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REPORT OF OPERATIONS - GERMANY

PART IV - MONTH OF MARCH

REPORT ON SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

I - SUPPLY:

a. Supply Operations:

(1) During the period supply was difficult at times due to the rapid movement of the Division and attachments through Western and Central Germany. Advance Class I & III truckheads were established close to the forward elements at all times. Due to the long supply lines, only supplemental operational rations were issued from the Army supply points. Extraordinary effort on the part of all supply echelons made the flow of supplies to the combat troops possible.

b. Class I:

(1) Truckhead distribution by means of advance Class I & III supply points was made to all Division units and attached troops. Rations were distributed on the following basis:

"B"	320,471
"C"	17,168
"K"	180,201
"D"	7,968 *
"10-1"	118,995

TOTAL 636,835

*(Not included in total)

(2) The Division and attached units received a total of twenty-eight days gratuitous issue of PX items.

(3) All issues of type "C", "K" and "10-1" rations were supplemented by issues of coffee, milk, sugar, heat units and vitamin pills. In some instances, fresh beef was an added supplement.

(4) Water was plentiful and easily accessible to the troops.

c. Class II:

(1) Major items of clothing and equipment were issued to the Division and attached units in the amounts listed below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Drawers, wool	4,133	Shirt, wool	6,683
Trousers, HBT	2,733	Socks, wool	35,775
Handkerchiefs	35,981	Undershirt, wool	7,271
Trousers, wool	6,242	Jacket, field	2,752

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Gloves, wool	4,294	Boots, combat	4,038
Canteen	494	Cover, canteen	531
Pocket, Mag Carbine	628	Lantern, Kerosene	57
Typewriter, Standard	7	Unit, fire	10
Cup, canteen	921	Pouch, first aid	519
Bag, slpg Mtn	822	Goggles, clear lens	255
Can, water, 5 gal	316	Typewriter, Port.	5
Heater, water Im.	12	Raincoats	2,215

d. Class III:

(1) Gasoline consumption averaged 4.7 gals per gas-consuming vehicle per day. The following is a total of all gasoline, oil and lubricants issued to the Division and attached units during the period:

Gasoline, 80 Oct	318,540 gal
Oil, Diesel	10,365 "
Oil, Eng. Det SAE 10	365 "
Oil, Eng. Det SAE 30	3,585 "
Oil, Eng. Det SAE 50	175 "
Universal Gear Lube #10	610 "
Grease, GP #1	1,150 lb.
Grease, GP #2	750 "
Grease, GP #4	2 "

- (2) Gasoline amounted to an average daily issue of 10,275 gal.
- (3) Total consumption of gasoline since "D" day is 2,277,170 gals.

e. Class IV:

(1) There were approximately seven tons of Cleaning and Preserving Material issued to the Division and attached units during this period; this includes soap, toilet paper, brushes, brooms etc.

(2) Approximately one ton of stationery and office supplies were issued during the month.

f. PERSONAL EFFECTS:

- (1) Personal effects of 103 individuals were processed during period.
- (2) There were replies to 19 inquiries of personal effects that passed through this section.

g. REMARKS:

(1) Division Signal supply and the postal section were attached to QM Co during period.

h. CLASS V:

(1) American ammunition expended for the period was 1212 tons. The following tabulation, based on ETOUSA, unit of fire, dated 10 Dec '43, is a breakdown of the above tonnage:

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<u>Small Arms:</u>	<u>No. of Wpns</u>	<u>Av. Rds Per Wpn</u>	<u>Total Rds</u>	<u>U/F</u>
Carbines	5198	22.2	115,549	1.06
Cal..30, M1903A4 5/clip	112	3.7	420	.10
Cal..30, BAR 5/clip	405	19.7	7,980	.29
Cal..30 8/clip	6238	82.5	514,960	3.36
Cal..30 MG	211	1622.5	342,350	8.1
Cal..45 Pistol	1215	4.2	5,114	2.2
Cal..45 SMG	282	344.5	97,156	12.14
Gren, Hand Frag.			8,420	5.9
Rocket AT 2.36"	558	3.1	1,735	2.55
Cal..50	261	425.7	111,120	1.85
<u>Mortar:</u>				
60mm Mortar	90	30.58	2,753	.5
81mm Mortar	54	262.9	14,199	3.4
<u>Gun, 57mm:</u>				
57mm	57	8.3	478	.2
<u>Artillery:</u>				
105mm How. M3	18	52.6	948	.88
105mm How. M2	36	674.3	24,275	5.3
155mm How. M1	12	510.7	6,129	6.8

(2) Shell, HE, 81mm Mortar Lt, was critical during the period.

II - ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY:

(1) 3rd Echelon Maintenance of motor vehicles was heavy, due to poor roads and a hilly terrain. In addition, during the first half of this period, it was necessary to make a 180 mile (round trip) to the supporting depot, for parts.

(2) Twelve vehicles or .6% of the Division T/E allowance were lost due to enemy action.

(3) The following items of spare and replacement parts were critical during the period: Engine Assys., GMC and Ford; Brake Lining, GMC; Hot patches; Tires, 6.00x16 and 7.50x20; Tubes, 6.00x16 and 7.50x20; Firing Mechanism, M1, for the 155mm Howitzer, M1.

(4) The following items were recovered from the battlefield:

Carbines, cal..30, M1	204
Rifle, US, cal..30, M1	972
Rifle, auto Brng, cal..30, M1918A2	7
Gun, submachine, cal..45, M3	15
Rifle, US, cal..30, M1903A4	1

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Gun, machine, cal..30, M1917A1	3
Gun, machine, cal..30, M1919A4	20
Gun, machine, cal..50, HB, M2	9
Mortar, 60mm, M2 complete	5
Mortar, 81mm, M1 complete	2
Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36, M1A1	27
Circle, aiming, M1	2
Binoculars, M3	1
Quadrant, gunners, M1	1

III - EVACUATION:

(1) The evacuation of casualties during the past month was effected satisfactorily. However, the evacuation of casualties was complicated by the rapid advance of combat troops, two major river crossings, the daily moving and leapfrogging of all Divisional Medical units. The Division supporting Field Hospital, because of the rapid advance, was left considerably to the rear at times; in such incidents, for non-transportable cases, use was made of other Divisional field units on our flanks.

(2) Numerous German hospitals were over-run during the period; patients were checked and those ready for duty turned over to the Provost Marshal; remaining patients were not evacuated but placed under guard and reported to Corps for further processing and supply. A few German soldier wounded found in Civilian hospitals were removed to nearest German Military Hospitals.

(3) Medical supplies were adequate and easily obtained.

(4) Report of casualties for the period 1 Mar to 31 Mar '45 inclusive:

	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Division Total	492	773	195	40	1500
Evacuated	483	613	185	33	1319
Returned to Duty	4	160	10	7	181
Allied Total	96	168	84	13	361
Evacuated	96	114	77	9	296
Returned to Duty	0	54	7	4	65
Civilian Total	126	11	0	0	137
Evacuated	126	11	0	0	137
Discharged	0	0	0	0	0
Prisoner Total	373	0	0	0	373
Evacuated	373	0	0	0	373
Grand Total	1087	952	279	53	2371

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IV - BURIAL:

(1) There were 164 American dead and 112 German dead evacuated during this period.

V - SALVAGE & CAPTURED MATERIAL:

(1) Approximately 100 tons of salvage items were turned in to the Army salvage point by the QM.

(2) The following items were handled by the repair detachment of the salvage section of the Company:

Shoes	pr	repaired	10
Stove, 1 burner	ea	"	24
Stove, 2 burner	ea	"	7
Typewriters	ea	"	4
Unit, Fire ER M-37	"	"	60
Lantern, Gas	"	"	32

(3) This section also furnished parts for repair of lanterns, units fire and stoves 1 and 2 burner within the Division.

(4) A large number of enemy armored vehicles and Arty pieces were captured or destroyed during the period, including 6 tanks, 2 SP guns, 79 Arty pieces and 145 misc types of motor transportation. Other misc items included 3 steamboats, 41 locomotives and trains with all types of supplies.

VI - TRAFFIC:

(1) During the period, traffic conditions in the Division area improved over the preceding period due to better roads and improved weather conditions.

VII - SERVICE TROOPS & TRAINS:

(1) Service troops and trains continued to function smoothly. Rapid advancement by the forward elements necessitated long hauls, but all classes of supply were available to all Divisional and attached troops.

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PART IV -- MONTH OF APRIL

REPORT ON SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

I - SUPPLY:

a. Supply Operations:

(1) During the period the Division and attached units moved rapidly through the Thuringian Wald and then to the Czechoslovakian border. Supply was difficult at times, due to long supply lines. Class I and III was plentiful, but Class II & IV supplies were not available in sufficient quantity to take care of the needs for them. Very few class "D" rations were available which necessitated the issue of operational rations to all units.

b. Class I:

(1) Truckhead distribution by means of advance Class I & III supply points was made to all Division units and attached troops. Rations were distributed on the following basis:

"B"	7,075
"C"	48,168
"K"	126,136
"10-1"	348,630
"D"	1,730 *

TOTAL 530,009

* "Not included in total"

(2) Due to conditions of supply, very few items of PX issue were available during this period.

(3) Supplemental rations were inadequate for the month of April.

c. Class II:

(1) Due to long supply lines and the stocks in the Class II depots, a very limited amount of Class II supply was drawn during the period.

d. Class III:

(1) Gasoline consumption averaged 5.7 gals per gas-consuming vehicle per day. The following is a total of all gasoline, oil and lubricants issued to the Division and attached units during the period:

Gasoline, 80 Oct	374,750	gal
Oil, diesel	13,005	"
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #10	1,025	"
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #30	3,810	"
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #50	585	"
Universal Gear Lube #90	1,450	"
Grease, GP #1	1,700	lb.
Grease, GP #2	390	"
Grease, GP #4	10	"

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(2) Gasoline amounted to an average daily issue of 12,492 gals. This was an increase of 2,217 gals. daily.

(3) There was a very critical shortage of diesel and #30 grade oil during this period.

(4) Total consumption of gasoline since "D" Day is 2,651,920 gals.

e. Class IV:

(1) There was a decrease of cleaning and preserving material and stationery, and office supplies issued to the Division and attached units due to a limited supply in the Army depots.

f. Personal Effects:

(1) Personal effects of 83 individuals were processed during this period.

(2) There were replies to 78 inquiries of personal effects that passed through this section.

g. Remarks:

(1) Division Signal Supply, postal section, Division Special Service, Division PX, Red Cross, USO show and reinforcements were attached to the QM Company during this period.

(2) Due to the fluid situation on the entire front, small bands of ene troops harassed and attacked supply vehicles. Supply trains of the Division and attached units had to be escorted by armored vehicles to the Army depots. Several men were killed or wounded and several vehicles were destroyed.

(3) The following is an account of the Motor Transportation of the QM Co:

- (1) Total Miles travelled 141,972 (cargo vehicles)
- (2) Monthly average per vehicle 4,732 mi.
- (3) Daily average per vehicle 98.5 mi.
- (4) 2½ T Cargo vehicle replacement - 9.
- (5) Engine assembly replacement - 9.
- (6) Major assemblies (transmissions, transfer cases etc) - 15.

h. Class V:

(1) American ammunition expended for the period was 719.5 tons. The following tabulation, based on ETOUSA, unit of fire, dated 10 Dec '43, is a breakdown of the above tonnage:

<u>Small Arms:</u>	<u>No. of Wpns.</u>	<u>Av. Wds Per Wpn</u>	<u>Total Wds</u>	<u>U.F</u>
Carbine	5198	15.9	82,850	.76
Cal..30, M1903A4 5/clip	81	15.1	1,225	.75
Cal..30, BAR 5/clip	405	57.46	23,275	.76
Cal..30, 8/clip	6238	95.2	593,988	3.87
Cal..30, MG	211	1621.8	342,197	8.1
Cal..45, Pistol	1215	3.69	4,494	1.9
Cal..45, SMG	282	302.8	85,381	10.9
Cal..50	261	409.9	107,004	1.7
Gren. Hand Frag.			4,025	2.8
Rocket AT 2.36"	558	.93	519	.76

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	No. of Wpns	Av. Ads Per Wpn	Total Ads	U/F
<u>Mortar:</u>				
60mm Mortar	90	26.5	2,381	.43
81mm Mortar	54	182.4	9,850	2.4
<u>Gun, 57mm:</u>				
57mm	57	12.09	689	.30
<u>Artillery:</u>				
105mm How. M3	18	104.5	1,882	1.74
105mm How. M2	36	387.09	13,935	3.09
155mm How	12	176.	2,112	2.34

(2) Critical Items: Shell, HE, 81mm Mortar (Lt), Shell Smk. WP, 155mm How, were critical during the period.

II - COMMANDANCE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY:

(1) 3d Echelon Maintenance of motor vehicles was heavy during the period due to: Long supply hauls, rapid tactical advance and lack of unit replacements.

(2) Fourteen (14) vehicles or .6% of the Division T/E allowance were lost due to enemy action.

(3) The following items of spare and replacement parts were critical during the period: Engine assemblies, GMC, Ford, and Dodge; Brakes lining; Ford and GMC; Tires, 6.00x16 and 7.50x20; axle assays, banjo and split for GMC.

(4) Brake Fluid was critical during period.

(5) The following items were recovered from the battlefield:

Gun, mach., cal..30, M1917A1	3
Gun, mach., cal..30, M1919A4	9
Gun, sub-mach., cal..45, M3	7
Mortar, 60mm, M2, complete	3
Mount, tripod, cal..30, M1917A1	2
Mount, tripod, cal..30, M2	12
Rifle, auto., Bng, cal..30, M1918A2	15
Carbine, cal..30, M1	173
Launcher, Rocket, AT, 2.36", M1A1	16
Rifle, US, cal..30, M1	831
Rifle, US, cal..30, M1903	6
Rifle, US, cal..30, M1905A4 (snipers)	2
Gun, mach., cal..50, M3, M2	6
Mount, tripod, cal..50, M3	3
Elevator-cradle, AA, cal..50, M1	1
Circle, aiming, M1	1

III - EVACUATION:

(1) The rapid and efficient evacuation of casualties during the period was unaffected by difficult terrain and a rapidly moving tactical situation.

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(2) Whenever available, trucks were utilized to keep the Field Hospital as near as possible to the Clearing Station. Good cooperation is noted through all echelons of medical evacuation.

(3) Numerous German Military hospitals were over-run during period. Patients were screened for duty status and food and medical supplies were also checked for availability.

(4) Medical supplies were adequate and easily available.

(5) Report of casualties for the period 1 Apr to 30 Apr '45 inclusive:

	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Division Total	338	604	188	24	1154
Evacuated	321	534	184	17	1056
Returned to duty	17	70	4	7	98
Allied Total	88	435	85	10	618
Evacuated	86	411	76	9	582
Returned to Duty	2	24	9	1	36
Civilian Total	183	38	5	0	226
Evacuated	183	38	5	0	226
Discharged	0	0	0	0	0
Prisoner Total	288	0	0	0	288
Evacuated	288	0	0	0	288
Grand Total	897	1077	278	34	2286

IV - BURIAL:

(1) There were 117 American dead and 59 German dead evacuated during this period.

V - SALVAGE & CAPTURED MATERIAL:

(1) Approximately 150 tons of salvage items were turned in to Salvage Collection by the C.M.

(2) The following items were handled by the Repair Detachment of the Salvage Section of the Company:

Shoes	pr	Repaired	15
Stove, 1 Burner	ea	"	22
Stove, 2 Burner	ea	"	9
Typewriters	ea	"	23
Unit, Fire FA M-37	ea	"	80
Lamp, Gasoline			26

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- (3) This section also furnished parts for repair of lanterns, units fire and stoves 1 and 2 burner within the Division.
- (4) A large number of enemy armored vehicles and Arty pieces, were captured or destroyed during the period, including 13 tanks, 15 Arty pieces and 66 misc types of motor transport. Other misc items included 120 airplanes, 41 locomotives and trains, 2000 parachutes, and several thousand tires and tubes of all sizes.

VI - TRAFFIC:

(1) During the period, traffic conditions were favorable. The roads and weather conditions remained satisfactory.

VII - SERVICE TROOPS & TRAINS:

(1) Service troops and trains continued to function smoothly. Rapid advancement by the forward elements necessitated long hauls, but necessary supplies were available to all Divisional and attached troops.

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