infantry. Went on to Paverbach where we were stopped. They said about 2000 SS men(The elite fighters of the German army) they had captured some of the infantry. We had to stay there overnite.

The next morning we moved to Eferding We passed thousands of German soldiers walking back to the rear No guard with them. Tried to go on to Linz but they were still fighting so we sat up our water point on a stream to furnish water for the troops.

Moved on to Linz May 6 Our Engr Bn. had been there all day. We moved on 20 miles beyond Linz to join up with Bittenbender's water point' We were in Enns Austria on the Inns River where the Russians were on the other side of river. The Americans and Germans had 3 conferences but they wouldn't surrender Our units would clear the streets of civilians and start firing again. The point they couldn't agree on was that the Germans wanted . to surrender to us instead of to the Russians and our General wouldn't accept them . As we were going back to Linz there were thousands of German soldiers. on the road retreating. Looks like they were getting away from surrendering to the Russians. We got back to the Bn. and were told the war was over but we had to stay on the defensive until all the Germans knew about the surrender. .The Engrs had occupied some lavish housing units. The nicest I have seen over here.

The Engrs moved to the bridge to guard it to prevent it being blown up. When they got there the found the few Germans soldiers were firing on them. After a short battle they retreated. Lt. Hughes was killed by a sniper

We got our ETO ribbons on May 7th on the officially day of the war. Received our pay. I got 750 Marks. The Capt. checked to see if we had our dress cap. Guess they will start being strict about everything.

On our way back to Eferding we could see the Alps in the distance. They were large snow covered towering in the sky.. Just beautiful.

The Division started a training schedule. Not much but most of the men didn't like it. Imagine training how to shoot a rifle when our lives had depended on knowing

May 10th we set up a water point in Hagelberg to supply water for the German prisoners. We are 10 km from Enns and 4 from Kronalch. Bittenbender is set up in Enns and Haun in Kronach.

We set up near Winkling near a mill with a big house with a court yard there were several farm families living there.. They had Apple Cider in the cellar which we drank a lot of it. We used their kitchen. They made us pancakes, they scramble the dough like we do eggs.

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The 259th Infantry took over the 71st division's prisoners. It looks like we are the OCCUPATION ARMY now..

The 65th division has a PX in Linz. Not much variety to buy. No beer, drinks or candy.

Stayed in Hargelsborg. Until June 10th. We averaged 8000 gal. of water a day. One day I killed a deer and brought it to the families. A young girl chewed me out for killing it, thought they needed it for food.

Our troops moved north of the Danube River so we had to move to Leonfelding to furnish them water. Its 20 miles north of Linz...

Bittenbender was promoted to water director. I was transferred to Bannister Water Point. We moved 40 miles north of Linz about 2 miles from the Czechoslovakia at Agien Schalagle. Company A 260th Infantry were guarding about 8000 prisoners. We dispensed 5000 gallons a day. We were alerted one day to move because the Russians were coming. They didn't but this was a rumor that has gone on since the war ended. While we were that close to Czechoslovak I decided I would drive into Czechoslovak. I was late coming back .I decided I would scarce them ((boy what a mistake))) when I tapped on the door and hid Russo came out and stuck a pistol with hammer back into my ribs It was dark so he didn't know it was me. Wonder he didn't shoot me.

July 17th 1945 Winnie was transferred out and I was sent to Neuhofen to take charge of the water point. Valrosa was sent to Bannister water point which had moved to Klienmuston. Delaney & Caprio are with me.

Aug 16th Two year anniversary of the 65th Division Activation. Now they are deactivating it. This ends the MARK OF THE HALBERT.....

What now????

THIS SECHION COVERS AUG 16th 1945 UNTIL MAY 7th 1946

Aug 15th 1945...They announced the war in Japan was over.....

Aug 16 ...18th 1945...Left Nuehofen and went to the company area. We loaded two Water point equipment onto the truck.

Aug 19th ...Moved to Burghausen..

Aug 21st ...Moved on to Nurnburg where we turned in our water equipment/

Aug 26th ...Loaded the officer's lockers to carry to their outfits.

Aug 27th ...Worked in the office filling out records and cutting orders for some of the men being reassigned.

Aug 28th ...I was transferred to 80th Division there were 38 men in our group. Myself and one other were assigned to HQs & Service. I was assigned to the supply department.

Aug 30th ...Worked in BSO all day. I had 5 German prisoners loading lumber all evening/

Aug 31st ...Traveled to Munich to pick up 2 generators. No pay today

Sept 1-3rd ...Worked half a day today Off Sunday Holiday Monday.

Sept 4-5th ...Loaded rations on the train for the troops who were leaving

Sept 7th ...I was transferred to Company B and sent to Garmisch (((the large recreation area in the Alps mountains)))) to take charge of the 10th division to furnish water for the 80th division. We are supposed to be here for six weeks e...

Sept 8 Bittenbender is in the 10th army and had been assigned to my group.

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Sept 12th ...I was sent to Headquarters Company and told I was being transferred next Tuesday.

Sept 14 to 18th ...Took the cable car to the top of the mountain which is 5800 feet high. Didn't go to the tallest mountain (Mt Zugapit) our transfer was canceled. (Luc (Lucky me))) We were transferred back to the water point..

Sept 11 to 24th...Snowed all nite.

Sept 25 to Oct 3...Has been raining for 10 days. Very cold. Even during the rain it keeps snowing up the mountain right to the foot of the mountain. Today the Sgt put me back in charge of the operations. All the regular men have shipped home and I have all new men.

Oct 4 1945...Snowed last nite but all melted to day. The women who were moved out 5 months ago want to move back in. One has a 3 month old baby.

Oct 5 & 6th...We are trying to find a place to move but we can't move without permission from M-6 Housing Group.

Oct 7-11...Got a new man today. His name Carter, Dionnie shipped out. Looks like the division is moving to Czeckslovakia on Sunday, don't know if I will get to go or not. They may transfer me to a new outfit

Oct 12th...Found out we will stay here when the company moves to Czeckslovakia. Don't know for how long.

Oct 12...Found a place to move. Went dancing tonite. Then a movie---

Oct 13-15th...Went dancing every nite at the Alpine Hotel. Loaded our water equipment. And moved to company headquarters.

Oct 16th...Left MartOberdorf to move to Eber Czecksolovia

Oct 17th... Moved north to Frazen Bad Stayed in Hotel Hygen.

Oct 18th ...Moved to Plana Czeck.

Oct 19--20th Unloaded our water equipment then went to town to look at another unit.

Oct 21st ...Went to Marcbad to watch a baseball game 4th Armory beat XXCorp in 3 games.

Oct 22...We traveled to Pilsen Czeck. to set up our water point at an airfield. Instead we swapped our equipment for the 20th Engrs equipment which was already set up. Boy did we get gypped. The tanks had holes and the motors were burned up. Then they tried to make us stay in an old shack, dirty, no lights, heat or beds. Green slim everywhere. It wasn't fit for a dog.. I told them off then went across the airfield to the transit building and got us rooms until company B arrived I may get chewed out but I don't care.

Oct 23rd ...We are filtering 6000 gal a day for the troops

Oct 26—31...While we were staying at the airport in Czeck, I had saved my cigarette rations and some of the Czeck. Workers gave me \$1000 for 20 packs The Czeck. Money had just doubled so when I got the money order to send the money home it was worth \$2000. Pretty good for 20 packs.We were at the airfield for six weeks and it was foggy and misty 24 hours a day the whole six weeks. They say it is that way every year at this time.

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Nov 1—2 ...All 4 motors on the chlorinators broke down. We fixed one motor but the others weren't worth fixing. My last months pay was in Czeck money which was worth twice as much .But when I was transferred to another unit they wouldn't pay me that month. They said I received 2 months before which is crazy because the army doesn't pay a month in advance. But when I was transferred to the unit in Munich I worked in the office filling out the payroll I explained to the Captain and he Okayed me to add it on .

Nov 3—5 ...Things are bad for us because the units we are supplying water to won't furnish us our food rations because we were attached to company B which was a long way from us. We moved into a new place. I told the men not to give water to any unit until they started furnishing our rations.

Nov 4th to 20th ...When we didn't let them have water the Major came and chewed me out. Then he had Carter and myself transferred to another unit. We came to Plana but only stayed a few days because the 80th Div was going home and we weren't eligible to go. Carter's girl came with him from Pilsen. She has been here 2 days. Everyone in the house has a girl sleeping with them except me. They feed them and live like man and wife. All the German girls want is to get back to Germany because if they are left in Czeck. They would be put in jail.

A czeck. Girl came in the other nite very drunk. She started raising hell with me because I had let them keep all the German girls there It was funny because she was right. We fought the Germans then feel sorry for them.

Nov 21—22 ...Today is Thanksgiving Day. We were feed good. Turkey dressing, pie & ice cream. I wonder what all the small kids will do when we leave. It is very bad weather and the kids are digging in our scraps for something to eat. Most of the soldiers will give them all they can. The Czechs will put them all in jail when we leave.

It looks like everything is getting back to the way it was before we conquered them. They say we will have peace, yet little things go by unnoticed. They say Spain is holding 400,000 German soldiers and have the German scientist working to complete the atomic bomb. If they have that many soldiers they could just as well have Hitler.

The division is moving to a tent city near Nuremberg as a staging area to ship home. We are 24 miles from there.

Nov 23—24 ...We are still in Plana Czech. The company is to move out Tuesday. Heard on the radio that Alabama was going to play in the Rose Bowl. Carter's girl is still with him.

Nov 25—29... Left Plana on the 26th went to Rockycarcarm to pick up a water point. We drove from Pilsento Frazenbad in a bad snowstorm. Got in at midnite. Got up at four AM to leave for the tent city. We were in heavy snow storm all the way. Our truck slide all over the place. We have 3 water units filtering water. Filtered 20,000 gal.

Nov 30th—Dec 7th ... Stayed in Stockstadt until Dec 2nd. Moved to tent city. Stayed there 3rd—4th We were sent to the 102nd Division. Left Achshaffenburg at 3PM on box cars. Rode all nite it was cold as h--- Got off in Hoffen. I was assigned to the 406th Infantry Company E. Came to Bayruet Germany on the 7th and was reassigned to 327th Engrs. Most of us don't have enough points to go home. Looks like we will not go home for 6 months.

Dec 8—11 1945...Stayed in Bayreut 8th and 9th. Moved to Colburg to operate water point. Everything was frozen at the water point. I have four men on my water point. It snows every day but it never gets over 2 inches deep. We are getting very little to eat. They claim they are low on rations. No coal for fires.

Dec 12th—21st ... I was referred to be promoted to T/5. The weather has been like spring for 2 weeks. Some change. Clear at nite but raining during day. They are having a Xmas party at 2nd Batillion. I guess our girls will go but I don't care one way or the other.

Dec 22—28...Went to Xmas Eve party. They had beer, cokes and punch. Everyone got drunk except me. I took the girls to the house about 10:30. We danced by radio music And fooled around until 3 AM. The others came in

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and took the girls home except Bud's who stayed all nite with him. Had a fine Xmas dinner but I didn't enjoy it because I was with the infantry and didn't know anyone. Went dancing Xmas nite . All the guys took their girls to a show at BSO. I stayed around the house with mine. Everyone stayed at the house the last two nits. Fuzzy's girl found lice on him . I guess they will all have them. I got them some powder.

Dec 29—31st 1945...Had a party New Years Eve. Bud and I made some punch. I thought everyone would get sick but Norm's girl was the only sick one.. A few minutes before midnite Linda went out on the porch. I went out and found her crying.

Jan 1—5th 1946... Got a ping pong table . All we did every day was play ping pong dance or go to the movies. They have a Red Cross Club in town. Mail hasn't caught up with us.

Jan 6-10th 1946... Same routine every day. Sure is getting old. Be glad when our turn comes to go home.

Jan 11 1946 ...Got mail today. Received 5 letters.

Jan 12—18th...They raided the "Christian Path Finder" and discovered there was an underground group spying on the city gov't and threatening the girls who went out with the GIs. Three of them knocked a GI off the sidewalk. They only receive 6 days in jail. Wish they would try that with me (tough aren't I)

Jan 16—19th 1946...The food is still terrible. Bretsinger carried me to Wieden to teach a couple of new men to operate the water equipment..

Jan 20th...Stayed in Mundhberg then went to Wieden. Had trouble the tove used to keep the water equipment from. freezing We put one unit in a prefab hut to keep it form freezing'

Jan 29th... Left Weiden with the captain Stayed the nite in Bayreuth

Jan 31st ...Bretsinger came for me to go back to Coberg to get water supervisor . I had been promoted to T/5..

Feb 2nd... Back to Coberg to take inventory. Nite in Bayreut.

Feb 3 ...Back to Coberg to sign the water points over to the 282 Engrs. Stayed overnite

Feb 4th Brought Fuzzy and Norm back with me. Took Fuzzy to Munich. Picked up Jimmy. We are being assigned to another outfit (again)

Feb 5th... I have been assigned to the 178th Engrs. Brought Fuzzy back to the company. And signed all the equipment over to the 78th division we all celebrated. BOY did I get sick;;;;

Feb 6th 1944...Went to the train station to catch the train to Nurnberg where our new division is located but we were 3 minutes late and missed our train.. Went back to the company. Then at 1 PM some trucks came by from the 178th Engrs. and we rode with them to Nurnberg. I called the captain asked if Mac and I could stay in Bayreut. He said no. When we reported to him he seemed like a jerk. We went to the Red Cross Club then Fuzzy and I went to a movie, "Dangersigns" I went ice skating but it started raining and we had to leave. I was glad because I could hardly standup on the skates..

Feb 7th ...The Sgt. told us we would go to Bayreuth tomorrow. The guy I was replacing had orders to go o the hospital. The 178th won't sign for the water point so I don't know how long I will be here. Went to the Engrs. dance hall Got back at 11 PM

Feb 8th ...Rained all day. The wind blew so hard it blew the tent over the tanks down/.I don't know when I will put it back up. Someone left the hose running and emptied the tank I had to get up early to fill the tank.

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Feb 9th ...Cola came back from leave in Garmisck. He had taken some woman with him. I am alone here at water point. Saw McDowell this afternoon with a group of guys who were down for the weekend. Went to the dance hall.

Feb 10th ...Had chicken and chocolate éclairs. They feed us good at Quartermasters. Went dancing again. It was so crowded you couldn't standup.

Feb 11th ...Put the tent over the tanks Had 2 German s to help. The Sgt. came to check out our point. Went to movie " Then There Were None". Went to the beer hall but it was too crowded.

Feb 12th ...2 inches of snow this morning. The tent blew down again. Don't think I will put it up again. The Sgt. brought our PX rations today. I left for Colberg. It snowed all the way. Our rations were 10 cases of 10 in 1 (Boxed one meals)

Feb 13th ...Move to Bayreut today Went to dance hall but no dance no band Saw Cook last nite .He is T/5 in the 40th M P division

Feb 14th ...Got up at 9 AM. Cold as----- They have been working on the furnace for 2 days so we have no heat. In the house. Got back my pictures, 6 were good. Went to movie but I had seen it so I came back to the house to write letters.

Feb 15th ...Up at 9 AM. Went to photo shop with more film. Then wrote more letters. The Sgt. carried me to Nurnberg. I had been transferred to the 664th Engr Topo Group. It is a mapping outfit. I don't know why or what yet. Went to the Red Cross Club then to a movie ' She wouldn't say yes "

Feb 16th ...Left Nurnberg for Munich where the Topo outfit was stationed. Got on train at 2:30. Had decent coaches, no lights. Arrived at 8 AM Seems like a good outfit. They feed us when we got there.

Feb 17th ...Up at 9 AM Went to town walked around a while then returned to quarters

Feb 18th ...We all went to the orderly room to be assigned jobs. Everyone was assigned to a job except me. (This getting to be a habit) So I was put in the office as a clerk. All I do is type reports. Went to town to the PX drank several milk shakes. They make good shakes.

Feb 18th ...Worked in the orderly room today. It sure is dull around here.

Feb 20... Same routine, had lot of snow and wind today. We each got a quart of American Whiskey. Don't know what I will do with mine> Saw a movie tonite ;' Pardon my past "

Feb 21... Went to club Orlanda Was ok if you had a girl to dance with.

Feb 22... Slept until !! AM Then read a book the rest of the afternoon. Went to company dance Got in at midnite. They plan to have one every Friday nite.

Feb 23rd ...Up at 7 AM. Hitchhiked to Ingolsta. Rode up with a captain. Snowing, we slide all over the road. Saw Molloy. Stayed till 2:30 then came back . Has snowed so hard we had a hard time catching a ride home. Went to basketball games in Munich at the Jubilee Hall.

Feb 24th ...Called Carl my brother on the phone. He is in Italy, but I got cut off. Went to Garmisch for the day. Saw the Ski jump carnival and an ice show.

Feb 25th ...Worked in orderly room all day. Wrote letters. Called Carl again but didn't get him..

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Feb 26th ...Another day in the orderly room. Went to the PX and got my rations.

Feb 27th ...Worked hard today. Saw movie " Betty Hutton in "Incendiary Blond". Got a letter from Norm.

Feb 28th ...Went to the basketball games at Jubilee Hall. Boy I am drinking too many cokes.

Mar 1 1946...Got off at noon went to the games. Then went to the dance which lasted until midnite.

Mar 2nd ...Slept till noon.. Joe Molloy down and we went to the basketball games.

Mar 3rd ...Games again 1st Division beat 4th armor for the 3rd army championship.

Mar 4th ...Got a letter from WD saying he and Martha was getting married. I got restricted tonite because my towel was on the bed. The officers sure are getting smart-alecky. Rumor is that we will leave to prepare to go home on 28 or 29th Hurray-----

Mar 5th ...Went to the Mardi Gra a while. Wasn't bad but not too good.

Mar 6th ...Saw "The Dawson's Ride Again" Went to the PX won a watch in the raffle.

Mar 7th ... Stayed in tonite. Same routine....

Mar 8th ...Worked on the payroll all day. Got finished 6 PM Stayed in tonite because I am going to Garmisch tomorrow .

Mar 9th ...Arrived in Garmisch 8:15 Saturday. It was a cloudy day. Went skating then ran around that nite.

Mar 10th ...Sunday was a beautiful day. We went up the mountain in the cable car It was hazy so we couldn't see much.

Mar 11 till 15th ...Shipped out 23 men this week. Word is that we will leave Mar 20th.Guarded POWs unloading supplies from the train.

Mar 16th...Basketball games all week. 1st division won the championship. I drank too many cokes again. We played ball all evening boy am I sore. We transferred to the 281st Bn but we are to stay here on duty until 13th of Apr..

Mar 18 -24th ...Same routine every day. At nite going dancing with Ingrl.

Mar 24—till Apr 13th ...Worked 10 days preparing orders for the men to travel to Bremer-Haven to board the boat home.

Apr 13th ...Left Munich Germany at 10 AM on train boxcars we call 40 x 8 (((That's 40 men or 8 horses)))) 18 of us on boxcar. Got to Augsburg Germany at 11:55.Left at 3:05. Ate K rations for supper'. We were near Wurgburg when we went to bed. Three of us had cots to sleep on and the other fifteen had to sleep on the floor.

Apr 14th ...Got up at 7 AM. Sure was chilly. We were near Kasselat . Got to Hanover at 3:15 PM .Arrived in Bremer at 5:30 PM and Bremer-Haven (SEAPORT) at 7:46 PM. We were on the train (box cars) 34 hours. Looks like we won't get on the boat by the 18th. They have a lot of troops and few boats in the harbor.

Apr 15th ...Got up at 7 AM I ran into Joe Molloy in the chow line. Joe and I were together since we were in camp Shelby Miss. Until we were parted when the 65th div was deactivated.. We ran around all afternoon seeing

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all the guys who was with us at Camp Shelby. I've seen over 300 guys I know. From all the outfits I have been in. Rumors are bad as to when we will board the boat .Men with less time than us have already boarded. Every thing we do here we have to wait in a long line.

Apr 16th ...Same routine Go to the Red Cross Canteen 15 times a day .They have good malted milk in a can. It sure has been nice since we have been here.

Apr 18th ...Had formation. They say it would be the 26th or later when we got onboard. It sure is rainy and cold today. Saw movie on return to civilian life... Got our PX rations at 2 PM. Played Bingo till 9:30. Didn't win anything.

Apr 19th ...Filled out Customs papers this morning. Started processing our papers at 1 P M The weather is much better today. The wind is chilly but the sun is shining. Saw movies " IRENE" and "This Love of Ours". Found out we would leave on the ALHAMBRA a Victory Ship, about Sunday. Four of us had to fill out the papers for every one. I must have signed the Captain's name 800 times. We turned in our money for American money. I have 3150 marks*(German Money) The 687th to leave tomorrow. I talked with Molloy again this afternoon Went down to the docks Saw 2 victory ships and the Europa the largest ship ever built.

Apr 20th -21... Almost all the men are gone so we don't have to stand in line any more. Molloy left at 3:20. We are to leave tomorrow on the Alhambra

Apr 22...Got up at 8 AM Had formation and a shortarm . Clothes inspection Loaded on the train at 2 PM Loaded on the boat at 3:30 PM Boat left dock at 5:30. We ran our watches back 2 hours. Hit rough water 2 hours out. Lot of the guys already sick... I feel good. Got our American money I got 30 Ten dollar bills 15 one dollar bills.

Apr 23...Chow at 9:15 we were the last to eat. Had scrambled eggs and sausage. And cereal. Had soup crackers and apple at noon Supper at 8 PM. Lot of the guys got sick, but we haven't hit rough water yet. We past the White Cliffs of Dover at 7 PM it was dusty dark but we could see them. We are 18 hours out and have traveled 254 miles. We have 1475 men on board.

Apr 24th ...Chow at 8.30 Stayed on deck all morning. We have field glasses and spotted other boats before the mate did. According to the ship's paper we are 681 miles out. We left the English Channel at noon. We hit some real rough water for a boat this small. Almost everyone is sick. I feel fine.

Apr 25th ...Ate all 3 meals. The boat sure is rolling badly, 90 percent are sick. I got some of the guys to let me have their meal card. I would go back and get ice cream.

Apr 26th ...Water very rough all day. We change to get in smoother water.

Apr 27th ...Beautiful day. The sun is out and the water calm.. Most all are over their sickness.

Apr 28th ...Another nice day. I got sunburned on my face.

Apr 29th ...More sunburn. We have 800 miles to sail...

May 1st... One day before we reach New York.

May 2 ... Up at 4AM Very foggy. Past the Amberson lighthouse at noon. Docked at Pier 15. Unloaded 6 PM. Got on train 7:30. Arrived at Camp Kilmer New Jersey 9:30. We were told what to expect while there. They fed us a good steak dinner at 10PM. Bed 11:30

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May 3rd 1946 ...Up at 7:30 Formation at 8 AM. Said we would have a shakedown at 9:30 but we didn't. We are to leave on train to Atlanta Ga.

May 4th ...Left at 1:30 on train. Arrived in Washington D C 7 PM.

May 5th ...Up at 7 AM. We are in Greensboro N C. Arrived in Atlanta at 5 PM. Carried our bags about a mile. Had shakedown ,blood test and urine test.

May 6th ...Up at 5 AM Assigned to group number 127-03. Had orientation and physical. Went to Atlanta tonite for sight seeing.

May 7th 1946 ...This is the DAY. Got paid at 2 PM

DISCHARGED at 2:46PM MAY 7th 1946. Exactly one year after the end of the war.

THE PLACES I SPENT THE NITE FROM Nov 10th 1943 Till May 7th 1946

Fort McClelland, Anniston, Ala.	Nov 10 th 1943
Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia	Dec 2 nd ---10 ^h 1943
Camp Shelby, Miss	Dec 11---Mar 14 th 1944
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Mar 15 th —May 1 st 1944
Camp Shelby, Miss	May 2 nd ---Dec 30 1944
On train to N Y	Dec 31 st 1944
Camp Shanks, New York	Jan 1---Jan 10 th 1945
USS Monticello Ship Going to Europe	Jan 11—Jan 21 st 1945
Camp Lucky Strike, France	Jan 22 --- Feb 28 th 1945
Paris, France	Feb 29 th ---March 9 th 1945
Sossions, France	March 10 th 1945
Reims, France	Mar 11 th 1945
Bouley Moselle, France	Mar 12 th 1945
Remingen, France	Mar 12—13 1945
Art-Fowler, France	Mar 14 1945
Landswiler, Germany	Mar 15 th —27 th 1945
Schoborn, Germany	Mar 28 th 1945
Edgehiler, Germany	Mar 29 th 1945
Merchshien, Germany	Mar 30 th 1945
Laubach, Germany	Mar 31 st 1945
Hersfeld, Germany	Apr 1--3 1945
Sontra, Germany	Apr 4 1945
Oberdorf, Germany	Apr 5 th 1945
Langensalza, Germany	Apr 6 th 1945
Obersaule, Germany	Apr 7—11 1945
Horselgue, Germany	Apr 12 1945
Arstadt, Germany	Apr 13 th 1945
Braunach, Germany	Apr 14 th —19 th 1945
Langenthoul, Germany	Apr 20—23 rd 1945
Parsberg, Germany	Apr 24—26 1945
Overeling, Germany	Apr 27 th 1945
Regersburg, Germany	Apr 28 th till May 1 1945

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With the Infantry in the woods	May 2 nd 1945
Neuhous, Germany	May 3 rd 1945
Paverback, Austria	May 4 th 1945
Eferding, Austria	May 5—6 th 1945
Linz, Austria	May 7 th 1945 END OF WAR
Linz, Austria	May 8—11 th 1945
Hargelsberg, Austria	May 11—June 7 th 1945
Leonfelder, Austria	Jun 9 th 1945
Linz, Austria	June 10 th 1945
Aigen, Austria	June 11 –July 15 th 1945
Linz, Austria	July 16 th 1945
Neuhofen, Austria	July 17 th —Aug 17 th 1945
Linz, Austria	Aug 18 1945
Burghousen, Germany	Aug 19 th —20 th 1945
Neunberg, Germany	Aug 21 st 1945
Burghausen, Germany	Aug 27—27 th 1945
MartOberdorf, Germany	Aug 17 th —Sept 16 th 1945
Garmisch, Germany, RESORT VILLAGE	Sept 17 th till Oct 14 th 1945
MartOberdorh, Germany	Oct 15 th —1945
Eger, Czechoslovakia	Oct 16 th 1945
Frazenbad, Czechslovakia	Oct 17 th —21 st 1945
Pilsen, Czechoslovakia	Oct 22—Nov 16 th 1945
Plana, Czechslovakia	Nov 19 th ---25 th 1945
Frazenbad, Czechslovakia	Nov 26 th 1945
Stockstadt, Germany	Nov 27—Dec 3 1945
Tent city	Dec 3—4 th 1945
Train at Achshofen	Dec 5 th 1945
Selb, Germany	Dec 6 th 1945
Bayreuth, Germany	Dec 7 th —9 th 1945
Coburg, Germany	Dec 19 th —Jan 18 th 1946
Munchberg, Germany	Jan 19—20 th 1946
Weiden, Germany	Jan 21—19 th 1946
Bayreuth, Germany	Jan 22—29 th 1946 Coberg, Germany
	Jan 31—1946
Bayreuth, Germany	Feb 1 –2 1946
Coberg, Germany	Feb 3 rd 1946
Bayreuth, Germany	Feb 2—5 1946
Nurnberg, Germany	Feb 6 th 1946
Bayreuth, Germany	Feb 4—11 th 1946
Coberg, Germany	Feb 12 1946
Bayreuth, Germany	Feb 13 1946
Neurberg, Germany	Feb 15 th 1946
Munich, Germany	Feb 16 th Mar 8 1946
Garmisch, Germany	Mar 9 1946
Munich, Germany	Mar 10 th Apr 12 th 1946
On Train to Bremer Haven Germany	Apr 13 th 1946
Bremer Haven Germany Sea Port to go home	Apr 14—21 st 1946
USS Alhambra Ship crossing ocean	Apr 22--- May 1 ST 1946
Camp Kilmer, New Jersey	May 2—3 rd 1946
On train to Camp McPherson, Ga	May 3 1946
Fort McPherson, Ga	May 5—6 th 1946

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