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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy front line - Enemy front line extends along E bank of the ELBE RIVER.
- Defensive organization - Enemy continues to improve his defenses along the E bank of the ELBE RIVER.
- Units in contact - Units from which PWs have been taken during the period are as follows:

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
CT Zupok	Y8123	23 Apr
Unit Boehning, Reserve Platoon	Y7916	23 "
CT Clausewitz	Y6245	23 "
Para Recuperation Bn 3	Y7441	23 "
401st Volks Arty Corps 15th Btry	Y6420	24 "
705th Arty Bn, HQ 1st Btry	Y6420	24 "
467th Repl Bn	Y8137	24 "
77th Fighter Sqdn	Y6547	23 "
2nd Para Repl Bn 2nd Co	Y6547	23 "
49th Arty Repl Bn	Y4729	23 "
19th Arty Repl Bn	Y6547	23 "
Proving Grounds Hillersleben	Y6547	23 "
Luftwaffe Signal Bn 6 2nd Co	Y7316	23 "
231st Luftwaffe Signal Bn 30th Co	Y3427	23 "
216th AA Bn 2nd Co	Y6426	24 "
Air Force Transport Column 149/VI	Y8735	23 "
272nd Div 272nd Arty Regt HQ	Y6847	23 "
Hospital Helmstedt	Y6420	24 "

- Artillery - No new artillery batteries located during period.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No changes.
- Supply and administrative elements - TAC R reports: 200 vehicles passed 21254 moving N at 1330, 30-40 vehicles passed 20132 moving N & S at 1330, 15 vehicles passed Y900982 moving N & W, 50 vehicles passed T525300 moving NW, 500 vehicles & tanks passed 2010966 moving NW at 1353. NW corner of Z square packed with vehicles three abreast. No markings on vehicles. Many vehicles were observed in JERICHOV Y9142 at 0500. Train of 10 cars left NURE Y8015 going E at 0810. Three 2-1/2 ton trucks were seen moving N on road between MEKOW Y9746 and TUST Y9748 at 1725.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- General summary - An unestimated number of enemy attempted to cross the ELBE RIVER N of KENNERT Y8124 at 2145 last night, but were forced to turn back under mortar fire. This was possibly another attempt to establish a bridgehead in the same vicinity where elements from CT Zook had been contained 20 hours previous with heavy loss to the enemy. No artillery fire reported during daylight hours. Mass movement of several hundred vehicles was reported heading NW at 1330. Vehicles had no markings.

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2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD (Continued)

b. Operations of component elements:

1. Artillery - Three rounds of time fire reported vicinity Y842422 at 2300.
2. Aviation - One jet propeller plane flew over Y7118 at 1025 and strafed road between LOITSCHE Y7018 and HEINRICHSBERG Y7316. One ME-262, flying E, passed over Div CP at 1655. Two ME-262s flew over 137th area going SW at 1726. Two ME-109s flew over same area at 2021 going W.
3. Infantry - Sounds of barges being loaded were heard on river vicinity Y878452 as well as considerable movement of personnel. Artillery fire was directed on scene of activity. An estimated 6-man enemy patrol drew fire vicinity Y795246 and withdrew into the woods leaving 2 dead. Two-man enemy patrols were observed crossing river to the E vicinity Y88352. Seven Kommandos, including 1 officer, were captured early in period vicinity Y465134.
4. Miscellaneous - Major General Martin Unrein, commanding general of the OT Clausewitz, was taken prisoner today.

Fifteen barrage balloons were raised over air strip in vicinity SCHWETZDORF Z0147 at 1000 but were lowered at 1420.

Ten enemy soldiers are reported by a friendly civilian to be hiding vicinity Y659468.

Two truck loads of enemy soldiers left TERBEN Y9032 going E at 1810.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Prisoners - 141 PWs passed thru Div cage since 232100. Total for this operation 5,345. Grand total 26,259.
- b. Estimated enemy casualties 25, 5 of which were killed and 20 long term wounded.
- c. Miscellaneous - Civilians are apparently evacuating WERC Y8015. Much movement was observed at 0830, civilians were moving about with suitcases and packing carts.

A pistol made to resemble a belt buckle has been found in this vicinity. The buckle is black and has a silver colored swastika emblem spread-eagled on the front. The buckle is about 1"x2-1/2". The cover drops down and by pushing a button a two barreled .32 pistol flips out, pointing directly towards the front. By pressing two more buttons, the weapon can fire two more shots. If a person stood directly in front of the buckle he would be shot. This weapon is an actuality and has been examined in this headquarters. It is recommended that personnel capturing, or talking to any GERMAN with a belt buckle that resembles the above, be careful to make the person hold their hands behind their heads and to stand slightly to one side of the person. (Source: XII Corps Through 79th Inf Div G-2 Per Rpt No. 69)

- d. Weather - Light overcast in morning clearing by noon.
- e. Password - RIVER reply RAFT from 251200 to 261200 April 1945.

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DISTRIBUTION

XIII Corps	3	G-4	1	102nd Div	1
CIC	1	MG	1	134	4
OR	1	CWC-Ord	1	137	5
IPW GO	1	Scrp-Chap	1	320	4
VI	1	Sig Off	1	2nd Co	1
VII	1	Hq Cordt	1	Med Bn	2
Engr Off	1	Hq Co	1	Ord Co	2
1149th Engr Cp	1	PRO (Forward)	1	Sig Co	1
Div Arty	1	War Room	1	654 TD	1
Div AT Off	1	PRO (Rear)	1	8 A&A	1
C/S	1	Gen Trp	1		1
G-1	1	784 Tk Bn	1		1
G-2	1	30th Div	1		1
G-3	1				

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