1945: Liberation

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A Prayer

Across the world the sound of shells has ceased...
And quiet shrouds the battle-ravished West...
The enemy has laid away his arms, and Death and Pain are done in France.
But I go on... for I must fight and kill...
And work and sweat... and hide and run...
For here the enemy is very much alive...
His bullets still are made of lead...
Their angry whispers still foretell of sudden blood.
For me and others crouched in slime and mud...
The end for us is yet to come...
And so we pray to God to give us strength
To fight and win... without the waste of Time...
And with His Will... to see our homes again.

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Your Country is still at war—ARE YOU?

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Samuel Cotzin in Paris
Fall 1944
Courtesy: Norma Passo and Alan Cotzin
St. Nicholas, France, 1944
Pictured: Townsend, Cotzin, Sachar, Hopper
Courtesy: Norma Passo and Alan Cotzin
Thanksgiving in France
November 1944
Photo by Samuel Cotzin
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“Johnny and I before crossing the Rhine”
Ca. Spring 1945
Courtesy: Norma Passo and Alan Cotzin
Samuel Cotzin and friends in front of tank
Ca. 1945
Courtesy: Norma Passo and Alan Cotzin
Three GIs in the snow
Ca. January 1945
Photo by Samuel Cotzin
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Ruins in Houffalize, Belgium
Ca. January 1945
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Services with Chaplain Schachter
Ohrdruf, Germany
March 1945
Courtesy: Norma Passo and Alan Cotzin
Bodies at Ohrdruf, 1945
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German Generals Surrendering
Ca. May 1945
Courtesy: Gregg and Michelle Philipson Collection
US Generals See a Torture Demonstration
Ohrdruf Concentration Camp, April 1945
Pictured (L to R): Generals George S. Patton, Omar N. Bradley, and Dwight D. Eisenhower
Associated Press Wire Photo from Signal Corps
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Looking into a barracks at Buchenwald
April 1945
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Jewish Prisoner at Buchenwald
April 1945
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Buchenwald
April 1945
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Cleaning out barracks at Buchenwald
April 1945
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Pile of cremated ashes at Buchenwald
April 1945
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Young prisoners at Buchenwald
April 1945
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Prisoners clothing and belongings found in shack
Buchenwald, April 1945
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Congresswoman Claire Boothe Luce (R, CT) visits survivors in Buchenwald
April 1945
AP Wire Photo from Signal Corps
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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE:

The task which we set ourselves is finished, and the time has come for me to relinquish Combined Command.

In the name of the United States and the British Commonwealth, from whom my authority is derived, I should like to convey to you the gratitude and admiration of our two nations for the manner in which you have responded to every demand that has been made upon you. At times, conditions have been hard and the tasks to be performed arduous. No praise is too high for the manner in which you have surmounted every obstacle.

I should like, also, to add my own personal word of thanks to each one of you for the part you have played, and the contribution you have made to our joint victory.

Now that you are about to pass to other spheres of activity, I say Good-bye to you and wish you Good Luck and God-Speed.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Letter from SHAEF Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower
From the scrapbook of Alex Sesonke
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Headquarters Platoon Company C
Stadtroda, Germany, May 1945
(Cotzin pictured second row, third from the left)
Courtesy: Norma Passo and Alan Cotzin
Jewish Displaced Persons
Feldafing DP Camp, October 1945
Associated Press Wire Photo
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Dachau 1945 Liberation card
April 29, 1946 commemorating first anniversary of liberation
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Chaplain Samuel Blinder examines Torah Scrolls
Ca. June 1945
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42nd Infantry Division Shanah Tovah card
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As the Rainbow came to symbolize the end of the destroying flood so may it be a promise at the New Year of peace and security for all mankind.

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