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HEADQUARTERS
773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP)
APO 403, U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: Report After Operations Against the Enemy.

TO: The Adjutant General, Army War College, War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

THRU: Commanding General, Third United States Army, APO 403.
Commanding General, XII Corps, APO 312.
Commanding General, 90th Infantry Division, APO 90.

1. In compliance with Paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as amended by Change 3 dated 9 March 1943, the following report is submitted:

2. The information contained herein has been extracted from the Unit Journal of the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP).

3. Report After Operations Against the Enemy -- Period 01001A April 1945 - 302359B April 1945. All time listed to and including 020200A is considered A time; all time from 020200B to and including 302359B is considered B time.

1 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) located at LANGENSCHWARZ (H340374). Hqs Co. - Co. located at SCHLITZ (H287322). Two gas and oil trucks of Hqs Co. narrowly escaped being ambushed by infiltrating enemy troops near vicinity of ALTENSTADT. Ren Co. - Co. located at WEHRDA (360397). At 0200, company moved to HERSFELD (386543) closing in at 1130 hours. Received mission as prisoner guard for over 400 PSW of 90th Inf. Div., and guarded same until 2015 hours when they were turned over to the division MPs. A Co. - CP located at RIMBACH; 1st pltn STARKLOS; 2nd pltn GREBENAU; 3rd pltn NDR JOSSA. Company remained on one hour alert all day, but did not move. B Co. - CP located in SCHLITZ (289322); 1st pltn remained in PFORD until 1630 hours and then moved to BIERFELD (455423) where they set up a roadblock. 2nd and 3rd pltns in position at 338375 and 343413. C Co. - CP located at ODENSACKSEN (398463); 1st pltn, LANGENSCHWARZ (340375); 2nd pltn, STARKLOS (340430); 3rd pltn WEHRDA (360395). 1st and 2nd pltns continued to advance with the leading elements of 359th Inf. moving forward 33-miles meeting light resistance. 3rd pltn acting as rear guard at WOMMEN was ordered to return to vicinity of HEIMBOISHEIN (561531) to assist elements of Service company that were pinned down by enemy infantry that had infiltrated from our rear. T/Sgt Stahl enroute to join company ran into tank, bazooka fire, and small arms fire in town of BERKA (673626). The maintenance 1/4-ton with trailer and one M20 were destroyed - no casualties resulting. This group had been informed that the town was clear and were not aware that the town had been by-passed.

Weather, cool and cloudy.

2 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved at 1700 hours, closing into HERSFELD (H400525) at 1950 hours. Distance travelled 22-miles. Hqs Co. - Company moved to HERSFELD (H400525) closing in at 1750 hours. Ren Co. - Co. located in HERSFELD, performed motor and weapons maintenance. Between 0800 and 0830, a flight of enemy planes active in vicinity. One plane believed knocked down by .50 cal. MG fire from an M20 acting as relay station at NIEDERAULA (315463). At 1645 hours, 2nd pltn left company to take control of 90th Div. PSW at NEIDERSTALL.

2 April 1945 (Continued)

A Co. - At 0700 hours, the three platoons moved with their respective battalions, 357th Inf. advancing to the following positions: 1st pltn, DANKMARSHAUSEN; 2nd pltn, SUSS, and 3rd pltn, OBERSUHL. Co. CP moved with the Regimental CP at 0700. At 0830 hours, the column was strafed by two enemy planes. No casualties. All pltns waiting to cross the Werra River. B Co. - At 0700, pltns moved out with their respective battalions closing into the following positions at 1700 hours. 1st pltn, 468525; 2nd pltn, 587555, and 3rd pltn, 528494. CP moved closing in at 1930 hours at HIMER (498507). C Co. - At 0700 hours, 1st pltn moved out with 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. giving supporting fire in and around SALLMANNHAUSEN, then returning to WOMEN (673712). At 0600, 2nd pltn left WILLERSHAUSEN and crossed Werra River at CREUZBURG (760757), encountering stiff resistance. 3rd pltn at WOMEN (673712) remained inactive. CP located at MARKERSHAUSEN.

Weather, cold, rainy and overcast.

3 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to AUSBACH (532516) closing in at 1745 hours. Distance travelled 14-miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Recon Co. - In addition to present mission as prisoner guard, furnished convoy escorts. 3rd pltn left HERSFELD at 1220 hours to escort Bn supply train, later rejoining company at AUSBACH. Hqs, 1st and 2nd pltns moved to AUSBACH closing in by 1735 hours, and 1st pltn set up town defense. A Co. - At 0400 hours, the 3rd pltn forded the Werra River moving to HAUSBREITENBACH. The pltn fired 20 rounds HE at a 20mm AA gun and enemy infantry, ko'ing gun and killing some enemy. The 1st pltn with 1st Bn, 357th Inf. met some resistance firing 48 rounds of HE at enemy infantry who were dug in in the woods. Pltn advanced to 68505750. 2nd pltn in reserve at DIPPACH saw no action. At 1500 hrs the CP crossed the river going to DIPPACH. B Co. - At 1200 hours, CP moved to HEIMBOLDHAUSEN. At approximately 1800 hours, a bomb was dropped on the town resulting in one casualty in the company. CP later moved to ROHRIGSHOT (573517). 1st pltn moved to RANSBACH closing in at 1400 hours to an assembly position. No action. At 0930 hours, 2nd pltn moved out of RANSBACH advancing toward VACHA. Assaulted towns of UNTER BREITZBACH, SUMA and VACHA, firing at buildings. Some mortar fire was received in VACHA. Pltn continued to OBERZETTA (625510). At 0715, 3rd pltn moved to HERINGEN covering the infantry and shot up the town. At 1630 pltn moved to PHILIPPSTHAL (598517), and set up a roadblock. C Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns inactive at WOMEN. 2nd pltn moving forward with 1st Bn, 359th Inf. in the vic of EISENACH, ko'd three 75mm SP guns and six MG emplacements.

Weather, cold, cloudy with intermittent rain.

4 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) and Hqs Co. - No change. Recon Co. - Co. continued to escort convoys. At 0700, 1st pltn left AUSBACH moving to SOLZERHOTE (422544) followed by Hqs pltn at 0830 hours. At 1015, 1st section, 3rd pltn escorted convoy to SCHLITZ and LAUTERBACH returning at 1645 hours. At 1115 hours, 1st pltn left CP to escort convoy to HANAU. At 1330, 2nd section, 3rd pltn escorted convoy and bomb disposal squad to SCHLITZ returning at 1720. 2nd pltn left CP at 1730 to escort 16 truck convoy to HANAU. A Co. - 1st pltn after spending night in woods, moved out early in the morning with 1st Bn, 357th Inf. giving 3" and small arms supporting fire. A German TD was ko'd in the town of ETTENHAUSEN at a range of 1500 yards. Pltn advanced to BOHRA. 2nd pltn moved out at 1100 hours in the attack with 2nd Bn encountering small arms and bazooka fire. Pltn fired 55 rounds HE and a lot of small arms; advanced to BURKHARDTRODA. 3rd pltn attacked with 3rd Bn, 357th Inf. until they reached the town of NUHSHENSUHL where they were pinched out by the 2nd Bn, and pltn then moved to ECKARDSHAUSEN.

4 April 1945 Continued

B Co. - At 0700, 1st pltn moved out with 2nd Bn, 358th Inf. to clear area south of VACHA. This was completed by 1130 hours, and pltn moved to an assembly position in TIEFENORT. At 0700, 2nd pltn moved out with 3rd Bn pushing due east along the main road. No resistance encountered and pltn closed in at BARCHFELD at 1900 hours. At 0700, 3rd pltn pushed off with 1st Bn meeting very light resistance. Pltn fired at houses in TIEFENORT and GRAEENDORF and at 1900 hours closed into GUNPFSIEDT (798523). At 1200, CP moved to MERKERS continuing on to BAD SALZUNGEN at 1630. C Co. - The 359th Inf. was relieved of attachment to the 4th Armored Division and the pltns moved to the following positions: CP, HONEBACH (549618); 1st pltn, EERKA (658628); 2nd pltn, GROSSENSEE (570620) and 3rd pltn, HOMERASH. Three ME 109s strafed column on the autobahn. No casualties. Weather, cool and cloudy.

5 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to BAD SALZUNGEN (H752489) closing in by 1130 hours. Distance travelled 17-miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Co. continued escort of Division supply lines. During the day escorted one convoy to SCHLITZ, two convoys to HANAU, and one convoy to FRANKFURT. At 1600, company moved from SOLZERHOTE arriving at VACHA at 1815. A Co. - Co. moved to the following locations but saw no action: CP, ETTENHAUSEN; 1st pltn, 81505460; 2nd pltn, EDWARDTSHAUSEN; 3rd pltn, EITERWINDEN. No other changes. B Co. - At 0700, 1st pltn moved with 2nd Bn, 358th Inf. meeting no opposition and going into position at 857552. 2nd pltn moved out at 0700 hours, meeting no opposition and closing in at 857487. 3rd pltn remained in reserve at 798523. CP at 758487. C Co. - Co. moved without incident to the following locations: CP, LEIMBACH (735490); 1st pltn, ETTENHAUSEN (805532); 2nd pltn, LANGENFELD (745465) and 3rd pltn, HERMANNS (720490). 1st pltn attached to 2nd Bn; 2nd pltn attached to 1st Bn, and 3rd pltn attached to 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. Weather, cloudy and cool.

6 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) no change. Hqs Co. - Co. moved to BAD SALZUNGEN (H752489) closing in by 1215 hours. Ren Co. - Co. continued to escort supply convoys. Two escorts sent to SCHLITZ, two to HANAU and one to SOLZERHOTE. Elements of 87th Inf. Division relieved 90th Inf. Div. in place. A Co. - Co. assembled and moved to following locations: CP, LEIMBACH; 1st pltn, MERKERS; 2nd pltn, SCHWALKALDEN, and 3rd pltn, KAISERODA. B Co. - All pltns were relieved and assembled in BAD SALZUNGEN (758487). C Co. - Co. attached to CT 359 which was attached to 26th Inf. Div. pltns moved with respective battalions to the SE to the following positions: CP and 1st pltn, OBR SCHONAU (030390); 2nd pltn, ZELLA MEHLIS (065330) and 3rd pltn, OBERHOF (110385). Weather, cloudy and cool.

7 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) and Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Co. continued to escort Division supply convoys. Co. escorted five convoys to SCHLITZ and one convoy to MAINZ. A Company and B Company remained in same locations and spent the day performing motor and weapons maintenance. C Co. - Co. working with 359 ROT was engaged in slow woods combing east of ZELLA MEHLIS and met only light scattered resistance. Pltns advanced to the following positions: CP, ZELLA MEHLIS (065330); 1st pltn, OBERHOF (110385); 2nd and 3rd pltns, HEIDERSBACH (120310 and 132325). At 1145 hours, Col. Spiess was presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star and Bronze Star by General Earnest, CG, 90th Inf. Div. Weather, sunny and clear.

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to ZELLA MEHLIS (065330) closing in by 1120 hours. Distance travelled 17 miles.

8 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to ZELIA MEHLIS (J063328) closing in by 1720 hours. Distance travelled 26.4 miles. Hqs Co. - Co. moved to VIERNAU (K993335) closing in by 0850 hours. Ren Co. - Co. continued to escort Division supply convoys. Company headquarters left VACHA at 0815, escorted 35 trucks to HERGES HALLENBERG (991351) setting up CP there. During day convoys were escorted to SCHLITZ, BAD KRUEZNACH. A Co. - CP and 1st pltn, MERKERS and 3rd pltn, HEPMANN, remained in the MERKERS area to protect the salt mine in which a great quantity of enemy gold had been found. Hqs pltn placed its M20s so that they could be used as AA protection. 2nd pltn moved with 2nd Bn, 357th Inf. to ZELIA MEHLIS where they remained in Division reserve as they blocked to the south. B Co. - At 1130, company moved out as a unit from BAD SALZUNGEN making a road march of 34-miles arriving at HEIDERSBACH at 1345 hours. Pltns immediately joined their respective Bns. At 1430, 1st pltn moved out over very rugged terrain advancing to 189289 meeting light opposition. 2nd pltn in HEIDERSBACH in reserve. At 1440 hours, 3rd pltn moved out over very difficult terrain behind the infantry closing in at GOLDLAUTER at 2100 hours. C Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns made slight local change in positions, 3rd pltn moving to CR 133325. 2nd pltn with 1st Bn, in Regimental reserve moved to 100358 SW of OBERHOF to be prepared to attack in either 2nd or 3rd battalions' sector. Very little progress was made due to dense forest, rugged terrain and stubborn small arm resistance. Weather, cool, sunny.

9 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) and Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Co. continued to escort supply trucks. Escorts were sent to WASLINGEN, SCHLITZ, HERSFELD and FRANKFURT. A Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns continued its mission of guarding the "gold mine". 2nd pltn continued to maintain a roadblock at ZELIA MEHLIS. B Co. - 1st pltn remained in position at 229287 until 1930 hours when they moved to 298274. No action. At 0730, 2nd pltn moved out of HEIDERSBACH to STUTZERBACH (302302) remaining there in reserve. At 0700, 3rd pltn moved to STUTZERBACH (157309). The pltn fired 12 rounds HE, .50 cal. and .30 cal. MG fire at enemy who were just out of town in the woods. 3 enemy killed. At 1600 hours, one section moved to CR 320309 and remained there for the night. At 1245 hours, the CP moved to STUTZERBACH. C Co. - Co. continued to support the infantry which made small gains and advanced to the following locations: CP, 146327 (S of GEHLBERG); 1st pltn, MANEBACH (205350); 2nd pltn, GEHLBERG (157355); 3rd pltn N of STUTZERBACH (206320). Weather, cool, sunny.

10 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to MANEBACH (J210360) closing in by 1930 hrs. Distance travelled 20.5 miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Co. continued to convoy vehicles. Escorts sent to SCHLITZ, HERSFELD and FRANKFURT. Company also received mission to patrol MSR and patrol consisting of two 1/4-ton vehicles and one M8 covered 216 miles between the hours of 1400 and 2400 hours. A Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns continued to guard mine. 2nd pltn moved to 13303250 where they set up roadblocks to the north. B Co. - At 0730, 1st pltn moved out with the 2nd Bn, 358th Inf. No opposition was met until the attack on NEUSTADT where they met a little stiff resistance. Pltn fired 18 rounds AP and 66 rounds HE, supporting the infantry and moved up to 267237, with no further resistance. 2nd pltn remained in reserve in STUTZERBACH. At 0600 hours, the section of 3rd pltn at the crossroad met a counterattack beating it off and killing some Germans. At 0730, the infantry jumped off and this section rejoined the pltn in STUTZERBACH. When the roads were cleared and the town taken, the pltn moved to NEUSTADT (264252). C Co. - 1st pltn advancing with 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. on secondary road running east into IIMENAU met

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scattered light resistance all the way into town. While firing from a position west of ILMENAU (234363), the TD commanded by Sgt. Hekola was hit by enemy AT fire, killing the driver, Tsg 4 Haugen, and wounding another man. 3 more rounds followed in rapid succession causing the TD to burn and making recovery of Tsg 4 Haugen's body impossible. 2nd pltn advancing along main highway into ILMENAU met no resistance. 3rd pltn advanced to 243336 without incident. Lt. Wood, pltn leader, B Company was presented the DSC by General Earnest, 90th Inf. Division Commander.

Weather, cool, sunny.

11 April 1945

Bn Hq (Fwd CP) and Hqs Co. - No change. Recon Co. - CP at HERGESHALLENBERG (991351). Patrol of MSR continued. Two escorts sent out to MEININGEN, one to SCHLITZ and three to FRANKFURT. A Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns, no change. One section each of 2nd pltn moved to STUTZERBACH and MONEBACH where they set up roadblocks. B Co. - CP at GROSS BREITENBACH (315252). 1st pltn moved out at 0730 hours, meeting very light opposition and advancing to KATZHUTTE (355228). 2nd pltn remaining in reserve moved to MOHRENBACH (305297). 3rd pltn moved along with the 1st Bn CP to FRAUENWALD (216252). C Co. - CP located at ILMENAU (240357); 2nd pltn located at ILMENAU (250356) established roadblocks to the SE. At 0200 hours a column of enemy tanks were reported to be approaching this position, but were not taken under fire because they could not be seen. 3rd pltn approached GEHREN from the west and occupied positions in the town without opposition. 1st pltn gave supporting fire as they moved into LANGEWIESEN (290347).

Weather, fair and clear.

12 April 1945

The Division formed the Interior Defense Corps with a mission of protecting important installations and roads within its zone. Col. Spiess was put in command of this force with the following troops under his command: Hq and Hq Company, Reconnaissance Company, 773rd TD Bn; AT Company, 357th Infantry, and Cannon Company, 357th Infantry. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to GROSS BREITENBACH (317253), closing in by 1300 hours. Distance travelled 18-miles. Hq Co. - Co. moved to STUTZERBACH (208306) closing in at 1720 hours. Recon Co. - Co. continued to escort convoys to MEININGEN, NEUSTADT, STUTZERBACH and FRANKFURT. Two patrols also being carried on by company:

(1) STUTZERBACH-NEUSTADT-MOHRENBACH-GEHREN-LANGEWIESEN-ILMENAU to STUTZERBACH. (2) STUTZERBACH-ZELLA MEHLIS-VIERNAU to HERGESHALLENBERG. Lt. Dunn and 20 TM in ILMENAU guarding five hospitals. Co. CP moved from HERGES-HALLENBACH to STUTZERBACH. A Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns continued their same mission. 2nd pltn continued maintaining roadblock and following near the division CP as division reserve. B Co. - 1st pltn jumped off at 0730 with 2nd Bn, 358th and moved along closing in at 534120 about 2000 hours. At PIESAU the pltn ran into a firefight and fired 30 rounds HE and a lot of MG ammo. 2nd pltn was committed at 1000 hours and passed thru the 3rd pltn. They encountered a firefight outside of LIPPELSDORF and fired a lot of MG ammo. The 3rd pltn and 1st Bn were passed thru by 3rd Bn about 1300 hours and went into reserve at 1600 hours. At 1930 hours, 3rd pltn was attached to 2nd Bn and moved down to their sector arriving at 2100 hours. CP moved to LIPPELSDORF. C Co. - All pltns continued to advance, located at the following positions: CP, WITTGENDORF (480285); 1st pltn, BRAUNSDORF (489320); 2nd pltn, HOHENETCHE (514270); 3rd pltn, BECHTEDI (430348).

Weather, cool and light rains.

13 April 1945

Bn continued to support division as it advanced rapidly to the South. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to OBER WEISSBACH (412258) closing in by 0950 hours. At 1535 hours moved to FROBSTZELLA (582210) closing in by 1705 hours. Total distance travelled 27.1 miles. Hq. Co. - No change.

13 April 1945 Continued

Rcn Co. - 3rd pltn escorted convoys to MEININGEN and GRAFENTHAL. Pioneer pltn guarding PSW in NEUSTADT, German hospital in BREITENBACH and a German bomb dump in woods east of LANGEWIESEN. 1st pltn guarding five hospitals in ILMENAU. 2nd pltn running 96-mile patrol on MSR. CP moved from STUTZERBACH to GRAFENTHAL closing in at 1810 hours. A Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns continued to guard mine. 2nd pltn set up roadblock at ZOPTEN - no other changes. B Co. - At 0730, the 2nd pltn moved out with 3rd Bn and advanced on the left of the Regimental sector to position 693132. Small arms fire was encountered at WIERZBACH which was cleaned up by the infantry. 1st and 3rd pltns moved out at 0730 with 2nd Bn on the right, encountering some opposition in LEHESTEN. 1st pltn had three vehicles mounting a triple 20mm AA gun each. Advance continued to WIERZBACH without opposition and pltns went into position at 698141 and 698129. CP moved to LEHESTEN closing in at 1700 hours. C Co. - CP at LUETENBERG (635250); 1st pltn moved into EICHIDHT and fired upon enemy across the Saale River - damage unknown. Pltn continued and moved SE thru LUETENBERG to DROGNITZ (715280). 2nd pltn moved to RUPPERSDORF (723195). 3rd pltn mopping up with 3rd Bn in the 2nd Bn's zone encountered some small arms fire in vicinity of SCHWARZBURG (440326). This resistance was wiped out but the pltn suffered two casualties. Pltn continued to move forward to EICHIDHT (618301) and fired HE on heights NE of the town. Approximately 18 enemy were flushed and taken prisoner by the infantry.

Weather, cool and light rains.

14 April 1945

The Bn continued to support the division as it secured a bridgehead over the Saale River. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to LOBENSTEIN (773128) closing in at 1550 hours. Distance travelled 19.6 miles. Hq. Co. - Co. moved to GRAFENTHAL (530200). Rcn Co. - Attached to IDC. CP Group received mission to guard hospital in GRAFENTHAL relieving Cannon Company, 357th Infantry. Escort of supply convoys continued. At 2330 hours, one M8, two 1/4-tons and 25 men left the company to check information concerning armed SS troops approaching KATZHUTTE. A Co. - 2nd pltn moved to WURZBACH where they remained in division reserve with 2nd Bn, 397th - no other changes. B Co. - 2nd pltn jumped off at 0730 with 3rd Bn and began movement to the East, advancing without opposition to BRUCK (893040). The 2nd Bn N. of the Saale River began movement East and is now on the right flank. At 0730, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns moved out with 2nd Bn meeting no opposition and going to RUDOLPHSTEIN (864091). CP moved to BLANKENSPAIN. C Co. - Co. advanced with their respective Bns to the following locations: 1st pltn, REMPTENDORF (785218); 2nd pltn, EBERSDORF (788170); 3rd pltn, KLIENGESCHENDA (673267). No action. 1st pltn attached to 3rd Bn, 2nd pltn to 1st Bn, and 3rd pltn in reserve. Additional attachments to IDC: A Company, 97th Chemical Mortar Bn, and Cannon Company, 359th Infantry. Organizations continued to guard hospitals, factories and warehouses in division area. All roads in division zone were combed by patrols.

Weather, cold and cloudy.

15 April 1945

Bn continued to support division as it swung south around Saale Lake and then turned north to clean up the east side of lake. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) - no change. Hq Co. - Co. moved to SCHONBRUNN (731158) closing in by 1520 hours. Rcn Co. - The force that left at 142330 could locate no reported SS troops in KATZHUTTE and returned to company. Company continued to escort supply convoys to MEININGEN. 1st pltn relieved of guard duty of hospitals in ILMENAU and returned to company. At 0930 the Pioneer pltn was relieved of guard duties at NEUSTADT, BREITENBACH and LANGEWIESEN returning to company. Company moved from GRAFENTHAL to EBERSDORF closing in at 1745. At 1800 Pioneer pltn received mission to guard hospital in the town.

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A Co. - The 1st and 3rd pltns relieved of mission as mine guards and left HERMANN at 1230 hours to rejoin company in LOHENSTEIN closing in at 2045. 2nd pltn moved to BERG where it remained in division reserve. B Co. - At 0700 the 2nd pltn moved out in an attack on HOF. The town was entered at 1200 and small arms fire was encountered throughout the whole town and it was fairly well cleared by 2000 hours. 1st and 3rd pltns moved out at 0730, shooting up 85 rounds of HE at enemy infantry at GORITZ and ULLERSREUTH then continuing on to (1st pltn, HIRSCHBERG, 897085) and (3rd pltn, TOPEN, 940070). CP moved and closed in at KODITZ (925005). C Co. - 1st pltn joined 3rd Bn at 0615 and in a series of jumps without opposition occupied roadblocks in GEFELL (925125). The 2nd pltn moving with 1st Bn met no opposition and set up roadblocks on the Autobahn just east of RAHA (880210). 3rd pltn in LOHENSTEIN. No TDS operational. CP moved to HILSDORF (865185).

Weather, clear and warm.

16 April 1945

Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to KIRSCHBERG (J891086) closing in by 1108 hours. Distance travelled 15.5 miles. Hq Co. - Co. moved to 844094. Ren Co. - CP moved from EBERSDORF to BLANKENBERG (816080). 1st pltn picked up approximately 1000 Pw in HEIMERSDORF evacuating them to rear and escorting same trucks containing supplies back to BLANKENBERG. 2nd pltn patrolled roads from 0815 to 1915 taking 3 Pw. Enemy troops reported in woods SE of ZOPPEN (800175) and two tanks and a 1/4-ton of 3rd pltn made a reconnaissance and returned with negative report. Supply convoys continued to SONNEBERG, FRANKFURT and EBERSDORF. Pioneer pltn relieved of hospital guard at GRAFENHALL by AT Company, 357th Infantry. Pltn now guarding Archives in EBERSDORF, three hospitals in WURTSBURG and a factory in LOHENSTEIN, a hospital in LOHENSTEIN and a bridge at 815081 and 815040. At 0900 hours, two 1/4-ton vehicles left the company to escort gas trucks to SONNEBERG. The road running S from LIPPELSDORF (450195) was travelled and they ran into a blown bridge at 429137 which was by-passed by way of NEUHAUS, STEINHEID to STEINACH. On return trip ran into crater at 506034 from which point 4 Germans were observed at approximately 505060 and they withdrew behind hill. The escort did not fire upon them because of the possibility of drawing fire and gas trucks would have been extremely vulnerable. The vehicles could not pass by the crater so they were turned around and returned by the original route. Closed into BLANKENBERG at 2030 hours. A Co. - 2nd pltn remained in BERG (874050). Remainder of company moved from LOHENSTEIN to ULLERSREUTH (896107) at 1330 hours. No action. B Co. - At 0730, the 1st pltn moved to TROGEN. At 1600 hours moved to 018022 relieving the 3rd pltn. 2nd pltn moved out with 3rd Bn, 358th at 0830, crossed the Saale River and moved to LEIMITZ. At 0730 the 3rd pltn jumped off and moved SE to 018022, were relieved by 1st pltn and returned to HOF for maintenance. CP moved and closed in at HOF at 1000 hours. C Co. - Pltns advanced without meeting any opposition, going to the following positions: CP and 3rd pltn at GROBAU (988120); 1st pltn, RAMOLERSREUTH (027075); 2nd pltn, PIRK (095118). 1st pltn with 3rd Bn and 2nd pltn with 2nd Bn, 359th Infantry.

Weather, clear and warm.

17 April 1945

Division remained in positions on MSR and patrols were sent out. The 359th Infantry were relieved during the afternoon by the 357th Inf. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) and Hq. Co. - no change. Ren Co. - Escorts were sent out to convoy vehicles to NEUHAUS, EBERSDORF, SONNEBERG and FRANKFURT. The 2nd pltn patrolled the MSR. Pioneer pltn continued to guard hospitals and other important installations.

17 April 1945 Continued). A Co. - Co. moved with 357th Infantry to relieve 359th Inf. on division's left. At 1100 hours, the 2nd pltn moved from BERG to: (One section, PIRK, 075119) (Other Section, DROBA, 071093). At 1330, 3rd pltn moved from ULLERSREUTH to RAMOLDSREUTH (027744). CP located with 3rd pltn. B Co. - Remained in same location. Entire day spent performing motor and weapons maintenance. C Co. - At approximately 1000 hours, the 1st pltn on patrol fired upon and destroyed by burning, three enemy armored cars in vicinity of OTTENGRUN (065045). 2nd pltn at 1100 hours fired upon enemy infantry dug-in in vicinity of LAUTERBACH (147097) resulting in the taking of 80 Psw by infantry. Company moved to following positions when relieved by A Company, 773rd TD Bn and 357th Infantry. CP and 3rd pltn, BLINTENDORF (890134); 1st pltn, ZEDTWITZ (962040); 2nd pltn, FROSSEN (862125).

Colonel Spiess, Bn Commander, Presented the following awards to members of this battalion at 1330 hours: 21 Bronze Stars and 3 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star; 6 Purple Heart Awards and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart.

Weather, clear, warm.

18 April 1945

Division regrouped preparatory to its advance to the SE along the CZECH border. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to HOF (J972992) closing in by 2030 hours. Distance travelled 12-miles. Hq Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Co. continued to escort supply convoys to SONNEBERG, NEUHAUS and FRANKFURT. At 1230 hours, 2nd pltn left to investigate report of 40 dug in enemy in vicinity of 6118. Pltn returned at 1745 with negative report. At 2000 hours, pltn moved to EBERSDORF to assist in securing the town. A Co. - CP and 1st pltn (reserve) moved to town of KONRADSREUTH (926935) at 1430 hours. 2nd pltn moved to OBER KOTZAU (990934) and fired 3" and .50 cal. at enemy foot troops in the east end of town. 3rd pltn moved to SCHWARZENBACH and at 1600 hours fired at enemy infantry in the woods SE of town. B Co. - At 1400 hours, the 1st pltn moved to VIEDLERBERG (068983) going into reserve with 2nd Bn. At 0800, the 2nd pltn moved on a TF that went across the CZECH border. No action. Pltn returned at 1200. At 1500 pltn moved to 023932 to be ready for attack in the morning. At 1600 the 3rd pltn left HOF and moved to 043960 in a position of readiness. CP remained in HOF. C Co. - No change in locations. All men engaged in care and cleaning of weapons and vehicles. Company in reserve.

Weather, clear and warm.

19 April 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved at 1600 to KIRCHENLAMITZ (P007808). Closing in by 1920 hours. Distance travelled 12.5 miles. Hq Co. - No change. Ren Co. - At 1000 hours, 2nd pltn returned from EBERSDORF. Report of enemy in that vicinity proved to be false. Escort of supply convoys continued by company. Pioneer pltn continued guarding installations. A Co. - Co. advanced with infantry to the following locations: CP, MARKTLEUTHEN (049788); 1st and 3rd pltns, OBER ROSLAU (030734); 2nd pltn, KAISERHAMMER (102788). B Co. - 1st pltn remained in reserve in VIEYERBACH until 1200 then moved to GRUNHAID (10880), to block the left flank. Pltn fired 30 rounds HE and a lot of MG fire at enemy. At 0730, 2nd pltn moved out running into a firefight near PILGRAMSMEUTH against enemy infantry, then continued onto HAMMERGUT (120324) without opposition. 3rd pltn moved out at 0730, meeting opposition at REHAU, SCHONWALD and a stiff fight on the outskirts of SELB. Town was not taken as darkness came on and TDS buttoned up for the night just outside of town. C Co. - 2nd pltn attached to 1st Bn, 359th Inf. protecting the division rear and left flank. Balance of company following behind and all located at REHAU (035915).

Weather, clear and cool.

20 April 1945

Bn Hq (Fwd CP), no change. Hq Co. - Co. moved to SCHWARZENBACH (P992886) closing in by 1640 hours. Ren Co. - Co. continued to escort vehicles to SONNENBERG, BARKUTH and KEHNSDORF. 2nd pltn patrolling MSR. A Co. - 1st pltn came into picture today as the 1st Bn out of the 2nd Bn. The 2nd pltn fired six rounds HE at enemy infantry just before the switch. The 1st pltn had no action. At 0200 the 3rd pltn knocked out two trucks and a command car as they tried to enter the town the pltn was occupying. Later in the day, they also ko'd one truck and 2 motorcycles. The CP at MARKTREDWITZ (111650); 1st pltn, POPPENBERG (110595); 2nd pltn, LORENZREUTH (129678); 3rd pltn, LIEGENFELD (155887). B Co. - 1st pltn moved along behind the 3rd pltn in reserve. In SELB the pltn helped mop up the town. At 0730 the 2nd pltn jumped off and moved along with very light opposition. Pltn fired 15 rounds HE into THIESSHEIM. At 0830, 3rd pltn moved out in assault on SELB. Some opposition was encountered but the town was cleared by 0930. Pltn advanced with light opposition to town of ARZBURG where they had a pretty stiff fight and town was not entirely cleared by dark. CP moved to THIESSHEIM (136735). 1st pltn at ROSENBUHL (177734); 2nd pltn, SEUSSEN (165687); 3rd pltn, ARZBURG (184705). G Co. - 2nd pltn with 1st Bn, 359th continued to move up behind 358th Infantry, protecting the left flank and rear. Pltn set up a roadblock SE of SELB (142830). Balance of company followed behind 2nd pltn and located in SELB (135635).

Weather, warm and clear.

21 April 1945

The division continued to advance SE along the CZECH border. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to FUCHSMUHL (163562) closing in by 1740 hours. Distance travelled 23.7 miles. Hq Co. - Co. moved to MARKTREDWITZ (P111649) closing in by 1700 hours. Ren Co. - Company continued to escort supply trucks and evacuate PSW. 2nd pltn continued to patrol the MSR. Pioneer pltn was relieved of guard duties in KEHNSDORF, WURTZBACH and LOBENSTEIN by A Battery, 282nd FA. CP moved to MARKTREDWITZ closing in by 1100 hours. A Co. - Company continued to support the 357th Inf. as it advanced on the division's right. Pltns moved to following locations with no opposition: CP, FRIEDENFELS (134515); 1st pltn, WILDENREUTH (121425); 2nd pltn, REUTH (151473); 3rd pltn, WINDISCHESCHENBACH (177429). B Co. - 1st pltn moved along in reserve blocking the regimental left flank. No action. At 0730, the 2nd pltn moved out and advanced with little opposition but ran into plenty of roadblocks and poor trails. 3rd pltn moved out at 0730 and advanced with light opposition. Encountered one firefight at a defended roadblock which was ko'd in a hurry. CP moved to MITTERTEICH (229596). Pltns located at: 1st pltn, MITTERTEICH (236597); 2nd pltn, PIRK (246505); 3rd pltn, TIRSCHENREUTH (298533). C Co. - Company with 359th Inf. Regt. protected the exposed division left flank. 1st and 3rd pltns combined attached to 3rd Bn, set up roadblock SE part of ARZBURG (189719). 2nd pltn moved with 2nd Bn to WALDSASSEN (272661). No action. CP moved to ARZBURG (185715).

Weather, clear and cool.

22 April 1945

The Division continued its advance to the SE. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) and Hq Co. - No change. Ren Co. - 2nd pltn returned to company at 0130, completing patrol of MSR totalling 91-miles. Pioneer pltn took over guard of hospital in MARKTREDWITZ at 0945. At 1345 relieved of this guard and received mission to guard hospital in ALEXANDERSBAD. The complete platoon moved there and assumed the guard at 1400 hours. Four men remained in MARKTLEUTHEN guarding food warehouse. At 1700 hours, four riflemen left company for FRANKFURT as mail guards. Escorts of PSW, rations and gas continued to BAYREUTH and MARKTLEUTHEN.

22 April 1945 Continued) A Co. - Company supported 357th Infantry as they advanced 22 kilometers by 1315 hours. 1st pltn with 1st Bn helped capture 350 PsW. The 3rd pltn ko'd an American 1/4-ton vehicle driven by two SS troopers, killing one and taking the other prisoner. CP and 2nd pltn at NEUSTADT (191349). 1st pltn LETZAU (251301); 3rd pltn, BERGNETSREUTH (252332). B Co. - At 0730, 1st pltn advanced along the left flank, setting up roadblocks as they moved along. At 1400 hours the pltn in position at WONDREB (303548). 2nd pltn moved out at 0730 meeting no opposition. The roads were very bad but platoon advanced to TIRSCHENREUTH (290315). One TD broke a track at 260490 which was repaired and later joined pltn. At 0730, 3rd pltn moved out meeting no opposition and closed in at SCHONKIRCH (275426) at 1500 hours. CP moved to FALKENBERG (222495). C Co. - Co. continued to move SE along the CZECH border. No action. Pltns located at: 1st and 3rd pltns: LEONBERG (262596); 2nd pltn, WALLSAGEN (272867); CP, MITTERTEICH (235595).

Weather: light rain and sleet.

23 April 1945

The Division continued its advance to the SE toward the Austrian border. Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to NEUSTADT (190345) closing in at 1730 hours. Distance travelled 17.6 miles. Hq Co. - No change. For Co. - 3rd pltn continued to patrol the MSR. Six escorts sent out during day to BAYREUTH. Pioneer pltn continued guard duty in ALFKANTROBACH. A Co. - At 0730 the 1st and 3rd pltns moved out with the infantry reaching their objective without opposition. Sgt Guibler of 3rd pltn took two TDs and a squad of infantry on a patrol that resulted in the capture of 59 PsW and destruction of one MG. The 3rd pltn also on patrol ko'd one motorcycle, killed two and captured two enemy. 2nd pltn remained in reserve. CP, NEUSTADT (194354); 1st pltn, ROGGENSTEIN (268257); 2nd pltn, THEISSEL (237306); 3rd pltn, UBER TRISENFELD (237310). B Co. - 1st pltn in reserve moved to KAINREUTH (276366) at 1500 hours. At 1300 hours, 2nd pltn moved to OBER BERNREUTH (340300) meeting no opposition. 3rd pltn moved to FLOSSBERG (290415) at 1300 and set up a roadblock. CP moved to FLOSS (266350). C Co. - Co. in reserve and blocking the left flank. No action. Pltns moved to the following locations: 1st and 3rd pltns, FLOSSBERG (290415); 2nd pltn, SCHWARZENBACH (337480); Weather, overcast and cool.

24 April 1945

Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to VOHNSTRAUSS (323241) closing in at 1940 hours. Distance travelled 19 miles. Hq Co. - Co. moved to NEUHAUS (197428) closing in at 1120 hours. For Co. - CP, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns at WINDISCHESCHENBACH (176430). The Pioneer pltn relieved of bridge guard at NEUSTADT and assumed guard duties of concentration camp at FLOSSENBERG (290415). The 2nd pltn assisted the Pioneer pltn in guarding the camp. The two vehicles left in MARKTREDWITZ to guard elements of CP returned to company at 1720 hours. Escorts continued to FRANKFURT, MARKTREDWITZ and BAYREUTH. A Co. - 2nd pltn fired 75 rounds HE and 10,000 rounds .50 cal. ammo at enemy infantry as they advanced with friendly infantry and tanks. Lt. Hagar's TD was hit by a Panzerfaust but the TD was not disabled and no crew members were hurt. 1st and 3rd pltns had no action as they moved to FUCHBERG (368109) and RAGENWIES (412184), respectively. CP at ETZGERLEITH (355169); 2nd pltn GAISHEIM (267160). B Co. - 1st pltn moved along blocking to the left flank and closing in at WAIHHAUS (436168) at 1600. 2nd pltn jumped off at 0730, moving over very bad terrain and poor roads against some opposition. At 2100, pltn closed in at ERLARN (460205). The 3rd pltn moved along blocking the left flank and closed in at PFRENTSCH (432243) at 1600 hours. CP moved to PLEYSSTEIN (368268). C Co. - Co. in reserve blocking division left flank. CP at WALDTHURN (313294); 1st and 3rd pltns, ERLARN (455200); 2nd pltn, PLEYSSTEIN (370265). Weather, warm and clear.

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25 April 1945

Bn Hq (Fwd CP) moved to TEUNZ (362083) closing in at 1530 hours. Distance travelled 15.2 miles. Hq Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Co. attached to IDC remained in same locations. Pioneer pltn continued guard at concentration camp in FLOSSENBERG. 10 men of Pioneer pltn guarding ration dump in MARKTREDWITZ relieved and returned to company. Two 1/4-tons left CP at 0730 and shuttled 40 trucks of PSW between WEIDEN and WERNBERG. Company escorted trucks to MARKTREDWITZ, KULMVACH and LUHE picking up rations, ammo and gas. A Co. - 1st pltn returned to NEUHAUS (197428) and changed tracks on TDS. Pltn was unable to join company at its forward location because of fuel shortage. 2nd pltn met no resistance while moving to BANNERSDORF (572954); 3rd pltn moved with 1st Bn on a task force reaching CHAM with no opposition. CP at PREMETSCHL (003966); 3rd pltn - one TL at CHAM (585805) - two TDS at WINKLARN (435025). B Co. - Company in reserve with 358th Infantry, blocked division left flank. No action. CP and 1st pltn SCHONSEE (475124); 2nd pltn, DIEPERSDORF (493142); 3rd pltn, PUTZLEINRIETH (4332060). C Co. - 2nd pltn supporting advance of 2nd Bn, 359th Infantry fired 16 rounds on suspected enemy positions in vicinity of WEIDING. The balance of company moved with no unusual occurrences. CP and 3rd pltn at TIEFENBACH (513045). 1st pltn at NEUHAUS being equipped with M36s. 2nd pltn, SCHONAN (520075).
Weather, warm and clear.

26 April 1945

90th Infantry Division continued to clear zone and to defend Corps left flank along CZECH border. Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to CHAM (U581810) closing in at 1510 hours. Distance travelled 28.5 miles. Hq Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Co. moved to CHAMMUNSTER at 0300. Pioneer pltn continued to guard the concentration camp in FLOSSENBERG. Four escorts continued by company. A Co. - Co. continued support of 357th Inf. as they cleared the zone. At 1330 hours, the 1st pltn returned to the company with new track on TDS. 2nd pltn which had been out of fuel the previous day refueled during morning and moved to town of GRASFILZING (693865). 3rd pltn moved to ZENCHING (700842). CP at WALTING (730765). 1st pltn located at KOTZTING (728770). B Co. - Co. continued to block division left flank. At 0800, 1st pltn moved out encountering a stiff firefight in the WALDMUNCHEN area, but the town was cleared by 1730. 2nd pltn returned to NEUHAUS to pick up M36s. 3rd pltn moved down blocking to the left then went into Regimental reserve at PREMETSCHL (500965). CP at SCHONTHAL (533953). C Co. - 2nd and 3rd pltns (4 TDS) attached to 1st Bn, 359th Inf. advanced SE capturing FURTH (708915) at 2200 hours. Some enemy artillery falling in this sector. CP at GLEISSENBERG (635916).
Weather, cool with scattered light showers.

27 April 1945

Division continued advanced to the SE, advancing 25 kilometers. As the period ended the regiments took up defensive positions along the CZECH border. Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) and Hq Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Pioneer pltn relieved of guard at FLOSSENBERG and returned to company at 1115 hours. Pltn received mission to guard hospitals in RANKAM (6789) and four hospitals in ARNSCHWANG (6987), relieving the 357th Inf. security guard by 2000 hours. One 1/4-ton that left company 221500 April to escort ordnance vehicle to FRANKFURT returned to company at 1520 hours after having travelled a total of 624 miles. Co. continued to escort trucks with rations, gas and PSW. A Co. - 1st and 2nd pltns moved out at 0730 with 1st Bn, 357th Inf. on a task force to clear the division restraining line. By 1200 hours, mission was accomplished without firing a round. Pltns took up following positions as the regiment displaced for defense: CP at KOTZTING (735773); 1st pltn, ARNBRUCK (833723); 2nd pltn, HOHENWARTH (783803); 3rd pltn, remained in reserve at KOTZTING. B Co. - 1st pltn remained in WALDMUNCHEN (606983).

27 April 1945 (Continued) No action. 2nd pltn at NEUHAUS working on M36s. At 1130, 3rd pltn moved out and made an 18-mile march to STADLERN (527123). No action. CP remained at SCHONTHAL. C Co. - 2nd and 3rd pltns in FURTH pulled out at 2000 hours and established roadblocks SW of town. No action. CP at DALKING (640872). 1st pltn NEUHAUS. 2nd and 3rd pltns, 699905.

Weather, cool with frequent showers.

28 April 1945

Division improved its defensive positions along CZECH border. Patrols probed to find the enemy and his strength. Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) no change. Hq Co. - Co. moved to CHAM (U581808). Ron Co. - 18 men with Pioneer pltn in ARNSCHWANG guarding four hospitals. 11 men in RANKAM guarding one hospital. 8 men in FURTH guarding three railroad cars loaded with ammunition. Two mail guard escorts left company at 1115. At 0500 the 2nd pltn left company to patrol MSR checking for stragglers, bridges, roadblocks and mines. Pltn returned to company at 1030 with a negative report having travelled 95-miles. At 1130 one 1/4-ton escorted trucks bearing repatriated American PSW from CHAM to 39th Evacuation Hospital returning at 1900 hours. A Co. - 1st and 2nd pltns patrolled to the front with the 1st pltn bringing back 25 PSW. 3rd pltn remained in reserve at KOTZTING (725763). Hq pltn patrolled main road out of KOTZTING. 1st pltn located at ARNBRUCK (833723); 2nd pltn HOHENWARTH (783803). B Co. - 1st pltn remained in WALDMUNCHEN and performed some maintenance on vehicles. 2nd pltn attached to 359th Inf. in reserve. 3rd pltn went on a patrol in strength to RYBNIK. Encountered one small firefight against enemy infantry and took some PSW. CP at SCHONTHAL (533952). 1st pltn, WALDMUNCHEN (605985); 2nd pltn, FAUSTENDORF (667863); 3rd pltn, STADLERN (528122). C Co. - 1st and 2nd pltns dug in in defensive position. 3rd pltn in reserve. CP at DALKING (643872); 1st pltn (1st section), OBER RAPPENDORF (731893); (2nd section), SCHWARZENBERG (756877). 2nd pltn, GRABITZ (695905); 3rd pltn, DALKING (643872).

Weather, cool with showers.

29 April 1945

The Division continued to improve its defensive positions and to patrol to the front. Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) and Hq Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Pioneer pltn continued to guard hospitals in ARNSCHWANG and RANKAM. 8 men relieved of train guard in FURTH by Cannon Co, 359th Inf. at 1900 hours. 8 men on mail escort to FRANKFURT. 2nd pltn went on patrol of MSR between 0500 and 0930. One PSW picked up in CHAM and one in civilian clothing along the highway. No escort sent out during the day. A Co. - 1st pltn on patrol knocked out 8 GP vehicles and took 50 PSW. 2nd pltn also on patrol shot up a few enemy in the woods along the route. 3rd pltn remained in reserve. Hq pltn captured 10 PSW while taking supplies to 2nd pltn. CP and 3rd pltn, KOTZTING (725763); 1st pltn, ARNBRUCK (833723); 2nd pltn, HOHENWARTH (783803). B Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns remained in same location. 2nd pltn relieved of attachment to 359th Inf. at 1800 hours and returned to 3rd Bn, 358th Inf. closing in at 2100 hours at HILTERSRIED (510985). 3rd pltn plus one section 1st pltn attached to TF Dye (Reconnaissance in force) with mission to seize and clear NYRSKO, Czechoslovakia, and its approaches. This pltn gave heavy direct supporting fire going one GP vehicle and helped take several hundred PSW. When the mission was completed the 1st pltn returned to former position and 3rd pltn reverted to reserve at the company CP. The division MLR and OPLR advanced to the NE. 2nd pltn moved up, taking positions in FURTH so as to enable them to render close support. In the day's operation the new 90mm proved to be extremely accurate and effective. The CP and 3rd pltn at ARNSCHWANG (690873); 2nd pltn, FURTH (702918); 1st pltn same position as previous day.

Weather, cool and light showers.

30 April 1945

Division attack to the NE, clearing woods to the front and gaining limited objective. Heavy resistance was encountered. Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) and Hq Co. - No change. Ron Co. - CP, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns at CHAMMUNSTER. 26 men of Pioneer pltn at ARNSCHWANG and 11 men at RANKAM guarding hospitals. 2nd pltn patrolled MSR returning at 0930 with negative report. 6 men in FRANKFURT as mail truck escorts. Company received mission to check vicinity of ROTZ for German activity. 45 soldiers reported in woods. 1st section, 3rd pltn, sent to check DIETERSKIRCHEN (390011) and KULZ (426004). All roads and surrounding woods checked. No enemy encountered. 1st pltn and one section of 3rd pltn checked the following towns: DOFERING (553937), SINZENDORF (573936), GEIGANT (591925), KATZBACH (592910) and OBERNRIED (579907). Two PSW (1 Captain and WO) found hiding in a house in SINZENDORF. 11 PSW picked up in woods NW of OBERNRIED at 573917. Pltns returned to company at 1915. A Co. - 1st pltn on patrol encountered no enemy. 2nd pltn remained in position; 3rd pltn attached to 359th Inf. was inactive, and moved to WEIDING (653857). B Co. - At 0800, 1st pltn moved out, advanced about halfway through woods but could go no further due to bad road. TDS were turned around and moved to HASELBACH. The pltn was unable to join the 2nd Bn so the pltn blocked to the north at HOLL (61030) for the 3rd Bn. 2nd pltn moved out at 0630 and attacked with the 3rd Bn at 0800. Heavy opposition and many roadblocks encountered. Pltn fired 12 rounds 90mm and a lot of MG at enemy infantry and houses. 3rd pltn remained in same position. CP at WALDMUNCHEN (596984); 2nd pltn, CAFARTICE (663030); 3rd pltn, STADLERN (528122). C Co. - 2nd pltn attached to 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. jumped off at 0800 hours with mission of seizing CESEA KUBICE, Czechoslovakia, and clearing woods to the north. Enemy artillery and mortar fire encountered as well as stiff resistance with MG and small arms fire. Pltn fired 34 rounds 3" and aided considerably in reducing resistance; and objective was reached by 1800 hours. 1st and 3rd pltns inactive. CP at ARNSCHWANG (692873); 2nd pltn, CESEA KUBICE, Czechoslovakia (716983).

Weather, cool and light rain.

This concludes operations for the period.

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