Commander’s diary

Fri. 10/02/2017

I was coming back from school by bus while the snowstorm was raging. I had to go through the street, in which was approx. 1 m of snow. I tried to get through, when suddenly... I tripped on something. I fell on a large,, fluffy, snow pillow." I saw what stumbled me, it was the kerosene lamp. I was very surprised, because no one such useless. I picked it up, it was a German lamp, which I knew after the letters “Traum” which means sleep or dream. I took it home, because I thought that no one needs it. I cleaned it and put to dry. As there was Friday and I’ve more time, I decided myself to play something... I'm not too keen player who devotes all his time to play, But when I start a beast wakes up in myself… a computer beast. I played approx. 3 hours, which is enough for me. I thought that it would be cool if I could move into the gaming world... I’ve to go watch something on TV, when I saw that from a near room lamp lights. I certainly didn’t light a lamp. I asked if someone had lit, it turned out that Dad lit a lamp, he told me that my grandfather had identical. Later I wanted to put it out, but it was impossible... my Mum and Dad also tried, but the light was constantly burning. I was about to go to sleep, but I thought about This lamp. I took it to my room, I lay and looked at it. I thought it would be fun to move to the gaming world…

Sat. 11/02/2017

I woke up very early, I don’t know why, because it was Saturday. I looked up at the lamp. Further it was burning, but the flame was blue. Everything seemed to be some weird. There weren’t any phones, computer and television. I was very surprised by what happened. As if I went back to the first half of the twentieth century. At. 6.30 someone knocked at the door. Mom opened. There were two officers. They said that they had had to take me to the army, because the war began. The parents were very sad, crying, but officers have said that I had to go. I and many others were examined and assigned to barracks. They sent me to tank crews’ barracks. They made my tests, maneuvers under the supervision of experienced tank crews. I passed the test perfectly and I could reportedly be a gunner or a commander. I was assigned to the Russian tank KV-1S, I was commander there, along with Frank Dolas, Mark Kowalski, Kazimierz Vladimir and Józek Stanisławski created the crew. We went on our first battle, with us, there were 15 tanks. We were in Ilsdorf, attacking from the north. I decided to take over hill, together with 3 other tanks attacked through the top, the rest of the team drove to attack platforms shall and the streets of the city. Suddenly from the opposite direction came Hetzer, VK-16.02, Pz.Kpfw.IV Ausf.H, Tiger II. I gave the order to “side scrap” to the enemy shell bounced. I decided to destroy Hetzer first, so we did aiming and shot, his ammunition depot exploded. He looked like Swiss cheese. Quickly we hid to reload. T34 distraction VK-16.02 when We were reloading, KV-1 has a shot and destroyed VK -16.02 tracks. I just had to lean out and give good shot. Vk-16.02 with my 122 mm barrel had no chance. HE shell was loaded. Target reservoirs... suddenly there was a loud bang, the enemy artillery shot... I heard just... we got... fortunately nothing serious from the tank didn’t happen, unfortunately Franek got splinters... Fortunately, we had a first aid kit. While friends founded dressing Frank, I couldn't let the enemy shoot us; without long aiming, I shot at VK-16.02. Fortunately, he got in the tanks, fuel caught fire and tank burned down, colleagues have affixed Frank. SU-85 and KV-1 secured us, but... SU-85 exploded. I couldn’t bear the loss of allies. I shouted over the radio to K-1: ram him!!! He immediately understood what was going on; because of the fact that we were heavy and Pz.IV H average weight, we don’t have to waste ammunition on him. Two tanks together weighing about 90t speeding at 35 km/h crushed Pz.IV H. Now even Tiger II. From the beginning I feared. After a while of driving we met Tiger. Unfortunately, our artillery missed, ruined his only tracks. I decided to get Tiger from behind. KV1 said that he will cope. During the ride I met and destroyed Nashorn. T34 and KV-1 were defending themselves, but Tiger was unstoppable. Target the engine when... Grille shot to us, he wanted to finish us off, but my luck he missed... one shot... and Grille turned into dust. I heard on the radio: Help! Here KV-1, T34 was destroyed, the rest of our team is dead... another Hetzer somewhere... we are defending as we can.... You are the LAST... suddenly I heard an explosion... I knew what happened... panicky over the radio I tried to communicate with someone... I couldn’t endure... I shed a tear... I consoled my crew... but this is war!... whoever the strongest will survive... We must survive! Too many people have died... one tank on two. I checked the last location where he was... Tiger was there, he was turned straight at us. We exchanged shots, one after second, shell for shell. I gave the order to momentum to the maximum level... Tiger couldn’t keep up with the rotation turret, it was a moment for us... aim, fire… and the victory I said! Tiger before the destruction picked up the barrel as a sign of glory and honor for us... I saw the wreck KV1 and suddenly... behind him something was moving... this was the Hetzer. From hiding, I ordered aim and... Hetzer destroyed, our Capitan! Those were the most horrible and best moments of my life. After the battle, we were honored with medals. Everyone was happy, that we’ve succeeded... I got the most medals, also for the greatest command and composure... but I was very sad that I couldn’t save them... Nothing would so not enjoyed, as the return of all the 14 tanks from the victorious battle, not just winning my one tank...

Mon 13/02/2017

After winning two consecutive battles, also happy for us. High Command said that in the weak, water battlefield, useful to them as good a general as I do. I went through a short training (actually 2 hours course of the command boat). I was sent to the battlefield. After "as good training" nothing I can stand, I said to command, but I thought, if they "accidentally" don’t want to get rid of me? Another reason why I thought that could be it, that I got a fishing boat with 1- 3,7cm gun. Fortunately, consoled me, the fact of having 1 torpedo! It’s a pity that on a course of torpedoes was gone, and my crew knew as much as I do... The first sea battle, decided to play cautiously, therefore, that the ships not yet known. My o and 2 other boats sailed through the strait. I decided to position the boat behind a stone and put only the beakhead. Opponents started to swim up. Over the smokestacks of ships surged large clouds of smoke. My tactic to expose beak with gun is very good. By the fact that we were in a strait, I was 100% sure that the torpedo could hit. I managed to, we destroyed one enemy. As to the first battle quite well. Top of the leaders coped Karol Mitewski in boat TKA- G5 and Rysiek Zklanu in the submarine APSS I decided to talk with them. I invited them for beer to a nearby bar. Very friendly people. They gave me valuable comments, which certainly I’ll use. Next battles went better and better...

Tue 14/02/2017

Suddenly, I found out that I and my crew... we upgraded to the new submarine. Finally, we needn’t bother with the converted fishing boat. New boat had 6 torpedoes, was much faster and have better gun, depth, its most important function was to descend deep into the water and being almost undetectable. I followed the advice of Ryszard. The first battle was phenomenal. I changed a little rule of Ryszard. I had shot torpedoes, rose to the surface, shot with rifles entire magazine, before going down under the water and we sailed away. In this way my boat destroyed 4 boats! On the battlefield, has yet been the enemy boat submarines. I ordered ascent to fill the oxygen supply. Enemy boat flowed straight under us. We accelerated, I was afraid that he let go in us torpedoes. I remembered that I had depth bombs. We released 2. We heard the explosion, splash and joy allies on the radio. I felt proud, it was a great battle, and I was the commander of this boat!

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During all those days I prayed to the war is over... That day I woke up and felt strange just like the day when I was taken into the army. When I opened my eyes I saw that I was levitating. Around me there’s only white space and large levitating, burning lamp. It said to me: Wojtek, you’re a born leader, you can continue whenever you want, in these few days, experienced look as if the world of games, moved up to you. I’ll fulfill your 1 dream, just tell me what? I thought that the world of gaming is cool, but whether I’ve to decide about the fate of billions of people? I replied lamp: I’d like to... everyone understood that war is nothing good and, that everything was in the old way...

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