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1 May 45 Tuesday327th Day
2nd day in CzechoslovakiaHaselbach

0145 Regtl FM no. 6 (oral) recd. See overlay.
 0715 OP party left CP.
 0735 Cos jumped off in attack.
 0810 OP reports Cos moving along without opposition. Five prisoners have been taken.
 0820 Regtl VO informes us that we will take over white's sector in addition to our own.
 0825 Regtl CO came to the CP to discuss the situation.
 0900 Fwd CP moved to Capartice.
 0930 Div CG came to CP to analyse the situation.
 Cos are now reported on the edge of woods.
 1030 K Co is now in Kleneč.
 1130 K Co reports town of Kleneč not quite clear yet.
 1145 Kleneč is now clear but some 150mm mortar fire is into it.
 1215 Cos are all reported in position.
 1315 I Co is now relieving 2nd Bn.
 1640 Relief of 2nd Bn is complete.
 1700 Fwd CP closed out and moved back to Haselbach.
 During the day 2 U.S. PsW were liberated plus twelve Britttish.

2 May 45 Wednesday328th Day
108th day in GermanyDalking

1020 The fwd party of the 38th Regt 2nd Inf Div came to the CP. They are to relieve us during the day.
 1100 Quartering party left for new area.
 1400 L Co moves out utilizing AT trucks. Hdqs Co moves out using motor pool vehicles.
 1640 K Co has now been relieved.
 2030 Relief is officially complete and 38th Regt assumes responsibility for our sector.
 2045 Bn CP closed out and moved to Dalking.
 2215 CP closed out after passing through Waldmunchen, Schonthal and Gnam; a distance of 28 miles.

3 May 45 Thursday329th Day
109th day in GermanyDalking

0800 Catholic service was held in the village church.
 1000 Protestant services were held in the village church.
 1030 Regtl VO rec'd. Be prepared to move out sometime to-day.
 1300 Bn was paid.
 1400 Movie " Tall In The Saddle " was shown throughout the day by 12th Corp Special Service.
 1500 FM no. 6 dtd 3 May 45 rec'd. See file. It contained a march time table and overlay foe to-morrows move.

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4 May 45 Friday330th Day
110th day in GermanyKirchantnach

- 0615 Bn moved out on organic and atchd SV trucks.
 0900 Bn closed in Kirchantnach after passing through Cham and Viechtach. The new area is quite scattered.
 1300 Movie " San Diego I Love You " shown to the Bn on our own projector.
 1800 Maj Bryan was promoted to Lt Col and party was held in the CP to honor the occasion.

5 May 45 Saturday331st Day
3rd day in CzechoslovakiaGlazerwald

- 0830 Troops had showers with change of underwear in area N of Viechtach.
 1215 Regtl VO. This Bn will move within 2-3 hours by motor. General direction believed to br NE.
 1230 Quartering party left for Regt.
 2230 All Cos are closed in Glazerwald after covering a distance of about 30 miles.
 2300 Regtl WO. We may attack to-morrow morning.
 2400 Regtl FM no. 8 dtd 5 April 45 rec'd. We are to attempt to secure bridge over Otava River to allow passage of 4th AD.

6 May 45 Sunday332nd Day
4th day in CzechoslovakiaKasperski Hory

- 0630 All Cos checked out and moved off in attack.
 0635 Bn CO and OP party leave.
 0815 Regtl CO came to CP. We are experiencing difficulties in finding roads through our area as most of the better roads are reserved for the 4th AD.
 0850 Co reports ey in trucks heading S from 25y.
 0900 Cos report just short of 25y.
 0918 The 4th AD is now passing the Bn CP.
 0920 OP reports 50-75 ey in two trucks and four wagons moving S from 25y.
 0930 L Co is now in 25y - Kremelna. 100 PsW were taken here.
 1000 CP moved to Sous.
 1030 Regtl CO came to CP.
 1110 L Co has reached woods just short of 74y.
 1150 K Co is now in 74y - town of Paste
 1245 CP moved up to Paste.
 1300 L Co reports bridge intact over Otava River and is crossing same.
 1530 Cos are now in 77y - the town of Kasperski Hory and report PsW coming in great numbers to the town.
 1540 CP moved to Ziegenruck.
 1820 CP closed in Kasperski Hory. A great no. of PsW were taken to-day who claimed that they had orders to give up to the Americans but not to the Russians. We gathered about 1000 Officers and men many of whom rode to our lines in all types of vehicles. There were also a few German Wacs incuded.
 2000 K Co has now secured 112y and L Co 113y.

7 May 45 Monday333rd Day
5th day in CzechoslovakiaStraschin

- 0745 Cos move out and Bn CO and OP party leave CP.
 0820 L Co reports passing LD.
 0840 Regtl VO. Hold up at line B-1. Take no PsW who don't appear with their organizations. If they come in alone send them back for the rest of their outfit.
 0900 K Co is now at 111y.
 1100 Regtl CO came to the CP and informed us that henceforward troops will be bivouacked instead of

billeted.

- 1125 Regt informed us that Germany has surrendered unconditionally to the Allies as of 0147 this morning. The news came as an anti-climax and there was no visible rejoicing.
- 1200 Fwd CP moved up to Straszchin. Cos are now on B-1.
- 1400 New Regtl overlay rcd dtd 7 May 45. See file. K Co moved out fwd about five Kilometers.
- 1500 All Co CO's reported to the CP for a meeting at Regt.
I Co is in Bn reserve vic of Straszchin.
K Co is on line vic of Matschitz.
L Co is on line vic of Sobeschic.

8 May 45 Tuesday 334th Day (VE Day) 6th day in Czechoslovakia Straszchin

- 0800 Catholic services were held in the village church.
- 1000 Protestant services were held in the village church.
- 1100 Bn Int Sec investigated town of Zosum on report of Czech policeman and discovered large cache of ey equipment and munitions.
- 1230 Officers meeting held at Regt to discuss probable future plans.
- 1400 Movie " Here Comes The Waves " shown to the Bn in the Village theater.
- 2030 A dance was held in the local ballroom with the town musicians supplying the music.
To- da was officially announced as VE Day.

9 May 45 Wednesday 335th Day 7th day in Czechoslovakia Straszchin

- 0800 Catholic services were held in the village church.
- 0830 Quarters party leaves for Waldmunchen. They are to be gone for two days.
- 1000 Protestant services were held in the village church.
- 1040 This Bn is put on a tentative alert. A large column of Germans are heading for the CCB of the 4th AD and it is not known whether or not they intend surrendering.
- 1400 Band from the town of Nesdice came to entertain us.
- 1530 Div Dance Band played for us and were greatly enjoyed especially by the Chech fair sex.
- 1800 Dance was held in the village with the Straszchin musicians supplying the music-
- 1810 Meeting of all the Bn Officers was held in the CP to discuss future plans. Plans for education were largely discussed.

10 May 45 Thursday 336th Day 8th day in Czechoslovakia Kasejovice

- 0800 Catholic services were held in th village church.
- 1200 Regtl WO. We will probably move out this afternoon to the town of Kasejovice.
Quarters party returns from Waldmunchen and reports that the area is pretty fair and will require a little work to get at in shape.
- 1400 Bn commences moving out on organic and atchd transportation.
- 1800 Bn closed in Kasejovice after passing through the Susice, Horsdovice and Velbor.
Cos established contact with the 4th AD on the right and 2nd Bn on the left.
- 2200 Several Russian supply trucks and truck-drawn arty pieces pass through the town.
It is evident that in this town the people were expecting the Russians first because there are many Russian flags flying and signs printed in Russian bidding them welcome

However we were treated very cordially and each family had at least one room set aside for the quartering of troops.

2400 Lights are shining from all windows and social life seems to be going fine.

11 May 45 Friday

337th Day
9th day in Czechoslovakia

Kasejovice

1400 A White Russian Div fighting for the Germans attempted to come through our lines in order to escape from the Red Russian Army. We turned them back without any trouble and had them assemble in front of our lines.

1500 Lt Col Bryan, Lt Rise and Lt Jones left for Waldmunchen to examine the area.

1505 Village dance starts in the ballroom above the CP. Music was played by the village band numbering about 30 pieces. Dance lasted until 2100.

1600 Our outposts are moved to the N of the main road. Regtl CO visited the CP and urged increased vigilance on the part of the troops.

1700 Day passed without incident. Regtl CO informs that we should fire on these white Russians or Germans if they give us trouble. They are Red Russian PsW and cannot surrender to us.

1900 Numerous Red Russian units passed through the town and the town-people greeted each vehicle with much applause and shouts of "Vasda".

12 May 45 Saturday

338th Day
10th day in Czechoslovakia

Kasejovice

0900 Outposts report that the White Russians numbering well over 3000 men are again attempting to pass through our lines. All Cos are alerted.

1000 K Co is moved out to block main road going S from Lnare. They are instructed to fire if necessary.

1300 Cos report that the White Russians have returned to their bivouack and all is quiet again.

1600 Lt Col Bryan and group return from Waldmunchen and report that area can be made quite livable with a little work.

13 May 45 Sunday

339th Day
11th day in Czechoslovakia

Kasejovice

0800 Catholic services were held in the village church.

1100 Protestant services were held in the ballroom above the Bn CP-

1200 All of our outposts N of the Main road are pulled back to the main road. Our former positions are now occupied by the Russians.

1600 Movie "The Thin Man Goes Home" was shown to the Bn.

1900 Lt Jones reports that 50 horses are rounded up for the Bn Cavalry P881.

14 May 45 Monday

340th Day
12th day in Czechoslovakia

Kasejovice

0400 The Bn Cavalry group commanded by Lt Jones left for Waldmunchen. The trip should take them about three days.

1130 Ten men in the Bn are informed that they are to pack for a trip home and eventual discharge from the Army.

- 1600 Lt Col Bryan and quartering party consisting of 6 Jeeps leave for Waldmunchen.
- 1905 B Troop, 42nd Cavalry Squadron commenced relieving our troops.
- 1900 Relief is complete and I, L and M are assembled in Kasejovice and K Co is in Hradiste.
- 1930 A large group of German prisoners are herded into town by the 4th AD and handed over to the Russians. One SS Officer immediately shot himself to death.

15 May 45 Tuesday

34th Day
Fifth day in Germany

Waldmunchen

- 1230 Bn moves out on organic and atchd transportation.
- 1800 Bn closes in county of Waldmunchen after moving 82 miles and passing through Horazdovice, Klattovy, Domazlice and Kleneo. Bn CP is located in the Finance building in Waldmunchen. I Co is in Waldmunchen. K Co is ouposting border between Germany and Czechoslovakia. L and M are both outposting the county line. Most of the troops are billeted in public buildings.