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1 May 1945

- 0030 1 Capt Shaffer, G-3, 9th Inf Div phones and alerts the Battalion against the possibility of uprisings today, as today is a Red and Nazi holiday.
- 0800 2 TD report # 319 sent to ATO, VII Corps, and AG of S, G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 0930 3 S-3, phones all Companies and informs them of the Red and Nazi holiday, and possibility of an uprising today.
- 1800 4 A Co reports: CP in Alten, Germany. No change in platoon positions. Battalion Maintenance painting all vehicles of all platoons in vicinity of Company CP. Weather clear. Morale excellent. 9 M-36's operational.
- 1810 5 B Co reports: CP remained in Bitterfeld, Germany. No change in platoon locations. Weather fair. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.
- 1820 6 C Co reports: CP vicinity E074650, 1st platoon vicinity E050562, 2nd platoon vicinity E040511, 3rd platoon vicinity E074650. Company continued maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment. 1st platoon has taken over Road blocks in place of 3rd platoon. 2nd platoon still maintaining road blocks. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.
- 1830 7 Recon Co reports: No change in Company dispositions. 2 M-8's and 2 jeeps from each Recon platoon plus 3 M-20's from Pioneer platoon attached to 746th Tank Battalion, providing 9th Inf Div rear area security.
- 1840 8 Hq Co reports: Company remained in same location. 1 M-36 in Ord, 2 in Battalion Maint. All three from A Company.



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2 May 1945

1100 1 Msg received from G-1, 9th Inf Div, that all personnel were to be cautioned against drinking anything that they were not absolutely certain of. A quantity of poisonous, colorless liquid is circulating around the Division area and has caused some difficulty. All Companies were immediately notified.

1700 2 Phone call from Major Riley: Attention of all unit and attached unit Commanders be brought to WD Cir 87, dated 1942 and special attention to Par C and D. Also training schedule to be submitted to G-3, 9th Inf Div by 2000 hours and if men are engaged in normal duties that can be submitted as a training schedule.

1800 3 A Co reports: No change in Company positions. Weather cloudy. Morale excellent. 10 M-36's operational.

1810 4 B Co reports: CP remained in Bitterfeld, Germany. No change in platoon locations. Weather cold. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.

1820 5 C Co reports: No change in Company dispositions. Company continued maint, care and cleaning of equipment. 1st and 2nd platoons remained on road block missions. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.

1830 6 Recon Co reports: No change in platoon operations, or positions. Same vehicles attached to 746th Tank Battalion providing 9th Inf Div rear area security.

1840 7 Hq Co reports: Company in same location. 1 M-36 in Ord, 1 in Battalion Maint. Both from A Co.

1900 8 Training schedule report sent to G-3, 9th Inf Div.

2200 9 G-3, 9th Inf Div called and stated that the Battalion would assemble tomorrow. The area is not definite as yet but that it would include an area of patrol and security of towns within goose egg. G-3 also requested information as to how many vehicles we had for patrol purposes. Recon Company would remain under Lt Colonel Huffer.

2215 10 Above information sent to all Companies.



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Capt Turner instructed to finish work on "C" Company vehicles tomorrow morning and to hold up on B Company's until after the Battalion was assembled.

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G-3, 9th Inf Div calls and notifies S-3, that the Battalion would assemble vicinity of area 3 and would take over area plus the town of Bernberg. Notify CIC and MG of the above area, and arrange with Lt Colonel Huffer for relief of area 3. The Reg'ts have been notified that the TD Companies would be leaving them tomorrow.



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3 May 1945

- 1030 1 March Order, this Headquarters, 3 May 1945, sent to all Companies; and overlay accompanying same.
- 1245 2 CP group leaves Köthen, Germany for new location in Bernberg.
- 1330 3 CP opens in Bernberg, Germany (D766629).
- 1630 4 Training Directive, No. 1, this Headquarters, 3 May 1945, sent 1 each to all Companies, and 5 to G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 1800 5 A Co reports: Co moved to Bernberg, Germany, vicinity D758623, arriving at 1500 hours. All platoons in assembly area vicinity Company CP. Weather clear and cool. Morale excellent. 10 M-36's operational.
- 1810 6 B Co reports: CP moved to Drobel, Germany (D787634). Company moved from Bitterfeld to Drobel, Germany. Distance traveled - about 45 miles. All the Company located in the vicinity of Company CP (D787634). Weather cool. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.
- 1820 7 C Co reports: Company road marched to D863621. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.
- 1830 8 Recon Co reports: CP moved from Köthen to Bernberg, Germany closing at 1500 hours. No change on vehicles attached to 746th Tank Battalion providing 9th Inf Div rear area security.
- 1840 9 Hq Co reports: Company moved from vicinity Köthen to Rail Road Station in Bernberg, Germany (D770627).
- 1950 10 Operations Instructions No. 2, this Headquarters, sent 1 each Company, and G-3, 9th Inf Div.
- 2100 11 Phone msg from G-2, 9th Inf Div: A unit known as Kommando Vienenstock were activated ten days ago with 100 pilots and 50 planes in Austria. Mission of this unit is to land behind our lines - abandon their planes and destroy RR bridges and other installations. Each plane, usually the liaison type, hauls about 7 packages of HE. Four of these places have already landed in the Army area - one of them in the 47th Inf Reg'ts section last evening. Further attempts are expected. You are instructed to be on the alert. Aircraft had 2 people, last night - Fiesterstorch planes. Occupants probably threw away HE. Above msg phoned to all Companies.



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4 May 1945

0800-1200 1 Coordination of security measures in Area No. 3 with Military Government carried out by Staff Officers.

1400 2 Lt Burns, A Co, reports to CP: Reports security patrols of Company A (Routes etc).

1800 3 A Co reports: Co CP in Bernberg, Germany. No change in location. 1st Platoon on guard at salt mine vicinity of D756605, 2nd platoon on guard at salt mine vicinity of D784602, 3rd platoon on patrol of sub area A. Remainder of Company in training and maintenance of vehicles.

1810 4 B Co reports: Co CP at D788633; CP remained in Drobels, Germany. All vehicles are being painted at Hq Co. Company started patrolling their respective area. Weather fair. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.

1820 5 C Co reports: Co CP at D862621. Motorized patrols of all platoons in responsible areas. Morale excellent.

1830 6 Rcn Co reports: CP - no change. 2 M-8's and 2 1/4 ton trucks from each Rcn Platoon plus 3 M-20's from Pioneer platoon attached to 746th Tank Battalion providing 9th Inf Div rear area security.

1840 7 Hq Co reports: No change in location.



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5 May 1945

- 0815 1      **Msg No 30 to all Co's: Companies will submit telephone reports to this Headquarters, either negative or otherwise, as to results of each patrol sent out.**
- 0830 2      **Msg No 31 to all Co's: Companies will in addition to patrol activities, organize a search party consisting of one Officer and as many men as deemed necessary to stop groups of men in towns and villages in Company areas and check persons for identification and search same for concealed weapons. If groups are suspicious in any way, same will be arrested.**
- 0835 3      **Phone Msg from Div ATO: No person or persons will cross the Elbe River. official business or otherwise, unless they first have written authority from AC of S, G-3, 9th Inf Div.**
- 0845 4      **Msg No 32 to Co's A and C: Companies will undergo physical examination and inoculations indicated below:  
C Co. - 1000 - 1200 hours, 6 May 1945.  
A Co. - 1400 - 1600 hours, 6 May 1945.  
Same will be conducted in each Company area.**
- 0850 5      **Msg No 33 to all Co's: Point of origin effective 050200, May 1945, is D2054.**
- 0855 6      **Amendment to Operations Instructions No. 2, this Headquarters, "Control of Civilians, Displaced Persons, and Allied PWs", sent to all Companies.**
- 0945 7      **Phone Msg from Capt Garretson, Ass't G-2, 9th Inf Div, requesting location of mines that have aircraft factories or assembly plants in them. Same given to Capt Garretson by Major Miller.**
- 1105 8      **Msg No 34 to all Co's: Company censors are now authorized to censor photographs of the men in their companies. Photos disclosing our location cannot be passed. Photos showing damage to American equipment are not to be passed. Bombing and Artillery damage to towns, cities, and German equipment can be passed. Any information on censorship can be received from the S-2.**
- 1410 9      **Negative report for B Co, reported by Lt Burton.**
- 1800 10      **A Co reports: CP moved to vic (D756605) in Bernberg, Germany. 1st platoon and 3rd platoon in vicinity of Co CP. 2nd platoon - no change.**





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5 May 1945.

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B Co reports: CP remained in Drobai, Germany. No change in positions and patrols. Weather cloudy with light showers. Morale excellent. 12 M-36's operational.

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C Co reports: CP moved to D862621. Platoons remained in same positions. Company continued patrol activity. A ten (10) man dismounted patrol established in Frenz (D877582) and Wohlsdorf (D852598). Company captured 4 PWs in civilian clothing over uniforms. Morale excellent.

1830 13

Ron Co reports: Co CP moved to (D760623). 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Pioneer Platoons remained attached to TF Hupfer and continued patrol activities in Division rear area. Remaining personnel in Company became responsible for patrolling in Bernburg.

1840 14

Hq Co reports: No change.



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6 May 1945.

- 015 1 Capt Hubbard reports negative report on patrols. None of the towns have been posted by Military Government as yet.
- 1030 2 Operations Instructions No 3, this Headquarters, sent to all companies.
- 035 3 Negative report for B Company patrols, reported by Lt Burton.
- 055 4 Negative report for A Company patrols received.
- 1400 5 Msg to all Co's: Point of origin effective 070200, May 1945, is D2152.
- 1455 6 B Co reports negative report of patrols.
- 1600 7 Negative report for C Company patrols.
- 1648 8 Negative report for Rcn Company patrols.
- 1800 9 A Co reports: No change in Company positions. Patrols continued throughout the day and night.
- 1810 10 B Co reports: No change in Company positions. Patrols continued throughout the day and night.
- 1820 11 C Co reports: No change in Company positions. Patrols (motorized and foot) continued throughout the day and night.
- 1830 12 Rcn Co reports: No change. Platoons remained attached to Task Force Hupfer, and continued patrols throughout the Division rear areas.
- 1840 13 Hq Co reports: No change. 263 rounds HE on hand; 114 rounds APC on hand.
- 2100 14 Capt Gourley phones and reports that 6 civilians had been picked up and would be tried in the morning. Also that Lt Goes was checking on the Hitler Jugend that had been reported.





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7 May 1945.

0900 1 Negative report for C Company patrols.

0915 2 Major Tingling, CIC, 9th Inf Div, calls; stating that Displaced Persons in Trinum were reported to be armed and requested fire arms collected and the town be checked.

0920 3 Major Carter phones C Company to check on the above.

1100 4 Negative report for A Company patrols.

1150 5 Major Huber calls that on the Morning of 9 May 1945, V-E Day, a ceremony will be held which will include address by the Battalion CO, invocation by the Chaplin, and playing of the National Anthem if the Band is available.

1525 6 Negative report from C Company patrols.

1800 7 A Co reports: 1st platoon on security guard vicinity D756605 and D712634 guarding a Salt Mine containing airplane machine tools and a Sugar Factory containing alcohol and airplane parts. The 2nd platoon on security guard guarding the town at D783602. The 3rd platoon continued the patrol of area A and the hospital zone in Waldau.

1810 8 B Co reports: No change in operations.

1820 9 C Co reports: No change in operations. A total of 16 German soldiers were captured in civilian clothes in the past three days.

1830 10 Ron Co reports: No change in operations.

1840 11 Hq Co reports: No change in operations.



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8 May 1945

1050 1 Negative report from C Company patrols.

1800 2 A Co reports: No change. V-E Day at last;  
when do we go home?

1810 3 B Co reports: No change.

1820 4 C Co reports: No change in operations.  
The Company continued maintenance and training.  
V-E Day is almost too good to be true---  
When do we go home?

1830 5 Ron Co reports: No change in operations.

1840 6 Hq Co reports: No change. South Pacific  
here we come!!



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9 May 1945

0930-1000 1

Battalion formation in front of Rail Road Station in Bernburg, Germany, to commemorate V-E Day. Lt Colonel Tincher, addressed the troops in which he praised the men for their part in the victory over the enemy, which was no small part. Also paid tribute to those who fell in the great battle. Prayer by the Chaplain; troops then dismissed. Remainder of day to be a holiday.

1230 2

Operations Instructions No 18, Headquarters, 9th Inf Div, 9 May 1945, received, and overlay accompanying same.

1450 3

Received Memorandum, Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945, "Address by General Collins".

2030 4

Capt Fry, G-3 Office, 9th Inf Div, phones S-3 informing us that formation for tomorrow at Division has been indefinitely postponed.

