

EASY COMPANY

EUROPEAN WAR ROUTE

WWII • 1944 - 1945

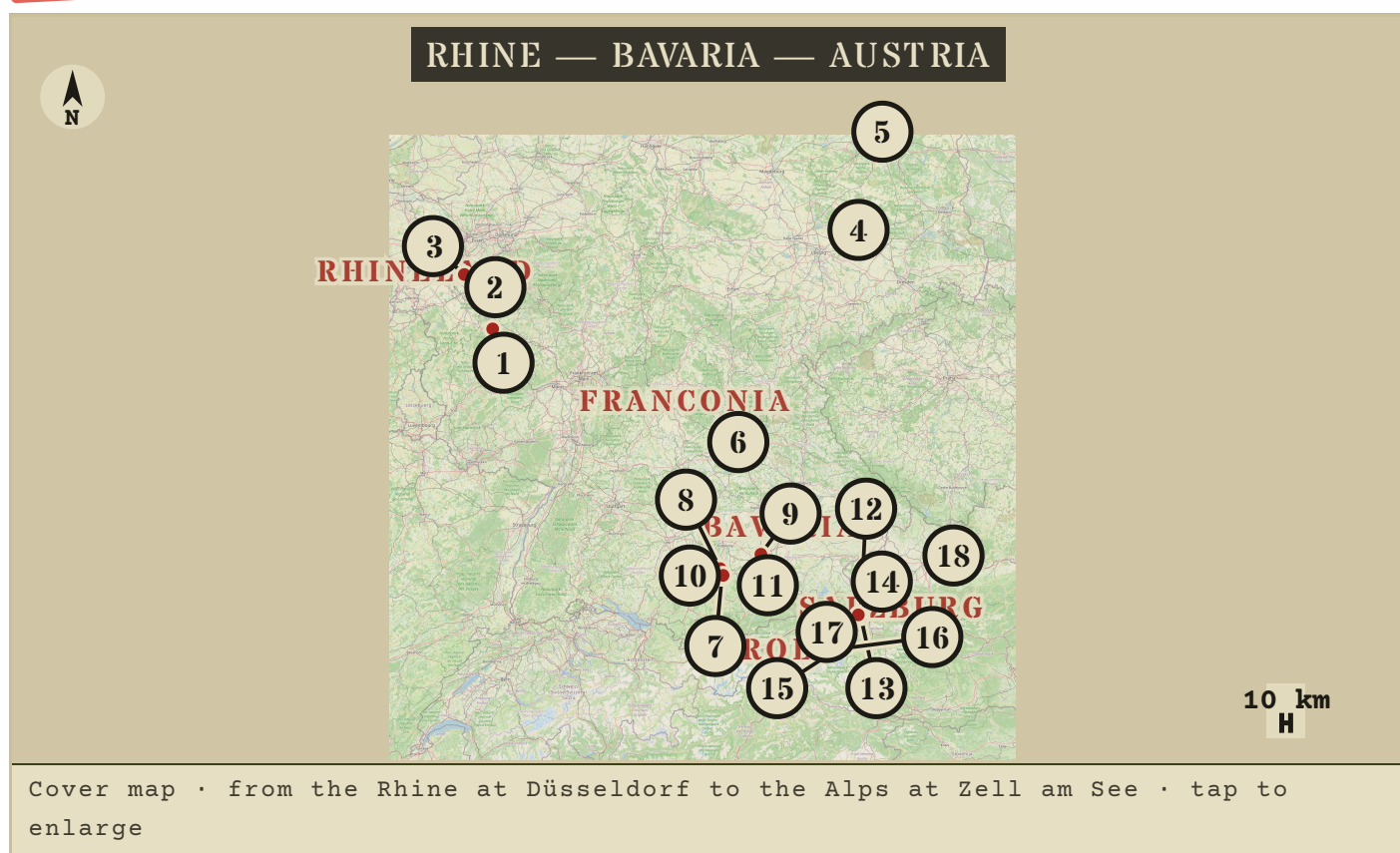


EASY COMPANY

GERMANY · AUSTRIA

Company E · 506th Parachute Infantry · 101st Airborne Division

2 APRIL – 30 NOVEMBER 1945



Follow the company through the collapse of Nazi Germany: the Rhine bank facing the Ruhr pocket, the road south into Bavaria, the camp at Kaufering, Hitler's mountain at Berchtesgaden and the Eagle's Nest, and the Austrian lake where the war ended – every position rated for certainty, every stop linked to your maps.

► PLAN MY TOUR

READ THE BRIEFING

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DAY FULL ROUTE

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STOPS VISITED

ORDERS — WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

01



TOUR PLANNER

Tell it how many days you have; it builds the route, the overnights and the map links.

EASY-ONLY OR FULL
ROUTE · 1 - 7 DAYS

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TIMELINE

21 historical positions in date order, from Mourmelon to the inactivation at Auxerre.

MAR - NOV 1945

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MUSEUMS

The documentation centres and memorials along the route, and the extras worth a detour.

12 SITES · OPENING
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WAR'S END

The wider collapse: decisive factors, two clocks side by side, and the key sites from the Rhine to Mauthausen.

18 SITES

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BRIEFING

The story in six paragraphs, the accuracy rule, and how the map buttons work.

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ORIGINS

How the Airborne was born, how the 506th and Easy Company were built at Toccoa, and the chain of command from squad to army.

BEFORE THE STORY

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THE MEN

Twenty-five of the men of Easy Company: who they were, what they did, the medals they earned and what became of them.

25 BIOGRAPHIES ·
DECORATIONS

★



HONOR THEM

This guide is free. Help restore Camp Toccoa, where Easy Company began.

DONATE TO CAMP TOCCOA



STANDING ORDERS

Accuracy. A pin marked **LOW** is the centre of a search area, not a foxhole. **Respect.** Kaufering, Dachau and Mauthausen are memorials to murdered people – behave there as in a cemetery. The Obersalzberg and the Kehlsteinhaus are managed sites: no souvenirs, no flags, no re-enactment.

REMEMBER · EXPLORE · RESPECT

BRIEFING

ORDERS OF THE DAY · READ BEFORE MOVING OUT

This guide follows Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry, from the Rhine in April 1945 to the end of the division in November – Germany's collapse, the camps, Berchtesgaden and the occupation of Austria. Two sets of positions are kept apart on purpose:

TIMELINE – 21 historical positions in date order: what happened, where and when. **TOUR** – 20 stops in driving order across five days: where to go, for how long, and where to sleep. Every stop opens directly in Google Maps.

THE ACCURACY RULE

Museums, memorials, towns and the Eagle's Nest are exact. The Berchtesgadener Hof and Göring's house are documented sites that no longer exist – the pins mark where they stood. Where the record gives only a village, a convoy route or a valley, the entry is marked Area or Medium, and the pin is the centre of a search area.

The meaning of the **HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW** labels, the **Words to know**, how to use the app, the **Origins** chapter, **The Men** (25 biographies), the **Armoury** (weapons & ammunition) and **Honor them** are the same in all three guides, so they are printed once in the separate PDF **Easy Company – Common Reference**.

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THE STORY IN BRIEF

The Rhine – April 1945. Back from Haguenau, the 101st was decorated at Mourmelon and then sent not across the Rhine but to its west bank at Düsseldorf, to watch the Ruhr pocket. Easy held the dike at Stürzelberg for two weeks: boat patrols, a displaced-persons camp, passes to the rubble of Cologne. When the pocket surrendered on 18 April the division was released to the Seventh Army and started south along the autobahn.

Landsberg – the camp. On 28–29 April, near Landsberg, Easy Company entered one of the Kaufering sub-camps of Dachau – probably Kaufering IV at Hurlach, reached by the 12th Armored Division the day before. The 101st is recognised as a liberating unit by the US Army and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. What they found: huts burned with the sick inside, the dead in the earth, the living too weak

to stand. Winters ordered food; the medics had to stop the men eating it; Landsberg's citizens were marched out to bury the dead. Hitler killed himself the next day. Nothing in the war marked the company more than this.

Berchtesgaden – 5 May. Sent to occupy the mythical "Alpine Redoubt", the 506th was held at a blown bridge while the US 3rd Infantry and French 2nd Armoured Divisions got into Berchtesgaden first (who was first is still argued over); the 506th took over the town on 5 May. Sink took the Nazi Party's hotel; the men took the Obersalzberg – the burned Berghof, Göring's house and wine cellar, the Mercedes limousines – and Winters, Nixon and Welsh are said to have gone up to the Eagle's Nest, though that visit, the famous terrace photograph and who got there first (American or French troops) are all disputed. On VE Day, 8 May, the 506th was in the Berchtesgaden area.

Austria – Zell am See and Kaprun. The regiment moved into the Salzburg province to disarm the German army. Sink set up in the Grand Hotel on the lake at Zell am See; Easy was billeted at Kaprun, below a dam project built partly with forced labour. Winters supervised the surrender and processing of German troops in the Saalfelden valley. Then a summer of road-blocks, swimming, hunting, points, and one shooting – Sgt. Grant, hit by a drunk replacement and saved by a German surgeon.

Joigny – the end. On 1 July the 506th left Austria for Joigny in France to train for the invasion of Japan. Japan surrendered on 15 August; the jump never came. The men went home by points through the autumn and the 101st Airborne Division was inactivated at Auxerre on 30 November 1945. Easy Company ceased to exist.

What it cost. Toccoa to Austria: 48 Easy men killed by the Winters/Ambrose count (other rosters and a US Senate resolution give 49, depending on whether a training death and attached men are included) and more than a hundred wounded. Of the 140 who jumped into Normandy, a couple of dozen were still with the company at Zell am See.

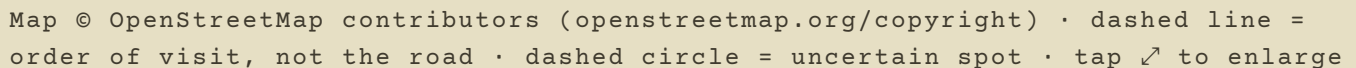
WHY THE WIDER TOUR

The full route adds Remagen, Dachau, the Munich and Nuremberg documentation centres and the Königssee, so that the company's last month sits inside the collapse of a state: the Rhine crossings, the camps, the Alpine Redoubt myth, the surrender at Reims.

CHRONOLOGICAL MOVEMENT

21 positions from Mourmelon to Auxerre; the three French points are off the map. Lines join points in date order – they are not the exact route, and the Rhine → Bavaria leg is

Show



1

HIGH

Back from Haguenau by boxcar. On 15 March Eisenhower reviewed the 101st and presented the first Presidential Unit Citation ever given to an entire division, for Bastogne. Replacements arrived; the veterans watched the Rhine crossings on the newsreels and wondered whether they would jump again.

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[Wikipedia: 101st Airborne Division ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Presidential Unit Citation ↗](#)

49.13000, 4.36500 **HIGH** exact spot known

2

STÜRZELBERG / DORMAGEN — THE RHINE BANK

2-18 Apr 1945

MEDIUM

The 101st was sent to the west bank of the Rhine south of Düsseldorf to face the Ruhr pocket. The 506th held the river line around Stürzelberg and Dormagen: outposts on the dike, a displaced-persons camp to guard, patrols by boat across the water. Winters' battalion HQ (*headquarters*) was in a village house on the river. Easy's first sight of Germany was a country of white flags.

On the ground: The river dike at Stürzelberg is the reference; the exact billets are not recorded.

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[Wikipedia: Ruhr pocket ↗](#) [Speirs.com: Germany 1945 ↗](#)

51.12150, 6.79560 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

3

COLOGNE — THE RUINED CITY

April 1945

MEDIUM

Men of the 506th went into Cologne on passes: the cathedral standing in a sea of rubble, the Hohenzollern bridge in the river. For most it was the first German city they had seen and the first proof of what the bombing had done.

On the ground: The cathedral square; the rebuilt bridge beside it.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Bombing of Cologne ↗](#) [NS-Dokumentationszentrum Köln \(official\) ↗](#)

50.94130, 6.95830 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

4

RUHR POCKET SURRENDERS — THE FRONT DISSOLVES

18 Apr 1945

LOW

The 317,000 Germans trapped in the Ruhr gave up on 18 April. The 101st's Rhine mission ended; the division was transferred to the Seventh Army for the drive into Bavaria and the supposed 'Alpine Redoubt'.

On the ground: Area reference for the whole Rhine sector.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Ruhr pocket ↗](#)

51.20000, 6.80000 **LOW** general area only

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PHASE 2 — BAVARIA & THE CAMPS

5

THE AUTOBAHN SOUTH — WÜRTTEMBERG

22-26 Apr 1945

LOW

By truck and DUKW down the autobahn through the Rhineland and Württemberg, past columns of surrendering Germans and liberated slave labourers walking the other way. Ulm's cathedral was the landmark. Nobody shot at them.

On the ground: Chronological reference only – the convoy route is not documented in detail.

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[Wikipedia: Western Allied invasion of Germany ↗](#)

48.40000, 9.99000 **LOW** general area only

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6

BUCHLOE / LANDSBERG SECTOR — INTO BAVARIA

27-28 Apr 1945

MEDIUM

The 506th came into the Landsberg area behind the 12th Armored and 4th Infantry Divisions. The country looked untouched; then the smell reached them.

On the ground: Buchloe, west of Landsberg, is the reference for the regiment's approach.

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[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

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Heffron

Webster

48.03800, 10.72500 **MEDIUM** close – exact spot uncertain

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7

KAUFERING — THE CAMP EASY FOUND

28-29 Apr 1945

HIGH

Easy Company entered one of the Kaufering sub-camps of Dachau – usually identified as Kaufering IV at Hurlach, reached by the 12th Armored Division on 27 April, a day

before the 101st arrived; the SS had burned the huts with the sick inside two days earlier. Typhus, starvation, the dead in the earth huts. Winters ordered food brought in; the medics then had to stop the men eating; Landsberg's citizens were marched out to bury the dead. Nothing in the war marked the company more.

On the ground: Fields north of Hurlach village; a memorial stone stands where Camp IV was. The preserved earth huts are at Camp VII, south of Landsberg.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\) ↗](#) [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

EASY MEN HERE

Liebgott

Heffron

Webster

48.11800, 10.82400 **HIGH** exact spot known

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KAUFERING VII — EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

HIGH

29-30 Apr 1945

The one Kaufering camp that survives: earth huts, foundations and the memorial stones of the nations whose people died here. 30,000 Jews passed through the eleven Kaufering camps building underground aircraft factories; 14,500 died.

On the ground: Erpftinger Strasse, south of Landsberg. Place of remembrance.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\) ↗](#) [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

48.03048, 10.85248 **HIGH** exact spot known

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LANDSBERG AM LECH — BILLETS, AND HITLER'S PRISON

HIGH

30 Apr - 2 May 1945

The company was billeted in the town where Hitler had written Mein Kampf in the fortress prison in 1924. On 30 April the news came that he was dead in Berlin. Sink set up in the town; the men were made to see the camp.

On the ground: The old town on the Lech; the prison stands on the hill above.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Landsberg Prison ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

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Liebgott

Heffron

Webster

48.04900, 10.87200 **HIGH** exact spot known GOOGLE MAPS

PHASE 3 — BERCHTESGADEN

10

MUNICH — THROUGH THE RUINS

3 May 1945

LOW

The convoy passed through Munich, taken by the Seventh Army on 30 April, on the autobahn toward the Alps. The 'capital of the movement' was a shell.

On the ground: Area reference: the autobahn ring, not the city centre.

DIG DEEPER

[Munich Documentation Centre \(official\)](#) ↗

48.13720, 11.57550 **LOW** general area only GOOGLE MAPS

11

BAD REICHENHALL — THE BLOWN BRIDGE

4 May 1945

MEDIUM

The 506th's column was held up by a demolished bridge on the road into the Berchtesgaden valley while the US 3rd Infantry Division and the French 2nd Armoured got into the town first. Sink was not pleased.

On the ground: The spa town at the mouth of the valley; the bridge site is on the main road east.

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[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden \(1945\)](#) ↗

47.72450, 12.87700 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain GOOGLE MAPS

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BERCHTESGADEN — THE BERCHTESGADENER HOF

5 May 1945

MEDIUM

The 506th entered Berchtesgaden on the afternoon of 5 May. Sink took the Berchtesgadener Hof, the Nazi Party's grand hotel, as regimental HQ (*headquarters*); Winters' 2nd Battalion set up there too, and the men found the wine cellars, the silver and the Mercedes limousines. The hotel was demolished in 2006; its site in the

town, near today's Haus der Berge national-park centre, is several kilometres below the Obersalzberg.

On the ground: Site only; the town centre and the old railway station (built for Hitler's guests) survive.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden](#) ↗ [Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Nixon

Shames

Heffron

47.63020, 13.00000 **MEDIUM** close – exact spot uncertain

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13

OBERSALZBERG — THE BERGHOF AND GÖRING'S HOUSE

HIGH

5–7 May 1945

Hitler's mountain: the Berghof, bombed by the RAF on 25 April and burned by the SS, Göring's and Bormann's houses, the SS barracks, the tunnel system. Easy men walked through the ruins and helped themselves to what was left; Göring's wine cellar became legend. Most of the major Nazi structures were demolished in 1952 or removed in later phases; the Dokumentation Obersalzberg now stands on the site.

On the ground: The Berghof foundations are a short walk from the Dokumentation centre; the bunkers are inside it.

DIG DEEPER

[Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Obersalzberg](#) ↗

[Wikipedia: Berghof](#) ↗

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Winters

Nixon

Shames

Heffron

47.63200, 13.04350 **HIGH** exact spot known

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KEHLSTEINHAUS — THE EAGLE'S NEST

HIGH

5–6 May 1945

The tea-house on the Kehlstein, 1,834 m up, built for Hitler's 50th birthday. Winters, Nixon, Welsh and Easy men are said to have gone up after 5 May (who got there first is disputed); the photograph of them on a terrace, traditionally identified as the Eagle's Nest though some researchers place it at another Obersalzberg property, is the end of the Easy Company war in one frame. Whether they used the brass lift is uncertain – it had reportedly

been disabled when the first troops arrived. The house survived because the RAF missed it.

On the ground: Buses from Obersalzberg mid-May to October; the lift and the terrace are as they were.

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[Kehlsteinhaus \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Kehlsteinhaus](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

- Winters
- Nixon
- Shames
- Heffron

47.61140, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

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BERCHTESGADEN — VE DAY

8 May 1945

HIGH

The war in Europe ended with the 506th around Berchtesgaden. Winters' order for the day – 'effective immediately, all troops will stand fast' – and the champagne from Göring's cellar. The men began counting points.

On the ground: Town centre.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden](#) ↗ [Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

- Winters
- Nixon
- Shames
- Heffron

47.62960, 13.00300 **HIGH** exact spot known

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PHASE 4 — AUSTRIA

16

ZELL AM SEE — REGIMENTAL HQ

9 May – Jun 1945

HIGH

The 506th moved over the border into the Austrian Salzburg province to disarm the German forces there. Sink's regimental HQ (*headquarters*) was in the Grand Hotel on the lake at Zell am See; the town became the regiment's occupation capital for the summer.

On the ground: The Grand Hotel still stands on the promontory in the lake.

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[Wikipedia: Zell am See](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Speirs

47.32310, 12.79400 **HIGH** exact spot known

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17

KAPRUN — 2ND BATTALION AND EASY COMPANY

HIGH

May - Jun 1945

Easy was billeted in Kaprun, at the foot of the Glockner range, with the battalion HQ (*headquarters*). Occupation duty: road-blocks, collecting weapons, guarding the vast dam construction site with its slave-labour camp, and a great deal of swimming, hunting and drinking. The Sergeant Grant shooting is usually placed at a road-block in this area; the exact spot, like the company's billets, is not documented.

On the ground: The village and castle; the dams above are the post-war continuation of the Nazi-era project.

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[Wikipedia: Kaprun](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Speirs

47.27230, 12.75900 **HIGH** exact spot known

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18

SAALFELDEN — THE GERMAN SURRENDER

MEDIUM

May 1945

Winters supervised the surrender of German units in the valley – columns marching in with their weapons, ordered to stack them and go home. Which formation and which commander is not recorded in a primary source. Tens of thousands of German soldiers were processed through the Saalfelden-Zell basin. Here, too, a German brain surgeon saved Sergeant Grant's life.

On the ground: Market town north of Zell am See; area reference for the surrender fields.

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[Wikipedia: Saalfelden](#) ↗

47.42700, 12.84800 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

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ZELL AM SEE — THE SUMMER OF 1945

LOW

Jun - 30 Jun 1945

Training for the Pacific began again in June — the 101st was scheduled to jump on Japan. Men with 85 points went home; the rest swam in the lake, drove Göring's cars and waited. On 1 July the regiment left Austria.

On the ground: Area reference: the lake and the valley.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Zell am See ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Speirs

47.30000, 12.80000 **LOW** general area only

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

PHASE 5 — HOME

20

JOIGNY — THE BARRACKS IN FRANCE

HIGH

Jul - Nov 1945

The 101st was reassembled in the Yonne, at Joigny and Auxerre, to reorganise for the Pacific. Japan surrendered on 15 August and the jump never came. The company emptied by points through the autumn; Winters, Welsh, Speirs and the last of the Toccoa men went home one by one.

On the ground: Outside the map area; included to close the sequence.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: 101st Airborne Division ↗](#)

47.98250, 3.39860 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

21

AUXERRE — THE 101ST AIRBORNE INACTIVATED

HIGH

30 Nov 1945

On 30 November 1945 the 101st Airborne Division was inactivated in France and Easy Company ceased to exist. Of the 140 men who had jumped into Normandy, and the hundreds

who followed, 48 Easy men had been killed by the Winters/Ambrose count — 49 by other rosters. The company's flag went home in a footlocker.

On the ground: Outside the map area; the end of the story.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: 101st Airborne Division ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

47.79820, 3.56750 **HIGH** exact spot known

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PLAN YOUR TOUR

Printed tour: the app's full recommended route at its standard length, day by day. In the app you can switch to the Easy-Company-only route, choose 1-7 days, and add or drop stops.

The planner ranks every site by its importance to the Easy Company story, fills your days in route order (Rhine → Bavaria → Berchtesgaden → Austria, about 7 hours of visits a day) and picks an overnight base for each night. Five days gives the classic route; six or more adds the extras. Note the long transfer: the Rhine to Landsberg is about 5.5 h — the Rhine day is best done as a first or last day.

Full war's-end route · Easy emphasis · 5 days · 20 stops · 22 h of visits · 0 visited

DAY 1 — THE RHINE — REMAGEN TO STÜRZELBERG

4 stops · ~3 h 45 m of visits + driving

 **DRIVE DAY 1 — 4 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

 [GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE](#)

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



1 LUDENDORFF BRIDGE, REMAGEN — PEACE MUSEUM

HIGH

Visit 75 min · Bridge · 9th Armored, 7 March 1945

The railway bridge captured intact on 7 March that put the first Americans across the Rhine; it collapsed ten days later. The surviving towers hold the Peace Museum.

On the ground: Stand at the tower and look at the river's width — this was the wall the Allies expected to fight for.

Museum open Mar-Nov; check bruecke-remagen.de.

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[Peace Museum Bridge at Remagen \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Battle of Remagen](#) ↗

50.57900, 7.24250 **HIGH** exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

2 COLOGNE — CATHEDRAL AND HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE

HIGH

Visit 90 min · City · Timeline 3

The city 506th men saw on passes in April 1945: the cathedral standing over 90 % destruction. Climb the tower for the view the Americans had from the west bank.

On the ground: Compare the photographs in the NS Documentation Centre (EL-DE Haus, ten minutes' walk) with the square today.

Cathedral daily; EL-DE Haus Tue-Sun.

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[Wikipedia: Bombing of Cologne](#) ↗ [NS-Dokumentationszentrum Köln \(official\)](#) ↗

50.94130, 6.95830 **HIGH** exact spot known

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3

ZONS — THE WALLED TOWN ON THE RHINE

HIGH

Visit 30 min • Town • 506th sector

A medieval customs town on the 506th's stretch of river, untouched by the war, between Cologne and Dormagen. The dike path north of it is the regiment's April 1945 outpost line.

On the ground: Walk the dike north toward Stürzelberg.

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[Wikipedia: Zons](#) ↗

51.12280, 6.84430 **HIGH** exact spot known

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4

STÜRZELBERG — THE RHINE DIKE

MEDIUM

Visit 30 min • Timeline 2

The village on the river where the 2nd Battalion's HQ (*headquarters*) and Easy's outposts were, facing the Ruhr pocket across the water. Winters' patrols crossed here by boat.

On the ground: Stand on the dike: the far bank was Germany's last industrial fortress.

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[Wikipedia: Ruhr pocket](#) ↗ [Speirs.com: Germany 1945](#) ↗

51.12150, 6.79560 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

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END OF DAY 1 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Cologne / Düsseldorf

Campervan: Motorhome place, Cologne or Düsseldorf – Köln / Düsseldorf

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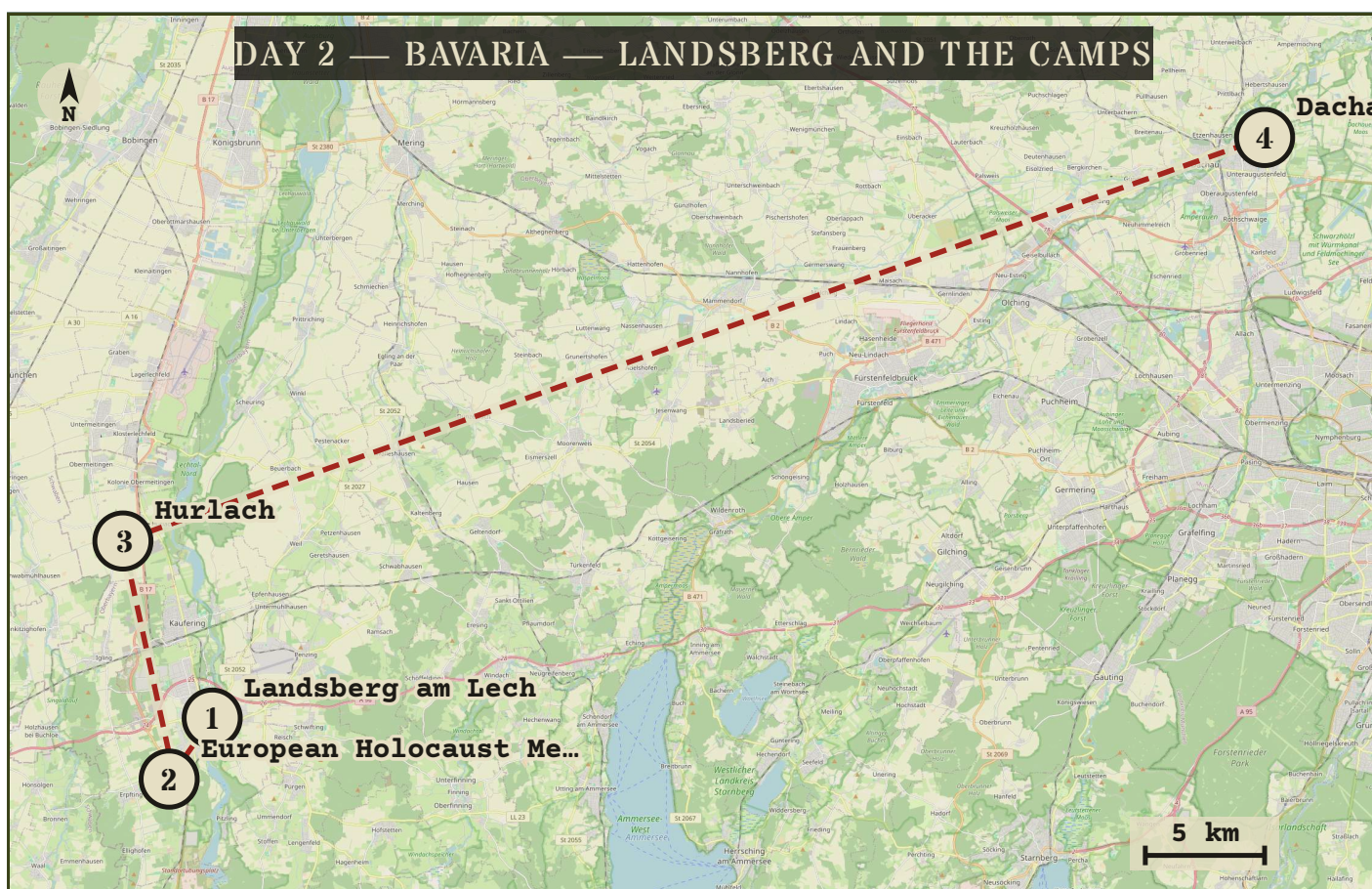
DAY 2 — BAVARIA — LANDSBERG AND THE CAMPS

4 stops · ~4 h 35 m of visits + driving

🚐 DRIVE DAY 2 — 4 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE

◆ GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



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1

LANDSBERG AM LECH — OLD TOWN AND PRISON

HIGH

Visit 45 min · Town · Timeline 9

Easy's billets from 30 April; the fortress prison above the town is where Hitler wrote Mein Kampf in 1924. The Lech weir and the painted old town are unchanged.

On the ground: Walk the Hauptplatz; look up to the prison on the hill.

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[Wikipedia: Landsberg Prison ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

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48.04900, 10.87200 **HIGH** exact spot known

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2

EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL — KAUFERING VII

HIGH

Visit 60 min · Memorial · Timeline 8

The only Kaufering camp that survives: the earth huts, the foundations and the memorial stones of the nations whose citizens died in the eleven camps. 14,500 died here building underground factories.

On the ground: Place of remembrance first. Guided visits on set days; the outside is always accessible.

Erpftinger Strasse, Landsberg · [check landsberger-zeitgeschichte.de](#).

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[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\) ↗](#) [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

48.03048, 10.85248 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

3

HURLACH — KAUFERING IV CAMP SITE

HIGH

Visit 20 min · Timeline 7

The camp usually identified as the one Easy Company entered on 28-29 April: the SS had set fire to the huts with the sick inside two days before. A memorial stone in the fields north of the village marks the site.

On the ground: Fields only; the stone is the marker.

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[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\) ↗](#) [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

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Webster

48.11800, 10.82400 **HIGH** exact spot known

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4

DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

HIGH

Visit 150 min · Memorial · liberated 29 Apr 1945

The first camp and the model for all the others; the Kaufering camps were its sub-camps. Liberated by the 42nd and 45th Divisions the same weekend Easy was at Landsberg.

On the ground: Allow the full time. Free; audio guide recommended.

09:00-17:00 daily · check kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de.

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[KZ-Gedenkstätte Dachau \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Dachau concentration camp](#) ↗

48.26980, 11.46830 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

END OF DAY 2 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Dachau / Munich

Campervan: Motorhome place, Dachau or Munich – Dachau / München

Several Reisemobil sites around Munich; check [park4night](#)

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

DAY 3 — MUNICH TO THE OBERSALZBERG

4 stops · ~4 h 45 m of visits + driving

🚗 DRIVE DAY 3 — 4 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE

📍 GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



1

MUNICH DOCUMENTATION CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

HIGH

Visit 90 min · Museum

On the site of the Brown House, the party's headquarters: how Munich made the movement, and what the city did with it. Context for everything on the Obersalzberg.

On the ground: Königsplatz outside was the parade ground.

Tue-Sun 10:00-19:00 · free.

DIG DEEPER

[Munich Documentation Centre \(official\)](#) ↗

48.14660, 11.56800 **HIGH** exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

2

DOKUMENTATION OBERSALZBERG

HIGH

Visit 120 min · Museum · Timeline 13

The museum on Hitler's mountain: the Obersalzberg as the second seat of government, the bunker system underneath, and the American arrival of May 1945. Rebuilt and reopened in 2023.

On the ground: Go down into the bunkers – the 506th men did.

Apr-Oct 09:00-17:00, Nov-Mar Tue-Sun 10:00-15:00 • check obersalzberg.de.

DIG DEEPER

[Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Obersalzberg](#) ↗
[Wikipedia: Berghof](#) ↗

47.63130, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

3

BERGHOF SITE AND THE OBERSALZBERG WALK

HIGH

Visit 45 min • Timeline 13

The foundations of Hitler's house, Göring's and Bormann's plots, the SS barracks site – mostly demolished in 1952, the rest cleared later, and forested. Signed paths from the Dokumentation centre.

On the ground: The retaining wall of the Berghof terrace is still there in the trees.

DIG DEEPER

[Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Obersalzberg](#) ↗
[Wikipedia: Berghof](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Nixon

Shames

Heffron

47.63200, 13.04350 **HIGH** exact spot known

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4

BERCHTESGADEN — TOWN AND THE BERCHTESGADENER HOF SITE

MEDIUM

Visit 30 min • Timeline 12 & 15

The 506th's headquarters hotel stood in the town, near today's Haus der Berge national-park centre, until 2006; the old station built for Hitler's guests and the market square survive. VE Day found the 506th in this area.

On the ground: Walk the Maximilianstrasse; the hotel plot is now a park.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden](#) ↗ [Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Nixon

Shames

Heffron

47.63020, 13.00000 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

END OF DAY 3 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Berchtesgaden

Campervan: Camping Allweglehen, Berchtesgaden — Allweggasse 4, 83471 Berchtesgaden

Terraced campsite above the town; verify season

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

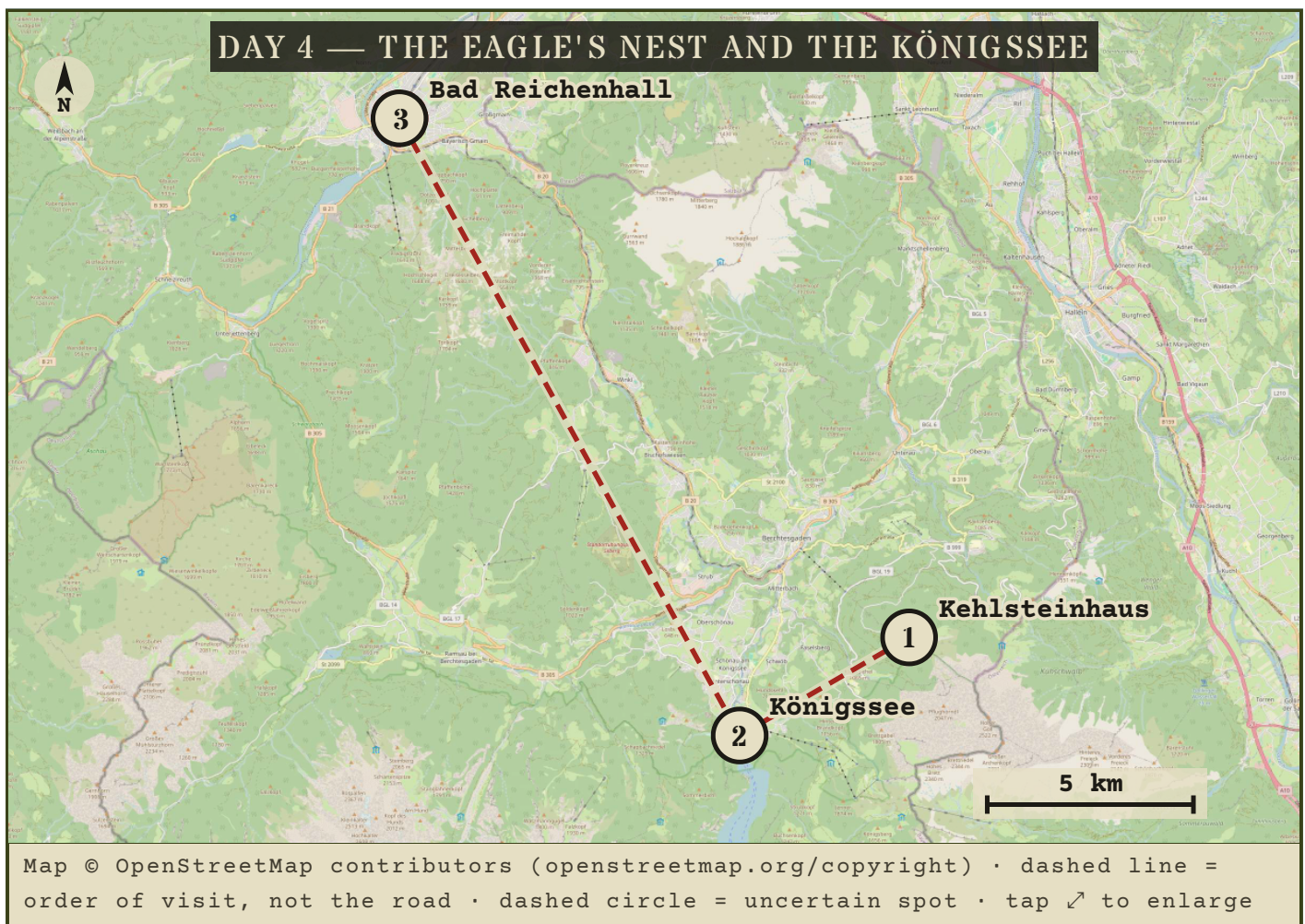
DAY 4 — THE EAGLE'S NEST AND THE KÖNIGSSEE

3 stops · ~4 h 30 m of visits + driving

🚗 **DRIVE DAY 4 — 3 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

◆ GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



1

KEHLSTEINHAUS — THE EAGLE'S NEST

HIGH

Visit 120 min · Site · Timeline 14

The tea-house at 1,834 m: the brass lift, the marble fireplace, the terrace traditionally identified as the setting of the famous Easy Company photograph (the exact location is disputed). Special buses from the Obersalzberg car park; no private cars.

On the ground: Stand on the terrace and turn to the Watzmann — same view, same railing.

Buses mid-May to Oct, 08:30-16:00 up · check kehlsteinhaus.de.

DIG DEEPER

[Kehlsteinhaus \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Kehlsteinhaus](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Nixon

Shames

Heffron

47.61140, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

[GOOGLE MAPS](#)

2

KÖNIGSSEE

HIGH

Visit 120 min · Lake

The fjord-like lake below the Watzmann, where the 506th swam and boated in May 1945. Electric boats to St Bartholomä; the echo trumpet still plays.

On the ground: A rest from the museums.

Boats year-round, weather permitting.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Königssee](#) ↗

47.59000, 12.98700 **HIGH** exact spot known

[GOOGLE MAPS](#)

3

BAD REICHENHALL

MEDIUM

Visit 30 min · Timeline 11

The spa town at the valley mouth where the 506th's column waited at a blown bridge on 4 May while the 3rd Infantry Division and the French got into Berchtesgaden first.

On the ground: The main road east toward the valley is the axis.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden \(1945\)](#) ↗

47.72450, 12.87700 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

END OF DAY 4 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Berchtesgaden

Campervan: Camping Allweglehen, Berchtesgaden — Allweggasse 4, 83471 Berchtesgaden

Terraced campsite above the town; verify season

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

DAY 5 — AUSTRIA — ZELL AM SEE AND KAPRUN

5 stops · ~4 h 15 m of visits + driving

🚗 **DRIVE DAY 5 — 5 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

◆ GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



1

ZELL AM SEE — LAKE PROMENADE

HIGH

Visit 30 min · Town · Timeline 16 & 19

The 506th's occupation capital in the summer of 1945. The lake is where the men swam and sailed Göring's yacht.

On the ground: Walk the Elisabeth promenade.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Zell am See ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Speirs

47.32310, 12.79400 **HIGH** exact spot known[◆ GOOGLE MAPS](#)

2

GRAND HOTEL ZELL AM SEE — REGIMENTAL HQ

HIGH

Visit 30 min · Site · Timeline 16

Sink's headquarters on the promontory in the lake; the ballroom and terrace are as the regiment knew them. Still a hotel – coffee on the terrace is allowed.

On the ground: Look across to Thumersbach: the whole valley was the regiment's.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Zell am See ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Speirs

47.32120, 12.79600 **HIGH** exact spot known[◆ GOOGLE MAPS](#)

3

KAPRUN — VILLAGE AND CASTLE

HIGH

Visit 45 min · Village · Timeline 17

Easy's billets and the 2nd Battalion HQ (*headquarters*), May-June 1945. Kaprun castle above the village; the church; the road-block where Sgt. Grant was shot was on the valley road.

On the ground: The village has grown around the ski trade; the castle and church are the anchors.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaprun ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Speirs

47.27230, 12.75900 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS



KAPRUN HIGH-MOUNTAIN DAMS (MOOSERBODEN)

HIGH

Visit 120 min · Site · slave-labour history

The hydro-electric project begun in 1938 with forced and slave labour from the camps; the 506th guarded the site and its DP camp in 1945. Finished after the war as a symbol of Austrian reconstruction. Bus and inclined lift to the dams; exhibition "Erlebnisswelt Strom".

On the ground: Read the memorial to the forced labourers at the dam.

Mid-May to Oct only; check [verbund.com](https://www.verbund.com).

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaprun ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

47.21500, 12.72200 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS



SAALFELDEN — THE SURRENDER BASIN

MEDIUM

Visit 30 min · Town · Timeline 18

The wide valley where German units marched in to surrender to the 506th in May 1945, and where a German surgeon saved Sgt. Grant's life.

On the ground: The Steinernes Meer above the town is the backdrop to the surrender photographs.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Saalfelden ↗](#)

47.42700, 12.84800 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

END OF DAY 5 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Zell am See

Campervan: Seecamp Zell am See — Thumersbacher Strasse 34, 5700 Zell am See

Lakeside campsite with motorhome pitches; verify season

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

THE END OF THE REICH — THE WIDER WAR

Between the Rhine crossings in March and the surrender in May 1945, Germany came apart around Easy Company. This tab gives the collapse its shape, then runs the war's clock beside what Easy was doing at the same hour.

THE DECISIVE FACTORS

CROSSING THE RHINE

The last great barrier. The Ludendorff bridge at Remagen fell intact to the 9th Armored on 7 March; Patton crossed at Oppenheim on the 22nd; Montgomery's set-piece with the airborne drop of Operation Varsity came on the 24th. The 101st was not used — Easy watched it on the newsreels at Mourmelon and was sent to the west bank of the river at Düsseldorf on 2 April instead.

7 Mar Remagen · 22 Mar Oppenheim · 24 Mar Varsity (17th Airborne, 6th Airborne)

THE RUHR POCKET

Two American armies met at Lippstadt on 1 April and trapped Army Group B — 317,000 men — in Germany's industrial heart. The 101st held the Rhine bank on the pocket's western edge while it was squeezed from the east; it surrendered on 18 April and Field Marshal Model shot himself. The war in the west was decided; what remained was distance.

1-18 Apr 1945 · 317,000 prisoners · Easy on the Rhine dike at Stürzelberg

THE CAMPS

Ohrdruf on 4 April, Buchenwald on the 11th, Bergen-Belsen on the 15th, the Kaufering camps from the 27th, Dachau on the 29th. Every division that reached Bavaria found one. Easy Company's was a Kaufering sub-camp near Landsberg — burned huts, typhus, the living too weak to stand. Eisenhower ordered German civilians marched through them; Landsberg's were made to bury the dead.

Kaufering: 11 camps · ~30,000 prisoners · ~14,500 dead

THE ALPINE REDOUBT

Allied intelligence believed the Nazis would make a last stand in the Alps around Berchtesgaden. It did not exist, but the fear of it helped send the Seventh Army — and the 101st — south into Bavaria within the agreed Allied zones, and gave Easy Company its last objective: Hitler's mountain.

Why the 101st went to Berchtesgaden and not to Berlin

THE RACE FOR BERCHTESGADEN

The RAF bombed the Obersalzberg on 25 April; the SS burned the Berghof on 4 May. The US 3rd Infantry Division and the French 2nd Armoured got into the town on 4 May; the 506th, held at a blown bridge near Bad Reichenhall, arrived on the 5th and took over. Who got there first mattered enormously to Sink and to no one else.

4-5 May 1945 · 3rd ID, 2e DB, then the 101st

THE END OF THE REICH

Hitler shot himself in Berlin on 30 April; Berlin surrendered on 2 May; German forces in Italy the same day, in the north-west on the 4th. Jodl signed the unconditional surrender at Eisenhower's HQ in Reims at 02:41 on 7 May, repeated for the Soviets at Karlshorst on the 8th. VE Day found the 506th around Berchtesgaden, with Göring's wine.

30 Apr - 8 May 1945

OCCUPATION AND THE POINTS SYSTEM

Disarming the Wehrmacht, guarding displaced persons, road-blocks, looting and boredom. Every man had a score – points for months overseas, campaigns, decorations, children – and 85 sent you home. The veterans left one by one through the summer; the replacements trained for the invasion of Japan. Discipline frayed: Sgt. Grant was shot by a drunk replacement at a road-block in June.

85 points = home • 101st slated for the Pacific

JAPAN SURRENDERS — THE JUMP THAT NEVER CAME

The atomic bombs on 6 and 9 August and Japan's surrender on 15 August ended the Pacific plan. The 101st, at Joigny in France since July, had nothing left to do but send its men home. It was inactivated at Auxerre on 30 November 1945.

15 Aug 1945 • 30 Nov 1945 inactivation

THE COST OF EASY COMPANY'S WAR

From Toccoa to Austria the company took roughly 150 % casualties: about 48 men killed and more than 100 wounded, many of them more than once. Of the 140 who jumped on 6 June 1944, a couple of dozen were still with the company in Austria. The memorials on this route – Kaufering, Dachau, the Obersalzberg – are the reason they said it was worth it.

48-49 Easy men killed, June 1944 - May 1945 (count varies by roster)

TWO CLOCKS — THE WAR'S END AND EASY COMPANY

Times are approximate and in Central European time. Where Easy's position is uncertain the stamp says so.

TIME	THE INVASION	EASY COMPANY
MARCH 1945		
7 Mar	The Ludendorff bridge at Remagen is captured intact; the first Americans cross the Rhine.	At Mourmelon: refitting after Haguenau; 15 Mar – Eisenhower presents the Presidential Unit Citation. HIGH
24 Mar	Operation Varsity: 17th Airborne and 6th Airborne jump across the Rhine at Wesel. Montgomery's armies cross.	Not used. Easy watches the newsreels and expects a Berlin jump that never comes. HIGH
APRIL 1945		

1-2 Apr	The Ruhr pocket closes at Lippstadt: 317,000 Germans trapped.	2 Apr: the 101st moves to the Rhine at Düsseldorf; Easy holds the dike at Stürzelberg, facing the pocket. MEDIUM
12 Apr	President Roosevelt dies; Truman takes over.	Rhine outposts; boat patrols across the river; passes to ruined Cologne. MEDIUM
18 Apr	The Ruhr pocket surrenders; Model shoots himself. The Seventh Army drives on Nuremberg (falls 20 Apr).	The 101st is released to the Seventh Army and starts south by truck along the autobahn. LOW
25 Apr	US and Soviet troops meet at Torgau on the Elbe. The RAF bombs the Berghof.	On the road through Württemberg toward Bavaria. LOW
27-29 Apr	12th Armored and 4th Infantry uncover the Kaufering camps; 45th and 42nd Divisions liberate Dachau (29 Apr). Munich falls 30 Apr.	28-29 Apr: Easy finds the Kaufering camp near Landsberg. Food, medics, and Landsberg's citizens made to bury the dead. HIGH
30 Apr	Hitler shoots himself in the Führerbunker.	Billeted in Landsberg; the news arrives by radio. HIGH
MAY 1945		
2 May	Berlin surrenders to the Red Army; German forces in Italy surrender.	Orders for Berchtesgaden; convoy south through Munich (3 May). LOW
4 May	3rd Infantry Division and French 2nd Armoured enter Berchtesgaden; the SS burn the Berghof. German forces in the north-west surrender to Montgomery.	Held at a blown bridge near Bad Reichenhall; Sink fumes. MEDIUM
5 May	Mauthausen liberated. The 101st's zone becomes Berchtesgaden and the Salzburg province.	EASY IN BERCHTESGADEN: the Berchtesgadener Hof, the Obersalzberg ruins, Göring's cellar, and – with Winters, Nixon and Welsh – the visit to the Eagle's Nest. HIGH
7-8 May	02:41, 7 May: Jodl signs the surrender at Reims. 8 May: VE Day; repeated at Karlshorst for the Soviets.	VE Day at Berchtesgaden. Winters: 'all troops will stand fast'. Then over the border to Zell am See and Kaprun. HIGH
9-31 May	Disarmament of the Wehrmacht across Austria; DP camps; the hunt for war criminals (Göring taken 9 May near Radstadt).	Occupation duty from Kaprun: road-blocks, weapons dumps, the surrender of German troops supervised by Winters at Saalfelden, the dam site and its labour camp. HIGH
JUNE – NOVEMBER 1945		
Jun	The points system sends high-point men home; the 101st is earmarked for the Pacific and resumes training.	Swimming in the Zellersee, Göring's cars, training. Sgt. Grant shot by a drunk replacement; a German surgeon saves him at Saalfelden. MEDIUM

1 Jul		The 506th leaves Austria for Joigny, France. HIGH
6-15 Aug	Hiroshima, Nagasaki; Japan surrenders on 15 August.	At Joigny: the Pacific jump is cancelled. The company empties by points through the autumn. HIGH
30 Nov		The 101st Airborne Division is inactivated at Auxerre. Easy Company ceases to exist. HIGH

KEY SITES OF THE WAR'S END

From Remagen to Mauthausen. Sites already on your tour are marked; the others – Torgau, Berlin, Nuremberg, Mauthausen – are far detours for the full story. Tap the map to enlarge.

THE END OF THE REICH — RHINE TO THE ALPS, 1945

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1

LUDENDORFF BRIDGE, REMAGEN — PEACE MUSEUM

THE RHEIN · 7 MARCH 1945 · ON YOUR TOUR

HIGH

The bridge that opened the Rhine.

On the ground: Peace Museum in the towers.

DIG DEEPER

[Peace Museum Bridge at Remagen \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Battle of Remagen](#) ↗

50.57900, 7.24250 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

2

COLOGNE — CATHEDRAL AND HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE

HIGH

The Rhine · ruined city · on your tour

The cathedral over 90 % destruction.

On the ground: City centre.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Bombing of Cologne](#) ↗ [NS-Dokumentationszentrum Köln \(official\)](#) ↗

50.94130, 6.95830 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

3

STÜRZELBERG — THE RHINE DIKE

HIGH

The Ruhr pocket · Easy Company · on your tour

The 506th's April 1945 river line.

On the ground: Dike path.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Ruhr pocket](#) ↗ [Speirs.com: Germany 1945](#) ↗

51.12150, 6.79560 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

4

TORGAU — ELBE DAY

HIGH

The Elbe · 25 April 1945 · not on the 5-day tour

Where American and Soviet troops met and cut Germany in two.

On the ground: Memorial on the river; 4 h east of the route.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Elbe Day](#) ↗

51.56000, 13.00500 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

5

BERLIN — REICHSTAG AND THE FÜHRERBUNKER SITE

HIGH

Berlin · 30 April - 2 May 1945 · not on the 5-day tour

The end of Hitler and of the Reich; the bunker site is a car park with an information board.

On the ground: Far off the route; the Topography of Terror is nearby.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of Berlin ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Führerbunker ↗](#)

52.51270, 13.38110 **HIGH** exact spot known[GOOGLE MAPS](#)

6

NUREMBERG — DOCUMENTATION CENTRE & ZEPPELINFELD

HIGH

Bavaria · the rallies and the trials · not on the 5-day tour

The party's parade ground and the courtroom of the 1945-46 trials.

On the ground: On the road south.

DIG DEEPER

[Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds \(official\) ↗](#)

49.43350, 11.11080 **HIGH** exact spot known[GOOGLE MAPS](#)

7

EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL — KAUFERING VII

HIGH

Bavaria · the camps · Easy Company · on your tour

The surviving Kaufering camp.

On the ground: Landsberg.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\) ↗](#) [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

48.03048, 10.85248 **HIGH** exact spot known[GOOGLE MAPS](#)

8

HURLACH — KAUFERING IV CAMP SITE

HIGH

Bavaria · the camps · Easy Company · on your tour

The camp Easy found.

On the ground: Fields; memorial stone.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\) ↗](#) [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

48.11800, 10.82400 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

9

DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

HIGH

Bavaria · the camps · on your tour

The first camp; liberated 29 April.

On the ground: Memorial site.

DIG DEEPER

[KZ-Gedenkstätte Dachau \(official\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Dachau concentration camp ↗](#)

48.26980, 11.46830 **HIGH** exact spot known

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10

LANDSBERG AM LECH — OLD TOWN AND PRISON

HIGH

Bavaria · Easy Company billets · on your tour

Hitler's prison; Easy's town on 30 April.

On the ground: Old town.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Landsberg Prison ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex ↗](#)

48.04900, 10.87200 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

11

MUNICH DOCUMENTATION CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

HIGH

Bavaria · birthplace of the party · on your tour

How Munich made the movement.

On the ground: Königsplatz.

DIG DEEPER

[Munich Documentation Centre \(official\) ↗](#)

48.14660, 11.56800 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

12

DOKUMENTATION OBERSALZBERG

HIGH

Berchtesgaden · Hitler's mountain · on your tour

The museum and bunkers on the site.

On the ground: Obersalzberg.

DIG DEEPER

[Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Obersalzberg](#) ↗

[Wikipedia: Berghof](#) ↗

47.63130, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

13

KEHLSTEINHAUS — THE EAGLE'S NEST

HIGH

Berchtesgaden · Easy Company · on your tour

The terrace of the photograph.

On the ground: Bus from Obersalzberg.

DIG DEEPER

[Kehlsteinhaus \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Kehlsteinhaus](#) ↗

47.61140, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

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14

BERCHTESGADEN — TOWN AND THE BERCHTESGADENER HOF SITE

HIGH

Berchtesgaden · VE Day · on your tour

Where the war ended for Easy.

On the ground: Town.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden](#) ↗ [Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗

47.63020, 13.00000 **HIGH** exact spot known

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15

GRAND HOTEL ZELL AM SEE — REGIMENTAL HQ

HIGH

Austria · occupation · on your tour

Sink's HQ (*headquarters*) on the lake.

On the ground: Hotel terrace.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Zell am See ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

47.32120, 12.79600 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

16

KAPRUN — VILLAGE AND CASTLE

HIGH

Austria · Easy Company billets · on your tour

Easy's last billets.

On the ground: Village.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaprun ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

47.27230, 12.75900 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

17

SAALFELDEN — THE SURRENDER BASIN

HIGH

Austria · the German surrender · on your tour

Where the Wehrmacht marched in to surrender.

On the ground: Valley.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Saalfelden ↗](#)

47.42700, 12.84800 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

18

MAUTHAUSEN MEMORIAL

HIGH

Austria · the camps · 5 May 1945 · not on the 5-day tour

The Austrian main camp, liberated the day Easy reached Berchtesgaden.

On the ground: 2 h east of Zell am See.

DIG DEEPER

[Mauthausen Memorial \(official\) ↗](#)

48.25700, 14.50100 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

MUSEUMS & SITES

The documentation centres and memorials along the route, plus the extras worth a detour.

1

PEACE MUSEUM — BRIDGE AT REMAGEN

Remagen · Day 1

HIGH

The Rhine crossing of 7 March 1945, in the surviving bridge towers.

1 hr

DIG DEEPER

[Peace Museum Bridge at Remagen \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Battle of Remagen](#) ↗

50.57900, 7.24250

HIGH

 exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

2

NS DOCUMENTATION CENTRE (EL-DE HAUS)

Cologne · Day 1

HIGH

Gestapo prison and the story of Cologne under the Nazis; ten minutes from the cathedral.

1 hr

50.93940, 6.95200

HIGH

 exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

3

EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL — KAUFERING VII

Landsberg am Lech · Day 2

HIGH

The surviving Kaufering camp; earth huts and memorial stones.

1 hr

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Kaufering concentration camp complex](#) ↗
[European Holocaust Memorial \(Wikipedia\)](#) ↗ [Kaufering VII \(TracesOfWar\)](#) ↗

48.03048, 10.85248

HIGH

 exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

4

DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

Dachau · Day 2

HIGH

The first camp; the Kaufering camps were its sub-camps.

2.5 hr

DIG DEEPER

[KZ-Gedenkstätte Dachau \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Dachau concentration camp](#) ↗

48.26980, 11.46830 **HIGH** exact spot known

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5

MUNICH DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

HIGH

Munich · Day 3

How Munich made the Nazi movement; on the site of the Brown House.

1.5 hr

DIG DEEPER

[Munich Documentation Centre \(official\)](#) ↗

48.14660, 11.56800 **HIGH** exact spot known

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6

DOKUMENTATION OBERSALZBERG

HIGH

Berchtesgaden · Day 3

Hitler's mountain, the bunkers and May 1945. Rebuilt 2023.

2 hr

DIG DEEPER

[Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Obersalzberg](#) ↗
[Wikipedia: Berghof](#) ↗

47.63130, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

7

KEHLSTEINHAUS — EAGLE'S NEST

HIGH

Berchtesgaden · Day 4

The tea-house, the lift, the terrace. Bus access mid-May to Oct.

2 hr

DIG DEEPER

[Kehlsteinhaus \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Kehlsteinhaus](#) ↗

47.61140, 13.04180 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

8

SALZBERGWERK BERCHTESGADEN

HIGH

Berchtesgaden · Extra

The salt mine 506th men toured as tourists in May 1945. (Göring's looted art was found in Obersalzberg shelters, trains and caches – the famous salt-mine repository was Altaussee in Austria, not here.)

1.5 hr

DIG DEEPER[Wikipedia: Berchtesgaden ↗](#) [Dokumentation Obersalzberg \(official\) ↗](#)47.63300, 13.01300 **HIGH** exact spot known GOOGLE MAPS

9

KAPRUN DAMS — ERLEBNISWELT STROM

HIGH

Kaprun · Day 5

The Nazi-era hydro project and its forced labourers; the post-war dams.

2 hr

DIG DEEPER[Wikipedia: Kaprun ↗](#) [Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)47.21500, 12.72200 **HIGH** exact spot known GOOGLE MAPS

10

NUREMBERG DOCUMENTATION CENTRE & ZEPPELINFELD

HIGH

Nuremberg · Extra

The rally grounds and the museum of the party rallies; the courtroom of the 1945-46 trials is across town.

2 hr

DIG DEEPER[Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds \(official\) ↗](#)49.43350, 11.11080 **HIGH** exact spot known GOOGLE MAPS

11

MAUTHAUSEN MEMORIAL

HIGH

Mauthausen, Austria · Extra

The Austrian main camp, liberated by the US 11th Armored on 5 May 1945 – the same day Easy reached Berchtesgaden.

2.5 hr

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[Mauthausen Memorial \(official\)](#) ↗

48.25700, 14.50100 **HIGH** exact spot known

↗ GOOGLE MAPS

12

SALZBURG — FESTUNG & OLD TOWN

Salzburg · Extra

HIGH

The 506th's nearest city in the summer of 1945; passes and the opera festival's first post-war season in August 1945.

half day

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Salzburg](#) ↗

47.79500, 13.04700 **HIGH** exact spot known

↗ GOOGLE MAPS

IF YOU HAVE A SIXTH DAY

SUGGESTED INSERTS

Nuremberg (Documentation Centre and Zeppelinfeld) on the long drive south between the Rhine and Landsberg; or, from Zell am See, Salzburg and the Mauthausen Memorial for the Austrian end of the story.

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Coordinates are navigation references, not proof a soldier stood on that GPS point.