### 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, Phird 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 010001A March 1940 - 312359A March 1945.

1 March 1945

Hq Co. - Located in NEIDINGEN (866847). Bn Hqs (Fwd CP), Rcn Co. A Co., B Co., and C Co. located in bivouac area (945798): All companies continuing maintenance of vehicles and general cleaning. Weather, cold, cloudy and light rain.

2 March 1945

Hqs Co. - No change. Bn Hqs (Fwd CP), Ron Co., A Co., B Co., and C Co. - no change. All companies performing maintenance of vehicles. Weather, cold, cloudy and rain.

3 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) No change. Hqs Co. - No change. Ken Co. - At 1300 hours, company alerted for move. At 1400 hours, left Bn assembly area arriving at EDECHETD at 1715. At 1800, three Ren pltns and FWd CP left ETECHETD enroute to MATZERATH - column intercopted at ETISCHETD and destination changed to HETSDORF, arriving there at 2400 hours. All pltns remained in vehicles awating jumpoff. A Co. - At 1000 hours, all pltns alerted for move. Pltn leaders contacted respective battalions for situation. At 1500 hours, three pltns moved to assembly area vicinity of NEIDERLAUCH. Co. CO ordered to report to 357th CP at NEIDERLAUCH and stay with that headquarters. B Co. - Remained in bivouae area (945798). Attached to 358th Inf. Regt. which is in reserve. C Co. - At 1600 hours, CP and 3rd pltn left bivouae area and proceeded to PINTES-FELD. Some difficulty encountered with the MiOs and one threw a track East of HEILHAUSEN. Ist and 2nd pltns moved going to the following locations - WEITELDORF and EILSCHEID respectively. Pltn leaders spent most of night making contact with units they are supporting to coordinate their movement with the Infantry. En received 90th Div. order, Field Message #36 attaching A and C Companies to 357th and 359th respectively, for an attack thru the 6th Armored Div. to seize the high ground East of the Kyle River. Ron Co. was attached to Task Force Kedrovsky which was attached to 359th Inf.

Major Moore (Acting Bn CO) presented 8 Bronze Stars, 13 Purple Hearts and 2 Oak-Leaf Clusters to men of this battalion at 1515 hours. DOWNGRADED TO:

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Weather, cloudy and cold.

4 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved from bivouac area in woods at 1130 hours closing in at 1200 hours in HOUFF. At 1645 hours continued move and closed into GIESDORF (L067104) at 1745 hours. Total distance Hqs Co. - Co, moved from NEIDINGEN closing in travelled 13 miles. bivouac area (945798) by 1300 hours. Ren Co. - At 0001, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns and Fwd CP in HEISDORF (068714). At 0445 pltns left with atchd units two TDs of C Co., 1 section Engineers, 1 pltn of light tanks and FO and moved to SCHONECKEN. At 0602 moved to take objective A (127734). Objective taken by 0712, after meeting light artillery, mortar and Nebelwerfer fire. Moved onto take objective B but ran into direct fire at 152735, coming from vicinity of CR at 154727. Plan changed and force withdrew to a proach on road running East. Road block encountered at 147724 temporarily halting advancing body. Advance elements reported gun at 154727 still in position to harass column. Force joined K Co., 359th Inf. and prepared to jump off in the morning. A Co. - CP, NEIDERHERSDORF. 1st pltn moved in support of 3rd Bn, 357th to L14007795. At 1800, moved to L140707625 and remained in this position of roadblock. At 1745, 2nd pltn moved in support of 2nd Bn, 357th to KOPP (18007600) and took up positions there. 3rd pltn moved in support of 1st Bn, 357th Inf. to NUIDER HERSDORF at 0630; and at 1745 moved to KOPP (18007600) Rear CP moved to NEIDERLAUCH closing in at 1500 hours. Lt. John O. Sharp was killed and T/Sgt Lupo injured when the 1/4-ton vehicle in which they were riding struck a mine. Sgt Turner and Cpl Salvaggio were injured while they were trying to evacuate Sgt Lupo, when their 1/4-ton struck a mine. Both vehicles had driven over a number of mines without detonating them. B Co. - No change. Co. remained in reserve with 358th Infantry. C Co. - CP, SEIWERATH (L118728). 1st pltn atchd to 3rd Bn, 3rd pltn atchd to 2nd Bn. 1st pltn advanced to 152720, and 3rd pltn advanced to SCHARTZBERG without incident. 1st section, 2nd pltn atchd to TF Dye advanced to and remained at objective F; further advance impossible due to heavy roadblock at 146695. 2nd section, 2nd pltn atchd to TF Kelly, which has been meeting resistance, gave some supporting fire in the days advance. 1st section located at 153724, 2nd section NEUSTRACSBURG. Weather, cold, cloudy and light snow.

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#### 5 March 1945

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Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to OBER HERSDORF (L132759) closing in by 1315 hours. Distance travelled 5-miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - CP, SCHONECKEN. All pltns in woods (L147724). At 0700, pltns attacked to take objective. Ran into roadblock 150 yards from initial point and was cleared by 0845. Little enemy resistance met and pltns reached point 2-1/2 kilometers West of MULENBACH (155733). The force was ordered to reassemble at NIEDER-HERSDORF (120757), later moving to WALLERSHEIM. TF Kelly's OP moved to 172804 relieving 705 TD Bn. Moved to take HINTERHAUSEN (197798) meeting no opposition. 1st and 2nd pltns took positions (197750) meeting no opposition. Ist and 2nd pltns took positions running generally N and S at 202798. 3rd pltn moved to LISSINGEN relieving A Co., 357th Inf. at 2400, and secured town. At 060130, 1st pltn A Co., 773d TD Bn (3 TDs) arrived at HINTERHAUSEN going into position on E edge of town. TF Kedrovsky was detached 359th Inf. and attached to 357th Inf. effective 051000 by FM #37. A Co. - CP, KOPP. 1st pltn moved to 140788 to join TF Kedrovsky. 2nd pltn, no change. 3rd pltn moved to firing positions (204767) overlooking the Kyll River. B Co. - At 0900. company moved to At 060130, overlooking the Kyll River. B Co. - At 0900, company moved to PRONSFELD closing in by 1100 hours. 358th Inf. contacted but no plans for company. C Co. - CP, SEIWERATH. 1st pltn pushed along Hwy (73 grid line) reaching MURIENBACH without serious opposition. Mortar, small arms fire and snipers active in the town proper. 2nd pltn relieved of attachment from TF Kedrovsky; assembled at CP reverting to 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. control, now in reserve. 3rd pltn still attached to 3rd Bn assembled at 139687. Weather, cool, cloudy and light rain.

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### 6 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) No change. Hqs Co. - Co. moved to GIESDORF (L067104) closing in at 1420 hours. Ren Co. - Co. located at LISSENGEN. From 0001 to 0615 1st pltn in position at 20407875 and 20517860, ran patrols down river road to 21407806 in attempt to contact 357th Inf. without success. At 0615, this pltn pulled back into woods at 20007910 since position occupied during the night was completely exposed to observation. From 0001 to 0615, 2nd pltn in position at 20757935 ran patrols up river road to LICSINGEN maintaining contact with 3rd pltn. At 0615, one section moved east through draw to 21307960 and other section withdrew to 20107945 to avoid observation, From 0001 to 0615, 3rd pltn in LISSINGEN, attempted to contact a pltn ? Soth Ron Troop coming to reinforse without success. At 0830, 1st Itn established strongpoint at 20307765 to protect left flank. 357th Inf. From 0730 to 1200 sporadic mortar and small arms fire harrassed section of 2nd pltn at 21307960. At 0930, TF Kedrovsky atchd to 358th Inf. About 1300, two pltns 90th Ren Treop and 3rd pltn 773rd TD Bn, all dismounted, crossed Hyll river under cover of artill-ery fire and fire of one pltn Co. D, 712th Tk Bn. Advanced and took objective at 22658075 by 1500 hours, meeting very light resistance, taking four PWS. 3rd Bn, 358th Inf. passed thru this unit at 1530 and pltn resistance for new mission. At 1200, Pice pltn constructed portable footbridge for passage of 358th Inf. Eccoss Kyll river and at 1530 swept approaches to ford. FM #39. 90th Div 062330A Mar 45, 90th Ren Troop detached from TF 357th Inf. From 0730 to 1200 sporadic mortar and small arms fire FM #39, 90th Div 062330A Mar 45, 90th Ren Troop detached from TF Kedrovsky and atchd 358th Inf. A Co. - At 1200, 1st pltn relieved from TF Kedrovsky and atchd to 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. Pltn moved to vicinity of GEES. At 0400, 2nd pltn left KOPP moving to BIRRESBURN, then on to BUSCHEICH. 3rd pltn remained in same position. At 1200-CP moved to KOPP, and at 1600 moved on to BIRRESBORN. B Co. - At OB30, Co. was atchd to 358th Inf., 1st pltn to 2nd Bn, 2nd pltn to 3rd Bn, 3rd pltn to 1st Bn. At 0800 hours company left PRONSFELD arriving at WALLERSHEIM at 1000. 2nd and 3rd pltns moved out immediately with their respective battelions to LISSINGEN. Pltns held up by AT ditch and road craters on other side of Kyll. River. 1st pltn remained in reserve with 2nd Bn in WAILERSHEIM. At 1500, Co. Fwd CP moved to LISSINGEN. C Co. - CP, SEIWERATH. At 1900 ist pltn assembled at CP. Will proceed to BUSCHEID to arrive by 0700 hours. 2nd pltn crossed Kyll River at 1700 hours, advancing to GEES. pltn inactive, will join 1st pltn in movement to BUSCHEID.

Weather, cool, rain and snow.

# 7 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) No change. Hqs Co. - Company moved to MURLENBACH (191729). Ren Co. - No change in position. Are to hold in place and be ready to send out patrols. A Co. - CP, BIPRESBORN. 1st pltn.moved forward with 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. from GEES at 1000 hours to KIRCHWEILER. One TD from 2nd pltn atchd to 1st pltn. 2nd pltn remained in position at 24457800. 3rd pltn, no change, located with CP at 20807570. B Co. - At 1500 hours, CP moved to GEROLSTEIN. 1st pltn left WALLERSHEIM at 0900 moving to GEROLSTEIN with 2nd Bn, 358th., Remained in position, in reserve. At 0530, 2nd pltn left LISSINGEN and moved to GEROLSTEIN to PELM to HOHENFILS to BETTELDORF. No opposition encountered. At 1000, 3rd pltn moved to GEES then to BERLINGEN to ESSINGEN. No opposition. C Co. - CP, GEES with 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. At 0430, 1st and 3rd pltns started movement to reach BURSCHEID by 0700 hours. At BIRRESBORN, 2nd section, 3rd pltn was atchd to 90th Ren Troop in mission covering area E of Kyll River and south to DENSBORN, to arrive in NEROTH by 1600 hours. 1st section, 3rd pltn plus ist pltn atchd to 2nd Bn moved to MEROTH. At 1500 hrs attacked with Infantry advancing to KIRCHWEILER and on to WALDKOMGEN. No opposition. 5 tanks and numerous field pleess were found abandoned by 90th Ren Troop and 2nd section of 3rd pltn. At 0600, 2nd pltn jumped off from GEES, and two of three remaining MIOS stuck in mud at 252786.

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Weather, cold, rainy and overcast,

# 8 March 1945

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Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to GEROLSTEIN (24358996) closing in by 1320 hours. Distance travelled 10-miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - No change. Co. kept on 10-minute move alert all day, A Co. - No change. B Co. - At 1300, CP moved to HOHENFELS. No other changes. 1st pltn at GEROLSTEIN, 2nd pltn BETTELDORF. 3rd pltn HOHENFELS. No activity. C Co. - CP at NEROTH (29378C). 2nd pltn assembled at CP at 1400 hours. (1 TD): At 1000, 1st section. 3rd pltn moved into STEINBORN with 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. No opposition. At 1350 hours, this section returned to WALDKOMGEN. At 1700 hours, 1st section, 1st pltn joined clements of 90th I and R pltn in route reconnaissance to KELBERG and then return.

Weather, cold, rain.

# 9 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Twd CP, moved to BRUCK, enntinuing on to MAYEN (633923) closing in by 2030 hours. Distance travelled 33-miles. Hqs Co. - Co. moved to DREIS (32908570). Ren Co. - Co. left LISSINGEN at 0700, moved to a point one kilometer NW of KEMPENICH (562029). Took over approximately 2000 psW, marched them back to 494987, formed ring of vehicles and spotted headlights on psW. Guardod pens until 100230, at which there the Cannon company, 359th Inf. took over. A Co. - The 357th Inf. moved as a body from BIRRESBORN to MAYEN. 3rd pltn was in the point with the 3rd Bn. Balance of company followed in the column. Left BIRRESBORN at 0800, closed in at MAYEN at 1630 hours. No enemy encountered. Pltns went into position covering main roads out of town. B Co. - All pltns moved out at 0730 in support of their respective battalions. CP moved to WIESENSCHEID. 1st pltn at 340864; 2nd pltn 354908; 3rd pltn 400984. C Co. - lst and 3rd pltns moved to NFICHEN with the 2nd Bn. 2nd pltn and CP moved to BOXBERG. No other changes.

Weather, cold, rain.

### 10 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) No change. Hqs Co. - Co. moved to MEUSPACH closing in by 1540 hours. Ren Co. - CP moved to SF. JOHNN. All pltns at 494987 were maintaining PW collecting point. At 1400 hours, 2nd pltn and two pltns of cannon Co., 359th Inf. moved up to and took town of KALTENBORN. 105 psW taken. A Co. - 1st pltn assisted the 2nd Bn, 357th Inf. in taking 200 psW. No other changes. B Co. - At 0730, all pltns moved East closing into the following positions: 1st pltn, 564995, 2nd pltn, 534983, 3rd pltn, 587974. C Co. - VIRNBURG. At 0800, pltns moved out with 359th Inf. in mop up and reconnaissance mission. 1st pltn with 2nd pltn (1 TD) atchd to 2nd Bn moved to NACHTSHEIN. 1st section, 3rd pltn with 3rd Bn moved to LUXEM. 2nd section, 3rd pltn with 1st Bn moved to HIRTEN.

Weather, cold, rainy.

### 11 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) No change. Hqs Co. - No change. Rcn Co. Company located at ST. JOHNN No activity. A Co. Company located at MAYEN. No activity. B Co. - No change. C Co. - Moved to MIESENHEIM. No activity.

Weather, cloudy and cool.

#### 12 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to GAPPENACH closing in by 1800 hours. Total miles travelled - 12. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Co. moved with Bn Hqs to GAPPENACH. A Co. - Co. moved from MAYEN with CP going to RUBER, 1st pltn taking position at MORZ, 2nd pltn at KALT. The one operational TD of 3rd pltn atchd to 1st pltn. At 1800, Captain Williams, Co. Cmdr. went on reconnaissance with S-3, 357th Inf. to check on positions to dig in four TDs to cover high hill across river and road on left flank. Pltn will be dug in by 357th Regiment.

\* Moselle River

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B Co. - No change in positions. Company located in vicinity of VOLKSFELD in reserve with 358th Inf. C Co. - CP and 3rd pltn moved to MUNSTERMAIFELD. 1st pltn with one TD of 2nd pltn moved to positions at LASSERG.

Weather, cloudy and cool.

#### 13 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) No change. Hqs Co. - Co. moved to GAPPENACH closing in by 1600 hours. Ren Co. - No change. Go. performed motor and weapons maintenance. A Co. - The 2nd plin moved to position 100 yds South of the town of KATTENES. Lst plin still in MORZ. Waiting to move to dug in positions. B Co. - Co. moved at 0930 hours, closing into following positions by 1130 hours, CP, KEHRIG (654869); lst plin, GERING (664861); 2nd plin - EINIG (673872); 3rd plin, KOLLIG (671852). Co. alerted for movement early morning of the 14th to vicinity of MUNSTERMATTELD. C Co. Two TDs from 2nd plin took up indirect fire positions in MUNSTERMATTELD are prepared to fire illuminating shells in support of the 359th Inf. river crossing. No request made. Four TDs (2 from 3rd plin, 1 from 2nd plin and 1 from lst plin with Lt. Schewe commanding, moved to MORZ at 2230 hours and are waiting completion of the bridge. No other changes.

Weather, clear.

# 14 March 1945

Bh Hqs (Fwd CP) - no change. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - No change. A Co. - CP, LOF. 1st pltn remained in dug in positions on bank of MOSELLE River until 1900 hours, then moved across bridge, joining 3rd Bn, 357th Inf. in ALKEN (798833). 2nd pltn on bank of river moved two TDs into KATTENES to cover road across river. At 1930, pltn crossed river and joined 1st Bn, 357th Inf. in ALKEN. 3rd pltn with CP. B Co. - At 0830, Co. assembled in vicinity of KOLLIG and moved to MUNSTERMAIFELD, closing in at 1000 hours. Company alerted and made river crossing and closed in at BRODENBACH at 1230 hours. C Co. - MUNSTERMAIFELD. At 2000 hours, river crossing started. By 2200 hours, pltns completed crossing and occupied following positions. 1st pltn 755790, 2nd pltn 755790. 1st section 3rd pltn 757750 and 2nd section 787880. All pltns crossed bridge at 775808 except section of 3rd pltn which crossed at 740770.

Weather, clear.

### 15 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) no change. Hqs Co. - No change. Hen Co. - No change. A Co. - At 1500, 2nd pltn supporting the 3rd Bn, 357th Inf. met a c counterattack of infantry and mortars. The TDs fired at dug in German infantry so the 3rd Bn could evacuate their wounded and bring up supplies. They went forward under heavy small arms and mortar fire to fire on these dug in SS troops. 1st pltn received some small arms fire and mortar fire. 3rd pltn, no action. B Co. - CP moved to BRODENBACH (791807). 1st pltn occupied positions N of BRODENBACH at 1700 hours. 2nd pltn moved E to HULINGEN, no resistance. 3rd pltn located at OTPENHAUSEN. Received enomy mortar fire at 1000 hrs. 1st pltn 795813, 2nd pltn 834780, 3rd pltn 820779. C Co. - CP moved to BURGEN. (753793). 1st and 2nd pltns atom to 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. advanced and pocupied positions in NDR and OBR GONDERSHAUSEN. No unusual occurences. 1st section 3rd pltn atchd to 1st Bn, 359th Inf. advanced to MORSHAUSEN and at 0600 hours assisted in repelling a counterattack by .50 cal fire resulting in the taking of 117 PsW by the infentry. 2nd section, 3rd pltn advanced and occupied positions

the infantry. 2nd section, 3rd pltn advanced and accupied positions in MACKEN without incident. Attached to 3rd Bn, 359th Infantry. The Battalion is relieved from attachment to VIII Corps and attached to XII Corps, 12 March 1945, per Ltr, Hq, TUSA AG-322 GNMCC, Troop Assignment No. A-117 dated 15 March 1945.

FM #47, 90th Infantry Div. TF Spiess will become operative early 16 March 1945. Hqs, Ron and C Co., 773rd TD BN, Co. D. 712th Tk Bn, Assault Gun pltn 712th Tk Bn and 90th Ron Troop. (See Appendix) Weather, mild, sunny.

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# 16 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) left GAPPENACH at 0730 hours moving South crossing the Moscille River and moving to EHP (880752) closing in by 1700 hours. Total distance travelled 21-miles, Hos Co. - No change, Ron Co. - At 0730, company left GAPPENACH (721861) and after crossing Moselle River arrived in assembly area at EHR (882753) at 1145. AS component of TF Spiess, company minus 3rd pltn, one section Pioncer pltn with two pltns light tanks (V12th Tk Bn) and one pltn TDs (1st pltn Co. C) moved out at 1240 with mission of cutting by fire and blocking roads parallel to thing River from HIRZENACH (933755) to (978730). By 1345, 1st pltn plus one plan light tanks plus one section TDs had cleared THEENBAY (920740) and at 1355 moved out for HIRZENACH. Town was entered at 1440 and reported cleared by 1545 resulting in death of 15 enemy, 42 PsW, 2 enomy GP vehicles destroyed one of which was an ammo truck. By 1345, 2nd pltn plus one pltn light tanks, plus one section of TDS had eleared KARBACH (914734) and HOLY-FELD (935738) with light opposition. 14 psW captured. By 1515 WERLAN (964731) was cleared and one TH in position at 970729 destroyed two 20mm AA guns at 985730. One section of this pltn plus one section light tanks plus one section TDs went into position East of WERLAN to bring fire on Rhine roads. One section this pltn returned to KERBACH to block roads from the south. The second section light tanks in position at 938745 firing to SE to cutting E and W Rhine roads. At 1645, 3rd pltn moved out with one TD, Co. C, and cleared HUNGENROTH (902715) and blocked to S and E. From its positions in HIRZENACH, 1st pltn and supporting units later destroyed 10 additional GP vehicles on E and W Rhine roads. Hasty minefields were laid at al GP vehicles on E and W Rhine roads. Hasty minericlus were faid at 933775 and 936752. Interdictory artillery fire (6 rds per hour) was laid on S Rhine road at 938756 by 974 FA Bn. A Co. - CP moved to HERSCHWIESEH (828788). 1st pltn PFAFFENHECK (840820), 2nd pltn (828788), 3rd pltn BUCKHOLZ (853789). 1st pltn in position 300 yards South of PFAFFENHECK lost one TD. Infantry men on TD tell story that it is KO'd by a 75mm HE. No one in TD hurt, but one infantry-man killed and 3 wounded. Impossible to get to TD because of sniper and 20mm fire. 2nd pltn is in position at HERSCHWIESEH, no action. 3rd pltn is non-operative with 1st Bn, 357th Inf. B Co. - CP,790808. At 0200. 1st pltn moved to NORTERSHAUSEN. The pltn plus 2nd Bn. A Co. - CP moved to At 0200, 1st pltn moved to NORTERSHAUSEN. The pltn plus 2nd Bn, 358th is attached to 357th Inf. No action. At 1400, 2nd and 3rd pltns moved from WINDHAUSEN and OPFENHAUSEN and moved to DIELER. C Co. - At 0730, Co. left BURGEN and ploked up 3rd pltn at BEULICH and 2nd and 1st pltn at Nd GONDERHAUSEN. Assombly completed at 1030 hours. Co. arrived at EHR at 1210 hours. 1st pltn atchd TF Kelly at 1215 hours and proceeded immediately on mission with little opposition as 1st section moved into WERLOW (9773) and 2nd section occupied positions in HIRZENACH (934757). 2nd pltn atchd to TF Dye proceeded on mission N of EHR and ran into roadblock at 884764, to bypass roadblock pltn was split up, 1st section attacked E arriving at WEILER (925772) at 1900 hours. 2nd section after roadblock was reduced became atchd to 358th inf. and attacked to 880784. This section was relieved from attachment at 2100 hours and returned to 3rd pltn in reserve at EHR at 1400 hours went to assist TF EHR. Dye at roadblock, leading TD hit mine at 883763, track destroyed and two EM injured. The 2nd TD was ordered to fire on roadblock, in doing so it was KO'd by 75mm AT fire., which came right through the sight. Two EM KIA and 1 SWA. At 1730, balance of 3rd pltn was attached to a reconnaissance pltn and moved into HUGENROTH (904716). Weather, warm, sunny

### 17 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to LIEBSHAUSEN closing in by 1600 hours. (925594). Travelled 14-miles. Hqs Co. - Moved to LIESENFELD (860731) closing in by 1520 hours. Ren Co. - Relieved by 2nd Cav. Group at 1700 hours. Assembled in LIERSHAUSEN by 2330 hours. A Co. - CP, HEISCHWIESEN. 1st pltn in PFAFFENHECK KO'd one 20mm AA gun, 3 GP vehicles, 3 AT guns and 3 MGs. 2nd pltn in BUCKHOLZ saw no action. 3rd pltn went into BOPPARD without much resistance. Pltn knocked out 3 GP vehicles across the Rhine River.

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B Co. - 1st pltn remained in NORTERHAUSEN until 1530 hours when they were relieved from 357th Inf. and moved to RHEINBOLLER. At 0730, 2nd pltn moved out of HALSENBAGH to support attack on BOPPARD, town fell before they arrived. Pltn left <u>HALSENBACH</u> at 1400 hours, moved to DAXWEILER, closing in at 1700 hours. At 0630, 3rd pltn moved to BADENHARD and remained there for the rest of the day. CP moved from HALSENBACH at 0715, closing in at RHEINBOLLER at 1630 hours. C Co. - (Additional information for 16 March) During the 1st pltn's action they KO'd 3 20mm AA guns, 1 becaus of anno and 11 GP vehicles.)

CP, LIEBSHAUSEN (925593). 1st pltn with TF Kelly. 1st soltion advanced to the Rhine at HIRZENACH (932-35). This section fired 20 rounds HE, 10 rounds AP and approximately 1500 rounds .50 cal. destroying seven miscellaneous vehicles. (including two ammo trucks) and firing at enemy troops. 2nd section, 1st pltn advanced to ST. GOAR (980718) and fired across the river upon a locomotive, two buildings, one anti-tank gun and several groups of enemy troops, 2nd pltn actached to TF Dye. 1st section advanced to vicinity of SALZIG with little opposition. 2nd section had some trouble getting to BOPPARD due to seven roadblocks and road craters. 1st section fired at observed enemy movement across the river. One gun, 3rd pltn atched to 90th Ren Troop, with Lt. McKenna moved to ST, GOAR and returned. Chainder of pltn in reserve at CP.

Weather tor, and clear.

# 18 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) no change. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - CP, NEURATH, 1st pltn, BACHARACH. 2nd pltn, RHEINDIEBACH, 3rd pltn. RHEINDIEBACH. Pltns moved out at 0700, encountered a road crater at RHINEBOLIEN. 1st and 2nd pltns reached objective at 0845. 3rd pltn reached objective at 1100 hours. 2nd pltn left NEURATH at 1300 hours and mopped up area West of pltn areas. 2nd pltn relieved 3rd pltn at 1645. A Co. - Co. moved from BUCKHOLZ to LEINGEN, performing maintenance of vehicles and weapons. B Co. - CP and 1st pltn remained in RHEINBOLLEN. At 0730 2nd pltn left DAXWATLER and moved up to BINCER-BRUCK. At 1400 withdrew to WEILER. At 1600 they fired at BINGEN and across the river. One barge sunk in the river. At 0700, 3rd pltn moved down from the North and arrived STROMBERG at 0830. At 1000, moved on to the Nahe River at MUNSTER-SARNHEIM. 3C. Co. - 1st pltn with TF Kelly, advanced NE from RHEINBOHEN to the Rhine River without opposition. 1st section at BACHARACH and 2nd section moving into NEURATH fired 3" across the river koving two GP vehicles and one small steamboat. Also fired on enemy troops moving across river. 2nd pltn with TF Dye moved NE from LIEBSHAUSEN in two sections; 1st section going to DELLHOFEN end 2nd section scouting around LANGSCHEID and HENSCHAUSEN, assembling in L.NGSCHEID for the night. 3rd pltn in reserve, no activity.

Weather, warm, clear.

### 19 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to WOLFSHEIM (220418) closing in by 1800 hours. Distance travelled 32-miles Hqs Co. - No change.

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Ron Co. - 1st pltn remained in EACHARACH, encountered sporadic sniper fire. 2nd pltn remained in RHEINBACH, observed enemy artillery piece and adjusted fire on it. Pltn harrassed by 20mm fire in the afternoon. 3rd pltn cleared NDR HEIMBACH and OBR DIERACH at 1330, encountered no resistance. Took 10 PSW. Company relieved and assembled in OBR HILBERSHEIM at 2030. A Go. - Go. moved from LEINAGEN to WORSHEIM closing in at 1900 hours. Co. atohd to TF Spiess. B Co. - 1st pltn left RHEINBOLLEN at 1330 and moved to 177453. No action. At 1200, 2nd pltn moved to 076436. At 1000, 3rd pltn crossed the Nahe River and moved to 164474. No action. CP moved to WALDHELBERSHEIM, closing in at 1400 hours, then moving to GINSENGEN closing in at 1600 hours. About 1800, two enemy aircraft were taken under fire. No results. 5 Go. - Pltns assembled at LEIBSHAUSEN at 1300 hours. Moved to 20SENHEIM closing at 1730 hours. 1st and 2nd pltns atohd to 3rd Bn, 359th and are in position at 233419 East of WOLFSHEIM and CR 247408. 3rd pltn with one TD atchd to 2nd pltn and one TD at CP are in reserve. CP, BOSENHEIM (128383).

Weather, warm and clear.

# 20 March 1945

Bn Hqs (MUS GP) moved to NDR SAULHEIM (M296419) closing in at 1115 hours. Distance travelled 6 miles. Hqs Co. - Moved to NDR SAULHEIM (M296419) closing in at 1700 hours. Ron Co. - At 0500, 2nd pltn left for attachment to TF Wagner. At 0515, 1st and 3rd pltns and Fwd CP For attachment to TF Wagner. At 0515, 1st and 5rd pitns and FWA CP left OBR HILBERSHEIM pushed East running into roadblock at ESSENHEIM which was bypassed. Ran into enemy minefield at 1115 (315494). Pioneer pltn removed 29 mines. CP moved to 326503. 3rd pltn con-tinued march, ran into mortar fire (345518) and returned to CP. At 1400, 3rd pltn reported enemy infantry dug in along reilroad (348521). Company relieved by 358th Inf. at 1730. Company less 2nd pltn assembled at 326503, moved to SCHORNSHEIM, closing in by 2100 hours. 1st pltn arrived at UNDENHEIM at 2145. A Co. - CP at NDR SAULHEIM. 1st pltn UNDENSHEIM. 3rd pltn LARZWEILER. 2nd pltn DEX-SAULHEIM. 1st pltn UNDENSHEIM. 3rd pltn LARZWEILER. 2nd pltn DEX-HEIM. As TF Spiess spearheaded Division drive, 2nd and 3rd pltns KO'd two GP vehicles, one AT gun, and 1 MG. Two TDs of 2nd pltn KO'd by AT fire at 32504460. 2 EM KIA, 4 wounded. B Co. - CP moved to PARTENHEIM at 1000 hours, at 1200 hours again moved to STADECKEN closing in at 1245 hours. 1st pltn moved with 2nd Bh, 358th thru ST. JOHANN, WOLFSHEIM, PARTENSHEIM, STADECKEN, ESSENHEIM and then to FINTHEM arriving about 2200 hours. No action. 2nd pltn moved along in reserve, generally along the same route to JUGENHEIM. At 1600, pltn was committed with 3rd Bn, 358th Inf. and moved to 326502, Received some artillery fire there. 3rd pltn moved to 326502. Received at 1200 and remaining there until 1745. Relieved by TF Grubbs and moved to NDR QUGELHEIM. Enemy aircraft taken under fire and moved to NDR QUGELHEIM. Enemy aircraft taken under fire several times during the day. C Co. - CP, NDR SAULHEIM (301418). 1st pltn atomd to 3rd Bn, 359th Inf, 2nd pltn atomd to 2nd Bn, 359th Inf, con-tinued with Division attack on MAINZ. Both pltns were busily engaged in giving supporting fire to the infantry advance. 2nd pltn gave heavy supporting fire of all types in the clearing of NDR OIM, SORGENLOCK, and ZORNHEIM expending 40 rounds AP and 100 rounds HE. One SP gun destroyed in SORGENLOCK. This pltn firing from 2.ORNHEIM KO'd one heavy truck. Pltn went to the rescue of elements of the

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regimental Service Company who were pinned down in the vicinity of HAHNHEIM. One M20 with crew lots pltn at ZORNHEIM to return for rations, etc. Vehicle took the wrong road and in the vicinity of HAHNHEIM ran into the enemy. Sgt Lariche and Tec 5 Roden dismounted to engage the enemy. The M20 was hit by an 88mm killing the machine gunner. Sgt Lariche seeing advancing enemy foot troops attempted to take over the .50 cal. MG, and Pfc Burke who remained in the vehicle as driver were killed by a second hit. Tec 5 Roden was blown clear of the burning M20 and after firing all his ammunition was taken prisoner. He was taken to HAHNHEIM. The next morning, the enemy currendered to elements of the 357th Inf. and Tec 5 Roden was released who four infantrymen and returned to the company. Weather, werm and clear.

#### 21 March 1945

Bn Hqe (Fwd CP) moved to MOMMENHEIM (M383427) closing in at 1620 hrs. Distance travelled 16-miles. Hqs. Co. - No change, Ren Co. - Company assembled at MOMMENHEIM. Ren Co. atchd to TF Spiess cleared FRIESHEIM, DALHEIM, DEWHEIM, SCHWABSBURG, LORZWEILER, NACKENHEIM, BODENHEIM. Also made c atact with 4th Armored Division and 5th Infentry Division in vicinity f DALHEIM. Elements of Hqs and 3rd pltn knocked down one ME109 at COTCANHEIM. A Co. - CP and 1st pltn MOMMENHEIM. 2nd and 3rd pltns, LORZWEILER. Co. atchd to TF Spiess. Same action as Ren Co. B Co. - CP moved to OBR OIM at 0930, 1st pltn moved out at 0800 going to GONSENHEIM. During the afternoon, received some heavy morter fire. No other action, 2nd pltn had some action during the night. At 0200, a raiding party of about 50 Germans infiltrated into the tank, TD and morter position. One tank, one 1/4-ton vehicle and 4.2 mortar anmo dump were blown up. Attack was beaten off by .50 cal. MG fire. At 0730 pltn moved to ERETGENSHEIM and assisted the infantry clear the town. Received some artillery end morter fire throughout the day, 3rd pltn went into reserve with 1st Bn, 358th Inf. in the morning, but were committed at 1330 hours, and moved into GOSENHEIM. C Co. - CP, and 3rd pltn, in reserve at WINTERHEIM (342491). 2nd pltn fired sùpporting fire for infantry, both HE and .50 cel. and the capture of 230 psw. 1st pltn moved to BRETZENHEIM (362535). 2nd pltn at HECHTSHEIM (390515). Enemy artillery active in company sector.

Weather, clear, warm,

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Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) - No change. Hqs Co. - No change, Ron Co. - Company located at MOMMENHEIM. 1st pltn set up M8's as defense on East edge of town covering possible approaches. 3rd pltn ran hourly patrols from MOMMENHEIM to LORZWEILER from 1800 hours to 0900 hours. 2nd pltn went into defensive positions and maintained contact with 90th and 5th Divisions, covering area between NIERSTEIN and NARKERHEIM. A Co. - CP and 1st pltn, MOMMENHEIM. 2nd and 3rd pltns LORZWEILER. No activity. B Co. - 1st and 3rd pltns remained in GONSENHEIM. Their battelions did not need them in the MAINZ fighting. At 0700, 2nd pltn

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pushed off from BRETZENHEIM for MAINZ. At coordinate 367555, the second MIO (of three) was hit by an 88mm AT gun. The round knocked off the right counterweight and made a bulge in the turret armor. Sergeants Pitcher and Karas were killed by this hit. The AT gun plus a halftrack mounting a 40mm AA gun were knocked out. The remaining two MIOs entered MAINZ and assisted the infantry in clearing the town. C Co. ~ CP, WINTERHEIM (343492). 1st pltn atchd to 3rd Bn jumped off at 0600, advanced through ZAHLBACH into MAINZ moving from house to house to position 382565 at approximately 1500 hours. 43 PsW taken. 2nd pltn with 1st Bn, 359th captured 12 PsW. 2nd section knocked out two MG nests while moving to 390545, MAINZ. 1st section located at 157560, MAINZ. 3rd pltn in reserve. No activity.

TF Spiess relieved as of 1830 hours. Due to small force taking over, TF Spiess force remained in position throughout the night. Weather, clear and warm.

### 23 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) - No change. Hqs Co. - No change. Ren Co. - Company remained in MOMMENHEIM. Company performed motor and weapons maintenance. A Co. At 0600, company was assembled in MOMMENHEIM. At 1230 hours - Dived to area 6 and waited their turn to cross the Rhine River. B Co. - CP, FINTHEM. 1st and 3rd pltns remained in GOSENHEIM. No activity. At 1530, 2nd pltn went into reserve with 3rd Bn, 358th Inf. in BRETZENHEIM. Company alerted to move south. C Co. - Co. assembled and departed K1. WINTERNHEIM at 1500 hours. At 2000 hours company assembled NE of UNDENHEIM in preparation for Rhine River crossing at NIERSTIEN. River crossed at 2400 hours, and assembled in LEEHEIM (507400).

Weather, clear, warm.

#### 24 March 1945

BnHqs (Fwd CP) left MOMMENHEIM at 1800, crossing the Rhine River at 2030 hours and closing in at LEEHEIM (M506400) at 2230 hours. Distance travelled 10-miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Company remained in MOMMENHEIM until 1800 hours, when company moved out to cross Rhine. River crossed at 2030 and closing in LEEHEIM at 2330 hours. A Co. - The river was crossed by 0001. At 0100, reported to 357th in LEEHEIM. Company ordered to join 2nd Bn, 357th in ERFELDEN. Enemy infantry had infiltrated through the 2nd Bn lines and surrounded them. It was impossible to do anything about the situation. At 0730, lst pltn led by Lt. Fielden and some infantrymen went into the town and cleared the left side of town. Lt. Hagar, 2nd pltn and some infantrymen cleared the right side of town. A total of 100 Psw taken. At 1130 hours, 3rd pltn atchd to 1st Bn, 359th Inf. moved into BUTTELBORN. At 1430 CP, 1st and 2nd pltns joined 1st Bn, 359th Inf. CP moved to DORNHEIM. B Co. - Company moved from FINTHEN to MOMMENHEIM closing in at 1300 hours. At 1515 hours, moved out end crossed the Rhine River arriving at LEEHEIM at 2130 hours. CP, 1st and 2nd pltns in LEEHEIM, 3rd pltn WOLFSKEHLEN. C Co. - CP,WOLFSKEHLEN (548396). 1st pltn atchd to 3rd Bn, 357th. 2nd pltn atchd to 1st Bn, 357th. Continued attack to the East from

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LEEHEIM thru WOLFSKEHLEN to GRIFSHEIM cocupying positions in the west edge of the town. Resistance varied from light to heavy, with pltns giving close and direct supporting fire during the advance. Ist pltn expended 30 rounds HE firing on roadside trenches and suspected gun positions killing many enemy infantry and routing many more. 2nd pltn killed and flushed many enemy foot troops, fired at buildings and KO'd 2 88mm field pieces and 6 40mm AA guns. 3rd pltn in reserve in LEEHEIM.

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Weather, warm and clear.

25 March 1945

TF Spiess became operative 250800A, per FO #55 dated 242200A Mar 45, 90th Inf. Div. Mission - To reconnoiter the Div front or block along Div. right flank. Troops consist of Hqs and Ron Co, 773rd TD Bn, Co. D, and Assault Gun pltn, 712th Tk Bn and 90th Ron Troop. (See Appendix)

Bn.Hqs (Fwd CP) left LEEHETM at 1200 hours, moving to GRIESHEIM (590400). At 1600 hours moved to DARMETADT (665427) closing in by 1710 hours. Total distance travelled 10-miles. Hqs Co. - Company moved f MDP SAULHETM (295419) going across the Rhine River to GRIESHET Con Co. - Company left LEEHETM moving to GRIESHEIM. Mission and two wounded. 141 PsW teken. 3rd pltn set up perimeter defense of DARMSTADT. A Co. - CP moved to ERTHAUSEN. 1st and 2nd pltns with 1st Bn, 359th Inf. moved from BRAUNSHARDT to one mile of MORFELDEN (622534) via Kl. GERAU and WARFELDEN. 3rd pltn with 3rd Bn, 359th moved from BRAUNSHARDT.via SCHNEPPENHAUSEN, EIZHAUSEN, EGEISBACH to LANGEN. B Co. - At 0800, pltns moved with respective battalions meeting no resistance. At 1900 hours, they closed in at the following positions: CP, ERZHAUSEN (644508). 1st pltn, EGEIS-BACH (675527), 2nd pltn LANGEN (675548), 3rd pltn LANGEN (681547). C 30. - CF, WEITERSTADT (607456). 1st pltn moved with 2nd Bn, 357th Inf. to 633443. 2nd pltn moved with 1st Bn, 357th Inf. to SO1404. 3rd pltn moved with 3rd Bn, 357th Inf. to WIXHAUSEN (648484). No resistance was met.

. Weather, clear and warm.

### 26 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved from DARMSTADT to DIETZENBACH (M745570) closing in at 1730 hours. Distance travelled 23-miles. Hqs Co. - Moved from GRIESHEIM to LANGEN (M665552) closing in at 1600 hours. Ron Co. - At 0645 company left DARMSTADT with mission to block on flank of 90th Div. Small unorganized groups of enemy resistance encountered. CP and 1st pltn located at WEISKIRCHER. 2hd pltn JUGESHEIM, and 3rd pltn WEISKIRCHER. 1st and 3rd pltns set up defense in town. A Co. - CP, BIEBER. 1st and 2nd pltns with the 2nd Bn, 359th Inf. moved and took the following towns: HEUSENSTAMM, BIEBER and MUHIHEIM. Encountered very little action. 3rd pltn with 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. took the town of BUCHSCHLAG cepturing 78 PsW.

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B Co. - At 0800, pltns moved out with their respective battalions, closing in the following positions by 1800. 1st pltn 765629; 2nd pltn 800643; 3rd pltn 808642. 2nd pltn ran into light resistance at HEUSENSTAMM, small erms and Penzerfaust fire, no damage. CP moved to HEUSENSTAMM closing in by 2100 hours. C Co. - CP, DRFIEICHENHAIN (700562). 1st pltn, SPRENDLINGEN (685580), 2nd pltn GOTSENHAIN (715557), 3rd pltn DiETZENBACH (745572). No unusual occurrences.

Weather, overcast with showers.

### 27 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to REMBRUCKEN (M799623) closing in by 1100 hours. Travelled 6-miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Company assembled in WEISKIRCHEN and moved to REMBRUCKEN closing in by 0930 in hours. No other changes. A Co. - Company attached to 357th Inf. CP located in BIEBER. 1st and 2nd pltns, MUHLHEIM, 3rd pltn, OFFENBACH. Day was spent in refuelling, loading TDs with anmo, working on guns, etc. B Co. - At 0800, all pltns moved cut with the infantry to the Main River without opposition. Went into the following positions for the night: 1st pltn, 800673, 2nd pltn 802670 and 3rd pltn 808691. No other changes. C Co. - Company attached to 359th Inf. Company moved to following positions: CP, BIEBER (764662), 1st and 2nd pltns (764662), BIEBER, 3rd pltn, OFFENBACH (752620). No action.

Weather, cool and clear.

### 28 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to KESSEISTADT (827709) closing in by 2015 hours. Distance travelled 12.8 miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Company moved to KESSEISTADT (827709) with Bn Hqs closing in at 2015 hours. A Co. - 1st pltn with 1st Bn moved to 80507700. 2nd pltn with 2nd Bn, 357th Inf. moved to HACHSTADT. 3rd pltn with 3rd Bn, 357th moved to WACHENBUCHEN. At 1945, CP moved to WACHENBUCHEN closing in by 2130 hours. No action for the company. B Co. - Company assembled at MUHLHEIM at 1200 hours. At 1930, crossed the Main river and pltns went to the following positions; 1st pltn, 849763, 2nd pltn, 824765, 3rd pltn, 842763. CP went to WILHEIMBAD closing in at 2045. No action. C Co. - CP moved to HOCHSTADT (786734). 1st pltn atchd to 3rd Bn, 359th Inf. moved to HOCHSTADT. 3rd pltn at HOCHSTADT, atchd to TF Spiess. At 1530 hours Col Spiess, Bn CO, presented the following awards: 15 Branze Stars, 3 Purple Hearts and two Oak Leaf Clusters to Purple Hearts. Weather, cool, overcast.

#### 29 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to RUDIGHEIM (M886790) closing in at 1000 hrs. At 1415 hours moved to HELDENBERGEN closing in by 1530 hours. Total distance travelled 17.2 miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Rcn Co. - Co. in KESSELSTADT received mission to cover right flank of Division.

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The company cleared the following towns: BRUCKOBEL, NIEDERISSINGHEIM, OBERISSIGHEIM, RUDIGHEIM, MARKOBBEL, LANGEN, MARIENBORN, HOMMELHAUSEN, HIMBACH, OBERAU and ALTENSTADT reaching this point at 1420 hours. No organized resistance met. A Go. - At 1100 hours, 1st and 2nd pltns moved with their battalions to XAICHEVT and GR KACHEN respectively. At 1300, 3rd pltn moved to OBER DORFFLDEN. At 1500, CP moved to WACHENBUCHER. No other changes. B Go. - At 1300, company moved and pltns went to the following positions: 1st pltn 840786, 2nd pltn 795787, 3rd pltn 807830. At 1330, CP moved to WINDECKEN closing in by 1430. C Co. - 1st pltn atchd to 1st En, 359th Inf. moved without incident to STOCKHEIM (910925). 2nd pltn atchd to 2nd En, 359th Inf. moved to SELTERS (925944) meeting some resistance in STOCKHEIM and SELTERS. 3rd pltn atchd to TF Spless; no unusual occurrences, Weather, cool, cloudy with showers.

#### 30 March 1945

En Hqs (Fwd CP) moved from HELDINEERGEN at 1415 hours to GEDERN (H041039) closing in by 1645 hours. Distance travelled 22.5 miles. Hqs Co. - No change. Ron Co. - Company left ALTENSTADT at 0545. Force was split up into two groups, All towns cleared along route. 2nd pltn mat some resistance at USENBORN. An enemy AT gun fired on lead vehicle but was KO'd by TD fire. Column continued until fired upon by hidden AT gun which KO'd one MS, injuring three EM, and pltn was recalled to LANZENHAIN. 1st pltn encountered small pockets of resistance killing approximately 20 enemy. All pltns assembled in HERCHENHAIN. At 2300, 3rd pltn set up road block at HARTMANNSHAIN. A Co. - Company moved and closed into the following positions by 1600 hours: CP, ESCHENROD, 1st pltn BREUNGESHAIM, 2nd pltn, SCHOTTEN, 3rd pltn, RUDINGESHEIM. No action. B Co. - At 0700, pltns moved with their respective Battolions. 3rd pltn met no resistance and was on their objective by 1730 hours. 2nd pltn in reserve moved up by bounds. 1st pltn met some resistance and did some firing. Results not known. At 1715, CP moved to GEDERN (H042038). 1st pltn,065034, 2nd pltn, 040042, 3rd pltn, 088105. C Co. - 1st and 2nd pltns plus CP continued advance to NE. CP located at HUTZDORF (H307333), 1st pltn QUECK (H300367). 2nd pltn, SANDLOFS (313346). 3rd pltn with TF Spiess moved to HERCHENN with Ren Co. under direction of Gaptain Kelly with mission of clearing roads, towns and pookets of resistance along Division right flank. Weather, cool and eloudy.

# <u>31 March 1945</u>

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved to LANGENSCHWARZ (H340374) closing in by 1450 hours. Travelled 37-miles. Hqs Co. - Moved from LANGEN at 0830 to SCHLITZ (H287322) closing in by 1740. Ren Co. - At 0700, company left HERCHENHAIN, screened Division front and checked lateral routes to WEHRDA. Small arms resistance met at RUDLOS (190235). Company assembled atWEHRDA. (360397). A Co. - At 0700, company moved to the following positions: CP, RIENBACH, 1st pltn, STARKLOS, 2nd pltn, BREBENAU, 3rd pltn, NDR JOSSA. Company moved to these positions without firing a round and the 3rd pltn took 30 PsW. B Co. - At 0700, pltns moved out with their respective battalions and advanced without opposition and closed in the following positions: -13-

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CP, SCHLITZ, 288324; 1st pltn 218308; 2nd pltn 341371; and 3rd pltn 343413. The CP moved at 0900 and closed in at SCHLITZ at 1600 hours. C Co. - Company moved to the following locations: CP, ODENSACHSEN (396463); 1st pltn LANGENSCHWARZ (340375); 2nd pltn STARKLOS (340430); 3rd pltn WEHRDA (360395). 3rd pltn with TF Spiess advanced with Ren Co. Rest of company moved forward with 359th Infantry.

TF Spiess was dissolved as of 2100 hours by 90th Div. order. Weather, warm, sunny.

This concludes operations for the period.

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