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Maps: Germany 1/100,000. Sheet Nos. P-3, P-4, N-3 and N-4.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

Division was not in contact with enemy during the period.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

The units of the Division continued to assemble and evacuate thru PW channels members of the enemy armed forces and individuals who had been classified as security threats.

Many unescorted vehicles, filled with enemy soldiers, continued to come into our area and be escorted to PW cages.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Prisoners - 872 PWs passed thru Div cage during the period. Total for this operation 4,039. Grand total 30,920.

b. Miscellaneous - SHAEF has designated a new "T" Target to be secured and guarded and described as follows: Hansens Gummi und Packungswerke located at HANNOVER, WULFEL, Hildesheimer Chaussee, a factory which manufactured rubber hoses and belts. (This target is presently located in the 134th Inf Regt sector)

There has been no authorization for movement of any civilian, Red Cross, or prisoner of war mail to or from occupied GERMANY, and it is requested that all military personnel be cautioned not to accept mail from German civilians for onward transmission, without specific authority. Detailed authorization for such mail services, to and from GERMANY, will be issued by this headquarters when security and transportation conditions can be properly met. (Source: Ninth U S Army, Memorandum No 170, 1 May 45)

Use of Extracts of Personal Letters Received Through Censorship:-

1. It has been learned that the extracts of personal letters distributed to interested commanders are being used directly as a basis for disciplinary or admonitory action, even though there is no violation of security.

2. This practice goes beyond the permissible bounds of censorship. The purpose of censorship, as outlined in War Dept & Theater publications, is to safeguard military information. In the exercise of this function, information is frequently obtained which, while per se not punishable, indicates that orders of various types are being violated. This information is passed to the interested commanders but, while it may indicate the need for an investigation, it should never be used as the basis for direct action.

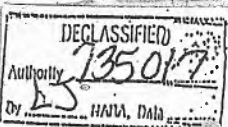
3. Thus, if a soldier writes of violating the existing orders against looting or fraternizing, it may be appropriate to ascertain whether he has indulged in such practices; but he should not be taken to task for writing about it, nor should he even be allowed to know that his letter was intercepted and the contents reported. (See: Ninth U S Army, Memorandum No. 172, 2 May 45.)

c. Weather - Continued cloudy to partly cloudy throughout the period with possible local thunder showers and continued cold.

d. Password - WINK reply BLINK from 061200 to 071200 May 1945.

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