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★ CZECHOSLOVAKIA ABOUT TO BE LIBERATED !



American Troops reach the border of BOROVA LADA. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)



Armored Infantry is preparing for attack. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)

Strazny May 5. Czechoslovakia is about to be liberated! The swift advance of the 4th Armored Division once again led to the liberation of large stretches of former enemy occupied territory. Elements of the 25th Cav. Regiment liberated the towns of Borova-Lada and Kvila.

Both towns were defended by heavily armed German units, among them the toughest enemy the US Army has met so far - German Fallschirmjager Troops. But once again the superiority of men and material paid off and the end result were happy Czechs finally free after almost eight years of Nazi tyranny.

The captured German weapons included amongst others two anti tank guns. Thanks to the quickly available reinforcements supplied by the 8th Tank Battalion the enemy strong points were knocked out effectively. The armored Infantry following the tanks was able to break the last pockets of resistance and round up a large number of German prisoners.



Map of Czechoslovakia. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)



Sherman in quick advance. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)



Tanks entering the village BOROVA LADA. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)

Division S-2 was able to secure valuable information on enemy positions and are analyzing them now.

The border town of Strazny was attacked in the late afternoon. Again the 8th Tank Battalion led the assault with the to be expected punch. A mixed German unit that tried to hold the town was annihilated within minutes after the Shermans opened up on them. "Peace through superior fire power" once again was the motto of the day.

Armored boys took quarters in the former German garrison. The day ended with the usual maintenance activities. Losses in material were compensated by newly arrived troops and vehicles.

With Plisen not far away and Prague within driving distance it will be only a matter of days until Czechoslovakia is a free country again.

Tomorrow's Menu!

- BREAKFAST:** Rolls, Jelly, Butter, Czech Muffins, Coffee and Tea
- LUNCH:** C-Ration Cans
- DINNER:** Cooked Pork, Carrots and Potatoes

Marshal von Kleist captured!

The man who planned the invasion of Poland, Field-Marshal Paul von Kleist, has been captured by the U. S. 3rd Army. Aged 64, he was one of Hitler's foremost panzer commanders until he fell into disfavor. In the campaign in Russia his forces swept across Ukraine and deep into the Caucasus. The principal Soviet oilfields were almost in his grasp when the Soviet counter-offensive turned the tide. When he surrendered yesterday von Kleist was accompanied by his frightened wife, who had 25 pieces of baggage. Von Kleist said he wanted to be spared the embarrassment of being captured "in the presence of common retreating German" -AAP.



Field-Marshal von Kleist

SMART SOLDIERS' DICTIONARY BASICS:

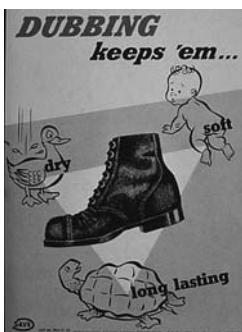
Hello, how are you?	Ahoj, jak se máš ?
Hi, girls!	Ahoj, holky !
Where do you live ?	Kde bydlíš ?
Where is the pub ?	Kde je hospoda ?
It's a nice evening/night, Shall we go for a walk ?	Dnes je krásný večer, nepůjdeme se projít ?
Could you go to have a drink with me, Miss ?	Můžu vás pozvat na něco k pití, slečno ?

IF YOU ARE SITTING ON A BENCH:

You are so beautiful	Jsi moc hezká
Could you give me a kiss ?	Dáš mi pusu ?
There is a hole in your stockings,	Máš díru v punčochách,
Do you want to take them off ?	Nechceš si je sundat ?
It's a hot night, today.	Dnes je teplá noc.
Do you want to take off your jacket/sweater ?	Nechceš si sundat blůzku/svetr ?
It's a cold day, May I warm you up a little ?	Dnes je zima, mohu tě trochu zahřát ?
The weather is cold, Shall we rather go to your flat ?	Je zima, nepůjdeme raději k tobě domů ?
Do you have a boyfriend ?	Máš přítele ?
No	NE
Yes	ano
And where is he now ?	A kde je teď ?

HOW TO USE SOME UNCOMMON CZECH LETTERS

Š..... like "sh" in the word "mashed"
 č like "ch" in the word "match"
 í..... like "ea" in the word "peanut"
 á..... like "a" in the word "are"
 ý..... like "ee" in the word "been"
 ž..... like "Je" in the French word "Je t'aime"
 ý..... like "ee" in the word "been"
 ů..... like "oo" in the word "pool"
 ch..... like "Ju" in the "Don Juan"
 (If you can't use last example - write "ch" to this list)
 ř,ď,ě and ť..... We can't find any example yet.



STRAZNY IN ALLIED HANDS!

Heavy Fighting Around Border Town.

When early yesterday afternoon elements of the 16th Armored Infantry Division reached the outskirts of Strazny, once again, as so many times before during those past few days, they met stubborn resistance by scattered fanatic SS and Wehrmacht troops. After a short preliminary skirmish it soon became clear to higher command levels that heavy armor would be necessary to eliminate the well built German fortifications. As already reported yesterday, unexpectedly swampy terrain caused two M8s to bog down, but the Sherman which was also present and still on hard surface, finally managed to break through and knock the German anti tank positions out. Afterwards, Infantry mopped up the area and took sev-



Infantry attacks German positions. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)

eral prisoners. Once again, the American units were greeted by the inhabitants with cheers and beers. It remains unimaginable that despite repeated American offers to surrender honorably, soldiers of both

sides still have to die, while it should be clear by now that this war will be over within only a few days.



Infantry and tanks attack German positions. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)

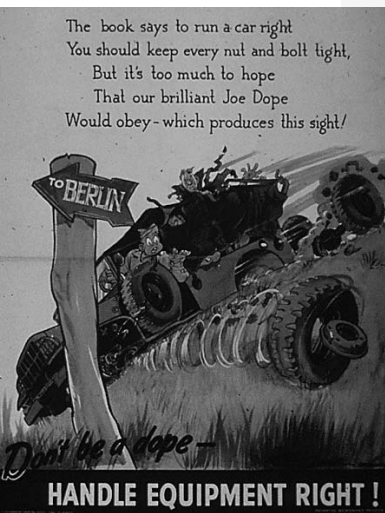


German prisoner. (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)

PAY ATTENTION AND BE CAREFUL!



Drink only approved water



The book says to run a car right
You should keep every nut and bolt tight,
But it's too much to hope
That our brilliant Joe Dope
Would obey - which produces this sight!

HANDLE EQUIPMENT RIGHT!

Americans reach Brenner Pass

Driving across western Austria through snow and ice, U. S. 7th Army forces have pushed into the Brenner Pass. They are within 18 miles of the 5th Army in Italy. Contact is expected soon.

South of the Brenner Pass the 5th and 8th Armies are hustling thousands of Germans into prison cages.

The Americans are meeting stubborn resistance at Innsbruck (Austria) following failure of negotiations for the surrender of the city. Innsbruck was included in that part of Austria which surrendered to Field-Marshal Alexander.

Meanwhile further progress has been made by both Russian and American forces against

the Czech redoubt where eight German armies are enclosed. On the east, Red Army units have captured the frontier town of Teschen, while in the west U. S. 3rd Army forces have made a new crossing of the border south of Wallern.

Other 3rd Army forces, after advancing 5 miles east of Braunau, Hitler's birthplace, and 35 miles south-east and east of Munich, are within 28 miles of Berchtesgaden. They hold a 30-mile stretch of the Inn River, on which Braunau stands. With the capture by Yugoslav forces of Fiume and Pola, the whole of the Istrian Peninsula, at the northern end of the Adriatic, and the coast of Slovenia have been liberated.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TOMORROW



Cartoon drawn by T5 Photographer Rick van Nooij, 166th SPC.

RELIC OF THE DAY

The US Armed Forces campaign against VD seems to finally show positiv results. When T-4 U.Zankl checked out his Halftrack D8 this morning he found an empty condom package in the back of the halftrack. A short while later the well used content of the pack was found on the ground next to M-8 B20! So what had happened...? We can only guess but a possible story could be that the „engagement“ took place in the dry back of D8 and when finished one of



the lovers dropped the condom on his/her way back to B20. Details will follow...



Miss Strazny - MAY 1945 (US Army Signal Corps, Pictorial Service)