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2 May 1945

**SUBJECT:** Action Against Enemy Report, After After Action.**TO :** The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.  
(Through Commanding General, 5th Infantry Division, APO 5, U. S. Army)**1. General Summary:**

During the first few days of April (1-3 Apr) the tanks of the battalion supported the 5th Infantry Division in mopping up enemy pockets in the Third Army rear area and in cutting off enemy escape routes. After completion of that mission the battalion went into reserve and performed maintenance on equipment (4-7 April). On 8 April the tanks carrying infantry moved from the Third Army to the First Army zone and attacked West, reducing the Ruhr Pocket in its zone. (9-17 Apr.) The battalion, operating as a unit, occupied an area approximately 90 kilometers by 70 kilometers, where it maintained law and order, guarded installations, screened, patrolled and administered for displaced persons (18-23 Apr). Then during the last days of the month road marched approximately 520 miles to rejoin the XII Corps and the Third Army.

**2. Assignments and Attachments:**

a. Throughout the month the Battalion remained assigned to the Third Army and attached to the 5th Infantry Division. At the beginning of the month the battalion remained attached to XX Corps (Troop Assignment No. A-128, Hq TUSA, dated 1 April 45) and on 4 April was relieved from that attachment and attached to the 5th Infantry Division (Troop Assignment A-131, Hq TUSA, 8 Apr 45). Effective 7 April the battalion was attached to the First Army, but remained assigned to the Third Army (Tr Assignment No. 9, 12th Army Gp, dated 10 Apr 45) and was further to the III Corps (Troop Assignment 36, Hq FUSA, dated 10 April) until 19 April when relieved, but remained attached to the First Army (Troop Assignment No. 39, Hq FUSA dated 19 Apr 45), and effective 25 April the battalion was relieved from attachment to FUSA (Troop Assignment No. 110, Hq 12th Army Group, dated 26 Apr 45). On 28 April the battalion was relieved from attachment to the 5th Infantry Division and attached XII Corps (Troop Assignment A-138, Hq TUSA) and on the same day reattached 5th Infantry Division (VOCG XII Corps).

**b. The units were attached as follows:**

- (1) A Co: Attached 2d Inf. Regt. 2-4 Apr. Attached 10th Inf. Regt. 6-10 Apr. Attached 11th Inf. Regt. 1 Apr; 13-17 Apr.
- (2) B Co: Attached 10th Inf. Regt. 1-5 Apr; 8-14 Apr.
- (3) C Co: Attached 2d Inf. Regt. 1-4 Apr; 8-14 Apr.
- (4) D Co: Co (-2 platoons) attached 10th Inf Regt 1-5 Apr; 2 platoons attached 5th Rcn. Troops 1 April; attached 2d Inf. Regt. 2-4 April. Co. attached 2d Inf. Regt. 10-14 Apr; attached 10th Inf Regt. 1 Apr; 8-10 Apr.
- (5) Assault Gun Platoon (reinforced 6 guns): Attached 10th Inf. Regt. 1-5 Apr; 8-9 Apr.

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3. Operations:

a. Period 1-3 April 45: Battalion supported the infantry in mopping enemy pockets in Third Army rear area and in the cutting off of escape routes for isolated enemy groups and particularly of the remnants of the 6th SS Mountain Division.

On 1 April Battalion Headquarters, A, B and Service Companies held positions in FRANKFURT. Co D, supporting the 3d Bn, 10th Inf Regt, with the Cannon Co and a platoon of tank destroyers moved to BAD NAUMHEIM (M710966), prepared to attack to clear the woods vicinity (M650900). Co G, supporting the 3d Bn, 2d Inf, moved at 1800A and cleared the woods north of EBBSTADT (M804864). The Co trains assembled at BIEBEN and the tanks at STAMHEIM (M804910) for the night.

On the following day Co B, plus 1 platoon of Co D, supporting the 3d Bn, 10th Inf, attacked at 1000A with the mission of clearing woods between BAD HOMBURG (M630810), BAD NAUMHEIM (M710968) and (M600910). Mission accomplished by 1645A and Co assembled at BAD NAUMHEIM. One platoon of Co C assembled at RANSTADT (M889962) with the 2d Bn, while the other two platoons resumed the attack with the 3d Bn and cleared the woods vicinity (M820390), (M870920) and assembled at SCHICKA TSHAUSEN (G951000) and OBER LAIS (968031). Two platoons of Co D moved to an assembly area near ESCHZELLE (M820000) and joined the 5th Rcn Troops. One platoon of tanks with one platoon of Rcn Troops moved East through NIDDA (900024), BOBENHAUSEN (928978), GEDERN (H040040) then southwest to HE ZENHAIN (992002) and then south to GELMHAAR (M801969) where positions were taken for the night. The other platoon moved through NIDDA, MICHELNAU (924037), OBER LAIS, ELASHUTTEN (992033), then south to ME KENFRITZ (H009013), southwest to HINZENHAIN and then to GELMHAAR where the other platoon was met.

Co A moved from FRANKFURT at 1200 to support 1st Bn, 2d Inf; picked up infantry at HANHEIM (3684765) and with infantry riding tanks advanced through VIERTEL (17976), ASSERHEIM (37689), REICHELHEIM (36176), DAUBENHEIM (68696), NIDDA and one platoon cut roads vicinity ELASHUTTEN and one platoon plus one rifle Co cut roads vicinity ME KENFRITZ.

On 3 April Co A resumed the attack to the East with 1st Bn in the morning clearing enemy pockets of resistance as far as BURG BRACH (N031975) where they cut North and cleared woods vicinity (H070070).

Assault Guns held positions at BAD NAUMHEIM.

Co C supported 3d Bn in occupying the line HE ZENHAIN, WENTERS (N037834).

Co D (-) held positions. One platoon with Rcn Platoon continued attack in morning SE to BIRDSACHEN (N020960) then East and contacted enemy in woods vicinity (N030960), encircled the woods and forced enemy to East corner where all enemy surrendered including the Task Force Commander, the Division Artillery Commander of the 6th SS Mountain Division. Cannister ammunition was very effectively employed. A great deal of captured American materiel was recaptured. They then advanced southeast to KASPEROD (M046950) to GELMHAAR, while the other platoon with Rcn Platoon moved Southeast to BIRDSACHEN, South to WELFEN (N045936), SE to LEISENHELD (N063924) and S to ALDENBERG (N060907) where elements of the 71st Infantry Division were contacted and then returned to GELMHAAR. 40 PWS were taken during the day.

b. Period 4-7 April 45: During this time the Battalion remained in reserve performing maintenance on equipment and prepared to move on order. Battalion Hq and A & Sv Companies were at STEINFURTH (J717006), B Co at EBBSTADT (J727098), C Co at HUNGEN (J825093) and D Co at OBERNSHOFEN (J713028).

c. Period 8-17 April 45: Tanks of the battalion carrying infantry of respective Combat Teams moved from the Third Army Zone to the First Army area with the mission of supporting the infantry in reducing the NUIH Pocket in the 5th

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Division Zone. Initially the 9th Infantry Division was on our S flank and the 95th Infantry Division on our N flank. As we attacked to the West the 7th Armored Division passed through some of our units and the 8th Armored Division was on our N flank and the 99th Inf. Div. on our S flank. The mission was completely accomplished.

The 100 mile road march began on 8 April. Co A closed at TREUDELINHAUSEN (B490060), Co B at BIGGE (B508069), Co C at BRILLON (B580110) and Co D at BESTWIG (B465075).

On 9 April Co A was the only armor attached to the 5th Inf Div which joined in the attack to the West. The Co jumped off at 0900A supporting the 1st Bn 10th Inf Regt. and advanced against heavy resistance, clearing the towns of SHEDERBERGE (B422040), BELLINGHAUSEN (B424034) and HEGGEN (B398034). One platoon held positions for the night at BELLINGHAUSEN, 1 platoon at HEGGEN and the Co (-) at MESCHUDE (B385055). While Cos B and D and the Assault Gun Platoon moved to NELLEDE (B447068). Bn Hq closed at ELLINGHAUSEN (J717006).

The next day Co A held its positions during the day and in early evening assembled at MESCHUDE. Co B jumped off with 2d Bn, 10th Inf Regt at 0800 and cleared the towns of BERGE (B296038), WALLEH (B316036) and NIEDEBERGE (B302047). A Class 40 bridge was captured intact across WENDE R, vicinity BERGE. Tanks outposted town of BERGE and NIEDEBERGE during night and trains moved into WALLEH.

Co C moved to vicinity VELLEDE during the day prepared to support 2d Inf in its attack to the West on 11 April.

On 11 April Company A remained in position. Company B, 1 platoon jumped off at 0500 to support Company F in repelling counterattack vicinity VISBECK (B275038) and later in the day advanced to FRENKHAUSEN (B275057) and assembled at OLPE (B300065). One platoon supporting Co G cleared OLPE by 0915B and with infantry riding tanks advanced to FREIENHIL (B303086) where they outposted the town for the night. One platoon outposted RUMSTBRUCH (B252102) for the night.

Companies C and D, supporting the 2d Regiment jumped off at 0800. One platoon of each Co. supported the 2d and 3d Battalions respectively. The platoons supporting the 2d Bn. moved to VISBECK where they held their positions waiting for the 10th Inf. to clear HELLERFELD (B245037). The platoons supporting the 3d Bn. moved against sporadic resistance and cleared the towns of BREVENSTEIN (B274006), ALTEHILLENFELD, (B255016), LINNPE (B235016), WENINGHAUSEN (B224016) and WESTENFELD (B219028). Bn (-) moved to MESCHUDE.

The following day Co A remained in reserve. Co B, supporting the 2d Bn, occupied the high ground vicinity (B252094) and in the afternoon attacked the city of ASENBERG (B228110), east of the RUHR., which portion of the city had not been previously cleared by the 8th Armored Division or the 95th Inf. Div. The tanks had a particularly successful day in that an undetermined number of Germans were killed and wounded, innumerable machine gun positions were "absorbed", several anti-aircraft guns, which were being used as anti-tank and anti-personnel weapons were destroyed and 3 known 88mm guns were knocked out. Companies C and D resumed the attack to the West continuing to support the 2d and 3d battalions with a platoon from each company. The platoons supporting the 2d Bn. assisted in capturing the towns of BOINGHAUSEN (B220034), BROIK (B234038) and cleared the woods to the NW to capture the towns of ELBERCKE and HACHEN (B174089) where positions were taken for the night, while the other platoons supporting the 3d Bn. advanced through BECKLINGHAUSEN (B178004) where positions were organized for the night. The trains of each company moved to SUNDERN (B285035).

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On 13 April Company A remained in reserve. Co B supporting the 1st Bn moved from ARNSBERG at 1145 and met the infantry at MUSEMEDI (B185119) and covered the infantry as they entered HUNTER (B178146). At 1830 the tanks moved out with mission of clearing the woods north of HUNTER along West bank of Ruur River. Mission accomplished by 2100 and tanks took up positions for night vicinity of (B177150).

1 platoon Co C supporting the 1st Bn moved across RUUR River meeting stiff resistance which was reduced. 9 towns were cleared and positions were taken for the night in the vicinity of ASBROCK (B103113). 1 platoon Co C with the 2d Bn advancing through 5 towns to WESTEREN (B114116). 1 platoon Co C with 3d Bn, after capturing two towns were held up by the 7th Armored Div and the platoon took up positions in the vicinity of BUCKEM (B110064) for the night. Co C tanks at LANDESCHIED (B145064). One platoon Co D moved with the platoon of Co C supporting the 2d Bn and one platoon moved with the 2d Bn.

Bn Hq moved to WATROP (B281105). On the next day Co A supporting 2d Bn, 11th Inf attacked in the afternoon through FIEBER (B063124) to the NW to capture the high ground vicinity (B050113) and (B048127) and advanced to the road vicinity (B037130) where positions were taken for the night.

The 1st and 2d platoons Co B consisting of 6 tanks jumped off at 0700 supporting the 2d Bn through VOSSWINKEL (B120186) and ECHTERUSSEN (B115220). One enemy SP was destroyed and almost 100 PWs taken. The 3d platoon, Co B, left the assembly area at 0600 and joined the 3d Bn at HILDRINEN (B163137) and moved out at 0800 and cleared the woods N of EGLZEN (B125133) and then moved over to cover the infantry as they entered ALBURN (B094192). The entire Company assembled at ECHTERUSSEN at 2100.

Companies C and D resumed the attack in the morning, each platoon supporting the same battalion as on the previous day and cleared the Regimental Zone of enemy to the South bank of the RUHR River. 16 towns were cleared, including the City of MERDEN (B035160). Several 20mm AA guns were destroyed during the advance.

On 14 April Co A resumed the attack with the 2d Bn at 0815, capturing 6 towns and clearing 3 others after the passage of the 7th Armored Division.

Companies B, C and D remained in reserve and performed maintenance, Co B at ECHTERUSSEN, Co C at MERDEN and Co D at ASBROCK. Bn (-) moved to LANDESCHIED.

From 15-17 April all units remained in position performing maintenance except Co A which supported the 11th Infantry.

d. Period 18-23 April 45:

During this period the 5th Inf. Div. in 12th Army Group Reserve relieved all elements of III Corps in III Corps Zone. The battalion relieved the 8th TD Group and 10 Belgian Fus Bn and maintained law and order, guarded captured enemy installations, including 2 Allied PW Camps, 4 enemy hospitals, the Aachen archives, 2 V-2 Launching sites, and several warehouses and administered 3 displaced persons camps with a population of some 3,500 persons as well as patrolled and screened the area. A total of 603 PWs who were approached and 108 PWs released from hospitals were evacuated to the 5th Inf Div P&E. 33 civilians including 3 allegedly high-ranking Nazis were turned over to the CIC and 6 enemy were killed, including Lt. General Joachim von Kortzfleisch. 16 additional PWs and 2 suspicious civilians were turned over to the 898th FA Bn, the unit which relieved the battalion in the area. Lt. General Kortzfleisch was shot by members of the Reconnaissance Platoon, lead by Staff Sergeant Glenn C. Keseler, when he tried to escape after being captured. The General's hideout, a hunting lodge in the vicinity of PLACONEN-RIDGE, was discovered during a routine check of buildings in the zone. It is reported that General von Kortzfleisch was second in command to Field Marshal Model, Commanding General of HEERESGRUPPE B, and it is further alleged that General von Kortzfleisch was charged with the responsibility of the infantry defense east of the Rhine River.

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The zone occupied by the battalion extended from Mittenkundern East to Hallenberg (611798) a distance of approximately 90 kilometers and from Fredeburg (4088), south to Berleberg (458732), a distance of 90 kilometers. The battalion zone was divided into company areas and each company was responsible for its own area. Bn Hq was at Schmollenberg (8383840), Co A at Hallenberg (8620795), Co B at Winterberg (583990), Co C at Berleberg (2162726), Co D at Grafschaft (7111831) and Service Co at Fleckenberg (8368820). See Annex A, Operations Instructions No. 1, dated 181200Z Apr 45.

The Battalion CO was designated as Sector Commander for the area and was authorized to designate tactical responsibilities to all troops in area for purpose of maintaining law and order.

e. Period 24-30 April: In the last 7 days of the month the Battalion prepared to and did rejoin the XII Corps and the 3d Army. The total distance travelled was approximately 320 miles. Halts were made in the vicinity of Ilbenstadt (1739877), Altman (100565) and Schwarzenfels (1189975). (See Annex B & C, Operations Instructions 2, dated 26 Apr 45 and Operations Instructions 3, dated 291400Z Apr 45 respectively.) On the march which began 25 April the tanks carried infantry on the rear areas. The tank column was under battalion control.

#### 4. Results of Operations:

The highlight of the month's activities was that no tank or other vehicle of this battalion was lost as a result of enemy action and only one battle casualty was sustained. Favored with fair weather, comparatively good terrain and excellent tank-infantry coordination, superior results were achieved.

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3rd April

Time	To	From	
1000	Ln 0	H-6	5th Div plus attachments now under 3rd army control, tactically but still under XX Corps administratively.
1300	H-3	H-2	Able company action of 2nd April: Company moved from Frankfort at 1200 picked up Inf at Harheim (684765) and with infantry riding tanks, advanced through Vilbel (7976), Assenheim (7689), Reichelsheim (8176), Dauernheim (8696), Niada (9002) to Merkenfirtz (0101). One platoon plus one rifle company cut roads in the vicinity of Merkenfirtz. One platoon plus 1 Rifle company cut road in vicinity of Glashutten (9903). Mission was to cut off route of escape of the 6th SS Mountain Div. Charlie company in support of 3rd Bn performed same type of mission, cut roads vicinity of Ober Lois (9603), Schwickartshsn (9500). Company CP at Ranstadt (8896).
1400	H-3	H-2	Able company to move to vicinity of Allenrod (0597), Burg Bracht (0897), with mission of cutting roads from 101969 W to 047985. Charlie company tanks to assemble in vicinity of Wenings (0399) supporting 3rd Bn, 2nd Inf with mission of cutting roads, from 047985 to W. Co CP moving to Hirzenhain (0900).
1730	H-2	G-2	Definate evidence of German soldiers changing to civilian cloths in large groups. Soldbucks <del>after</del> hidden inside shoes and socks.
1815	H-2	H-3	Charlie Status - A-8 BA-7 BC-1 D-1. Baker, assault Guns and Dog company trains at Bad Nauheim (7197) Baker and Assault Guns not comitted today.
1820	H-2	Bn Maint	Status report: 2 Charlie Tanks 1 Baker tank W30125847 both in Bn Maint. The Baker company tank needs new power train. One Baker tank M-4 with broken prop shaft on Autobahn.
1830	G-4	H-6	Status report: A 26/2/0/0 B 15/2/0/5 C 6/0/0/0 D 18/0/0/0 G 1/0/0/0 H 4/0/0/1 O 2/1/0/0.
1845	H-2	B	Action of the 2nd of April: Company supported the 3rd Bn of the 10th Inf in clearing the woods from Friedrichsdorf to Bad Nauheim east of the Autobahn. Company committed at 1000 and reassembled at 1600 at 720971. 30 prisnors were taken during the operation. One Peep belonging to L company was recovered.

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Time	To	From	
1230	H-3	A	Able company is at 039040 and will probably move again today. Status is the same.
1800	H-1	H-3	Charlie company remained static today. Company at Herzenheim, platoons at Wennigs. Able company (-1 Platoon) moved out from Gerden at 1430 to Lauterbach with the 1st Bn (-B Co) with mission of clearing supply route. Lt. Sinclairs platoon and Co B to move E about 3 Km to isolated farm with mission of clearing out about 100 enemy from farm and upon completion of Mission to Join the rest of the company.
1800	H-3		D company w/5th Recon movint to Nieder Weisel (673025).
1800	H-2	H-3	B Co at Bad Nauheim, company remained static.
1805	Ln 0	H-3	Battalion to assemble at Steinfurth tomorrow to IP at 1100 at 693723 via Vilbel, Kloppenheim, Neider Wallstadt, Wollstadt, Ober Wollstadt, Friedberg, East edge of Bad Nauheim to destination. Route marked to Freedberg
1930	H-3	Co A	Am now at 826162. Some of my units are at Gerden.
2000+	H-3	Maint	Status report. In Ord: B-1 tank (in today) Bn Maint: B-1 tank C-1 Tank
2030	H-3		Battalion relieved from attachment to 12 th Corps per TUSA Troop Assignment No. A-28 effective 29 March 45 and Par 6 Troop assignment No. A-36 Hq. 12 th Corps, 29 March 45.
2100	G-4	H-6	Status report: A 26/1/1/0 B 15/2/0/5 C 6/0/0/0 D 18/0/0/0 G 1/0/0/0 H 4/0/0/1 O 2/1/0/0 as of 2200 submitted

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Time	To	From	Message
0845	H-3	C	Tarins started moving at 0800 to Hungen.
0900	H-3	Ln 0	Able, Charlie and the two platoons of Dog company revert to Battalion control upon their arrival at the assembly area.
0915	H-3	B	Baker company with the Assault Guns moving to Eberstadt.
1000	H-3	H-2	Headquarters company left the area at Frankfort at 1000.
1215	H-6	H-3	Headquarters company closed into new area at Steinfurth (719006) at 1215.
1230	H-3	H-2	Service company closed into area at Steinfurth at 1230.
1300	H-6	H-3	Dog company is at Oppenshofen (714028). Baker company detached as of 1300, also the Assault Guns. Able, Charlie and Dog companies detached as of 042000B April.
			Baker tank No. 312 was tallied in today.
			Battalion relieved from attachment to XII Corps and attached to XX Corps effective 28 March by Par 2B, Letter Hq. TUSA, AG 322- GNMCC, Subject: Troop Assignment A-128 dtd 1 April 1945.
1930	G-4	H-6	Status Report: A 25/2/0/0 B 14/3/0/6 C 6/0/0/0 D 18/0/0/0 G 1/0/0/0 H 4/0/0/1 O 2/1/0/0 as of 2200 submitted.

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Time	To	From	Message
1300	H-3	H-6	Col Cox of the 5th Div Ord was here with Capt Meyer of the 70th Ord Group, was here to discuss maintenance problems. Two sections of a maintenance company are available for our use, these sections will be brought to our Battalion maintenance and work with them. H-6 advised them that our problems were not so much maintenance but supply problems, that we were 6 medium tanks and one T-2 short. Capt Busch contacted Col Cox and worked out details for employment of Ord company maintenance sections.
1600	H-6	Div	The CG went through the area this morning and found the military discipline and personal appearance of the soldiers very poor. Immediate action will be taken to correct this.
1605	H-1	H-6	To all companies: Emphasis will be placed upon military discipline and personal appearance.
1800	G-4	H-6	Status report: A 23/3/0/0 B 16/0/1/5 C 6/0/0/0 D 18/0/0/0 E 1/0/0/0 H 4/0/0/1 I 2/1/0/0 as of 2200 submitted.

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0900	H-3	In O	Able, Baker, Dog and the Assault guns to go to Dollar.
1000	H-3	A	Capt from Dollar called and said that the leading elements will cross the MP at 1300. Will you notify Dog and Assault Guns?
1130	H-6	G-4	Have 6 new tanks for you. Will you have your maint officer meet me and I will take him to inspect them.
1130	Sv	H-6	Contact Capt Busch and have him contact G-4 immediately.
1800	H-3	Maint O	Status Report: In Ord. Baker - 1 tank (4th 4/76). In Battalion Able- 1 Tank, Hq- 2 Assault Guns. Tank (28434) Able- Replace engine, repair homelite. Assault Gun (30103767) Hq.- repair oil leak in engine. Assault gun (30103721) Hq.- replace engine.
2000	G-4	H-6	Status report: A 26/1/0/0 B 16/0/0/6 C 4/2/0/0 D 18/0/0/0 E 1/0/0/0 H 4/0/0/1 I 3/0/0/0 as of 2200 submitted.

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Time	To	From	Message
1300	H-3	H-2	Lt. Col. Brcken from Armored Force Board here with Capt Andre of 1st Army to find out the status of this battalion with reference to equipment. Discussed procedure and reports we will be required to make.
1500	H-3	H-2	Capt Busch contacted Col. Cox, Div Ord Officer. Col Cox informed Capt Busch that Army had some tanks for us. Capt Busch went to Army and got an allocation for 6 tanks to be drawn from the 531st Ord. Capt Busch went to the 531st to see about drawing the tanks, and was informed that the 531st had turned all their tanks over to another Ord located at Hannon. Capt Busch informed Col. Cox of this. The Col. told Capt. Busch to go to Hannon to see if he could get the tanks.
2100	H-6	Ln 0	Convoy number will be IT-99 and the time of IP will be 1145.
2115	G-4	H-6	Status Report: A 26/1/0/0 B 16/0/0/6 C 4/2/0/0 D 18/0/0/0 G 1/0/0/0 H 4/0/0/1 O 3/0/0/0 as of 2200 submitted.

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1100	H-6	H-3	Hq and Sv companies left the area at Steinfurth at 1100.
1230	H-6	H-3	The first vehicle of Hq. company crossed the IF at 1235.
1925	H-6	H-3	Hq. and Sv. companies closed into new area at Elleringhausen at 1925. The two companies moved a distance of 112 miles.
2000	H-6	H-3	Four Dog company tanks dropped out, two have been repaired and 1 is in company maintenance, and 1 was taken to 505 Ord at Frankenburg. The 505 also has 1 Assault Gun which needs an engine, arranged for Capt Busch to pick it up. Able had two tanks drop out, one at Thalitter (810920) and one at Korbach (793980), both tanks had engine trouble. Baker company has one tank out with engine trouble just outside Thalitter. Charlie company has one M4A3 tank out with engine trouble at Nellesn (647986) also one Able gas truck in the same town with a thrown rod.
2015	H-3	Maint 0	Status Report: In Bn. - 1 Baker tank (needs track)(75) 1 Baker tank (needs transmission) (76) 1 Able tank -Ready 1 Hq Assault Gun - Ready.
2020	H-3	Hq.	Status Report: Tanks A-2 Assault guns- A-3 B-2 D-1.
2125	H-3	C	Have one tank that needs a track before I can use it. Also need bogies badly.
2130	H-3	H-5	Baker, Dog and the Assault guns closed at Bigge (508069) 082000 April. Able closed with Dollar Red at Hevelinghausen(490060) at 090130 April. Able attack in support of Dollar Red at 0800, closing into Meschede (383055) at 1700. Charlie company at Bridon (580610). Baker, Dog and the Assault Gun platoon were not committed today moved to Velmeu (445067). Dog status report: A-10 B -7 D -1
2200	H-3	Ln 0	5th Inf Div with attachments, including this Battalion attached to III Corps, 1st Army effective 081300B April.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Message</u>
0945	H-3	H-C	Company moving this mornin; to Oswig (475074).
1200	H-3	H-A	Status: A-5, BA-6, E-2. Need 6 sets of track. 2 vehicles being used are down to metal.
1230	H-3	Mn O	3 C Co tanks in Bn including one left on road needing engine. Other 2 need track. Also T/2 in Bn needs engine. To get in shape we need: 5 radial engines 1 Ford engine 15 Bogie wheels 16 sets medium track 10 sets wedges and units for light tanks 3 GMC engines 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton tires 4 10-ton wrecker tires.
1300	H-3	H-A	One more tank to Bn.
1330	H-3	H-B	Now in Meschede.
1400	H-3	H-C	Can be reached thru double blue
1430	H-3	H-5	Discussed need of maintenance with G-3 and adverse effect of excessive speed on move here. Arranged to get some maintenance on A Co. They will not be attached to 2d for at least 24 hours.
1500	H-3	H-2	B Co trains at Meschede (B3805). Tanks jumped off 0600 to take Berghausen (B368047) and then successively take Kalle (B332044), Wallen (B319038) and Berge (298038). A Co CP at Meschede. Lt Sinclair at Heggen (399035), Lt. Smith at Beringhausen (423035). Company not committed today and will assemble at Meschede. C Co moved from Brillon to Velmede (444066) and expected to move again before the close of the day. D Co at Velmede. Assault Guns at Meschede and are detached.
	H-3	Hartigan	B Co trains moved to Wallen. Tanks captured bridge intact at Berge.
	H-3	Mn O	Supporting ordnance 532d located at Kirchhain about 6 miles E of Marburg. No radial engines and none available. All track frozen for 48 hours then maybe. Arranging to have Assault Gun and 2 tanks on road and tanks in Bn needing engines picked up by retrievers. May have to tally in.
1800	H-3	H-D	505th Ordnance moving to Nieder-Marsburg tomorrow, bringing light tank and Assault Gun. Have a replacement 105 they'll give us. Have some engines.
1800	H-3	Mn O	In Bn Maint: 1 Asst Gun (30103765), needs engine. 1 Hq $\frac{1}{4}$ ton (20349769), needs engine-to be evacuated tomorrow. A Co tank M4A1 (37865), engine, transmission and suspension. B Co tank M/4 (3036685), engine. B Co tank M4A3 (3082148), track & bogies. C Co T/2 (40104043), engine. 4 C Co tanks M4A3 (3082319) eng & susp. (3082377) track & susp. (3083078) track & susp., leaky recoil cyl. (3082177) engine. D Co $\frac{1}{4}$ ton (20346264) eng. being put in. 1 Sv $2\frac{1}{2}$ T (4240934) engine.
		On the Road:	Hq Asst Gun in 505 Ord. Hq Tank - engine and susp. A Co tank in Korbach - engine.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Message</u>
2145	CG FUSA	H-6	B Co tank w/76 (30125847) - transmission. D Co 1 tank in 505 Ord. Status: A-17/11/0, B-16/1/6, C-4/1/0/1, D-11/6/0, E-2/1/0, G-1/0/0, H-3/1/1.
2145	CG III Corps	H-6	Status: A-17/11/0/0/0, B-16/1/0/0/0, C-4/1/0/1/0, D-11/7/1/0/0, E-2/1/0/0/0, G-1/0/0/0, H-3/1/0/0/0.
2200	H-3	G-3	D Co attached 2d Inf effective 101800B. A Co detached 10th Inf effective 101800B.

11 April 45

Time	To	From	Message
0710	H-8	H-5	I am at Doule. Able is assembled at Meschede. Charlie still at Velmede waiting to go. D company will have 11 tanks on the line trains at Velmede. I am now going to check B company.
0900	H-3	D	Trains at Velmede. Took tanks to Berge.
0915	H-3	C	Company still at Velmede waiting to go.
1500	H-3	H-5	Baker supported 10th Inf. C company jumped at 0730, 1st platoon with Blue and 2nd platoon with white. One tank (76) knocked out in draw vicinity of Goevenstein. Dog completed maintenance at 0200 moved at 0615 third platoon with Blue 2nd platoon with white.
1500	H-3	H-2	Baker trains at Wallen. Charlie trains at Berge. Dog trains at Wallen. Assault Guns at Wallen. Charlie status: A-4 BA-5 BB-1 C-4 CB-1 F-2. Baker Status: A-5 BA-6 B-1 BE-1 E-1 C-2 F-1. One platoon Baker jumped at 0500 to support 2nd Battalion in repelling counter attack vicinity of Visbeck (275059) and then advanced to Frenkenhausen (275058) 2 known OP's destroyed, 1 Cand R car and 25 Pw's taken platoon assembled at Olpe (298065). One platoon supported 2nd Bn in capturing Olpe at 1915 with the Inf riding, the tanks proceeded to Freismold (303087). One platoon to hold the position. One platoon to go to Rembeck (257100) to outpost the town. Trains to move to Freismold in morning. Able status: A-2 B-4 E-2 BA-6 F-2 A-1 GA-1
1800	H-3	B	Action for the 10th April. In support of the 2nd Bn 10th Inf our tanks jumped off from Lair (365085). Tank Inf team proceeded on to Kalle (335043), Wallen (319036) Berge (296037). Outposted the towns of Berge and Nederberge (302046). Trains at 317036 Tanks at 296037 and 302046
1815	H-3	D	3rd platoon supported 3rd Bn in attack from Berge, capturing Grevenstein, Altenhellefeld, Linnepe, Westenfeld, where they outposted the town. Trains at Wallen, Tanks at Westenfeld.
1820	H-3	C	1st platoon with the 2nd Bn moved toward Vesbeck against light 20mm fire. Remained in town over night waiting for 10th to clear Hellefeld. 3rd platoon moved toward Grevenstein then to Altenhillefeld Linnepe and Westenfeld. Trains at Bege, tanks at Vesbeck and Westenfeld.
1830	H-3	Com O	Panel code effective 13 thru 18 April is Red only.
2145	CG FUSA	H-6	Status Report: A 13/15/0 B 14/3/0 C 4/1/0 D 11/6/0 E 5/0/0 G 1/0/0 H 3/1/0

12 April

Time	To	From	
1020	H-3	Maint	<p>On 10 April DAO advised 532 Ord was our supporting Ord Co. I saw them and they said they would honor our requisitions. Mr sharp went there with the requisitions but they wouldn't honor the requisitions because they were a part of the 47th Bn and therefore they can't help us. Mr Sharp got one ford engine from depot. We have permission to deal with depot today only. One med ord company to support us, either 257 or 26. 26 will help us for the time being. We should get some track within the next few days. Hq tank to be evacuated to 26 Ord and A Co tank at Korbach to be brought to us. If I have to move now I will have to leave about 6 or 7 vehicles. I am to get one ford and one radial engine today. Baker tank outside Meschede to be locked up and crew pulled. Assault gun at 505 getting new engine today 2 Charlie tanks deadlined today to put track on.</p> <p>Status report as of 11 April 45.</p> <p>Hq. 1 Tank (Thalitter), 1 Assault Gun and 1 I/4 Ton A co. 1 Tank (Korbach) 1 Tank in Bn Maint B Co. 3 tanks ( 1 M4, 1 M4A3E6, 1M4A3) C Co. 4 tanks (1 M4A3E6 - 30116304) and 1 T/2 Sv Co. 1 GMC Evacuated to Ord today (257) 1 Hq 1/4 Ton. 1 Sv Gmc</p> <p>H-6 told Capt Busch, when the 6 new tanks come in to give 2 to each company.</p>
1340	H-3	B	<p>Trains at Oventrop (278 108). One tank M4 at Wallen, broken starter, one M4 at 297077, engine. At 0830 the platoon in Fräienohl moved to Oventrop. One platoon at Rumbeck.</p>
1520	H-3	H-2	<p>D company moving to Sundern.</p>
1600	H-3	Maint	<p>One M4A3E2 ready for C company.</p>
1635	H-3	Maint	<p>2 C Company tanks ready to go, otherwise no change.</p>
1645	H-3	H-5	<p>B company supporting 2nd Bn of the 10th Inf in attack on Arnberg at 1400. Tank attachments with dozer haven't changed. 3rd Bn 2nd Inf at Sudern with tanks advanced to town at W. D and C companies moving to Sudern.</p>
1930	CG FUSA	H-6	<p>Status Report: A 14/14/0 B 14/3/0 C 4/1/0 D 13/4/0 E 5/0/0 G 1/0/0 H 3/1/0 as of 2200 submitted.</p>

13 April 45

<u>Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Message</u>
0800	H-3	H-6	Hamil and Carter to jump at 0800 to Hocken with 2d Bn., 2d Inf. and then to to Hovel. Harris and Haines to jump at 0800 with 3d Bn., 2d Inf. from Stemel, go N and then cut S to Langscheid. C & D Companies at Sundern. B Co. at Arnstberg. A at Meschede.
0900	H-6	H-3	Hq Co moved out at 0900.
1045	H-6	H-3	Hq Co closed into new area at Oventrop (281105) at 1045.
1100	H-6	H-4	Brought back 6 new M4A3E6 tanks and 15 bogies, including 5 for lights.
1200	H-3	H-C	Charlie Co to move to Beckum (115065).
1700	H-3	H-5	Baker and AG's moving to Muschede (187120). C Co moved from Sundern to Langscheid (153061). Dog still in Sundern. A Co assembling at Hovel (131078). H-3 & H-5 at Division, gave Col. Dickens tank status. He asked whether AG's being used and we told him "no", but we didn't want to use them as tanks. Advised Col. Dickens of maintenance and parts situation. Col. Dickens advised us that on the next move we will move as a battalion and control our own tanks. The TDs will move with one Regiment and we will move with another.
1830	H-3	Maint	Ord: 1 truck Sv Co, Bn Maint: 6 Repl tanks, A Co, W30101526 W-30116294; B Co 30116155; 30115887, C Co 30116189, 30116194. Maint: A Co 2 tanks, B Co 6 tanks (3 on road to be evacuated 3426), C Co 1 tank, 1 T/2, Hq: 1 AG.
1845	H-3	Hq	Crew from tank which was at Thalitter returned, reported tank taken to ordnance.
1850	H-2	H-3	1 B Co between Olpe and Freidnohl on secondary road, one in Wallen, one at Meschede.
2025	H-3	G-3	Received Operations Memo No 78, 131800B Apr, III Corps, continue advance to W to reduce Ruhr pocket. 8th Armd Div on our N flank, 7th Armd passes CCA through our zone to vicinity Minden thence to SW, 99th Inf Div on our left. C & D Cos attached 2d Inf mission to destroy enemy in zone and maintain contact with 11th Inf on left. B Co attached 10th Inf, mission destroy enemy in zone, maintain contact with 2d Inf on left and responsible for guarding installations and maintaining law and order in Arnstberg (B230110). A Co attached 11th Inf, mission destroy all enemy in zone, maintain contact with elements 7th Armd in zone and on left flank and protect left flank of Division.
2100	H-3	Rcn 0	Effective 4 April 1945 battalion relieved from attachment to XX Corps and attached to the 5th Inf Div., par 7b, Troop Assignment No A-131, TUSA, 8 April 45.
2130	CG FUSA	H-6	Service Co at Arnstberg, B Co and AGs at Husten. Status Report: A-16/12/0, B-15,8/0, C-4/1/0, D-13/4/0, E-3/0/0, G-1/0/0, H-3/1/0.
2145	H-3	H-B	Action for 12 Apr: at 0820 one platoon moved from Frieohl to Overtrop. Other platoon at Rumbreck. At 1000 one tank outposted with Infantry at (259104). At 1400 platoon moved from Oventrop to Rumbreck. At such time 1st platoon moved to Arnstberg. Several hundred prisoners taken. Numerous ack ack guns destroyed. Trains moved to Arnstberg. (235106). Trains at Sundern (187038), tanks at Hocken (172090) and Stemel (178064).
		H-3	

14 April 45

<u>Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Message</u>
0800	H-6	G-4	Full headlights are to be used to the S and E of the Corps Rear Boundary, which is Nuttlar (B4808), Olsberg (53307)-Elleringhausen (B4808), <del>Arnsberg</del> Willingen (B6100), Dudinghausen (G6796), Nedebach (G6889), Hallerberg (36280), Berleburg (G4673). Cat eyes only W of this line.
1300	H-3	H-5	Cleared with Div and Dollar and received approval for Service Co to go to Husten. Div approved Bn moving to Langscheid. To get clearance from Dusty. A Co at Hovel, B at Husten, C at Langscheid, D at Hovel.
1300	H-3	Bn Maint	Report on Tank in Bn Maint: A Co: 37865 - M4 - Engine, track, traverse oil lines and check transmission. 28015 - M4 - Engine and track B Co: 30125847 - M4AL w/76 - Transmission and track. 3036685 - M4 - Engine 3033337 - M4 - in Meschede 1 M4 vicinity Olpe needs engine. 1 M4 vicinity Wallen needs engine. Hq AG 30103765 - engine, track, traverse, clutch, sprockets, 10 bogies. Hq Tank tallied in. 3468 Ord Co at Olpe to serve us. All tanks.
1530	H-3	C Co	Pfc McIntyre leading tanks to C Co. Bridge at Arnsberg fell in as first tank crossed. Tank new 76. Tank not in river. One side of bridge still up and tank could drive up as on a ramp but bridge not strong enough.
1635	H-5	H-3A	Dusty approves our moving to Langshied. C Co tank got off bridge O.K. C status, no change except for 2 new tanks and 1 tank out of Bn. C Co and A Co moving to Asbeck (105113). Tanks now at Asbeck, trains (135113). A supporting 2d Bn, 11th Inf. Charlie supporting Blue and White. A status: A-5, B-1, C-1, E-1, BA-6, F-2, A-1, GA-1. B Co at Vosswinkel (020187). Ord: A Co 2 tanks, B Co 5 tanks, Sv Co 1 GMC. Maint: A Co 1 peep, C Co 1 T/2, D Co 1 tank, Med: 1 peep. Co at Asbeck. Lt Harris working in Manden. Lt Hamil at Nieder Osborne (087170). A-18/3/6, B-22/1/1, C-4/0/1, D-13/4/0, E-3/0/0, G-1/0/0, H-3/1/0.
1700	H-3	Maint	
1800	H-3	H-D	
2000	CG Fusa	H-6	
2030	H-3	H-B	Action for 13 April 45: Supporting the 1st Bn, 10th Inf the tanks left Arnsberg at 1145 met infantry at Muschede, covered infantry as they entered Hustin. Left Hustin at 1830 clearing woods on through to suburb of Neheim on West side of river (177150). 40 prisoners taken. Location of trains (179147), location of tanks (177150). Action for 14 April: In support of 3d Bn, 10th Inf the 3d platoon left (177150) at 0600 to join 3d Bn at Herdringen (163137). At 0800 jumped off through woods, clearing same up to Wimbern. Covered infantry and then entered Wimbern (095193). Assembled at Echthausen at 2100 (115220). 1st and 2d platoon (6 tanks) supported 2d Bn, jumping off from (177150) at 0700, clearing woods and town Bachum (136183) where 10 prisoners were taken, moved to Vasswinkel (123185) where 70 prisoners were taken, moved on to Stocken (117197) and then on to Echthausen (115220) arriving at 1500.
2030	H-3	H-C	Action for 13 & 14 Apr: 1st platoon with 3d Bn, 2d platoon with 2d Bn, 3d plat with 1st Bn. Platoons supported Bns, clearing towns in 2d Inf zone against pockets of resistance.

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Time

To

From

Message

2d platoon with 2d Bn took Menden, opposition light, with fair amount of 10mm artillery fire. All battalions reached Ruhr River by dark. Location of trains: Biederberg. Tanks at: One platoon Neider Barge, one platoon at Menden, one platoon at 055184.

17 April 45

- 0900 H-3 H-5 Companies remained in same locations as yesterday. Able continued to round up PW's in their zone.
- 2000 H-3 Ln 0 Have companies assembled in morning. WE have a mission of our own.
- 2245 H-2 G-1 There are several hospitals in the area that you are to occupy. Suggest you contact the people the people who are now guarding them and see how they have been handling the situation.
- 2250 H-3 Ln 0 We are to take over the area by 1200. It is a Battalion job. All companies to revert to battalion control and start moving at dawn. Bn to IP at Hachen at 0900 tomorrow morning. Have advance party leave at dawn.
- 2255 Hq. H-3 He informed Hq. ce of the move in the morning.
- 2300 CG MUSA H-6 Status Report: A 16/4/0 B 23/1/0 C 3/1/0 D 13/4/0 E 2/1/0 G 1/0/0 H 2/2/0 as of 2200 submitted.

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- 0200 H-3 Ln 0 Operations memo No. 80 dated 17 April 45, which provides in part, that the 5th Div is assigned to the 3rd U S Army, but remains in position in XII Army Group reserve, and further provides that the Bn is to relieve elements of the 8th TD Group in zone by 181200B April 45. Mission to Maintain law and order in zone, and further provides that Bn CO is designated sector commander for area and authorizes sector commander to designate tactical responsibilities to all troops in the area for the purpose of maintaining law and order. Advised that Bn to IP at CR (170083) 180900B April 45. We are to follow the 803 TD Bn on march.
- 0215 Overlay prepared setting forth route of march as follows: IP, CR (170083) in the vic of Hachen, south to Sundern (1803) then E to Westenfeld (2203) then to Hellefeld (2403) S to Alten-Hellefeld (2502) then NE to Visbeck (2704) then to Berge (2904) then S to Wenhalthausen (3199), Bremke (3395), Doslar (3491) to Friedeberg (4088) then to Schmollenberg (3883). IP time: Hq-0900, A-0915, C 0930, D-0945 B-1000, SV-1015. Rate of march 15 to 20 MPH. Halts every two hours for 10 Min. All vehicles will be off the roads at halts.
- 0230 H-5 H-3 H-3 to contact Able, Lt Yontz to contact Baker and Service, Lt Shealer to contact Charlie and Dog, to alert each company and have companies assemble in the vicinity of the IP at 0800 18 April. Company commander meeting at Bn CP at 0800.
- 0630 H-2 H-5 H-3 left to contact the 8th TD Group

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Time	To	From	
0800	All CO's	H-5	All company commanders briefed on the move.
0900	H-5	H-2	IP time will be delayed because TD's have not cleared the IP.
0915	H-2	H-5	Battalion IP'd at 0915
1130	H-5	H-3	Hq closed at Schmalleberg (383840). Maj Wickens met the column and said Able to assemble at Hallenberg (611798), Baker at Winterberg(560890), Charlie at Berleburg (460730), D to go to Oberkirchen (446846), Service at Neider Fleckenberg (368822).
1400	H-5	Ln 0	Our duties are to take over allied PW camps in zone, guard RR tunnels in the area, also enemy hospitals and warehouses in area.
1900	H-3	Com 0	Panel Code for the period 19 thru 24 April 45 is Red and Yellow.
1930	CG FUSA	H-6	A-16/4/0 B-23/1/0 C-3/1/0 D-13/4/0 E-2/1/0 G-1/0/0 H-2/2/0 as of 2200 submitted.

19 April 45

	To	From	Message
0930	H-3	Maint	Tank 30125847 M4 W/76 tallied in 4/19 to 3468 Ord.
1200	H-3	lm 0	Tank status to be submitted in form required by 3rd Army to G-4, and he will forward. Belgian Bn detached from division at 1200 today. We will take over installations they were guarding. We are to furnish transport to move them to new area. Made arrangements to move them to Korbach at 0900 tomorrow, 5 trucks from Sv Co for 1st Co at Fleckenberg, 5 trucks from B Co for 2nd Co at Zuscken, 2 trucks from D Co, 2 from Hq Co and 1 from Sv Co for the 3rd company at Oberkirchen, 5 from C Co for the 4th company at Berghausen and 5 from A Co for the 5th company at Wunderthausen. Also made arrangements to pick up and deliver one days rations tonight. 25 PW's from C Co and 3 from Hq Co.
1300	H-2		
1330	H-2	Hq	DP camp in town contains 182 Russian men and 102 Russian women and 36 Polish men.
1400	H-5	H-3	Sent Lt. Unkeles to check on allied PW camp at Meggen.
1430	H-3	C	Anti- tank mines at 475749, Wingershausen and Wittengenstern. This information was reported to the engineers.
1430	Hq.	H-2	337 displaced persons picked up at Fredeberg and sent to Meschede.
1500		H-3	Interogation of PW-s reveals two Captains one Major, one Lt, 8 suspicious persons (civilians) and the rest enlisted men. Organizations: 3rd Pz Div, Pz Lehr Div, Flak Units, FA units. One woman from Arbeitdienst.
1730	H-2	Hq.	Displaced persons returned to Fredeberg. No room for them at Meschede.
1900			Staff meeting. Tank status report turned over to S-4. Security instructions for screening and traffic control points, drawn up and sent to the companies. Enemy ordnance collecting point established at Sv Co and one at Hallenberg. Staff members to contact companies daily Capt. Mc Intyre, Able and Baker Lt. Shealer, Charlie Major Wickens, Dog ans Service companies.
1915	H-3	Hq.	Lt. Unkeles reports 2365 Allied PW's at Meggen. He will administer the camp, guards will be from the assault ration platoon
1930	H-3	H-4	Rations delivered to Belgians, also picked up 1650 rations for allied PW's, to be delivered in the AM. 1183 to Lt Unkeles at Meggen, 400 to LT Harris at Winkhausen. Made arrangements to pick up 1650 rations for DP's at Fredeberg and Schmalleberg.

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Message

To From  
2000 H-5 H-3 Lt. Yontz has taken over 2 hospitals and factories in Fredeberg. Conditions crowded. Could be alleviated by disposing of 40 wounded PW's now almost recovered and by evacuating displaced persons. Division was advised of this.

20 April 45

0100 H-3 G-3 Contact CO of the Belgian Fusilliers Battalion. He is to report to Master 3 at Bad Waldungen and 32 trucks from Army will pick up his unit at Korbech and move them to new destination.

0700 H-5 H-3 Above accomplished.

0900 H-2 D Have 40 PW's at Oberkirchen.

1015 H-2 C Received 37 PW's from C Company.

1100 H-3 Rcn 0 No results.

1150 H-2 Comm 0 Lt. Harris has 30 PW's.

1200 Rcn ran into skirmish near Fleckenberg. Lowman KIA, S/Sgt Kester LWA. Three Krauts killed including Lt. Gen Von Kortzfleisch.

1600 H-3 D Roads south of Wingshausen mined. Also 27 rounds mortar, 5 cases of mines, 1600 rds of carbine ammo, 7 boxes of 30 Cal ammo, 8 rockets, 25 Panzerfausts, grenades and other misc ammo being collected by the Burgomeister who, also knows the location of the mines on the road. Ask division for engineers.

1600 H-3 Rcn 0 One civilian Hospital containing some PW's in Altenhundem. Our medics ( Capt. Leonard C Miller and 4 EM) there. About 1200 French and 600 Russians in the town. Enemy hospital containing 179 PW's in Halberbracht guarded by 10 men left by 99th Div. They have no rations. Sent Lt. McDermott to guard hospital at Altenhundem and drop off rations at Halberbracht on the way.

1700 H-3 C Medical dump of no value, recommend discontinue guard.

1730 H-3 A Are trucks to haul Belgians an additional 200 miles. Reply NO.

1800 20 to 150 Krauts reported in Fretter. Reported to the TD's.

1900 H-3 H-2 193 PW's evacuated to the Division PWE.

2030 H-3 H-2 35 PW's evacuated to the PWE.

21 April 45

Time	To	From	
0815	H-3	Lt. Unkeles	Send with 09 any extra Kraut rifles and ammo. Nation streng strength 2420.
0820	09	H-3	Notified of message.
0825	C	H-2	Don't remove any papers from any person suspected of being soldiers or discharged soldiers. Leave all papers on men b being sent to the PW cage.
0835	H-3	H-2n 0	Ordnance will pick up american ammo. Engineers will detonate Panzerfaust and also clear mines from road at Wingshausen today.
0855	H-3	Lt Shealer	6 enemy dead evacuated to GRO.
1100			Picked up 3 political PW's one was a Dr. Schroder.
1300	H-3	Ln 0	We and the 4th Armored are in third Army reserve. Will move under first Army control probably 24 or 25, temporarily under operations control of XVI Corps. Order of relief will be 803 TD, 737th Tank Bn, 10th Inf, 11th Inf, 2nd Inf. Order of movement: 10th, 11th, 2nd. We will move with the 2nd after the 21st FA. Will move as a Bn, control our own speed and maintenamce halts. TD's will follow us.
1445	H-3	Maint	Have an 88mm Gun here. Should I destroy it? H-3 advised him it would be placed in a pool under guard because we will have more stuff coming in.
1800	H-2	H-5	109 PW's evacuated to the Division PWE.
2030	H-5	H-2	26 PW's evacuated to the Division PWE.

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0900	H-5	H-2	H-3 contacted the 2nd Inf to coordinate coming move.
1200	H-2	H-1	13 PW's and 108 PW's released from Hospitals evacuated to FWE.
1230	H-3	Trans 0	Got 4 truck loads of gasoline in and there are 2 more loads at the dump.
1300	H-3	D	Have one truck load of PW's, will you send a truck. Two need special attention, will send a note with them.
1305	Trans 0	H-3	Send a truck to pick up PW's at dog.
1630	H-3	Hq. Co	We now have 126 PW's. All were evacuated to the PWE.
1900	H-3	H-6	Co 898 FA Bn agreed to effect final relief and take over command of the area effective 0800 tomarrow.
1900	Ln 0	H-3	Inform Division due to gasoline situatuin we will not assemble Bn but will leave companies in present positions until just before move and will asseuble companies in the vicinity of the IP or wherever we are to pickup Inf. Also find out who will relieve A company.

24 April 45

<u>Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Message</u>
0900	H-2	H-5	H-6 and H-3 left to go to the meeting at Division to secure full particulars on the coming move.
1400	H-3	Div Trans	Requested 17 trucks to be sent to Dollar to pick up infantry to be brought back to the companies to ride tanks on move.
1600	Co COs	H-3	Move to Frankfurt-Hanau area. Be ready to IP at H-Hour + 9. H-Hour is 0900. IP at Stiegen. Will carry two rifle companies of approximately 175 men each on tanks. Dog to carry 80, balance to be divided amongst the 3 line companies. In the event of any excess infantry they will be sent to Hq Co. Companies to assemble with tanks at 1130 vicinity of Schmalleberg. When we arrive at destination we will have no assigned duties. Emphasis will be stressed on military courtesy and clean up. We will be 3d Arm <sup>y</sup> troops in SHAEF Reserve.
1800	H-3	Ln 0	Received Operations Instructions No. 82 which changes plans. IP time 1000, we are to hit IP at H + 4. We will assemble at town of Schmalleberg. Advance party to be at G-1 at 0800. Ln 0 further stated we will probably move following day. Ultimate destination - Bamberg.

25 April 45

	H-6	FUSA	Paragraph 6, Troop Assignment No 39 Hq FUSA, 19 Apr <sup>6</sup> "737 Tank Bn: Reld atchmt III Corps (Remains asgd Third Arm <sup>y</sup> and atchd First Army.)"
1200			Bn left Schmalleberg.

26 April 45

1230	H-3	Hq	Sv Co closed into area at Ilbenstadt (759877). The other companies have closed minus what they had dropped out on road.
0115	H-3	Ln 0	We are to IP at 1100 at RJ 871725. Div wants to know what our status is. H-3 informed Ln 0 that a complete status was not available at the present time.
0130	H-3	Maint	Sv Co has one T/2 out. H-3 informed the Maintenance Officer that if we move in the morning as scheduled he is to leave one section of maintenance behind to take care of the vehicles which fell out on the move and the ones which will not be able to move in the morning. Maintenance is to repair as many as possible and we will send back for them.
0200	H-3	All Cos	Status as of Now: B - 1 Radial 76 out on road with broken clutch finger, also have 2 in Bn, both E-6s which need bogies.

29 April 45

<u>Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Message</u>
1130 1600	H-3 -	CO Sv -	Bn Maint should arrive here approximately 2100. Company Commanders Meeting. Operations Instructions No. 3, maps distributed and plans discussed for tomorrow's move. H-2 briefed COs on general situation. Advised G-4 Ordnance would not tally in 2 tanks left back at Eussenheim and that under the circumstances if we had no luck getting someone to pick them up we would leave them on the road. G-4 agreed.
1730	G-4	H-5	Col. Cox, 705 Ord, called on H-4 to discuss tank status and availability of bogies. He had tires but not wheels.
1845	H-4	705 Ord	Bn Maintenance closed Eltmann. 1 Tank ("C") dropped out on road E of Karlstadt. Able dozer in Lohr with 2 men, machine guns and equipment from Charlie tank. "C" 76mm arrived with Bn Maint. Baker Co. tank #303713 tallied in (tank w/broken propeller shaft). Everything will move tomorrow except wrecker, Mr. Sharp and 3/4 ton truck.
2200	H-2	Maint O	

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0800	H-5	H-3	Trucks expected from G-4 have not arrived.
0900	All Cos	H-5	Move delayed. Will advise new time of departure.
1100	H-5	G-4	Will send 10 trucks to assist you.
1105	CO Sv	H-5	10 trucks on way from G-4. Arrange for a detail to remain with that portion of ammunition and equipment not loaded on 10 trucks. Arrangements will be made to send back for it.
1240	G-4	H-5	Advised G-4 we are set to move and are awaiting IP time from G-4.
1540	-	-	Cleared Eltmann.
1640	-	-	Cleared Bn Assembly Area Breitengussbach (298571). Picked up 300 infantrymen.
1815	-	-	Cleared Div. IP Memmelsdorf (309531).

HQ 737th Tank Batta.  
SCHMALLEMBERG (B38384).  
Germany  
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #1.

MAPS: CENTRAL GERMANY 1/100,000, Sheets R2 & R3.

1. 803rd TD Bn on our left, XVIII A/B Corps on our right. 737th Tank Bn is atchd to 5th Inf Div and is asgd to Third U. S. Army but remains in present position in Twelfth Army Op Res.
2. 737th Tank Bn relieves elms of 8th TD Gp in Z and maintains law and order in Z. Boundaries - overlay.
3. a. Co A
  - (1) Relieve elms 8th TD Gp in Z.
  - (2) Maintain contact with 16 Bel Fus Bn in Z and with Co C.
  - (3) Guard the following installations in conjunction with 16 Bel Fus Bn:
    - a. Tunnel for V2 launching site DODENAU (6070) - 25 men, 5 tks.
    - b. Tunnel for V2 launching site BROMSKIRCHEN (621790) - 25 men, 5 tks.
    - c. Radar and Telephone Booster station HALLMENS BERG En motor Col Pt (6279), 5 men.
  - (4) Patrol area and maintain law and order in Z. (25 men and 5 tks.).
- b. Co B.
  - (1) Relieve elms 8th TD Gp in Z.
  - (2) Maintain contact with 16 Bel Fus Bn in Z and with Co A.
  - (3) Guard the following installations:
    - a. Aachen Archives (NORDENAU (483867) 25 men, 5 tks.
    - b. Clothing warehouse, factory, saw mill and hospital (WINTERBERG (557888) (25 men, 5 tanks).
  - (4) Patrol areas and maintain law and order in Z. (25 men, 5 tanks).
- c. Co C.
  - (1) Relieve elms 8th TD Gp in Z.
  - (2) Maintain contact with 16 Bel Fus Bn in Z and with Co D.
  - (3) Guard the following installations:
    - a. Medical Dump (BERHAUSE (4371) (10 men, 1 sec tks).
    - b. 3 Hospitals, PW Camp (BERLEBERG (4673), 15 men, 1 sec tks)
    - c. Machine Tools, etc (Vic MUSSE (386729) 25 men, 5 tks).
  - (4) Patrol area and maintain law and order in Z (25 men, 5 tks).
- d. Co D (-1 sec)
  - (1) Relieve elms 8th TD Gp in Z.
  - (2) Maintain contact with 16 Bel Fus Bn in Z and with Co A.
  - (3) Guard the following installations in conjunction with 16 Bel Fus Bn:
    - a. Warehouse (GRAFHATT (415831) 12 men, 1 sec tks).
    - b. Signal Depot (ALBERT (435836) 8 men, 1 sec tks)
    - c. Clothing Depot (HOLTHAUSEN (4287), 8 men, 1 sec tks).
    - d. Allied PW Camp (WINKHAUSEN (422849). (2 men)
  - (4) Patrol area and maintain law and order within Z. (20 men, 5 tks).

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #1 (Contd)  
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e. Hq Co (-Rcn Pltn)

- (1) Mortar and Assault Gun Pltns (a) relieve elms 8th TD Gp in Z.
- (b) Maintain contact with 16 Bel Fus Bn in Z (c) Guard following installations in conjunction with 16 Bel Fus Bn:
  1. Enemy hospital (SCHMIDTBERG (3883) 4 men)
  2. 2 En Hospitals, RR Station (FREDERBERG (4087), 15 men, 2 Assault Guns.
- (2) Assist in guarding and escorting PWs.

f. Rcn Platoon:

- (1) Atchd: 1 sec Co D.
- (2) Patrol area and maintain law and order in Z: (30 men, 3 tks).

4. Detailed instructions will be issued later concerning evacuation of PWs and handling of displaced persons.

5. CPs - Overlay.

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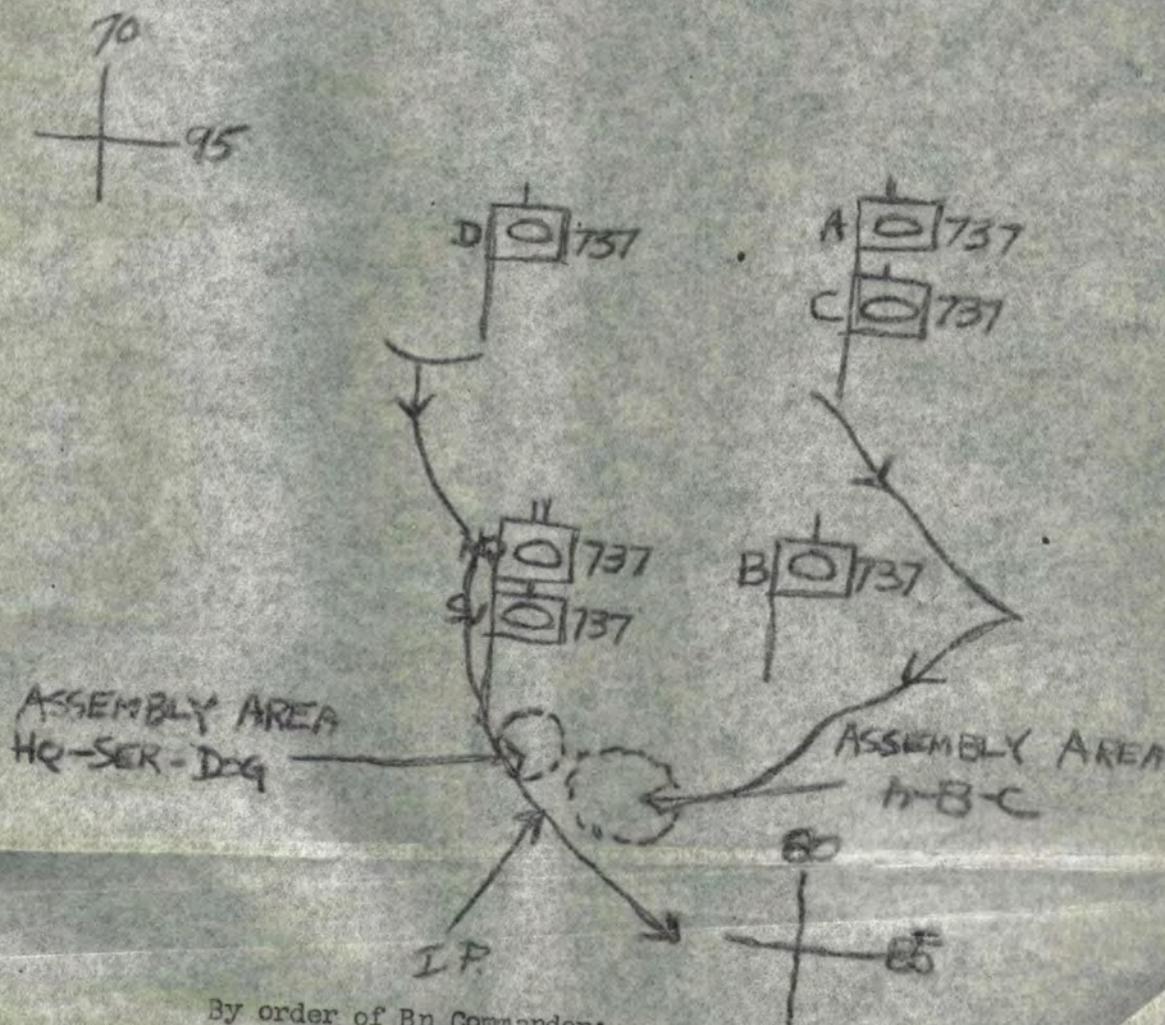
HQ 737th Tank Battalion  
ILBENSTADT (M759877)  
Germany  
261000B Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #2:

1. Bn moves at H Hour 27 April 45 to join 5th Inf Div in vicinity Bamberg (O-2649) - H Hour to be announced later. Route - See Annex #1, "Strip Map of Route from Hanau to BAMBERG".
2. Companies assemble as shown on overlay, prior to H minus 30 minutes. Cross I.P. (RJ 763865) at H Hour, and cross Division I. P. in vicinity Hanau (M840710) at H plus 1 hour.
3. Order of March - Hq - A - B - C - D - Ser. Rate of March - 12 to 15 miles per hour, each company commander to control speed of his unit. Halts - 20 minute maint halt on the even hour, every two hours. Route - Annex #1 - Route marked with Red Diamond Markers.

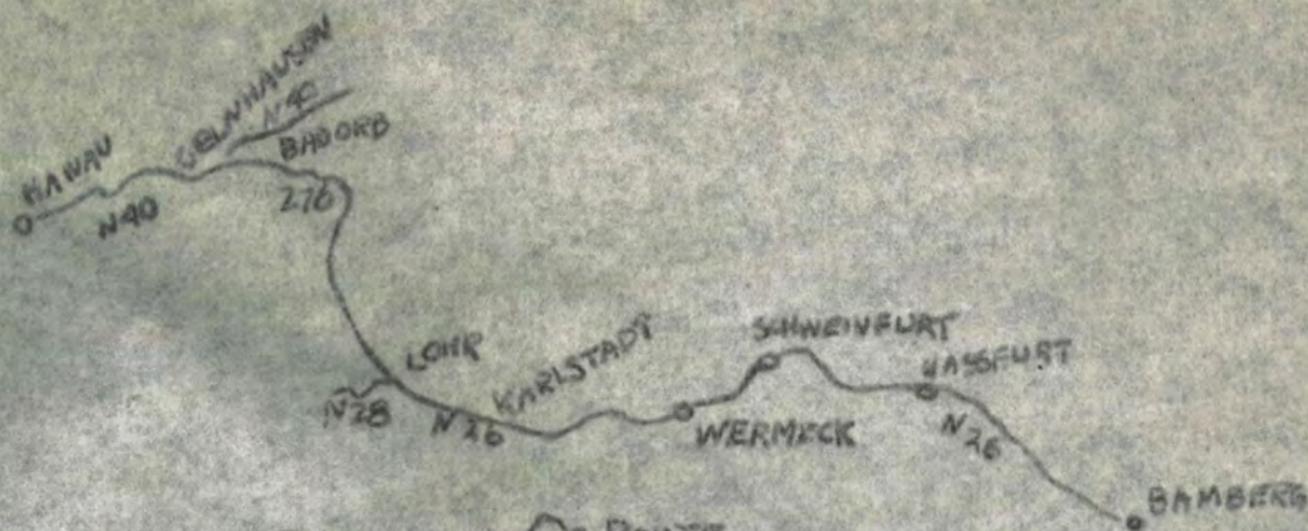
OVERLAY

Assembly areas and Bn I.P.  
Map - 1/100,000 - Germany - Sheet S-3



By order of Bn Commander:

Ernest C. Lumley, Jr.  
Major, Cavalry  
X. O.



STRIP MAP OF ROUTE  
FROM HANAU TO BAMBERG  
SCALE 1:1,000,000

IP WILL BE ON N4000 EAST END OF HANAU  
APPROX DISTANCE 120 MILES

Hq 737th Tank Bn  
ELTMANN (0-100565)  
291400B April 45

OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NO. 3

1. Bn moves at H-Hour, 30 April 45 to join 5th Inf Div in vicinity REGEN (U945555). H-Hour to be announced later. Div I.P. MEMMELSDORF (308533), Route 22 from MEMMELSDORF thru SCHEBLITZ, WURGAU, HOLLFELD, ESCHEN, to BAKREUTHS thence S on Route 2 to junction 85, thence S on Route 85 thru AMBERG, SCHWANDORF, BRUCK, CHAM, VINCETACH to vicinity REGEN.

2. Companies cross Bn I. P. STETTFFELD (145566) at H-150 minutes, assemble as shown on overlay prior to H-90 minutes where infantry from 2d Bn., 2d Regt. will be top loaded approximately 85 each on A, B & C Cos. and 45 on D Co and proceed to I.P. at MEMMELSDORF (See Overlay).

3. Order of March: C - Hq - A - B - D - Sv. Time interval between Cos. 3 minutes, 60 yds between vehicles.

Rate of March: 12-15 MPH. Maximum speed 25 MPH, each Company Commander to control speed of his unit. Halts - 20 minute maintenance halt every 2 hours on the even hour.

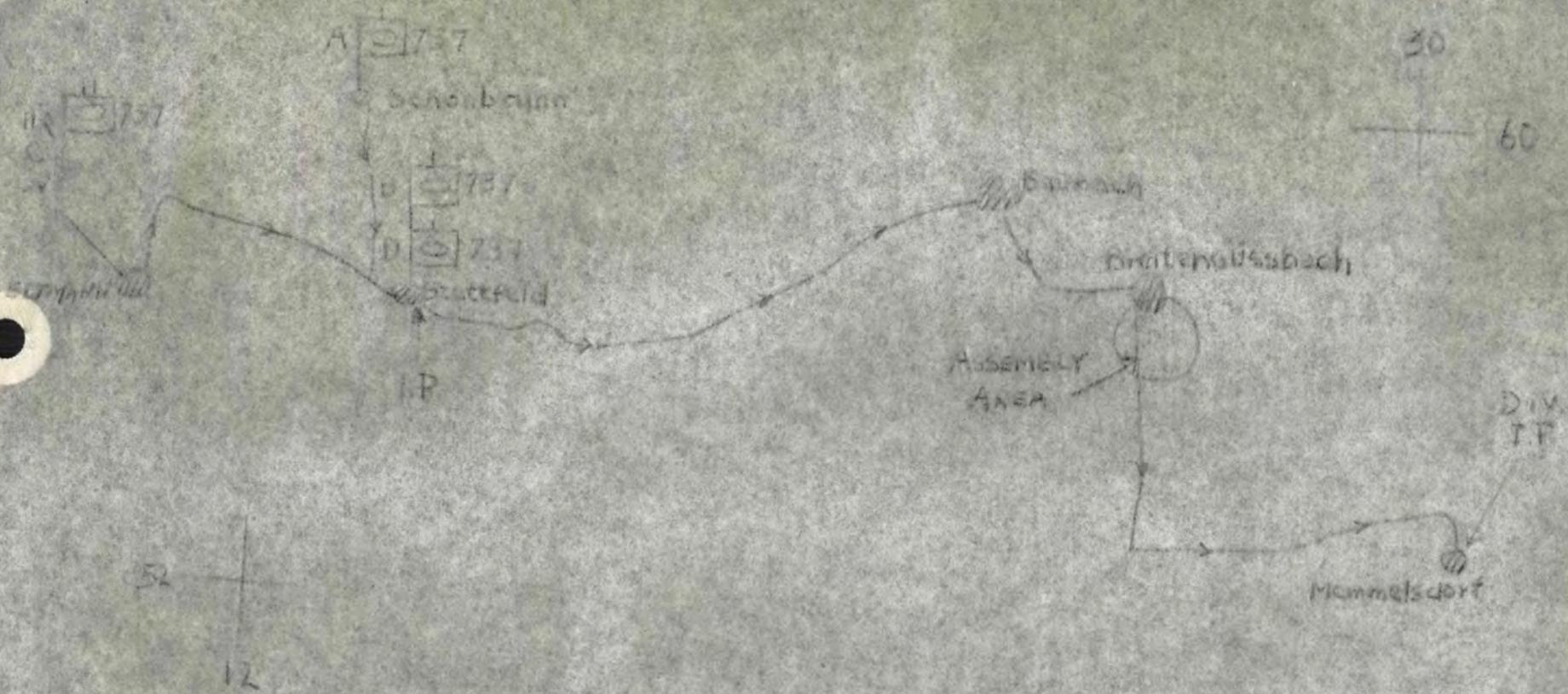
4. All vehicles will be marked with movement number, LT 253, on front and rear. Radio silence until final destination is reached.

No panels will be displayed prior to time column passes SCHWANDORF. After passing SCHWANDORF yellow panels will be displayed on all vehicles so equipped and units will be responsible for own security with particular attention to left flank. AA guns will be manned but will fire only when plane commits a hostile act.

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OVERLAY  
 ASSEMBLY AREAS and BN I.P.  
 MAP: 1:100,000 - GERMANY - SHEET T-5