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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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NO. 207

Maps: Germany 1/50,000. Sheets 48, 8 and 19.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - No change.
- b. Defensive organization - There are prepared defensive positions W of the ROER RIVER around the perimeter of the town of HILFARTH K9372. There is no reported change from the defensive positions as shown on the 1/25,000 defensive overprint maps as of 01 February 1945, and the ROER RIVER photo map (Uncontrolled) 1/12,500. See defense installation illustrations attached.
- c. Units in contact - No change - Elements of 183rd VC Div and 176th VC Div.
- d. Artillery - One Assault Gun was reported vicinity HILFARTH.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - See Order of Battle Estimate attached to G-2 Period Report No. 206.
- f. Supply and Administrative Elements - The intact bridge over the ROER RIVER vicinity K939727 is being used for supply and evacuation at night.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continued a defensive attitude with strong counter-patrol activity by day and during the night.
- b. Operations of component elements:
  1. Artillery - Three rounds, estimated 105mm, fell vicinity K863736 about 1400 today.
  2. Aviation - One ME-109, flying SE, vicinity K8073 about 1650. No bombing or strafing was reported.
  3. Infantry - Continued defensive action with scattered mortar fire. Patrols report VCs firing during the night from the following locations: K935719, 934720, 931720, 924729, 877756, and 893758.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

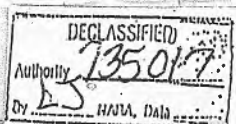
- a. Weather - Continued cloudy throughout period with scattered showers during the day tomorrow with freezing temperatures tomorrow night.
- b. Miscellaneous - Higher Hq reports the flood crest on the ROER RIVER reached the Master front today, and that the river level will rise 2 feet above its present level within the next 24 hours on the 35th Inf Div front. Victor has control of all of the dams and none of them has been blown; however, the water lock control tower had been destroyed to the extent that the locks could not be closed. Engineers estimate that the dams will be dry in 2 or 3 days if they continue to be emptied at their present speed.
- c. Password - TWIN reply CITIES from 111200 to 121200 February 1945.

DISTRIBUTION

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CIC	1	G-4	1	320	4
IPW 60	1	CA	1	QM Co	1
PI	1	CWO-Ord	1	Wed Bn	1
WII	1	War Room	1	Ord Co	2
Enger Bn	1	Surg-Chap	1	Sig Co	1
1153 Enger Gp	1	Sig Off	1	854 TD	1
Div Arty	5	Hq Comdt	1	448 AAA	1
Div AT Off	1	Hq Co	1	AO	1
8th Am A D Arty	1	PRO	1	PM	1
692 FA Bn	1	XVI Corps	2	8th American A D	1
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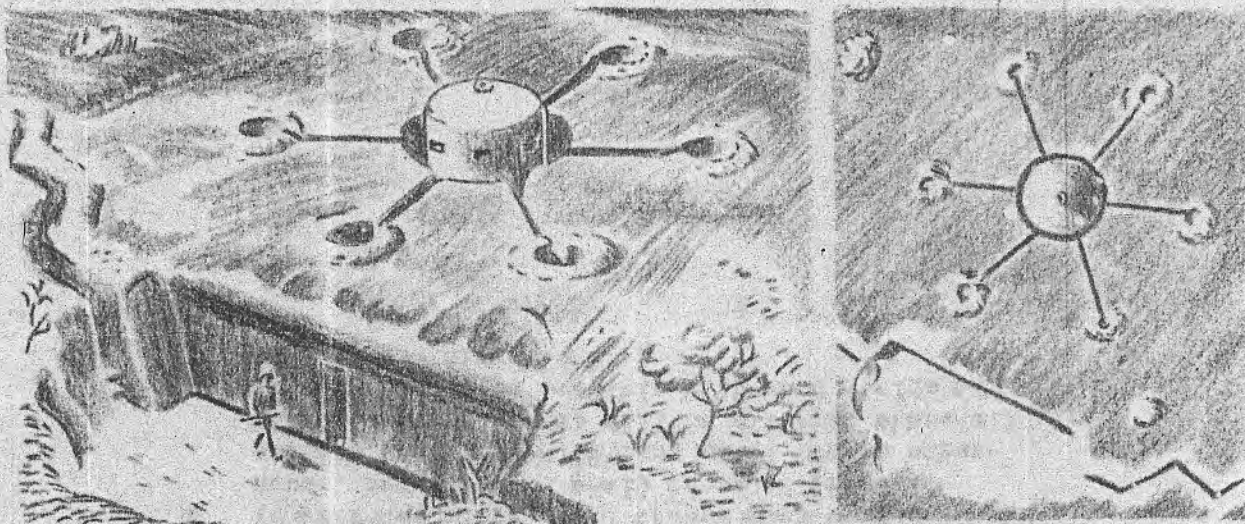
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DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS



Above sketch shows a recently discovered type of armed underground shelter. Installations of this type are located at K99147570, K99267565 and K99347608.

"These installations are star-shaped and resemble a wheel with the cupola as a hub. There are usually six trenches or tunnels which correspond to the spokes of the wheel, running from the center. The cupola or turret measures about 10' in diameter. The trenches measure about 15' from cupola to extremity. PW stated that the turret is about 3m. in diameter and used mainly for observation but has slits for small arms fire."

"At the ends of the trenches or tunnels are mounted 2cm. flak guns for firing on ground forces. These tunnels are about 4m. long. The fire of two adjacent guns crosses about 50m. out, thus giving complete fire coverage."

"The underground shelter has a capacity of 20 to 25 men and is equipped with food, water and pumping facilities. Both trench and tunnel type have been found."

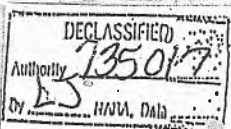
"IPW sources have confirmed the findings of the P.I. team."

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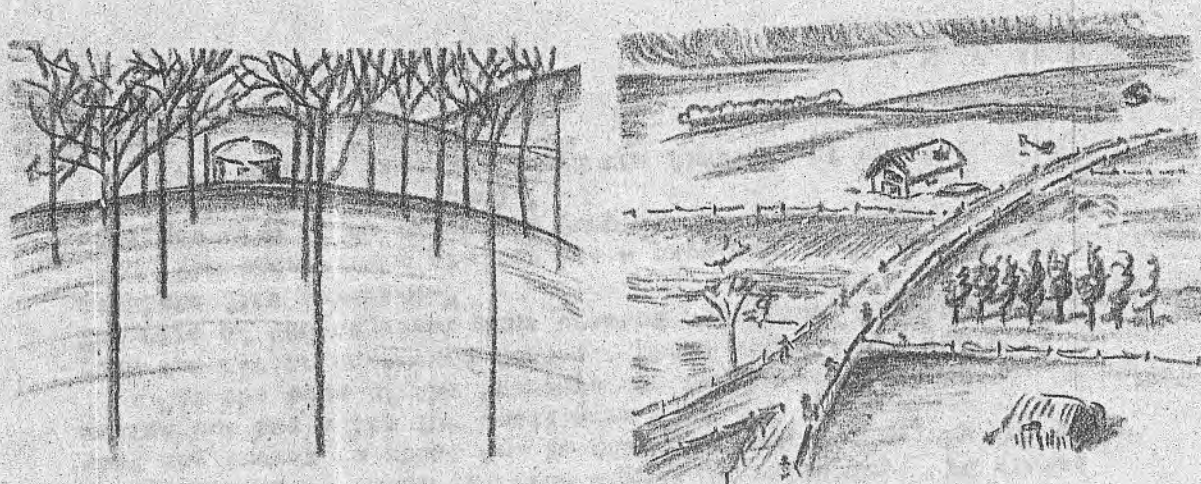
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DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS (Cont'd)



Interrogation of civilians living in areas east of the ROER R indicates that the enemy has taken great care in concealing his prepared defenses.

Two examples of camouflaged pillboxes are shown in sketches above. All troops must consider each house, haystack and small group of trees to contain enemy installations until proven otherwise. Most pillboxes will be situated where all around defense is possible with good fields of fire in all directions.

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