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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy nearest elements - The 30th Div has element report enemy units of unknown strength at FENITZ Y375340, POTSHINE Y450330, ROXFOWDE Y490325, CR Y520305, and SCHROCKENBURG Y533409. No organized enemy resistance has been encountered W of the ELBE RIVER in the XIX Corps sector.
- b. Units in contact - See Order of Battle estimate attached.
- c. Artillery - Elements of the 30th Div received scattered artillery fire from enemy batteries located E of the ELBE RIVER 141200Z. This was the first artillery fire that they had received in their advance between the VESER and ELBE RIVERS.
- d. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - See Order of Battle estimate attached.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

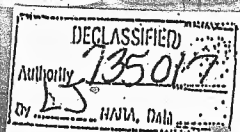
- a. General summary - Resistance E of the ELBE RIVER was scattered and ineffective and consisted almost entirely of small arms fire. Resistance E of the ELBE RIVER in the 2nd Arm Div area was heavy and tanks were employed against the bridgehead in the vicinity MACHENBURG D6698. The 83rd Div bridgehead vicinity D9783 received a counterattack this morning consisting of 2 Cos of infantry and tanks. The attack was repulsed by artillery fire.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Scattered artillery fire was received in the 30th Div sector from E of the ELBE RIVER.
 2. Aviation - Two P-51s strafed vicinity Y2015 at 132016Z.
 3. Infantry - Scattered, isolated groups were encountered W of the ELBE RIVER. No organized resistance was encountered in the Corps sector except that directed at the bridgeheads across the RIVER.
 4. Tanks - Small groups of tanks were observed at D7390 and D7390 and tanks were employed in a counterattack against the 83rd Div bridgehead E of the ELBE RIVER this morning.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Prisoners - 379 PWs passed thru Div cpts since 121800. Total for this operation 475. Grand total 21,590.
- b. Miscellaneous - A soldier from 83d Div Co who feigned death describes the ambush involving three trucks and eight men at 2330 hrs 11 April in vic SHOBLAGH 06667. The three trucks were moving the last elements of the supply point when one of the trucks became disabled. While engaged in removing the rations from the disabled truck an enemy force estimated to be 30 to 50 men fired on the group from both sides of the road and a brisk fire fight ensued. The enemy approached, removed a wristwatch, knife, and belt from a man prettially to be dead, and ordered the officer and two men into the one undamaged truck and withdrew. The remaining American dug in and, armed with two bazookas and a 50 cal machine gun, defended from that point until morning. Investigation the following morning revealed where the enemy had consumed rations that were on the truck. However, no trace of the whereabouts of the 2-1/2 ton truck or the missing personnel could be found.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

Another instance involving the ambush of 2 jeeps during the afternoon was reported. Proceeding on the road between the towns POSHICFAIR D5284 and WINNINGEN D5364 the vehicles were fired upon, killing an American soldier. Several of the enemy were killed and approx 15 boys 16 to 17 years old were apprehended.

The above enemy activities corroborate the statement made by a civilian that approx 600 SS and Paratroops are operating in bands of 50 to 60 men from wooded areas. These men are armed with machine pistols, pistols, Panzerfausts and machine guns. Their mission is to wipe out small groups of Americans. (See: 83rd Inf Div per Rpt #201)

Units will take every precaution in safeguarding of all classified documents and material. Incendiary grenades will be readily accessible for destruction of classified documents at all times. Continued inspections will be made to determine the presence of destructive material as prescribed by the Div SOP.

- c. Weather - High and middle clouds during early part of period becoming broken in late afternoon.
- d. Password - NILE reply GREEN from 151200 to 161200 April 1945.

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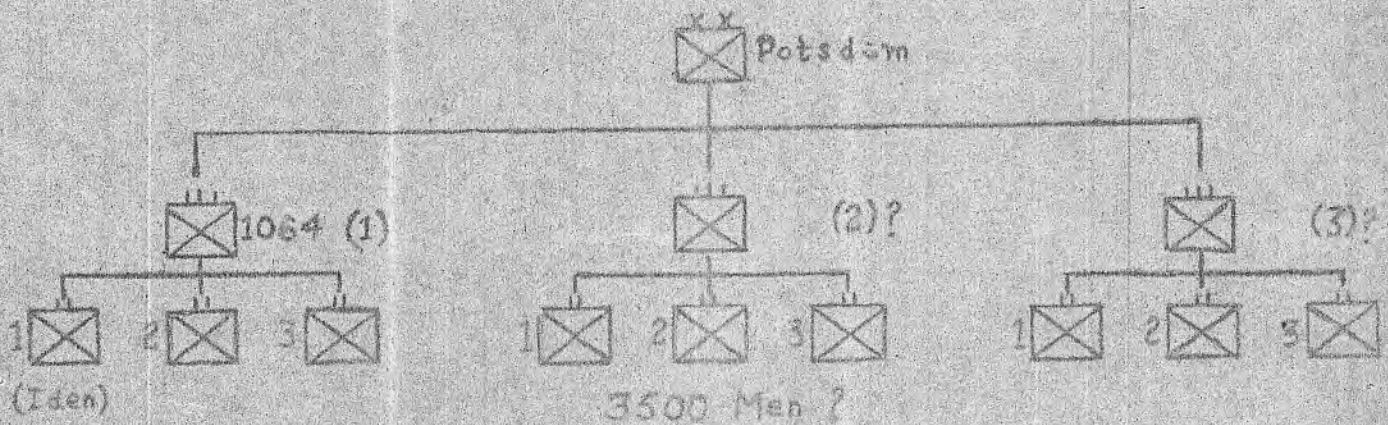
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WII	1	Hq Condt	1	Med Bn	2
Engr Off	1	Hq Co	1	Ord Co	2
Div Arty	6	PRO (Forward)	1	Sig Co	1
Div AT Off	1	War Room	1	664 TD	1
C/S	1	PRO (Rear)	1	448 AAA	1
G-1	1	Bus Trp	1	AG	1
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OB ESTIMATE UNITS IDENTIFIED ON CORPS FRONT 12-13 APRIL 1945



AT 13 Rpl
250 Men?

2 Alarm
100 Men?

17 Rpl
250 Men?

Reserves

Rpl (300-300 Men ea)?

Various Rpl - Tng Units
from W/K XI

Von Hueter
3000-4000 Men?

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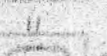
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Div. POTSDAM.

PR's taken via BARRY (D8582) identify 1st Bn of POTSDAM. Division named after city of POTSDAM part of Greater Berlin. Its state: mission to hold bridgehead W of ELBE RIVER via BARRY (D8582) miles N & S of it. Regts are also referred to as 3. Organization of Div: 3 Regts with 3 Bns has 3 Rifle Co's and Hvy Weapons Co. Armament: 60 M.P., rifles and 20 Panzerfaust each. Hvy V MGs, 2-105 Inf How, 8 - 80mm mortars. Organization AT Bn and Ron Bn not known at this time. Division formed via DORFMEITZ, near Berlin, for Personnel consists of Non-Com Officer Candidate Divisions, the SCHARNHORST and the VON HUETTER at the same time, for the defense of Berlin when Armies had crossed the ODER, for their assault.

82 various misc. Bns were also identified representing Bns of Inf, Bns & Armor from Wehrkreis X (Source 83rd Inf Div Po)

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