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Unit Journal for Month of April 1945.



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TIME	SERIAL	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, (etc)
IN	OUT		NO	
	0800		1	CP leaves Krumbach, Germany.
0930			2	Msg from B Co.: Company in assembly area vic Beddelhausen.
1140			3	CP opens in Arfeld, Germany (G496676)
1200			4	Msg from B Co.: 1st pltn vic G520850; 2nd pltn vic F505802 and G475850; 3rd pltn in reserve vic Company CP.
1230			5	Msg from Hq Co.: Company closed vic G565665.
1235			6	Div requests 4 armored cars be made available for use of LO's making runs to adjacent units, and if necessary to Reg'ts.
	1245		7	CO instructs that 1 M20 from B and C Co.'s, 1 M20 and 1 M-8 from Ron Co. report to Div CP. These vehicles will be under the direction of Lt. Wade who will dispatch them.
1300			8	S-3 notifies Lt. Wade of above.
1800			9	A Co. reports: CP located in Hallenberg, Germany. 1st pltn attached to 1st Bn. 39th Inf, vic of G585860. 2nd pltn attached 2nd Bn. 39th Inf, in reserve vic G623838. 3rd pltn attached to 3rd Bn. 39th Inf, vic G588820. 3rd pltn had one M36 damaged by anti-tank fire vic G593827. Co. Maint. towed damaged M36 to Co. CP. M36 is repairable by ordnance. Weather clear to cloudy. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325, HVAP - 1.
1810			10	B Co. reports: CP located vic Wunderthausen, (G546777). 1st pltn vic G543782. 2nd pltn moving. 3rd pltn vic Arfeld (G490690). Company in direct support of 60th Inf Reg't. At approximately 0030 hrs company crossed IP vic Fronhausen and cleared Beddelhausen at 0730 hrs. CP moved at 1800 hrs to vic Wunderthausen. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational - 1 in Bn. Maint. for repair. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 393, HE - 382.
1820			11	C Co. reports: CP vic G543695. 1st pltn vic G490736. 2nd pltn vic G546732, in reserve. 3rd pltn vic G441688. Company last night moved from Stedebach (G663371) to Elsoff (G543695). Company closed at 2300 hrs. Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 10 M36's operational - 1 in ordnance, 1 in Bn. Maint. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 300, HE - 300.
1830			12	Ron Co. reports: CP vic G496685. 1st pltn vic Hallenberg, (G620800). 2nd pltn vic Alertshausen (G550730). 3rd pltn vic Elsoff (G540700). The Hq pltn moved approximately 40 miles from Krumbach to Arfeld, Germany.



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1830 12 (cont'd) The 2nd pltn furnished one M-8 to escort asst Div Comdr. One M20 on SD to Div Liaison section. The three recon pltns moved with gun companies - 1st pltn vic Hallenberg, 2nd pltn vic Alertshausen, 3rd pltn vic Elsoff. 6 M-8's operational.

1840 13 Hq Co. reports: CP located vic G568665. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 259, HE - 427.

1930 14 1800 Msg #2 from B Co.: CP at G546777. 1st pltn vic G543783, 2nd pltn vic G516790, 3rd pltn moved to vic, 1 section vic G490-690, 1 section vic G498688.

2020 15 Lt. Wade phones report that 2nd Armd Div and 3rd Armd Div have linked up. 39th Inf has made contact with 901 Pz Gr Reg't of 130 Pz Lehr Div.

2100 16 Phone msg from C Co.: 1st and 3rd pltns will move tonight, 2nd will stay in same position.



- 0900 1 TD report No.'s 289 and 290 sent to ATO, VII Corps and G-3, 9th Div.
- 1600 2 1425 Msg from B Co.: 1st pltn at G526845.
- 1600 3 CP arrives at new location via G623794, (Hallenberg).
- 1615 4 Msg to all Co.'s: CP at G623794.
- 1615 5 Ron Co reports that they have closed in new location via G617802.
- 1800 6 A Co. reports: Co CP moved to Zuschen, Germany (G576845). 1st pltn attached to 1st Bn, 39th Inf, 1 section via of G557886, 1 section via of G558890. 2nd pltn atched to 2nd Bn, 39th Inf via of G545842. Communications Sgt., captured 3 PW's while laying wire. Company destroyed 1 SP gun, and 5 GP vehicles. Weather rainy and cool. Morale Excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: Basic load: 300 rds HENO, 300 APC, 2 HVAP, 1 AP. Trailer - Co CP 25 rds HE - 25 rds APC. 1st pltn fired 12 HE - 1 AP.
- 1810 7 B Co reports: Co CP located via Wunderthausen, 1st pltn G538845, 2nd pltn G494830, 3rd pltn Arfeld (G494687). Co in direct support of 60th Inf CT. 3rd pltn in Div reserve. Lt. Col. Tincher visited CP. 11 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: 393 APC, 382 HE.
- 1820 8 C Co reports: Co CP via G535757, 1st pltn G460738, 2nd pltn G474758, 3rd pltn G430709. Cp moved from G543697 at 1115 hrs, to G535-757. Closed at 1140 hrs. Weather rain and cloudy. Morale Excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: 330 APC, HE 330. 11 M36's operational.
- 1830 9 Ron Co reports: Co CP at Hallenberg, (G619802), 1st pltn via Zuschen (G575847), 3rd pltn via Diedenshausen (G537758), 2nd pltn via Wunderthausen (G545782). Company CP moved approximately 24 miles to Hallenberg. Closed in new area at 1545. 1st pltn manning CP on hill 704 (G568874), also hill 642 (G598844). The 2nd pltn sent out armored patrol west of Wunderthausen to contact enemy armored car - No results reported as yet. 3rd pltn continued their escort of supply vehicles of Co. C.
- 1840 10 Hq Co reports: 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 259, HE - 417.
- 1930 11 Lt. Coughlin phones S-3 to report that 1st pltn destroyed 5 GP vehicles, complete with Germans, and 1 SP gun, expending 12 rds HE and 1 rd APC.



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1930 12

Lt. Burton phones and gives following information: 1st pltn is at G523848, 2nd pltn is at G494828, moving to G483826. 3rd pltn - No change. As the situation is unsettled in the 2nd pltns area, we are unable to supply them at present, but will do so when the 1st pltn gets up there. They fired at a tank, but missed. 47th is reported moving up to where they are, and when contact is made, the situation should be well in hand.

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Msg from A Co: Has B Co got anything at G535848.

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Msg to A Co: B Co has a Pltn at G525848.

2300 15

Lt. Burton phones to report section 3-B now at G615842. CO informs him that Pz Lehr is in front of us.

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Lt. Coughlin, A Co., phones to report pltn posns: 1-A in position vic G557888, 2-A 1 section vic G555879, 1 section G581-869. 3-A, 1 gun G575843, 1 section G523848 moving to G525854.

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Captain Hubbard phones to report pltn positions: 1st pltn vic, 1 section G775765, 1 sec G799779, 2nd pltn vic G518820. 3rd pltn no change.



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0900	1	TD report No. 291 sent to ATO, VII Corps and G-3, 9th Div.
1000	2	Msg from Hq Co.: Co. closed at 0840 hrs. Located via G658703.
1020	3	Msg from C Co.: 2nd pltn via G478828.
1045	4	Msg from Lt. Coughlin, A Co.: Enemy tanks at G529864. 3-A is moving to destroy them.
1050	5	Msg to B and C Co.'s: Enemy tanks at G529864 at 1030 hrs.
1255	6	C of S, 9th Div phones and requests Bn CO report to him.
1325	7	4 Mk V tanks previously reported as 3, at G46008445; 47th Inf firing arty at them. 1 tank at G541881. This msg sent to all companies.
1430	8	Msg to all Co's: Point of origin effective 040200, April 1945, is G400900.
1610	9	Phone msg from S-3 to Company Comdr. B Co.: Move 1 section 3rd pltn to G578841 covering W and NW, with recon made to reinforce in those directions. 1 section to move via G722793, covering W, SW and NW, with recon made to reinforce in those directions.
1630	10	Location of units sent to all companies.
1720	11	Air OP reports no enemy tanks in area G558898, but there was a large explosion in that area.
1800	12	A Co reports: CP in Zuschen, Germany. 1st pltn attached to 1st Bn. 39th Inf, in position via G558887 and G557886. 2nd pltn attached to 2nd Bn. 39th Inf in AT position via F558886. 3rd pltn attached to 3rd Bn. in position via G524-851. 1st pltn captured 2 enemy jeeps and 17 PW's. Weather cloudy and rainy. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 325, APO - 325.
1810	13	B Co reports: CP via G568837. 1st pltn via 525856 and G522862. 2nd pltn via G475851. 3rd pltn moving. CP moved from Wunderthausen to an area west of Zuschen. 1st pltn moved from Mollseifen to Neu Astenberg, 1 section moving on from there to Lenneplatze. 2nd pltn moved from Hoheleye through to Westfield. 1st and 2nd pltns receiving light arty fire. 3rd pltn, 1 section via Lassphe, moving to Zuschen and Hallenberg respectively. 12 M36's operational. Co. ex-



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- 1810 13 (cont'd) pending 7 rds APC on suspected tank positions. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 386, HE - 382.
- 1820 14 C Co reports: CP vic G536755. 1st pltn vic G460730. 2nd pltn vic G455848. 3rd pltn vic G430710. Normal attachments in support of 47th Inf Reg't. Morale excellent. Weather overcast. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 330, HE - 330.
- 1830 15 Ren Co reports: Co CP, 1st and 3rd pltns no change in locations. 2nd pltn moved to G574843. Two M-8's from 3rd pltn attached to I and R pltns, 47th Inf. One M-8 on SD to Liaison section 9th Inf Div. 2nd pltn in support of Co. B, moved to vic G574843. Morale excellent.
- 1840 16 Hq Co reports: Co. moved to vic G658704. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 247, HE - 405.
- 1930 17 Captain Steltzner reports to CP: Reports Company closed vic G620800.
- 1950 18 Lt. Burton phones S-3 that 1 section of 3-B has 1 gun at G576850 and 1 gun at G573843. Also reports arty fire on road between 1st pltn and 2nd pltn.
- 2015 19 Captain Hubbard phones CP to report 2nd pltn is on its objective. Large caliber arty fire falling in area.
- 2020 20 Pltn Ldr, 3rd pltn, reports to CP. Reports 1 section enroute to this area now. Reports location of other section.
- 2040 21 Phone msg from G-2, 9th Div: 4-5 Mk VI tanks at G443848. Above msg sent to C Company.
- 2045 22 Div ATO phones S-3 for information on status of 3rd pltn B Co. S-3 informs him they are in Div reserve. ATO also informs S-3 of counterattack on 2nd Bn. 47th Reg't that 1 TD, 2nd pltn of Co C was knocked out. ATO also reports 1 - 5 tanks in vic of G443848.
- 2050 23 S-3 phones Captain Hubbard for more information on situation in sector of 2nd pltn. Capt Hubbard reports that 1 destroyer was lost in town vic G447848. He is out of radio contact with 2nd pltn - but will send in more information as soon as he gets it.
- 2105 24 Phone msg from Lt. Burton, B Co.: 3rd Bn 60th Reg't is moving out and requests at least 1 section of 3-B to go out with them.



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2200 25 Lt. Wade phones positions of 47th and 39th Inf. Also reports that 2nd pltn C Co lost 2 destroyers. No report on enemy tanks destroyed. Russian civilian slave workers report 25 tanks at Olsberg - 1 in tunnel in town, remainder in woods vic of town.

2250 26 Phone msg from C Co.: Lost 2 M36's from 2nd pltn due to enemy action. Counter-attack in town stopped - - Inf has pushed enemy out of town. 1 section of 1st pltn is going to move into the town and reinforce 2nd pltn. Both destroyers overrun by enemy Infantry.



- 0845 1 Phone call from Captain Garretson: Enemy counterattack this morning with Tank Reg't, Pz Lehr. 2 to 300 Inf, 4 to 5 tanks. Strong attack, stronger than last night. 1 Mk IV destroyed.
- 0855 2 Phone call from Lt. Wade: Counterattack this AM. 4 tanks and half-tracks. 300 to 400 Inf PW's taken from Pz Lehr Div. Bn Comdr, 2nd Bn, 47th Inf reports all under control. 1 Mk IV destroyed.
- 0930 3 TD report No. 292 sent to ATO VII Corps and G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1025 4  Captain Garretson phones: reports that we are credited with one Mk IV tank that we destroyed. The Inf also destroyed one. B Co 39th reports they are receiving tank fire at G564898.
- 1040 5 Lt. Wade reports that effective at midnight tonight we are detached from VII Corps and attached to III Corps.
- 1100 6 From Notorious 2. Undetermined number of enemy tanks at G441849 moving towards G432848. Above msg sent to all Co's.
- 1255 7 Msg from Lt. Burton: No change in 1st pltn, except 1 gun at G495855; 2nd pltn no change; 3rd pltn at G524877, CP at G525853.
- 1445 8 Lt. Wade phones to report positions of 39th and 60th Infantries. Also reports that 2nd Bn 39th Inf sent patrol via G575910 with bazookas to destroy enemy tank in that area - enemy blew up tank before patrol could reach it.
- 1530 9 Msg to all companies: Point of origin effective G50200, April 1945, is G550650.
- 1630 10 Locations of Bn units sent to all companies.
- 1755 11 Captain Hubbard reports by phone that only 1 destroyer was knocked out yesterday. It destroyed a Jagdpanther at 20 yds before being knocked out, and had 2 bazooka holes completely thru it. The destroyer did not burn. The other destroyer was hit, but it ricocheted off and the destroyer is back in action. That gives us a total of one Mk IV and 1 Jagdpanther. 1st pltn has 3 destroyers.
- 1800 12 A co reports: No change in locations of CP, 1st and 2nd pltn. 3rd pltn moved to vic G547884. 2nd pltn fired 4 rds HE and 2 rds APC in general support of 2nd Bn 39th Inf.

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1800 12 (cont'd) 3rd pltn fired 21 rds APC and 2 rds HE at enemy targets holding up infantry advance, and fired direct fire at enemy OP with unknown results. Weather rainy and cool. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 325, APC - 325.

1810 13 B Co reports: Co. CP via G523850. 1st pltn, 1 sec via G524853, 2nd section via G523858. 2nd pltn via G475850. 3rd pltn via G525877. Co. CP moved from one mile west of Zwischen to Neu Astenberg. Miles traveled, - 5, roads wet and slippery. Pltns remain in direct support of the Inf Bns. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 382, APC - 385.

1820 14 C Co reports: CP via G535757. 1st pltn via G458724, 2nd pltn via G446849, 3rd pltn via G455702. 2nd Plt knocked out one Jagdpanther and one Mk IV tank. The Jagdpanther was destroyed at range of 20 yds by gunner - Cpl. Laird. The Mk IV was destroyed at 100 yds by gunner - Lindsey. 9 rds APC and 10 rds HE expended. CP anticipates moving to vic of Kustelberg (G607920). Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational - 1 lost due to enemy action - two bazooka holes. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 320, APC - 321.

1830 15 Ron Co reports: No change in company dispositions. One M-8 remains on SD with Ass't Div Comdr as escort. 2 M-8's from 3rd pltn working with I and R pltn, 47th Inf. Morale excellent. 6 M-8's operational.

1840 16 Hq Co reports: Co. CP located at G620804. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 405, APC - 222.

1900 17 Phone msg from G-2, Div: Any hostile act committed by enemy civilians is to be reported by the fastest means to the Chief of Staff or Commanding General. The offenders should be held until picked up. - - Above msg phoned to all companies at 1915 hours.

1940 18 Phone call from Div ATO to S-3. G-3 is writing FO, would like major Miller to write paragraph on TD's.

2000 19 S-3 reports days activities by phone to III Corps ATO. Also inquires if there are any reserve TD's available. Corps ATO informs S-3 there are none at present, but he will try to get some.

2005 20 Captain Hubbard reports to CP: Reports to CO situation last night of 2nd pltn.



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Phone msg from Captain Garretson, G-2 office, Div: 39th Inf met 2 tanks at 1947 hours at G545900. 7th Armd Div destroyed 2 Jagdpanther tanks at G590910 from 654 TD Bn.

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TD paragraph on Div FO: Mission: To protect the Div against Armor attack. 2 pltns of each Co.'s A, B, and C to be in direct support of each Inf Reg't. 1 pltn from each Co.'s A, B, and C to be in Div reserve.



0900 1 Received FO #61, Hq 9th Inf Div, and overlay accompanying same.

0930 2 TD report #293 sent to ATO VII Corps and G-3 9th Inf Div. 1 copy sent to 8th TD Gp.

1405 3 Mag from A Co.: CP at G557888, 1-A at G564915, 2-A at G556891, 3-A at G548884.

1530 4 Mag #30 to all Co.'s: Point of origin effective 060200, April 1945, is G500000.

1600 5 Lt. Coughlin, A Company, phones and gives positions of 39th Inf Reg't.

1645 6 Locations of Bn units sent to all companies.

1800 7 A Co. reports: Co CP at G555886, 1st pltn 1 section G555934, 1 section G556926. 2nd pltn, 1 section G557890, 1 section G557888, 3rd pltn at G547888. Co CP moved to Winterburg, Germany, arriving at 1000 hours. All pltns continued in general support to the Bns to which they are attached. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 300; HE 300; HVAF 2; AP 1.

1810 8 B Co. reports: Co CP G512882, 1st pltn 1 section G523875, 1 sec G525878. 2nd pltn G478848; 3rd pltn G512882. CP moved from Neu Astenberg into Alt Astenberg. 3rd pltn took positions in the town of Alt Astenberg in direct support of Blue Bn. Fired 2 rds of APC and 2 rds HE at an SP gun and two halftracks with no results. 1st pltn moved from Neu Astenberg to: 1 section G523875, and 1 section G525878. 2nd pltn no change. Weather cold and rainy, roads slippery. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 383, HE - 380.

1820 9 C Co. reports: Co CP at G554961, 1st pltn at G534996; 2nd pltn at G556886; 3rd pltn at G552964. Co CP moved to Niedersfeld (G554961). Weather cloudy, Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 319, HE - 321.

1830 10 Hq Co reports: No change. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 220, HE 405.

1840 11 Ren Co reports: Co CP - No change. 1st pltn at Winterberg (G554889). 2nd pltn Neu Astenberg (G525851). 3rd pltn Niedersfeld (G555962). The two M-8's were relieved from 47th Inf I and R, and returned to the 3rd pltn. The 3 Ren pltns remained in support of the 3 gun companies. Morale Excellent.

2200 12 Mag from Lt. Coughlin, A Co: reports positions of Co. A and 39th Inf.



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- 0915 1 Captain Hubbard reports to CP: Reports plan of 47th Inf and plan for employment of C Co. CP to move to vic G562046. 1-C vic G533022. 2-C moving with 2nd Bn 47th Inf to vic G580964. 3-C in position vic G551964.
- 0930 2 Msg from A Co.: 1-A vic G513953. 2-A Vic G522926. 3-A vic G519980 and G522926.
- 0930 3 Operation Instructions #11, Hq 9th Inf Div received.
- 1030 4 TD report No. 294 sent to G-3, 9th Div.
- 1035 5 LO, 8th TD Gp visits CP: reports situation in other and adjacent sectors. Also future plans of III Corps. TD report given him.
- 1600 6 CP opens in Hildfeld (G580943).
- 1615 7 Msg to all Companies: CP at G580943.
- 1630 8 Msg to all Companies: Point of origin effective 070200, April 1945, is G450950.
- 1645 9 1628 Msg from B Co.: 1st pltn vic G495894.
- 1715 10 Msg from B Co.: 1-B vic G496895. 2-B vic G467862 and G483867. 3-B in reserve vic G512883.
- 1800 11 A Co reports: CP remained in Winterberg, Germany. 1st pltn in town of Siedlinghausen, 1 section vic G514955, 1 section vic of G514950. 2nd pltn, 1 section at G521928, 1 section at G521924. 3rd pltn, 1 section vic of G517982, 1 section vic of G546885. 11 M36's operational. Weather rainy and cool. Morale excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 300, APC - 300.
- 1810 12 B Co reports: CP vic G512884. 1st pltn vic G495896. 1st pltn, 1 section vic G484867, 1 section vic G467863. 3rd pltn vic G512884. CP remained in Alt Astenberg, Germany. 1st and 2nd pltns in direct support of their respective Bns. 3rd pltn in Reg'tl reserve. Weather cold and rainy. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 380, APC 382.
- 1820 13 C Co reports: CP vic G564047. 1st pltn vic G424042. 2nd pltn vic G580119, 3rd pltn vic G551964. CP moved to Elleringhausen, Germany, closed at 1130 hours. Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE- 321, APC - 319.



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1830	14	<p>Ren Co reports: CP vic G580943. 1st pltn vic G557888, 2nd pltn vic G511882, 3rd pltn vic G564047. CP moved approximately 18 miles from Hallenberg to Heldfeld. Left at 1400 hours and closed in new area at 1645 hours. 1st pltn is operating one jeep with each pltn of Co. A. 2nd and 3rd pltns remained in support of B and C Co.'s.</p>
1840	15	<p>Hq Co reports: Company moved to RR station in Winterberg, Germany (G557891). 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 405, APC - 220.</p>
1905	16	<p>1840 Msg #1 from Hq Co.: Hq Co closed at 1840. Location G557891.</p>
1910	17	<p>Msg #33 to all Companies: Hq Co located at G557891.</p>
2130	18	<p>Lt. Burton phones S-3 to report positions of 60th Inf and pltn locations of B Co. 1st pltn vic G496895, 2nd pltn vic G467862 and G483867, 3rd pltn vic G506916 and G505912. 2nd pltn is now the reserve pltn.</p>
2200	19	<p>Phone msg from C Co.: 1st pltn vic G503-014 and G527038. 2nd pltn vic G580119 - will move in the morning vic G508069. 3rd pltn vic G508069.</p>
2210	20	<p>Lt. Wade reports to CP with overlay of situation.</p>
2300	21	<p>Lt. Wade leaves CP for Div CP with locations of company dispositions.</p>



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- 0855 1 III Corps ATO phones CP: He has Allocation for 3 grenade launchers.
- 0920 2 C Co. reports - No change except for 2nd pltn. 2nd pltn at B526067.
- 1040 3 Captain Hubbard reports to CP: Reports pltn positions and plan of employment of his company. Also plan of operation of 47th Inf.
- 1125 4 TD report #295 sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1130 5 Msg #31 to Co.s A, B, and C: Companies will submit an overlay to reach this headquarters not later than 2100 hours daily, showing the exact location of each destroyer and primary field of fire. Positions must be as of 2000 hours.
- 1255 6 Captain Garretson reports that Co A, this Bn has destroyed 1 enemy tank at Altenfeld, type unknown. 1 enemy tank vic of G478891. (47th Inf had identified 16th Pz Reg't of the 116th Pz Div. 16 tanks left in the Reg't).
- 1405 7 Co A reports that 2nd section 2nd pltn destroyed 1 Tank, type unknown. Expended 18 rds of APC, and 2 rds of HE.
- 1415 8 Captain Garretson phones and reports that PW from 16th Pz Reg't stated that there are 2 tanks at Halbeswig (B447043).
- 1430 9 Lt. Ring and Capt. Ward, VII Corps, visit CP.
- 1600 10 Msg to all Co.s: Point of origin effective 080200, April 1945 is 4198.
- 1615 11 Situation overlay sent to all Companies.
- 1625 12 Phone report from Captain Garretson, G-2 office, Div: 39th Inf reports A company, 899th TD Bn, destroyed one more tank, vic Altenfeld. Also states that there are 15 half-tracks and 4 tanks, and a number of vehicles assembled around E side of Bodelfeld. The 60th Inf reports they are out of contact with Pz Lehr Div - they are mostly in contact with 3rd Pz Gr Div. From Bodelfeld to G400880 the enemy is forming a protective line behind which the 3rd Pz Gr Div is to defend and it is believed that the Pz Lehr is also withdrawn to that area.
- 1755 13 Co. A reports that one enemy tank of the two destroyed, was destroyed by artillery fire.



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- 1755 14 Captain Garretson ass't G-2, 9th Inf Div phones and is informed of the above. Capt. Garretson informs us that the Inf believes it to be a Jagdpanzer.
- 1800 15 A Co reports: CP moved to Siedlinghausen, Germany, vic G516953. 1st pltn vic of G501986, 2nd pltn, 1 section vic G505962, 1 section vic G511956. 3rd pltn in reserve vic G518982. 2nd pltn fired 12 rds of APC and 15 rds of HE, and 200 rds Cal. 50 in support of 2nd Bn 39th Inf., destroying one large tank, type unknown vic G495955. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 10 M36's operational. - 2 in Bn Maint. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 275, HE - 275.
- 1810 16 B Co reports: CP vic G512884, 1st pltn vic G473888, 2nd pltn, 1 section vic G467-862, 1 section vic G483867. 3rd pltn, 1 section G507916, 1 section vic G511935. Co CP remained in Alt Astenberg, Germany. 1st and 3rd pltn remained in direct support of their respective Bn., 2nd pltn in Reg'tl mobile reserve. Weather cold and clear. Morale excellent. 11 M-36's operational. 1 in Bn repair. 1st pltn destroyed one enemy half-track vic G471892, at range of 600 yds, expended 2 rds of APC and 5 rds of HE. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 383, HE - 380.
- 1820 17 C Co reports: CP vic B530066, 1st pltn B513051, 2nd pltn B487058, 3rd pltn B506069. CP moved to B530066. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 10 M36's operational. - 1 short - 1 in Bn Maint. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 290, HE - 295.
- 1830 18 Ron Co reports: CP no change, 1st pltn G514952, 2nd pltn Alt Astenberg (G512884), 3rd pltn Olsberg (B534067). No change in pltn operations. CP remained in same location.
- 1840 19 Hq Co reports: 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.
- 1905 20 Major Huber phones and says that C Co status has not changed in support of 47th Inf with one pltn in reserve under Bn Control. This order is from the CG, 9th Inf Div. This information phoned to C Company.
- 2145 21 Phone msg from A Co: pltn positions - 1st pltn 1 section G482990, 1 section G496978, 3rd pltn, 1 sec G518982, 1 sec G518979. 2nd pltn G492950. 1 EM KIA at 1800 hours by Artillery Shell. (Pvt Smolansky)
- 2300 22 Msg from B Co.: 1st pltn at G463891.



- 0950 1 S-3 phones C Co and requests positions. Co Executive Officer reports that they are in the positions given last night and if there are any changes the Co Comdr will bring them with him when he visits the Bn CP. S-3 instructs Company Executive Officer to keep in touch with the CO of the 814th TD that is working in the Div sector with TFB.
- 1045 2 III Corps ATO calls S-3 and requests name of one Officer to be considered by Army as a Div ATO. Captain Courley's name submitted. Corp ATO also requests daily Ammo expenditures for the past week. To be submitted today.
- 1050 3 TD report #296 sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1100 4 Msg #32 to Bn S-4. Corps ATO requests ammo expenditure report for the past week today.
- 1105 5 S-3 phones A Co for pltn locations and Inf positions: 1st pltn G482990 and G497979. 2nd and 3rd pltns - no change. Pltns will move later. Cpl Roland F Colvert gunner who destroyed tank yesterday.
- 1110 6 Liaison Officer, 8th TD Gp visits CP: Reports on situation on other fronts. Also receives TD report #296.
- 1155 7 Captain Hubbard reports to CP: Reports pltn positions. 1 pltn is working with 9th Bn troop. (20) Also reports future plans of employment.
- 1415 8 Major Heckethorn, Ass't ATO Army visits CP.
- 1420 9 Phone msg from A Co.: 1st pltn, 1 section via G483990, 1 section G496975, 2nd pltn G894920, 3rd pltn no change in position.
- 1530 10 Lt. Wade reports from Div that 60th Inf has lost contact - resistance collapsed.
- 1555 11 Phone msg from B Co.: CP at G463891. 2nd pltn via G442865.
- 1605 12 Phone msg from Div ATO: Enemy armor reported moving North from B430010, B437018, and 444015. Above msg sent to all Companies at 1605.
- 1610 13 Msg to all Co.'s: Point of origin effective 090200, April 1945, is 3900
- 1645 14 Locations of Bn units sent to all Co.'s.



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1800 15

A Co reports: Co CP remained in same loc. 1st pltn, 1 section vic G482990, 1 section G497978. 2nd pltn vic G485946. 2nd pltn destroyed two enemy tanks yesterday and one GP vehicle instead of one tank as previously reported - one Mk III and one Jagdpanther. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325.

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B Co reports: CP vic G462892, 1st pltn, 1 section vic G440913, 1 section vic G460924. 2nd pltn vic G423874, 3rd pltn vic G463924. CP moved from Alt Astenberg to Ober Sorpe, Germany. Today the 1st pltn destroyed 1 Command car and 1 Truck in vic of G433917. Fired 9 rds of HE and 3 rds APC. 1st and 2nd pltns in direct support of their respective Sns. 3rd pltn moving with 3rd Bn to an assembly area at G463924. Weather clear and warmer. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 378, HE - 366.

1820 17



C Co reports: CP vic B474081. 1st pltn vic B446044, 2nd pltn vic B467043, 3rd pltn vic B420062. CP moved to B490060 and then to B474081. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 10 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 295, HE - 300.

1830 18

Recon Co reports: CP in same location. 1st pltn vic G517952, 2nd pltn vic G463892, 3rd pltn vic B490060. The 3 recon pltns are submitting the 57mm AT positions with the company AT plan. No other changes in company operations. Morale excellent.

1840 19

Hq Co reports: Company remained vic G557889. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.

1915 20

Msg from Lt Burton: 1st pltn, 1 section moving to vic G444916, 1 gun at 444913, 1 gun at 447912. 1st pltn destroyed 1 Command Car and 1 truck today. 2nd pltn vic G419880, 3rd pltn, 1 section vic G461937, 1 section vic G463935.

1935 21

Captain Hubbard phones S-3 and reports dispositions of Company C.

1945 22

S-3 phones report of days activities to III Corps ATO.

2145 23

Overlay of Bn positions sent to G-3, 9th Div.

2230 24

Sgt. Goes reports positions of 57mm guns of 60th Inf sector.

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1000 1 Lt Wade reports to CP with situation overlay.

1045 2 Msg # 20 A.O.P. reports vehicles and 4 Tanks moving into town at G348915, 1045B. Above msg sent to all companies.

1100 3 TD report #297 sent to 8th TD Gp and 9th Inf Div.

1145 4 1100 Msg 1 from B Co: CP moving to G444915.

1300 5 Phone msg from A Co.: 1st pltn, 1 section via B450023, 1 sec moving to B450043. 2nd pltn at G428975. 3rd pltn moving with 3rd Bn.

1350 6 Captain Garretson, Div G-2, phones that 1 enemy tank reported by 39th Inf at G414985, firing on G Co. One enemy tank at G420898 firing on E Co. Above msg sent to A Co - via radio.

1500 7 Msg to all Co.'s: Point of origin effective 100200, April 1945, is G360990.

1600 8 Phone msg from G-3 Div: Requests whether or not Bn be assembled under Bn control or with respective Reg'ts in event that Div goes in assembly area.

1650 9 Battalion positions sent to all Companies.

1800 10 A Co reports: Co CP remained in same location, 1st pltn, 1 section via B451023, 1 section via B442004. 2nd pltn via Fielinghausen (G430976) 1 sec via Karlinghausen (G421983). 3rd pltn via Berlar (B451022) alerted to move. All pltns maintained close support and road blocks for Bns to which they are attached. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325.

1810 11 B Co reports: CP via G440915, 1st pltn via G416910, 2nd pltn, 1 section via G387894, 1 section via G406913, 3rd pltn via G410924. CP moved from Ober Sorpe to Osterwald, Germany. 1st and 2nd pltns in direct support of their respective Bns. 3rd pltn in Reg'tl reserve. In addition to the vehicles destroyed by the 1st pltn yesterday, they also destroyed a motorcycle and another truck via G433917. 6 rds HE was fired at other enemy vehicles. Weather clear and warm. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on Hand: APC - 378, HE - 360.

1820 12 G Co reports: CP via G512955, 1st pltn via G496977, 2nd pltn via G517977, 3rd pltn via G512954. CP moved to Siedlinghausen (G512955) closed at 1400 hours.



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1820 12 (cont'd) Co now in Div reserve. 1st pltn captured 2 civilian sedans and 10 prisoners, expending 30 rds of 50 cal. ammo, in support of 1st Bn. 2nd pltn relieved from support of 9th Recon Troop, rejoined 2nd Bn at Velmede (B445067) and then administrative road march to Brunskappel (G517977). 3rd pltn in support of 3rd Bn, made administrative road march, riding infantry on destroyers to vic Siedlinghausen (G512944). Weather clear. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 319, HE - 320.

1840 13 Recon Co reports: CP remained in same location. 1st pltn vic G515953, 2nd pltn vic G444915, 3rd pltn vic G511966. The recon pltns remained in support of the 3 gun companies. No other changes.

1850 14 Hq Co reports: CP remained in vic of Winterberg, Germany. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.

1915 15 S-3 leaves CP to reconnoiter assembly area for Bn in vic Liesen, Germany (G617822).

2000 16 G-3, 9th Div calls CO, notified him that all companies would remain with respective OT's during the forthcoming rest and reorganization period.

2030 17 S-3 phones report on days activities to III Corps ATO.

2250 18 CO calls C of S, 9th Div, and requests the return of the M20's and M-8's with Div Liaison sector. Request granted. Vehicles will return tomorrow.



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0910 1 Msg from A Co.: 1st pltn, 1 section at B451023, 1 section at B436018, 2nd pltn, 1 section at G408986, 1 section G421985.

1000 2 TD report #298 sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.

1030 3 Overlay of Div assembly area received.

1115 4 Msg #31 to Bn S-4: Corps ATO has allocation for 2 jeeps and 4 inertubes.

1145 5 S-3 phones G-3, Div, to inform him that C of S, has given permission for armored cars on SD with Ass't Div Comdr and liaison section be returned to us. This will be accomplished today.

1400 6 Msg from B Co.: Company moving to vic G398952.

1800 7 A Co reports; CP moved to Bodefeld, vic ov G464946. 1st pltn - no change; 2nd pltn vic of B396006; 3rd pltn vic of B396001. 2nd pltn fired 8 rds of APC and 2 rds of HE in support of 2nd Bn. Results - Inf were able to move. Weather clear; Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325.

1810 8 B Co reports: Co CP at G381963; 1st pltn moving to G345987; 2nd pltn, 1 section at G347953, 1 section at G356960; 3rd pltn, 1 section G352964, 1 section G367990. Co CP moved from Osterwald to Obr Rarbach on 9 April 1945. Then from Obr Rarbach to 3/4 mile west of Sogtrop, Germany. The CP group took 12 PW's in the vic of the new CP. 1st and 3rd pltns in direct support of their respective Bns. 2nd pltn in mobile reserve with White Bn. Weather clear and warm. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 390, HE - 376.

1820 9 C Co reports: Co CP at G512955. 1st pltn at G496977; 2nd pltn at G517977; 3rd pltn at G512954. No change in positions. Whole day spent in maintenance. Company captured 1 truck with rations vic B447047, 9 April 1945. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 319, HE - 320.

1830 10 Ren Co reports: No change in Co CP. 1st pltn no change, 2nd pltn at G410925, 3rd pltn no change. No change in pltn operations.

1840 11 Hq Co reports: No change in locations. Captured 2 PW's. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.



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2000 12 S-3 phones III Corps ATO and reports on the days activities.

2200 13 Div G-2 calls and directs that a series of check points be established within area to screen all allied personnel and check all identifications. Control points outside of towns will stop all civilians and displaced persons and haul same to Div PW Cage. Overlay will be submitted to G-2 office by 1800 hours tomorrow. Control points will be coordinated with adjacent units.

2240 14 Major Huber, Div ATO, called and alerted us to a possible large scale enemy counterattack.

2245 15 Captain Garretson, Div G-2 called and reported what appeared to be all the Germans left in the pocket and transportation heading east, and at 2030 hours they were 20 ki from our present front lines. Intense flak was encountered by the Air Corps in their attempt to interfere with the movement.

2250 16 Above sent to all Companies.

2300 17 Lt Burton called gave location of his pltns and stated they were to assemble in his present CP area come daylight.

2305 18 Lt Coughlin, A Co Liaison, called and reported A Co positions. Co to assemble in present Co CP area at 0800 hours in the morning. Co is at present released from direct support of the 39th Inf.

2315 19 Major Huff, Div G-4, called and informed us of a meeting of all unit S-4's at 1000 hours in the morning at Div CP.

2320 20 Above message sent to Hq Co.

2330 21 Major Hubber, Div ATO, called and stated that 47th RCT, with G Co attached, would leave approximately 0800 hours in the morning and go to VII Corps sector.

2345 22 Major Huff, Div G-4, called and requested 3 2 1/2 ton trucks to report to 47th CP in Siedlinghausen, at 0530 hours in the morning. The trucks would be gone for an indefinite period.

2355 23 Msg to Hq Co.: 3 trucks to report to 47th Inf CP at Siedlinghausen, 0530 hours in the morning.



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- 0850 1 Lt. Wade reports: 47th RCT and our "C" Co have left for 7th Corps sector. He will give us route and assemble area after orientation lecture today.
- 0900 2 10 Apr 1830 Msg to all Co's and S-3 from S-4: When "C" rations are requested by companies, they are picked up from Division with the new and old type "C" rations mixed. The percentage of new type rations is now very high and it appears that it will soon be 100%. When heat units are available, they are issued with "C" and "K" rations only.
- 0915 3 Capt Hubbard reports to CP: Reports that C Co would travel under Co Control on the tail of 47th CT at 1330 hours today and proceed with the CT to Uslar, CT plus attachments attached to VII Corps.
- 0925 4 Major Hubber called and notified us that 39th and 60th Inf's were not moving for the time being, but staying where they are.
- 1030 5 TD report #299 sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1100 6 Lt Caughlin, LO, Co A., called and reported that A Company was assembled in the vicinity of the Company CP and that 1st echelon maintenance was in full swing.
- 1700 7 Msg #31 to all Co's: Point of origin effective 120200 is 4000.
- 1800 8 A Co reports: Co CP in Western Bodefeld, Germany at G445957. 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns in assembly area vic of the Co CP. All pltns conducting maintenance and training on all vehicles, preparing for future operations. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325.
- 1810 9 B Co reports: Co CP at G381962. 1st pltn, 1 sec B328003, 1 sec at G339992; 2nd pltn at G349952; 3rd pltn, 1 sec at G354964, 1 sec G363989. CP at 3/4 mile west of Sogtrop, Germany. All 3 pltns holding positions at the above coordinates. One destroyer from the 1st and 2nd pltns and 2 destroyers from the 3rd pltn are at Co CP for check up. Weather clear and warm. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 390, HE - 376.
- 1820 10 C Co reports: Co CP at G977289. Whole Company made a 160 mile motor march to Schiedungen (Sheet Q5 1/100,000) (G977289). Weather clear. Morale excellent. Ammo: 90mm: APC - 319, HE 320. 6 M36's operational. 5 in Co Maint. 1 in Ord.



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1830	11	Com Co reports: No change in Co CP location. 1st pltn with Co CP; 2nd pltn with Co B; 3rd pltn moving. The M-20 and 2 men on SD to Div Liaison were released and returned to Company. The first pltn is support of Co A returned to company CP to assemble for a move to a new area.
1840	12	Hq Co reports: No change. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.
1930	13	Lt Col Brill, 9th Div Hq Comadant calls S-3: Advance party would not leave at 0700 hours, but would be on a 1 hour alert starting at 0800 tomorrow morning.



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- 0900 1 S-3 phoned Div for current plans.
- 0930 2 Captain Garretson phones and says that advance party will leave today and the main body will go tomorrow morning at 0800.
- 0930 3 TD report #300 sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1230 4 Received overlay from Hq 9th Inf Div.
- 1400 5 Lt Col Brill phones and says to have our Hon Party ready to leave Div CP at 1500.
- 1510 6 Msg #31 to all Co's: Point of origin effective 130200 is 0030.
- 1510 7 Div G-4 phones: Asked if we wish to use shower point. - S-3 says no.
- 1615 8 Lt. Wade reports from Div that only one Bn of the 47th has been committed in the VII Corps sector. Hq Co cannot move until all Inf Reg'ts have moved.
- 1800 9 A Co reports: Co CP in Western Bodenfeld, Germany, vic of (G446956). 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns in assembly area vic of Co CP. All pltns continued maintenance and training preparing for future operations. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325.
- 1810 10 B Co reports: Co CP at G381963. CP 3/4 mile west of Bogtrop, Germany; Co assembled in the vicinity of G381963. Co doing maintenance work on all vehicles and the men are getting cleaned up as well. Weather warm and cloudy. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 390, HE - 376.
- 1820 11 C Co reports: Co CP G977289, 2nd pltn G982326, 3rd pltn G977289, 1st pltn G990307. First platoon in support of 1st Bn. Second pltn in support of 2nd Bn. Weather Clear. Morale Excellent. 8 M36's operational. 3 in Co repair, 1 in Ordnance. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 319, HE - 320.
- 1830 12 Hon Co reports: Co CP no change, 1st pltn no change, 2nd pltn with B Co, 3rd pltn with C Co. Morale excellent.
- 1840 13 Hq Co reports: 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.
- 2230 14 G-4 phones and notifies S-3 that Bn CP would travel with Div CP at approximately 0630 hours 13 April - Further information can be had by calling Div Hq Co. Hq Co is to hit IP at 1140 hours and travel behind the 39th ROT.



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S-3 calls Div Hq Co for exact time of movement. Was told to hit IP at approximately 0700 hours. Div March Order would give exact time.

2300 16

S-3 notifies Rcn and Hq Co of time to hit IP and their place in the column.



- 0100 1 Div March Order received.
- 0550 2 G-4 phones and informs S-3 that 10 minute halts would be as follows: 0800, 1000, 1200 and 1400.
- 0700 3 Bn CP leaves for new location vic of Nordhausen. Via Marsberg, Warburg, Gottingen.
- 1755 4 Bn CP arrives at new location vic Uftrugen (D253277).
- 1800 5 Msg to all Co's: CP at D253277.
- 1800 6 A Co reports: Co CP with all pltns enroute to Bettleberode, Germany vic of D226295, into assembly area. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 325, HE - 325.
- 1810 7 B Co reports: Co CP at G381963; CP remained 3/4 mile west of Bogtrop, Germany. The Co spent the day doing maintenance work on all vehicles preparing them for our next move. The men all had showers. Weather warm and cloudy. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 390, HE - 395.
- 1820 8 C Co reports: Co CP at D300307; 1st pltn, 1 gun at D275345, 1 gun D271372, 1 gun D332336. 2nd pltn moving to D295405; 3rd pltn at D300307. CP moved 20 miles to Dietersdorf (D300307). 1st pltn in support of 1st Bn, 2nd pltn in support of 2nd Bn. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 8 M36's operational. 3 in Co repair, 2 in Ord. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 319, HE - 320.
- 1830 9 Ren Co reports: CP located at Rottleberode (D230299). 1st pltn at Co CP. 2nd pltn with B Co and 3rd pltn made a road march approximately 170 miles to new area. Left old area at 0700 hours and closed in new area at 1845 hours. Morale excellent.
- 1840 10 Hq Co reports: CP at D278222. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 220, HE - 405.
- 1845 11 Lt Ohism reports that Ren Co closed in area D230299.
- 2105 12 9th Inf Div and 899th TD Bn attached to VII Corps as of 1200, 13 April 1945.
- 2140 13 Maj Huber, Div ATO called and asked for TD paragraph for Div FO. S-3 states 2 pltns of each A and C in direct support of respective Reg'ts and 1 pltn each A and C in General support of Div. B Co attached to 60th Inf and upon their



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arrival in this area revert to the direct support role with 2 pltns and 1 pltn in general support of Div.

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Msg #1 from Hq Co: Co closed at 2140 with exception of 2 2½ ton trucks that fell out with motor trouble. Location previously reconitered.

2240 15

Msg to all Co's: Hq Co at D278222.



0005 1 Radio reports A, C, Hq Co in by radio and C by wire.

0010 2 A Co reports still moving.

0110 3 Captain Young reports A Co at destination. 4 destroyers did not arrive, and 4 not operational.

0900 4 Lt. Coughlin phones and reports only 2 destroyers operational. Rest having motor and track trouble. Maintenance section has also not arrived.

0930 5 FO No. 62 received from 9th Inf Div.

0930 6 G-3, 9th Div requests M20 for escort purposes. S-3 calls Capt. Gourley, Ron, asked him to have M20 complete with crew report to Div.

1045 7 Capt. Garretson reports that 47th Inf destroyed 1 Mk V tank at D221428. Reports that there may be others in the vicinity.

1045 8 Msg 20 to all Co's: 1 Mk V destroyed at D221428.

1200 9 Capt Garretson phones: (Received from reliable sources) "Our own Inf (German) at Strassberg (D2940), have been disarmed and enemy armor car (American) have reached town. Position of 341st Assault gun Brig at Silberhutte (D3241). American Inf advancing on both sides of road.

1245 10 Captain Garretson reports that 1 M-8 was captured in Strassberg and would like to know if it is from Ron Co. Also reports that there are 2 Tiger tanks and 1 SP gun in the vic of D247456. Hitler Jungen defending town of Guntersberge.

1250 11 Msg 21 to all Co's: 2 Tiger tanks at D245485.

1320 12 Capt. Hubbard reports that the M-8 captured by Germans belongs to Ron Co; attached to C Co. Time captured about 0930. He has no information on casualties.

1325 13 S-3 phones 9th Div, G-2: Reports that the M-8 belongs to Ron Co, this Bn.

1330 14 S-3 phones Capt Gourley and informs him of the M-8 that was captured in Strassberg.

1335 15 S-3 phones G-3, 9th Div and informs him of our losing the M-8. G-3 informs him that there are 4 Tanks in Guntersberge (D250433) and 20 in Hasselfelde (D155480).



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Msg to all Co's: 4 Tanks in Guntersberge (D250433), and 20 in Hasselfelde (D155480).

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S-3 phoned Div G-3 and informs them that C Co had destroyed 1 Mk V tank at D221428. 2 rds fired, 1st bounced off; the 2nd penetrated.

1400 18

CG, 9th Div phones Lt. Col. Tincher and informs him of the 20 enemy tanks reported in Hasselfelde. As we have started to crowd the enemy, he may counterattack in the SE direction. CG wants to know to what degree we are able to provide a mobile reserve. Bn CO reports that we have 6 destroyers in maintenance that can be used as a mobile reserve. CG asks when they would be completed with their maintenance. CO reports that it should be by tonight. CG directs that we should have the equivalent of 1 pltn vic of Breitenstein to stop an enemy armored attack, a strong force of TD's and Ron for SOP reconnaissance.

1430 19

C of S, 9th Div phones Lt. Col. Tincher: The 39th Inf has reported to him that they have only 2 TD's supporting them. Bn CO reports that this is correct as there are 8 in Co Maint. and we expect to have about 9 on the line by tonight. C of S wants to know what steps have been taken to correct deficiencies. CO reports that we are short bogies and that our S-4 is back at Corps checking on it. We have also found a Tank from 3rd Armd Div from which we will take some bogies. C of S says that he is of the opinion that the Destroyers were going too fast. Bn CO agrees. C of S asks Bn CO what he considers the proper speed for Destroyers. CO reports that they should not exceed 12 1/2 miles per hour. C of S says that the Reg'ts had instructions to let the armor go at its own speed in its own column. C of S says that he feels that it may be negligence on the part of the Co Comdr. and would like to have the Bn CO check on it. C of S asks for a recheck on the destroyers available. CO reports 3 Opnl, 8 Maint (1 Ord, 7 ready to go) 1 on road for Hq. C of S asks for 47th TD's status: C Co has 8 on the line, 1 ready to go, 1 that has bogie needs, 1 Ord and 1 out on the road. C of S says that the CG, 9th Div directs Lt. Col. Tincher to investigate the breakdown of armor, place the negligence and submit a report in writing by this evening.



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- 1450 20 Captain Young reports by phone that he has all 12 destroyers in.
- 1530 21 Mesg 6 from 184th Ord: 1 M36 at 559th Ord Co. Dropped out of your convoy and is in our shop for repair. T/S 1000 hours, 13 April 1945.
- 1535 22 G-4 phones: Requests 2 figures on gas: Amount to fill all vehicles; Amount to fill all cans. Bn Executive Officer will report the figures.
- 1700 23 Point of origin sent to all Co's: Point of origin is 4037 effective 150200.
- 1800 24 A Co reports: CP - No change; 1st pltn, 1 section vicinity of Stolberg (D232355; 1st pltn minus 2 guns. 2nd pltn, 1 sec at D361381, 2nd pltn minus 2 guns. 3rd pltn in Rotha vic (D367325). Weather clear. Morale excellent. 8 M36's operational; 4 in Co Maint. 90mm ammo on hand: APC 325, HE - 325.
- 1810 25 B Co reports: Co CP at D222407. 1st pltn, 1 sec at D224424, 1 sec at D226428. 2nd pltn D222407; 3rd pltn D222407. Co in direct support of 60th Inf RCT. Co moved from Sogtrop at 0500 hours and traveled 188 miles to vic of Breitenstein. Arrived at area at 2400 hours. All vehicles made the trip. 5 bogies were changed on the trip. 12 M36's operational. Morale excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 290, HE - 376.
- 1820 26 C Co reports: Co CP at D315355; 1st pltn, 1 sec D301380, 1 sec D296406; 2nd pltn, 1 sec D215427, 1 sec D246434; 3rd pltn D315355. CP moved to Hayn (D315355) going to Strassberg (D295405). 2nd pltn knocked out 1 Mk V at D220428. Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 9 M36's operational. 2 in Co maintenance. 1 in Ord.
- 1830 27 Ren Co reports: Co CP - no change. 1st pltn at CP; 2nd and 3rd pltns in Breitenstein. 1st pltn sent 1 M-8 with crew to 9th Div, G-3 for escort duty. Part of the pltn performed SOP recon missions. 2nd pltn in process of moving to new area with B Co, performing route marking and billeting details. While operating with the I and R platoons of the 47th Inf, 1 M-8, 3rd pltn with crew were captured by the enemy at Strassberg (D295405). Remainder of 3rd pltn performed SOP reconnaissance. Sgt. Migliaccio, Tec 5 Saudo, Pfc Beckstrom, and Pfc Martinez are MIA.



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