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FOR PERSONEL OF THE U.S. FORCES

★ VICTORIOUS YANKS ★ PARADING THRU PILSEN

Elements of the victorious 16th Armored Infantry Division which liberated Pilsen yesterday lined up today for an impressive victory parade. The column consisted of 3 Shermans, infantry support provided by half tracks from D company 64th Armored Infantry and 2 troops from B Squadron's 23rd Cavalry and miscellaneous support units.

During the waiting time in the marshalling area the ground troops were welcomed by a Stinson reconnaissance plane making several low passes and waving its wings.

Finally at 1100 the waiting had an end and the column made its move to the town center.

The happy inhabitants of Pilsen turned out en masse to welcome their liberators. They were waving flags and throwing flowers and our hardworn boys obviously enjoyed the frantic welcome. The parade ended on Pilsen town square.

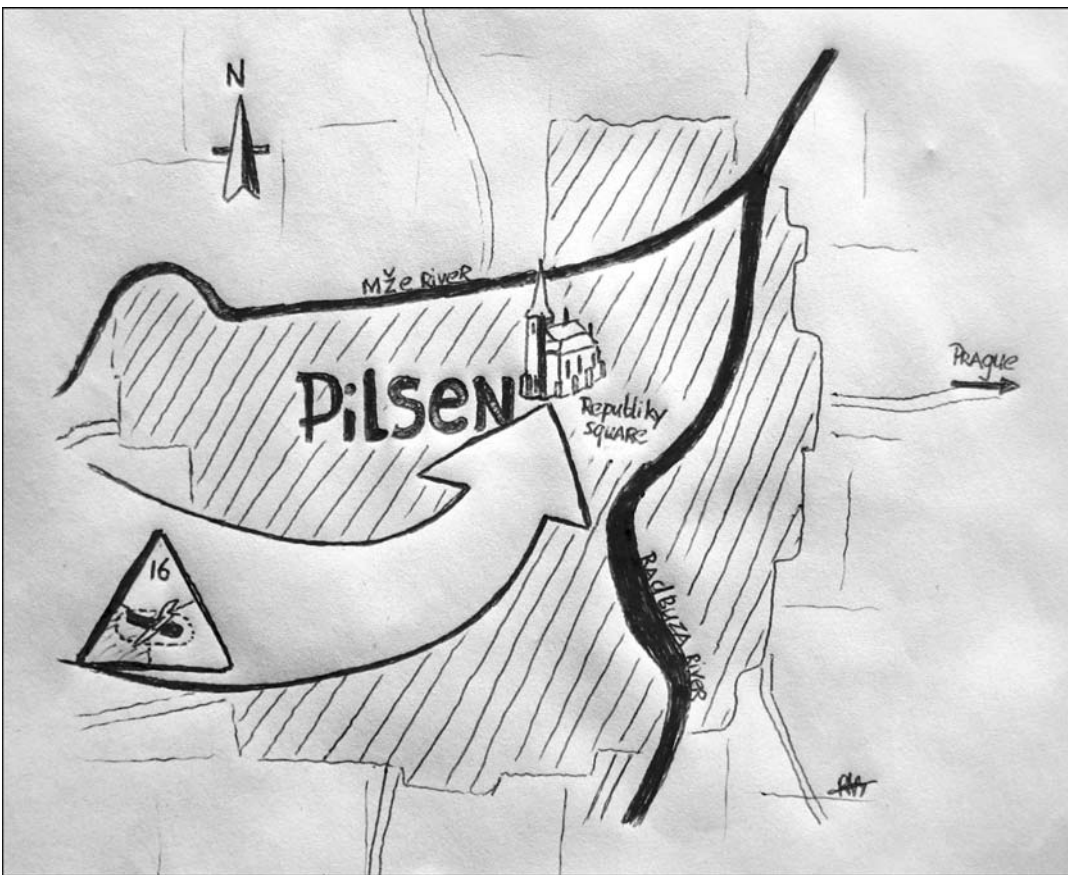
Before the men had fun with coffee, drinks and chocolate cakes, First Sergeant Shady reminded them unmistakably in his equally charming and convincing manner that absolutely no alcohol was to be consumed. Some boys were spotted gladly accepting kisses from happy women passing by. A grand victory celebration was already going on with thousands of spectators rejoicing on the square. At 1300 the troops were moving out again to return to their camp. We certainly have left a big impression which will be remembered for generations to come!



JIPPY-KAY-YAY ! ...
and usually ... the tankers get the girls.



WOW
I won't wash my face for the next five years.



Artist impression of the armored movement into Pilsen.
Cartoon drawn by T5
Photographer Rick van Nooij, 166th SPC.

PLAN OF THE DAY - MONDAY, MAY 3

- 0630 Wake up call
- 0700 Breakfast
- 0800 Leaving for Klatovy
- 1000 - 1100 Staying in Klatovy
- 1100 Klatovy - Susice
- 1530 Arriving in Susice
- 1700 Leaving Susice to camp area (nearby Susice)

Dinner will be served somewhere on the road



HOT OFF THE PRESS TO YOU FROM YOUR SIGNAL CORPS CREW

TO BE CONTINUED...



Sherman reinforcements from France, ready for parade



,Sloppy but Safe' looking for a nice parking spot ...



The first and hopefully the last M8 breakdown: T4 Jez Marren's tank with a cracked cylinder head. The spare part will be delivered by the maintenance department from Holland tomorrow. Cartoon drawn by T5 Photographer Rick van Nooij, 166th SPC.



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SNAIL ATTACK
THE FUEHRER'S LAST SECRET WEAPON
Pvt. Shortwood beeing attacked by Nazi brain sucker snails. The snails eventually died of starvation.



Miss Pilsen, MAY 1945



RELIC OF THE DAY

Lt. Hesselbert received a 37mm shell casing handcrafted into a vase from a thankful liberated Czech. This round destroyed the German gun position at Pamela Hill. The vase has then been passed onto 1st Sergeant Saunders for his galantry shown in the same battle.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

- 1st Lt. Thomas M. Schott
- T5 Roland G. Kaschner
- T5 Andreas R. Esst
- T5 Rick van Nooij
- T5 Peter L. Starkmann

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FOR SALE

CHEAP - MUST SELL - LEAVING FOR THE U.S. TOMORROW
Several Lugers, Nazi daggers, FG 42 rifles
Ask for Sergeant Tinker at the German POW Camp in Pilsen

WAR CORRESPONDENT, Gabi Kaschner

Women's M-43 Jacket, Repro. Size 16
Women's Wool Pants & Shirt, Size 16

T5, Uwe Zankl

M1A1 Thompson Submachine Gun, British deactivation w. papers
German M40 Wool Coat, Size XL