

Destroyed building in Mannheim Ludwigshafen area.



GI posing as a POW in German coat & hat. Note the GI boots!



103d ID GIs wearing Kraut headgear & pistols.



Decimated building with white surrender flags.



Ludwigshafen



Ludwigshafen on
the Rhine

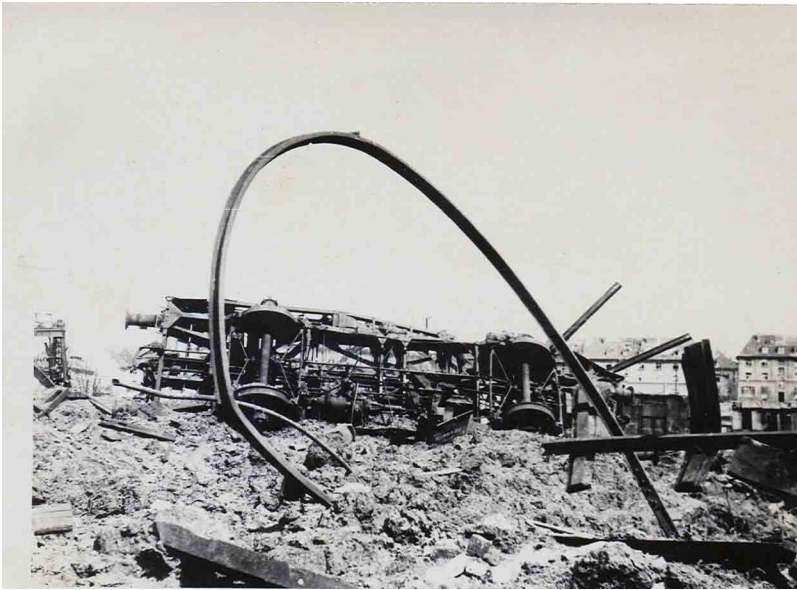




LT Arthur Flynn & CPT
Martin Gilligan, CO,
HQ Co, 3d Bn, 409th



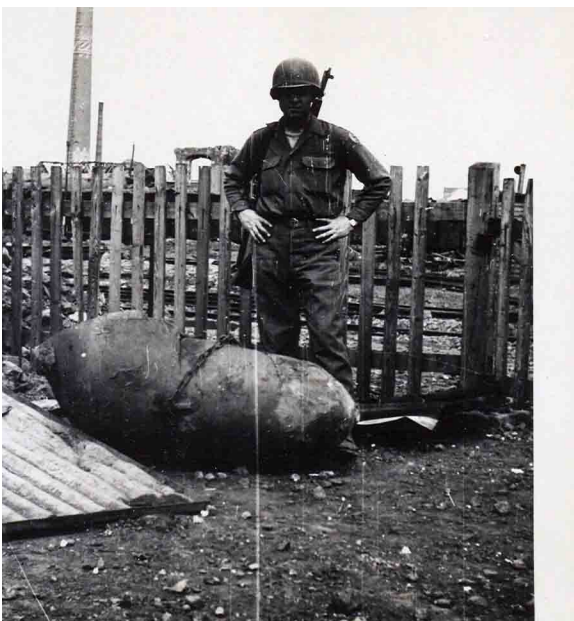
Fulda Rail Yard
Damage



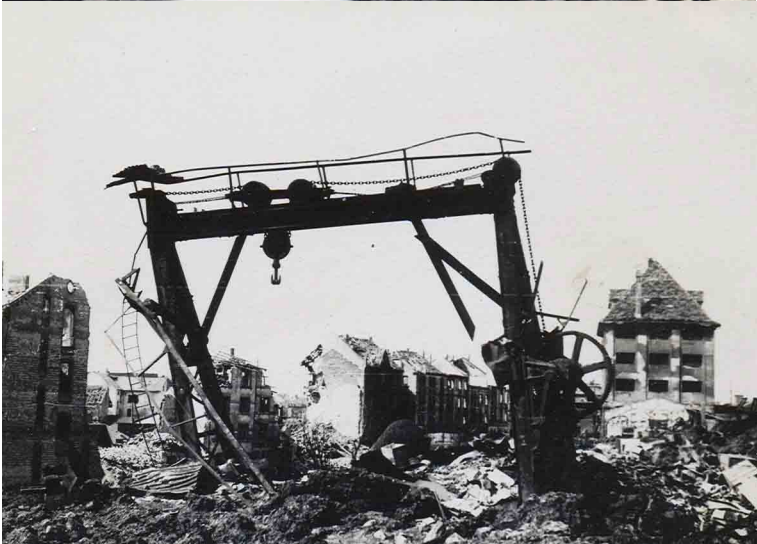
Fulda Rail Yard
Bomb Damage



Bomb Crater



Bomb Dud



Why the
Germans had to
start using horse
drawn wagons

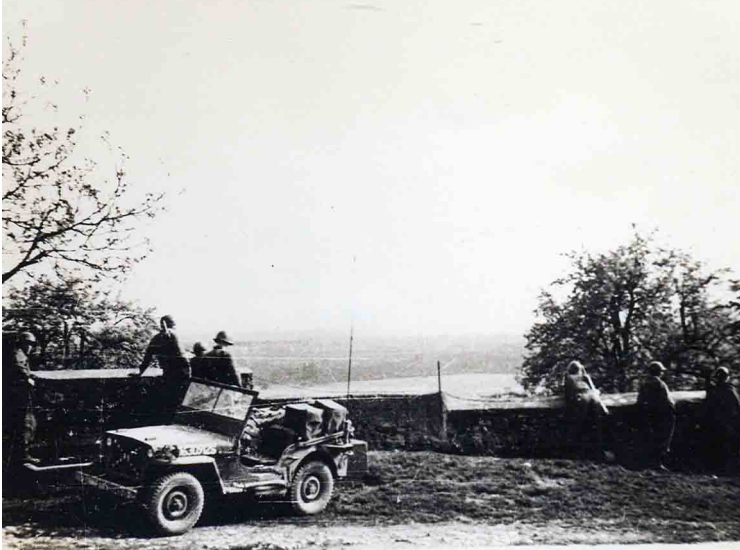
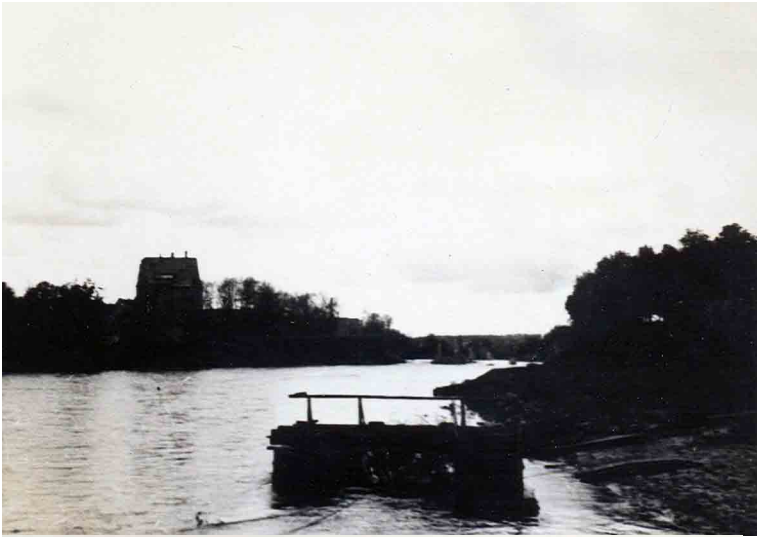


Driving south to
the Danube

A&P Platoon blew up the main bridge over the Danube near Worms after reports of German armor approaching for an assault. Army Engineers built pontoon bridge after Company K, 409th made a rubber boat crossing and secured the bridgehead.



Pontoon bridge
over the Danube



The Danube,
which by the
way IS NOT
BLUE!



81MM Mortar



The Danube pontoon bridge.



Operations along the Danube near ULM, April, 1945.



LT Arthur Flynn,
3d Battalion,
409th Infantry
Platoon Leader



Captured
German tank –
pre-Tiger model



Old German Tank

SOUTH TO AUSTRIA



The Alps come into view



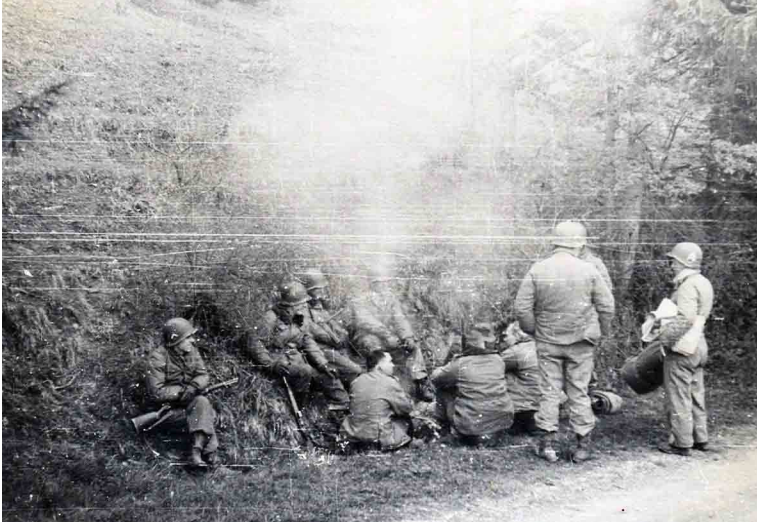
Columns heading to
Austria



Note, on the right and left
of the road, the hay is
stacked to dry and it
looks like enemy troops
at night.



Camouflaged artillery piece.



Lunch break.



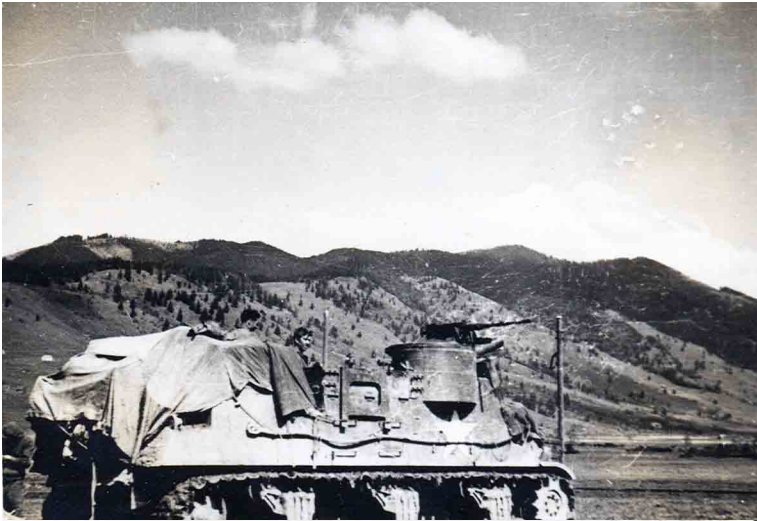
Captured enemy trucks used to save boot leather. Note there are a lot of U.S. stars added for identification as friendly.

Resistance eases.

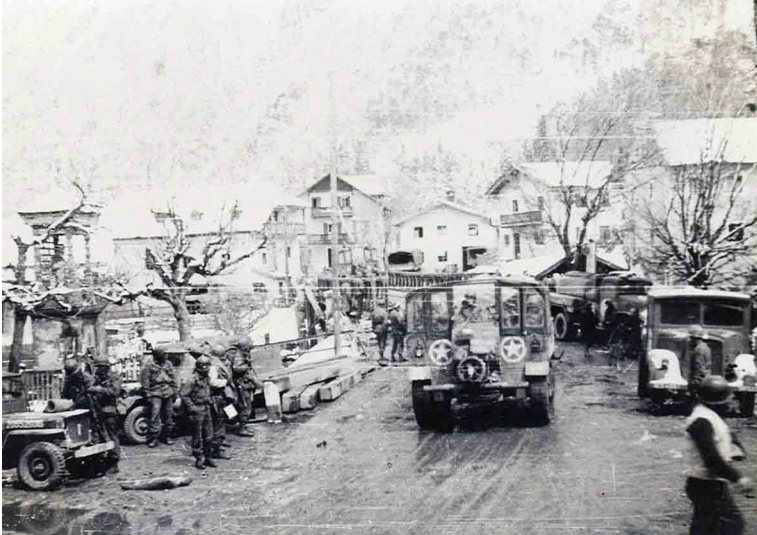


SGT Alkonis is having a "gourmet" C Ration. The rear troops often took all but the bean "C Rations" during transit of the Cs from the rear to the front.

Sand bagged tanks take a rest stop in a mountain village.



Mobile machine gun nest.



Troops regroup in prep for advance.



Silence sniper on the other side of the valley.



Firing the 30 caliber machine gun. Note the old arch bridge ahead.



Moving along into the mountain gap.



Captured German officers. The "brass" gets to ride not walk.



German POWs in April, 1945. Many prisoners surrendered as they realize that the end of the war is near.



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