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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

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**BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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Maps: Germany 1/50,000. Sheets 37 and 57.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy front line - See overlay.
- Defensive organization - The units of the Div were not in contact with an organized defensive position at end of period although separate groups of enemy were attempting to delay the advance with small arms and automatic weapons fire. See overlay.
- Units in contact - No new units were identified in the Div sector during the period. Locations of units identified thru PW's are listed as follows:

UNIT	LOCATION	WEAPONS	DATE
2nd Para Div			
2nd Para Regt	A4327	PW	30 Mar
25rd Para Regt	A4830	PW	30 Mar
2nd Repl Bn	A4327	PW	30 Mar
190th Inf Div			
1225th Regt	A5231	PW	30 Mar
1226th Regt	A5231	PW	30 Mar
4th AA Div			
44th Regt	A5231	PW	30 Mar

- Artillery - See overlay for located artillery positions.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - A captain in the German Army was captured vicinity GLADBEEK A4831, who stated he was from the 361st Div, and that he was sent down to GLADBEEK two days ago. It is possible that this officer may have been sent as part of an advanced detachment from the 361st Div.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- General Summary - Enemy continued delaying action with small arms and automatic weapon fire and with some SP and artillery fire from positions as shown on overlay.
- Operations of component elements:
 - Armor - Six tanks were reported in positions as shown on overlay near end of period today.
 - Artillery - Scattered artillery and fire from SP guns fell on the forward units during the period with some fire coming from positions S of the canal vicinity A521250.
 - Infantry - Scattered groups of infantry attempted to delay our advance with small arms and automatic weapons fire from hastily prepared strongpoints around and in buildings in our sector.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

Prisoners - 279 PWs passed thru Div cage since 1800 yesterday, 97 PWs were cleared thru Medical channels. Total PWs since 1800 yesterday 6. Total for operation 1,522. Grand total 18,659. 16 enemy dead buried.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)
- b. Estimated enemy casualties 160, 35 of which were killed and 115 long arm wounded.
 - c. Weather - Broken clouds tonight and tomorrow with frequent shower tomorrow. Little change in temperature.
 - d. Password - BFW reply TUBE from 011200 to 021200 April 1945.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:
- a. To delay our advance toward the E with strong delaying forces consisting of infantry supported by SP guns and tanks.
 - b. To defend along the general line WANNE-EICKEL A6026 - RESKLINGHAUSEN A5355 - HALTERN A6250 railroad to enable his forces assembling in the RUHR sector to withdraw to the N and E.
- Capability a. is favored due to the enemy's precarious position caused by the present position of the 2nd Arm Div in the OLFEN A7549 area. The advance of elements of the First Army to a point 40 miles S of OLFEN leaves the enemy with only a 40 mile gap thru which to withdraw his troops. The escape corridor is reported to be less than 18 miles at the present time. Capability b. would enable the enemy to withdraw most of his forces out of the RUHR VALLEY, however, the escape corridor would probably be closed before he could withdraw his defending forces out of the area. The enemy is aware of this situation and must choose between the lesser of the two evils.

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