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Map No. 221
 Ulfringen, Germany
 150700Z, Apr 1945.

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Maps: Germany, 1/100,000, Sheets 5, 46, 25.

1. a. The enemy continues to occupy the Harz Mountain area and offers stiff resistance from road blocks with infantry and SP guns. Enemy units in contact consist mostly of the remnants of divisions encountered by the 1st U.S. Army since crossing the Roer River formed into various battle groups and Kampf Gruppen. Pe training replacement and Hitler Jugend personnel forms the principle opposition. Enemy tanks and SP's are known to be in the area and can be expected to appear in groups of 1 to 20. Enemy artillery can be expected to be moderate at critical road junctions. Mines have not been encountered in our immediate sector as yet.

b. VII Corp continues to attack to the east. The 1st Infantry Div on our north flank continues to attack to the east within zone. The 60th RCT attacks north-west to seize HASSLERHUSEN (01548). The 9th Inf Div (less 60th RCT and TPT) continues to attack to the east (see overlay)

2. IV TROOP

Attached: 3rd platoon Co G 899th TD Bn
 1 Tr Platoon Co A 746th Tr Bn
 Co D 746th Tr Bn
 9th Recon Tr
 Recon Co 899th TD Bn
 Co G 39th Inf
 Assault Gun Platoon 746th Tr Bn
 1 Engr Platoon 15 Engr Bn
 Mortar Platoon 746th Tr Bn
 Assault Guns Cos A, B, & C 746 Tr Bn.
 9th Inf Div Artillery in general support.



(1) Will protect the left flank and rear of the 9th Inf Div.

3. a. 9th Recon Troop

Attached: Assault Gun Platoon 746th Tr Bn
 1 platoon 15th Engr Bn

(1) Will establish and maintain road blocks within sector (see overlay)

b. Recon Co, 899th TD Bn

Attached: Assault guns Cos A, B, & C 746th Tr Bn
 Mortar Platoon 746th Tr Bn

- (1) Will assemble initially in Strassberg.
- (2) Will establish and maintain road blocks within sector.
- (3) Will maintain liaison with 47th Inf.

c. Co. D 746th Tr Bn

- (1) Will initially assemble vicinity Stolberg in mobile reserve.
- (2) Will upon clearance of left flank of zone by the 47th RCT establish and maintain road blocks within zone.

d. Co G 39th Inf

Attached: 1 Platoon Co. A 746th Tr Bn
 Direct support: 3rd platoon Co G 899th TD Bn

- (1) Will assemble in Strassberg.
- (2) Will be prepared to counter-attack in any direction at any time within area of TPT.

- x. (1) All road blocks will be abatis and mines covered by fire.
- (2) All commanders will take steps to prevent the destruction damage or misuse of enemy utility installations which fall into the hands of troops under their command. Unauthorized destruction or removal of such utility equipment particularly by pilferers and souvenir hunters will be dealt with as a grave military offense.

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- (3) Units will be responsible for wire maintenance within areas.
- (4) PWs will be processed through TFT CP.

- 4. Per SOP of respective organizations.
- 5. a. Axis of signal communication (see overlay)
- b. CP's to be reported.
- c. CP TFT vicinity Strassberg (D293405).



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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, (etc).
0700		1	In accordance with Verbal Orders, CG, 9th Inf Div, TF Tincher is activated.
0900		2	Operations Instructions 12 and Overlay rec'd from 9th Div: Composition of TFT: CP personnel from Bn CP, 899th TD Bn. Ron Co., 899th TD Bn. 1 Plt Co C, 899th TD Bn. Co. C, 39th Inf. 1 Plt Co B, 15th Engr Bn. 9th Ron Troop Assault Gun Platoon, 746th Tank Bn. Assault Guns Co's A, B and C, 746th Tank Bn. 81mm Mortar Plt, 746th Tank Bn. Co D, 746th Tank Bn, upon arrival.
	0915	3	Bn S-3 phones Maj Huber, Div ATO on the release of M8's with the G-3 section and the Ass't Div Commander.
0935		4	Div G-3 phones and states that the M8 with the Div G-3 section cannot be released at the present time. Contact G/S for permission to get the M8 from the Ass't Div Commander.
0945		5	S-3 phones G/S, 9th Div: Requests the release of the M8 with General Birks. G/S will discuss matter with the General and call us back.
0950		6	G/S, 9th Div phones and states that M8 is released to us.
	1000	7	TFT CP leaves Ufrungen for new location.
1100		8	TFT CP arrives in Strassberg (D2940)
	1130	9	S-3 phones G-3, 9th Div and notifies him that our CP is in Strassberg.
1205		10	LO from the 965th Arty Bn arrives at CP.
	1210	11	S-3 phones Div Arty 3: Requests status of Artillery in support of us. Div Arty 3 reports that we have all 84th FA, 2 Btrys of 965th FA Bn, 1 Btry, 26 FA Bn and 1 Btry of 34th FA Bn.
1215		12	746th Tank Bn phones requesting that guide be sent to their CP to guide units to this area. Informed them that the guide was already enroute.
1300		13	Phone report to Maj Huber Div ATO: Road blocks established as follows for 9th Ron troop: 2 sec at D148337 (1 Mortar, 1 M8 & 2 Jeeps). 1 sec at D172340 (1 M8 & 2 Jeeps) 1 1/2 sec at D200396 (1 M8 and 3 Jeeps) 1 1/2 sec at D180360 (1 M8 and 3 Jeeps) 1 Jeep with 60th Inf road block at D215429 as liaison.
1415		14	Mag #21 from Bn CP, 899th TD Bn: Bn CP located at D414354.



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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, (etc).
1440		15	G-3 called S-3 and asks for status of assault guns of 746th Tk Bn and if any more road blocks were in. S-3 informs him that 1 Plt of assault guns were with the 9th Rcn and one Plt with Rcn Co, 899th TD Bn. The same were with respective units. Roadblocks at D248436, D277442 and D296438 are in the process of going in at present. G-3 also wanted to know the status of reserve elements of 9th Rcn. Was informed that there was none at present.
1500		16	G-3, 9th Div phones and requests some reserves in Stolberg to back up 9th Rcn Troop. Also wants the status of road blocks reported every 2 hours.
1535		17	Msg to CO Co C, 39th Inf. Load your company in the trucks furnished and follow this guide to the area D290400 (Strassberg) and report to TF Tincher CP.
1800		18	Phone report to G-3, 9th Div: At road block #8, 4 men bazooka, M8. Trees felled. No mines as yet. #9 - 6 men, M8, Bazooka, trees felled. #10 7 men, 1 assault gun, 1 jeep, trees felled. At "X" 2 sections, 4 jeeps, 2 M8's and 1 60mm mortar. #1 1 sec, 2 Jeeps, 1 M8, Mines. #2 1 1/2 sec 3 jeeps 1 M8, 1 60mm Mortar, mines. #3 1 1/2 sec 3 jeeps, 1 M8, Mines. #5 on each road 9 engrs and 1 assault gun, 2 MG's 30 cal. Mines. #6 2 jeeps 1 M8, mines. #7 A & B - 2 jeeps and 1 M8 on each. 1 assault gun on B. mines.
1830		19	Lt. Col Tincher notifies Capt. Gourley to withdraw Road block No 10 to NO 8 and 9 tonight and also informs him of Inf Plt in area.
1834		20	Lt. Col. Tincher notifies CO 9th Rcn Troop to withdraw road block #6 tonight to D295438.
1836		21	S-3 phones Div G-3 and informs him that Rcn Plt did not go to Stolberg and that we have no units in that town but have a reserve here in Strassberg that can go there in a few minutes.
1845		22	Co C, 39th Inf arrives in Strassberg. 1 Plt is sent to D315443.
1900		23	S-3 phones 39th Inf CP and informs them that Co C has arrived in this area. One Plt is in area D315443. Also informed 39th Inf that TFT could not supply Co C.
2000		24	Capt. Ortoff, CO, 9th Rcn Troop phones and reports that road blocks 5, 6 & 7 would remain as is tonight. Also reported that they had fired 84th FA Bn at enemy activity via D2848. results excellent.
2005		25	Capt. Gourley reports that there are nominees available.



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	2007	26	S-3 phones Co B, 15th Engrs and requests for mines. Is informed that there are none available.
2115		27	Capt. Gourley calls and reports that 2nd Pz is now in town of Harzgerode. Are not in position as yet and town is not completely cleared yet.
2120		28	Capt. Gourley phones and reports road blocks #11 & 12 are in.
2130		29	Maj Carter phones and reports that Capt. Tatros is trying to get mines from the 15th Eng and that General Howell wants Arty LG with 9th Ren troop to be at the TFT GP.
2145		30	Call to 9th Ren Troop: Arty LG to report here and stay with TFT GP.
2150		31	Lt. Col Ward, 60th Inf called to coordinate road blocks on the Div North flank.
2200		32	Maj Carter phones: The mines will be here in the morning.
2240		33	Lt. Wade phones on the roadblocks we have withdrawn from. S-3 informs him that the reason for the withdrawal is that the 47th Inf has taken over that road block.
2245		34	S-3 phones Lt. Wade: Informs him that the roadblock have not been withdrawn as previously reported. We still have it and the 47th is reinforcing us.
2300		35	S-3 phones and informs us that effective tomorrow morning everything to the East of Road Block #12 is not our responsibility. From "X" to where the 60th sector starts is 9th Ren's area.
2400		36	TFT Captured 29EM and 1 Officer today.



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IN	TIME	OUT	SERIAL NO	INCIDENTS, (etc)
		0900	1	Password and reply sent to all units TFT.
		0910	2	Point of Origin sent to all units TFT.
		1010	3	Lt. Col. Tincher leaves CP to visits units of TFT.
		1045	4	S-3 phones G-3, 9th Div for information on our responsibility of the town where our sector and that of the 60th Inf meet. (Harzgerode). G-3 says that it is the responsibility of 60th Inf and also everything East of that.
1145			5	C of S, 9th Div phones and orders 1 M8 or M20 to report to Lt. Col Previail at 60th CP to escort General Davis to Co. E of the 60th Inf in Harzgerode.
		1200	6	One M20 dispatched in accordance with above message.
1215			7	Msg from 9th Ren Troop: No sign of enemy troops around lake at D173362.
		1217	8	Capt. Gourley ordered to relieve road block in Harzgerode and send them to reinforce road block via Guntersberg.
1230			9	S-3, 2nd Bn, 60th Inf reports to CP TFT to coordinate road blocks.
		1235	10	Phone call to G-3, Div by S-3: Road Block at D277442 taken over by Ren Co, 899th TD Bn. road block at D290437 and D296438 also taken over. 1 Plt, 9th Ren operating from Stolberg patrols all 9th Ren road blocks. Road blocks in Harzgerode being relieved by elements of 2nd Bn, 60th Inf. 9th Ren sent patrols to D173362. No enemy contact. Road blocks at D336438 captured 44 PWs.
1400			11	Col. Feil G-3, 9th Div phones and says that Lt. Col. Tincher is to report to General Craig at 39th Inf CP as soon as possible. 39th CP is located at D465501.
1545			12	C of S, 9th Div phones and orders TFT less 9th Ren Troop, Ren Co, 899th to move to 39th Inf sector at once.
1600			13	G-3, 9th Div phones and notifies Col. Tincher that he is to attend a meeting at 39th CT CP at 1730. There will be a meeting with the CG, 9th Div and CO, 39th Inf. The plan is that TF Carter will take over the sector of responsibility of TF Tincher. TF Carter will have Ren Co, 899th TD and 1 Plt Co D, 746th Tank Bn from TFT. TFT will start as soon as rel'd for its new sector. If the TF needs anything contact C/S, 9th Div.
1850			14	TFT leaves for new sector via D696400 (Belleben)



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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, (etc)
0200		1	TFT Arrives in new CP location via D696490.
0230		2	Lt. Col Tincher reports that TFT will attack in the morning to secure the Right flank of Div. Once this is done, TFT will continue to protect the flank.
	1300	3	TFT CP moved to new location via D730570. (Plotzkau).
18th April 1945.			
0130		1	Msg from CO, 39th Inf. Col. Tincher is to report to 39th Inf CP for meeting with CG, 9th Div and CO 39th Inf at 0930 today.
	0830	2	Lt. Col. Tincher leaves for conference at 39th Inf Reg't.
1000		3	Maj Miller reports that TFT will move to an assembly area in the vic of Welesleben (D548521).
1300		4	TFT arrives at new CP location via D548521
1300		5	Lt. Col Tincher reports that all units except the Plt of Mortars, 746th Tk Bn are rel'd from TFT effective 1200.
1930		6	Lt. Col Tincher reports that the 1 Plt of mortars will return to its parent organization in the morning. TF Tincher is dissolved as of tonight.



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