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1205 10 cover position as soon as he notified him, under cover of darkness.

1315 11 Lt. Burton, B Co Comdr phones in report of positions: 1 sec of 1st Plt is moving to F718224 which is the objective of 1st Bn, 60th Inf. 2nd Plt will move on order to vic F728218. Lt. Burton will report when move is made. 3rd Plt, 1 gun remains in same pos - He expects getting another gun up there this afternoon.

1345 12 Msg to all Co's and atched units: Point of origin effective 150200 is F7424.

1345 13 Lt. Hubbard reports to OP: Explains plan of maneuver to CO and S-3.

1350 14 S-3 phones CO, 8th TD Gp requesting A Co, 656th TD Bn be in support of this Bn. Request granted.

1350 15 S-3 phones B Co: Request info on plan of maneuver of TD Plts. Lt. Wascher informs S-3 that 1 sec of 1B is going to move with 1st Bn to their objective. 2nd Plt is going to stay put. S-3 informs Lt. Wascher that 1 Co of 656 will be operating in B Co's sector employed in depth.

1400 16 656th TD Bn's Co A is in general support of the Div per VOCC 8th TD Gp as of 1400 hrs today. The Co. has been ordered with one Plt to relieve ele of Co B, 899th TD Bn at F722212 and F724214 under cover of darkness tonight, and with a 2nd Plt defend the area in depth in the vic F718206 and F714207. 1 Plt to remain in pos vic F692198. 2nd Plt will move to area shown above and replace Plt of Co B as soon as it is safe to get into that area today.

1435 17 S-3 phones Div ATO of above plan. ATO agrees to plan and will check with C/S and call S-3 back later.

1440 18 CO briefs LO Co A, 656th TD on plan for employment of Co A, 656th TD Bn: Mission is to protect the right flank of 60th Inf sector.

1455 19 Capt. Vogel, 817th TD Bn reports to OP. S-3 briefs him on current situation, and plan of maneuver in B Co sector. Capt. Vogel reports that his Co will not be in till tomorrow.

1515 20 Lt. Col. Miller FUSA, ATO visits OP.

1525 21 Div ATO calls S-3: C/S has given his approval on plan for employment of TD's of Co A, 656th.

1525 22 656th TD Bn LO leaves OP to report with plan to his Co Comdr.

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- 1535 23 Lt. Col Meaders, CG 656th TD Bn visits CP. CO orients him on current TD situation in bridgehead sector and plan for employment of A Co, 656th TD Bn.
- 1540 24 S-2 calls Div G-2 for Sitrep. Maj Jackson reports that at 1200 Tac/R sighted 10 or more tanks at F7027 and two tanks and 20 other vehicles at 6441. He also stated that Tac/R on this flight had reported 100 tanks and vehicles at F7131, and that at 1326 hrs they reported that this force was now estimated at 500 tanks and M/T.
The above info regarding tanks and motor vehicles sent to all Co's. and attached units plus 8th TD Gp.
- 1700 25 Lt. Wade, LO calls from Div with the report that the Air Corps is bombing all the Tank and M/T concentrations.
- 1705 26  Msg to Co A, 656th TD Bn: Do not move until notified by this Hq.
- 1710 27 Capt. Vogel, CO Co A, 817th TD (T) reports to CP: Reports that he has reconnoitered gun pos in area assigned him. Bn CO selects advisable gun positions instructing him to dig the guns in without fail. Co is moving across the bridge at 0630 hrs tomorrow.
- 1730 28 Msg from Co A, 656th TD Bn: Positions at F718215 and F723214 are not occupied and have not been occupied. moving section tonight positivey at F721212 and F714207. Will reconnoiter further tonight for positions.
- 1735 29 Msg to Co A, 656th TD Bn: Request present position of other two units.
- 1800 30 Rcn Co report: No change.
- 1805 31 A Co report: Co CP in Unkel, Germany - No change. 1st Plt attached to 1st Bn, 39th Inf vic of F675255, 2nd Plt attached 2nd Bn, 39th Inf vic of F691259, 3rd Plt attached 3rd Bn, 39th Inf vic of F689248. Everyone looking for mail. Weather clear, Morale - Excellent. Ammo Basic Load Only - 90mm 230 rds HENG, 2 rds - HVAF, 240 rds APC, 1 rd AP. 3" ammo 42 rds HENG, 42 rds APC.
- 1810 32 B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf. At 2000 hrs, 2nd Bn jumped off, supported by 2 Plts and secured St. Katherman. 2nd Plt set up in AT pos vic of F720211 and 1 gun vic F714207. 3rd Plt vic 710207. 1st Plt vic F720205. Morale Excellent. Maj. Miller visited CP. 1 rd APC fired. Ammo 90mm: HE 311, APC - 202.
- 1830 33 C Co report: CP at F662203, 1st Plt at F695228, 2nd Plt at F688219, 3rd Plt at

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1830 33 F687217. (In reserve). Weather clear, Morale Excellent. 11 destroyers operational. Ammo on hand: 90mm HE 320 rds, APC - 320 rds. 3" HE - 42 rds, APC - 42 rds.

1855 34 Maj. Huber phones reporting that the enemy is counter-attacking with infantry and tanks in area F697236. This info sent to all Co's.

1955 35 Lt. Wade phones info that counterattack reported at 1900 hrs had been checked.

2005 36 Msg #26 to All Co's: Civilians are to be confined in houses. Only committees approved by CIC are to circulate, then, only with passes signed by the CIC between hours of 0730 to 1800.

2010 37 S-2, 8th TD Gp called requesting info about counter-attack. He was informed that counterattack had been checked. He had wanted further info before relaying to III Corps Atry.

2045 38 Capt. Hubbard calls S-3: Report posns of 2 Flt's of Co A, 656th. 1 Flt, F685197, another at F691199. Also reports that 1st Flt C Co now in assembly pos via F692207 and will move thru 60th Inf sector to objective. S-3 informs him that our B Co will have 1 Flt on hill and C Co. will have to take care of AT defense of the town. Capt. Hubbard reports he personally visited all his units and warned them to be in firing posns at all times.

2115 39 S-3 phones posns of 899th TD and Co, A, 656th TD Bn to LO at 9th Div.


2120 40 Msg to CO Co A, 656th TD Bn: Continue movement as planned this afternoon.

2130 41 TD Operations Directive No 1, Hq 8th TD Gp, dated 14 Mar 45 received.

2400 42 Effective 240001A, March 1945, CO, 899th TD Bn relieved of assignment as coordinator Bridgehead TD Defense. 8th TD Gp assumes responsibility of coordination of TD's in Bridgehead area.



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- 0355 1 Lt. Burton, B Co calls re sending 1st Plt into town of Notscheid (F718226) which has not been cleared of enemy Inf. Lt Blanford, 1st Plt Ldr had been in town but had been fired at by bazookas and withdrew. According to existing instructions TD's would not go in towns or places that enemy Inf and AT defenses are set up.
- 0427 2 ATO, 9th Div, calls S-3 about above situation: S-3 informs him that town should be cleared before TD's enter.
- 0444 3 Div ATO phones S-3: 1st Plt, B Co will have to enter town. 60th Inf reports they have cleared a few buildings and TD's will go into posn near cleared areas.
- 0447 4 S-3 phones Lt. Burton and informs him of the above decision.
- 0850 5  Capt. Vogel, Co Comdr, Co A, 817th TD Bn reports to OP: His company is now in assembly pos vic F690214. He has 10 guns operational. 1 more expected operational in 3 or 4 hours. S-3 directs him to put 1st Plt (4 guns) in temporary posn vic F714207 and as soon as situation permits move to F718207. 2nd Plt (2 guns) in posn vic F618215 covering draw to S and SE. 3rd Plt (4 guns) to be in posn employed in depth along N & S road vic F696228. Go to tie in with wire, and channel on 608 to be set up with us.
- 0915 6 Lt. Chase, 376th AAA Bn, in charge of transportation for 39th Inf, reports one of our 2 1/2 ton trucks missing.
- 0935 7 Lt. Wade reports Point of Origin compromised.
- 0945 8 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin for today compromised. Effective immediately For today Point of Origin is F7226.
- 1115 9 Capt. Cleary, CO, Co A, 656th TD calls S-3 and reports that Plts got into pos last night as planned. Has 10 Destroyers operational, one more will be operational this afternoon, the other tomorrow. He was told about towed guns going into the area, that they will get dug in tonight, when they are in he will be relieved of the responsibility of covering the road at F720204 and Plt will remain in assembly area at Hargarten prepared to reinforce this Plt at St. Katharinen. Capt. Cleary reports he is going to move his OP to Linz sometime this afternoon.
- 1425 10 Msg #51 to Co B. Dont strip stuck destroyer yet.
- 1430 11 Msg #21 to all Co's: Cub reports either AT Gun or tank at F721232. There may be more. Enemy tank at F727227 fired on by arty this morning.

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1600 12 Capt. Gourley reports to CP with dispositions of flanking TD units. Also reports that 629th TD destroyed 1 Mk V tank at F734190. Mine field being cleared at F695134. 3 tanks were reported at F741168. Mine and road block being set up at F733177.

1635 13 Msg #35 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 160200 March is F7325.

1730 14 Msg from A Co: 1st Plt at F665255, 2nd Plt at F692258 now firing 10 rds at suspected enemy armor. 3rd Plt at F692246.

1800 15 A Co report: Co CP in Unkel, Germany. No change. 1st Plt vic F676255. 2nd Plt vic of F693258. 3rd Plt at vic of F691248. Weather clear. 2 EM KIA and 1 EM WIA. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational. Ammo on hand basic load: 90mm 230 HEHC, 240 APC, 2 HVAP, 1 AP. 3" ammo on hand: 42 HEHC, 42 APC.

1815 16 B Co report: Company in direct support of 60th CT. Lt. Col. Tinscher visited Co CP. CP moved to vic F701198. 1st Plt fired 18 rds HE AND 5 rds APC in support of Inf and moving into Notscheid. 2nd Plt fired 2 APC and 18 rds HE in support of Inf moving into Horscheid. 1st Plt vic F718225. 2nd Plt vic F732217. 3rd Plt moving into Lorscheid and will support Inf moving into Steinehardt. 9 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. 4 EM LWA on 15 March. 3 EM LWA on 14 March. 1 EM injured in action. 90mm ammo on hand: 337 APC, 292 HE.

1830 17 C Co report: CP at F693208. 1st Plt at F708204. 1st Plt at F708204. 2nd Plt (1st sec) F697236, (2nd sec) F695224. 3rd Plt at F687217. Weather clear. Morale Excellent. 2nd Lt. Phillips LWA. 11 M36's operational. Ammo on hand: 90mm HE - 320, APC - 320. 3" ammo HE - 42, APC - 42.

1845 18 Ron Co report: CP in same location. No change in Plts.

1850 19 Hq Co report: Ammo report: 3" ammo APC - 38, HE 45. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 284, APC - 161.

1950 20 Msg #2 to all Co's and 8th TD Gp: Enemy attack with Inf and Tanks in progress vic F697236.

1950 21 Capt. Cleary, CO Co A, 656th reports to CP for plan of employment. Col. Tinscher directs him to move 2nd Plt to vic Lorscheid and in pos on the SW side of town, covering to the South and SE.

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2010 22

Lt. Wade, LO at 9th Div reports that 20 to 25 tanks were spotted at 1800 hrs, parked in woods via F725270. All available fighter bombers were placed on the concentration, and on some trucks and small bivouac fires in the same area.

2015 23

Msg #23 to all Co's: 20 to 25 enemy tanks and a number of trucks at F725270 were bombed at 1800 hrs.



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- 1000 1 Air OP reports enemy tanks at F71952390. This info to all Co's & 656th and 893rd TD Bn.
- 1000 2 B-3 leaves OP to visit Companies.
- 1005 3 Memo to all Co's: Locations of all TD units in the bridgehead area.
- 1110 4 Phone report from C Co: No activity to report.
- 1130 5 Phone report from B Co: 1B via F735224. 2nd and 3rd Plts in same posn as reported last night. 1st Plt in fire fight this morning in support of 1st Bn.
- 1135 6 Lt. Wade phones that point of origin compromised. Effective immediately Point of Origin is F7023.
- 1140 7 Msg from A Co: 1A is at F675246, 2A F695240, 3A F701241, and F707247.
- 1210 8 Air OP reports 1 SP Gun at F729259 and group of enemy vehicles moving East at F725243. This info sent to all Companies.
- 1245 9 Msg to A Co: Point of Origin compromised. Effective today the Point of Origin is 7023.
- 1350 10 Div AEF phones B-2 that B Co has lost 1 M36 by direct fire. ATO requests memo on how many TD's we have operational and how many we have crews for.
- 1400 11 S-2, 8th TD Gp phones following info: 78th Div reports enemy vehicles parked along road F698297, fired on, results unknown. Time 0900. 1 enemy tank at F671316 pulled behind church. The above msg sent to all Co's and 656th TD Bn.
- 1425 12 Capt. Gourley reports to OP: Reports locations of units.
- 1430 13 B-3 returns to OP: Reports that 1 Jagdpanther and 1 88mm dual purpose gun destroyed by the 1st Plt B Co on March 13.
- 1440 14 Msg to all Co's: 6 enemy tanks at F724273. 1 enemy tank at CR F697296. At least 3 tanks at Agidenberg, 1 tank crossing Autobahn at Habel. 1 more at Tittenbachat 1430 hrs.
- 1455 15 LO, 656th TD reports that 78th Div out Autobahn Also change in plan for 656th.
- 1500 16 B-3 phones G-3, Div to report changes in enemy material destroyed by B Co, and to report TD's operational and shortages of crews to man same. A & C Co's are in operational shape, B Co. is 3 TD's short and 4 crews short. 2 more TD's are in bad shape and should go to Ord.



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1613 17
 Msg 36 to 9th Div Atry (S-2) Herewith two shell cases one 305mm and one 360mm found along trail from F680255 to F688252. There are a great number of these in that area and the shells for this ammo are there also.

1630 18
 Msg #33 to all Co's and supporting units: Point of Origin for today only compromised. Point of origin for today is F7023. Effective 170200 March 1945 Point of Origin is F7423.

1715 19
 Co A, 817th TD Bn phones and reports that all 3 Flts are in position.

1810 20
 G Co phones: Reports that Lt. Malott's platoon knocked out two M4 IV's and also another that was pulled back behind a building. The jerries evacuated the two knocked out, and are no doubt evacuating another.

1830 21

 A Co report: Co CP moved to vic of F697243 arriving at 1700 hrs. 1st Flt in pos vic of F696256. 2A, 1 sec vic of F703260, 1 sec at vic of F712265. 3A, 1 sec at vic F701244, 1 sec vic of F706217. 3rd Flt fired 22 rds of HE and 6 rds APC, destroyed 1 truck and probably destroying 3 more. Also fired into houses from which PW's were later taken. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational

1840 22
 B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf CT. 1st Flt moved to vic F730219 and fired 1 AP and 12 HE into Strodt in support of Inf. About 1200 hrs, 1st Flt. lost 1 M36 by direct fire from woods to front. 2nd Flt in reserve vic F729218. 3rd Flt vic F734215. Maj Miller and Carter visited CP. 9 M36's operational, one of which is in pos with track off. 3 MM evacuated, WIA. Ammo report: 311 APC, 311 HE. Ammo expended was fired by M36 that burned.

1850 23
 Recon Co report: CP in same location. The 3 Recon Flts maintained positions in support of the respective gun companies. Morale excellent.

1855 24
 G Co report: CP location same. 1st Flt vic F720334, 2nd and 3rd Flts vic F717227. 3rd Flt fired on 3 tanks and damaged them. Weather clear and warmer. Morale Excellent.

2015 25
 CG, 9th Div calls En CO: Requests info on the number of destroyers operational. Is informed that we now have 32 M36's and 2 M10's. Two of the M36's (replacements) arrived today. CO also informs the General that the Jagdpanther destroyed by B Co received a hit on the front end and though no penetration was made a large piece of armor plate was broken out and thrown inside the final drive destroying the vehicle.

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- 2015 25 Cont'd CG, 9th Div in the future wants personal notification on any major shortages of the Bn.
- 2030 26 ATO III Corps calls S-3 and informed of days activities, of the Bn.
- 2045 27 Maj. Remilly, S-3, 817th TD Bn reports all Flts in posn, and at full strength.
- 2046 28 Sgt. Goes reports all 57mm AT guns in the 60th Inf sector, their posns and direction of fire.
- 2100 29 Capt. Hubbard phones in locations of his Flts: 2nd & 3rd Flt posns - in AT pos via F717227, 1st Flt via F720224. 2nd Flt is in reserve, preparing to pass thru 3rd Flt and move to objective with 2nd Bn, 47th Inf.



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- 0740 1 Phone Msg from 8th TD Gp: Tank battle in progress, reported by Air OP at F710280. TS - 0720.
The above msg sent to all Co's.
- 0755 2 Phone Msg from 8th TD Gp: Air OP reports 2 enemy tanks by the cloverleaf on the Super Highway at F714280 TS - 0739.
At 0700 tanks were heard going East and West on road at F719284. They have stopped moving. TS - 0739.
The above info sent to all Co's.
- 0830 3 From LO, 656th TD Bn: At 0600, 17 March, 1st Inf Div will move thru the area of the 78th Div - in the new 1st Div sector of operations. As soon as positions are secured, G-3 of the 78th Div will contact CO, 8th TD Gp and will withdraw 78th Div and prepare to attack in sector shown on overlay. 656th TD will move units as shown - not expected before 1200, 17 March 45.
- 0835 4 TD operations Directive No. 2, Hq 8th TD Gp received.
- 0950 5 Lt. Wade phones report about B Co, 39th Inf destroying 3 enemy tanks, and are destroying 4th now, via F720260.
- 0955 6 S-3 phones A Co. re tanks via F720260. Capt. Young reports that he has no info at present.
- 1000 7 Msg #50 to S-4: Positions of B Co's burned destroyers: 2 at F720204, 1 at F730219.
- 1030 8 CO, 656th TD Bn phones S-3 & CO: Asks if it is OK for them to assemble a Company in the vic Vettelschoss. S-3 tells him that it is not advisable as the place has not been taken yet. Bn CO informs him that he should wait until tomorrow before putting that Co into position according to the prearranged plan. Also that a good assembly area would be in the vic of 7025 square.
- 1105 9 Capt. Hubbard reports to CP: Reports Inf not in town of Vettelschoss yet. Receiving direct fire from town and from viaduct at edge of town.
- 1210 10 Capt. Young calls to inform us that last night the 39th Inf called for Star Shell but that he didn't have a 3" gun in position. He then asked if the 39th couldn't fire the Star Shell. 1A is moving to F718250. Inf there now.
- 1315 11 Maj Heckethorn, FUAS Asst ATO, Maj Eastburn, Capt. Lloyd, Lt Pitts, from the 67th Tac/R Gp, and Capt. Kirkpatrick, Ass't S-3, FUAA, Arty visit CP.



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- 1350 12 Div Ord Officer phoned requesting status of M36's. Bn Ex O. informs him of same.
- 1420 13 Msg #33 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 180200 March 1945, is 7526.
- 1540 14 Capt. Courley reports TD posns of flank units.
- 1745 15 Lt. Burton phones reporting that he wishes to have G Co. dispositions. Also reports that 60th wants 1st Plt to move out and occupy defensive positions on the reverse slope of the knob directly in front of them. 60th expects to clear out that sector soon. Lt. Burton stated that the situation wasn't any too clear out there and he doubted if they would take it. He was reluctant to send Lt. Blandford's platoon out there and was going to go up and find out whether it was clear before sending him out. He stated that G Co is going to the Left and L Co to the Right and A and C Co's already in the town. Lt. Blandford has some shots taken at him, one round nicking the hatch, not doing any damage. The Plan for tonight is: 1st Bn still going on, 3rd Bn will go through the 2nd.
- 1800 16 Co B report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf 1st and 2nd Plts remained in pos in Horscheid. 3rd Plt in reserve vic F721205. 17 MM assigned to and joined company. 2 M36's received this afternoon. 10 M36's operational, and 1 M36 in pos with track off. Lt. Col Tincher visited Co CP. Morale Excellent. Ammo report: 363 rds APC and 358 HE.
- 1815 17 Co A report: Co CP no change. 1st Plt 1 sec in Schemifeld vic of F705260. 1 sec in Hallerbach vic of F717260, 2nd Plt in Rederscheid vic of F712265 and F713265. Fired 21 rds APC, 8 HE at targets of opportunity. Results of firing unknown at present. 3rd Plt, 1 sec F707248 in Kalenborn, 1 sec in Willscheid, vic of F718249 - 3rd Plt fired 3" 31 HE and 11 APC and 90mm 16 APC and 7 HE. at Inf in houses and knocked out two machine gun nests. Fired at vehicle in tunnel at vic F738264. Results unknown. Weather Clear to cloudy. Ammo report: 90mm 253 HENG, 264 APC, 2 HVAP, 1 AP. 3" ammo: 42 APC, 42 HENG.
- 1820 18 Ren Co report: Co CP in same location. 1st Plt in support of Co A - F701243, 2nd Plt in support of Co B - F701197, 3rd Plt in support of Co C - F692206. Morale Excellent.
- 1835 19 G Co report: Rear CP location same. 1st Plt F718227, 2nd Plt F725245, 3rd Plt F722234. 2nd Plt fired 20 rds at tanks which were



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1835 20 in underpass, but cannot tell results. One V2 hit close to CP. Weather clear and warmer. Morale Excellent. Forward CP located at F721219. Ammo on hand: HE - 88, AP - 1, HVAF - 1 ammo in destroyers: 300 HE, 300 APC. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational. 1 M36 in Ord. 1 M36 short.

1845 21 Hq Co report: Ammo 3" APC - 27, HE 14. 90mm HE - 214, 90mm APC - 144.

1920 22 A Co phones in Shell Rep - 1845 to 1920. 12-15 rds of artillery judged being 105mm fell at coord F70402475 az was taken was 59 degrees, sound of gun firing till impact was 27 seconds. Above Shellrep phoned to Bn Liaison who in turn relayed msg to S-2, Div Arty.

2035 23 C/S, 9th Inf Div calls CO and requests status of M36's and M10's and the reasons for the difficulties of Co B and on the status of personal in the Bn.

2050 24 Phone report to III Corps ATO.

2200 25 CO calls C/S 9th Div and requests more info on specific instances in which Co B has not accomplished their assigned AT role. C of S says there has been no specific instances.

2220 26 Div G-1 calls and reports there are 10 Reinforcements at 709th CP to be picked up tomorrow.



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- 1000 1 A Co Co Comdr phones: Reports positions of Co - 1A at F729263, 1 sec, 1 gun at F721258, 1 gun at F732256. 2A at F726270, 3A at F706237
- 1020 2 Capt. McCallum, 99th Div ATO calls in re to 656th TD positions. Maj Miller informs him of positions and possible moves.
- 1030 3 Msg from 8th TD Gp: 4 tanks, type unknown via F762208. TS - 1015. Above msg sent to all Co's.
- 1115 4 TD report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.
- 1120 5 S-3 phones Div ATO re star shell to be fired for 39th Inf. S-3 informs him that we have no guns in posn to fire star shell. Div ATO informs S-3 that Div Arty will be able to fire it.
- 1125 6 S-3 phones S-3, Div Arty re star shell. Div Arty informs us that 26th FA Bn has star shell and 3" guns and will fire illumination missions on call.
- 1145 7 Msg #30 to all Co's: (less Hq) 26th FA Bn has star shell and guns to fire same, and will fire illumination missions on call. Co's desiring target areas illuminated will make request thru this headquarters, or thru Div Arty.
- 1200 8 S-3 leaves CP to visit Co's.
- 1340 9 S-3, 8th TD Gp phones and reports that the 817th is moving out of this sector to support the 99th Div. By order of CO, 8th TD Gp.
- 1345 10 Msg #32 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 190200, March 1945 is 7528.
- 1500 11 Lt. Col. Miller, FUSA, ATO visits CP.
- 1600 12 Lt. Burton phones and requests that Lt. Turner come up and look at the TD That has been stuck. He would like to remove a part from the burnt out destroyer that was stuck thereby giving him another destroyer on the line as the 1st Plt has only 2 at present. Maj Carter says that he will contact Lt. Turner and have him come up there and look the destroyer over.
- 1615 13 S-2 calls Lt. Van Nest: Lt Van Nest reports that the Inf has said that we lost one destroyer and have a probable tank. As yet there is no complete info, but as soon as it comes in, he will send it to us.
- 1645 14 Msg from Bn Motor Officer in regards to B Co's M36: Striped final drive -



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- 1645 14 Cont'd There is possibility of repairing it on the spot. Crew is on way out there with equipment. Lt. Burton has been notified of all action.
- 1700 15 S-3 returns to CP: Reports that B Co destroyed 1 additional Jagdpanther tank on 13 March. Coord - F723216. 3 90mm holes were in tank.
- 1800 16 Lt. VanNest reports that A Co destroyed 1 Jagdpanther today, confirmed by PW's who stated they had 5 Jagdpanthers in that area, but now have four, but do not know where they went after the one was knocked out. A Co lost 1 destroyer, 4 men killed and 1 SWA. He stated that PW interrogator stated the PW's said there was not much out there with the exception of armor, and once we break thru the armor we should be able to get going.
- 1815 17 C Co report: CP at F721218. 1st Plt at F717227, 2nd Plt at F725244, fired 2 rds 3" APC at enemy tank - Results unknown. 3rd Plt at F721243. Weather - Overcast. Morale Excellent. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational. Ammo on hand: 90mm HE - 70 rds 90mm, APC - 20 rds. In destroyers HE - 300, APC - 300 3" HE - 42, APC - 1 rds, HVAF - 1 rd, APC - 37, HVAF - 5.
- 1825 18 Ren Co report: CP in same location. The three Ren Plts remained in support of the respective gun companies. The 3rd Plt plus one section of pioneers plt located at F718227.
- 1835 19 A Co report: Co CP near Kalenborn, Germany, at F702243. 3rd Plt with 3rd Bn, 39th CT located in Kalenborn at F706248, expect to push off to support 3rd Bn in attack on Birken, Germany. (F749264). 2nd Plt with 2nd Bn, 39th CT located at Windhagen, Germany. (F736272). 2nd Plt lost one M36 destroyed near coords mentioned by tank fire - Probably destroyed one German tank but not confirmed as yet. Plt supporting 2nd Bn in attack at Windhagen. Four men killed and one seriously wounded in M36. 1st Plt supporting 1st Bn, 39th CT and is in pos at Hallerbach (F722259), one gun; 1st sec near Frohnen (F729263) and one gun near Hohn (F729257). Weather cloudy and foggy. Morale Excellent. Ammo expended - 19 APC - 90mm.
- 1845 20 B Co in direct support of 60th Inf CT. CP moved to vic F713205. 3 EM asngd and joined company. Lt. Col. Tincher visited CP. 1st Plt in support of 1st Bn moved to vic F728232. 2nd Plt remained in Lorscheid in reserve. 3rd Plt in support of 3rd Bn moved to vic of F743238. 10 M36's operational. One Jagdpanther destroyed 13 Mar vic St. Katharmen confirmed today on the ground.

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Ammo: 90mm - 369 APG, 358 HE.

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Hq Co report: Ammo - 3" APC - 48, HE - 44.
90mm - APG - 405, APC - 282.

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Phone call from Co Comdr A Co: 1 sec 1 A and
1 sec 3A located vic F730264, 1 gun 1A vic
F719258, 1 gun 1A vic F732255. 1 sec 2A vic
F726272. 1 sec 3A vic F724257. Location of
M 36 that was destroyed - F72602705.



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0900 1 LO, 656th TD Bn reports B & C Co's, 656th TD have moved in our sector.

0950 2 Msg to all Co's: Locations of units: A Co - CP - F702243. 1A, 1 sec - F730265, 1 gun - F732255, 1 gun F719258. 2A - F726272, 3A, 1 sec F730264, 1 sec F725257. B Co. CP - F713205, 1B - F728227, 2B - F729217, 3B - 743238. C Co. CP - F721218, 1C F717227, 2C - F725244, 3C - F721243.

1045 3 Col. Tinscher and Col Miller leave for Co's.

1153 4 Msg #21 to all Companies: Intercept message - At least 2 enemy SP guns at F75142566.

1225 5  Msg #22 to A Co: Radio name of gunner or gun commander who has assisted in knocking out most enemy tanks. Also sent home address and total number enemy tanks.

1230 6 TD report sent to 8th TD Gp and 9th Inf Div.

1245 7 Msg #33 to CO, 656th TD Bn. Request movement of your units to the area F712264, F718260, F724259, F733256 and F716250. Request movement be made today.

1315 8 Maj Miller instructs Ln O., 656th TD Bn in reference to Msg #33, requesting time his units get into that area and exact positions of platoons.

1400 9 S-2 informs Maj. Heckethorn at 1st US Army that the leadingunner in the Bn is Cpl Roland F. Covert, A Co. who has 9 tanks to his credit. He is from RFD #2, Arkron, N.Y. 2nd is Sgt. Walter A. Markovich of Canton, Ohio, B Co, now in the hospital, LWA who has 8 tanks to his credit. 3rd is Sgt. Samuel R. Craddock, of Benton, Illinois, C Co, who has a total of 4 confirmed kills and 3 probables to his credit. The three probables were given to him as confirmed by the 47th Inf

1425 10 Col. Tinscher and Col. Miller return from Companies.

1435 11 S-3 leaves for C and A Co's. and area in front of B Co.

1450 12 S-3, 656th TD Bn phones: Reports that B Co of the 656th will move to positions as requested by Maj Miller at 1600.

1500 13 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 200200, March 1945, is 7728.

1515 14 Msg to all Co's: (less Hq). TD posns in Div sector: 899th - 1A, 1 gun F718259, 1 gun F732255, 1 sec F729263. 2A - 1 sec F736268, 1 sec F727271. 3A, 1 sec F724258, 1 sec F736268. B Co. No change reported. C Co - 1 C-F738245.

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1515 14 Cont'd 20 - F734239 and F725245, 30 at F721243. 656th TD Bn - 1A - F713206, 2A - F728218, 3A - F723214. 1B - F724258, 2B - F718259, 3B - F712265. 1C - F707244, 2C - F697246, 3C - F719225.

1550 15 G-4, 9th Div phones and says that we may be able to get between 50 and 80 rds HVAF.

1630 16 Maj Johnson, Corps ATO phones for Bn casualties since 12 Mar 1945. Info given to him - 3 Officers WIA, 8 EM KIA, 19 EM WIA.

1700 17 Msg from Hq Co to Bn Ex O: B Company M36 with bad final drive is repaired and back to duty.

1800 18 A Co report: Co CP - No change. 1st Flt with 1st Bn 39th Inf and last reported at F 716282 near Windhagen, Germany. 2nd Flt with 2nd Bn, 39th Inf in pos in Hecken, (F737-268) and Windhagen (F730274). 3rd Flt with 3rd Bn, 39th Inf at F737267 near Birken (F732263) SW of Birken. Enemy tanks reported and seen in sector but none seen by Flts. Weather - Clear and Cool. Morale Very Good. Ammo: 230 HE, 240 APC, 2 HVAF, 1 AP 90mm. 42 rds 3" HE, 42 rds 3" APCBDF.

1830 19 B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf CT. 1st Flt via F738232. 2nd Flt in reserve in Horscheid. 3rd Flt via F748239. 5 EM asgd to and joined company. Lt. Col. Fincher and Lt. Col. Miller visited CP. 9 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. APC - 369, HE 358 - 90mm ammo on hand.

1835 20 C Co report: Co CP at F721218. 1C at F7370-2415. 2C at, 1 sec F738246, 1 sec F74202465. 3C at F72252430. 10 M36's and 1 M10 opnl. Ammo on hand: 90mm APC - 300 rds, HE 300 rds 3" HE - 42 rds, APC - 37 rds, HVAF - 5 rds. In the company - Ninety mm HE - 70 rds. APC - 20 rds. 3" HE - none, APC - 1, HVAF -1.

1845 21 Hq Co - 3" APC - 48, HE - 44. 90mm ammo - HE - 405, APC - 262.

1855 22 Pen Co report: 1 sec, 1st Flt in support of A Co at F701243. 2nd Flt in support of B Co at F714207. 3rd Flt in support of C Co, plus first section pioneers at F721217. Co CP at F646207.

1855 23 LO, 656th TD Bn reports that B Co of 656th is in posns assigned them, closing in pos at 1520 hrs.

1920 24 Capt. Young phoned stating that 3 destroyers had difficulty with defective wiring. Had difficulty with radio opn and interphone system. Stated his electrician had worked

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1920 24 Cont'd on them and was unable to locate source of faulty wiring and requested advice on procedure to be followed. Bn Rx O. instructs him to take 1 M36 off the line, maintain communication in the other 2 by means of battery packs, and have vehicle in vic of Co CP so it can be inspected to determine fault in wiring. Capt. Young also reports that 1st Plt was strafed by one P47 in vic F715282. Several P47's were in the air at the time - panels were correctly displayed in vic of M36's. 1 projectile struck 4" from panels and was identified by S/Sgt Kvitts as 50 cal slug. This makes the 5th time A Co was attacked by friendly planes. Plane left in NW direction straffing on road. Sgt Kvitts reports jeep burned 50 yds away and believes it caused by plane.

2015 25 Bn Rx O. phones report of days activities to ATO, III Corps.

2030 26 G-3, 9th Inf Div phones stating that in the near future there may be an opportunity for us not to be quite so active for a short period of time. And he wants us to be prepared to do a little training during this time, especially of our infantry replacements. Also for our own benefit as well as theirs, he wants us to write a training memorandum expressing our thoughts of proper employment of TD's with the Infantry, and have it put up in such a manner that the average dough can digest it without difficulty. He would then be able to hand it down to the doughs and their junior leaders, etc. so they could know just what we can do with our TD's etc. He also stated that he felt we could use a little training and thinks that the General spoke to the Colonel about some improper employment of TD's and thought we would like to train some of our junior officers as to where to place guns, defilade positions and subjects of that sort. He also thought we would like to explain how TD's should be properly employed. Some of the positions that should be taken up, and just what the doughs can expect of us.

2245 27 Msg from A Co: 1A at F739285, 3rd Plt moving East, exact location unknown.

2300 28 Msg from Hq Co: All supplies and rations will be given out at new location (F677213).
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- 0945 1 Msg from A Co: 3A destroyed 1 Mk V at approx F766282 at 0730 hrs this morning.
- 0950 2 Msg from Hq Co: Company closed at 0800 hrs at coord F676213.
- 0955 3 Maj Huber Div ATO phones on the amount of tanks destroyed on this side of the Rhine. Maj Miller reports 9 destroyed and 5 damaged.
- 1145 4 Div ATO phones S-3 asking if we had begun trng. S-3 informs him that we have been training replacements since receiving same. All training will be done by company coordinated with respective Inf Regts. In reply to whether we are still charged with AT defense of Div Sector, Div ATO replied that we were. The Div policy is to begin training of small units and individuals.
- 1215 5 Capt. Young calls and says that his 1st Plt has 3 destroyers with mechanical trouble. He would like to have that Plt rel'd by 1 Plt of 656th TD so that the destroyers can be repaired. Bn CO will check on getting a Plt of 656th TD in that location.
- 1300 6 S-3 phones 8th TD Gp requesting that B Co, 656th TD Bn move 1 Plt to F738286 to replace 1A, 899th TD.
- 1330 7 Phone Msg from 656th TD Bn: 1 Plt B Co, 656, cannot move to vic F738286.
- 1335 8 S-3 notifies Capt. Young that the 1st Plt is unable to be relieved at the present time. He is to bring 1 vehicle back for maintenance from that platoon at one time.
- 1350 9 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 210200, March 1945 is 7425.
- 1733 10 Bn CP closes in new location vic Kalenborn.
- 1745 11 Msg to all Co's: CP at 724267.
- 1745 12 Phone call from G-2, 9th Div stating that we are alerted for enemy parachute attack.
- 1800 13 Msg to all Co's: You are alerted for an enemy parachute attack.
- 1810 14 Lt. Chism, Ex. O, Ron Co. reports TD units locations.
- 1815 15 B Co report: Company in direct support of 60th Inf Regt. No change in dispositions of Company. 10 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: HENC - 358, APC - 369.



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1820 16 A Co report: Company CP no change in location. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Plts with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bn's, 39th Inf Regt. respectively. 1st Plt in Stockhausen, coordinates F738287. 2nd Plt in Ndr Windhagen (F734277) and Hecken (F736269). 3rd Plt in Johannisberg and Hungsberg (F748270). 3rd Plt destroyed 1 Mk V tank at F766283 early this morning at long range - Effects of HVAP not known as tank remains in enemy territory. Weather - Clear and cool. Morale Very Good. 1st Plt strafed by P47 on 19 March - no damage. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HEHC - 230, APC - 240. 3" ammo on hand: HEHC - 42, APC - 42. 11 rds 90mm APC, 1 rd 90mm HE, and 1 rd 90mm HVAP expended.

1835 17 C Co report: Company CP at F721218. 1st Plt vic F748253, 2nd Plt, 1 sec vic F742247. 1 sec vic F738244, 3rd Plt vic F721243. 10 M36's and 1 M10 operational. Morale Excellent. Weather fair and warmer. 90mm ammo on hand: HEHC - 385, APC - 321. 3" ammo on hand: HEHC - 42, APC 37, HVAP - 5.

1840 18 Ren Co report: CP less 1 sec of 1st Plt, 2nd Plt and 3rd Plt moved approx 6 1/2 miles from F646207 to F704243. Closed in new area at 1730 hrs. The 1st, 2nd Plts remained in same location. 3rd Plt located vic F722243. Morale Excellent. 5 M8's operational. 1 in Bn Maint.

1900 19 Hq Co report: 3" ammo on hand: APC - 44, HEHC - 48. 90mm ammo on hand: HEHC - 404, APC - 250.

1940 20 ATO, III Corps phones S-3 requesting number of bazookas we are willing to turn in. He also asks about the TD situation. We will call him back later. Is informed that we are 3 M36's short and we want action taken to get them for us. S-3 reports on days activities.

2030 21 Capt Young reports to CP: Reports that 2nd Plt destroyed 1 Jagdpanther tank vic F728269, on 19 March, with 1 rd 90mm APC at range of 75 yds. Reports the 3rd Plt fired at 1 Jagdpanther tank at range of 1000 yds - 3 rds 90mm APC bounced off tank, Plt continued firing disabling tank and forcing crew to abandon same.

2215 22 S-3, 8th TD Gp phones S-3: Requests info if 1st Plt A Co was relieved by unit of 656th. Bn S-3 informs him that 656th had turned down our request. Gp S-3 informs Bn S-3 that 1A will be relieved first thing in the morning.

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0945 1 Maj Southern, 8th TD Gp informs S-3 that 1st Flt of A Co, 899th TD Bn will be relieved by 1200 hrs by 1st Flt of B Co, 656th TD Bn. 1 Flt of A Co, 656th will relieve the Flt of B Co, 656th that moves out to perform this relief. These people will only be out there for 1 or 2 days at the most for they are going somewhere else.

1000 2 S-3 calls Capt. Young in regards to above move.

1045 3 Capt. Hubbard reports to CP and informs S-3 in regard to the 3 enemy tanks damaged by 3rd Flt Co C, on 16th March. He stated that he observed 2 enemy Jagdpanther tanks in woods via F734238 and believes that these are two of the three reported as damaged.

1050 4 Capt. Young reports to CP: Informs S-3 that he has contacted Co. Comdr. Co B, 656th TD regarding above move and that he has already sent his Flt Leader forward to reconnoiter positions and will move his guns up as soon as this is completed. Capt. Young expects to pull the 1st Flt back at about 1300 hrs.

1130 5 TD Report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Inf Div.

1215 6 Intercept Msg from radio: 50 enemy tanks reported assembling at F819285. This Msg sent to all Co's.

1315 7 CO, 8th TD Gp phones report that 60 to 100 enemy tanks are in area F8127, 8227, 8028.

1320 8 Msg to all Co's: 60 to 100 tanks observed in area F8127, 8227, 8028 at 1300 hrs. A large proportion are reported to be Mk VI's.

1325 9 TD Opn Directive No. 3, 8th TD Gp received.

1350 10 Div ATO phones request to be informed whenever there is group instruction being carried out.

1400 11 Div ATO phones, Advises us that an officer from the 817th TD Bn will report to our CP to discuss positions. The Div. is receiving one company from this Bn. which can be used to back up some of our positions.

1415 12 Maj Heckethorn, Ass't ATO, FUSA, and Maj. Johnson, III Corps ATO, visit CP.

1615 13 Msg #31 to all Co's: Effective 220200, March 1945, the Point of Origin is 7426.

1630 14 Capt. Hubbard phones CP reporting that 3C will relieve 3rd Flt, B Co via F747239. 3rd Bn, 47th is going to relieve 3rd Bn, 60th

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1630 14 Cont'd 30 is making reconnaissance now in area F747239.

1635 15 Capt. Gourley reports changes in TD posns of units on the Div flanks.

1800 16 Hq Co report: Ammo: 48 rds 3" APC, 44 rds 3" HE. 404 rds 90mm HE, 248 rds 90mm APC.

1815 17 A Co report: Co dispositions remain the same as 20 Mar. 1st Plt to be relieved by one Plt B Co, 656th TD Bn in order to return to Hq Co. for wiring and other maintenance on M36's. All quiet (or nearly quiet) on the Western Front (in 39th Inf sector). Weather - Clear, Morale - Excellent. 90mm ammo - 230 rds HE, 240 rds APC, 1 HVAP, 1 AP. 3" ammo on hand: 42 rds HE, 42 rds APC.

1830 18 C Co report: Company CP at F721218. 1st Plt at F748253. 2nd Plt at, 1 sec F742247, 1 sec F738244. 3rd Plt at F721243. Vehicles Operational: 11 M36's, 1 M10. Morale - Excellent. Weather - Fair and Warmer. Ammo - 90mm - HE 385, APC - 321. 3" HE 42, APC - 37, NVAP - 5.

1845 19 B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf CT. No change in dispositions of company. Driver and Radio Operation instruction carried out throughout the day. Lt. Col. Tincher and Maj. Miller visited CP. 10 M36's operational (1 M36 will be back to Company maintenance to repair traverse mechanism which was hit by shrapnel. Morale Excellent. Ammo - APC - 369, HE - 358.

1850 20 Ren Co report: CP remained in same location. No change in Platoon locations and operations. Morale - Excellent.

2030 21 A Co phones to report that 1st Plt has been relieved by Plt, 656th TD Bn. 1A now in vic Co. CP. Closed at 1900.

2105 22 Lt. Burton, Co Comdr, B Co phones S-3, reporting that 1st Plt is now in support posn, 1 sec Vic F735202. 2nd sec vic (1 gun) in F751214. 2nd Plt remains in same pos. 3rd Plt now in posn of readiness vic F735214 and will move to vic F738205 before attack starts. The Inf jump off tomorrow night. Lt. Burton is now working with FDC to control and coordinate fires of TD's supporting Inf.

2215 23 C Co phones report that 3rd Plt moved to all posns vic F747239.

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0920 1 Msg to all Co's: TD Posns in Div Sector.

1000 2 Capt. Hubbard reports to CP: Reports all is quiet in his sector.

1010 3 Lt. Burton, reports to CP: Reports plan of 60th Inf in their attack tonight.

1200 4 TD Report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.

1315 5 Capt. Young reports to CP.

1320 6 Officer, Co C, 817th TD reports to CP: Reports Plt Posns of C Co, 817th TD Bn.

1350 7 Lt. Col. Feil, AC of S, G-3, 9th Div phones S-3: Informs him that G-3 is putting out info on Employment of TD's (That Lt. Col Tinchler submitted) as Div Trng Memo. to the Inf Regt's and signing Lt. Col Tinchers name to it.

1345 8 Lt. Col. Tinchler, leaves CP to report to Div bringing with him Ltr., this HQ, Improper employment of TD's and Ltr., this HQ, Results of Firing, M36 TD's.

1430 9 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 230200, March 1945 is 7722.

1435 10 Msg to all Co's: TD Posns in Div sector.

1543 11 Capt. Tatroe, Bn S-4 reports to CP: Reports that 2 M36's have been allocated and picked up by us.

1555 12 Co's A & C notified to have guide report to Hq Co to pick up M36's.

1605 13 Lt. Burton phones GO reporting that no prior arrangements have been made for illumination of night targets - 60th Inf does not want target area illuminated, and the targets are too distant to be seen by illumination. 1st Plt in direct fire and supporting posn and has 4 points to be fired on. All is being coordinated with Inf.

1800 14 A Co report: Co CP, 2nd and 3rd Plts - No change. 1st Plt relieved by one Plt of 656th TD Bn and returned destroyers to rear for Ordnance Maintenance. No other activity by company. Weather - Clear and Cool. Morale Excellent. Ammo - No change.

1810 15 C Co report: CP at F722243, 1st Plt at F743252. 2nd Plt, 1st sec at F738243, 2nd sec at F742246. 3rd Plt at F747239. Vehicles operational - 11 M36's and 1 M10. Morale - Excellent. Weather - Fair and warmer.

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- 1825 16 B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf Regt CP. 1st Plt vic F734223 and F739225. 2nd Plt vic Horscheid. 3rd Plt in Strodt but will move to vic F738215 after dark. 10 M36's operational. Morale excellent. 1 Man returned to duty.
- 1840 17 Ren Co report: CP remained in same location. The Ren Plt maintained the usual contact with TD units in Div sector, and all changes reported to Bn CP. Morale Excellent.
- 1900 18 Hq Co report: 90mm ammo on hand: APG - 264, HE - 404.
- 1910 19 S-4 reports tha 1 M36 is on the way to each A & C Co's. M10 of C Co is to be turned in tomorrow.
- 1900 20 Capt. Young phones to report that 1st Bn, 39th Inf has been relieved - 3rd Plt 656 (Relieved 1A yesterday) was still in posn. 1 Plt TD's from another unit has taken over that sector, but 3B, 656th will not move unless ordered by their Bn or 8th TD Cp.
- 2400 21 Status of TD's in Bn: A Co - 11 M36's and 1 M10 operational (1 M36 in Ord). B Co - 10 M36's (1 short, 1 in Ord). C Co - 12 M36's and 1 M10 (M10 to be turned in).



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0920 1 Msg to all Co's: TD posns in Div sector.

0935 2 Capt. Hubbard repts to CP: Reports no change in Flts.

1130 3 TD report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Inf Div.

1245 4 Lt. Burton phones to report that 2nd Flt is in posn vic F770216, 1st Flt remained vic Strodt, 3rd Flt vic F760223. 2 TD's stuck vic F746226. PW's report no enemy armor in that area since 4 days ago. Flts encountered no enemy armor.

1345 5 Msg to all Co's: Point of origin effective 240200, March 1945 is 8025.

1800 6  A Co report: No change in disposition of Co since 22 Mar. No TD activity reported on front. Weather - Clear and cool. Morale - Excellent. Ammo: 90mm 230 HE, 240 APC, 1 HVAP - 1 AF. 3" ammo 42 HE, 42 APC.

1815 7 B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf CP. 1st Flt remained in same pos vic Strodt. 2nd Flt in Rahms. 3rd Flt vic F771218. Lt. Col Tincher visited CP. CP moved to Lorscheid this afternoon. 8 M36's operational 2 M36's stuck. 1 EM LWA. Ammo: APC - 369, HE 358.

1825 8 C Co report: CP at F722243. 1st Flt at F748252. 2nd Flt at, 1st sec F738243, 2nd sec F742246. 3rd Flt at F747239. 11 M36's operational. Morale Excellent - Weather - Continued warm. Ammo - HE - 439, APC - 371.

1830 9 Sgt Goes, Ren Co, reports to CP: Reports posns of 60th Inf and situation in that sector. Also reports 1 M36 of 2nd Flt hit mine vic F 762222 - Sgt Oprea shook up, evacuated, no other casualties.

1845 10 Hq Co report: Ammo on hand: APC - 48, HE - 44 (3") 90mm ammo - HE - 404, APC - 244.

1900 11 Ren Co: Ren CP in same location. No change in Flt posns. Morale Excellent.

2045 12 G-4 phones CO requesting number of trucks we could spare in the event that Combat Teams are formed, and still be mobile enough to make short moves in order to keep abreast. CO informs him that 2 or 3 is the maximum.

2120 13 Div ATO phones S-3 requesting info on TD units in Div sector. S-3 informs him that 656th TD is moving out, but C Co, 817th TD Bn will stay in the sector. Also informs ATO that our left flank is weak.

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2130 14 Lt. Burton phones S-3 reporting no change in 2nd Plt - 3rd Plt at present time with 2nd Plt but moving to F785226. 1st Plt vic F748222, all units now across river. 2 M36's still stuck but will get them out in the morning. The report that 1 M36 hit mine is incorrect - It was a friendly tank that hit the mine and Sgt Oprea was riding on it - Sgt Oprea evacuated but will return to duty within a day or so. Sgt. Salo has taken command of Plt.

2215 15 C/S phones Col. Fincher, requesting Capt. Garretson to be on Special Duty at G-2 Section. Capt. Garretson is to report there tomorrow.

2230 16 Lt. Col. Fincher: calls Capt. Steltzner and tells him that Lt. Rind is to work on the Staff for the next few weeks. He will report here tomorrow.



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| 1020 | 1 | Capt. Omenhiser, S-3, 817th TD Bn reports to CP: Bn S-3 orients him on the situation and he will send down his Co B Comdr. who will be reinforcing TD's in our sector. |
| 1130 | 2 | Msg from B Co: CP located at F751230. |
| 1200 | 3 | TD report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div. |
| 1215 | 4 | Co Comdr, Co B, 817th TD Bn, Lt. McPhillips visits CP: S-3 orients him on current plans and operations. 2 Flts Co B, 817th will go into posn in 39th Inf sector and their emplacement will be coordinated with Capt. Young. |
| 1345 | 5 | Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 250200, March 1945, is 8123. |
| 1350 | 6 | Lt. Dashkin, LO, 817th TD Bn visits CP: Overlay of TD posns given him. He reports that C Co. 817th will remain in posn. |
| 1400 | 7 | Lt. Rind appointed S-2 vice Capt. Garretson who is going on temporary duty with 9th Inf Div. |
| 1455 | 8 | Capt Gourley reports posns of TD's on 9th Div left and right flanks. Also reports that 3C, 644th TD Bn destroyed 3 Mk V tanks - 1 destroyer damaged by friendly mines. |
| 1620 | 9 | Lt. Wascher, B Co, phones locations of Flts - 1st Flt vic F748222, 2nd Flt vic F770216, 3rd Flt vic F779228. 9 M36's operational. |
| 1630 | 10 | Msg to all Co's: TD locations in Div sector. |
| 1800 | 11 | A Co report: No change in dispositions of Co during period. 7 destroyers operational. weather clear. Morale Excellent. 5 M36's in Ord. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 175, HEHC - 175. |
| 1815 | 12 | B Co report: Co in direct support of 60th Inf Regt. At 1100 hrs CP moved to Ober Heppen. 1st Flt in pos vic F748222, will move out about dusk to support 1st Bn. 2nd Flt in reserve vic of Rahms. 3rd Flt in vic of F778228. 10 M36's operational. 1 short, 1 in Co maint. Morale excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: APC # 369, HEHC - 358. |
| 1830 | 13 | C Co report: Co CP at F722243. 1st Flt vic F748252. 2nd Flt, 1 sec vic F738243, 2nd sec vic F742246. 3rd Flt vic F747239. 11 M36's operational, 1 in Co maint. Morale Excellent. Weather continued warm. 90mm ammo on hand: HEHC - 439, APC - 371. |
| 1845 | 14 | Ren Co Report: No change. |
| 1900 | 15 | Hq Co Report: 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 244, HEHC - 404. 3" ammo on hand: HE - 44, APC - 48. |



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1915	16	Capt. Hubbard and Lt. Burton report to CP. Report all is well in their sector.
1920	17	Sgt. Goes reports to CP: Reports posns of 57mm AT guns in 60th Inf sector.
1945	18	S-3 phones report of days activities to ATO, III Corps.
1950	19	S-3 phones vehicle status to ATO, 9th Div and also reports that 4 M36's of A Co. are due back from ordnance tonight.
2235	20	Capt. Young phones to report that 4 M36's of 1st Plt are now arriving at Co CP.




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- 0800 1 Ex O. Co B, 817th TD Bn reports to GP: S-3 orients him on current situation and future employment of Co B.
- 0905 2 S-3 phones C Co fro report on Co's locations: C Co reports that 3C has moved to F792234. Co Comdr gives dispositions and plans of 47th Inf.
- 0940 3 Phone msg from C Co: 3C now at F782250.
- 1050 4 Lt Burton phones S-3 with Flt locations. 1B, 1 gun F803224, 1 sec F785218, 2B - F784223, moving now to vic of F807208, 3B - F779227, now assembling. Says that the sector is quiet and the 60th is moving right along.
- 1100 5 Msg #31 to A Co: Report positions.
- 1125 6  S-3 phones Lt. VanNest: Lt. VanNest reports that 1 gun, 2nd Flt stuck in the creek. The other 2 guns of the plt are at F768257, 1st Flt, 1 sec at Co GP, the other section at F758259. 3rd Flt no change.
- 1145 7 Capt. Hubbard phones reporting locations of Flts: 1st Flt moving. 2nd Flt, 1 sec F765242, 1 sec F768248. 3rd Flt F782250. Also reports that 47th Inf is meeting light resistance. Mines were encountered this morning. S-3 informs him of A Co's new positions.
- 1200 8 TD Report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.
- 1215 9 IO, 8th TD Gp reports minefield in area F798219. 2B is held up vic F795221. Minefield is being cleared now.
- 1230 10 Div ATO phones S-3 informing us that several people have been hurt due to enemy mines. Requests that all jeeps be sandbagged against mines. The is phoned to all Co's.
- 1500 11 Msg #2 from B Co: GP at F795222. 2nd & 3rd Flts still moving. Will send locations later.
- 1505 12 Msg from C Co: GP at F765244.
- 1515 13 Msg to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 260200 March 1945 is 9222.
- 1530 14 Msg from Higher Hq: Flourscent Panel Signals - 25 March Display 2 - Red. 26-31st March Display 1 - Yellow.
- 1600 15 Msg to all Co's: TD locations in Div sector.
- 1700 16 Msg to all Co's (less Hq Co): Starting 0800 hrs 26 Mar. rations, gasoline, ammunition, will be drawn at F724243.

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1810 17 LO from 817th TD Bn reports that their Bn has started reconversion and that B Co, 817th is going to be pulled out of the line for this purpose.

1820 18 S-3 phones S-3, 9th Div and reports the above information.

1825 19 A Co report: Co CP - No change. 1st Flt vic F738260, near Holm, Germany. 3rd Flt with 3rd Bn, 39th Inf Regt at Prangeberg, Germany (F761267). 2nd Flt with 2nd Bn, 39th Inf Regt in Bruchen (F776266) and Etzcheid (F767257). No firing done during period. Weather clear. Morale Excellent. 3rd Flt has one section at Coord F760271. 12 M36's and 1 M10 opnl. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 300, HENC - 300.

1835 20 B Co report: Company in direct support of 60th Inf Regt. CP moved to F735222. Lt. Col. Tincher visited the Co CP. 1st Flt vic F807206. 2nd Flt vic F825202, and 3rd Flt in assembly area vic F786227. 11 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 369, HE - 358.

1845 21 C Co report: CP moved to F765244. 1st Flt moved to F774254. 2nd Flt moved to, 1 sec vic F767248, 2nd sec vic F765241. 3rd Flt moved to F782249. 12 M36's operational. Morale excellent. Weather Fair and warmer. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 439, HE 371.

1900 22 Recon Co report: CP remained in same location. The 3 Recon Flts remained in support of the three gun companies. The 2nd Flt moved their CP location to vic F795222. Morale Excellent.

1910 23 Hq Co report: 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 259, HE - 417.

2000 24 S-3 phones report of days activities to ATO, III Corps.

2015 25 Capt. Young, phones CP reporting pos of Flts.: 1A - No change, 2nd Flt, 1 sec vic F776266, 2nd Flt, 2nd sec F767258, 3rd Flt, 1 sec F793273, 2nd sec vic F775274. 3rd Flt fired 4 rds HE at 4 targets designated by Inf. Effect of firing - eased pressure.

2110 26 Lt. VanNest phones S-3 to report 1st Flt, A Co moving to vic F788230.

2140 27 Capt. Hubbard reports by phone Flt locations: 1C vic F806265. 3C, 1 sec vic F792245 and 1 sec vic F782250. 2C is moving to pos vic F822238. 2C has 3 M36's opnl, 1 has trouble with turret - going back to Hq Co tomorrow morning. S-3 orients him on current situation and location of flank units.

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2145	28	Div G-4 phones GO requesting 3 2½ ton trucks to report to Div CM at noon tomorrow to report to Lt. Salo.
2150	29	Lt. Wade phones to report that Div is moving CP to vic F330212 sometime tomorrow
2400	30	Phone msg from Div G-2: Tac/R reported yesterday afternoon 60 tanks in the woods via F9332. III Corps believes they will drift south. 1st Div definitely identified yesterday 130 Pz Div; Also operating against them is the 9 & 11 Pz Div.



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0835 1 0830 Msg from Hq Co: Company closed at 0830 in previously reconnoitered area.

0835 2 Lt Wade reports to CP: Reports poans of units. Also reports Div CP will move at noon today.

0930 3 G-4, 9th Inf Div phones for the 3 trucks that we are to lend them. They are to report at 1100 this morning.

0930 4 Msg to A, B & C Co's: Report positions.

1000 5 TD report sent, 1 to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.

1045 6 1040 Msg #1 from B Co: 1st Flt at F830202, 2nd Flt at F833199. 3rd Flt, 1 sec at F854222. 1 sec at F855212.

1120 7 1100 Msg from A Co: 1st Flt enroute to F880200, 2nd Flt at F802223, 3rd Flt assembling at F775273.

1235 8 1230 Msg from A Co: CP closed at 1230 hrs at F853209.

1250 9 1245 Msg from B Co: CP at F870192.

1335 10 1325 Msg from B Co: Request 1000 gal gas. will send guide at 1800 hrs.

1340 11 Msg to Hq Co: Have 1000 gal gas stand by for B Co: Guide will report at 1800 hrs.

1410 12 1405 Msg #4 from B Co: Red is holding - White and Blue moving.

1510 13 1500 Msg #5 from B Co: Red remains the same. White at F924196. Blue moving to and beyond there.

1845 14 CP closes vic Niedersteinbach, Germany (F840223).

1850 15 Msg #33 to all Co's: CP located at F840223.

2015 16 G-3 reports days activities to ATO, III Corps.

2020 17 Msg #34 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 270200, 1s 0324.

2030 18 A Co report: Co CP moved to Horhausen, Germany, (F854209). All Flts working with 39th RGT and are on the move in vic Rossbach, Germany. 1st 2nd & 3rd Bns & Flts objectives are Herschbach, Munderbach and Rossbach, Germany, respectively. Weather cloudy and cool. Morale Excellent. 12 M36's opnl. No change in ammo report.

2035 19 B Co report: Co in direct support to 60th Inf CT. 1st Flt moving. 2nd Flt vic F924197. 3rd Flt vic F966194. CP moved to F921197. Maj. Miller visited CP. 11 M36's opnl.

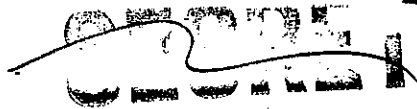
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2035	19	Cont'd	Morale Excellent. No change in ammo report.
2040	20		C Co report: CP location - F848248. 1st & 2nd Plt vic F868245 and are now on the move. 3rd Plt located vic F831245. 11 M36's operational. Weather - slight rains before noon, cleared up in afternoon, much warmer. Morale Excellent. No change in ammo report.
2045	21		Rcn Co report: CP moved approximately 15 miles to Nieder Steinbach (F837225), closed in new area at 1930 hrs. 1st Plt in vic of Horhausen. 2nd & 3rd Plts moving.
2300	22		Capt. Hubbard reports to CP: Regt'l Comdr. 47th Inf has requested the use of Rcn Plt, this Cn to do Regt'l Reconnaissance.
2310	23		Bn CO phones C/S, 9th Inf Div and reports the above. C/S will take it up with the CG, 9th Div.
2330	24		CG, 9th Inf Div phones and informs the Bn CO that Rcn Plts of this Bn will be used for TD Recon only and that if anyone wants to use them for any other purpose to refer them to him.
2400	25	1900	Msg #6 from B Co: CP at F921197, 1st Plt at F952197, 2nd Plt at F923196, 3rd Plt at F969183.

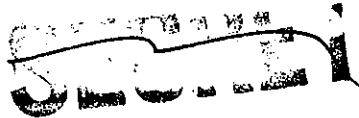


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- 0900 1 OO & S-3 leave for companies.
- 0905 2 Maj Johnson, ATO, III Corps phones that he has an allocation for 1 M36.
- 0930 3 TD Report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.
- 0930 4 Msg to Hq Co: III Corps has allocation for one destroyer.
- 1015 5 Msg from B Co: Request 1,000 gals gas.
- 1015 6 Msg from C Co: Request 500 gals gas.
- 2045 7 Bn CP closes in new area vic G268196, Elshoff, Germany.
- 2050 8 Lt. Wade reports that all elements are still moving. 7th Arm'd Div reported in area 6725.
- 2105 9 Msg to all Co's: CP at G268196.
- 2130 10 Msg #21 to A, B, & C Co's: Civ reports 4 enemy tanks and 2 groups of Inf, 150 in each at 033202 last night.
- 2145 11 Ron Co report: Co less 2nd & 3rd Plt and 1 sec, 1st Plt moved approximately 40 miles to new area located at G267196 in Elshoff, Germany. Company closed at 2000 hrs; Morale Excellent.
- 2150 12 Hq Co report: 90mm ammo on hand; APC - 259, HE - 404. 1 M36 in Ord for repairs.
- 2200 13 A Co report: Company CP moved to Dreifelden, Germany. 1st Plt vic Alpenrod. 2nd Plt vic Sudingen. 3rd Plt in Hahn & Neuhockstein - just using a lot of gas. Weather slightly cloudy. Morale excellent. 12 M36's opnl.
- 2210 14 C Co report: CP located vic G359235. 2nd Plt vic G421278. 3rd Plt vic G395251. 1st Plt vic G422284. Plts covered an average distance of 60 miles today. 11 M36's operational. Weather cool and clear. Morale Excellent.
- 2220 15 B Co report: Company in direct support to 60th Inf RCT. CP moved to vic Holzhausen (G387220). 2nd Plt moved to vic Katzenfurt (G435245). 3rd Plt vic Arborn, 1st Plt vic Oderberg. 11 M36's operational. Morale Excellent.



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- 0900 1 Msg #30 to all Co's: Point of origin effective today is 3022. Point of Origin effective 290200 March 1945 is 6030.
- 1000 2 Msg from Hq Co. Company closed at 0930 hrs vic F194193.
- 1100 3 TD report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.
- 1245 4 Msg from B Co: 1st & 2nd Flts vic G480276, still moving. 3rd Flt vic G550285.
- 2045 5 CP arrives at new location vic Krumbach, Germany. (G610305)
- 2055 6 Msg to all Co's: CP at G610305.
- 2120 7 Msg from B Co: CO CP vic G655349. 1st Flt moving. 2nd Flt vic G676343, 3rd Flt vic G686308.
- 2145 8 Msg from G Co: CP vic G660371. 1st Flt vic G681378, 2nd Flt vic G651369, 3rd Flt vic G678346.
- 2155 9  A Co report: Co CP in Bellstein, Germany. 2nd Flt in Sinn. 1st Flt in Kolschhn. 3rd Flt in Niederlemp & Oberlemp, Germany. No resistance. Maintenance section captured 4 PW's. Weather partly cloudy. Morale Excellent. 12 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 300, APC - 300.
- 2200 10 B Co report: Company in direct support of 60th SGT. Lt. Col. Tincher visited CP. CP moved to Oberwalgern. 3rd Flt vic Odenhausen. 1st Flt vic G645350. 11 M36's operational. Morale Excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 369, HE - 358.
- 2210 11 G Co report: CP and Flts moving. Will radio posns when destination is reached. Weather clear. Morale Excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: No change.
- 2215 12 Rcn Co report: Company less 2nd, 3rd, & 1st section of 1st Flt moved approximately 25 miles to Krumbach, Germany. Company closed in new area at 2045 hrs.

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0230 1 Msg from Hq Co: Company closed at 0230 hrs via Frankenbach (G590308).

0830 2 Bn CP takes 7 PW's - 3 officers & 4 EM.

1200 3 TD report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3 Div.

1350 4 CO and S-3 leave for Companies.

1630 5 CO and S-3 return to CP.

1645 6 Msg #31 to all companies: Point of origin effective 300200 March 1945 is 9050.

1810 7 A Co report: Company CP moved to Altenvers, Germany. Company supporting 39th RCT. 1st pltn moved to Damm & Stedebach with 1st Bn 39th RCT. 3rd pltn moved to Lohra with 3rd Bn 39th RCT. 2nd pltn moved to vic Kollshausen with 2nd Bn 39th RCT. Situation still fluid and unknown. Weather cloudy & cool with light showers. Morale excellent. 12 M36's operational. No change in ammo report. APC - 300 HE - 300

1820 8 B Co report: Company in direct support of 60th RCT. CP vic Oberwalgren. 1st pltn vic G645350, 2nd pltn vic Fronhausen, 3rd pltn vic Odenhausen. Lt. Col. Tincher and Major Miller visited CP. 12 M36's operational. Morale excellent. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 393 HE - 382.

1830 9 C Co report: CP vic G663371, 1st pltn vic G681377, 2nd pltn vic G678346. 3rd pltn vic G632380. Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: HE - 380 APC - 360.

1840 10 Hq Co report: 90mm ammo on hand: APC 259, HE 414. 1 M36, C Co in Ordnance for repairs.

1850 11 Ken Co report: CP remained in same location. 1st pltn located vic Altenvers (G622350). 2nd pltn located vic Oberwalgren (G657350). 3rd pltn located vic Stedebach (G662371).



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1000 1 TD reports sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.

1045 2 Msg #32 to Bn S-4: Your section for the Bn After Action report is due 4 April 1945.

1515 3 Phone call from Maj Riley, Ass't G-3, 9th Div: All troops will maintain roads in their sector and furnish to the Div Engr any assistance he may ask for.

1530 4 Msg #31 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 312022, March 1945 is 7050.

1800 5 B Co report: Co CP via Oberwalgern, 1st Plt G645350, 2nd Plt via Fronhausen (G676345), 3rd Plt Odenhausen (G685310). Co in direct support of 60th Inf CT, 1st Echelon Maint. carried on and oil changed on all M36's. Lt. Col. Tincher visited Co CP. Ammo - 90mm APC - 393, 90mm HE - 382. 12 M36's operational.

1820 6 C Co report: Co CP - vic G663371. 1st Plt G683380, 2nd Plt G677346, 3rd Plt G633380. Maintenance and awaiting movement orders. Weather cloudy. Morale Excellent. Ammo - 90mm APC - 360, 90mm HE - 380. 11 M36's operational.

1835 7 A Co report: No change in dispositions. 3rd Plt with 3rd Bn, 39th RCT is attached to 7th Armd Div. Weather cloudy and rainy. Morale Excellent. Ammo 90mm APC - 300, 90mm HE - 300, AP - 1, HVAP - 1. 12 M36's operational.

1845 8 Ren Co report: No change. Morale Excellent.

1900 9 Hq Co report: Ammo - 90mm APC - 259, HE - 417. 1 M36 in Ord.



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- 0830 1 Lt. Wade reports to GP: Reports that 9th Inf Div is attached to VII Corps, Div GP is moving to VII Corps sector today, RCT's will also move today. Bn GP will not move today, but will move tomorrow.
- 0910 2 G/S, 9th Div phones Bn GP: Col Fincher to report to him for meeting as soon as possible.
- 0915 3 Phone Msg from ATO, 9th Div: Bn GP will not move today. G-4 will issue march table.
- 0920 4 CO leaves GP to report to Div GP.
- 0925 5 Msg #30 to all Co's: Point of Origin effective 010200, April 45 is 5285.
- 0930 6 TD Report sent to 8th TD Gp and G-3, 9th Div.
- 0940 7 Capt. Hubbard phones S-3 to report 1 M36 in Ord. for repairs on leaky radiator - Ord. to complete work in 2 hrs. C Co is to move with 47th RCT this afternoon.
- 1300 8 Lt. Burton calls: His Plts assembling at Fromhausen (G676344) and will motor march to new location under Co Control. Plts will be attached to their Bn's on arrival.
- 1400 9 Capt. Ward, VII Corps Ass't ATO visits GP: Informs CO and S-3 of situation in VII Corps. 899th TD Bn attached to VII Corps as of 0800 hrs, 31 March 1945.
- 1410 10 Msg to all Co's and Staff: At 020200A April 1945, this command will change in Baker time, two hours ahead of Greenwich mean time.
- 1415 11 G-4, 9th Div phones S-3 that clearance to move Bn GP will be requested from VII Corps of their G-4 for 0800 hrs tomorrow morning.
- 1505 12 Ass't G-4, 9th Div phoned GP to inform us that we had road clearance on B Route, pass IP at 0800 hrs, 1 April Convoy No. J-3. IP on march table.
- 1530 13 Phone Msg from G-3, Div: PW's from 104th Div independently state that elements of 130 Pz Div 3rd VG Div will attempt to break out at Winerberg (G5589) tonight. They are massing at least 20 tanks. Other Pz elements will try to break out 60 miles to the North. The two groups are to join later in the vicinity of Kassel. Army reports also indicate that elements of 130 Pz Div at this time may attempt breakout at G509656.
- 1800 14 A Co report: Co GP moved to Hallenberg, Germany, arriving at 2330. GP located at vic of G623794, 1st Plt attached 1st Bn 39th Inf in assembly vic of G625796, 3rd Plt attached to 3rd Bn, 39th Inf in Hallenberg vic of (G626799), 2nd Plt attached 2nd Bn 39th Inf, assembly area in Bromskirchen vic of G622777. Weather cloudy to clear Morale



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1800 14 Cont'd Excellent. Ammo - Basic load 300 APC, 300 HE, 2 HVAP, 1 AP. Trailer load - 25 rds HE, 25 rds APC.

1815 15 B Co report: Co CP vic Oberwalgern, 1st Plt vic Fronhausen, 2nd & 3rd Plts vic Fronhausen. Co in direct support of 60th RCT. No change in dispositions of Co. Prepared to make night march to an assembly area. Company assembled vic Fronhausen. CP remained in Oberwalgern. Morale Excellent. 12 M36's operational. Ammo on hand: APC - 393, HE 382.

1830 16 C Co report: Co CP and Plts on the move to following locations: CP vic Wunderthausen (G543780), 1st Plt vic Oberkirchen (G448848), 2nd Plt vic Berchhausen (G430710), 3rd Plt vic Diodenshausen (G533761). 11 M36's operational. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 360, HE 380. 9 PW's taken.

1845 17 Ren Co report: CP vic G612304, All Plts moving with gun companies. The three Ren Plts remained in support of the 3 gun Co's. 1 section of Pioneer Plt in support of Co C. Morale Excellent.

1900 18 Hq Co report: Company located vic G590306. 90mm ammo on hand: APC - 259, HE 417. 1 M36, Co C remained in Ord for repair.



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SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.
ANNEX III - S-2 Report of Operations for Month of March 1945.

During March 1945, the 899th T.D. Bn. attached to the 9th Infantry Division, continued to support the Division in it's drive across the Cologne Plain to the Rhine River vicinity and in the successful effort to hold and enlarge the Remagen bridgehead and achieve a breakthru for the 7th Armored Division.

From the 1st to the 3rd of March the chief resistance was from the 3rd Para. Div. whose Cmdg. Gen., Gen Schimpf, was captured by the 9th Division on March 8th.

On the 3rd of March elements of the 62nd VG Div were contacted. By the 8th of March the 47th RCT of the 9th Div. with C Co 899th TD BN was across the Rhine at Remagen meeting very stiff resistance on the east bank of the river where the 111th and 110th Regts of the 11th Panzer Div were identified. Resistance from the 11th Panzer Div came in numerous counterattacks of Battalion strength supported by three to five tanks and/or SP guns. The enemy continued to throw assorted units and personnel from all branches of the service into the beachhead defense, all under the control of the 11th Pz Div. On the 11th of March elements of the 106th Pz Brigade were identified on the 9th Div front. On the 13th of March elements of the 130th Panzer Lehr Div were identified.

On the 17th of March enemy units began to come into the sector from Denmark as evidenced by PW's from the KG Denmark, 340th VG Div. By 20th of March the situation had quieted except for light harrassing fire. The enemy concentrated on slowing our advance by blowing all bridges regardless of size, such tactics being successful to some degree.

The entire 9th Pz Div and all elements of the 130th Pz Lehr Div were identified in the bridgehead area. Another new identification was the 5th Para Div which made it's appearance on the 25th of March, but by the 26th of March very little resistance was being met and our armor had begun their advance out of the bridgehead area. This indicating that the enemy had withdrawn from the 9th Div sector. During the remainder of the month no organized resistance was encountered and our advance was rapid. Activity was confined to followup of the armor and mopping up in their wake.

During the greater part of the month the 899th T.D. Bn. encountered and destroyed numerous tanks, TD's (654 T.D. Bn. (German) equipped with the new Jagdpanther which mounts the 88mm gun, Pak 43), SP's and anti-tank guns in the 9th Inf Div sector which is evidenced by the list of enemy equipment destroyed by the Battalion shown below:

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| 2 Mk III assault guns | 7-88mm AT/AA guns |
| 2 Mk IV assault guns | 6-20mm AT/AA guns |
| 3 Mk V tanks | 4-37mm AT/AA guns |
| 6 Jagdpanther tanks | 5 Strongpoints |
| 8 MG nests | 1 O. P. |
| 2 GP Vehicles | 2 Bazooka teams |
| 2 Halftracks | 1 Pillbox |



For the Battalion Commander:

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1st Lt., 899th T.D. Bn.,

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ANNEX ~~III~~ - Lessons Learned.

Submitted by Captain Robert W. Young, CO, Co. A.



1. Co. A. 899th T.D. Bn. in close support of 39th Inf. Regt. attacking East of the Rhine R. in open tank country has met considerable success by the infantry taking objectives at night, followed closely by tanks and T.D.'s. The objectives, being critical terrain features, did not always provide suitable avenues of approach for concealed movement of armored vehicles. Normally the objectives consisted of small villages and towns providing sufficient cover and concealment. The success of this plan hinges on the fact that the enemy has employed his armor to fire on targets as they appear at great ranges with observed fire during daylight hours, and any movement by our troops and armor quickly draws observed direct tank and AT fire. This plan allowed TD's and tanks to move into camouflaged firing positions during the hours of darkness from which they could surprise the enemy with direct fire.

It is felt this plan has saved a considerable amount of armor because the enemy could not fire on our vehicles during our movement under cover of darkness.

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2. A platoon of Co. A. 899th T.D. Bn. in close support of a battalion of infantry during a night attack were able to place direct fire on enemy strong points, particularly an enemy machine gun nest set up within a house, from which the enemy had pinned down our attacking infantry. It was impossible to neutralize the enemy machine gun nest with ordinary methods, and due to darkness it was a difficult problem for a direct fire weapon. However, a plan was formulated to place 60mm mortar flares above and beyond the house to illuminate the area sufficiently for direct fire. One TD was placed in a firing position covering the target area prior to firing of flares. The TD was then able to fire and neutralize the target during the limited time of illumination provided by two flares.

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2e (2) - Lessons Learned. (Cont'd)

Submitted by Captain Jack G. Hubbard, CO, Co. C.

3. The Tank Destroyer Company working with an Infantry Regiment is continuously in action, and has little if any chance to rotate platoons or to take a platoon out of the line. Crews are on the go day and night with little or no rest. The crews in time, pray for a "million dollar" wound, and have nothing to look forward to but continuous artillery and AT fire. They develop the idea "Why am I so indispensable now? If I become a casualty the Company would have to get along without me".

We have found that a simple system of rotation within the company between security and Company Headquarters personnel with the destroyer crews for periods of five days gives the men something to look forward to and lets the men realize that they have not been forgotten. It gives them a chance to clean up and sit back and relax. The morale and fighting qualities of the destroyer crews has greatly increased by this method, and in addition an ample pool of trained replacements has resulted.

For the Battalion Commander:

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