



G-2 PERIOD

AM CG 38th Inf Div

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Map: Germany 1/50,000. Sheet No. 57.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- Enemy front line - There was no organized line in the Div sector at close of period.
- Defensive organization - The enemy still occupied his defensive installations along the S bank of the REIN-HERNE CANAL between A660295 and A684305 line on our front.
- Units in contact - No new units identified at end of period. Lt Col Feind is Commanding Officer of the scattered enemy units in our front. Locations of units identified thru PWs are listed as follows:

UNIT	LOCATION	TEAMS	DATE
253rd Trng Regt			
CT Heese	A6427	IV	08 Apr
CT Weber	A6626	IV	08 Apr
4th AA Div			
243rd Bn	A6626	IV	08 Apr
643rd Bn	A6427	IV	08 Apr
Reichsarbeitsdienst			
245 Bn	A6427	PW	08 Apr
1st Technical Repl Bn			
Unit 1412	A6330	PW	07 Apr

- Artillery - No new battery locations reported during period.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - A column of enemy troops, estimated to be about 3,000 strong, with some horse-drawn artillery was seen moving NW vicinity A470107 at 1440. The column was worked over by fighter-bombers and at 1700 a few groups of 100 men were retreating rapidly to the SE. Another column was seen at A617273 and artillery fire was put on them.
- Supply and administrative elements - Four trains vicinity A635247 were fired upon and 2 were stopped at 062100.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

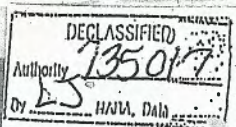
- General summary - Enemy resisted our initial jump-off stubbornly with small arms and MG fire, giving way slowly. Resistance disintegrated by noon and the disorganized enemy could offer only scattered small arms and MG fire during the remainder of period.
- Operations of component elements:
 - Artillery - 12 rounds of estimated 88mm artillery fire were received vicinity A632206 at 1025.
 - Infantry - Two-man enemy patrol was challenged vicinity A688276 and after an exchange of shots one was killed and the other escaped. Two pillboxes vicinity A661296 pinned down right flank temporarily during initial jump-off but were put out of action.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Prisoners - 179 PWs passed thru Div cove since 1800 yesterday. Total for this operation 3,075. Grand total 20,212. Three enemy dead buried.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

- b. Estimated enemy casualties 180, 35 of which were killed and 115 long term wounded.
- c. Miscellaneous - IV reports road blocks vicinity AG1622348, AG1752660, and AG1552672. All three are passable. Road is completely blocked at AG2052345.

An ammunition dump was hit and left burning vicinity AG20260.

- d. Weather - Overcast with some light rain.
- e. Password - NOBLE reply KNIGHT from 101200 to 111200 April 1945.

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DISTRIBUTION

CIC	1	G-4	1	134	4
IP-60	1	IG	1	137	5
PI	1	GWO-Ord	1	320	4
MTI	1	Surf-Clap	1	31 Co	1
Engr Off	1	SI-Off	1	Red Bn	2
Engr Bn	1	Hq Cordt	1	Ord Co	2
1103 Engr Gp	1	Hq Co	1	SI Co	1
Div Arty	3	PRG (Forward)	1	654 TR	1
Div AT-Off	1	Car Room	1	443 AAA	1
686 Tr Bn	1	TRG (Rear)	1	10	1
708 FA Bn	1	300 Trp	1	31	1
C/S	1	704 Tr Bn	1	75th Inf Div	1
G-1	1	29th Inf Div	1	79th Inf Div	1
C-2	4	89 Cpl - B (Co A)	1	XVI Corps	1
G-3	1	103 Red Bn	1	OS	1

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