

Diary of Loy Robinson during World War II
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1944

Greenoch (?) Scotland

Southampton England

La Harve (?) France

San Quintin France

Comment: Old gentleman with coffee pot. Snow

Lieage Belgium

Comment: Battle of the Bulge

1945

Jan. 27 Abby Frontaine Belgium

Jan. 29 Aachen Germany

Fronhaven Germany

Comment: Rest Period. Rhor River flooded by Germans. Flood gates opened on Dam.

Feb. 24 Neidersien Germany

Comment: Crossed Rhor River on Baily Bridge by 105 Eng. Batt. Saturday afternoon. Stayed in woods Sat. night.

Feb. 25 Steinstrausse Germany

Comment: Big Battle – took town Sunday afternoon.

Feb. 26 Lich Germany

Feb. 27 – 28 Kleinstroisdorf Germany

Mar. 1- 2 Lip Bedburg Germany

Mar. 3 – 4 Rockrath Germany

Mar. 5 Kapellen Germany

Mar. 6 -18 Hevhovin Germany

Comment: Rest Period

Mar. 19 – 23 Stepp Germany

Comment: Could not rest at night at all. 155 Battalion of Heavy Art. Were shelling the Germans constantly. Waiting in heavy forest (woods) just this side of Rhine River. Waiting to cross over Rhine River.

Mar. 24 Spellen Germany

Comment: Small town across the Rhine, on the other side. Crossed Rhine River in Boat.

Mar. 25 Oppensteinfurt or Germany

Oppehuristrath

Mar. 26 Buhmen or Buhnen Germany

Mar. 27 Bresten Germany

Mar. 28 -31 Bestin Germany

Or Bestwinsteinfurt Germany

Comment: Rough tank battle. Odegard won Bronze Star here.

April 1 ^{D?} Streinsteinfurt Germany

Comment: Easter Sunday 1945. Were supposed to spend Easter in a Rest Period. We were suppose to rest a few days here, but we became mobilized (trucks) and went 85 miles in one day on Easter Sunday. Breakthrough.

April 2 Steinhorst Germany

April 3 – 6 Standlhofer Germany

Comment: Liberated Russian slave labor prison camp.

April 7 Hamlin Germany

Comment: This was the city of the Pied Piper – crossed Wesser (?) River here. (Sat.?)

April 8-9 Eldagsen Germany

Comment: Road block here. Stayed at the private lodge of H. Goering.

April 10 Veldelde Germany

April 11 Dinstorf Germany

April 12 – 14 Braunschwig Germany

(Brunswick)

Comment: Big Battle here. I captured machine gun emplacement – 4 men - captured another in fox hole. Still can hear the sound of Bullets going past my helmet. Captured hospital that night – Freed American soldiers.

April 15 Angun Germany

April 16 Gutenswegen Germany

April 17 Ebendorf Germany

April 18 – May 26 Magdenburg Germany

Comment: Elbe River. Last Battle of War. We were 45 miles from Berlin. We were stopped by the High Command and told to wait for the Russians. Several weeks later they showed up on the other side of the Elbe. War ended for us here on May 8-9, 45.

May 27 – June 4

Comment: We moved south (to) a city by the name of Oelsnitz – and stayed here until June 4 – 45. Stayed in a school house. This was a mountainous country not far from the Czeckoslovakia Border – also the city of Plaven and Hof.

June 5 – 29 Possick Germany

Comment: This was even closer to Czeck Border. Stayed in huge country estate – castle like.

June 30 – July 1 Heppenheim Germany

Comment: Near Frankfort.

July 1 – 6 Biblis Germany

July 7 -

Comment: We then took a train for several days and arrived in France at a staging area for troops (we were on our way to England) about 35 miles from Paris. Spent Sunday after Bastille Day in Paris.

August

Comment: We went to Southhampton, England from La Harve, France, and spent some time in a British Army Base – spent several days in London. (Came Home – this comment was scratched out.