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7 May "Detachment I 12 B 3 – you Major Dunbaugh, Captain Cope, Lieutenant Lanning, and 5 enlisted men will [sic/] t [/sic] proceed to Hersbruck, east of Nuremburg where you will take over military government of the Kreis." 12th Army groups at Wiesbaden was too intent on radio bulletins announcing the final surrender of the Germans to give more detailed instructions. We did a little celebrating ourselves.

8 May Today we saw the worst destruction yet. What I saw in World War I and even at last summer

St Lo in Normandy ^ cannot compare with the wreckage of Frankfurt and Wurzburg. Am told the latter was 80% destroyed over one flaming day in March. ~~A city that is listed as 80% destroyed is nothing but a ghostly wreck.~~ This evening we reached Erlangen where we reported first to 3rd Army Rear, then to Major Adair of Military Government. He has been handling Hersbruck in addition to Erlangen awaiting my arrival. Major Adair is young, tall, pleasant, capable. When Herbruck was mentioned his German male secretary frowned. "You will find the people in that region a little difficult," he told us "Yes," smiled Major Adair, "you're bound for one of the Nazi strongholds. Some of them don't realize yet that Nazism is Kaput. We've already had to throw out one Landrat." (The Landrat is the head of the Kreis government ~~of the Kreis~~ "The area is awash

with Poles, Czechs, Russians, and other DPs whom
our troops have released from the camps where
had been
the Germans ^ working them like slaves digging
out tunnels for underground factories.
Naturally these birds are raining Hell with
the Germans. You can't blame them, but it
makes for trouble. And don't go out after
dark. One jeep load of U. S. soldiers was
ambushed and shot the other night over
near Amberg."

[circled] our public safety officer [circled]
9. May I Sent Lt. Lanning ^ and two
E. M. ahead to locate temporary billets,
the rest of the
Capt Cope + I following with ~~others~~
Detachment.

When we saw the sign "Hersbruck Kreis," Capt Cope
signaled across the jeeps at me.

"Sir, we are entering your domain,"
He rolled off the words with dramatic
effect as though he were Cardinal Wolsey
addressing Henry VIII.

Hersbruck Kreis I a country of hills
and valleys with dozens of tiny villages, each
dominated by its Church spire. ~~All the houses have
red thatched roofs.~~ Riding along you can always
distance, nestling in the
see two or three villages off in the ^ folds of the hills.

Franconian villages
These ^ look just as they did in the backgrounds
of medieval and early renaissance paintings –
the background figures are rough
the only difference is that ^ U.S. soldiers carrying
automatic machine guns + riding in jeeps ~~make~~
plumed panoplied
the foreground instead of ^ knights on ^ chargers.

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Burgements reports 55,000 RMs spent
on reconstruction of parish towns

Besides U. S. soldiers, the roads are clogged with wagons, bicycles, ox drawn carts, men wearing leather shorts, suspenders and green hats; women wearing bright red shirts, white blouse and peach bodices. Everywhere are children, ducks, geese and cows. All fat. After seeing nothing but the spindly children and black garbed old women of ruined Normandy and then the complete desolation of the large cities of Germany, this little section has ~~all~~ the [word strikethrough] appearances ^ of a principality of Graustark, untouched by war. I almost expect to hear Jeanette McDonald singing "Beyond the Blue Horizon."

Our jeeps rolled under the West Gate Tower into the old section of the city of Hersbruck, rattling across the cobble stone Market Place to the moated castle. Now the office of the and a German Landrat. Here we met Lt. Lanning ^ who said the Landrat was waiting inside for Charlottesville me. Harking back to my ^ School of Military government. Charlottesville, instructions I said No. We would choose our headquarters. Then I would call the Landrat up to see me. Lt. Lanning had already located a perfect headquarters, new a rather pretentious ^ building on the Michelsburg Hill with an impressive terrace looking out over the roofs of the old city. The Nazis used it as a Hitler Youth school. Frau Schmidt, the real owner, ~~and another old woman~~ scurried about arranging our effects, stopping to bow + grimace every time one of us passed. Pfc. Gutbrod, whose German

is as good as his English and who used to be in the restaurant business, took charge of the kitchen. Frau Schmidt + another old drony waited on table. Capt Cope discouraged a cache of wine. Our first dinner was a grand success.

Dr. Matt,

10 May The Landrat, ^ arrived this morning as ordered. He is a small, oily man with big ears. He looks just like a rat. "Maybe that's why they chose him." Lt. Lanning suggested. He acted scared to death, explaining that he had just been put in by Maj. Adair, that his father had been thrown in a concentration camp by the Nazis, that he himself was attorney in a civil case against Hitler

He shrugged his shoulders and smiled in 1932. "Naturally I lost the case." ^ "Hitler was already powerful. He and his gang ran up of several thousand marks a bill ^ at a Nuremberg hotel, then refused to pay, but the Nazi judge dismissed the case. From then on I had trouble finding clients. Finally in 1939 I gave up, joined the party and was given a small administrative post here in Hersbruck.

After telling Dr. Matt that, for the time anyways, being he would stay on as Landrat. I barked [cricled]Capt Cope, Lt Lanning and^[cricled] out a list of 30 or 40 orders, each with a date on which it was to be completed.

"Bulletin Boards are to be built in each of the 39 Germanide Proclamations and Ordinants of military government are to be posted on them by 15 May. All officials will fill out fragebogens

(questionnaires) and present themselves for interview with C.I.C. Your report that their screening has been accomplished will reach this headquarters not later than 18 May on each Germanide – normal population, number of bombed out refugees from other parts of Germany, number of ~~D.P.s~~ (“displaced persons”) ~~foreigners brought into Germany by Nazis~~ number of former German soldiers”

And so it went for three quarters of an hour. The perspiration ran down the Landrat’s
 down our
 puzzled face as he took ~~^ my dictation~~
 peremptory dictation. He had come to pay a formal call of respect and he ran into these machine gun orders hitting him like enfilade fire from three grim, scowling American officers.

Finally I snapped out my last order
 “By 0900 – 15 May you will give me a complete list of all Wehrmacht horses distributed throughout Hersbruck Kreis.”
 “Ja voll. Ja voll.”

The Landrat glanced shyly at the interpreter then whispered ~~something~~ hesitantly. The interpreter turned to me.

“The Landrat says that is one report he can give you at once, sir. There is [sic circled] ^ just [sic circled] Wehrmacht horse in Hersbruck Kreis.”

remark conquerors to conquest
 buchar that ^ spoiled our ~~torture room~~ scene. Jovial
 Capt Cope chuckled openly, ~~glad of an excuse to drop the surveillance role of Inquisitor~~. Lt. Lanning moved + I guess I ~~did too~~ the corners of my mouth twitched. The Landrat looked visibly relieved.

No sooner had the Landrat left than Capt Cope knocked and entered my office again. This time his face was grave, "The burgermeister of a town called Hartenstein has sent in a runner. 800 Poles in a camp near there are rioting. The camp adjoins a powder factory."

"I am devil goshed, where the hell is Hartenstein?" I asked my German interpreter.

"Here it, sir." he showed me on the map.

"Near Velden."

"What about the powder plant? What kind of powder do they manufacture?"

"That is aluminum powder, sir, for painting airplanes, I guess. But I think it is most explosive, sir, very."

We hopped in a jeep + rushed to the commanding ~~of the dis~~ headquarters of Col. Jackson, ~~C. O. of infantry troops~~ billeted in Heresbruck. He agreed to ground the ~~covey~~ Hersching ~~set out at once with~~ D. R. camps. Lt. Lanning ~~^ + one of those v officers~~ ~~at once~~ ~~responding~~ Setting out ~~^ for Hartenstein to look the situation~~ over.

"Damn these Germans.," the Colonel exploded "They brought these jokers here. Now the krauts are paying the penalty."

Stazenhov is bombarding every U.S. commander Col. Worman myself- + others for more of everything – automobile, gasoline, food, clothing. We have a directive that Russian officers are to be returned home. [circled]back to Russia[circled]

“Oh how I wish I could go^.”

Capt Stazenhov sighed “But I could never leave my compatriots to the mercy of these dastardly Germans. ~~he~~ the interpreter translated he watched the expression in my eyes – apparently he noted a lack of human sympathy for his poor Russians or he took a new lack. “Alas I am the only one the Russians will obey. I suggest you shall see – no discipline robberies, looting, maybe murders. No. I must stay with my people to the last.”

23 May We have orders to furnish a report on everything imaginable. Capt Cope is - “~~The next~~ Tomorrow they’ll

ask: (1) how many fleas bit how many dogs in Hersbruck between Jan 18 + Mar 18 1945? (2) How many flies during the year 1938? [?] acceleration

(3) What is your estimate of ^ flea bite ~~increase~~ ~~deceleration~~

Or decrease for your area for period July 18 – Sept 18, 1945. (4) Give reasons. Remember it is essential to give close surveillance to reduce of flea bite acceleration + report demi weekly as outlined in pas 3 +7 of SHAREF handbook, as modified by directive 32? Third Army and other Directives of various higher headquarters. My chauffer brought us a Mercedes-Benz convertible sedan which I find pretty suitable.

24 May (Youths former members of Hitler Jugend) have been put to work cleaning debris from streets. Government working so hard they would

is trying to keep them busy to keep them from[have] no every left to form groups.

~~Today my chauffer told me he could furnish for me a much better automobile than the old jalopy turned over by B~~

When we had finished our business today the Landrat asked rather wistfully “What am I to do now for transportation” “Why, what do you mean?”

“Now that you have taken my car
~~what~~ how am I to get around to see
the Burgermeisters.”

I hastened to advise him that
I did not know it was his car
I was taking, but would see
that he got another.

Wahleder, the former magnate of Dachair wants
city of Hersbruck to build him a house

25 May The banks opened today, all

~~Nazi official, having past been~~

~~thrown out~~ In spite of having
been warned I was surprised to
find more deposits than withdrawals
U.S. Army Trucks from Amberg + points east
are dropping Sudetenlanders all
over the Kreis. The G. I. drivers are lotd
to find a likely spot, dump their
passengers + hightail home before
anyone can catch them. Capt Cope +
I jeeped to Amberg to try to stop it.

“Yes we’re doing it.” a perplexed lieutenant
admitted “Everyone else is doing it to
us. If we don’t fire them along somewhere
we’ll be a damaging grand.”

“Well cut Hersbruck off your list of”

I advised. “We have a grand at [?]”

+ Kreis trump them back. This was the

stopped "I don't know how much
army gasoline is being wanted on
despised
traipsing these pwos souls from one
spot to another." I talked but
I knew our tropps in Hersbruck were doing the
same thing. Our border guards
were instructed to act as a one way
valve letting everyone out, but
no one in. ~~"On was~~
26 I received an "order" ~~from~~
~~Schwallen the Belgian~~ not
to interfere with men working for Doggar
plant signed "~~Allen~~ Schwallen –
Attorney for U.S. Garrison troops"
Schwallen is the Belgian. I saw
red, but Maj Gen Vaus Vlech +
Gen Krane are inspected the under
ground factory today + I went along.
Schwallen ~~described~~ acted as guide
showing long flight of steps up
which he was forced to arm which
gestapo flogged his naked back
of workers
the crematory of the thousands who
died under inhuman treatment
the [?] Comm Cap
Afterward ~~Gen Kane~~ asked me specifically
not to interfere with this valuable man

"But we can't allow civil war,"

Capt Cope protested.

"Of course not," the colonel agreed.

"We'll throw a guard around the camp

and get to it

- if we can find the place[^]. The bridge

is down between here + Velden. We're

having beanedays trouble, too, at the

D. P. camps near Happurg. The

krauts won't give the Russians

enough to eat. The Russian comman-

der, Captain Stazenhov, has been on

my neck. I'll toss him over on you

now you're here. Come down and

have a drink with me at 1700 tomorrow.

He's to be here."

We agreed, ~~and~~ saluted and went back

to our headquarters where I had a

talk with the German Finance

Officer, whom I ordered to start

collecting taxes not later than 25 May.

This afternoon I toured Hersbruck city

my chauffer was a local character named

+ environs. ~~with~~ Frederich Schaffer,

~~a local man~~ who spent several years

6 June Continue ignorant little

Dr Zenger the ^ Catholic priest came to see me today. I want to ask the Commandant's advice" he began. "~~The Prince of Bavaria is in the internment camp here at Hersbruck. Today after co~~ Today after confession The Prince of Bavaria gave me two letters. One to our Cardinal, the other to your American Robert Murphy. What am I to do?

"Go right back to the Internment camp as fast as you can + hand the letters over to the Commanding Officer." I was stern about it.

A few minutes later the C.O. of the camp called me up, mad as a wet hen. "He ought to be arrested carrying letters out of the camp like that," he shouted over the phone.

Well he took them right back. Let's forget about it.

"Alright but I'll never let him note in here again." (and sure enough as

long as that particular officer
was in command Dr. Zenger was
excluded. In fact the good priest
frightened
was so afraid that he told me
he would never go near the camp
again.

We[I] raided the office of the Herman
Goering mine works, but found
nothing but mine plans. This
afternoon I had a conference of
all the current plant owners in
Hersbruck kreis. All need coal to
operate. Now know how to get it
with an Oxford accent
one speaks perfect English, wears
clothes that look as though they came
from Bond St. He grates on me by
talking as though now the stupid war was
over we business men would of course
work together again as though nothing had
happened. After he had brought up casually that
he had rather extensive business interests in
Great Britain. I asked if he had ever visited.

he drawled
“No not really. | I've just been to New York.:
I was not amused.

11 May The Germans have surrendered a car for my use but it doesn't amount to much. I visited ~~Har~~ Hohenstadt, Eschenbach, Alfalter, Voma, and Rupprechstegen today giving proclamations to burgermeisters.

~~big hospital~~

At the latter I discovered an unguarded German military hospital filled with Luftwaffe officers + got the 4th Dir Infantry to put a guard on it.

Lt. Lamming, is bringing in dozens of S.S. troops, ortsguppenleiters and others who are on his list as automatic arrests. He has set up a room in the cellar where he questions them. Reached by a winding stone staircase this underground cubicle has all the look of a medieval torture chamber. The

who always watches me with cat eyes Landrat ^ may very well be comparing me to a 14th century robber baron ~~as he watches me with cat eyes as I sit~~ as I sit urbane, ~~courteous~~ [circled]and above[circled] in my wainscotted audience chamber

while below stairs the former
rulers of Hersbruck are being
sometimes a little roughly
grilled ^ as a prelude to being
thrown behind the barbed wire
of the Internment Camps.

Most of these high monkey monks
of Nazidom look cowed and innocuous
enough, but one close cropped, beady eyed
S.S. Major glowered at us all day long as
he sat in the reception room waiting his
turn below stairs. Each time Capt. Cope
passed the Nazi Colonel glared at him with
sneering eyes. Each time Capt Cope gave back a
~~him a cold~~ haughty stare in return.
About 4 pm the captain could stand it
no longer. Thrusting out his chin toward
snorted
the rigid Nazi he roared "YAAUGH" and
disappeared into his office.

Promptly at 5 P.M. Capt Cope and I put
in our appearance at Colonel J's headquarters.
He received us in his low ceilinged bedroom
above his office in the gasthaus.
From the window we looked out over
the Market Place, the former Nazi Headquarters
and the ruins of the City Hall, buried by a
a couple of weeks as a just
Nazi werwolf ~~soon after our troops took the~~

city. I admired the 15th century frescos on the remaining wall of the Rathaus. "Nice art I guess," smiled the Colonel "but I have made inquiries. It was painted in 1938 and is full of Nazi ~~ideology~~ symbolism. My boys have already chiseled the swastika off the War Memorial. Now we'll have to go to work on the city Hall,"

Just then Captain Stazenhov entered, stiffened and gave a Russian salute, after which his coarse, sensual face broke into a childlike smile. There followed much handshaking and toasting of the allies, Truman, Stalin and what not from Colonel J's excellent Russian stock.

Then the Russian, ~~broached~~ through the interpreter broached the reason for his visit. He wanted to parade all the newly liberated Europeans down to the Market Place for a ceremony of thanksgiving for their deliverance. Colonel J looked at me.

I thought fast. I didn't want to cause hard feeling with our enthusiastic allies, but the mass meeting in the center of the city sounded like a trouble breeder. The Russian captain was watching me sternly yet pleadingly.

"We'll do better than that." I told him. "We shall come to you. The ceremony will be right out at your main camp"

He blinked for a minute, then broke into a smile. "All right. That is most generous. Sunday afternoon at 2 pm – and later at 5 pm a little gathering of the higher officers at my quarters. Yes?" We all shook hands, had another drink and headed for home.

12 May The 408FA group is replacing the
 Division

Colonel's 4 Infantry ^ which is headed for home having fought the war from the Normandy beaches right up to the Bavarian Alps.

"Are the Alps beautiful?" I asked Colonel J. this morning.

"Well" he replied "the day peace was declared I looked up at those mountains and suddenly realized they were beautiful. But For the two weeks before that while I was sweating out an order to attack, they looked anything but alluring beautiful to me."

This afternoon

13 May – Sunday – ^ Arranged in our formal uniforms, ~~forest green-jac~~ we joined officers from the 4 Division and 408FA group to represent the U.S. at the liberation ceremony. At the camp near Happurg we were met by a mob of several thousand men, women and children carrying ~~home made~~ national emblems of Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Italy.

We were conducted to an improvised platform. Stazenhov, wearing his overcoat despite the heat, made an impassioned harangue. He was followed by a Pole and a Czech. Young girls presented the U.S. officers with bouquets of flowers. Then each nation paraded by the receiving stand singing, I suppose, their national anthems. At any rate I kept ordering the U.S. Officers to hand salute every time I heard a new piece of music. Each group presented me with the banner of their country, patched together out of what stray pieces of cloth they had been able to fine.

In reply to all this I made a short speech which was translated into German, then into Polish, then into I don't know what. It apparently gained in power and length as it went from language to language because

while

~~the~~ each interpreter puffed and gestured and perspired, the crowd cheered and clapped, and whooped. As I sat down Capt Cope whispered in my ear, "I don't know what you're running for, but I guess you're elected." Then he added, "Remember this is the high point in your popularity with these people. drop steady From now on it will go down." [Note written later What a prophet he turned out to be?]

14 May I hear the party which I failed to attend at Capt Stazenhov's was quite an affair – girls – wine – cognac – vodka – music – This morning some of the officers present who were ~~there~~ learned that they had unknowingly ^ been fraternizing with Germans. Many of Stazenhov's guests both men and women were German friends of his.

[erased]14 May[erased] More and more arrests. Today we replaced the burgermeister of Reichenserand with a non Nazi. The burgermeister of Hersbruck, Michael Roiger came with the Landrat to ask me what to do about the demands of the Russian captain for more and more food, liquor, shoes and clothing.

Scarcely had he left when Capt Stazenhov himself appeared wearing his large winter overcoat although beads of sweat poured down his face. After the usual salutes I begged him to take off the overcoat.

"No it is all the uniform I have I must wear it." Then he announced that he must have an automobile to visit his camps. When I demurred he cried, "I am sick. I am so sick" and fell into a chair.

Am sure I don't know how we are going to handle this D.P. problem. The Germans complain that the foreigners steal everything not behind bolts. The DPs claim the Germans, who starved them for years, still won't give them enough to eat.

This afternoon I made an airplane
 survey of Hersbruck Kreis in one
 of the 408 th's Piper Cubs. We went
 up the vally of the Pegnitz past
 Vona and Rupprechstegen, ~~dropping~~
~~low as I could see where the bridge~~
 dropped low
~~across the Pegnit-~~ We circled over
 the dozens of little round turrets of
 the aluminum powder factory, passed
 the [?] of the town of
 over ^ Velden almost completely destroyed
 Herman
 then circled ~~the~~ Goering's castle at Neuhaus.
 Two big motor cars with great long
 hoods are still in the courtyard. Am
~~afraid~~ hopeful he'll never need them.
 Coming south again we past over Hohenstein
~~castle~~, Reichenswand castles down
 to Oppenhauser and Alfeld, then
 North again past the great gash
 in the mountains that marks
 the underground factory at near
 Happurg. I could see derrides
 locomotives and steam shovels, the
 barracks where the Nazis kept their slave
 laborers, even the brick building with the
 tall chimney where I am told they
 burned the bodies of the hundreds
 who died on the job.

A few miles further along on the same hilltop is the cave where German scientists discovered the bones of prehistoric animals who lived in caves for protection from their enemies. This one hillside represents the complete turn of the wheel of civilization
^ from cave life to cave life.

15 May We have ordered the Landrat to collect all useable trucks to haul food, milk and essential supplies. With no railroads yet, no canals functioning and only a few automobile trucks left, transport-
[circled]major[circled]
tation in this area is a ^ problem. We are also rounding up all the Displaced Persons into camps to try to get some order into the Kreis and cut down on robberies. We have contacted every echelon of the army trying to learn what can be done about sending these people back to their homes, but there seems to be a certain amount of confusion as to what is to be done and who is to do it.

We have demanded our functions as follows: Major Dunbaugh – Civilian Administration, Finance, Summary Court Officer, Education, Communication, (telephone + postal) Transportation.

Captain Cope – Public Welfare, Public Health, Agriculture, Food and Food Distribution, Trade and Industry, Economics and Labor, Property Custodian (taking control of all property formerly owned by the German government, any Nazi organization or by any influential Nazi) Historical, Rationing and Price Control.

1st Lt Lanning

Public Safety (the biggest job of all right now. It includes the arrest of high ranking Nazis and anyone deemed a threat to the security of U.S. troops,) Displaced Persons, Public Works, Public Utilities, Legal.

When I look at anyone of our lists I gasp and decide superman himself couldn't handle it.

Our water supply failed today due to 50% overload of refugees plus internment camps + U.S. troops. ~~Latter~~ Colonel Edward M. Haight, commanding Detachment F2A3 visited is ~~today~~ this afternoon and proved exceedingly genial and easy to get along with. That is good because his team handles whole Ober the ^ Regierungsbezirk of ~~upper~~ + Mettel Franken of which Heresbruch is just one Kreis. When we reach the "static phase" of military government operation we shall report to him Division instead of to the ^ Corps Commander.

16 May Colonel Js outfit left today, but Colonel Normand, ~~but~~ Col Craig, Major Peake, and the rest of the 408th are just as easy to work with It is a pleasure to deal with combat troops. They go ahead and do things where as at Com Z every minor move requires a conference of a general's staff

plus three weeks of waiting for the orders to be cut.

The bugermeister of Hersbruck City tells me several Truebloods of Poles have been dumped on him. He has no idea where to put them. We I told him that was his problem but he would have to quarter and feed them. He also complains of loot-radios, rugs, lamps, wine, cognac-having been confiscated during first week of our occupation on orders of a U.S. Major named Philadelphia. Sounds more like a G.I. to me.

We have had to requisition a lot more buildings for incoming troops. Today we ordered an inventory of money, bonds, stamps at the Post Office. A new directive lists Italians as [?]. Am glad General Eisenhower did not see me accepting the Italians flag at the "liberation: ceremony Sunday.

We had Colonel Normand and his staff for dinner tonight. It was the first time since the fighting began that they had sat at a daintily laid out table with tablecloth, silverware, wine in goblets, +c. and ~~it made a~~ ~~great [?]~~ they enjoyed it. But the bit of the meal was hard boiled eggs, "real eggs" the Colonel ~~something~~ - "not a scrambled mush made out of powder. I'd forgotten what they looked like
-or how good they tasted"

17 May I called the bankers together this morning and ordered the removal of all old live Nazi party memberships. This included most of those at the meeting. When we got through denazifying our bank it left only a 21 year old girl teller whom we had to put in as president.

advised

~~I ^ told them to open the branch 25 May, something Tom Barber said at Charlottesville came to my mind - " "~~

As we talked some advice from Tom Barber, Charlottesville instructor came to my mind. "Everyone will tell you to close the banks. Don't worry about that. Banks are like oysters, they close on the slightest provocation. The trick is to get them open again"

[circled]Thereupon[circled]

^ I ordered the bankers to reopen 25 May, allowing withdrawals of only 500 marks per family till we see how things go.

We dismissed another Nazi today: This time it is the police

~~We had to fire the police chief today, another Nazi. We Chief of the city of Hersbruck.~~

The Landrat told me that the town of Happurg is in a furore because it has two burgermeisters, one named by him, the other a Belgian whom the commander of the U.S. troops stationed at Hapsburg, had decided should be burgermeister.

I went out to Happurg, succeeded in rounding up both German + Belgian claimants together with the U.S.

The latter battalion commander. ~~who~~ proved to be a pleasant friendly young Lieutenant Colonel who told me the Belgian had taken over because the other old joker is ~~was~~ too dumb to run the town."

Also young, but

The Belgian was ~~^ a slippery looking young city~~ narrow eyed, slick haired, fast talking and slippery. "Burgermeisters," I told him ~~are~~, "are named by Military government on recommendation from the Landrat. We shall be glad to have your advice. You are to give no orders."

Then I turned on the German.

"Why haven't you posted your proclamations?" I demanded. first

He looked helplessly ^ at the Belgian, then at me.

"He took them away from me," he protested, in a frightened whisper.

“See they are up within an hour,”
I ordered.

“Why were the schools opened, contrary
to orders of Military Government?” I continued.

No answer, but another pleading look
toward the Belgian.

“I decided they ought to be open,” the
latter spat out Eventually.

“Close everything but kindergartens, as
you were told to do.” I ordered the German,
hopped into the jeep and drove to
Forrenbach and Alfold. Everywhere
along the valley I found the schools had
been opened on orders from the Belgian.

Returning to Happurg I walked into
the Burgermeister’s office. The German was
not to be seen, but the Belgian was
sitting at the Burgermeister’s desk
giving orders.

“Get out of here and stay out.” I roared.
If I catch you here again you’ll be thrown
out the Kreis.” there

Some reason ^ must be for this sharp
eyed city slicker to hary around a hick town
in Bavaria, now that he’s free to return home.

18 May I ordered the Landrat to replace the burgermeister of Happurg with a man with guts and gumption, further also to report to me if he had any ^ trouble with the Belgian. Then a U.S. Captain came in to ask that the Belgian not be deported. "He is a lieutenant in the Belgian Army." said the captain, "a man of considerable education. Although a prisoner of war he was forced to work so-called on the ^ Dogger Project, the underground factory where airplanes were to be built. Every morning he was drawn up the steep slope with lashes. Now he proposes to stay here and get his revenge. And he is the only man who knows the secret details of the Dogger Project.

"We have a stupendous job to get out the huge dynamos, magnetos, and out of the tunnels [circled] Then we have to [circled] other expensive machinery. ^ inventory all the equipment. When that is done we are going to blow the whole hill up so the krauts can never use those 7 miles of tunnels again. And we need the Belgian."

"O.K.," I answered, "but see that he gives no more orders to German civilians."

This afternoon all 39 burgermeisters reported to M. G. on the terrace of our headquarters – and they ~~were~~ ^{proved} a motley looking fat crew of ^ German farmers. Their reports show a 50% increase in population due to refugees from numbed out cities – chiefly Nuremburg, in addition to several thousand Displaced Persons. We told them the daily ration for German civilians is to be 1050 calories per day. They nodded yavoll. “Yes. That’s all they get,” the Landrat replied gravely.

Looking at these fellows + remembering in these parts all the sturdy children we have seen, we ~~know~~ feel reasonably sure they are eating a lot more than the starvation diet of 1050 calories, but you can’t put an M.P. on every farm.

We warned the they were responsible to see all weapons are turned in by 20 May – just two days to go.

19 May Today we opened the Labor office, made an inventory of all food on hand in the Kreis (His ample, but no great surplus) sent out for much needed salt, arrested another flock of high ranking Nazis.

Hans Wahbeden showed me ugly scars he received during the years he was a political prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp. He wants a job and can't get the Germans to do anything for him.

I drove out to Happurg again.

On the way I ran into a woebegone caravan of ~~30~~ ramshackle wagons and ~~shivering~~ bone shivering horses carrying 300 weary Poles. They left LINZ three weeks ago and are looking for a place to settle. Stonehearted, I hustled them out of the Kreis. Hope they don't slip back in. On returning Capt Cope informed me that Hersbruck is in a stew of fright over a rumor that the Russians are to take over the Kreis.

"I have not gone to any pains to deny," ~~it the cap~~ the rumor," the captain too implied. "It's having a very sound effect." The Heinies are groveling as they never groveled before in their effort to hold us here."

20 May Today we were transferred from Third Army to IIIrd Corps which means more reports. C.I.C. has finished screening public officials. Am glad that is over. The Landrat seems to be stalling on giving a job to Wahbeden the man who was mistreated by the Nazis in a concentration camp.

There is no Black market here but most business is down on a barter basis.

German

Due to influx of ^ refugees, plus the DPs brought in by the Germans this Kreis has had a 50% increase in population since 1938. One small hotel in the center of the city has 50 people sleeping in one of its public rooms many of the homes have 20 to 30 persons in them.

The Heinies have turned in the greatest collection of weapons you ever saw, old sabers, 17th century pistols knives, daggers, and a few shotguns. They say all new weapons were turned

U.S.
over to first ^ troops to pass through Hersbruck.

21 May Orders have come through that Hersbruck must feed the 2000 high Nazis in the Internment Camp. When our troops came in they released those interned by the Germans – political prisoners, mostly foreigners. Now we use the same amps for the Nazis.

22 May The Burgermeister of Hersbruck has furnished Lt. Lanning with a complete list of Nazi party members. The local C.I.C. team tells us that Hersbruck was the fourth Kreis in all Germany to be taken out by the Nazi party; also that there are not more than 30 honest-to-God [?] Nazis in the entire Kreis.

The D.P.s are going hog wild. Last night they broke into the Finance Office and tried to ~~start~~ burn it up. Another gang smashed their way into a an outlying farm

near Thalheim, tried to rape the women, beat up the men and carried off a cartload of loot.

Hersbruck has lost its famous collection of toy soldiers. A U.S. Colonel carted it away today. In this collection of 26,000 lead soldiers were reproduced with exact colors the uniforms of every branch of every army in Europe. To show relative strengths each soldier represented a regiment. In addition famous battles of World War I (German victories) were reproduced with barbed wire, trench, shell holes and thousands of toy soldiers. The former burgermeister of Hersbruck spent a fortune of the city' funds on this collection. Even out in this farming – district the chief interest of the Germans was in armies and war.

A new order permits the local brewery to make beer again – for the use of U.S. troops only.

Incidentally we have discovered a cache of several thousand bottles of wine in a cave

we are taking now for ourselves.
The rest we are turning over to the
occupational troops.

With Major Peake, a lawyer, at
my elbow, I acted as judge today
for the first time in my life,
convicting a German of stealing a
5 gallon can of U.S. gasoline. I sentenced
him to one years imprisonment
and to pay a fine of 5000 R.M.

23 May A sad frightened looking
[circled]with a baby[circled]
Polish couple^ talked with Capt.
Cope today.

“Is it true we are free?” the
wife asked.

“What do you mean, free?”

“Need we no longer slave for the
Germans?”

Little by little their story
 came out. The Nazis had dragged
 them here from Poland, then separated
 the husband and wife right after
 the baby was born. The wife
 slaved in the fields. She scrubbed
 the floors and cleaned the barns.

She fell

Altho[^] ill she scarcely received

Less than

[^] a subsistence diet. The baby
 scarcely recognizes his mother
 because she was allowed to see
 him only on Sundays.

When the U.S. troops marched

On 18A port

through [^] the husband ran

German

away from his [^] master. Since
 then he has been hunting his
 wife and child. Last night
 he found them. This morning
 he spirited them away. When he
 brought them here the wife was
 still trembling with fear of
 what would happen to her and

the child when the German farmer caught them. Here at our headquarters it took an hours explaining on the part of Captain Cope, the interpreter and her husband to make the poor woman realize that Germany had lost the war and her German master no longer had power to mistreat her. Through it all the baby squalled.

Capt. Cope saw that the baby had milk, the mother and father food and coffee. Then he After sending the now happy family off to the D.P. camp at Hartenstein he bustled into my office grinning from ear

[circled]had caused[circled] to ear to tell me what ^ all the howling. had been

The Russian captain
Stazenhov is bombarding Col.
Normand and me for more of
everything – food, clothing, gasoline,
and above all an automobile. Today
we received a directive to return
captured
all ^ Russian officers. I thought
that solved everything. When I told
Capt. Stazenhov he heaved a deep
sigh. “How I wish I could go
back to Russia. But I could
never leave my compatriots
to the mercy of those dastardly
Germans.”

As the interpreter translated
the captain watched the expression
in my eyes. Apparently he noted
a lack of sympathy for the plight
of his poor Russians. He took a new tack.

“I am the only one the Russians
will obey. If I leave – you shall

see. No discipline – robberies, lootings, murder, maybe. No, I must stay with my people to the last.” I told him he could stay for awhile longer.

My chauffer has located a snappy Mercedes – Benz convertible sedan which just suits me.

24 May The ~~mayer~~ burgermeister of Hersbruck city has put all the youths 14-18 to work cleaning up debris in the bombed areas of the city. He is trying to keep them busy in the day and dog tired at night so they will not form gangs under their former Hitler youth leaders.

After we had finished our daily conference this morning

the Landrat looked at me rather wistfully. "What am I to do now for transportation?"

"What do you mean?"

"Now that you have taken [circled]for your personal use[circled] my car^ how am I to get around to see the burgermeisters."

I promised him another car, suppressing a smile at my chauffeurs method of finding me a better vehicle.

Wahmedler, the former inmate of the concentration camps, now demands that the city of Hersbruck build him a house. He has had the plans all drawn.

25 May

The banks opened today.

As the bankers predicted, deposits were greater than withdrawals.

not even the banks the are truly week

No one^ seems to realize that ^ bank assets. ~~relied on~~ 90%~ German Government bonds, and I am keeping mum.

U.S. Army trucks are dropping sudetenlanders all over this part of Bavaria. The G.I. drivers are ordered

~~to~~ to find a likely spot, dump back to their post their passengers, and hightail home before anyone can question them.

Capt Cope + I jeeped to see an M.G.O in the territory east opens.

"Sure, I'm doing it," he admitted
"So is everyone else. Otherwise we'd be overwhelmed."

Returning Capt Cope and I instructed our border guards to act as a one way valve letting people out of the kreis but not letting them in. I wonder how much U.S. gasoline I being wasted carting these despised Sudetenlanders from one spot to another.

26 May An "order" came to me today not to interfere with men working for the Dogger Plant. It was signed by the Belgian as "Attorney for U.S. garrison troops." I saw red, but a Major General and a Brigadier General inspected the underground factory today, so I kept quiet. The Belgian our pointing out acted as their guide showing the flight of steps up which we had been flagged, the crematory where he had almost been burned to death ec.

Afterward the ~~corps~~ Colonel who had organized the inspection asked me not to interfere with the work of so valuable a man

"Very well, sir" I replied "if you will stop him from giving orders as Military Governor."

The Major General, seeing how hot

I was, tactfully walked away.

[circled]Voma to[circled]

Our party went on to ^ inspect the remains of what was to have been the largest artillery piece ever constructed, with a calibre of (about 3 feet) ^ 20 mm. calibre. The generals said it would have only lasted for about 100 rounds, but that would have been enough to wipe London completely off the map if fired from a channel port. Fortunately our troops got possession of the channel ports before the gun could be used. As the Germans retreated it was hidden here in the hills of Bavaria.

27 May

We had our first fraternization case today. A German speaking G.I. walked into the gymnasium where some 100 German refugee women have been billeted

"Line up, all of you." he ordered. "I'm picking the most beautiful," which he did. The record does not state whether or not the chosen lady appreciated the honor.

28 May. U.S. Troops keep pouring into the Kreis.

Today we arrested a German Russian D.P. who stabbed a Pole. He claimed self defense. Says Russian was in act of robbing his bicycle.

We are getting telephone service started within Hersbruck City for officials and a few essential civilians such as doctors.

All the local educators seem to have been seep dyed Nazis. We have possible schoolsupt.

finally located a ~~man who~~ He was born here but became a He teacher in Nuremburg, but never joined the party as a Superintendent of Schools. He looks like a good man.

Lt. Lanning arrested a of the Air Corps German General Major ^ today. Following some rule of war I, as senior the prisoner military officer, guarded him till he could be evacuated. Altho he speak excellent English he was quiet and reserved. ~~abe~~ I was impressed because he is the first [circled]with whom[circled] German ^ I have had contact. Who

never grovels, nor assumes an air of arrogance.

28 May Lt. Lanning issued night sticks to the local German police who need something to help them preserve order. Most of them are cowed looking little civilians who act as though they are afraid of their own shadows.

31 May This is Corpus Christi day. I took a chance and told the Catholic priest he could hold a procession.

We tried 14 persons today. Mostly nice refined looking women who had called across the barbed wire fence to husbands + fathers in the Internment Camps. They all wept when I handed out stiff sentences. I felt like a heel

remembering how I had sympathized with French women who had been jailed by ~~heartless~~ brutal Boche judges for the same offence.

This is a queer racket [circled]Military Government.[circled] Time and again you find yourself forced to do just what you have condemned in others. At Charlottesville Tom Barber told us how ~~he~~ on entering Germany after the other war he locked up the Burgermeister and ten leaching citizens, stating that one shot were fired or he would kill them all if ^ our U.S. soldier were injured.

“I break into a sweat even now” he told us, “when I think that I would have had to murder all those innocent old men if some fool had taken a pot shot at us.” ~~were to~~

Suppose a gang of werwolves ^ blow[s] up a bridge here. If we can't find the

perpetrators, we'll take
"sanctions" against the whole
city. That will probably start
more trouble. It can easily
end in our burning up a town.
Then history will shout "LidicE"
at the barbarous Americans.

Pontius

Somewhere I once read that ^ Pilate,

Roman

as the properly trained ^ Military Governor
of Palectine, had no choice but to
permit the Jews to execute man they
claimed was inciting to riot.

Hitlerstrasse, main street of Hersbruck
is now once again Pragestrasse, its
name since the Middle Ages when
Hersbruck was a main stop on the
road from Bavaria to Prague.

big impressive German

A large ^ man with a bulldog head
and a bushy moustache came to my
office today, accompanied by a
delicately beautiful blonde woman,
half his age. After he had bowed

ceremoniously from the waist, she announced in broken English that she was his wife who had come along as interpreter. I motioned to them to sit. He sat impassive and silent, while she explained that he + she had large interests in Furth, and needed a pass. Once, faltered when she hesitated over a word, her husband supplied it sotto voce, which convinced me she was being used as bait on the excellent theory that a pretty woman making a request gets results. It worked. I gave them their passes.

Today I made the social blunder of going to the barber shop for a haircut. My arrival threw everything into confusion.

“Shall I drive everyone out of the attend to the desires shop while I cut the hair of Herr Commandant?” asked the perplexed barber.

I told him to let them stay,
but all other activity in the shop
ceased while the other barbers
waited on the head barber as he
majestically cut my hair. The
other patrons watched enthralled
~~speaking only in whispers as they~~
to witness the intimate operation
on the head of the Military Governor.
No one spoke except in awed whisper.
Henceforth I shall have the barber
called to headquarters, according to the
centuries old custom of rulers.

Occupational troops have taken
over the gymnasium, the towns
leading hostelry and several
smaller gasthouses.

We arrested a burgermeister,
an old deaf man, who told
farmers they could keep their
weapons to protect their fields
from wild game.

Pfc Herbert Schaeffer joined
our Detachment today. Intelligent and

speaking German he should
be an asset

1 June The Landrat tells me 80,000 RM
are supposed to have been locked
in the safe of his office by the
former Nazi cashier. Latter is
interned but swear he hasn't
the key. If the safe is opened with
an electric torch the bills will
burn. What shall he do?

Having no answer ready I told him
that was his problem + went quickly
on to something else.

Capt Cope left us today. He has been aiding since long before he came to the Detachment. Now he has been hospitalized for return to the U.S. I shall miss his cheerful grin. ~~Meanwhile am showing~~ Have written higher headquarters asking for a replacement. Meanwhile I am the following:

- Civilian Administration Officer
- Trade and Industry Officer
- Food and Agriculture Officer
- Summary Court Officer
- Property Control Officer
- Education and Religion Officer.
- Arts and Monuments Officer
- Detachment Historian.
- Transportation Officer
- Communications Officer
- Fiscal and Public Finance Officer

and I don't know what other functional officers according to the charts.

Lt. Lanning is working seven day

male orders.

Lt Lanning tells me that when he was with the Military Police in Paris he arrested two Russian soldiers for being drunk and disorderly, sending them back to their commander for company punishment, probably a few days of kitchen police or guard house. The next day he received word from the Russian officer that the men had been disposed of.

“What does that mean?” he demanded

“Shot.” replied the Russian.

[Back]

14

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2800

1000

4000

4000

1729

1729

4 June

We are rid of all of our Russians but we are getting a few truck-loads of Sudetenlanders and Silesians every day. Today I talked with a woman, one of a group of 95 Silesian – men

~~Dorothy Trinks~~

women and children travelling with all their few meagre possessions in a horse and hand drawn caravan that has spent ten days passing leisurely through our Kreis.

“Where are you going?” I asked.

“We don’t know.”

“What do you eat?”

A shrug of the shoulders.

“But what are your plans?” I was getting impatient.

[End Folder 1]

“We have none,” she answered
dully, “except to keep going somehow,
anywhere until we can go back once
more to our houses in Silesia.”

[As she spoke of home her face
lighted up for a moment.

I started to say this might be
a matter of years, or never, but
thought, what’s the use? They’ll
be out of our kreis in a day
or two and I can forget them.

[Note written 3 Sept 45- But I never
have. Sometimes when I’m half asleep

~~I see them dilapidated caravan
movin creeping on and on.~~

I see them traveling on and on,
begging a little, robbing a
little, growing every week a
little more haggard, waiting
that day, maybe years hence,
when the Russians let them
go “home” to Silesia.

5 June The Catholic priest
came to me today with a problem.

the

It seems that ~~some~~ prince of
Bavaria is in our internment
camp. After confession today
the prince handed the priest
two envelopes, one addressed to
arch
the Bishop, the other to Robert
Murphy of the U.S. State Department.
What should he, the priest, do
with them?

“Go right back quick and hand
those letters to the Commander of
the Internment Camp. Do it
pronto before I have to arrest
you.”

A few minutes later the Colonel
in charge of the camp phones me
“That priest must be arrested at once,”
he stormed. I’ll never let him in here again.”

I told him the priest impressed me as harmless and he agreed not to arrest him. but the Colonel must have given the priest a scare. When the latter returned to my office his face was white. "I'll never go near that place again," he protested.

5 June The

8 June 120 Sudetenlanders dumped
in kries. Food is holding out but
Landrat prophesies shortages in [circled]8B[circled]
August before potatoes come in. [circled]55[circled]
I visited Hohenstein Castle
where ~~the~~ a pretty blue eyed 50
year old woman
[circled] Landrat reported 600 tons of
coal urgently needed today supply
now on hand is 167 tons which
will keep hospitals, [?]
dairies butcher shops open about
4 weeks _____. [circled]
~~Order~~ We received orders freezing
all lumber in Bavaria for Army
purposes. This will postpone all reconstruction
of bank damaged houses buildings

Meeting of Camist plant owners.

Left the church, 8 or 9 years ago + he followed. Now he believes he may rejoin.

These men showed less interest in sports than younger generations and what they have is for individual sport – skiing, hiking, swimming. Three out of the 7 interviewed are hoping glider clubs will be reorganized. I gave them little hope.

None seemed broken up by Germany's defeat. They are continuing their lives, one as a ~~profess~~ water color artist, another as a house painter, studying art on the side, a third as brewer's helper, but anxious to continue his courses in mechanics, a fourth as a hospital assistant ~~as well as waiting to attend~~ for the opening of the University at

Erlangen to continue his medical studies, ec.

Not one evinced the slightest much interest in politics. All agree

men their age that young people want to live their lives now are

interested in own futures now

+ will not give up time for

politics. They say they were

too young too know anything of

pre Nazi politics. During the

2 or 3 years they have been in

[?]

the army political ^ has been forbidden.

What do you think of U.S. occupational troops?

Several answered – good

comrade when sober not drunk.

One who had been attacked by

drinking

a ^ US soldier wanted to know

if ok for him to take such a man

to police station for identification.

I said no. Another thought that

argue kept. climbed up to
18 June- I finally visited climbed up to Hohenstein
Castle today. After a trip to the
Ruined tower of Velden + the DP camp
at Hartenstein. ~~at the foot of the~~
~~castle proper clinging to the Hohenstein~~
castle is a comparatively small but
of masonry perched on the top of a
huge rock at one of the highest
points in Franconia. In Caesars
time the Germanic tribes used
as one of their mountain top signal
points building fires by which
they could send warning messages
for hundreds of miles. It has been
a fortress ever since. The present
castle was started in the year 900 according
to the sweet faced blue eyed woman
who showed us about. It is hard
to tell just where rock ends + castle
begins. She told us it was from
here that Frederich Barbarossa
rode off to the crusades with
Richard the Lion Hearted and it
At Schloss castle
was from ^ Hohenstein that Young

Conradin last of the Hohenstaufen
emperors bade farewell to his Queen
fatal

mother before his ^ trip to Italy.

In the Queen's Room, (about the
only room left in the castle) is
an old engraving of the beheading
of Conradin in Naples. Our dear
lady showed us the frie -
a sort of balcony of reprieve. Anyone
reading that spot was in [?]
from attack or improvement for
24 hours. We climbed the rubily
stair of the old tower + looked
out over miles of hills + valleys.
Nuremburg + the ~~castle~~ ~~Festrung~~
Fortress of Rottenburg could be
seen to the West. To the East beyond
the valley of the Pezinty could be
seen the mountain chain that
separates Bavaria from
Czecho Slovachia. Our guide
peered down at the bell tower of
the castle. Nearby pressed closely around
the walls of the castle for protection were [?]
[?] the roofs of the village of Hohenlum

“What shall I do about the turkey bell?” she asked gravely.

“About what?”

“Oh I forgot you would not understand. Years and years ago when the Turks were on the borders of Bavaria defeated ~~at Vienna~~ the people of Bavaria they were so glad not to have fallen prey to Christians. Since then the a Turkey bell is rung every day at 11 o'clock in the morning. Most of the farmer don't even know why it is called the Turkey bell.”

“But why do you ask about ringing it?” a platoon

“Well during the war ~~this~~ Army of going German ^ give who operated a radio here in the castle. Goering was

here last summer to visit them.

They took care of ringing the Turkey Bell, but when the Americans approached they ran away. Now no one rings it + the farmers complain.

“Why”

“Why, because their wives don’t know when to leave the fields to go in + get dinner ready for the of course.”

“Of course. Well you go ahead + ring the Turkey Bell. It’s important that the farmers eat on time.”

Just below the castle walls

On the way down our guide pointed out a place where the rock had been worn away by what was obviously water action. That according to the peasants marks the

Bible

high point of the ~~Great~~ Flood in ~~Germany~~ Bavaria. All the world was covered, they think except

After [?] lesserknown [arrow to below]

[circled]10[circled]

Mt Ararat + Hohenstein

9+10 11 June Schwallen Reis + I

At cout wed [arrow to above] head the 16 yr old boy who shot + killed his 12 yr old brother [?] - one witness was 6 yr old

12 June We are now using a weekly Hersbruck Kreis is

bulletin. 128 more Sudentenlanders Russ 100,000. 500,000-

have been dumped on us. Last Night Ive got a tip that

I had odd guests. My old friend Captain Stazenhov + his crony here today

Lt. Novak ~~were arrested~~ ^ as Germans posing as Russian officers. ~~When~~ We found They had shipped away from the Russian Camp + were living their usual pleasant life of wine women + song – in Nuremburg, except they came out to Hersbruck from time to time in the late evening. Novak a city

has just told me that he has ~~one~~ wife in Nuremburg and a country wife out at Happurg.

Both Stazenhov + Novak claim

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[In top margins]

brother who did not

mean how what [?]

was hurt his brother

the rights of officers so we are
keeping them overnight in Capt
Copes room with a guard at
the door. Much as I enjoy
their company I am closing the
shutters of my balcony so they can't
step into my room during the
night. (Lt. Lanning Russians at Versailles)

An old German resident of Hersbruck
despondent one loss of war having himself
today.

14- Schwallen(Tuesday)

15 June We started courier
service today ~~with~~ to get

outlying
message to the ^ Burgermeisters.
The Landrat sends a message out
to nearest burgermeisters. They relay
it to next farther out, +c. It takes
two days for the round trip to + from
farthest burgermeister 30 miles
away. When message ready
burgermeister if it is for the

[In margins; circled]Our Det has been
transferred from III corp
to XVI corp + [?]
with 40FFA corp of where

I am Nov

55[circled]

population he gives it to the
bell ringer who appears at
certain hours in this special
uniform – very dilapidated as [?]
rings his oversize handbell I must have
+ informs the message help. Lt Lanning +c

18 June. Reconstruction work

cleaning up the debris of the main part of
started on ^ Velden ^ which was
~~almost~~ completely wiped out
when the U.S. Troops came through
Burgermeister of Hersbruck Roiger tells me
that the former ~~Nazi~~ burgermeister
whom we ousted according to
our orders saved Hersbruck from
the fate of almost every other
German city large to small
as the US Troops approached the
S.S. Colonel, who had already
retreated several miles ~~beyond~~ Eastward
ordered the Burgermeister to resist
a few Gestapo
leaving ~~enough S.S. troops~~ in the
~~nearby – the thought~~
vicinity to enforce his order.

Instead the burgermeister sent
Freidrick Schaefer, a German who
Ruttsburg
lived in the hills for some years
to tell the Americans the city
would not resist. The tanks
US tanks rolled into the city –
not a shot was fired – but
one of the SS main agents burned
down the City Hall Rathaus (City Hall)
as a stupid revenge for the city's
surrender.

~~13 June – Retook stuff from~~

15 June Captain Herbert Glaser

Today
arrived ^ as my deputy. He
is a grand person. 38 years
old, has had a lot more
militan government experience
than I having been, M.G.I. of

[?] bridge
a team during the advancement through
severance
in Alsace-Lorraine + then fought on from
town to town as the troops advanced.
The last place he governed was in
the Austrian Alps a beautiful spot

[In margins]

13 June – The C.I.C. is screening
teachers

burgermeisters + others in the small village
of the kries. told look to interview some
of the burgermeisters [?] waiting for the car
outside it their office in room. I noticed a
staunch Bavarian
standing alone in
in the [?]
house sensing
what [?]

he says, but in the region near where the French have already taken over and it would probably fall to the French soon. Last week Capt Glaser in ~~Meanwhile~~ some against his advice of the local people ^ drove their cows to their usual summer pastures up on the mountain. The pasture was in French controlled territory. The French dart the last cow struggle across the line + then mobbed the lot, herded them in boxcars + according to all those sent them off to France. "They are stripping their territory right to the bone + then scraping the bone." Capt Glaser tells me.

It is a great relief to have someone on whom I can dump my burdens + I am sure dumping them. I am

become making Capt Glaser my Deputy M.G.O. executive officer – Worried about gasoline

[?] as the head of the MotorPool

I fired ^ Shaefer the ex Pittsburg union agent ~~from the as head of gasoline~~ distribution today, even tho he came up again to tell me how he surrendered the city to the U.S. sojers. That's why I got everything." he muttered. "but I'll find out who [?] is + I'll get [?]." I really have nothing on thanks but [in margins] was just too smart not to be making a [?] of that gasoline gain. Gasoline is worth more [?]

June 15 June

~~10-11-12~~. Kappler the able
county engineer tells me that
friends of the Belgian Schwallen
can get anything like out of the
Dogger plant (the underground
mine) – trols, cement, motors, +c.
while Schwallen requests to
give him a thing even on
written orders from M.G.
He shows me another order
to me ~~from~~
~~from Schwallen~~ signed by
Schwallen, as attorney for
the U.S. Garrison Troops. This time
~~I saw red~~. I phoned Col Craig
C.O. of the occupational troops.
“If Schwallen isn’t out of this
I’ll
Kreis by Tuesday ~~I shall~~ arrest
him. I have enough on him to
railroad him for 5 years.”
Col Craig calmed me down in
his soft Missouri drawl. “Don’t

worry I'll see that Schwallen is out of the Kreis before Tuesday. In fact I already told them and there at Happurg to get rid of him. I thought hed gone. I don't like his looks myself."

~~16 June Robert J. Hurt reported-~~

18 June Major Peake dropped in. "Has Shcwallen been shipped back to Belgium yet?" I

"No." replied Maj. Peake. "And he isn't going to be."

"Then I'm sending out my Lnt now to arrest him."

"You won't find him"

"What do you mean?"

"Well," and Maj. Peake's face broke into a mischievous grin. "What happened is this, yesterday your friend

[?] by C.I.C.

Schwallen was ~~arrested~~ as a former member of the Gestapo." ←

"But I had C.I.C. screen him

twice + they said he was O.K. “ [?] Belgian [?]

“Well they finally got him.

It seems in telling of various concentration camps he had been he slipped up + mentioned one which Lt Weinature of C.I.C. knew was a camp where Gestapo sent their own members who had committed crimes.

Schwallen finally admitted he was a member of the Belgian Gestapo claiming all the time

because

it was all a blind that he was secretly working for the Belgian underground movement. C.I.C. checked on that story. The head of the Belgian underground sent word back to C.I.C. that Schwallen had no connection was in fact a Gestapo.”

“So your rival ~~Military Governor~~

has gone off to the internment camps
+ you're free at last to govern Hersbruck
Kreis as you like."

19. June Lt Robert J. Hunt
arrived today. He looks bright
+ energetic. He fought the war
from Africa through Sicily – [?]
+ all the way through Germany in
the American Corps – has presidential
citation, [?] + a string of
Hershey bars on his sleeve. I can see
that he, like Lt. Lanning, has a deeper
hatred for the Germans than either
Capt. Glaser or I.

20 June Off to Leipzig to try to
session coal to keep hospital,
bakeries + dairies open. I should
because is rumored Russians will
take over Leipzig
have gone a week ago, but simply
make Glaser have
could not have the hands without
or the hundred pressing questions are
how that all need immediate answers.

The Autobahn up past Bayreuth is through beautiful pine mountains. The Nazis did a real job in building these magnificent autobahns throughout Germany – ~~but~~ built them of course they ~~did it~~ to move their motorized armies quickly in all directions. As we neared Leipzig the Autobahn was jammed with the usual now almost too usual caravans of ox cars, old wagons, hand pulled carts – carry old furniture + personal belongings with the usual bedraggled army of oldmen + women, mothers, children of all ages – walking, crawling, riding ~~all days~~ of boxes or pulling tiny carts.

One fine looking old coach has 2 old, old ladies
on the vos dorm. [?] on all the [?].

How many millions of these people
are trudging about through
Europe? This time they are
fleeing the Russians.

At Leipzig I was treated with
great diference at the head
Office of the Brown Coal Syndicate
Our request are quickly made
to send 12 carloads to Hersbruck
~~here specially marked.~~ "They'll start
in 3 days." Jean promised. ~~"Your
people had better get on them at~~
I'll have the Landrat send
someone to follow them thru
Nuremburg." I answered "and
ride them to Hersbruck to see
they don't get Hijacked."

"When do you deport the Russians?
I asked at MG. Leipzig "No one
knows. Maybe 3 weeks – nothing
definite yet"

Leipzig had the usual bomb
damage - R.R. station a wreck – most of

buildings in center of town just shells, but nothing like the utter destruction of Nuremburg + Wurzburg.

I noticed a good many soldiers walking or talking to German girls + asked the Belgian guard on duty at Officers were about it.

“The fraternization ban is completely off here.” he told me. “Officer soldier everyone has a girl.

I was mad though the other night.

I started to walk into a house which has girls. An M.P. officer came along. “That is off limits- Get away from there” –“

“Yes sir” and I waked up the street but I kept looking back.

Sure enough he walks up the street but + kept looking back.

That was at 930 in the evening. # I hung around till 11 o'clock + he

hadn't come out yet.

Off limits my eye – Off
limit for everyone but him.

~~22 June~~

~~5 June~~

~~13 June~~ At lunch today Burgenwash
phoned. "U.S. soldiers are digging
up yard of Georg Reiss on hill
Michelberg near Military Governmt
Headquarters. They claim they
are looking for wine."

Major Peake was having
lunch with us. He + Lt
Lanning rushed over to
catch the offending soldiers. Pretty
soon they sent word back for me
to come up to the Reiss house.
When I arrived I found a
big hole dug in one of the
vegetable beds under the seemingly
innocent peas + tomatoes was a

huge wooden case containing
hundreds of
~~not one wine, but~~ cans + cans
~~of meat, candy~~ meat marked
"Wehrmacht" and other food

Soldiers were digging all over the grounds
enough for an army. ^ From Reiss
was walking up + down the
walk covering our hands.

Gutbrod was translating Lt Lanning
barked questions + the sternness
of the questions lost nothing as
repeated them in German.

Gutbrod ~~marshaled~~.

"Let me show you, major"
Lt Lanning's face ~~wa~~ excited.

"We found another cache
here" – In another part of the

silver box
lawn was another box – fur jackets,
silverware more food, wine."

Reiss is the owner of big meat
packing plants at Ansbach + Nurm

burg. He is said to have been a close friend of Julius Streicher, the Jew baiter Gauleiter of Nuremberg. He is due back tonight we have set a trap for him.

Lt. Lanning arrested everyone about the place – all admitted having helped bury the stuff and has put a guard on the house.

6 -arrest of [?]

8 ~~15~~ -arrest of Reiss headquarters + dog
legal of our

10 ~~18~~ June – Capt Jarvis ^ of our [?]

town at Ansback ~~came~~ today at Lt Lannings request to prepare the case against Reiss hoarding Whermacht – hence by laws of war was allied - ~~food~~ supplies. I took him up Michelsburg to show him the Reiss home. We walked in the living room 5 M.S. soldiers were with feet on a handsome sitting ~~around~~ a table laden with glasses + empty bottles. They rose instantly to their feet, lurching against the furniture. After one look I took names + serial numbers from [?]

to foreword to ~~Maj Peake~~ their Capt.

Jarvis + I inspected the house.

Reiss claimed to have left 100,000 RM in

It had been completely ransacked
clothes, blankets, bric a brac
were strewn over the floors of
every room. Every cupboard,
dresser and wardrobe had been
emptied. The U.S. ~~g-soldiers~~ "guards"
had apparently combed everything
Even
v the keys to the safe, which Frau Russ
claimed to have left on her bed,
were missing.

"These men will be punished." the
major commanding promised when
I ~~told him~~ described the scene to him

isnt

But the fault ^ really lies ~~higher up~~. theirs.
They've been fighting for months.
Suddenly the war ends in a great
in the [?] hole
victory + they're dumped here. ^ No
provision for entertainment. No
leaves. Stern commands not to
fraternize. No relaxation except
drink. They've been accustomed
or want
to taking whatever they need ^ wherever
they can find it. Scrounging is
a part of war. You can't expect
them t change overnight into sweet

law abiding citizens.

Ruttenberg of E8B3

22 June – With co Lt Rollins from
DUE.B3 doing a bang up job as
Ansback ^ as presiding judge (I felt
I had been too close to the case +
also needed legal help) Georg Reiss
was committed and sentenced to
hard labor
one year. ^ [?] fine of 10,000 RM
(maximum sentence for Summary Court)
His wife was given 180 days +
100000 RM fine - chiefly for giving
false information and misrepresentation
M.G. (She had told Lanning several
times there was no more hidden
after discovers of first cache. Later
several more were found)
much to my surprise Reiss had
no longer but read an excellently
arranged defense to the court w/ Lt
Ruttenberg questioning him got the
big burley ex butcher all [?]

We could hardly restrain the crowded courtroom from cheering the verdict. These people who get only - grains meat per week would have liked to tear the fat packer limb from limb.

26 June 200 Polish refugees were dumped on us without warning today. We put them in Hartenstein camp. We have the Germans starting work on an [?] water line from springs near Happurg. and begin to rejoin the [?]

27 June –

“When will the engine come to pull the Saarlanders train away?” a plaintive

to draw our train back to the Saar?” a plaintive little man asked Capt Glaser today.

“What trainline? What train? Capt Glaser demanded.

"For us Saarlanders" the man replied
We are 200 Saarlanders at
windy
Henfenfeld. "Four days ago a man
Railroad.
comes from Nurburg ^ He tells us trains
in at station at Henfenfeld to take
us home. Another is at Hartmannshof
they say. We pack our belongings.
We come from all over Kreis-
Engelthal. Offenbach, [?] we
him farmers trucks. We find train
at Henfenfeld. We climb aboard
We stay four days. Sometime
it rains. No engine. Man says
we must get engine from Military
Government."

Captain Glaser rushed to
me "Did you make any more
arrangements major?"

"Never heard of the matter.
We phoned the occupational force.
"Never heard of it."

(Railroad Transport Officer)

We phoned the R.T.O. ^ at Nurburg
"Never heard of it."

Capt Glaser rushed over to
Henfenfeld. They're all there
all right 300 of them – bag
 aboard this train
+ baggage. ^ Someone must
have spotted the cars and
they see there's another group
on a similar train
at Harbuoinhof. They claim
a Capt Paul at Furth knows all about it”
 ~~Capt Glas ths at~~
We tried Furth on the phone
No luck. Tomorrow will try
+ order Capt Paul
28 June. Capt Glaser + I combed
the railroad transport
Grand Division of Furth
No Captain Paul. No one
knew anything about a movement
of Saarlanders to ~~Fausch~~ Heresbruck

"It's the damn German RR."
officials" a major told us. "We
turned the railroads over to em
now they think theyre hot stuff
June 25 - ^ but no one can send
a train back to the Saa without
approval from there. You have
to make a formal request with
names location T"

We sighed + told him we
had made such a request
but had received
weeks ago ^- no answer.

~~"Tell them to go back where
They came from. Th~~

"If I can find out anything
I'll let you know. That's all
anyone can do."

~~We [?] to Her~~
29 June. Lt. Kirby reported
He has [?] or will talk over refugees, DPs,
Rubin Welfanet help Lt. Lanning on Public
Safety work.

29 June

Mr. Brendel the accused states
Mrs. Popp likes always to slam
doors. I am vexed by this slamming
when she did so again this morning
I said to her Shut the door a little
more softly She replied You like to
play the role of Landlord, you drunken
swine, you drunken! Then I
exclaimed You should rather wash
yourself, you dirty swine. You are too
idle to wash yourself! Then for nearly
half an hour Mrs. Popp was railing in
her lodgin. At least I went downstairs +
said I should beat her if she would not
stop. When Mr. Habermeier passed she
said the devil should take him, but he
does not take him, this devil! Then when
I was leaving my lodgin Mrs Popp stood
before me. I slapped her face. Then Mrs Popp
sliped me + tried to pull me downstairs. When
she did not succeed she pulled me by my
thic coat. The buttons of the coat were torn
off + Mrs. Popp backwards fell down the

stairs. I followed in order to fetch my cap which was still in the hands of Mrs. Popp. When I tried to fetch it, Mrs. Popp seized my ear + scratched my face so that I was bleeding then I returned to my lodgings.

~~Two members of the Clergy –~~
local

one a Catholic priest a
Lutheran priest have been
rated as “mandatory
removals” be special

because of Names joined the party in 1935

Branch, ^ but I shall do nothing
more than make a report. I have
seen a great deal of him + am

one of the
sure he is the ~~most~~ innocuous
persons in Hersbruck.

in the Kreis
to bring crops to Hersbruck city of
[?]

order is enforced.

5 July Landrat is enthusiastic about
the proposed newspaper for Bavaria.
These people have lived on rumors
Since Hersbruck was captured by
the Americans ~~16 April~~ late in
April. Its no they are jittery +
believe all kinds of wild stories.

The Saarlanders are still on
the train at Henfenfeld. Still no
engine + still no one, German
or American, knows who gave the
order for the cars to be placed
there. Lt. Kirtz has contacted
UNRRA and M.G. + R.T.O. + Transportation
Corps officers. All say the return
of Saarlanders + others must await
definite orders from above when
the devastated areas are ready to
take them back. But I learned today

that several trains did actually carry Saarlanders back from regions near Hersbruck – a sort of Black Market in transport – I guess.

Inspected the Road Blocks on N14. Much to my relief I found

The G.I.s on duty are ~~sensibly~~

have more sense to be [?] the Army educating Major

Bell of Adano. They just let

+ bicycles

the wagons ^ go past without

seeing them. General Patton will

+developing will be happen

never know the difference ^ I hurried

away so as not to spoil a well

handled situation.

More troops are moving in and out of Hersbruck Kreis. Command changes from ~~groups~~ one Field Artillery group to another so fast that I am having a hard time knowing who commands the occupational troops in the area.

is dange
10 July - ~~The coal from~~
~~Leipzig has no~~ — The Coal
supply is dangerously low. The
carloads never arrived from
Leipzig. ~~It seems~~ The Russians
took over too soon. We are
making a survey of refugees.

Major Schnappes story
Of the countess

[circled]12[circled] July – Repairs are progressing on damaged buildings. Water supply is low. 1st Lt. Hurst has engineers working on new supply from Happurg.

in city of Hersbruck

13. July – Parents ^ are asking ‘why can’t schools open? Our young children are getting into mischief because they have nothing to do.’ I have had no reply to application for reopening schools so am going to start a work + recreation program for youngsters.

Saarlanders are still on the Train at Henfenfeld, refusing to leave despite all discomforts. They are afraid if they go away the train will pull out without them.

The Lutheran priest reports Church attendance is up 20 to 25% since the US occupation. “Why?” I asked him. “The Nazis stationed watched to tell on members who came to church

[?]

14 July – Bus line started to
Nuremburg.

Bois de Boulogne . French high
heels

U.S. Internment

+ hearing - WAC
Versailles French madame

Eisenhower

named rain – hitcave

15 July Court was crowded.

gypsy

(^ Boy who hit gypsy girl)

another big shift in U.S. troops.

Landrat has received complaints
of rugs, lamps, paintings, musical
instruments, radios – even one piano
stolen in I should say “liberated” by
outgoing troops. One woman whined
“I was persecuted by Nazis + so glad to see U.S. troops
[?] my house that I moved out gladly.

“I went by my house every day + looked in
little

window at my beautiful ^ radio. American officer
always say “You see it is here. the radio,
only worry.” But now troops have gone + my
radio + lots of other things, and Nazis houses
have not been disturbed. Why is this?

18 July – Special Branch opened today.
Lt Lanning had to takeover most
of the 2nd floor of He. He +Kirtz +
taken this quarter in
Hurst have ^moved to a small
villa on top of Michelsberg [circled]to make room[circled],
with half our EM + a staff of
civilians. Lt Lanning + staff are
“evaluating fragebogen,” which
means they check through this
pretty [?]
Every time we speak to a German
we hand him – fragebogen –
questionnaire. The Form of
fragebogen changes from Time
the general
to Time with whim of some higher
it is always
but ^ a fanfold affair of 6 or 8
closely printed questions. The
[?]
when we first came when
designers of this instrument
we had all officials fill out
fragebogens when we first came
Then were turned over to C.I.C.

join the party if you want your family to eat.

We are glad now we did not obey the order because the latest directive gives a complicated formula for renewal. "If he joined party before 1 May 1937 – If he ever was a bloch baden _ _ _ _ _

+c, +c _

If higher authority will stick to this it will give us something definite to work on. We can't keep the prestige we need here if we tell the Landrat one week he must fire a certain employee because of Nazi connections + the next say "We've changed our administration rules to this club. He can come back in again."

What these people must have are firm definite unchanging instructions when they under such orders they respond

well, perform miracles of accomplishment.

Germans have to watch for US troops whenever
orders

But the American Army's way – No[Yes] –

Germans hire out to
~~mustn't sell eggs~~ the Americans. Yes
work for US troops but are to be paid
not

you must sell eggs - using form B59

~~K 4 + collecting cash – No the~~

~~burgermeister~~ No Germans are not

to be paid cash, but are to be

furnished Form 4H93 – No

Germans are not to be paid by

US troops. They are to be paid by

burgermeisters, who will only pay

them on reclaims like M.G. copies

of for 3 x 452 – properly authenticated

by commanding officers +c +c _

This sort of shitty [?] to which
all U.S. troops are so accustomed the
just call it chicken + forget it, but
it really baffles the Germans.

Capt Glaser suggested today that maybe that was the punishment being meted out by some in new allied brain trust. A stream of continually changing orders + directives that will eventually bane the entire German nation in such
^ a state of utter confusion + bewilderment that it will never recover.

“And what happens to M.G. officers in the process?” I asked.

“We are just the victims of national policy like the Jap suicide ~~aviators~~ plane pilots. As fast as one of us goes grayly another will replace him.”

14 – July – The burgermeister reported that US troops stole 7 motorcycles from a warehouse last night. The man living next door saw them + took down the number

We found a cache of 2500 cans of meat in Engelthal, another of clothing in a RR car at Pommelsbrunn + a third of 500 pairs of shoes in the attic of the PO garage. All were turned over to the Germans for distribution to the many needy refugees + others in the Kreis.

brought to market

Milk supply has dropped 27% from 1944. The Landrat says it is due partly to lack of farmlands but chiefly to lack of beer. Farmers accustomed to a stein of beer with +between meals to each meal, now drink milk instead.

A big hops gap is expected with little demand in Germany because breweries are closed. It will probably be taken over by other countries. Hersbruck used to be the hops capital of the world, they say.

20 July Youngsters playing on
not 100 yards from our Hq.

R.R tracks discovered a cache
hidden

of arms ^ under the remnants of a
bombed freight car.

Tally Ho is to take place
tonight with "raids of every house
in Germany" according to the directive

21 July – Tally Ho a wash out.

In this region the troops entered
a few houses were C.I.C. suspicion
[?] activists. Nothing was
found. Today +c.

Dr. Zayer the Catholic priest has agreed to go back to the
Internment Camp to hear confession. He wrote me a letter ending
"My [?] I will conform to Your commandments. I go back
to camp to fulfill me priest – duties. You – sire, will that I do so."

23 July. At the first meeting
of the Advisory Committee

I understand Hersbruck is part [?]

~~Which I named to help~~ I found
have an advance

one highly intelligent woman ~~from~~
an evacuee from Nuremberg who
speaks English. The rest either
sit dumb + uncomprehending or

naïve as to
make suggestions about how
they can Americans can help
their particular business.

I told them that Hersbruck was
lucky compared to rest of Europe. People
are well clothed + well fed that
this was first time in history that
a huge army of occupation had been

land
fed from its home ^ country instead
of living off the country. "To do this",
I added "American citizens are
depriving themselves my mother
writes that she has not eaten
meat in 3 weeks." When the
interpreter put that in German
I could see the startled unbelieving
look in their faces. "You will have
difficult
harder times ahead, but you may
be sure we have just one desire
to see Germany become a peaceful,
Democratic country so we can
go home.

"What about the Russians?" they added

almost in one breath. "Are they coming to Hersbruck?" Capt Glaser answered [?] a carefully [?]

phrased "no."

US govern this fear of the Russians.

~~Military Govnt officers near the Russian Zone confirm the story that the Russians~~ say the Russians are driving thousands of Germans out of their territory into ours. [?] places our commanders refuse to let them in ~~and~~ Hundreds of woebegone families sit with their children + household effects between the line waiting for one or the other of the allies to relent.

24 July. Convicted a German of stealing + hiding 4000 cigars, 30,000 cigarets, wine + other Wehrmacht goods. ~~He was one~~

A poor money making minor functionary he evidently lived a pale but exemplary life until the German army fled

before the moaning Americans. Then
joined
with ^ a crowd of neighbors in
looting the SS Lager near the
East R. R. Station. Whether he took
more than the rest or whether it was
some old grudge I don't know, but
one of the despicable rats who
always turn informer to curry
favor with the govnt of the
moment slid into our Hq the
other night + preached on him.

The C.I.C. says these are the
~~worst~~ far worst) people in the world

Able
for telling on each other. They
C.I.C. Lt. Wemgarthins thinks it
is because German Gestapo
learned everything. They feel we
shall find it out anyway + they
may as well tell. Besides the
area is a snarling honeycomb

Most are ~~based~~ drive to
of old fends. ~~Some go back for~~
~~Nazi~~ informing during Nazi days. Some
go back on generations. It seems as

tho most every German hates
~~every other German enough~~ so that
~~he only~~ starts learning hatred
as a child in these family feuds,
so he has a good groundwork
on which to build up a super hate of all
Czechs, Poles, + other foreigners.

The youth welfare group on
which I one pin my hope to
reverse this process with children
8-14 met today. Herr Glass, an
intelligent former teacher from Nuremburg, [?]
~~welfare~~ youth welfare director be the Landrat, has
named up all the non Nazi school teachers
both new names dried up
for this work. They are an old ^ + sorry looking
lot. All the young school teachers were
members of the Nazi party either by choice
or force + hence are not acceptable. As
lord at this crowd + think of the tired
old men who are priests of the Lutheran
church (dominant in this area) I begin
to see why the Nazis were able to make
such an appeal to youth. ~~They~~ These ritual
bound old fogies had no appeal for young
minds even back in 1933 and now they are

Twelve years by [?]
12 years older. and the war has left
them with not even a glimmer of hope
for the future in their lack luster ways.

Czechoslovakia

25 July Today I went to Eggers
to try to get some coal. We have only
12 tons left in kreis + will have to
close bakeries + dairies soon if none
arrives – also no hot water for hospitals which

(Chair in Czech)

can't burn wood. Eggers ^ is an old city. Had
more than holy the citizens seem to
be German. The Czechs are doing their
part to keep up racial hatreds by making
all of them, even children, wear armbands
~~white~~ for yellow for those who came
after 1938. White for others, many of
whom have lived there for generations.
los soldiers, sore at Czechs, say
latter drove out an 80 year old woman
whose family had owned a farm for
hundreds of years – also that the
Czechs slap + mistreat girls who
go out with Americans. "But we
fool them" grinned a soldier "When we
finish a cigarette we stamp out the

In court today I fined 2 girls
100 marks each for traveling without
a pass. They had no [?] but
another prisoner (male) paid the pair.
“How did you get here?” I asked the
girls. They had come from Falkenau
Czechoslovakia 100 miles away.
“An American officer gave us a
ride they giggled “He promised to
take us back but didn’t show up
so now we are [?] it.”

built – or we rig up a long 3 inch
built with a fine thread where
a Czech soldier stoops to pick
up his prize we have it away.

soldiers

We ^ don’t like these Czechs around
have in fact I hate to say it, but
we find we like the Germans
better.

I visited Herbenenberg today to
see what people went for Burgeminish
Herbenenberg is a tiny farm area

up in the mesa land back
of Pommelsbrunn. ~~its people~~ Placluse
by a step no dry winding road its

see

people ~~have~~^ little of the valley
dwellers in the rest of the kreis

The first farmers [?]

“What man who was never
in the party would make a
good burgermeister?” I asked

“Farmer this than the interpreter

~~The farmer smiled~~ as the farmer

twisted

listened a ^ smile came over his face.

[?] grown man in

a non party

the village ~~who is not~~ a member
~~of the party~~”. he replied “Not one.”

You must have to wait till the
soldiers get home.”

Met old Count Von Eschenberg

in black coat + he wandering around his

15th century castle like a ghost of the past

[circled]Each thing that it was Nazi [?] + singing

offered something alive and to the [?]

gangsters something vital against a

background of hopeless vacinty. [circled]

Characters

Glossary-

Map of Kreis +of City

liken well [?]

I said Ok if you'll stop him from giving from giving orders as Military Governor of the Region Maj Gen. Van Vlech seeing how hot I was walked away The colonel said they would only need him for a week or two + the subject was dropped. We went on up to inspect [?] 120 mm gun at Voma. said to be target even built. Both Generals agreed they could not figure out how it was fired. Gen Kane, [?], said it would probably have fired only about 100 rounds but that would have been enough to wipe London completely off the map. Fortunately we got the Channel ports before the gun could be used + it was hidden down here in the hole of Bavaria.

27 May – ~~We arrested a GI for his~~

We had our first fraternizing
German [?]

case today. A ^ G.I. went into gymnasium where about 100 German refugee women are billeted. He lined ~~them all~~ up. he ordered. "I'm picking the most beautiful" which he did. The record doesn't state whether or not the chosen lady appreciated the honor.

28 May – More + more U.S. troops are pouring into the kries. We arrested a German for stabbing a Russian D.P. He claims self defense. Says Russian was robbing him of his bicycle. We Ordered telephones in Hersbruck City hooked up for officials + a few residential civilians such as doctors named Andreas Straudt, former Nuremberger, never a party member, as supit of schools. All local educational leaders are deep dyed Nazis it seems. We arrested Hubert Hartog, German Nazi [circled]general.[circled] Following protocol of war I guarded him as senior military officer, tell he could be evacuated. He spoke good English + is the first German who neither grovels nor assumes an air of superiority.

28 May Night sticks have been issued to German police

31 May. ~~This Corpus Christi day. Having no~~

We tried [?] today [?]

~~ord I took a chance + told Catholic Priest~~

to talk to father of [?] in Internment Camp he could hold a prosecution.

Hitlerstrasse, main street of Hersbruck is now once again Pragstrasse, its name since middle ages when Hersebruck was stopping place on [?]

~~30 May. Named Andreas Straudt, born in Hersbruck but enter~~

route from Nuremberg to Prague.
Schichedary, Hungarian counsel + an
important industrialist of Furth who
lives in a large villa here, come to ask for
a travel pass ~~bringing~~ with bulldog
head + bushy moustache he looks a
typical Nazi. He brought along his ~~beaut~~
delicately beautiful blonde wife "as
interpreter" claiming he spoke no English.
~~But~~ Once when she failed for a
word he supplied it so I think
she was used for bait.

I made the social blunder of going to
barber shop for haircut when I should
have ordered him her. My arrival
threw everything into confusion. "Shall
I drive everyone out of shop while I cut
the hair of Herr Commandant?" asked
the barber. "No let them stay" I answered.
But everything stopped in the shop while
the other barber waited on the head barber
as he cut my hair. The other patrons watched
enthralled to witness such an intricate
operation as a haircut of a military governor
next but no one spoke, except in awed

whispers. I shall not repeat the
blunder. [circled] The part looted, Hersbruck [?]
the gymnasium two smaller hotels have been
taken over by US armies [circled]

Arrested a burgermeister who told
[?]

5 farmers ^ they could keep weapons
31 Pfe. Kergert Schafer joined the Det today. He
speaks fairly good German in intelligent + pleasant
a way [?] should be

1 June Reported ~~persons~~ arrested
Landrat reported [?] 80,000 RM

~~+ thrown in internment camp~~
~~[?] cap in his office Former Nazi [?]~~
because of offices head under Nazi
~~hes key. If approved~~ visits [?] the
regime.

[?] will burn. What shall [?] ? I took over functions
[arrow to June 3] Capt Cope leaves for U.S.

No answer [?] Lt Lanning is
Collection forcing [?] in my [?]

3 June We got rid of Capt Stazenhov
today. Following our directive we ordered
him to go. He could not. He had to have
his [?] fired. "You must go." Maj Peahe
insisted

"I cannot leave Hersbruck.
I have ordered boats + they have not
arrived."

"Be out of here by 7:30."
A snapping [?] but the face of
a dog that has been whipped for no
reason. "I go. I obey I am a
soldier."

At 7:30 Maj Peake sent
soldier to the Captians imbroglio in the

27 July Arrested a [ripped page]
trying to make off with German
[?] motorcycle. He was
surprised as don't that a US officer
should back a G. D. krant
against an American. Someone
should explain to troops that
~~if we plunder~~ when we plunder
we become just another
conquering army sowing seeds for
we are following footsteps of
next war. [?] than^ Napoleon
Kaiser Wilhelms I + II + Hitler.
~~Its t stop that~~ Why all food sent
from U.S? Wheren land of feeding
your beaten enemies? Except US
of the last war.

Nuremberg

(see book)

Nuremberg [?]

~~They~~ tell [me] us many of the Saarlanders
are still living on the ~~deserted~~ railroaded
train at Henfenfeld, still hoping some day it
will pull out for the Saar. R.R. [?]
cant get them off. We sent the Landrat orders that
army must evacuate the train by 1200 tomorrow.

[page ripped]

Schichedary + pretty blonde wife

We went to Nuremberg today Lt.
Hurst [?] took us on a tour of the station
because I had confessed I thought
there was only one. He says the
one that was just started when
war broke out was to hold 400,000

ETO

we saw the tail end of the ^ Olympic
swimming championships.

Nuremberg reversed blocks +c
(see book)

No Fraternization is officially off
it seems _ that is in public
places.

Tank commander(?)

30 July – Young medical captain called on me today. With him was a pretty young girl looking exceedingly fetching in a pair of ~~bright~~ army pants + an army shirt. The captain introduced himself as Capt Sirenollow + the young girl as his bride. They were married last week in Prague [in] [?] the first wedding in the Jewish synagogue in Prague since 1938. The Captain says it took all kinds of special dispensations from army officers to [?] the ambassadors [?] wedding. The going lady + from Budapest. She has no idea where her father or mother are or whether they are still alive now.^ She has no papers. She herself was released by the allies from a concentration camp at Auschwitz Silesia. Where she was thrown simply because she was a Jewes.

She says they had shower baths
where certain ill persons were
given a [?]
sent for a “refreshing shower.” The
instead of water
showers when turned on ^ was
asphyxiating lethal gas.
The incinerator was next
to her barracks. She saw hundreds
of bodies carried in.

31 July We are all in a maze
of fragebogens. Every hour Lt
Lanning sends me a stack of
30 or 40 on which are clipped
[circled]On line 8 of action[circled]
“Action Sheets.” [circled]^On these as[circled]
M.G.O. I write a note ^to
myself as Civil Administration
Officer say my “In view of
Nazi activities listed abuse
you had better fire
this man.” – or “You employ
this man but watch him carefully

he may prove dangerous” This I
~~on him~~ sign and date.

Then on line 13 I write

a reply to myself – yes, sir.

I have done as you suggest”

This I sign and date.

About once every 20 fragebozens

a civil claims after

I cant resist getting mad at

[?] M.G.O. [?]

I stick in a sarcastic note

along this line “You may

think this guy is O.K. but I don’t,

I’m firing him, see” or

“What have against the lad?

He’s not a ‘mandatory removal’

I’ll use my own judgement about

letting him go”

It’s an interesting game. Takes

a lot of time but by [?]

we shall be able to report

that we have processed

18 August Soldiers have hit civilians
+ taken [?].

Public gathering authorized for
horse trading.

3 cases of falsifying fragebozens
prosecuted stiff sentences. 160 days hard
labor.

Need for [?]. M.S. troops
internment camps take so much diffi-
cult to take care of civilian needs
for winter. [?] work not operating
for lack of coal. No coal for private
heating. No coal received from Bavaria
Econ Office despite powers.
~~ham~~ No of [?] due to
lack of demand for office workers + professional
people. Shortage in skilled trades
[?]
in taking many of [?]

First request for formation of
a labor union. Gasoline shortage
continues.

of all rounds
all the officials ^ and most of
the other persons of influence
in Hersbruck Kreis – 870 in all –
we should have thrown out ~~about~~
____ [?], our local communist
complains there are still too many Nazis in office,
but Roizer, non Nazi burgermeister claims 96% of the
office holders were Nazi party members many forced in [?]
1. Aug Took Mercedes to Furth for
a conference. Left here late. Got
arrested for speeding ([?] same
M.P.s I had ordered into Kreis)
so was really late by time
we reached Nuremburg. Houselt
ruined
plunged into the ^ old city. “He
knows a shortcut” I thought. The
roads through the ruins were narrow
because of the piles of debris. As Houselt
kept twisting they kept getting narrower
Finally we were going over debris, had
to stop several times to throw [?]
+ stones out of our path. It got later +
later + got madder + madder. We got
to a place where we could go no further.
And it was impossible to turn around.

Housselt smiled his [?] false teeth smile. "Road bad" he he announced and gave up. I puted around till I found a gang of PW. cleaning debris. Marched them to the car + got the road cleared so we could squeeze through. A half block farther Housselt stopped the car. "Whats the matter now?" I groaned "Nothing. That is mine house" with a pleased grin he pointed little out what ~~remained of a house~~ several floors open to a house sliced in two so that rooms had only 3 walls

He had got me into all this mess just to show me his home. I could have choked him. 'Drive on' I roared + he did such but still muttering mine house, mine house.

On the way back from Furth

we were stopped in Nuremberg by
a pretty girl who said in broken
English that her mother was wounded
in the head would the major take
mother home? Yes. We got mother
whose head was much swelled in
bloody looking bandages into the
car + home. I sent Houselt to help her
up to her room. The young girl came back to
the car. "Did you want me?" she

aloof

beamed "No." I replied^ "Well could you
give me some cigarets?" yes + I

I write down this because it is apparent
handed her a pack. ^ I have never let
down a favor for a German that he
has not ask immediately asked
another. Fraternization

Our report shows we have [?] 40
top ranking officials, because of Nazi affiliation

[?]

2. August – A farmer came to see
us today, much perturbed. He had
against assembling. It
read the Proclamation ^ prohibitsing
more than 5 to congregate.

~~But you see I want to put~~

~~you~~ "My trouble is" he said There's
a German army truck, all burned up by

your soldiers, right in my field.
I want to pull it out, but it
~~it's going to take~~
will surely take more than 5
horses to pull that truck out."

refugees
[?] of getting rid of Saarlanders
3 [?] we are getting more

mostly
300 arrived by train today ^ Silesians,
East Prussians
Saarlanders, North Germans + Austrians
- all mostly women + children. Able bodied
were screened out before the train
was sent. – ~~and our Saarlanders, and in~~
[?]

3 Aug - Took the 16 year old boy
start his 4 year sentence

who shot his brother to a ^ prison
~~near Donauworth~~ – a pleasant enough
looking jail – a former convent.

The head keeper looked + acted
quite human said boy's brother
can visit him every 3 months.

Had a [?] of time getting across
the Danube because all the bridges
are knocked out – finally found a little
ferry near-

put
Left, ^ Daniels at 3rd Rgt Hq in
Augsburg. All his army records

were lost in the bulge + they
~~are trying~~ to [?] out new ones.
From Augsburg took another autobahn
to Munich – Latter is not as
completely wrecked as Nuremburg
but somehow to me is more
depressing. Nuremburg is flat
+ the sun pours down on rubble
~~ruins~~ debris + an occasional
tower. Munich as you drive
through its streets look like
any other big drab city – until
you realize that all the buildings are
shells gutted inside. Walking at
night past block after block of
ghost buildings is

4. Aug – Trying to get enough
coal keep hospitals, dairies +
bakeries I open I tackled
G4 – Third Army altho I
knew I was ~~breaking~~ cutting channels

G4 is in a huge [?]
structure with a series of fairly
slow moving elevators that never
stop. You just hop on + off as
they go by the floors. By much
3rd Army
pleading I got an ^ approval for
70 tons of coal – enough to keep the
essential services going a week or
so more.
On the way home I stopped off
at Dachau – saw the huge
row of incinerators, the
showers
shower rooms which ^ actually
sent out lethal gas, another
set of gas chambers with
printed instructions to leave
victims in for 30 minutes – altho
11minutes was supposed to do the
job. In a room stained with
blood where bodies had been
piled toward the end where

when they were being killed to
fast to burn they showed
us barrels of ashes, human
ashes. "Most of it was sold
to nearby farmers for fertilizer." our
guide said "They claim now they
didn't know what it was but
they could have guessed all [?] of
cause the guards used to bury

They used to let [?] them
~~one~~ 10% of those who died so me on
the inside would think that
was all that died. "The Germans had
70,000 in the camp. We have
only 20,000 so far.

Today I have asked several

~~4. August~~

Germans about Hitler + Eva
Braun. One or two had heard
of Eva from Americans not a
one ever heard of her before
the debacle.

I arrived back here at Hersbruck
to find a host of minor trouble +
one big one. 1st Lt. Hurst my

~~ex-supervisor~~ excellent property
Control Public Utilities + Transportation
Officer is ordered back to his ~~uni~~
military unit. Hope it means
return to US

the grain transit is under way. Every
little village has a threshing machine whisky away
with a group of lightly clad, hard working young + old
men + women [?]

5 August – More bad news.
Stars + Stripes has been borrowing
that a reduction in points
was coming today the
Army says flatly “No” – 85 points
is the minimum to get out –
and I have just 84 points

months in service to 8 may 45 – 18	
overseas	15
3 battle stars	15
3 children	<u>36</u>
	84

84

I figure + figure, but can't

65

squeeze out another point.
Announcement came out today
that Stalin, [?] + Truman
had come to an agreement – From

the resume of the agreement published
in Stars + Stripes it sounds all
Stalin to me.

[circled]31[circled]

A "Special Branch" team visiting
Hersbruck to locate Germans capable
as evaluators says this was strongest
Nazi Kreis in all Franconia, if not
all Bavaria. The [?]faction [?]
plaguing havoc with local govt officers but the
new people will [?] learn the ropes in this.

7. Aug A disgruntled group visited
the Landrat
me today from Henfenfeld. They say ^
we finally threw out the Nazi
burgermeister of the village only to replace
him by his son in law. They
claim the Lutheran priest finally
runs the village, and that the
Lutheran priest is so Nazi he preached
a sermon + prayed for those now in
the internment camps.

we are today over [?]
the
all the property of Nazis in ^ internment
camp ~~has been offer~~ Bakery that makes bread for internment
camps is closing because of coal [?]

Coal continues critical. We are closing
the brewery; even tho it makes beer only for
+ hence [?] coal support
U.S. troops^ – beer from Newark, NJ.

X Belon

8. Capt Glaser + I inspected the Hermann Goering Inow Works. as the se which It has not been operating since the occupation probably + ^ will not operate for a long time to come. The superintendent a bushy

[?]

moustashed, ^ but [?] German of the old school plotted us through the warships, at a rapid clip. We had only one [?]. I called back to Capt Glaser as I heard him limber over some fallen rock.

expedition

"I'm Ok" he [?], "but this ^ must be that underground movement we be been looking for."

Home to read about the atomic bomb.

Nearly 1500 discharged German soldiers have registered at the Labor office here (they have to register to get ration coupons) Labor office reports that most soldiers wont stay on farms. They work a day or two + then drift away.

~~The Germans are making one [?]~~

[?]

[circled]3 + a[circled]

9 Aug

The Kreis architect has submitted plans for rebuilding Velden, the capital portion [?]

~~small town which was~~ almost [?] demolished by U.S. artillery fire as our troops advanced into [?]

this region. ^ Streets will be [?]

~~well design~~

and straightened. ^ [?]

~~must replace the~~ | Plans have been drawn for the erection of well designed modern buildings but preserving the Franconian architecture.

The whole thing has been planned on a modest war table basis. The [?] will take

two and a half years.

Stocking of fire wood for winter is well started.

[?] phone service , for [?] approved by Mil. Govnt. It is different for us who have phone communication + newspapers to realize how the thinking of Germans is effected by lack of knowledge of what goes on in a wider world. A few have radios but only they frequently get distorted [?] -

Shortage of soap has been relieved temporarily. These cleanly Germans are overjoyed.

9. Aug Atomectry of MGO at Ansbach
Colonel Andrews of Nuremburg
has moved into town +with their
dog + pony show + about taken
it over. "This morning a major
General called me in and said
'You will deliver at once 150
typewriters, 75 good motor cars,
+c, +c.' I replied 'Yes sir' and
saluted. Lord knows where I'll
ever find the stuff."

10. The Countess Irmgard Vou L
of Hersbruck
came here because she
~~called~~ came in today to say she ^ is trying
to buy Henfenfeld castle for a
~~religion~~ Lutheran school for girls
but the owner, Countess von
S is away. The caretakers say
the Americans have taken her away.
'That's all right" I replied "The
Countess von S has just gone on a

short trip. If you will return in
about two weeks I'm sure she
will be back." [circled] the [?][circled]

I did not tell her ^ that we
had put the Countess von S
in hospital confinement because
she had contracted disease in
the course of her more than
Platonic interests in the U.S.
officers billeted in her castle.

Harvest is good but food not over plentiful

Nazis

due to refugees, D.Ps + the 5000^ in the
Internment Camps, all of whom are fed by
the Landkreis.

10. The Do called doctor who
is leader of the Polish D.Ps
at ~~Henf~~ Hartenstein insists
he must have an automobile
+ the U.S. officer backs him
up. I took it away from him
a week ago, but am returning it
under protest. All the American
officers say this man is O.K. but
leader
every D.P.^with whom I have dealt

has ~~proved~~ swindled and lied.

[circled]The Lutheran priest of Henfenfeld
after my orders
arrived[^] with Dr. Nuninger the dean of
[?]
Lutheran church.[^][circled] The father was so
excited the perspiration shown on his
forehead. "I am disgraced." he mourned
"The whole village knows I have been
ordered to report to Military Govrnt about
a sermon. And it is all lies, lies." He
produced an affidavit from members of
his parish that he had never prayed
for interneers. I told him not to worry that
he was exonerated. Immediately he
demanded the names of his detractors
+ that they be tried before Military Govnt
"It is these charges that cause all the
burgermeister
trouble" he told us " The major[^] Forrenbach
burgermeister
slaps a woman the major[^] of [?]
peaks a stich over a man. The man designated
burgermeister
for mayor[^] of Kirchenicttenback gets into
a brawl. These things never happened
before, but you have put men in office
who never had experience or power
and you put out all those who know

how to govern.

“Because they were all Nazis,” I add.

“I know. I know” and he subsided
altho his fragebozen isn’t bad I’m
sure he is thoroly Nazi at heart.
I shall have to investigate the whole
Henfenfeld station. It has been
a festering spot since May with
changes + countless charges. The farmers
[?] radicals + [?]
there are ^ Nazis + the R.R. workers are ^
The feud between them ~~goes back~~ is constant.

11 Aug -----

Lt Col Chester Cohen dropped
+ we celebrated this
in for the evening^ He told how
he had been ordered from England
to report to NETOUSA in North Africa
when he finally reached Algiers
NETOUSA had gone to Naples. By
this time enough letters + cables had gone
back + forth to straighten the situation
out NETOUSA had been disbanded
meanwhile he spent a pleasant + useful
3 months in Algiers helping hold
down a bubonic plague. [?] hear it got
so bad they had men
stationed at wharfs to [?] by [?] to kill rats as they
[?] ships

today's [?] is

JAPAN OFFERS TO SURRENDER 34

UNDER By 4 [?] Terms

In [?]

12 Aug Capt Glaser, Capt Swerdlow

pretty

+ his ^ Hungarian wife + I

Went [drove] out to [?] just

beyond our Kreis. From the air

I had seen an old castle said

to have been owned by Hermann

Goering. We found the castle

gate had an "off limits sign" but

Capt Glaser found a little

few hundred yards down

path a ^ ~~quarter of a mile~~ up the

road which led around thru

an archway + finally into the

castle courtyard where we found

a low two story building. Capt

Swerdlow knocked on the

door no answer. He pushed it

open. An obviously frightened

German peasant woman stood

staring at us. Just then a tall

In margins:

Allies believed Debating note sent via [?]

in the folds of her mothers
tea gown.

It was obvious from their
newness there Goering had
rebuilt most of the castle walks
On a weathervane we noticed
the initials HG + the date 1942.
~~Just as~~ Frau Goering said they
were living primitively the
Americans having taken all the
furniture out of the house.
I asked Mrs. Swerdlow to tell
her we wouldn't have intruded
had we known it was a private
house. As we turned to leave
my eye was caught by a big
wardrobe trunk sitting next the
ground floor
window with initials H.G.
painted in red. I wondered
if the trunk had been packed
ready for the great marshal

of the Luftwaffe to leave when
he found there was no place
for him to go.

This evening I held the first
public meeting in the Kreis
in order to read General
Eisenhower's proclamation.
About 1500 persons were
~~present~~ gathered on the
green in front of the Gymnasium
when I marched up the steps
+ read the proclamation ~~sentence~~
Herr
with ^ Groshel translating sentence
by sentence. As Groshel spoke
I looked out over the 1500 faces,
Not an expression.[circled] Every
face was like stone[circled] At the
end came a scattering of [?] rolls

but one poor Gobel, unable
to forget his training, raised his hand
in a stiff arm salute + shouted
'Heil' A ripple of amusement
went over the crowd, showing they are humorous
after all.

13 Aug Advise Con

Coal shortage is still [?].

Am told that a printer in Furth

giving the [?]

is selling ~~diplomas~~ certificates proving
that holder had been interred in Dachau
prison + hence should have specially good treatment.
These so called "Diplomas from Dachau" sell for 5 marks each.

14 Aug. I served today on an

[?] the wars over. At least we had a

[?] of [?] just after beachfort on the straights of a radio [?]

Interndechts court at Nuremburg

later I went to Nuremburg to [?]

We had one trouble because the

War Crimes Commission is

taking over the Court House but

they finally agreed to let us use it

this last time. Our first case

was a woman charged with

having kept a weapon. Alas [?]

with having worn back for
Hitler death. She told us frankly
she was a convinced Nazi "I thought
the Americans would send me to
Russia. I was resolved to die first
+ so I kept the revolver. But I
turned it in May 9. In July you
declared an amnesty. If I had
held it till July I would not have
been arrested."

in our chambers when

We adjourned ^ + the two lawyers
~~got into~~ on the court got into
a heated argument. We finally
gave her a suspended sentence
of 4 years but when I found
these two good lawyers taking
opposite sides on every case
I decided our Seminary Court
in Heresbruck where neither the prosecutor
~~with no lawyers~~ is
nor the judge has legal training
___ is probably doing all right
so

15/ Back to our court to
hear the case against [?], a
non Nazi burgermeister of
Rechensirent who smacked
alleged
an ^ Nazi over the head so hard
he broke a stich the size of a
broomstick. The Nazi it seems
had refused to give up a room
on order of burgermeister. ~~Re~~
I gave the burgermeister 60 days
but suspended all but 14. Told
him he had the local police
+ backing of US. troops to answer
his orders. He did not used to do it
himself. I asked a German about the
atomic bomb. He said it was invented by
2 German Jews who [?] to the US.

16/ Off for a ~~2-day~~ leave
on the Riviera –

was A pleasant enough time
but miserable trip down +
back, and the Riviera made
it is so like
me homesick for ^ Florida
bright blue sky + sea, palm
trees, ollainders, dancing
outdoors, +c. [boxed]Someone very much [?]
were passed out to me as 5000 francs
a night. A [?] his motive[boxed]

On the way back I talked with
soldiers who had been stationed
[?]

at Berlin. One had ^ sent \$8,000⁰⁰
home, another laughed "Why
sent home \$8,000 – and our
C. Ostill has \$11,000 he doesn't
have send home on account of
the stink."

"Hand [?]" I ask

"Why these Russki will
buy anything. 6000 or 2000 marks
(\$600 or \$700) for a watch – and

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My [?] why [?] anyone
pay 3000 francs to sleep with an
old like that. I know the prettiest [?]
18 franc sum in Cannes. She wasn't [?] [?] [?]

if it has anything special
about it like a nice loud tick
another hundred or so marks.

“You know what I sold?”

one boy confided blushing

“It just happened that one of
these pro kits packages fell out of
my pocket. Russki picks it
up hands it back to me. I make
gestures to show what its good
for. Broad grin on Russians
face + he hands me 150
marks. Fifteen dollars for that
pro kit. The that one.”

As suspected I found Captain
tactful, quiet, capably to
Glaser has handled the Kries ~~exceedingly~~
perfection
^ ~~well~~ in my absences all the more
reason why I should go back to US.
+ leave it to him.

some

30 Reported that ^ U.S. soldiers leaving
who had gotten hold of some [?] horses [?]
area ^ were selling Wehrmacht horses
to circus. I jailed [?] circus till
I rounded horses up. Released him just
in time to open circuses. Then got C O of
troops to collect money to give back.
Turned horses over to Landrat, but told him
I wanted one to ride. I've been riding on old rented plug
while the soldiers galloped about on good horses
31. Forces major in German army said
he knew war was lost in winter of 41-42
when Hitler changed generals. His wife
teased him about girls in Paris where he
was stationed during part of war.
3 Sept - Adv. Committee advised about soldiers + late hours
[?]

4 Sept – I got the leading member of
advisory together + told them we felt
we should change Landrats because
of Dr. Matt having been a party member.

after

He did not join till ^ '39 after country
was at war but we full head of govnt
should never have been a Nazi. They all
recommend Roiger burgermeister”
city of Hersbruck. each alone
6 Sept. We called in Roiger then Matt + told
them of change. Matt seemed actually
relieved, especially when he was told
he could stay on in a lesser position.
(Otherwise his bank account would be
blocked)

This evening I went to a meeting
with C I C in Lanf at which 5 Germans
from Nuremburg explained old drains

3 Sept

~~10~~ Sept The Advisor Council

tells us that the girls who go out with US soldiers are the same who used to having [?] the S.S. troops, and that it bothers respectable citizens when these girls

or

flaunt curfew laws and steal vegetables + fruit knowing they will be protected by US soldiers. A policeman who arrested a girl for being out after curfew got beat up the next day by her American boy friend. At Eashibuch someone posted a drawing of a pair of shoes and a warning to girls that their hair will someday be shaved by them [?] to go out with U.S. soldiers.

People are disturbed by all sorts of rumors also since a trainload of D.Ps (claimed to be Russians) fired a volley of shots as the train passed the internment camp. Actually

no one was hurt but ~~the~~
memo has listed 12 internees
[?] + 2 US guards killed.

young

Another ^ German woman
has committed suicide by
drowning in the Pegnitz. It
appears to have been due to
a love affair. Fortunately no
American is involved.

[Page ripped on side]
of old political parties.

[circled]39[circled]

One was from Bavarian Peoples Party
(Catholic) one from Social Democrats
and one from Communist Party. All
emphasized need of unity + said their
parties would not develop factualism.
I asked if young people were showing
any interest in politics. All said "No!
They tend too thoroughly indoctrinated
with Nazism still." After the
meeting [?] asked if it would be possible
for non Nazi Germans to help in
denazification. "Many you have [?]
are not at all Nazis at heart." they insist
"They fought the party, but were forced
to join. They include some of our best
+ truest Democrats. Others are still
in power who were active Nazis
even tho their fragebozens don't
show it. We know we can do
job."

~~190FA Groups~~

~~Fri. 7 Sept. Lt. Col Warlington ^ + Capt
T Woodworth of 200th FABs are taking
over command of occupational troops.
He is [?] on M.Ps to show army
[?] + prevent looting on part of
soldiers or their German girls.
(adv Com - [?]+c.)~~

I heard this morning that we had
last night own
trouble ^ in our ^ Hq. It seems that
the old lady who takes care of sewing +c
for us + Maria, one of waitresses
live in one small room on top floor.
They are envious (Germans seem to come
to hate each other easily.) Last night
went down to the basement water
mama^ ~~divided~~ about 2 AM ^ to take
a shower – I suppose that's only
time she feels safe as soldiers use
only shower in the house. The old
woman had ~~not been well~~ eaten so well
that did not agree with her. At 2'55
she woke up with great need to go
the bathroom. The door was locked
the outside + mama gone. the
knocked+ knocked, yelled + yelled.
[?] workings but we had no
[?]. By the time mama was finally
located the old Hq was in [?].
The only one who slept through the
disturbance was the MGO – a
sound sleeper with a good conscience.

8 Sept. A new C.O for another
[?] billeted in the area arrived
this afternoon + [?] word
that we must have a [?]
by nightfall. This I learned is one
of those donerdecher things windows high
filled with feathers that they put
on the beds over here instead of
comforters. I sent word to Landrat
that a donerdecher must be provided
at 7 pm an embarrassed 1st Lt
arrived. The Colonel [?]
had not [?] been delivered. I offered
nods
mine and he refused ^ another [?]
the burgermeister must [?]
militant having whether or not
Colonel recent his his donerdecher
~~The version of these~~
Roizer now Landrat [?]
report today on the difficulties
had faced as Burgermeister of
city of Hersbruck, bombed homes,
too little food, shortages of nearly everything
He ended the report as follows:
"The [?] to these difficulties in
capital letters ought to be the words
were once in general use.
For ALL THAT WE THANK OUR FUEHER."

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Sunday

9 Sept. New Colonel doesn't [?]

his home + wants another.

I told them Colonel must get Corps

approval. The donerdecher is

~~not as~~ delivered but is not [?]

is made of cotton.

Provost Marshal reported that jeep

through Heipperg about

125 [circled]yesterday[circled](930 pm) A move

wine listed arose mood

to enough to clear wood. ~~He leaped~~

youths were holding it

out drove [?] getting

also reported that [?]

enland across the road

looks like ~~real possible~~

actively we have been

new

all along. I called in the ^ Landrat

him it must be probed to bottom.

Otherwise there would be trouble for

everyone.

~~new~~

The ^ Landrat himself much worried,

promised action. He told no German

soldiers are threatening to shave heads

of German girls who go out with American

These he says are the same girls
who used to go out with SS troopers
and are the scum of the community
yet they get special privileges. (While
I was away a soldier beat up a German
policeman who had arrested his
girl for being out after curfew.)

About 8 PM + a US Lieutenant

~~Thought~~ 3 Russian staff officers
drove up + asked if they could
spend the night. They are driving from
Frankfurt to Prague. We put them
up + spent the evening with them.

Only one speaks English but all were
interested in Capt Glasers LIFE
magazines. When one dawdled
over pictures of girls in bathing suits
I told him I had read that

Russians never looked at girls' legs.

"They are the same all over the
world" he replied. He would
have liked to have found a
fountain to "[?]"

– take a walk – but ~~said~~ he knows they
German girls

^ are all afraid of Russians in this
area. "It is just the opposite [?]"

10/ Received a report from Landrat recommending firing a so called victim of the Nazis who set [?] up in the Kreis as a [?] because he has "caused to death many animals."

I just learned today that the great Schaefer the wise guy from Pittsburgh who boasts so much about how he risked his life to surrender the city to the Americans has never submitted a fragebozen.

11/ Our great werewolf [?] activity case proved a flop. When I went to court this morning I found a frightened little 13 year old boy accused of having "endangered the security US forces" by pulling a wire across the road at Happurg. In the course of the trial it developed that a crowd of youngsters were [?] milkmaids on their way home with milkpacks (an old Bavarian custom) when the US jeep came through. The

[?] ~~on~~

prizes was ~~drawn~~ ^ ~~across~~ the road it appears [?] some drunken US soldiers.

We got a fragebozen out of Schaefer today
He joined the Nazi party in 1935. [?] out
he goes from official life. I wrote a dismissal
letter to the Landrat today.

[?]

12 – Sept Emil Held ^ came to ask for a
pass to visit the French zone of
occupation saying French have
complicated 30,000 R.M. worth of his
only

hops. He is ^ one of big business
men of kreis who never joined
the party + is highly respected. He urged
me to hold off on permitting
political activity for awhile ~~saying~~
explaining that German politics
is not like American politics.

he said

“In your country “ ^ “Republicans
+ Democrats sit down to lunch
together. They do business with
each other. After elections they forget
politics. Here it is not like that.
One German will not speak or have
any dealings with another who differs

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ther boy

Once I did not show up
a Hitler youth meeting. I was
imprisoned for a day and a night
in a bare room in the Rathaus.
no bed, no chair, no blankets, not
crawled

anything but I ~~climbed~~^{climbed} down
the drain pipe + got away. The
next day the Hitler Youth leader
caught me + beat me with his
fists.

Hitler – Most looked away +
said they could not say.
they only knew Hitler Youth
had taught them. One spoke up
s “My father ~~always~~ says now Hitler
How he have
could ~~not have~~ been a great man.
He was a workman on houses?”

Another with a [?] his
[?] said Hitler He was a

liar.

[Ripped top]

[?]

Hitler Youth – “We had nothing but war games, marching and exercising. Now we are freer to play as we like. ~~On tells how a 15 year old member of Hitler Youth had right to carry loaded revolver to keep youths under 16 from entering work~~

One day. I was not a member of Hitler Youth, but when we were bombed out I was sent to a Youth camp. At first we had civilian leaders. Then came Hitler Youth leaders. I was hungry. I wrote home that I wanted to go home. They opened my letters + were angry. They made me stand with arms stretched out like this [circled]straight ahead[circled] for one hour all the time singing. If I did not obey all commands promptly they beat me with their fists or made me kneel down + [circled]a youth leader wear hot [circled] jumped ^ on my back ~~with~~[circled]tacked shoes[circled]

Danish supplies for
Czech Slovakia

4 Danes + c.

Place for night sent out
stand +

to kitchen to ^ wait.

Fight between U.S. white +
black troops Nuremburg.

29 May recommended pro F.M.
letter + [?]

16 July – wrote fellow n

4 Aug ~~Talked to man from~~

Told woman never
received by Regt.

7 Aug Wrote stray letter
demanding in real of promotion

28 Aug Col Crawford Capt Glaser May 29-July 16
[?]

31 Aug Tracer on letter Aug 7

[?] and man

3 Sept – Talked with C O about n

11 Sept Recommended F M again

[Ripped bottom]

[?]

from him politically

13 Sept. When I went down to
breakfast I found the whole
mess room a bower of flowers
Even my chair had [?]

and grey leaves

+ goldwork twined about it.

Over a huge basket of roses were
the numerals '50' and 50 lighted
candles were on the table.

Someone had told someone it
was my birthday. As I sat down
in my wreath bedecked chair
Capt Glaser looked at me. "Sir
he remarked "You look ~~first~~ like
the horse that has just won the
derby."

Just as I finished breakfast a
pretty little blonde 10 year old girl
~~with~~ dressed in white with a
wreath of white flowers in her
hair came to present me with

slow but broken

in English

a bouquet saying ^ I wish you a

very happy birthday.” They tell me she was chosen because she learned the sentences best – and also, I suspect, for her looks. During the morning various officials came, bowed + respectfully wished the Herr Commandant me a Happy Birthday.

This afternoon I went out to see how our youth program is working. Thursday is a day of recreation. [?] youngsters were + chase swimming, playing ball games + dance dancing+ singing under the supervision of our non Nazi group. (The latter looked younger + peppier than when I saw them a few weeks ago. Maybe the sorriest have dropped by the wayside) Everyone of the youngster seemed to be honestly having a grand time.

“They had nothing like this under the Nazis” Herr Glas explained. “Only

murder, drilling + war games.”

14 September Today is a sad day for Detachment H265. William Gutbrod left us to go home because he is 40 years old. Born not so many miles from here speaking German as well or better than English but a true American if there ever was one. Gutbrod has been a tower of strength. He not only knows their language, but he knows what to say to them as Lt Lannings assistant in the early [?] days he growled + roared at the [?] + other high Nazis till they broke + confessed all. Once when a man denied that he was a Storm Trooper – Gutbrod with a punch gesture tore his shirt off his back. “There you are Lieutenant, look

at that" Gutbrod pointed [?]
marking
to the fatal ^ tattoo of ~~which~~ every
SS man or woman. With all his
ferocity was a kindly soul underneath.
The people of Hersbruck respected + feared
respected
him but they also ~~thought~~ very^
his honesty + utter loyalty to
Lt Lanning himself.

This afternoon we had[brought] all
the burgermeisters, the Advisory
Committee and all county
officials to discuss the problems
of the Kreis. I told them frankly that
they have difficult years ahead.
Shortages of food, clothing, farm
machinery, fertilizer, seeds + hundreds
of small items + urged them to work
together instead of fighting amongst
themselves + also warned them that
subversive activity would mean
a much sterner military government
and one that would last forever.

"We are just as anxious as you to see that
stable
you form a ~~real~~ Democratic peaceful government
real

because we want to go home”
I told them. the Detachment
This afternoon we beat Lauf at volley
ball, possibly because I stayed in the
office pretending to work.
15 September. The Detachment seems
to be breaking up. Lt. Hurst left today.
His going will leave a huge gap.
He came in about the middle
of June with no previous experience
in military government work.
at him the control of financial institution
I threw ^ public works ^ post offices
telephone + telegraph, transportation
[?]
industry, rationing of automobiles
for essential travel, [?] to some gasoline
+ rationing of our meagre stores of
gasoline for civilian use, as well as
progressive busses + trucks. Shortly afterword
I made him property control officer
which means he controlled + managed
all the property in the kries belonging
[?] including the big [?]
to the German government ^ the Nazi party
+ its affiliates and all property belonging
to Nazis who have been interned. He also

managed
~~controlled~~ the blocking of bank
accounts of Nazis quite a list
of duties for a young man not
his university
yet graduated from ~~local school~~
But he handled them all ably + forcefully.
Threw the partition between my
office + his I often heard him shouting
at a group of cowed German functionaries
gathered around his desk. ~~but~~ They
had to wait for the interpreter to find
out what he wanted done but
they knew from his tone he meant
business.

I learned today that the Catholic priest
was attacked by US. soldiers.

Here is his rather pathetic letter:

The DP camps at Hartenstein closed
Polish
the "doctor" who was camp leader
for the coop
ran ~~away before~~ when he learned what
was to happen. Then it came out that
camp's
he had been trading ^ food provided from
orders by [?] for himself.

When I also learned that US troops of a series of holdings by US troops I decided it is time for drastic action. It seems they [?] till just before curfew having home They stroll up to German ^ + ask him what time it is. If he looks at wrist they grab him + take his watch. If he chases [?] to get to the police station after them ^ he will be arrested for breaking curfew. Being a German he rushes home + reports a robbery the next day. Four such incidents in two days, as well as complaints of drunken soldiers breaking doors + other disturbances. The CO of occupational troops promised me today to put out more MPs the whole city of + to issue a warning that ^ Hersbruck will be put "Off Limits" if this continues. "But it's damn difficult to control troops when a unit gets 60% to 90% replacements in every few days – all the older men real soldiers going home. And the one with officers I have lost almost 80% of my officers. The officers to replace them are just

se [?] officer
coming in. They have to run the
internment camps the D.P. camps,
the P.W camps + train these green
men when they don't know what
its all about. But I'm not worrying
I'm going myself in a few days +
so are most of the rest of my
officers."

17. Boys

Do you play in some groups
you did before U.S. troops came

Yes

Are any of the groups likely to
cause trouble for US soldiers?

No – emphatic + sanely sincere

What sort of movies did you
see before U.S. soldiers came?

“Detective stories and funnies –
they all answered. No mention of
propaganda films, which they
either 1. Did not see

2. Saw but promptly forgot

3. Saw + remember but felt

it tactful to omit in [?] written

in.

Our boy told how a Hitler youth 15
year old carried a revolver because
he had been selected to keep other youngsters
out of movies when pictures were playing
to which children [ripped] 16 were not admitted (This
[ripped] [?] Germany)

After talking with these clear eyed
boy legged youngsters I am convinced
that Hitler has not impregnated
the boys 13,14,15,16 of this region
with any ideas which cannot
be knocked out in a few months.

They all talk so enthusiastically
of being freer now, that I am
against too much restricted play.
Plenty of football, hiking, team
all
games [?] but ^ as
much as possible on a voluntary
basis. That's part of teaching them
Democracy.

of boy 13, 14 say Frankly
Jews. Most say ~~wide-eyed~~
~~"I am only 13-14 whatever I know~~
I don't know any Jews – all
I have known of Jews is what Hitler
Youth said, but I suppose it was
propaganda. I don't know.

Why did Germany lose the war?

Older Nazis say "We lacked
material. Our soldiers were as
good as any."

One 14 year old boy looked at me
quietly replied – Germany couldn't win
now that I know all the wrong
Germans did. I know we could not
win. A 13 year old says firmly. "It was
because the officers talked too much."

What do you think of US troops?

Some eyes light up. I like them
They are firm + good to us. One replies
with I speak English but I never speak to
U.S. troops unless to answer a question.
Another I am told not to play with
them. They will play with you +
they take your watch.

What do you think about German girls going out with U.S. soldiers?

Older boys don't like it, but one says "I don't care as long as [she]it isn't my girl." Several say "that's their unusual ~~tsaid~~ there German girls must know what they are doing."

Most of these boys [?] want to go or work for U.S. troops - to America ^ more than half ask how they can get jobs working for U.S. troops (opportunely for chocolate or cigarettes ~~don't~~ rather than genuine [?] doubllers [?] highly in this [?])

The boys 13, 14, 15 seem to have much more definite ideas of what they will do when grown than similar age groups in U.S. Only one does not know. Two have all plans made to become foresters

drippets +c

Others will be merchants ^ one who works in printing wants to be a reporter. Another has always wanted be chemist but his father says man has no future for chemists in Germany.

18 The [?] appointed non Nazi
Police Chief testified in court today.
 boo dark blue
He came wearing the new ^ uniform
~~designed by~~ approved by Mil Govnt.
It includes the same cap with
the high arch in front that Germans
officials have worn since Kaiser William
the Great – I guess – certainly since World War I.
It grates on me. Am sorry our people
 showy
did not insist on a less ~~involved~~ ^
uniform – and one without boots –
a woman I knew in Paris – a very
broadminded woman who knows Germany
+ likes Germans once said to me “You
should take their boots away. They
love the marshal sound of tramping boots
and clicking heels. Take away their boots
+ they will become peaceful likable
 When I her advice everyone
people.” Laughs, but I think she
had something.[circled]^myself[circled]

Three

~~Two~~ Danish officers, a Czech officer,
a member of the international Red
cross and a really beautiful woman
- also a Danish Red Cross worker

[?]

I believe stopped ^ in ask if they
could find lodgings for the night.
It seems they are ~~convoy~~ handling
a ~~gift~~ shipment of Danish butter, cheese,
bacon + lard ~~which is being~~
sent to the starving Czechs as a
gift of the Danish people. They

The Czech officer a [?] man of [?] knows [?]

my good friend Capt Malac whom I saw a great

deal of in Charlottesville and later in London

are to meet the convoy here. We
were entertaining the colonel of the
[circled]commanding the[circled]
occupational troops + his executive
for dinner but Capt Glazer
arranged with one of the battalions
to give them dinner + put them up
for the night. About 8 pm the
Czech officer – ~~a cultured man~~
~~of the world (a friend had~~. When the
convoy commander arose tell him to leave [?]
“are going to continue on our way+ try to
make [?] tonight” he said.

What's the matter? Capt Glaser asks.

The Czech officer hesitated.

"Well" he said " At the place you sent us we were herded into the kitchen + told to wait till they had finished serving everyone else.

The US officers were – well pretty gruff about it. We waited quite time + decided to move of."

Capt G

19 September 19 persons from this Kreis have been released by Internment Camp all will be sent to Labor office which has orders to give them menial jobs involving hard labor.

We still cannot find any one with legal training in the Kreis who was not a[n] Nazi so cannot adjourn German courts. Cases are piling up.

[circled]Only 10 tons of coal received[circled] this week. ~~Hops back~~ Harvest is good but distribution of food is problem due to lack of transportation. [?] are getting short.

Civilians are cutting [?] of wood, (running thru the forests they claim) under supervision of German foresters for Internment Camps + to provide fuel to keep them warm this winter.

Captain Glaser tells me that my one [?] pal Frederick Schaefer, once the hero who surrendered Hersbruck to the U.S. army, but whom he later relieved

of official duties because we discovered he had joined the Nazi party in 1935, has a new job. He rounds up German girls for ~~the dances + other~~ ~~guests~~ for U.S. soldiers.

[Upside Down]

MJ

On Tues, 25 September, a man convicted of refusing to obey the order of a German policeman was sentenced [circled]prison[circled] to 35 days ^ at hard labor and to pay a fine of 300 R. M.

Orders of burgermeister, state troopers, city police must be obeyed.

Persons who feel orders are unjust must nevertheless obey the order. They have the right afterward to complain to the Landrat or to the Advisory Committee. Such complaints will be investigated. [circled]lawful[circled] But ^ orders of authorized persons must be obeyed.

18 – 22 –

You're never this age were distinctly more a look and careful in responses than younger boys.

All had been in Hitler Youth and in the German Army. All agreed that they had enjoyed being in the army. One was a glider specialist and expected to pilot a V3 until it was determined that he was too tall – that is the distance between his brain + his heart was too great for the pressure involved.

Only one showed any interest in religion. Others said they went once in awhile or not at all. One said his family

[Strike through page]
gymnasium – G move furniture

House of Religion +

Otherwise voluntarily

graduated extra – Bible + pros

[?]

all who work with children

must be approved by M.G.

Singing ✓

meetings – apply for Approval

obligatory instruction for HS

Mr. Baumhart

Meeting of teachers ✓ Landrat

Photos this afternoon ✓ Dr. Murimer

Reports ✓ Dr. Zangler

Boots ✓

games might be arranged
between US soldiers + young
Germans to foster good
feeling.

One said that the actions
of U.S. soldiers in Hersbruck
made population believe
U.S. army is made up of
gangsters.

As to U.S. soldiers + German
girls they all shrugged their

They are ex soldiers themselves
shoulders ^ "We did the same
in Poland[France]" said one "In Norway
it was l

3 June. We got rid of Captain Stazenhov today. Following instructions from above to send all Russian officers to a certain camp, Major Peake ordered Stazenhov to go. The Russian captain was sorry, but he could not go. He had to have his teeth fixed.

“You must go,” Major Peake insisted.

“I cannot leave Hersbruck. I have ordered boots and they have not arrived.”

“Be out of here by two o'clock this afternoon.”

“Javoll” – the captain clicked his heels + saluted but he wore the look of a dog who has been whipped for no good reason.

At 2 P.M. Major Peake sent a sergeant and four men to Captain

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3. June We got rid of Capt Stazenhov
today. Following orders from

send

above ~~Major Peake~~ to ~~return~~ all

Russian officers to a certain

camp M

~~Who has a [?] acted~~

4 June The Catholic Priest came to me today with a problem. After mass [at the] for the political prisoners at the internment camp The Prince of Bavaria handed him 2 letters – one for the cardinal, the other for Robert Murphy. What should he do?

“Go right back quick + give those letters to C.O. of the internment camp. Do it pronto before I have to arrest you.”

Pretty soon the Colonel in charge of the camp phoned me in a rage. “That man[priest] should be arrested at once. “I’ll never let him in here again” ~~I tried to~~ I persuaded him that the arresting was foolish + could doubtless have arranged to get the priest back in to serve mass, but the latter refused “I never want to go near that place again” he insisted.

4 June – Major Snapps story of [?]
as prop [?] Nazi

5. June – The Landrat submitted his budget for June 158. 690 R. M outgr

against 12,300 R.M. income. Only
167 tons of coal left in the kreis
and none coming in. DPs

Today I convicted 3 Russian^s
of stealing bicycles. They were huge
bull headed youths who claimed
they didn't speak German, so we
had Captain 3 languages. When
it finally got through their thick
skulls that they were to be jailed
for 6 months they cursed at me
+ shouted for Stazenhov. Hope

away from
I'm out of here by the who German
1946 when they get out. who wants a
I asked Landrat about Wahlder who wants a
lot + a house. Landrat said burgermeister would like
to call down us about Wahlder.

6 June Evacuated 812 Russians
today now left in kreis.

Arrested a 16 year old boy for
shooting his brother.

a load of Sudetenlanders were dumped
here today. C.I.C. screened them + arrested 6
[?] a Kries [?] who was on their

list of wanted persons

7 June Burgermeister Roizer – non-Nazi
boy

brought me a ^ dossier on Wahleder Heivos
not a political prisoner at all. His list of
[?] is robberies + 'larcenies' goes back to 1935
His long sentence was for a sex crime.

In margins:
[circled]13[circled]
Reis [?]

Gasthaus. Schwarz Adler.
Capt Stzenhov was in bed
with his latest and prettiest
mistress.

“Come on. Get up. Get dressed.”
ordered the soldiers - + they drove
him off to the camp for Russians
near Nuremburg. He is a likable
rogue
person ^ in a way but I hope
never to see him again. He has
bribed the landladies of no one
knows how much wine, cognac,
beer, assorted food + clothing little
of which reached the D.Ps +
now I have learned that
he was the famous U.S. major
“Philadelphia” who looted right
+ left when the troops first came
in.

We are rid of all our Russians
a few
but we are getting a ^ trainloads of
Sudetenlanders or Silesians every
day. I talked with a woman – one
men women + children with all
their possessions
of a group of 95 Silesians ^ in a horse + hand

drawn caravan that has spent
at least 10 days passing leisurely
through the kreis.

"Where are you going?" I asked

"We don't know."

"What do you eat" ~~a shrug~~

A shrug of the shoulders.

"But what are your plans?" I was
getting impatient

"We have none," ~~stolidly.~~ "except
she answered dully, "except to keep
going somehow anywhere until
we can go back once more to our
homes in Silesia." and as she spoke
the words "home" + "Silesia" her tired
face lighted up for a moment.

I started to say this might be
years or never, but thought 'What's
the use. They'll be out of the kreis
in another day or two + I can

note: 3 Sept 1945

forget them." (But I never have quite.
I sometimes think of them, journeying on + on,
~~robbing~~ a begging a little, robbing a little
growing thinner + more haggared waiting
never come
that day which may ~~be years~~ off when
the Russians will let them go back home to Silesia.

Stazenhov's imbroglio
in the Gasthaus Schwarz Adler.
Captain Sazenhov was in bed
with his latest and prettiest
mistress.

"Come on. Get up. Get dressed."
ordered the soldiers – and they
drove the poor captain off to the
camp for Russian officers.

He is a likeable rogue but he
has bilked the landkreis out of
I don't know how much wine,
eeg schnapps, beer, assorted
food and clothing – most of which
never got beyond his headquarters.
It seems he now admits proudly
that he was the famous "Major
Philadelphia" who looted right
and left in the first days of the
occupation. I wonder what will
happen to him under Stalin's

Don't pay if killed off

Woman shot man

shots regularly

boats thru streets

Black market little –

Russian Childish friendly – drunk most of time

English Fr. US – popular. by most

because still attitude toward Russians

govnt. center

Budapest. shots. Russian Officer

Nazi Whore

was seen by whole village

faked papers

Kreishoft

Russians driving cows – live off

country + none my suspicions were confirmed when

Happurg Guilbert I deduced

today the [?] left once

to [?]

Wolf case emblem. Der ordner

Ortgruppulutiers Chealifurt 240 ct.