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T/5 Strope



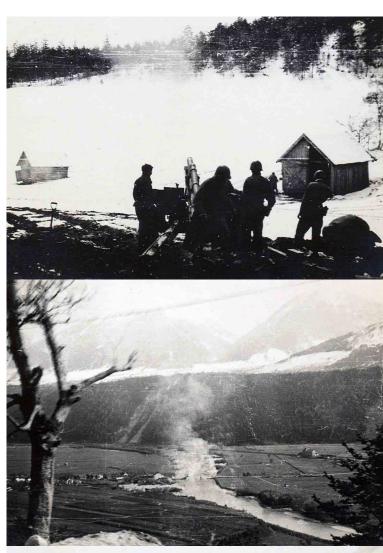
50 caliber "Ma Duece" on tank

Firing on a few hold-outs!





Artillery positions in the snow.



Inn River, Austria.







The end of combat approaches. Finally, the last day of combat!



GI dress up!



Aftermath of bombing raid



Focke Wulf 190

Henkel 111 Bomber

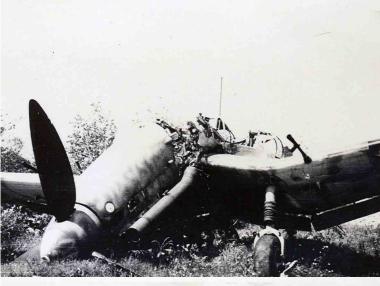
Captured German air strip near Innsbruck. There were numerous aircraft destroyed.



The Messerschmitt Me 262 Schwalbe ("Swallow") was the world's first operational jet-powered fighter aircraft. Design work started before World War II began, but engine problems prevented the aircraft from attaining operational status until mid-1944.



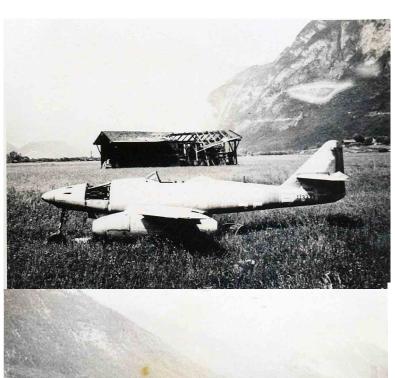
Stuka JU 87 Dive Bomber



More destroyed aircraft. Mostly props but a few jets were found. These were the first jets the 103d had seen.

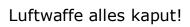


ME 262









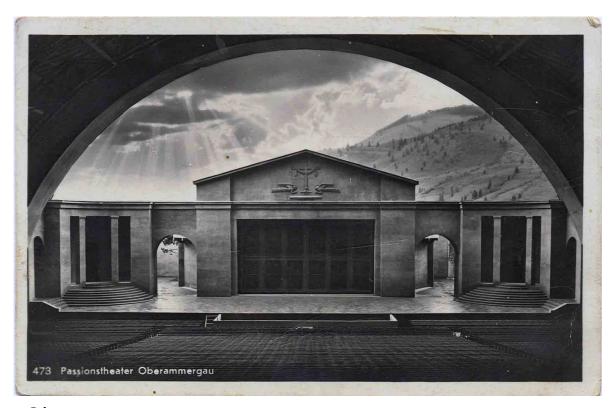


More destroyed German aircraft in Austrian mountain valley.





Dijon



Obergammergau

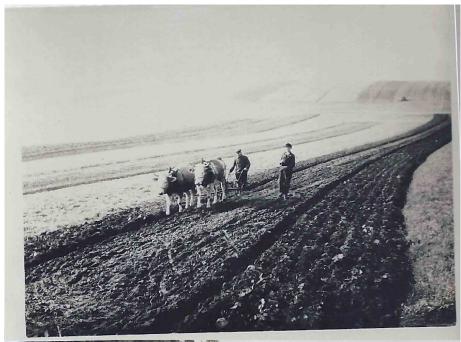
A couple of post cards collected along the way.



Near the end, tanks with 90mm cannons were introduced. Before these, the 409th was using 75mm equipped tanks that had to compete with the German's 88mm mounted on the Tiger tanks.

Clouds below the mountain tops. Notice the church steeple, still intact. We shot off many of these church steeples as they were used by enemy snipers and artillery observers.



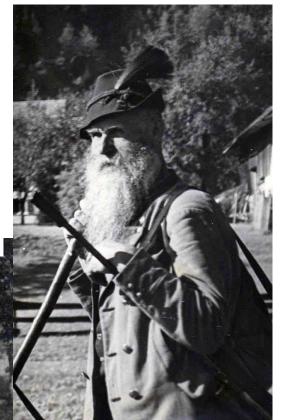




Ox drawn ploughs and wagons.



Hay stacks on sticks or poles to dry. They still look like enemy troops at night.



Austrian
mountain man.
The plume in his
hat is made of
goat whiskers.
There is one
whisker for each
goat he has
shot.

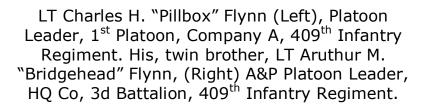


LT John Crossen, HQ Co, 3d

Bn, 409th Infantry. John was

the battalion Motor Officer.

LT Aruthur M. Flynn, A&P Platoon Leader, HQ Co, 3d Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. This photo was taken in Schawaz, Austria where one of the platoon members had set up a photo studio.



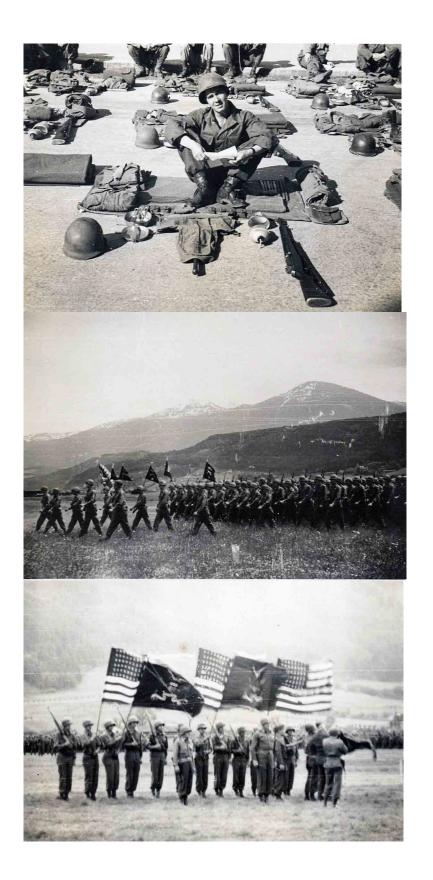
Church on the Inn River, Austria.



Bombed building.

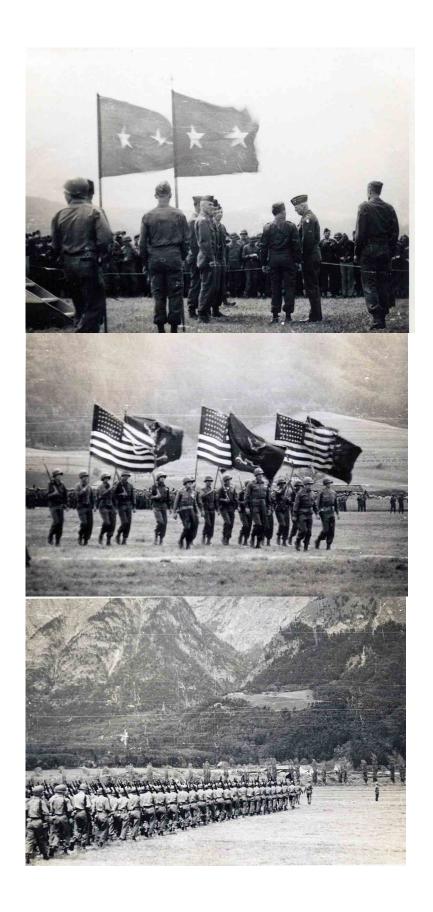


Waiting for full field inspection in Innsbruck in July, 1945 during occupation duties.

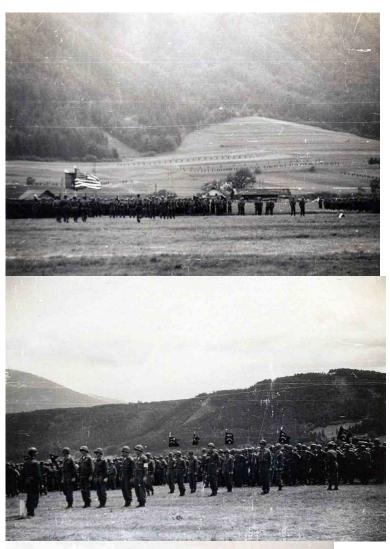


Innsbruck, Austria.

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Bomb damage, Innsbruck, Austria June 1945

Religious procession, Innsbruck, Austria June 1945

Street scene, Innsbruck, Austria June 1945