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HOHENBURG CASTLE HAS ROMANTIC HISTORY

"Mad" King's Dream Palace Magnet for Sightseers

The GI vacationist, strictly a newcomer among the leisure class of Europe, currently is taking enthusiastic advantage of the attractions afforded by the scenery, fishing, boating and swimming facilities provided on the historic islands of the Chiem See, some 40 miles southeast of Munich. The lake is approximately 8 miles in diameter and strikingly blue from the melted snow water which drains into it.

PALACE OF KING LUDWIG II

In addition to the recreation facilities the historic palace of "Mad" King Ludwig II of Bavaria, provides interest for thousands of visitors every year. Taking advantage of a very appropriate "Rest Center", we have approximately 40 men going to the Chiem See every week end, not only for relaxation and a rest, but for an interesting and educational tour given four times daily.

The palace was started in 1878, construction proceeded steadily until 1886, when Ludwig was drowned. (One story says financial reverses led him to drown himself). At the time of his death, he had lived in his palatial residence, surrounded by his hundreds of retainers, only 23 days.

The Chiem See Islands are called Herreninsel (Men's Island) and Fraueninsel (Ladies' Island), but there is nothing in history to indicate that non-fraternization ever occurred to King Ludwig.

Approximately a third of Herreninsel is composed of secluded woodland glades, speckled with colorful wild flowers. In the middle of this island is the romantic castle built by Ludwig. It is surrounded by beautiful gardens and parks. The palace was intended to be a copy of the palace at Versailles, near Paris, but it is on a smaller scale and never was entirely completed. Nevertheless, it boasts a large fountain-studded park copied from the gardens at Versailles.

A REAL TREASURE

King Ludwig greatly admired the palace at Versailles, and in attempting to duplicate that famous edifice, he spent some 30,000,000 dollars on his island residence in the shadow of the Bavarian Alps. Only 14 of the projected 46 rooms of the palace ever were completed, because of lack of funds. The project had virtually bankrupt Ludwig's kingdom.

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"Hello and Goodbye!"

The "Tiger Rag" welcomes three new officers: Capt. H. Townsend Hader, Ass't S-4; 1st Lt. Raymond T. Chapin, Jr. S-1; 1st Lt. Morton Eison, Rec Officer. They have all been "Tigers" before, coming to us from the 825th TD Bn.

Lt. Blackledge left us for the 503d MP Bn. This MP business really gets under ones' skin. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him the best.

Lt. Sheehy has joined the 825th TD Bn. We will never forget his good sense of humor and fellowship. Goodbye to the Irish politician and a good fellow. It is rumored that he intends to revive Tammany.

Lt. "Gus" Stevens, our former S-1, is now a Captain. Congratulations Capt. Stevens. He is now with the 7th TD Gp.

Battalion French-German Classes Attract Many

The enrollment for language classes is most gratifying. 1st session of German classes under Dr. Elise Beyer attracted 32 students. Classes are held Mon.-Wed.-Fri. in the Mess Hall, from 1900 to 2030.

The Battalion French school will start "A NOUVEAU" on Monday at 1600--T/Sgt. D. Hoey--French speaking operations Sergeant, will guarantee to change Non Compris to Compris. Classes meet on Monday through Friday from 1600--1700.

Pallante to Visit Italy

Pfc. Carmine Pallante, Hq. Co. is the first man in the Battalion to receive a furlough to visit his parents in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He hasn't seen his folks for 15 years, and a plane trip should speed his reunion with his family. Good Luck, Pallante.

Other men to leave on furlough include:
TO U.S./RIVIERA RECREATIONAL AREA

Tec 5 Leonard Hanson	Hq Co
Pfc Anthony Rutkowski	Rcn Co
Pfc Graham Ryan	Rcn Co

TO PARIS, FRANCE

S/Sgt Gerald Dillon	Rcn Co
Tec 5 John McKey	Rcn Co
Pvt Leo Waskowiak	Rcn Co

Battalion Guards Millions in Valuable Art Treasures

The original Hohenburg Castle was built in 1554 by the Von Nassau Family a short distance from the site of the present structure, which was built in 1850 by the Prince Regent Adolph Von Nassau of Austria, an elaborate hunting lodge. Many fine trophies decorating the walls bear witness of his skill as a huntsman.

Prince Wilhelm, (the son of Adolph Von Nassau, became heir to the property in 1905. He married Her Majesty Princess Martha



L. to R.—Maj. Melton, Lt. Col. Cadenhead, Prince Felix and Maj. Crigler

Anna of Portugal and used the castle occasionally as a summer lodge. Their Majesties had 6 children, all girls. The oldest, Marie Adelheid succeeded to the throne on the death of her father, Wilhelm, in 1912.

Due to internal conflict after World War I, Marie Adelheid willed over the entire estate to her sister Charlotte, present Duchess of Luxembourg, and retired to a convent in Italy, remaining there for 3 years and returning to Hohenburg in 1923 where she died. It is interesting to note, her body is now in a hermetically sealed coffin in the lower cellar of the castle. Each day fresh flowers are placed within the crypt. Her body will eventually be removed to the Royal Family Vault in the cathedral of Luxembourg.

The castle now houses objets d'arts from the Pinakothek Museum of Munich, valued at millions of dollars, which were brought there for safe keeping during the war.

Prince Felix and Her Majesty, Charlotte, intend to remove all their interests to Luxembourg and sell Hohenburg Castle.

The picture was taken on the occasion Prince Felix thanked Colonel Cadenhead and Majors Melton and Crigler for exceptional performance of the guard of his property.

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We haven't all the comforts and facilities of a fully developed Library but we hope to, soon. In case you haven't heard, the Library is located on the second floor of the Recreation Hall and PX Building. Drop up and have a look around.

"Scoop the Poop"

with Jonnie (nmi) Joseph

If a meeting between Senator Johnson (Democrat-Colorado) and Pvt. Flaherty Pennsylvania) could be arranged and held in some local tap room, the release of five million G.I.'s would soon be a reality; that is, if Pvt. Flaherty could be distracted from the bottle long enough. Pvt. Flaherty is politically bellicose; none the less, he speaks with adult judgment.

A certain big sergeant in the 1st Platoon who was interested in a certain small fraulein in Bad Tolz, who was not interested in the curfew as established by the Military Government. Penalty: Said fraulein disciplined by being made to sweep the main streets of Bad Tolz for one (1) week.

Pvt. Moe Huncher says "Two world wars in the last 25 years and I have to be drafted for the longer one".

There was unmistakable evidence of infantile weakness under a certain sergeant's (3rd Platoon) cot. The Sergeant claims it was champagne. And he's supposed to be a grown man.

Pfc. "Cicero" Clements, acting Corporal during Acting Corporal May's absence, was giving lessons in "How to become a noncom in ten easy 'licks'".

Pfc. May and Tec 5 Gump returned from Paris. I've been told that Gump swapped the Eiffel Tower and two chocolate bars for one bottle of cognac.

Always a good drinking party: Pvt. Flaherty, Tec 5 Perrotto, Tec 4 Quaglia and Sgt. Schultz.

That was good chow we had last Sunday. Thanks to Pfc. Bucki, Tec 5 Miller, Tec 4 Miller and Tec 4 Stone. The chow has been darn good since we came to Alpine Outpost. Don't you think it would be a good idea to express your appreciation every once in a while to the members of the kitchen staff.

So long as the dogs are going to enjoy the luxury of the officers' mess, they should be made to use the officers' latrine! Our hallway looks like a relief map every morning. If it were chicken — none of us would be surprised.

Tec 5 Keal, Cpl. Kjeldgaard, and Sgt. Gilbert recently returned from the Riviera. They all agree that the Commando Course at Hood wasn't much tougher.

Doggy Szelenzek has two tables to wait on at present; at one is seated those with the bees; at the other, those with the collars.

Cpl. Randolph has been busted again! Patton continues to be General. Doesn't Ziggy Kolacki possess a swell nature? Nice smile too.

Swell spirit manifested at the interplatoon softball games. It's a healthy morale you see when G.I.'s are playing at things they enjoy.

General Patton's horse was reprimanded for standing slack during retreat.

A Year Ago Today

11 Aug 44, the Battalion was busily preparing for expected movement across the English Channel. 16 Aug 44, Colonel Nathan, Major Crigler and advance party in charge, left several hours before the Destroyer Companies and Reconnaissance Platoons for Harlech Firing Range in Wales, for purpose of zeroing those 8-in. guns.

"Doc" Quack Says

Well Fellows, here 'tis again. Admissions to the 104th Evac since the last edition of the "RAG" were T/4's Clarence Koch, Alvin Nelson, Cpl. William Bray, T/5's Myrvin Spradling, PFC's Emerson Moore and Francis Voelker. DISCHARGES were T/5's George Meteff, Myrvin Spradling and PFC Ford Uplinger.

CORRECTION: The grade of James Voelker is Pvt. and not PFC as stated in the last edition of the "RAG".

Now that the Battalion is together again, the Medical Detachment has a training schedule. If you see the Medico's out carrying litters, and such like, don't think there has been a calamity, it is just the boys going through their paces, again.

Horse-back riding is good exercise as well as recreation. The horses in the stables at our Kaserne, while not "Broncos" do afford a good ride for those who care for this type of recreation. Your correspondent has noticed that the Six-Tray-Ace boys keep these horses busy, and the horses are like human beings, they do get tired. If the horse you choose to ride does not gallop for the full hour you are permitted to ride, don't beat the animal. He has a heart, sometimes more human than the rider.

Par 4, d, Cir. Ltr. 56, Hq ETOUSA, Office of the Chief Surgeon, APO 887, dated 27 June, 1945, states, "in every case of Gonorrhea, follow-up studies should include weekly physical inspections and microscopic examinations of urinary discharge or urinary sediment, if feasible, for at least three weeks after penicillin therapy. In compliance with above, ALL Venereal Disease cases treated by the Battalion Surgeon will include the three week follow-up period and all personnel being treated will be required to remain in the Battalion area until the three week follow-up period has been completed. All personnel taking VD Treatment will be informed that three week follow-up period is not punishment, but is necessary for proper treatment and prevention of spreading disease.

How many of you fellows are playing the part of the CORPORAL in the movie "PICK UP". Lets think twice, fellas.

That's all for now, will see you next week. DOC QUACK.

Extracts of Capt. Wrigt's Letter To Lt. Penoyer

How is everything going over there with you fellows. I have been thinking about you quite a bit.

I arrived home last Friday evening. The plane ride was quite a trip — 22 hours from Paris to Washington, D.C.

I am now on a thirty day temporary recuperation duty status, which means it doesn't count against my leave time. They aren't discharging any officers over here and don't let them tell you they are. I am to report to the officer's replacement pool, North Camp Hood on the 22 August. What happens then I don't know. But I have a feeling that I am just about going to beat you to the Japs. They are sending them out of there every day. Those 99 points don't mean a thing.

Well, Penny, I must be closing. Write soon and take care of yourself. Good Luck. Lyle.

"League Patter"

The ETO and CBI platoon softball league started off with a big bang Monday 6th August 45 with some real "hot games played". The company volleyballers also started and muscles that have not seen action for along time finally had their day. The new cry is "Fink", bring on the linement! Standings and scores of games played the past week will be printed in the next edition of the "Rag". Willie (Frank Sinatra) Main led his Hqs. Co. Volleyballers into their first victory of the season against their hated rivals Recon Co. In the best out of five games played, Hqs came out on top with all games being well played.

The Company Softball League got off to a good start Monday evening with Baker Company playing against Able Company. After 7 innings of ball, Baker Company emerged the victor by a score of 1-2. The boys from Baker Company had their batting eyes sharpened as they pummelled the offerings of two Able Co. pitchers for 11 safeties, plus good pitching by Harry (Hank) Maslowski, who gave up three hits to the losers.

In a second game of the Company Softball League played Tuesday night the Recon Co. aggregation romped off with a lopsided score of 18 to 4 against Company "C". Pero pitched for the winners and was in no trouble during the entire game. Two homeruns by E. P. Smith of Recon Co. featured the game's highlights. One of his clouts landed in the streets running past the Engineers. Box scores of games below:

RECON Co.

NAME	Pos	A.B.	R	H
Sadowski	SS	5	3	4
Smith E.P.	1B	5	2	3
Pietrantonio	SF	5	2	2
James	3B	4	1	2
Schoppert	2B	5	3	4
Mallory	RF	5	2	2
Warger	CF	5	2	3
Wroblewski	LF	3	1	1
Scopelleti	C	3	2	2
Pero	P	3	0	1
Total		43	18	24

Co. "C"

NAME	Pos	A.B.	R	H
Musca	LF	4	1	2
Marshall	P	4	0	1
Wolansky	3B	3	1	2
Zellers	1B	3	1	1
Sowinski	C	3	0	1
Mitchell	2B	2	0	1
Ducar	CF	3	0	1
Janiszewski	SS	3	1	1
Schlansky	SF	3	0	0
Moble	RF	3	0	0
Total		31	4	10

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Recon Co.	10	3	1	2	1	1	0			18	24	2
"C" Co.	0	0	4	0	0	0	0			4	10	4

Co. "B"

NAME	Pos	A.B.	R	H
Desch	SF	4	2	2
Dullard	SS	4	2	3
Ney	3B	4	0	1
Maslowski	P	1	1	0
Donahue	2B	4	1	2
Barry	1B	3	1	0
Dickey	C	3	2	2
Seals	CF	4	0	0
Corlett	LF	3	1	1
Zimmerman	RF	3	0	1
Total		33	10	12

Co. "A"

NAME	Pos	A.B.	R	H
Bilszyczk	3B	3	0	0
Linde	SS	1	0	0
Hoover	P	3	0	1
Gump	2B	2	1	0
Marsh	1B	3	0	1
Cittadino	CF	2	1	0
Kallas	SF	2	1	1
Branville	C	1	0	0
Kuhn	LF	2	0	0
Spencer	RF	2	0	0
Total		21	3	3

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Co. "B"	7	0	1	2	0	0	0			10	12	1
Co. "A"	0	0	0	0	2	0	1			3	3	0

"On the Ball"

by Mike

Entries from our Battalion are a little slow coming in for the 1st boxing show to be held by Camp Alpine Outpost at the Camp Theatre on Aug. ——. The only entrant comes from Charley Company, in the name of Quinn, who will fight in the 126 lb. class. "Soko" Quinn in my estimation will more than hold his own at his weight and predictions are that a new Camp Alpine "champ" is in the making. — How's about a little enthusiasm in the "art of fisticuffs" by the rest of you TD?

The 3rd Army Meet was held at Sports Stadium, Nurnberg, August 1, 2, under ideal weather conditions. — Cream of Army Corps, Divisions and Special Troops participating — Our boys entered but did not place in any of the events at the finals — competition seemed to be too tough and not enough training. — Dexter and Tedeskie (the horseshoe twins) lost out in the finals by an avalanche of ringers (horseshoes). Charles (Bogalusa) Shetler, from HQ. Co., got off to a slow start in the 400 meter dash and although making a grand comeback towards the finish, failed to place. Shetler also ran on the 3rd Army 1600 meter relay team which failed to place, — (Atlas) Shelakes, from Co. "C" was the only TD who placed for the finals (in the javelin), but due to a wrenched arm, had to drop out and could not compete. All in all, the boys tried hard and our hats are off to them.

Around the Companies

All of Hqs. Platoon, Co "B", would like to know what kind of food or which kind of vitamins are needed to make a good ball player — you might ask Tony Kozakiewicz who beat out a swell bunt or Slugger Shoemaker who knocked a beautiful home run clear out of the dimond in Tuesday's ballgame. Nice going fella's.

You all must have heard about Joe Muck, while in France last winter was conversing with a nice madameselle and making plans for meeting her later that evening. Not having acquired too much of the French lingo at the time, he was a little surprised when she said she would see him at "Ceaser ah Me" (1830) very indignant, he said "To Hell with Ceaser, just you.

Flash!! Billy Zdeb really goes for the song "That's what I like about the South" wonder if he's thinking about the southern part of Germany, such as a town by the name of Rottach? Could be!!

Willie Sorg and "Catfish" Kaminski spent the entire weekend at Chiem See fishing, but please don't ask them what they caught!!

"Hezzy" Steinert was at Chiem See, but he didn't go there to fish. He and "Bloody Ben" Lear were both trying to steal "Racehorse's" girl, but with Racehorse up on his German like he is, they didn't have a chance. He was just as generous as he could be with both the chow and his girl — so no one should have any complaints — if you do, take them to Lt. Bushway.

Battalion to Give Show

Lt. Gilchrist of Recon Co. has started arrangements for a stage show to be presented by members of this battalion within 8 weeks.

Everything to make up the show including skits, acts, scenery, music, etc., will be originated from the talent within this organization.

Those of you who are singers, actors, comedians or are musically inclined are requested to submit your names and qualifications to the S-3 work room by August 16th. We are also in need of back stage workers, such as directors, scenairo and skit writers, carpenters, painters, costumers, etc.

We are sure we do not lack the talent for such an effort and a lot of fun can be had in producing this show. Who knows, maybe Goldwyn or Rose will pick us up for a tour of the states.

"Let's Be Alert"

Annie came up to a soldier last Sunday and said "Your clothes are not right". Annie is just a German girl, but even "they" notice things. Lets be on the ball fellas and show them that we know how to wear our uniform.

Cpl. Adams is still receiving baby food from home; ten cans so far. Just what does he have in Lenggries!

I was told that OD Swisher had "a way" with women; after seeing him in action, I'm inclined to agree — Oh, Frankie!

Sgt. McGettrick is just crazy about the new beer we have been getting at the PX. After a couple of glasses, he goes wild — ask the fellows in Room 89 if you don't believe me.

CHAPLAINS CORNER**Dedication Service.**

Sunday, 12 August 1945 has been set for the Dedication of our new Chapel on the Third Floor of the Bn. Hqs. Building. The Service will be held at 0900 and it is hoped that many men will gather to give thanks to God for a decent and reverent place to worship Him.

It was indeed gratifying to hold our Services last Sunday in our own Chapel and much praise is due the men responsible for the workmanship and design woven into this beautiful Chapel. I know it was a lot of hard work and that many hours were expended in the effort of creating a place for worship. I wish I could let you know how proud I am of our own Chapel and what a lift it gives me personally to greet you from the Altar. You have done a splendid job and like all good workmen you may be very content with the results of your task.

If any of you have suggestions to make in connection with Religious Activities please feel free to offer them. Remember always that the Services are conducted for you and really belong to you and if you will think along those lines perhaps you will be able to render valuable suggestions.

Chaplain Kinder, Hq., Third Army, will conduct Mid-week Catholic Services in the Chapel, Fridays at 1700 hours. Sunday Mass will continue to be celebrated in the Church at Lenggries at 1100 hours.

CHAPLAIN MCNEIL.

Tours Cont'd

The interior of Ludwig's palace is lavishly decorated with tapestries and murals, statues and bas reliefs, inlaid wood carvings, that required the work of hundreds of artists over a period of years. Gold and gilt is everywhere. The brocade work on the 250-pound drapes and other cloth decorations required some 3,000 women six years to complete.

The palace also houses the largest porcelain chandelier in the world, the design for which was destroyed after the chandelier was completed, to prevent duplication. The castle's Hall of Mirrors, with its 23,000 candleholders is a smaller edition of the Versailles masterpiece.

MODERNISTIC

The palace dining room has a disappearing banquet table, which rises from the floor below the great hall in which the reception was held. Then, at the proper moment, sections of the floor rolled back and the completely set banquet table ascended into the room in which the Mad King was entertaining his guests.

In the King's bedroom is a truly king-size golden bed, topped with golden canopy. This room contains one entrance to the palace's only secret passage-way. The story is that an elaborate night-light in a violet crystal globe was never permitted to burn out, so that the King could use the passage at anytime of the day or night.

Among the many interesting clocks in the palace is one which shows the second, minute, hour, day and month, as well as the position at the moment of each planet in the solar system.

Around the Companies

Tec 5 Benton Ingram was admitted to the 104th Evac Hosp due to an accident at the trash dump — a shell exploded in the burning trash and pierced his shoulder — nothing serious, we hope.

And does anyone know how S/Sgt. Carroll received his new nickname "Bed Check Charlie"?

Remember T/Sgt. Littlehales who received a Warrant and was transferred to Third Army Hq.? Did you notice the "Spit and Polish" appearance MR. Littlehales had when he returned for a visit last week? Yes, he looked different too — not just because he had on bars and a Third Army patch, but his "Tarzan" figure has changed considerably. His face is puffed, his stomach protrudes a wee bit, and he's as healthy-looking as Johnnie George — Must be the chow they dish out, eh?

I understand that Tec 4 Purvis is looking for a good electrician to work on radios — may I offer a suggestion? — "Measles" Ducar has had a great deal of experience in that line and should be a great asset to the Communication Platoon. Anyone who plugs a 100 volt radio into a 220 socket is really good. Capt. Thompson can highly recommend him — he fixed the fuses as often as Ducar blew them.

Have you heard of the "Martins and the McCoys" of the Battalion? Yup, we've got T/Sgt. Dan Hoey and T/Sgt. Stephen going at it — and all they use is their .45's. Dan got a "Maggy Drawers" on his first shot, and Steve has been eating carrots to get his left eye in shape. It seems that Steve injured his right eye while on pass the other day.

We've been drawing "B" rations lately, and it seems that the vegetables have been mighty scarce recently. Could S/Sgt. Brooks be the guilty one? — Onions are scarce and we know how much he craves that pungent taste and odor.

Anyone interested in playing darts, please contact the CQ at Hq. Company. "Frog" Warrick claims to be the Champ and is ready to take on all comers.

FLASH! The latest rumor says that the War Department is endeavoring to give overseas pay to anyone stationed in DANBURY, CONNECTICUT. (Pop. 22,339).

Lt. Sanders, CO 3rd Rcn.Pl., will receive the Bronze Star and another battle star from his old organization. The additional battle star makes a grand total of five.

Our deepest sympathies go to Fogelman who was left sitting on a bench down near

the river waiting for a fraulein to come, who never showed up. Perhaps he should ask someone like Kissinger, Previte, or Buntin on just what to do.

If anyone saw two bedraggled wet creatures walking in from pass one night last week; they happened to be Sgts. Hershey and Miller. It seems they over-extended their evening promenade and were caught in the rainstorm while out in the woods.

Then there are two boys from the second platoon, namely, Senor and Sullivan, who either are interested in what is happening in Hqs. Co. bulletin board, or they are just plain lonesome for the familiar "poop" Lt. Hecht used to put out for "C" Company!



WHAT/WHAT IS CHOCOLATE

"Tis rumored that Sgt. Motley wants to go to the agricultural school in England in order to learn how to grow cucumbers on the stalk. Somebody also said that he got the slight nump in his back from bending over and looking under bar room doors.

Seen around the company: — Mitchell and Crouse doing the usual "elbow bending" at the PX with the free beer. T/Sgt. Potteiger still "pinning" away due to the fact that his "steady" is still stepping out on him — Sgt. Toll looking rather on the sick side because of the "new" critical score.

In all seriousness, Sgt. Finely wants to submit the following advertisement. Wanted: One German Fraulein, neither old, fat, or homely. It seems that he has been running in pretty bad luck lately. Anyone who can help him out of such a predicament please contact him at once. Maybe one of your girlfriends has a sister, fellows!

On the northern part of Herreninsel are monasteries, the home of the bishops of the Chiem See. There, also, is the castle hostelry, which provides a view of the lake and the surrounding Alps.

On Fraueninsel are lovely old fishing houses, the monastery of the Benedictine monks, the old cathedral with its open steeple, a collection of the works of the Chiem See painters, of which there have been thousands, and the Hotel zur Linde. These tours are still in progress, Fellows, and it isn't too late yet to take advantage of it.