## **Souvenirs of Army life in the States and in Europe**

**Camp Hann Souvenir Pillowcase (1943)** 





**Camp Hann Souvenir Scarf (1943)** 



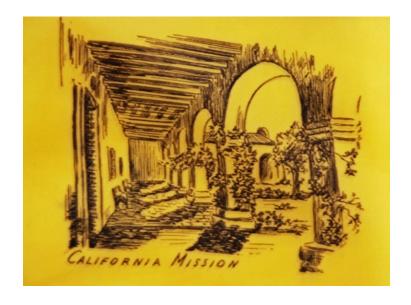


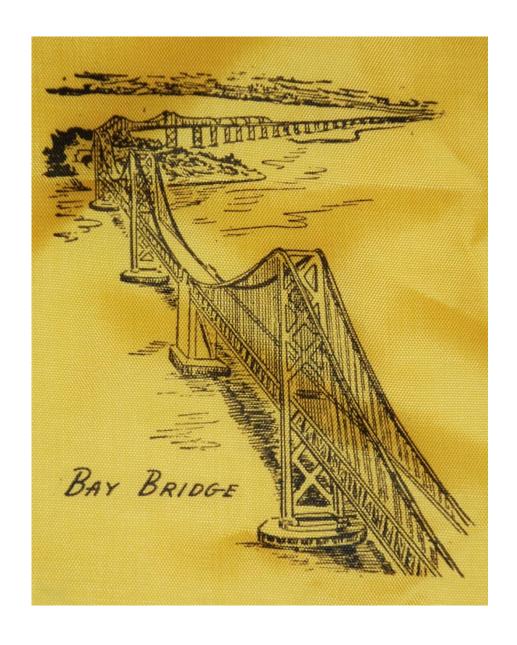
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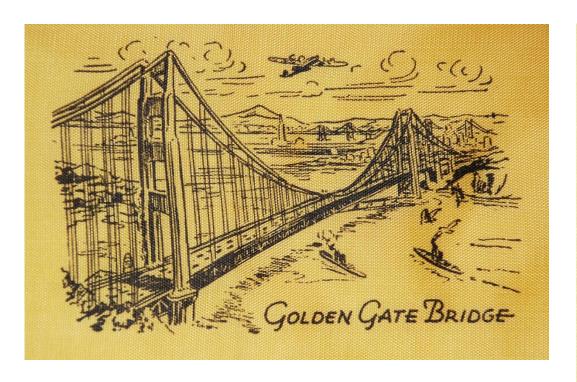


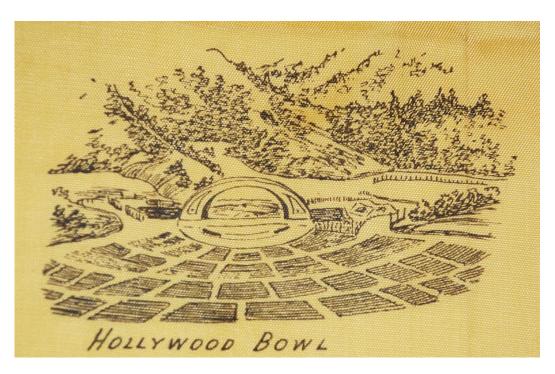














## **Camp Stewart Souvenir Pillowcase (1944)**





**Camp Stewart Louisiana Maneuvers Souvenir Pillowcase (1944)** 



### Souvenir Bullets from Base Training Camps in USA (1943 – 44) Two .50 Caliber Machine Gun Bullets







Army Sweetheart Pin (1943 – 44)



**Sample Envelope from Camp Stewart (1944)** 



## **Sweetheart Compact Souvenir (1943 – 44)**







German Mugette Cigarette Lighter (ca. 1933) (Actual Size)



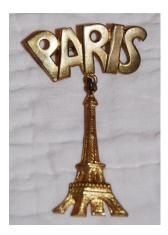


#### **Souvenir Ashtray from Paris (1945)**



Important Paris monuments above: Eiffel Tower on the left, Arc de Triomphe left background, Trocadéro in the middle, St. Augustin Church (small image above and to the right of Trocadéro), and the Basilica of Sacré Cœur in Montmartre.

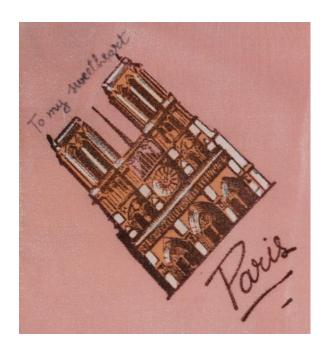
Paris Eiffel Tower Pin (1945) (Actual Size)



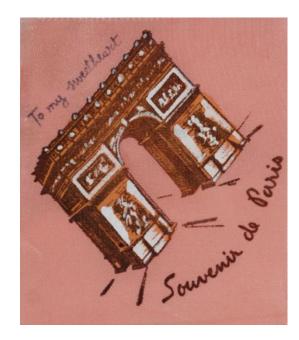
Commemorative WWII Pin (Actual Size)



**Souvenir Paris Handkerchiefs (1945)** 





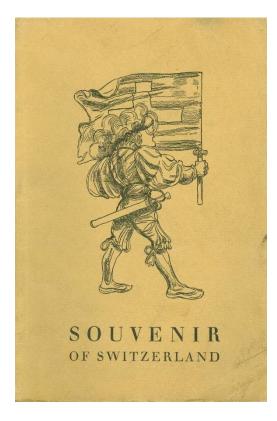




Swiss Dirndl Belt (1945)
(Chet Schliep was granted a 7-day furlough to Switzerland in August of 1945)



Front and back cover of Swiss guide book handed out to G.I.'s as indicated by the letter of welcome on the right.







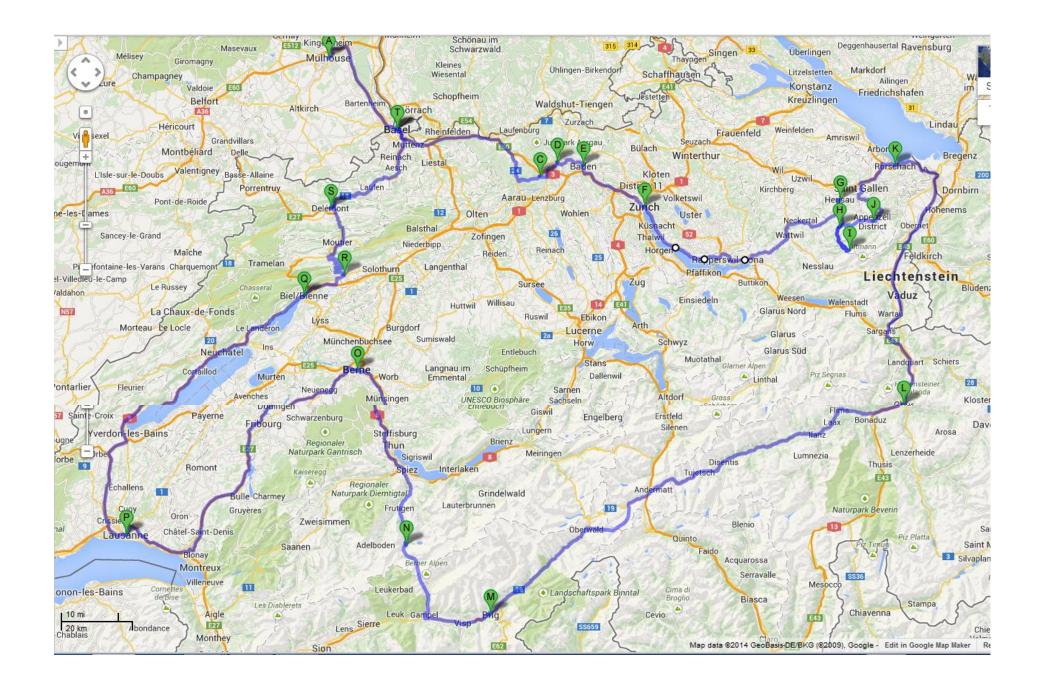
The right-hand column on this page is a listing of many of the towns that Chet Schliep visited on his furlough to Switzerland. Among G.I.'s, he was accompanied by PFC. Daniel R. Hartberger who was also from Able Battery. The listing of towns and the map on the next page were created by "Maps Google". The map shows directions when traveling by car, but it is very close to what the trip was by train. The total distance traveled was just over 600 miles or 793 kilometers. Calculating a car trip the time estimated to make the journey is 16 hours.

#### Very heavily used map of Switzerland.





Mulhouse, France Basle, Switzerland Schinznach-Dorf, Switzerland Baden, Switzerland Zurich, Switzerland Herisau, Switzerland Urnäsch, Switzerland Säntis - Schwebebahn, Schwägalp, Hundwil, ! Appenzell District, Switzerland Rorschach, Switzerland Coire. Switzerland Brig, Switzerland Kandersteg, Switzerland Berne, Switzerland Lausanne, Switzerland Bienne, Switzerland Grenchen, Switzerland Delémont, Switzerland Basel, Switzerland Brugg, Switzerland



Below are a few pictures taken by Chet Schliep and Daniel Hartberger on their tour of Switzerland. The second row of pictures are pictures of the walking cane that Chet brought back to the States. It seems to have been a popular souvenir as many of the pictures show that both Chet and Daniel carried one in Switzerland.

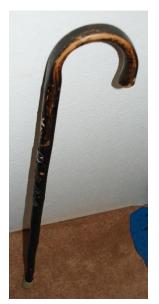
Swiss Waitresses; train going up Oberalp Pass; Chet Schliep and Daniel Hartberger hiking near the Gotthard Pass; Chet Schliep standing with railway conductor near Brig, Switzerland.

























Above left is a German "dress" cane. In the middle is a German sword and on the right is a German 38-caliber revolver. Chet managed to get them all home. I've done a little research and I think that the cane and the sword pre-date WWII so they were probably "looted" instead of "captured" in battle. It is unclear how old the revolver is. It seems to be a 38 caliber, short, Colt-style revolver. It is engraved with the German words "deutsche industrie arminius".

On a small metal plaque on the cane is written "Erinnerung an meine Dienstzeit" which means "In memory of my service time" in English.

On the handle of the sword is inscribed "G. Volk 1912" which probably stands for a name "G" being the initial of the first name and "Volk" being the last name. Also on the handle, I believe, is "ges. geschutzt" or "geseztlich geschutzt" which means "patented" in English.

On one side of the sword blade is inscribed "1. Bad. Leib - Drag. – Regt.  $N^{\circ}$  20." which expands in unabbreviated German to "1. Badisches Leib-Dragoner-Regiment Nr. 20". This means that the soldier who owned this sword was a member of the "20<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Baden) Life-Dragon Regiment – Cavalrymen". This would indicate that he was member of a European military unit formerly composed of heavily armed mounted troops. The sword seems to be referred to as a model M89 degen (1889) but I haven't had any luck with the history or the manufacturer of this type of sword. My research indicates that this dragoon was created on March 23<sup>rd</sup> of 1803 in the city of Karlsruhe.