

PEACE AGREEMENT

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It seems like a good time to bring up this story about the Waggon & Horse Pub and a photo I took in 1978. (It may have been called by a different name when this happened and I don't remember the owners name)

On May 7th. 1945, it was announced that the Peace agreement would be signed the next day. We were also told that the personnel that were on leave, would be extended, but the ones on base were restricted to the base. This didn't go over to well. Bill Pulliam & I, in our fatigue uniforms, decided to borrow a couple of bicycles and ride out the main gate like we were going to the barracks across the road. When we got to the middle of the road, we made a quick left turn and peddled like hell down the road. No one stopped us, so we headed for the Waggon & Horse " Pub.



After a couple Ales we mentioned to the owner that the war was over and he could turn on his lights on the outside sign board. After flipping the switch and nothing happening, we asked if he had a ladder and we proceeded to climb up and fix the wires and exchanged the bulbs. When he flipped the switch a second time, the lights came on. When we got back in the Pub, he had come out of the cellar carrying a dusty bottle of prewar Scotch. He said those lights had been out since 1939 and I can't

think of a better time to bring out this bottle. We helped him kill the bottle of Scotch. Neither Bill Pulliam or I remember how we got back to our sleeping quarters that night. We also don't know what happened to the two bicycles. This was just one of my flashbacks.

As ever, CHEERS. Joe Harlick

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