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817TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
A. P. O. 230, U. S. ARMY
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SECTION I - AUTHORITY

In compliance with par 10, AR 345-105, this report by the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 1 April, 1945 to 30 April, 1945, is submitted.

SECTION II - INTRODUCTION

1. Command: During the time covered by the report the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion operated under the following Headquarters and Commanders:

- a. First United States Army - - - - - Lt. Gen C. H. Hodges
- b. VII Corps - - - - - Lt. Gen Collins
- c. 104th Infantry Division - - - - Maj Gen Terry Allen
- d. 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion - - Lt. Col. W. H. Bardes

2. Composition of 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion:

| <u>a. Organic</u> | <u>Commanders</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Headquarters Company | Capt William J. Edgar |
| Reconnaissance Company | Capt Robert U. Sternfels |
| "A" Company | Capt Howard M. Vogel |
| "B" Company | Capt John J. McPhillips |
| "C" Company | Capt Rhondal L. Burton |

3. This operation report covers the combat action of the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion during the period since the last report which was submitted as of 312400 March, 1945.

4. MAPS:

The following maps were used in this operation:

Central Europe, 1/100,000

Germany, 1/25,000

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SECTION III — REPORT AFTER ACTION AGAINST ENEMY

1 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

a. At 1700 hours, 31 March, 1945 the Battalion was relieved of assignment with the III Corps and 8th Tank Destroyer Group. At 1945 hrs, the Battalion left its old location vic (527342) and arrived at Sachsenberg (737815) at 0245 hours. The Battalion was assigned to the VII Corps and attached to the 104th Infantry Division

b. GP LOCATIONS:

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| Battalion | 762976 |
| Company A | 678895 |
| Company B | 649988 |
| Company C | 621798 |
| Reconnaissance Company. | 762976 |

2. Operations:

COMPANY "A" — Company "A" took up defensive positions vic of MEDEBACH (678895) where they are supporting the 415th Infantry Regiment of the 104th Infantry Division. Repulsed enemy counter-attack at 0500 hours. Captured 30 Prisoners of War. One EM MIA and evacuated.

COMPANY "B" — Company "B" occupied defensive positions vic MEDEBACH (678895) and USSELN (649988). Helped to repulse enemy counter-attack at 0830 hours. Captured 22 Prisoners of War and killed one enemy soldier.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" moved from positions vic HAILLENBERG (621798) and supported the attack on DUDINGHAUSEN (669965). Later took up defensive positions in this sector. Scouted wooded areas in search of reported enemy tanks. Fired 3 rds of HE at a concentration of enemy troops killing approximately 35.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- One Rcn platoon in support of each Gun Company. Established OP's and screened all movements. Two EM and two $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton vehicles missing in action. Three Prisoners of War taken.

2 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion GP located at DODINGHAUSEN (668965).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" — Continued support of 415th Infantry Regiment vic MEDEBACH. Repulsed counter-attack at 0600 hours. Third platoon supported attack of Third Battalion on KUSTELBERG (605927). Remainder of Company in vicinity of (655863).

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COMPANY "B" — Relieved from mission of supporting 415th Infantry Regiment at 1230 hrs. CO reported to 104th Infantry Division on orders of the CG and received new mission in support of the 4th Cavalry Group. Company located in vic of BRILON (580112).

COMPANY "C" — First platoon moved from old position to USSELN (649988) to relieve B Company. No activity in this area reported. Second platoon assembled in DUDINGHAUSEN to support F Company 415th Infantry Regiment to gain objective of DEIFELD (643941). Jumped off at 1400 hrs and set up a base of fire with one section while the other section proceeded towards objective. Encountered 5 enemy 20mm MG nests. Direct HE fire was thrown into this sector and attached Rcn section enveloped positions on foot. A total of 4 MG nests were knocked out in the combined action of our units. Destroyers proceeded to DEIFELD. No other resistance was met. Third platoon supported E Company 415th Infantry Regiment and moved into vic MEDELON Company CP located in vic OBR SCHLEDOHN (685948). Elements of the second platoon and company headquarters captured 23 German Prisoners.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY — Moved CP location from LANGEFELD TO DUDINGHAUSEN. First platoon supporting B Company operated 2 OP's located at (663904) and (645972). Platoon moved with B Company to new location. Second platoon in support of C Company. Operating screening OP's vic (640934) and (652988). One enemy MG nest knocked out in attack on DEIFELD. One German soldier killed and two taken prisoner. Third platoon supporting A Company. Operating 2 OPs located vic (671901) and (678885).

3 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at DUDINGHAUSEN (668963).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" — CP remained in MEDEBACH. Third platoon worked in close support with third Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. taking objective KUSTELBERG (608923). During the operation they knocked out 12 points of resistance, destroyed 8 MG nests in houses, overran mortar positions, killing 30 Germans and assisting in the capture of approximately 70. During the operation, one destroyer was hit with 88mm direct fire. The destroyer was recovered and repaired. The first and second platoons combined in one platoon, moved to MEDELON (655863) in support of first battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. establishing road blocks for AT defense. At 2215 hrs, the first platoon was ordered to report to G-3, 104th Infantry Division for new mission. Platoon moved out at 0100 hrs April 4th. Third platoon, upon relief of 3rd Battalion will move to AT defense positions vic USSELN.

COMPANY "B" — No change in position. Strengthened defenses with OPs and reconnaissance screens. Enemy tried two counter-attacks but were repulsed.

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COMPANY "C" -- CP located vic OBR SCHLEDORN. Three PWs captured by Company CP Guard. First platoon located in USSELN where they established one new position with the destroyer returned from Ordnance. Received scattered artillery fire during the night. No other enemy activity reported in this vicinity. Second Platoon located vic DEIFELD. Maintained old positions until 1130 hours. One section of destroyers were moved into a new firing position at 642935 and delivered direct fire (HE) into village of DITTELS (631932). This action was taken to support F Company 415th Inf. Regt. in taking this populated place. It was reported that two MK V tanks were hiding in this village but none were located. One 20mm MG nest was destroyed by direct HE fire. At 1600 hrs, both sections of the second platoon w/attached Rcn elements, moved to new positions in the vic (613960) and (615948) supporting the action of E and G Companies of the 415th Inf. Regt. No resistance was encountered in this action. At 1530 hrs, the third platoon moved to the vic (655852) and established a roadblock. Platoon captured 5 PWs upon return to MEDELON just before dark. Third platoon is being moved to new location in vic TITMARINGHAM (610955) at 0800 April 4th. One SP gun was knocked out of action and 4 occupants were killed in the vic (631932) by direct fire of the second platoon.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- CP located vic DUDINGHAUSEN. First platoon supporting the action of B Company. First platoon CP moved from NIEDER MARSEBURG to vic BRILON. OP established at 566099 and screening positions vic 592075 and 568090. Second platoon located vic OBER SCHLEDORN supporting Company C. Trip flares placed across roads on the night of April 2 proved beneficial. The following morning the enemy tripped the flares and the OP, who was wired in to a mortar unit called for fire which knocked out one truck and an unknown number of Germans. One man of the third platoon previously reported to be missing in action was found wounded and has been evacuated.

4 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:
 - a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
 - b. Battalion CP located at NIEDER MARSBERG (780184).
2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- CP moved from MEDEBACH TO USSELN closing in their new location at 1015 hrs. First platoon detached as of 0730 hrs and sent to vicinity of KLEINENBERG (860325). Platoon received new mission of supporting 413th Inf. Regt. Second platoon is unoperational due to shortage of M-18 Destroyers. Third platoon in support of third battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. at KUSTELBERG (608923). Relieved from mission and sent to USSELN to defend road blocks in the first battalion (415th Inf. Regt.) sector. Received orders to report to CO 4th Cavalry Group at BRILON. Platoon moved out from USSELN at 1800 hrs and arrived at BRILON at 2130 hours.

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COMPANY "B" -- First platoon worked in support of the 104th Rcn Troop. Moved from vicinity PADBERG (720120) to KLEINENBERG (865325). Second platoon continued defensive mission in vicinity BRILON. No enemy resistance encountered. Third platoon continued defensive mission in vic BRILON. No enemy resistance encountered.

COMPANY "C" -- CP located at OBR SCHLEDORN. First platoon remained in USSELN without shifting positions. Platoon is supporting third battalion 415th Inf. Regt. Enemy activity was nil. Second platoon still have road blocks set up at (613960) and (615948). A section of destroyers are at each road block supported by one platoon of G Company, 415th Inf. Regt. and C-2 Security elements at one block and one platoon of E Company 415th Inf. Regt. with a section of the second Rcn platoon supporting the other road block. Third platoon located vic TITMARINGHAM from 0800 to 1600 hrs. During this time platoon was set up for anti-tank defense of town and held in mobile reserve to support any threatened area of the second battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. At 1600 hrs the third platoon moved to WILLINGEN (610005) and set up road blocks on the two main routes into the town from the north and west. K Company of the 415th Inf. Regt. was supported in this action. No enemy action encountered in this assignment.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- CP moved from DUDINGHAUSEN TO NIEDER MARSBERG closing in their new location at 1630 hrs. First platoon supporting the action of "B" Company by operating two screening positions and an OP. The second platoon is supporting "C" Company. At 0230 hrs enemy foot troops (number unknown) attempted a forcing of OP vicinity USSELN. One enemy soldier set off trip flare and was fired upon by the second plt. In his haste he threw weapons and equipment to the ground. From interrogating PWs, information received reveals that the enemy is attempting to blow RR bridge vicinity 651984. Bridge checked by OP personnel for prepared demolitions but none were found. Trip flares and guards were placed around bridge protecting same.

5 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at NIEDER MARSBERG (780184).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- CP moved from USSELN closing in ESSENTHO (760209) at 1300 hrs. Third platoon working with "B" Company. First platoon supporting the third battalion, 413th Inf. Regt. At 1600 hrs, Company "A" was given the mission of supporting the action of the 413th Inf. Regt. using one platoon of "A" Company and one platoon of "B" Company. Command liaison established with Regiment. First platoon is supporting the 1st Battalion. First platoon "B" Company is supporting the 2nd Battalion of the 413th Inf. Regt.

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COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less one platoon, plus one platoon of "A" Company continued operations in support of the 4th Cavalry Group. CP located at BRILON. First platoon relieved of assignment in support of the 104th Rcn Troop and placed under "A" Company control in support of 413th Inf. Regt. At 0600 hrs the second section of the second platoon supported an attack south on the ALTENBUREN OLSBERG Highway. This section fired 10 rds at camouflage gun positions with undetermined results. The first section of the second platoon supported an attack for "A" Troop 24th Cavalry Squadron whose mission was to cut the road at GIERSKEPP. The objective was reached by 1100 hrs with 15 prisoners taken and an undetermined number killed. After the first objective was accomplished this force made an attack on OLSBERG. The Tank Destroyer section raced to the town and engaged enemy armor in a fire fight. Without suffering any losses in material or men, this section knocked out of action one Mark V Tank, one Self-propelled gun, and one half-track at ranges of 100, 400, and 700 yards respectively. A large number of enemy troops were killed and captured as a result of this action. After the action in OLSBERG our units withdrew to GIERSKEPP to establish sentry positions. One platoon of Company "C" joined Company "B" at 0300 hrs and went into position in depth along the ALTENBUREN BRILON Highway.

COMPANY "C" -- CP moved from OBR SCHLEDORN at 0830 hrs to USSELN. At 1400 hrs the CP again moved in conjunction with the 415th Inf. Regt. to OSSENDORF (938247). First platoon remained in position vic USSELN supporting the third Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. Second platoon moved from old positions west of TITMARINGHAM to vic RIMBECK (912262). This movement was in support of the second Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. Enroute two destroyers collided necessitating their removal to Ordnance for repairs. Second platoon minus two destroyers plus one Rcn Section set up defensive positions in the assembly point vic RIMBECK. Third platoon remained in WILLINGEN. The western road block vic (605050) fired at enemy positions in the woods to their front. Infantry patrols reported a tank of unknown type to be in that vicinity. Four PWs were captured with results of firing unknown. This action was taken in support of K Company 415th Inf. Regt. At 2400 hrs the third platoon was ordered to move positions to BRILON to further support the action of the 4th Cavalry Group. Closed at 0300 hrs and went into position in depth along the ALTENBUREN BRILON Highway.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- CP remained in NEIDER MARSBERG while first platoon supported "B" Company, second platoon supported "C" Company and the third platoon supported "A" Company.

6 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at WARBURG (980221).

2. OPERATIONS:

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COMPANY "A" — At 0700 hrs Company "A" moved from ESSENTHO to assembly position vic SCHERFEDE (899267), closing there at 0815 hrs. At 0930 the CP Group moved from assembly position to vic GROSSENER (987290). Direct wire communication was established with the 413th Inf. Regt. First platoon located vic HOLTHEIM moved at 0730 hrs to join the first Battalion, 413th Inf. Regt in KLEINENBERG. At 0800 hrs the first platoon moved with the first Battalion to BORGENTREICH (045310) closing approximately 1200 hrs to occupy positions in preparation for attack. Platoon stayed in BORGENTREICH over night setting up road blocks on routes into the town on the east, north and south. The second platoon is unoperational because of the lack of Destroyers. The third platoon continued to support the 4th Cavalry Group vic BRILON.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" moved location from BRILON closing in WARBURG at 1700 hrs. First platoon in support of the second Battalion, 413th Inf. Regt. in BONENBURG (914296). Moved with the second Battalion to vicinity of DINKELBURG (045280) at 1500 hrs and continued reconnaissance to the east of KORBECKE (074274). At 1700 hrs the first platoon moved into KORBECKE setting up road blocks to the east and north. The first platoon is under the command of Company "A". The second platoon left WARBURG (2230 hrs to join Company C in support of the first Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. closing in vic. ROSEBECK at 0130 hrs.) Second platoon went into assembly position with the first Battalion 415th Inf. Regt. preparing for attack. Third platoon assembled in BRILON and moved out at 1430 hrs to join TFL in the BORGENTREICH sector. In the OLSBERG, GIERSKEPP sector 3 of the enemy were killed and 6 taken prisoner trying to infiltrate through our lines.

COMPANY "C" — Company "C" moved from WARBURG to DASEBURG (031248) closing in at 1700 hrs. First platoon moved with third Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt from USSELN to DASEBURG closing at 1530 hrs and made preparations for attack. Second platoon moved from assembly area vic RIMBECK with second Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. to vic HAUEDA (051222). Positions were established in defense of the area and preparations were made to support the attack of the second Battalion, 415th Inf. Regt. Third platoon moved from road block positions vic WILLINGEN at 0630 hrs to BRILON to further support the action of the 4th Cavalry Group.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY — CP moved from NIEDER MARSBERG to WARBURG Closing at 1030 hrs. First platoon is being held in reserve in vic WARBURG. The second platoon is supporting the action of Company "C" while the third platoon is supporting the action of Company "A".

7 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at TRENDELEBURG (168320).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" — Company "A" moved their CP from GROSSENER and arrived in TRENDELEBURG at 1600 hrs. At 0800 hrs the first platoon attacked east in support of the first Battalion, 413th Infantry. At 0930 they continued the advance in support of the third Battalion, having been relieved from

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supporting the first Battalion. The advance continued until 2000 hrs where the first platoon closed in GIESELWEDER (258350). The second platoon is unoperational due to the lack of Destroyers. The third platoon continues the support of the 4th Cavalry Group in the vicinity of BRILON.

COMPANY "B" -- CP moved from WARBURG to FRIEDRICHSFELD (195320) arriving there at 1700 hrs. The first platoon under the command of "A" Company is in support of the second Battalion, 413th Inf. At 1000 hours, the first platoon under the command of "A" Company attacked to the east from KORBECKE arriving at STAMMEN (165309) at 1145 hrs. At 2100 hrs, they were relieved from support of the second Battalion and given the mission of supporting the action of Company "B", 750th Tank Battalion, whose mission is to proceed to 2nd Division sector and cross the WESER River at VECKERHAGEN (299240) and proceed north on the east side of the river to BURSFEDEL from there to meet the elements of the third battalion, 413th Infantry who are crossing the river in the vic GIESELWEDER. The first platoon departed on this mission at 0130 hrs. The second platoon under the command of Company "C" of this Battalion supported the action of the first Battalion, 415th Infantry. They jumped off in attack at 0730 hrs closing in the vicinity (250288). At 0300 hrs they were alerted for movement across the WESER River and was to assemble in the vicinity of BURSFEDEL in support of the first Battalion, 415th Infantry. The third platoon supported the action of TFL, moved out from BORGENTREICH at 0630 meeting very little enemy resistance except sporadic small arms fire. They rapidly advanced to the western banks of the WESER River and then were sent back to assemble in the vicinity of GOTTSBURN (225326).

COMPANY "C" -- The CP moved from DASEBURG closing at BEBERBECK at 1500 hrs. Movement was made in conjunction with the 415th Infantry whom they support. At 2230 hrs, the CP was alerted for movement and at 2400 hrs moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of BURSFEDEL with no contact made with the enemy. The first platoon moved from DASEBURG at 1030 hrs arriving at HUMME only to move out again at 1730 hrs in support of the third Battalion, 415th Infantry to cross the river at point 300240 and then to advance east to KELLERSHIM where they closed at 2130 hrs. The second platoon moved from HAUEDA to support the attack of the 2nd Bn., 415th Infantry. They closed in at BEBERNECK at 1600 hrs. At 2400 hrs, they were temporarily detached from the 2nd Bn. for movement across the WESER River. They crosses the river in the vicinity of 300240 and then cut north to BURSFEDEL. No further contact was made with the Company CP. The third platoon still in support of the 4th Cavalry Group and the last contact had them in the vicinity of BRILON.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- CP moved from WARBURG to TRENDELBURG arriving at their new destination at 1700 hrs. One section of the first platoon is in support of Company "C" while the other section is performing maintenance on vehicles & equipment in "B" Company's CP area. The second platoon provided local security and screening for "C" Company and the third platoon is performing the same mission for Able Company.

8 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.

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b. Battalion CP located at TRENDELBURG (168320)

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP moved from Trendelburg to GEISELWERDER closing there at 0955. Moved from GEISELWERDER to VERNAWAHLSHSN (305280) arriving at 1630. At 1700 the second section of the first platoon advanced from VERNAWAHLSHSN to WIENSE (304403) supporting Company I, of the 413th Infantry. The advance was temporarily held up by sniper and MG fire but the TD's blasted the way into the town for the infantry. Approximately 20 prisoners were taken in this assault. Unestimated number of Germans were killed when a round of HE landed into the midst of a group of the enemy. The town was burning brightly at the termination of the assault. The second section of the first platoon set up road blocks in VERNAWAHLSHSN. The second platoon is still unoperational due to the lack of Destroyers. The third platoon continues its support of the 4th Cavalry Group in the vicinity of BRILON.

COMPANY "B" -- The CP of Company "B" remained at FRIEDRICHSFELD and established liaison with detached platoons. The first platoon, under the command of Company "A" and accompanying Company "B", 750th Tank Bn, held up a road block for about 2 hours and then moved into LIPPOLDBERG supporting the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry at 1600 hours. They then advanced NE with the 2nd Bn to take the town of BODENFELDE (260395) where they were held up by MG and small arms fire. The first platoon knocked out one MG nest and 8 houses sheltering German soldiers, taking the town at 1700 hours. The second platoon, under the command of "C" Company, and supporting the action of the first battalion, 415th Infantry, moved out of BURSFELDE to assembly area in ODELSHEIM (290340). At 2130, the second platoon was alerted to move east to the town of HEISEBECK (330338). In this action no enemy activity was encountered. The third platoon, under the command of Company "A" as of 1230 hrs and relieved of support of TFL. The first section of the third platoon in support of the first Battalion, 413th Infantry moved east at 1900 hrs with the mission of taking the town of SCHONINGEN (330388). Mission accomplished at 2100 hrs meeting very little resistance. The second section moved east at 1830 hrs with the mission of taking the town of VERIEHSN (339369). The objective was reached at 2100 hrs with resistance negligible.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP remained at BURSFELDE. The first platoon supporting the action of the third battalion, 415th Infantry moved from BURSFELDE at 0800 hrs to new positions in the vicinity of FURSTENHAGEN. On the way they encountered a road block which they by-passed through the woods to reach their destination at approximately 1100 hrs. At 1515 hrs they moved out with the third battalion with the mission of taking the town of OFFENSEN (345345). This was accomplished at 1730 hrs. Destroyers were then placed in position in the eastern section of town. The second platoon moved from BURSFELDE at 1900 hrs in close support of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry with the mission of taking the town of EBERHSN (372302). No contact made since the platoon moved out. The third platoon continues its support of the 4th Cavalry Group in the vicinity of BRILON.

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RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- CP remained in TRENDELBURG with the third platoon supporting Company "A", the second platoon supporting Company "C" and the second section of the first platoon supporting Company "B" and the first section of the first platoon supporting Company "C". Sgt. Lacey and a section of Rcn 2 while aiding in the capture of OFFENSEN with Company "C" and Company I, 415th Infantry, observed a civilian car loaded with SS Officers driving through town. Sgt. Lacey, Pfc's Christophono, Wagner and Harrison immediately opened up with small arms fire and pursued the enemy through town until they met an enemy MG nest which opened up on them. Sgt Lacey dismounted to reconnoiter MG fire and was wounded in the forearm and wrist and the remainder of his squad wiped out the MG nest killing 2 Germans, wounding 5 and taking 4 PWs.

9 April, 1945

1. Situation:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located at ADELEBSEN (400332).

2. Operations:

COMPANY "A" -- CP remained in VERNAWAHLSHSN. The first platoon remained in support of the third battalion, 413th Infantry in holding positions, with the first section in the vic of (305380) and the second section at (404403). The second platoon is still unoperational due to the shortage of Destroyers. One Destroyer of the second platoon is being held in Division reserve. The third platoon relieved from assignment in support of the 4th Cavalry Group as of 1100 hrs. Returned to parent unit and assigned to the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry and at 1900 occupied positions in the vicinity (265395).

COMPANY "B" -- CP moved from FRIEDRICHSFELD at 1530 arriving at ODELSHEIM (289340) at 1700. Liaison was established with the detached platoons of the Company. The first platoon working in conjunction with A Company, moved from VEHLIEHSN with Company C, 1st Bn, 413th Infantry to LADINGSN closing there about 1500. No resistance was encountered. The second platoon working in conjunction with Company C this Battalion, moved in support of the 1st Bn, 415th Infantry along Route 4 with the objective being LENGLEEN (480340). The third platoon working in conjunction with "A" Company this Battalion was relieved from support of 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry by the third platoon "A" Company at 1900 hrs and moved to Regimental Reserve in VERLIRHSN closing there at 2130 hrs. From VERLIEHSN, the third platoon moved east in the vicinity of HETTENSEN.

COMPANY "C" -- CP moved from BURSFELDE to EBERHSN (372301) closing at 1830 hrs. The first platoon moving in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Inf. along Route 4. Plan is to leap frog the 1st Bn. and to follow behind CCB. Definite objective is not known.

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The first platoon is now in the general vicinity of (335325). The second platoon now at BARTEBODE (415300) closing there at 1400 hrs in support of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry. The third platoon relieved from assignment in support of the 4th Cavalry Group as of 1100 hrs. They closed at BARTEBODE at 2045 hrs and are in Regimental reserve.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company moved CP location from TRENDELBURG to ADELERSSEN (400332) closing in their new position at 1945 hrs. The second platoon is supporting Company "C", the third platoon is supporting Company "A" and the first section of the first platoon supporting Company "B" and the second section supporting Company "C". The Pioneer platoon is furnishing local security and guard for TAC CP.

10 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at DUDERSTADT (750268)

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" moved their CP from VERNAWAHLSSHN leapfrogging throughout the day closing in the vicinity of GIEBALDEHAUSEN (720375) at 2400 hrs. The first platoon followed in close support of the infantry throughout the day closing in the vicinity of GIEBALDEHAUSEN at 2300 hrs. The second platoon is still non-operational due to lack of Destroyers. The third platoon worked in close support of the second battalion, 413th Infantry closing in vicinity of GILLERSHEIM (635400) at 2300 hrs.

COMPANY "B" -- The Company CP moved from ODELSHEIM closing in DUDERSTADT at 1922 hrs. Per VOCC the three platoons of "B" Company again reverted to the control of "B" Company and assembled in the vicinity of GIEBALDEHAUSEN in support of the 413th Infantry Regiment.

COMPANY "C" -- The Company "C" moved from EBERHSEN closing in DUDERSTADT at 1830 hrs. The first platoon followed third battalion, 415th Infantry in close support and last reported in vicinity DUDERSTADT at 1800 hours. The second platoon followed second battalion, 415th Infantry in close support. The third platoon was in close support of the 415th Infantry Regt. and closed in DUDERSTADT at 2300 hrs. Company "C" encountered no enemy activity.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company carried out its mission of supporting the three gun companies throughout the day. At 1030 hrs, per VOCC, the Company was relieved of its above mission and assembled in the vicinity of GIEBALDEHAUSEN. The Company will be used as a unit on a new mission.

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1. SITUATION:

- a. No change.

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b. Battalion CP located at HILKERODE (786322).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP moved from GIEBOLDEHAUSEN to HATTORF (730420) closing at 1530 hrs. The first platoon reverted to Company control being relieved from support of the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry. They joined CP Group at 0800 and moved with CP Group to its present location, setting up road blocks in the town and defending the road net north and west. The second platoon is still unoperational due to the lack of Destroyers. The third platoon moved from Bilshausen at 0900 closing in HATTORF after assisting in the capture and clearing of that town. At 1345 they attacked northeast and took ELBINGERODE (760430) Finished clearing the town at 1430 hrs.

COMPANY "B" -- Baker Company having assembled in the vicinity of GIEBOLDEHAUSEN was assigned to a new mission of supporting blocks on the 413th Regiments north flank. The first platoon moved to OSTERHAGEN (905360) in support of the third battalion. The second and third platoon assembled in MACKENRODE in support of the first battalion. Company CP located in TETTENBORN.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" still supporting the 415th Infantry Regiment with Company CP located vicinity NORDHAUSEN (125270). The first platoon is in support of the third battalion located in the vic WECHSUNGEN. The second and third platoons are in support of the first and second battalions located in the vic of NORDHAUSEN.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company assembled in the vicinity of GIEBALDHAUSEN. Company received mission of cleaning small towns on the Division north boundary and screening road blocks between HERZBERG and ELLRICH. The Company moved out at 0600 and proceeded to clean HATTORF and ELBINGERODE (760430). Small arms fire was encountered along with enemy artillery but there were no casualties in this operation. Reconnaissance platoons held these towns until TD and Infantry support was furnished. Eight PWs were captured.

12 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at NORDEHAUSEN (115268).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" supported the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry in the attack with the first platoon manning road blocks on the road net north and west of HATTORF and the third platoon assisting Company "E" in the capture of approximately 300 EM and 11 officers in the vicinity of ELBINGERODE.

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At 0530 hrs the first platoon assigned mission of supporting TFL and moved to HERZBERG. Company "A" relieved mission of supporting 413th Infantry and assigned mission of supporting 414th Infantry Regt. Company CP moved from HATTORF to NORDEHAUSEN, closing at 1400. The third platoon supported the third battalion by establishing road blocks at (233310) and (260295). The second platoon is still non-operational due to lack of destroyers.

COMPANY "B" -- Continued mission of supporting blocks on the north flank of the 413th Infantry Regiment. Company CP moved from KETTELBERG to TETTENBORN, closing at 1530 hrs. First platoon located in OSTERHAGEN until 0900 at which time they moved out to support the third battalion in the attack on BADLAUTERBERG (890400). Heavy mortar fire was met until a destroyer knocked out the OP that was directing the fire, allowing the infantry to advance. During the attack on the town, the platoon neutralized two machine gun emplacements and fired at houses containing snipers. Action continued at end of this report. Second platoon moved from TETTENBORN to support the attack of the first battalion on BAD SACHSA. On the outskirts of town they were relieved of this mission and assembled in ELLRICH to support the second battalion of the 413th Infantry at (008381) and (052382). No enemy resistance met. Third platoon moved from NEUHOF at 1200 to support the attack of the first battalion on BAD SACHSA. Very light resistance met and platoon saw no action. Established road blocks in BAD SACHSA.

COMPANY "C" -- Company continued support of the 415th Regiment. Company CP moved from NORDEHAUSEN closing at 1800 hrs in BRUCKEN (408219). The first platoon remained in support of the 3rd Bn at NORDEHAUSEN. The second platoon remained in support of the 2nd Bn at GR WECHSUNGEN. The third platoon remained in support of the first battalion, moving from TREBRA to KELBRA. No enemy activity encountered by any of the platoons.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company remained in support of the 413th Infantry. Company CP moved from ELBINGRODE to BARTOFELDE, closing at 0800. Company assigned mission of reconnoitering road from RJ at (897378) to BAD LAUTERBERG for enemy and suitability as future MSR. Heavy mortar and machine gun fire met, but effective 37mm fire drove the enemy positions back and to the west of the road. An enemy machine gun nest located in barn at SW edge of town. Attempts to neutralize it resulted in heavy mortar concentrations being received. A bazooka team crawled forward and at the extreme range of 300 yards, succeeded in getting 3 hits on the barn, driving the MG nest and the mortars into the hills on the west edge of town. Road block at (892398) prevented company from entering town on this route. The first and second platoons entered town from another direction. Third platoon given mission of checking road from BARTOFELDE to HERTZBERG for enemy installations. Found bridge out at (855395), but located ford 200 yards west of demolished bridge. Small arms fire protecting road blocks at (852396) and (858396) was driven off and the blocks were removed. Third platoon CP at BANBIS (865385). During the above operations, the Company took a total of 259 prisoners, 250 coming from the town of HORDEN.

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located at SANGERHAUSEN (475255).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained vic SALZA. The first platoon still in support of the 104th Rcn Troop. At 2030 they were enroute to the assembly area of TFK having been relieved from support of TFL. The second platoon is still unoperational due to lack of Destroyers. The third platoon defended road block vic (230310) until given new mission of supporting TFK and was enroute to the assembly area of this Task Force.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP located vic TETTERBORN. The first platoon still supporting the attack of the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry in clearing the town of BAD LAUTERBERG. Considerable resistance was encountered in the form of artillery and sniper fire at 1000 hrs. While attempting to trap enemy snipers, Sgt Rendon, T/5 Whitlow, Pfc Gagliardo, and Pfc Gilbert maneuvered to advantageous positions killing 12 of the enemy. In this action Sgt Rendon was killed and T/5 Whitlow was wounded. Under heavy MG fire Lts. Schneider and Gay, Executive and Platoon Leader respectively, went to the aid of these men. Lt. Schneider was wounded in the groin and evacuated. At close of this period the first platoon was still in position supporting the advance through town. The second platoon, in support of the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry located in the vic ELLRICH. The first section covered road block at (053383) until relieved by the 24th Cavalry Sq. at 1630 hrs. This section then went into position in ELLRICH. The second section supported the attack of the 2nd Bn. in taking the junction at (008381). During the attack friendly infantry received heavy resistance from dug-in MG emplacements and enemy Infantry. One Destroyer under the command of Sgt. Herlehy moved out to an exposed position to fire on these dug-in positions firing 22 rds of HE eliminating 2 MG Nests and 5 known enemy dead. The other destroyer of this section pulled up to fire while the first destroyer withdrew to draw ammo. from the ready rack. At this time a Panzerfaust hit four feet in front of the 2nd destroyer slightly wounding 3 EM who returned to action after being given 1st aid. At the close of period these destroyers still remain covering road block at vic (008381). The third platoon supporting the action of the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry located in the vic BAD SACHSA. At 1300 hrs the first section moved out to support attack on road junction at WIEGERSDORF (117353). Upon arrival they fired 13 rds HE on undisclosed targets. Details will follow. The second section was covering road block vic (987372). Up to now no enemy action encountered.

COMPANY "C" -- The Company CP moved from BRUCKEN closing in NIENSTEDT at 1730 hrs. The first platoon moved from NORDHAUSEN to OBERROELINGEN and finally closing in vic NIENSTEDT at 1730 hrs. One section of destroyers with supporting Infantry flushed roads and woods in the vicinity.

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The second platoon moved from GR WECHSIENGEN to WALLHAUSEN and finally closing in WETTELRODE (460300) at 1600 hrs. No enemy activity encountered. The third platoon closed in EINSDORF (605320) in support of the 1st Bn, 415th Infantry. The flushing of woods and surrounding area in support of the Infantry produced no enemy activity. The third platoon was alerted at 2400 hrs for movement to assembly area of TFK.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- The Company CP remained in position vic BARTLOFELDE (888365). Two platoons are in BAD LAUTERBERG (890400) and one platoon is located in the vicinity of BARBIS. One section was ambushed at 0800 in defile over territory which Infantry had advanced yesterday. In this enemy action we lost two $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks, one man was wounded and one is still missing. Our patrol knocked out ambush party and captured 8 of the enemy but in pushing forward ran into an estimated company of men. Had to withdraw for fear of being enveloped. Tried all day to recover jeeps and man but unable to do so. Reported this information to Regiment as both supply routes were imperiled, one cut and one about to be cut. Heavy fighting continued in portions of BAD LAUTERBERG. The third platoon holds town of BARBIS and prepares to deliver supporting fire on entrenched 75's and MGs on west end of town of LAUTERBERG in preparation of the second and first platoons attack which begins at 1900 hrs.

14 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at TEUSCHENTHAL (820240).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP moved from SALZA to assembly area at HOLDENSTEDT (580260) where they joined the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry on TFK. The company was given the mission to advance along the northern route destroying all enemy resistance and to seize the bridges over the SAALE River. The first platoon advanced with the point, 3rd platoon, 104th Rcn, over designated route meeting little resistance till they reached KROLLWITZ (925315) where they ran into organized small arms and MG fire. This fire was neutralized and the platoon aided in capturing approximately 70 PWs. This resistance delayed the point from reaching its objective, the bridge over the SAALE River vic (927313). However the bridge was blown several hours prior to their arrival. The second platoon remains unoperational due to the lack of M-18 Destroyers. The Third Platoon advanced from the assembly point with Company I, 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry (Main body of TFK), encountering no resistance until the first section of A-3 entered KROLLWITZ reinforcing the point. In the action the third platoon knocked out 2 MG nests and drove many snipers from buildings. Approximately 27 of the enemy were known to have been killed in this action with 35 taken prisoner.

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At 2030 hrs, the third platoon plus one platoon of Company I proceeded to LETTIN (897333) where the enemy had infiltrated through our lines. Arriving there at 2100 hrs they were met by small arms and MG fire. At this time the unit was informed that they were to be relieved by elements of the 415th Infantry Regiment. Company "A" moved its CP to the vicinity DOLAY (880315).

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP located vic TETTERBORN. The first platoon supporting the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry fired 3000 rds 50 caliber and 200 rds 45 caliber at dug-in enemy infantry positions on the outskirts of BAD LAUTERBERG. Results of this action unknown. The second platoon supporting the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry are located vicinity ELLRICH. The first section in direct fire positions covering road net in the town of ELLRICH and the second section is covering road block in the vicinity of (008381). They encountered no enemy activity. The third platoon is located in the vicinity BAD SACHSA and are in support of the first battalion, 413th Infantry. The first section is covering road block in the vicinity of (988372), the second section covering road block in the vicinity of (114300). The 2nd section of the third platoon knocked out 1 MG nest and killed 8 of the enemy on April 13th.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP moved from NIENSTEDT closing in WANSLEBEN at 1830 hrs. The first platoon moved in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry at approximately 1230 hrs following TF Rouge Route and encountering light resistance. They halted in vicinity BENNSTEDT (835285) at 1830 hrs. The attack was then continued. The second platoon was in town of WETTLO-RODE (465300) supporting F Company, 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry with the mission of guarding road blocks in that vicinity. A mounted patrol of two M-20s plus Infantry captured 72 PWs in the vicinity. Our unit was given credit for 38. No other activity encountered. The third platoon working with TFC with one plt of 104th Rcn troop as security. Proceeded to objective with resistance light and stopped in the vicinity of (900290) waiting for the main body to get in position. At the time of this report the attack was continuing with the expectation of meeting stiffer resistance in HALLE than has yet been encountered on this mission.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company CP moved from BARTLOFELDE to the vicinity of TETTENBORN (955322) closing at their new location at 2240 hrs. The first platoon cleared road running east into BAD LAUTERBERG removing two road blocks and capturing 4 PWs. The second platoon held the town of SCHARZFELD operating road patrols captured 2 PWs. The third platoon established liaison with the 16th Infantry on the left and captured 4 PWs. The entire Company will be relieved from mission and revert back to Regimental reserve.

15 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at TEUTSCHENTHAL (820240).

2. OPERATIONS:

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COMPANY "A" -- Company CP moved from DOLAU following in the wake of their platoons finally setting up their CP in the city of HALLE (932317). The 1st section of the first platoon with 3rd plt 104th Rcn troop together working as a point, were given the mission to secure road junctions and crossroads on line of departure. The 2nd section supporting the 2nd plt 104th Rcn troop, were given the mission of passing through the 3rd Rcn plt and line of departure and securing road junction at (926332). En-route the 1st section ran into heavy MG and small arms fire at RAUNITZ and in the affray knocked out 1 OP, and 2 MG nests. The 1st section then by-passed the rest of the resistance to continue on their mission. The 2nd section took up the fight knocking out 2 strong points capturing 12 prisoners, assisted in the capturing of 14 others and killed 8 more in this action. The 1st section successfully completed their mission of securing road junction vic (926332). In this action the enemy employed small arms, MG and panzerfaust fire but the first platoon succeeded in knocking out 2 MG nests, 4 strong points and capturing 4 PWs. At 2100 hrs, they set up road blocks in HALLE. The third platoon in support of Company I, 414th Infantry knocked out an OP and two 20mm AA guns that were working together from the east bank of the SAALE river. At 0600 they moved with Company I over designated route to an assembly area vic LEITEWIT (860396). At close of period the third platoon moved into the city of HALLE using flushing tactics.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP moved from TETTERBORN closing in vic NIELEBEN at approximately 0315. The first platoon moved from BAD LAUTERBERG in conjunction with the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry whom they support, closing at 2300 hrs in NIETLEBEN. In this movement enemy activity was nil. The second platoon moved from their positions vic ELLRICH at 1230 hrs to an assembly area in the vic SIERSLEBEN. This movement was made in conjunction with the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry whom they support. The third platoon supporting the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry, moved from BAD SACHSA to ELLRICH relieving destroyers from the second platoon covering the approaches to the town. At 1600 hrs, they were alerted for movement and at 2100 hrs they closed in an assembly area vic ZSCHERBEN. Enemy activity was at a minimum.

COMPANY "C" -- At 1300 in conjunction with the 415th Infantry Regiment whom it supports, the Company CP moved from WANSLEBEN closing in the vic DOLAU at 1530 hrs. No enemy activity was encountered during this movement. The first platoon supported the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry in flushing the area in the vicinities of KROLLWITZ, LETTIN, and the surrounding ground. Although scattered artillery fire was received no strong resistance was encountered. 10 PWs were captured in this action. At 1800 hrs they moved north along the SAALE river crossing same at FRIEDBURG and then moving south to BRACHWITZ where they assembled with the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry who had crossed the river on a foot bridge at that point. They remained in this area meeting no resistance. The second platoon in position at WETTERODE supporting F Company, 415th Infantry guarding road blocks in that area. At 1400 hrs they moved their CP with 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry to assembly area vicinity GIMRITZ. The third platoon moving as advance guard with 1st Plt, 104th Rcn Troop for Task Force Clark. In the vicinity of ZSCHERBEN this advance guard ran into enemy small arms and 88mm fire. Return fire was thrown at the enemy positions the result of which knocked out one self-propelled and one dual purpose 88mm gun. In the engagement, Lt Whelan was wounded by

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shell fragment as he directed fire from outside the lead destroyer. The advance guard rejoined main body in ZSCHERBEN after the action mentioned. TFC jumped off again at 0400 hrs (April 15th) and proceeded north to the bridge at GRIEDBURG and crossed the SAALE river. This Task Force of which the third platoon is a part then advanced south to the city of HALLE moping up the city. 31 PWs were captured by the third platoon during these operations.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company CP moved its location from TETTERBORN closing in TEUSCHENTHAL at 2115 hrs. Unit was relieved from Regimental reserve where it was placed after having successfully completed the mission of clearing the roads from HERZBERG to BAD LAUTERBURG and keeping them open until relieved by F Company 413th Infantry. Reconnaissance Company is now under direct Battalion Control.

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located at MODERAU (903378)

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained in the city of HALLE. The first platoon maintained road blocks at (931311) in HALLE defending the street from the east to prevent a counter-attack which would split the forces of the 3rd Bn, and at 1515 hrs they were relieved from support of the 3rd Bn and in turn relieved C-3 of their support of the 1st Bn, 414th Infantry in setting up road blocks at (984287) and (982280), both in the vicinity of BUSCHDORF. The third platoon in support of the 3rd Bn 414th Infantry started an attack in close support of Company I in street fighting in the city of HALLE. Resistance was very heavy made up of MG, sniper and panzerfaust fire. 630 rds of 50 caliber and 11 rds of HE was expended in eliminating several troublesome strongpoints. It is estimated that A-3 killed approximately 45 and captured 13 PWs. At the close of this period The third platoon was still operating in HALLE. The second platoon is still unoperational due to shortage of Destroyers.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP moved from NIETLEBEN at 1400 hrs, crossed the SAALE river in the vicinity of BRUCKE and closed in vicinity ZOBBERITZ at 2000 hrs. The first platoon in support of the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry moved from NIETLEBEN at 1100 hrs to take the town of ZOBBERITZ and surrounding territory. The second platoon supporting the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry who in turn were supporting the 9th Infantry Division in their sector, were relieved of this mission at 1400 hrs and reverted back to parent unit. At 2400 hrs they were located in the vicinity of HOHENTHURN. The third platoon in support of the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry, moved from ZSCHERBEN at 1400 hrs across the SAALE river to set up direct fire positions covering the roads leading east from HALLE in the vicinity of ZOBBERITZ. No enemy activity

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COMPANY "C" -- Company CP made the following moves in conjunction with the 415th Infantry Regiment whom they support. At 1000 hrs Company "C" moved from DOLAU via north route over bridge at BRUCKE to NEHLITZ where they closed at 1230 hrs. At 1700 hrs the CP again moved to the vicinity of BRACHSTEDT closing in their present position at 1730 hrs. No enemy activity hindered these movements. The first platoon in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry moved from BRACHWITZ to objectives in the vicinity of OPPIN encountering only scattered resistance. They again moved to another objective in vicinity NIEMBERG where they are presently. The second platoon moved from BEIDERSEE at 1400, supporting the action of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry to objective at ZORBIG accomplishing the mission of establishing contact with elements of the 3rd Armored Division. The second platoon is now supporting F Company and is in position vicinity SPOREN. The third platoon supported TFC in mopping up operations in the city of HALLE. In this action 30 PWs were captured. At 1500 hrs they were relieved of support of TFC and rejoined the Company at 1900 hrs. At 2200 hrs, C-3 was in the vicinity of DAMMENDORF in support of the 1st Bn, 415th Infantry.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Moved as a unit from TEUTSCHENTHAN to MODERAU where it closed at 1700 hrs. The Company is now in Division reserve under control of the Battalion Commander. The three Rcn platoons performed maintenance on weapons and vehicles in preparation for future operations. The Pioneer platoon is guarding the TAD CP installations.

17 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at MODERAU (903378).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained in same position in HALLE. The first platoon in support of the 1st Bn, 414th Infantry established road blocks in the vicinity of BUSCHDORF. At 1400 hrs they moved west to take up positions in the railroad yards in the city of HALLE. The third platoon in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry, buttoned up the sector taken the day before continuing their advance at 0700 hrs. They met no resistance until 1400 hrs when they ran into small arms and MG fire. 4 rds of HE, 700 rds of .50 caliber and 300 rds of .45 caliber ammunition was expended in direct support of Company I of the 3rd Bn. Three MG positions were wiped out and a total of 10 PWs taken and many of the enemy exterminated in this action. The second platoon is unoperational due to the lack of destroyers.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP remained in ZOBERITZ in support of the 413th Infantry. The first platoon in REIDEBURG in support of the 3rd Bn, with the mission of covering approaches to the town. Two EM killed and one M-20 destroyed when vehicle ran over friendly mine field while escorting gas truck to Company CP.

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At 2200 hrs the first platoon took over the third platoon positions in the town of ZOBERITZ. The second platoon in support of the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry is located in the town of HOHENTHURM covering the approaches to same. One section of the second platoon supported on improvised task force that had the mission of checking the following locations: GLUTY (060351), LAUDELSY (069345), REINSDORF (068329), REUSSE (050315), QUIES (054288), FLEPSIG (043297), ZWEREUDORF (027313). No resistance was encountered on this mission. The second platoon again in direct fire positions at close of period in HOHENTHURM. The third platoon had mission of covering the main road in ZOBERITZ leading northeast from the city of HALLE, in support of the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry. At 2000 hrs, they were relieved of this mission and sent to ZORBIG in support of the 415th Infantry Regiment.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP moved from BRACHSTEDT closing in new location at GLEBITZSCH at 1100 hrs. The first platoon jumped off in attack at 0545 hrs from NIEMBERG in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry, taking the objective at KITZENDORF at 0730 hrs. At 1500 they were relieved from support of the 3rd Bn and joined TFL of the 415th Infantry in guarding the regiments north flank in the vicinity of NEIDELON. At the end of the period they were engaged in a fire fight in vicinity of (090460), engaging an approximate 60 to 100 dug-in Infantry. No armor or heavy artillery was being employed by the enemy but heavy small arms fire was received. Cpl. Ballone was killed in this action. The second platoon moved from ZORBIG and SPOREN in support of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry to objectives in the vicinity of SANDERSDORF closing in their new area at 1200 hrs. Only light resistance was encountered with 10 PWs taken. The third platoon moved from DAMMENDORF at 0545 in support of the 1st Bn, 415th Infantry to objective at BOITZSCH. No resistance encountered on move.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company moved from MODEHAU closing in the town of PASSENDORF (916286) at 1600 hrs. Company in support of the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry Regiments Elements of Rcn Company less the first platoon who are being employed as Division Security, are outposting river and sector of Battalion area west of HALLE. They are also operating road patrols consisting of four armored cars.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY -- Seven Officers and one Non-commissioned Officer were captured today in the vicinity of DOLAU (880317) after Pfc LaBar received information from a ten year old boy as to their whereabouts.

18 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at MODERAU (903378).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained in HALLE supporting the action of the 414th Infantry Regiment. The first platoon continuing in its support of the 1st Bn, working to the west in HALLE, captured 7 prisoners during the period.

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The second platoon relieved the third platoon of supporting the 3rd Bn and at 0600 hrs continued its advance to the south of HALLE. Enemy resistance was heavy in the form of intense MG, sniper, and panzerfaust fire. During the period, approximately 40 panzerfaust projectiles were directed against our destroyers scoring two hits which turned out to be duds. The destroyers of the second platoon knocked out 3 MG nests, exterminated 23 known Nazi's, captured 4 PWs and assisted the infantry in the capture of 80 others. Many buildings housing snipers were devastated with one large schoolhouse completely burned. No losses were suffered by the second platoon in either personnel or material. The third platoon is unoperational due to the lack of destroyers.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP located in ZOBERTZ (982320). The first platoon up direct fire positions covering the approaches to the town of REIDEBURG in support of the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry. The second platoon is located in the town of HOHENTHURM in support of the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry. At 1100 hrs, one section accompanied an improvised task force with the mission of checking towns in the immediate vicinity of HOHENTHURM. No resistance was encountered in this action and the section reverted back to original positions. The third platoon in support of the 415th Infantry are in direct fire positions covering approaches leading into the town of ZORBIG. No activity during the period covered by this report.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP remained in same location at GLEBITZSCH. While delivering ammunition to forward elements, T/4 Bargholz and T/5 Wilkens were ambushed in the vicinity of ZSCHERNDF by MG fire. Both of these men were wounded with Bargholz evacuated and Wilkens returned to duty after receiving first aid. The first platoon rejoined the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry in the town of KITZENDORF at 1630 hrs. The dug-in infantry which had been encountered last night in the vicinity of HEIDELCH (090460) withdrew to the northeast under pressure from our fire. The second platoon remained in position in the vicinity of ZSCHERNDF in support of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry. 11 rds of HE fired at probable OP's in the vicinity of BITTERFELD with unknown results. The third platoon remained in position at REITZSCH still in support of the 1st Bn, 415th Infantry. Enemy activity was nil in this area.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company CP moved from PASSENDORF to SCHLETTAU where a relief of C Company, 1st Bn, 413th Infantry was affected. The CO Rcn Company assumes command of sector at 0700 hrs, blocking any movement of the enemy west of the SAALE river. The Company, less 1st Rcn platoon, supports the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry. The first platoon is acting as security for Division CP located in the vicinity of MORL. The second platoon is operating outposts in the vicinity of SCHLETTAU and ANGERSDOFF. The third platoon is located at HOLLEBEN with outposts along the SAALE river at (899235) and (897238). Pioneer platoon is operating OP at SCHLETTAU and also operating daylight patrols.

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.

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b. Battalion CP located at REINSDORF (070332)

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained in HALLE, moving to the south edge of the city at 1700 hrs in the vicinity of (950270). The first platoon remained in support of the 1st Bn, 414th Infantry and continued on its mission of mopping up the southwest section of HALLE and then moved forward to objective 23, knocking out two flak guns enroute and killing an unestimated number of Germans by direct HE fire. They are now located in the vicinity of DIESKAU (990240). The second platoon supporting the action of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry, cleared the southeast section of HALLE and proceeded on to objective 12. They assisted the Infantry in the capture of approximately 150 PWs and then entered the town of AMMENDORF where they are at present. The third platoon located with Company CP preparing for forthcoming action.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP still in ZOBERITZ. Destroyers of the first platoon are covering the approaches to the town of REIDEBURG in support of the 3rd Bn, 413th Infantry. Enemy action was negative during the day. The second platoon moved from HOHENTHURM with F Company, 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry to the town of KITZENDORF where they relieved the 3rd Bn of the 415th Infantry at 1300 hrs. Destroyers now in position covering roads south and east of the town. The third platoon in support of the 415th Infantry are located in the vicinity of SANDERSDORF.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP moved from GLEBITZSCH closing in the vicinity of RAMSIN at 1900 hrs. The first platoon remained in KITZENDORF in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry, in establishing road blocks and covering the approaches to the town from the northeast, east, and southeast. Enemy activity was negligible during the period. The second platoon remained in old positions in ZSCHEINDF in support of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry. No activity had been encountered while they guarded the approaches to the town from the east, north and south. The third platoon moved in support of the 1st Bn, 415th Infantry from positions at REITZSCH to their present positions in the vicinity of PETERSRODA. They set up a base of fire to support the infantry in clearing the road junction at (177407) encountering no resistance but capturing 6 PWs. Platoon has established road blocks to the east and southeast of PETERSRODA.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Company was relieved of mission of defending and blocking the west side of the SAALE river and reverted to Divisional reserve at 1700 hrs. Company employed as security for the Division CP with all platoon CPs and Company CP located in the town of LANDSBERG.

20 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. BATTALION CP located at REINSDORF (070332)

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2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained in HALLE (950270). The first platoon in support of the 1st Bn, 414th Infantry, jumped line of departure at 0800 hrs advancing to objectives 13, 27, and 18. They arrived at objective 18 at approximately 1100 hrs and set up road blocks to the north and south of the town of SCHLADITZ. At 1200 hrs the second platoon was given the mission of supporting the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry in the attack on DELITZSCH. At end of period they were located in the north edge of DELITZSCH encountering little activity. The third platoon continued support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry and at 0800 hrs jumped off attacking to the east and by 0930 had taken objectives 13, 27, and 18 encountering no resistance. They set up road blocks in the vicinity of FREIHODA. 10 PWs were captured in this vicinity.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP moved from ZOBERITZ closing in the town of DELITZSCH at 2205 hrs. Billeting party captured 15 PWs before the arrival of the Company. At 0700 hrs the first platoon was relieved of supporting the 3rd Bn and given the mission of supporting the attack of the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry on the towns of KLITZSCHMAR, PETERITZ and GROSS-LISSA. No resistance was encountered throughout movement. Destroyers are now covering approaches to the town of GROSS. The second platoon in support of the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry, moved from KITZENDORF at 0900 hrs and took the towns of SERBITZ, ZAASCH, RODGEN, and SCHENKENBERG with resistance. At 1715 hrs upon entering the town of DELITZSCH, an enemy OP was discovered on the outskirts of town. Four rds of APC eliminated two houses which were used as OPs and an estimate of 4 of the enemy were killed. At 1830 hrs the second platoon moved into this town with the infantry to clear same, and up to the time of this report had captured 22 PWs. The third platoon in support of the 415th Infantry, were last reported in the vicinity of SANDERSDORF.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP remained in RAMSIN in support of the 415th Infantry. The first platoon moved in support of the 3rd Bn to the vicinity of PETERSRODA with the mission to secure the right flank of the regiment as the 1st and 2nd Bns advanced on BITTERFELD. At 1400 hrs the platoon moved to NIEMECK to flank around BITTERFELD and attack from the east. Only slight resistance met so far with 7 PWs captured in this vicinity. At 2400 hrs, the platoon was still in NIEMECK. The second platoon moved in support of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry from positions at ZSCHERDF to the vicinity of (156445) in BITTERFELD. Arrived at 0900 hrs meeting only scattered resistance in the form of small arms and panzerfaust fire. They are now mopping up the west and north sides of town with 3 PWs captured so far and a number killed with MG and small arms fire from our guns. The second platoon is now in position at (158444) in BITTERFELD. The third platoon moved from positions at PETERSRODA in support of the 1st Bn at 0930 hrs, to a position at (176444). Unit set up a base of fire to cover the advance of the 1st Bn on HOLZWELSSIG and then entered the town, meeting no resistance.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Until 1800 hrs, Company was employed as security for Division CP with all platoons and Company CP located in the town of LANDSBERG. At 1800 hrs, Rcn Company less 3rd platoon were given the mission to support K Company, 415th Infantry in the vicinity of PAUPITZSCH. The third platoon is in support of the 413th Infantry with their CP located in the town of BENNDORF.

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at DELITZSCH (190350).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company CP remained in HALLE (950270). The first platoon in support of the 1st Bn, 414th Infantry attacked to the east at 1000 hrs meeting no resistance until they reached ZSCHEPPLIN where they assisted in taking 35 PWs. At HAINICHEN they met stubborn MG and sniper fire. Destroyers eliminated 3 MG nests and killed approximately 30 Jerries at this point. The second platoon in support of I Company, 413th Infantry moved from DELITZSCH and are now located in the vicinity of NOITZSCH. This platoon expended 20 rds HE and 235 rds of 50 caliber ammo in knocking out two light armored cars, killing an unestimated number of Nazi's and capturing one of the enemy. The third platoon in support of L Company, 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry remained in FREIRODA maintaining road blocks.

COMPANY "B" -- Company CP remained in DELITZSCH anticipating move. The first platoon supporting the 1st Bn, 413th Infantry. The first section left DOBERNITZ at 0800 hrs and took the towns of BRINNIS, BROSEN, BADRINA, and closed at NDR GLAUCHA at 2100 hrs. This section fired 200 rds of 50 caliber as cover for the advancing Infantry. The second section left DELITZSCH at 0800 hrs taking the towns of BEERENDORF, SPRODA, SCHOLITZ, and WELLANE where they are now guarding the approaches to the town from the south. The second platoon in support of the 2nd Bn, 413th Infantry left DELITZSCH at 0800 hrs and proceeded to REIBITZ. The platoon split at this point with the first section clearing POSSDORF and then fired on dug-in Infantry in the woods which were routed. This section then fired on a tower in the town of SCHMADITZ knocking out an OP. At 1400 hrs the second section with a platoon of Infantry moved to TIEFENSEE with the rest of the force following cleaning out the woods. The second section received small arms fire from this town so they fired upon it and also upon gun emplacements before the town. After this action the second section moved into SCHMADITZ and took positions covering road to DUBEN. The CP of the second platoon is now located in TIEFENSEE. The third platoon is in support of TFL of the 415th Infantry and are located in the vicinity of BITTERFELD. At the beginning of period they were covering the approaches into BITTERFLD from the northwest and east and at 1600 hrs they moved to the factory area to protect same from armor attack.

COMPANY "C" -- Company CP moved from RAMSIN with the 415th Infantry closing in BITTERFELD at 1500 hrs. The first platoon moved from positions at NIEMEGK in support of the 3rd Bn at approximately 1130 hrs. Unit advanced on BITTERFELD from the east. Enroute 3 MG nests were knocked out with an estimated 13 killed. Resistance was light and the objective was cleared by 1500 hrs. The second platoon moved in support of the 2nd Bn from positions in BITTERFELD in mopping up operations of the north and eastern parts of the town. Only scattered resistance was encountered with 4 PWs captured. The third platoon in support of the 1st Bn moved from HOLZWEISSIG north toward BITTERFELD. Unit closed at (175465) meeting no resistance.

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RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Rcn Company less the third platoon moved from FAUPITZSCH supporting a reinforced company of the 2nd Bn, 415th Infantry. This unit led the attack into SEELHAUSEN meeting no resistance. The platoons again pushed ahead of the Infantry and took the lead into the outskirts of DOBERN where they were met by enemy fire. The first platoon sideslipped to the right and observed the enemy entering buildings. Two tracked vehicles mounting multiple 50 calibers and an M-8 firing both 50's and 37's fired into these buildings setting same on fire. In this action 1 MG nest was wiped out killing 2 of the crew. The second platoon moved straight into the town meeting resistance from an enemy strongpoint. This strong point was effectively reduced by 50 caliber and 37mm fire. Sniper fire resulted in a call for the Infantry and DOBERN was completely cleared by 1900 hrs. 12 PWs were captured in DOBERN where Rcn Company less the 3rd platoon are now located. 32 rds of 37mm, 2000 rds of 50 cal, and 1000 rds of 30 cal was fired in the above described action. The third platoon is acting as guard and security for the Division CP.

22 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).
- c. Upon orders from the Commanding General of the 104th Infantry Division, the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, less three gun platoons, was given the mission of policing and maintaining law and order in the city of HALLE and surrounding territory. At 221700 April 1945 the Battalion officially assumed this responsibility in garrisoning HALLE and surrounding area.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- The Company less third platoon set up garrison in the city of HALLE at 1300 hrs after having been relieved from former duty by the above orders. The third platoon remained in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry at FREIREDA and at 1300 hrs moved to HOHENPRIESSNITZ to relieve the third Battalion of the 413th Infantry. Two rds of APC were fired to check safety devices.

COMPANY "B" -- Company B less the second platoon was relieved of their respective duties at 0900 hrs and moved into the city of HALLE to set up garrison in the northern sector of the Battalion's zone of responsibility. Patrols are operating and constant communications are kept Battalion CP to cope with any emergencies. The second platoon of B Company are located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry. Destroyers are in direct fire positions covering approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN.

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COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon was relieved of duty in conjunction with the 415th Infantry at 1230 hrs. At 1400 hrs, Company C less the first platoon moved from BITTERFELD and established a CP in NIETLEBEN having been assigned the western sector of the Battalion Zone of Responsibility. Security patrols are operating constantly with uninterrupted voice communications. The first platoon is located in the vicinity (180460) in support of the 3rd Battalion, 415th Infantry.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company moved its CP from DOBERN closing in new location at HALLE at 1530 hrs. The Company is being employed as security with roving patrols throughout HALLE.

23 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the CP located at (941259). The first and second platoons have their Destroyers placed at strategic locations in the southern part of HALLE which is their assigned sector. Patrols from the second platoon picked up 5 PWs who were turned over to a PW cage. At 1530 hrs the Company received a riot call where about 100 laborers were rioting but upon arriving found the situation in control by our Reconnaissance Element. The third platoon remained in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry in holding positions vicinity HOHENPRIESSNITZ with no activity reported.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the second platoon located in the city of HALLE, patrolling the northern sector of the city and placing their destroyers in advantageous positions. At 1400 hrs, the third platoon picked up 21 displaced civilians who formerly fought in the German Army and turned same over to a PW enclosure after obtaining an order of arrest from the CIC. The second platoon remained in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with destroyers in direct firing positions leading west from the city of DUBEN.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in their same positions with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN. The second platoon is located in SCHLETTAU and the third platoon is located in DOLAU. These platoons are operating roving patrols in their assigned sectors which are in the western part of the Battalion Zone of Responsibility. These patrols encountered no disturbances or unusual incidents during the period covered by this report. The first platoon remained in the vicinity of BITTERFELD in support of the 415th Infantry Regiment. No activity reported.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in positions with all four platoons in HALLE. Company turned over three possible suspects to the CIC for screening purposes and also answered two riot calls which were quelled in little time. Carried on normal patrol duties keeping constant communications with the Battalion CP.

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. The first platoon captured 2 PWs while patrolling the north half of the Company Zone of Responsibility. At 1400 hours they answered a riot call in the city's marshalling yards where they dispersed about 40 Slave Laborers who were fighting over Ethyl alcohol. Two PWs were picked up at 2030 hrs in this sector. The third platoon remained in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry with their CP located at HOHENPRIESSNITZ. On the afternoon of the 23rd of April, they knocked out 1 OP and assisted in the capture of 23 PWs in GRUNA. They covered the withdrawal of one Infantry platoon from the east side of the MULDE river who had encountered approximately 200 of the enemy. After the completion of the withdrawal, the third platoon assisted in the leveling of the town of GRUNA, expending 42 rds HE, 3 rds APC and 550 rds of 50 caliber ammunition.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the north half of the city. The second platoon remained in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with Destroyers in direct firing positions covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN. This platoon is prepared to cross the MULDE river in event they are called upon to do same. The first and third platoon are operating patrols in their Zone of Responsibility and in the period covered by this report encountered little activity.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in their same positions with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN. The second platoon located in SCHLEITAU and the third platoon in DOLAU. These platoons are operating roving patrols in their assigned sectors which is the western part of the Battalion Zone of Responsibility. These patrols encountered no disturbances or unusual activity during the period covered by this report. The first platoon located in BITTERFELD in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry. One section of Destroyers fired 4 rds of HE at possible OP in building across the MULDE river with results unknown.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP in the location (935290). Platoons are employed as roving patrols and security with one platoon in mobile reserve to cope with any eventuality.

25 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located in HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. All sectors in the Company Zone were quiet

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with activity to the minimum. The third platoon remained in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry. 34 rds of HE were fired at approximately 0430 hrs at German Infantry digging in vicinity GRUNA, the result of which dispersed same, inflicting an unestimated number of casualties. They also expended 2 rds of APC on a test fire.

COMPANY "B" — Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE continuing to garrison their assigned Zone of Responsibility. Entire Company now in the process of conducting a training program and maintaining their vehicles and equipment. The second platoon is still located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with their destroyers in direct fire positions covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN.

COMPANY "C" — Company "C" less the first platoon remained in their same positions with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN. The second platoon is located in SCHLETTAU AND THE third platoon in DOLAU. These platoons are operating roving patrols in their assigned sectors and also in the process of conducting a training program and performing maintenance on their equipment and vehicles. The first platoon remained in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry and are located in the vicinity of BITTERFELD where they are in Battalion Reserve.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY — Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP in the vicinity of (935290). Platoons are employed as roving patrols and security with one platoon in mobile reserve to cope with any eventuality.

26 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" — Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. The third platoon remained in HOHENPRIESSNITZ in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry and encountered no activity. Training schedule is being carried out with maintenance of vehicles, weapons and personnel given a high priority.

COMPANY "B" — Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE continuing to garrison the north half of the city and guarding installations. The second platoon still located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with Destroyers in direct fire position covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN. The Company is undergoing a training schedule with emphasis placed on maintenance of weapons, vehicles, and personnel.

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COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in their same positions with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN. Security patrols are operating in the Company's assigned Zone of Responsibility. The first platoon still located in BITTERFELD in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry where they are in Battalion reserve. The Company is undergoing a training schedule, maintaining their weapons, vehicles and equipment.

27 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located in HALLE (937294)

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. In addition to patrols, four static guard posts are in effect, employing 18 men for same. The third platoon remained in HOHENPRIESSNITZ in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry encountering no activity. Training schedule is being carried out with maintenance of weapons, vehicles and personnel given a high priority.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE continuing to garrison the north half of the city with four static guard posts in operation with ten men operating same. The second platoon still located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with Destroyers in direct fire positions covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN. The Company is undergoing a training schedule with emphasis placed on the maintenance of weapons, vehicles and personnel.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in position with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN. Two static guard posts are in effect employing 15 men. Three German soldiers were picked up in civilian clothes and taken to a PW enclosure. The first platoon still located in BITTERFELD in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry where they are in Battalion reserve. The company is undergoing a training schedule, maintaining their weapons, vehicles and equipment.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP at (935290). Platoons are employed as roving patrols and security with one platoon in mobile reserve to cope with any eventuality. Training schedule, maintenance of weapons, vehicles and personnel carried out during the period covered by this report.

28 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

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COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. In addition to patrols, five static guard posts are in effect employing 23 men for same. The third platoon remained in HOHENPRIESSNITZ in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry encountered no activity. 3 PWs were picked up in the city of HALLE and turned over to the MPs. The first platoon quelled a riot in the railroad repair shop at 1200 hrs where a German was killed before our troops arrived on the scene. Two rifles were picked up and destroyed. In addition to patrol duties, the Company is undergoing a training schedule.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE continuing to garrison the north half of the city with 3 static posts in operation with 0 men operating same. The second platoon still located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with Destroyers in direct fire positions covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN. The Company is undergoing a training schedule with emphasis placed on maintenance of weapons, vehicles and personnel.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in position with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN, the second platoon in SCHLETTAU, and the third platoon in DOLAU. Two static guard posts are in effect employing 15 men. The first platoon still located in BITTERFELD in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry, where they are in Battalion reserve. The Company is undergoing a training schedule, maintaining their weapons, vehicles and equipment.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP located at (935290). Platoons are employed as roving patrols and security, with one platoon in mobile reserve to cope with any eventuality. One PW was picked up on patrol in the city. Training schedule, maintenance of weapons, vehicles, and personnel carried out during the period.

29 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division.
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. In addition to patrols, five static guard posts are in effect employing 23 men for same. The third platoon remained in HOHENPRIESSNITZ in support of the 3rd Bn, 414th Infantry. No activity reported by any unit of Company "A".

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE continuing to garrison the north half of the city with 3 static guard posts in operation with 0 men operating same. The second platoon still located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with Destroyers in direct fire positions covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN. No activity reported.

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COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in position with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN, the second platoon located in SCHLETTAU, and the third platoon located in DOLAU. Two static posts are in effect employing 15 men. The first platoon still located in BITTERFELD in support of the 3rd Bn, 415th Infantry where they are in Battalion reserve. All "C" Company sectors of occupancy remained inactive.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP located at (935290). Platoons are employed as roving patrols and security, with one platoon in mobile reserve to cope with an eventuality. No activity reported.

30 April, 1945

1. SITUATION:

- a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division
- b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

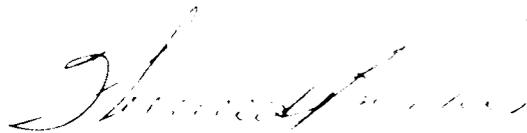
2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" less the third platoon remained in HALLE garrisoning the south half of the city. In addition to patrols, 5 static guard posts are in effect employing 23 men for same. There was no action or disturbances reported during the period. The third platoon remained in HOHENPRIESSNITZ in support of the 414th Infantry. At daybreak, the first section of the third platoon crossed the MULDE river and patrolled east to the ELBE river meeting no opposition but returning with 2 PWs at 1500 hrs. At 1500 hrs the second section patrolled the same area encountering no opposition and returned to HOHENPRIESSNITZ at 1900 hrs with 25 PWs that they had picked up.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the second platoon remained in HALLE continuing to garrison the north half of the city with 3 static posts in operation with 6 men operating same. The second platoon still located in TIEFENSEE in support of the 413th Infantry with destroyers in direct fire positions covering the approaches leading west from the city of DUBEN. No activity reported.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" less the first platoon remained in position with the Company CP located in NIETLEBEN, the second platoon located in SCHLETTAU, and the third platoon located in DOLAU. Two static posts are in effect employing 15 men for same. The first platoon who are in support of the 415th Infantry Regiment, moved from their positions vicinity BITTERFELD to new positions in WOLLMEN (360233). No activity reported by any unit of Company "C".

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP located at (935290). Platoons are employed as roving patrols and security, with one platoon in mobile reserve to cope with any eventuality. No activity reported.



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817TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

S-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ANNEX FOR OPERATIONS REPORT PERIOD 1 APR 45 to 30 APR

| | BATTLE CASUALITIES | | | | | TOTAL SICK AND NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| | KILLED | WOUNDED | MISSING | CAPTURED | TOTAL | |
| OFFICERS | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| E.M. | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 16 |
| TOTAL | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 16 |

| | REINFORCEMENTS | | |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Officers | Enlisted Men | Total |
| 5 April, 1945 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 April, 1945 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 26 April, 1945 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 27 April, 1945 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 28 April, 1945 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 30 April, 1945 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 19 | 20 |

STATUS OF SUPPLIES

1. STATUS OF SUPPLY FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1945:

a. During month status of supply did not change.

Class I - Two (2) days supply on hand

Class III - Two (2) days supply on hand

Class V - One hundred per cent (100%) basic load on hand.