Destroyed building in Mannheim Ludwigshafen area.

GI posing as a POW in German coat & hat. Note the GI boots!

103d ID GIs wearing Kraut headgear & pistols.

Decimated building with white surrender flags.
Ludwigshafen

Ludwigshafen on the Rhine
LT Arthur Flynn & CPT Martin Gilligan, CO, HQ Co, 3d Bn, 409th

Fulda Rail Yard Damage
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Bomb Damage

Bomb Crater

Bomb Dud
Why the Germans had to start using horse drawn wagons
Driving south to the Danube

A&P Platoon blew up the main bridge over the Danube near Worms after reports of German armor approaching for an assault. Army Engineers built pontoon bridge after Company K, 409th made a rubber boat crossing and secured the bridgehead.

Pontoon bridge over the Danube
The Danube, which by the way IS NOT BLUE!
81MM Mortar

The Danube pontoon bridge.

Operations along the Danube near ULM, April, 1945.
LT Arthur Flynn,
3d Battalion,
409th Infantry
Platoon Leader

Captured
German tank –
pre-Tiger model
Old German Tank

The Alps come into view

Columns heading to Austria

Note, on the right and left of the road, the hay is stacked to dry and it looks like enemy troops at night.
Camouflaged artillery piece.

Lunch break.

Captured enemy trucks used to save boot leather. Note there are a lot of U.S. stars added for identification as friendly.
Resistance eases.

SGT Alkonis is having a “gourmet” C Ration. The rear troops often took all but the bean “C Rations” during transit of the Cs from the rear to the front.

Sand bagged tanks take a rest stop in a mountain village.
Mobile machine gun nest.

Troops regroup in prep for advance.

Silence sniper on the other side of the valley.
Firing the 30 caliber machine gun. Note the old arch bridge ahead.

Moving along into the mountain gap.

Captured German officers. The “brass” gets to ride not walk.
German POWs in April, 1945. Many prisoners surrendered as they realize that the end of the war is near.
The Task Force approaches Austria.
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