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 NO. 11

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 O11400B May 1945
 WERELAHEN, GERMANY
 (DC39013)

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1. REMARKS: During the period elements of 116th Pz Div and GHI Tank Battalions were in contact with XIX Corps. Small Infantry counterattacks with two (2) to five (5) tanks or SP guns in support were repulsed. Air reported thirty (30) tanks operating in advance of Corps sector, but all were well scattered and disorganized. On 9 April sixty (60) tanks reported moving E at GELLEN (X5050) were hit by fighter bombers. This was believed to be the 15th PG Div withdrawing to the E. At this time all Pz type Divisions in the W were identified by elements in contact. New identifications included the POTSDAM and SCHARNHORST Divisions and elements of the 3rd PG Div. A counterattack supported by twenty (20) tanks or SP guns, was thrown against our bridgehead E of the ELBE RIVER on 10th April. This attack was repulsed and eight (8) to ten (10) tanks or SP guns were estimated destroyed. The 1170th Assault Gun Brigade identified at this time was attached to Div NONNENHOFST. Div CLAUDEWITZ, believed to have had twenty (20) tanks and thirty (30) Assault Guns, was identified 19th April in XIII Corps sector. Elements of this Division broke through XIII Corps and into XIX Corps rear area where it was stopped and destroyed. An estimated fifty-three (53) tanks were destroyed and five (5) tanks, thirty-five (35) SP guns captured by ground units of XIX Corps during period.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Does not apply.
- b. See overlay, XIX Corps.
 - (1) 2nd TD Group - DC39012 (WERELAHEN, GERMANY), atchd XIX Corps.
 - (2) 643rd TD Bn (SP) - DT74739 (GALBE, GERMANY), atchd 83rd Inf Div.
 - (3) 702nd TD Bn (SP) - DC38078 (IBRANDORF, GERMANY), atchd 2nd Armd Div.
 - (4) 809th TD Bn (SP) - DC367 (ILSENBURG, GERMANY), atchd 8th Armd Div.
 - (5) 823rd TD Bn (SP) - TS74002 (HILSLEHEN, GERMANY), atchd 50th Inf Div.

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2. ONE SITUATION: (Cont'd)

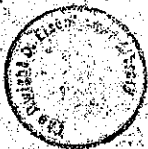
a. See overlay XIX Corps.

d. 2nd TD Group - At start of period Group displaced to vicinity WOODKIRCHEN (A864432), continuing with mission of coordinating AT defense in XIX Corps sector. Effective 311100A March the 805th TD Battalion passed to control XIII Corps, and at 311800A March, the 800th TD Battalion reverted to control XIX Corps. On 3rd April Group displaced with Corps to REITHING (2479570) closing at 1830H hours. Six (6) Battalions were being employed at this time (843rd, 801st, 702nd, 802nd, 809th, and 823rd TD Battalions). During movement to new location, Group captured eight (8) PW's and two (2) were taken on 3rd April. On 4th April, Group was charged with operating security patrols vicinity XIX Corps CP - five (5) PW's taken that date. Group continued planning for future operations and on 6th April, secured authority to release M-18's of the 800th TD Battalion to the 801st TD Battalion upon receipt of M-35's by the 800th. One (1) PW taken 6th April. Unit displaced to BLOMBERG (2035726) and closed 071215B hours. Nightly patrols vic Corps CP continued. All TD Battalions in Corps contacted. On 10th April Group moved to ALFIELD (2035725) closing at 1400H hours. All Battalions and attachments remained the same. Group displaced again on 12th April with Corps to OSTENWIECK (2045794) closing at 1700H hours. Unit put in charge of Corps Reserve consisting of Co "A", 823rd TD Battalion (plus one (1) Platoon Ron atchd) and Troop "A", 113th Cavalry Squadron, 113th Cavalry Group. Corps Reserve assigned mission of clearing woods and establishing road blocks vic HANDELN (1191) on 12th April. One (1) Ron Plat, 823rd TD Battalion operating security patrols vic Corps CP. At 121600H Corps Reserve mission completed and road blocks were withdrawn. Ten (10) PW's captured. Group displaced with Corps to new location vic HANDELN (2035912) closing at 1745B hours. Group continued in charge of Corps Reserve and on 14th April sent a Task Force consisting of Troop "A", 113th Cavalry to clean out pocket of resistance in woods vic Y1005. Mission accomplished and thirty-one (31) PW's captured. Eighty (80) PW's taken vic Corps CP by Group personnel. On 15th April, sixteen (16) PW's captured. Corps Reserve operated security patrols vic Corps CP, utilizing Troop "A", 113th Cavalry and Co "A", 823rd TD Battalion in W and S areas respectively. On 17th April Corps Reserve (-) moved to vic D8487 to stop reported counterattack on 83rd Inf Div's bridge site. Threat proved to be strong enemy patrol and situation was restored without commitment of Corps Reserve. Co "A", 823rd TD Battalion relieved from attachment 2 TD Group 162400B. On 211500B, per VDOC, XIX Corps, Troop "A", 113th Cavalry relieved of attachment to 2 TD Group. 801st TD Battalion relieved of attachment to XIX Corps on 231400H and reverted to Ninth US Army control. Unit completed conversion to M-18 Self-Propelled on 24th April. During latter part of

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2. COMBAT SITUATION: (Cont'd)

- d. 2nd TD Group - (Cont'd) - period, Group contacted units assigned Military Government tasks, with a view toward "learning by observing", and continued coordinating AT defenses in Corps bridgehead and along BLESSE RIVER line.
- e. Combat Efficiency - Excellent.
- f. Results of Operations: Satisfactory.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Status of Strengths:
 - (1) Officers - Sixteen (16)
 - (2) Enlisted Men - Sixty-Five (65)
 - (3) Reinforcements needed - one (1) Officer.
- b. Casualties: None.
- c. Prisoners Captured - 225.
- d. Evacuation - Normal.
- e. Administration Location - See Adm O No. 17, XIX Corps.
- f. Status of Supply:
 - (1) Rations - three (3) days.
 - (2) Ammunition - Full S/L.
 - (3) Gasoline and oil - Three (3) days.
- g. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation - Good.
- h. Continued to facilitate replacement of Combat Losses of all TD Battalions in Corps. Finished conversion of 801st TD Battalion from Towed to M-18 Self-Propelled. Concentrated on Special Service Activities by furnishing athletic material, movies, and clubbables to all Battalions. Visited gun positions of Battalions to secure first-hand stories of unusual incidents and experiences of men in the field, wrote several stories and had them published in several periodicals.

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