



## WWII Scenario – At the Rhine Saturday and Sunday; 3:15 PM

With the war in Europe drifting toward a climatic conclusion the Allies are pushing towards the Rhine River, and once breached, into the heart of Germany. Some men, confident of victory, become complacent and unsuspecting. Yet danger still lurks behind every corner, every bush and in every building. Experienced officers know by keeping alert you stay alive.

In a desperate attempt to thwart the allied advance into Germany, the last of what was once an organized set of cohesive units within the German military take up their final stand along the Rhine. Hiding from the ever present fighter bomber presence of the allied Air Force, the defenders of the Reich use every inch of concealed space to delay the inevitable.

The WWII scenario at A Walk in Their Boots 2017 depicts soldiers all knowing the war will soon be over. Officers from both sides however still realize the hazards. The allied advance slows as reinforcements and supplies make their way towards the front by rail from Normandy secured 10 months ago. Outposts along the line of advance are established manned by many new and inexperienced replacements. At the break of a new day, reconnaissance patrol brings rations and at times hot coffee to those along the furthest points along the front. The war now seemingly won, a nervous officer tells the men to stay alert and keep your eyes open.

As the officer departs, the men joke that they will soon be in Berlin as his jeep rolls away.

Artillery fire pierces the relative silence and trapped in no mans land is the scouting party. A well hidden machine gun opens up on the trapped men; there is no where to hide. The GI's are now in survival mode and scared boys at the outpost, now rethinking their vacation plans in the German capital, spring into action as more enemy hidden within a creek bed launch their attack.

In town above the field, resting GI's in a barn, hear the gunfire and get into the fight. Like moths to a flame, they too, only moments ago dreaming of home are once again in the thick of the action....

Do the men from the recon element survive? Do the Allies take the field or do the Germans live to fight another day? Find out for yourself at A Walk in Their Boots 2017, at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site in Johnson City Tennessee, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

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