The roads get more mountainous!
50 caliber “Ma Duece” on tank

Firing on a few hold-outs!

Artillery positions in the snow.
Inn River, Austria.
The end of combat approaches. Finally, the last day of combat!
Mortar fires

GI dress up!

Aftermath of bombing raid
Captured German air strip near Innsbruck. There were numerous aircraft destroyed.

The Messerschmitt Me 262 *Schwalbe* ("Swallow") was the world's first operational jet-powered fighter aircraft. Design work started before World War II began, but engine problems prevented the aircraft from attaining operational status until mid-1944.
More destroyed aircraft. Mostly props but a few jets were found. These were the first jets the 103d had seen.
ME 262

Luftwaffe alles kaput!
More destroyed German aircraft in Austrian mountain valley.
A couple of post cards collected along the way.
Near the end, tanks with 90mm cannons were introduced. Before these, the 409th was using 75mm equipped tanks that had to compete with the German’s 88mm mounted on the Tiger tanks.

Clouds below the mountain tops. Notice the church steeple, still intact. We shot off many of these church steeples as they were used by enemy snipers and artillery observers.
Ox drawn ploughs and wagons.

Hay stacks on sticks or poles to dry. They still look like enemy troops at night.
LT John Crossen, HQ Co, 3d Bn, 409th Infantry. John was the battalion Motor Officer.

Austrian mountain man. The plume in his hat is made of goat whiskers. There is one whisker for each goat he has shot.

LT Aruthur M. Flynn, A&P Platoon Leader, HQ Co, 3d Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. This photo was taken in Schawaz, Austria where one of the platoon members had set up a photo studio.

Church on the Inn River, Austria.

Bombed building.

Waiting for full field inspection in Innsbruck in July, 1945 during occupation duties.
Innsbruck, Austria.

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Bomb damage, Innsbruck, Austria June 1945

Religious procession, Innsbruck, Austria June 1945

Street scene, Innsbruck, Austria June 1945