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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy nearest elements - S of the RHEIN-HERNE CANAL.
- Defensive organization - A well organized defense line has been encountered by our patrols S of the RHEIN-HERNE CANAL in the Div Zone. See overlay.
- Units in contact - Two new units identified today were the CT Beyer and Sondereinheit Twentelhoewel. CT Beyer is composed of three, possibly four, Cos; approximately 90 men to a Co with total strength of about 300 men, most of whom are former airforce ground personnel. Lt Col Beyer is the Commanding Officer of the CT. The Sondereinheit Twentelhoewel has 35 men whose mission is long range and extended patrols behind enemy lines. 1st Lt Twentelhoewel is in command and the unit is directly responsible to the CG 2nd Para Div. Locations of units identified thru PWs are listed as follows:

UNIT	LOCATION	WEAPNS	DATE
190th Inf Div			
1225th Regt	A5632	FW	04 Apr
253rd Trng Regt			
454th Repl Bn	A5828	FW	03 Apr
2nd Para Div			
CT Beyer	A5428	FW	05 Apr
Unit Twentelhoewel	A5228	FW	05 Apr
AA Trng Bn			
(Hungarians)	A6235	FW	05 Apr

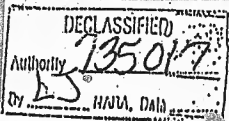
- Artillery - No new battery locations reported. The forward elements received sporadic artillery fire during the period.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - A civilian, considered to be reliable, reports that 800 troops and several vehicles are concentrated in area vicinity of A5520.
- Supply and administrative elements - A train was reported moving SW vicinity A4920.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- General summary - Both friendly and enemy patrol activity continued during the period.
- Operations of component elements:
 - Artillery - Occasional artillery fire fell on forward elements during the period. 12 rounds, estimated 88mm fire, fell vicinity A608284. Other concentrations at A608284, and A533274.
 - Engineers - Minefield consisting of Bouncing Bettys is located on N bank of canal extending for 100 yards E of bridge at A49452450. There are waist high and knee high trip wires in minefield.
 - Infantry - Intermittent mortar fire fell on forward elements during period. Many flares were seen between 2300 and 2400. Enemy patrols were engaged and dispersed.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Prisoners - 83 PWs passed thru Div cage since 1800 yesterday and 30 PWs cleared thru Medical channels - Total for period 113. Total for this operation 2,822. Grand total 19,959. One enemy dead buried.
- b. Estimated enemy casualties 80, 20 of which were killed and 60 long term wounded.
- c. Miscellaneous - Poison Food: - Recently captured German saboteurs have revealed that the enemy is preparing poison Mescale, sugar, chocolate and cigarettes. The German brand of chocolate, (Sarcoti) was specifically mentioned. All personnel of this command are cautioned that they must not use any of those captured food items or cigarettes until they have been inspected.

A civilian crossed canal today at 1110 and reported that 27 enemy soldiers across canal desired to surrender but were prevented from doing so by their SS Officer. They were given until 1200 to surrender, with the alternative of being shelled if they refused. When the time limit expired with no further word our artillery fulfilled its promise.

- d. Weather - Low clouds with scattered showers during all of period.
- e. Password - NICE reply NEW from 071200 to 081200 April 1945.

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DISTRIBUTION

CIC	1	G-4	1	134	4
IPW 60	1	MC	1	137	6
PI	1	CWO-Ord	1	320	4
MII	1	Surf-Chap	1	3N Co	1
Engr Off	1	Sig Off	1	Med Bn	2
Engr Bn	1	Hq Comdt	1	Ord Co	2
1103 Engr Bp	1	Hq Co	1	Sig Co	1
Div Arty	6	PRO (Forward)	1	654 TD	1
Div AT Off	1	War Room	1	448 AAA	1
666 FA Bn	1	PRO (Rear)	1	AG	1
788 FA Bn	1	Ren Trp	1	PM	1
C/S	1	784 Tk Bn	1	75th Inf Div	1
G-1	1	29th Inf Div	1	79th Inf Div	1
G-2	4	89 Chem Bn (Co A)	1	XVI Corps	2
G-3	1	103 Med Bn	1		

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