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Date: 18 March 1945

From: 171801

To : 181800

35th Inf Div

181800 March 1945

NO. 239

Maps: Germany 1/50,000. Sheets 17 and 37.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

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- a. Enemy front line - E bank of the RHINE RIVER. Division was not in contact at end of period.
 - b. Defensive organization - See overlay. Enemy continues to prepare defensive positions on the E side of the RHINE RIVER. See 1/25,000 defensive overprint maps, dated 1 March 1945. Additional defensive work was reported in the vic of MEHRUM 2231 during the period.
 - c. Units in contact - PWs report that the 180th Inf Div plus various scattered units are defending the E bank of the RHINE RIVER. See overlay.
 - d. Artillery - See overlay for reported arty positions.
 - e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - Tactical air recon reports active rail movement to the N and E from DUISBURG 3015.
 - f. Supply and evacuation - PW reports supply route as shown on overlay. CP locations are reported by PWs as shown on overlay.

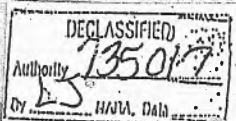
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

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- a. General summary - 75th Inf Div reports that enemy continues to improve his defensive positions on the E side of the RHINE RIVER and conducts counter-patrol activities during the hours of darkness.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Artillery - 75th Inf Div reports only an occasional round of arty on their forward positions during the period.
 2. Aviation - One enemy plane flying from the NW dropped one bomb at A2522 at 2043 last night.
 3. Infantry - MG gun reported via 280201, and enemy improving defensive position at 225311. Last night many flares and searchlights were reported from across the river.
 4. Miscellaneous - Trucks were reported moving via MEHRUM A2231 about 2330 last night.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Weather - Broken to overcast low cloudiness with occasional light intermittent rain with fog and haze in the morning.
 b. Password - FREE reply RANSOM from 191200 to 201200 March 1945.

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