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REPORT OF OPERATIONS  
GERMANY - CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PART IV - MAY 1-8 incl.

REPORT ON SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

I - SUPPLY:

a. Supply Operations:

(1) During the period the Division and attached units advanced from Cham, Germany into Czechoslovakia, where hostilities ceased. Supply was difficult at times due to long supply lines to the Army depots. Class I & III supplies were insufficient at times during the period, Class III being rationed six (6) days of the eight (8) day period. Class II & IV supplies were insufficient for the needs of the Division and attached units. A limited amount of "A" 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 supply points was made to the Division and attached units. Rations were distributed on the following basis:

"A"	10,000
"C"	54,120
"K"	21,324
"1C-1"	70,430
TOTAL	<u>155,874</u>

(2) A nine (9) day gratuitous issue of PX items was received by the Division and attached units.

(3) There were no supplemental rations issued during the period.

c. Class II:

(1) Due to the limited supply of Class II in the Army depot the Division and attached units received an inadequate amount of Class II for the period.

d. Class III:

(1) Truckhead distribution by means of advance Class III supply points was made to the Division and attached units.

(2) Gasoline consumption averaged 3.2 gallons 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.	60,465 gal.
Oil, Diesel	2,800 "
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #10	150 "
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #30	850 "
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #50	100 "
Universal Gear Lube #90	5 "
Grease, GP #1	400 lb.
Grease, GP #2	600 "

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- (2) The daily issue of gasoline for the period was 7559 gallons.
- (3) Diesel fuel and #30 grade oil remained critical during the period, the Division being rationed by the Army dump on amounts drawn.
- (4) The total gasoline consumption since "D" Day is 2,712, 385 gallons.

e. Class IV:

(1) Due to the limited amounts of Class IV supplies received from the Army depot, cleaning and preserving material, stationery and office supplies were inadequate for the Division and attached units.

f. Personal Effects:

(1) The personal effects of thirty (30) individuals were processed during the period.

g. Remarks:

(1) Division Signal Supply Officer, Army Post Office, Special Service Office, PX, reinforcements, Red Cross and USO shows were attached to QM Co. during period.

h. Class V:

(1) American ammunition expended for the period was 204.64 tons. The following tabulation, based on ETOUSA, unit of fire, dated 10 Dec '43, is a breakdown of the above tonnage:

	<u>No. of</u> <u>Wpns</u>	<u>Av. Rds</u> <u>Per Wpn</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Rds</u>	<u>U/F</u>
<u>Small Arms:</u>				
Carbine	5198	1.48	7700	.07
Cal..30, M1903-14 5/clip	81	.61	50	.02
Cal..30, BAR 5/clip	405	2.34	950	.03
Cal..30, 8/clip	6238	11.2	70172	.45
Cal..30, MG	211	511.84	108000	2.57
Cal..45, Pistol	1215	.68	825	.34
Cal..45, SMG	282	55.5	15675	1.95
Cal..50	261	47.96	12520	.20
Gren. Hand Frag.			1700	1.19
Rocket AT 2.36"	558	.28	160	.23
<u>Mortar:</u>				
60mm Mortar	90	6.73	606	.11
81mm Mortar	54	36.1	1954	.48
<u>Gun, 57mm:</u>				
57mm	57	.89	51	.02
<u>Artillery:</u>				
105mm How M2	36	136.6	4918	1.09
155mm How	12	37.08	445	.49

(2) Critical Items: Shell, HE, 81mm mortar (LT), Shell, smk. WP, 155mm How, were critical during the period.

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II - ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY:

- (1) 3rd Echelon maintenance of motor vehicles was extremely heavy due to lack of unit replacements and "old-age" of the majority of the Division vehicles.
- (2) Two (2) vehicles or .1% 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, Ford, and Dodge; Transmission and Transfer Cases for Ford; Brake Lining, GMC; Hot patches; Tires, 6.00x16, 7.50x20 and 900x16; Tubes, 6.00x16, 7.50x20 and 900x16.
- (4) Cleaning and Preserving material was critical during period.
- (5) The following items were recovered from the battlefield:

Gun, mach., cal..30, M1917A1	1
Gun, mach., cal..30, M1919A4	1
Gun, sub-mach., cal..45, Thomp.	1
Gun, sub-mach., cal..45, M3	4
Mount, tripod, cal..30, M2	2
Rifle, auto., cal..30, M1918A2	12
Carbine, cal..30, M1	20
Launcher, rocket, 2.36", M1A1	2
Rifle, US, cal..30, M1	171
Elevator & Cradle, AA, cal..50, M1	1
Gun, mach., Cal..50, HB, M2	1

III - EVACUATION:

- (1) The evacuation of casualties during the period was effected very satisfactorily.
- (2) The Field Hospital was kept with the Clearing Station during the period. Excellent cooperation was noted in all echelons of medical evacuation.
- (3) Numerous German Hospitals were over-run during the period. Patients were screened for duty status. The hospitals were checked for food and medical supplies.
- (4) Report of casualties for the period 1 to 8 May inclusive:

	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Division Total	61	128	32	7	228
Evacuated	60	111	32	5	208
Returned to Duty	1	17	0	2	20
Allied Total	9	82	29	0	120
Evacuated	8	75	26	0	109
Returned to Duty	1	7	3	0	11
Civilian Total	32	9	0	0	41
Evacuated	32	9	0	0	41
Discharged	0	0	0	0	0

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	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Prisoner Total	59	0	0	0	59
Evacuated	59	0	0	0	59
Grand Total	161	219	61	7	448

IV - BURIAL:

(1) Thirty nine (39) American dead and six (6) enemy dead were evacuated during the period.

V - SALVAGE & CAPTURED MATERIALS:

(1) Approximately 42 tons of salvage items were turned in to Salvage point by the QM.

(2) The following items were handled by the repair detachment of the Salvage Section of the QM Co:

Shoes	pr	repaired	15
Stove, 1 bur.	ea	"	23
Stove, 2 bur.	ea	"	16
Typewriters	ea	"	8
Unit, Fire FR M-37	"	"	26
Lantern, gasoline	"	"	15

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

(4) The following enemy equipment was captured or destroyed during this period: Seven (7) medium tanks and fifteen (15) arty pieces.

(5) The following equipment was surrendered by the German 11th Panzer Division: 700 trucks, 300 sedans, 120 volkswagens, 155 motorcycles, 85 armored half-tracks, 28 half-track prime movers, 15 S.P. guns (all types), 6 Mark IVs, 5 T.D.s (Mark IV Chassis and Mark V guns), 1 Mark V, 24 81mm mortars, 6 120mm mortars, 4 150mm Howitzers, 2 150mm Howitzers, 5 105mm Howitzers, 2 75mm A.T. Guns, 14 20mm AA guns/single mount, and 2 20mm AA guns (Multiple mounts). The 11th Panzer Division also surrendered with a two weeks supply of subsistence which they were allowed to keep for their own use.

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 were kept well forward and continued to function smoothly. Rapid advancement of the Division and Attached units necessitated long hauls from the Army supply points, but the necessary supplies were available to the Division and attached troops

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