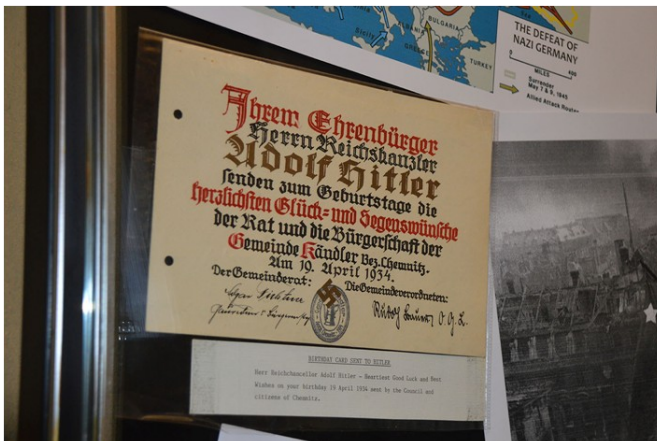




HISTORY OF SIGNALLING IN 100 OBJECTS KENNETH MCKEE GERMAN ARTEFACTS WW2



Kenneth McKee was just 23 when he landed at D Day and moved with his division through France and then into Germany. He was in the first party of Allied Troops to enter Berlin, having been selected to provide communications for the Peace Conference at Potsdam. When off duty Ken and his friends would walk round the devastated city. On one occasion they were permitted access inside the Reich's Chancellery, by a grateful Soviet Guard, to whom they had given



a couple of cigarettes. Inside the ransacked building they found a historical treasure trove, including many documents personally signed by Hitler. Amongst the debris on the floor they also found a birthday card dated 1934 to Hitler signed from the Council and Citizens of Chemnitz. The collection Kenneth McKee saved from destruction included many documents personal to Hitler, a wide range of medals and awards.



The display also includes his personal collection of original messages from his time at 2 Army Signals HQ on Luneburg Heath. These include a first copy of the original German "Instrument of Surrender" and original messages detailing the capture, and later the death, of Himmler.

The final picture shows the display in the Royal Signals Museum being opened on the 70th Anniversary of the end of WW2. D Day Veterans Ted Varley and Trader Horne from 3

Divisional Signal Regiment were the first to see the then new display. They are seen here with Kevin McKee, who is the son of Capt Kenneth McKee.