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1 March 1945 - Thursday 266th Day 48th day in Germany Reiff Germany

- 1400 Troops are to be paid to-day and all class "A" O's of the companies are to report to Regt. A U.S.O. show was held for the Bn. and featured Roscoe Ates and his troupe. All company clerks of the Bn. visited their respective companies to settle any problems the men may have. The Red Cross Clubmobile arrived with the usual hot coffee and do-nuts and the Bn. continues to prepare for the unit citation to be presented to-morrow, with the training schedule still in effect.
- 1800 All Officers attend a nightly demonstration of searchlights held in vis. of Regt., stressing night attack by artificial moonlight. These schools are to be attended nightly. Capt. Morris asgd. and j'd. as Bn. Exec. O. Movies for to-night have been called off. See Administrative Memo no.2 from Bn. dtd. March '45 and training Memo dtd. 28 Feb. '45 Evacuations for to-day:
 Co. M- 1(sld)

2 March 1945 - Friday 267th Day 49th day in Germany Reiff Germany

- See Memo issued to all companies;- Subject, Parade, dtd. 2 March
- 0800 Bn. prepares for Presidential Unit Citation to be awarded by the Division Commander at 1500, and Lt. Rugh is now a Captain. Training schedule for to-day is postponed due to preparation for presentation fo citation.
- 1500 Div. Commander presented citation with a very impressive ceremony.
- 1630 Regt'l CO visits CP and compliments entire personnel for the splendid manner in which they carried out the ceremony. A movie will be shown to the troops at 1730 and 1900.
- 2400 The remainder of the day and night passed uneventfully. Lt. Reinel, MAC, was evacuated to-day - SLD, and the only evacuation for the Bn. to-day. WE are now in Div. reserve.

3 March 1945 - Saturday 268th Day 50th day in Germany Reiff Germany

- 0800 Training schedule will be resumed to-day and a Clubmobile unit will be here sometime this morning with the usual coffee and do-nuts.
- 1400 A reconnaissance party leaves CP to reconnoiter for a new area and contemplating a move to-morrow and Bn is given a warning order.
- 2400 The remainder of the day and night passed uneventfully and during the late afternoon and night, Bn CO and staff planned for possible movement.

4 March 1945 - Sunday 269th Day 51st day in Germany Reiff Germany

- 0800 Bn ~~stt~~ S-1 is to leave CP at 0830 with a quartering party and movement will take place shortly after dinner. See March Order from Bn. dtd 4 March 1945. Protestant church services to be held at 1000

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1430
1630

Bn CP closes out and moves by motor to new location.
 Bn CP arrives at new location at Winnigen. All civilians are being apprehended by Bn B-2 section and Bn awaits further orders and contemplates another movement to-morrow. I and K Co's are billeted in Winnigen but Land M are in Matzerath.

5 March 1945 - Monday270th Day
52nd day in GermanyWinringen Germany

0800

Bn still awaits further orders regarding movement.

1100

Col. Schultz, Regt'l Exec., visited CP and discusses matters in general. Also states that Bn will be committed to-morrow along with the 1st Bn.

1400

See March order from Bn attached dated 5 Mar 45

1420

Bn S-3 returns fr Regt and says that if 357 or 359 have not crossed the river by to-night, we will cross to-morrow morning at 0400. If they have crossed, we will follow up the 11th Armd Bn S-1 leaves with a quartering party to new location and movement will commence at 1600.

1530

Bn CP closes out and moves to new location.

1900

Bn CP arrives at new location at Wallersheim.

Entire movement was by motor, long trip and cold and the entire area is jammed with 11th Armd troops and our own. Bn awaits further orders. 5 O'0 and 15 EM are to go to Paris to-morrow and 5 men from the Bn have been chosen to go home on a 30 day furlough on the 15th of the month. Lt Carraway leaves the Battalion as the General's aid.

271st Day

6 March 1945 - Tuesday53d day in GermanyWallersheim

0800

357 is reported to have two Bns across the river and Bn now awaits further orders as to whether we'll follow the 11th Armd or 357 or 359

0830

Bn and Bn CP prepare to move within half hour.

0930

Bn moves to new location.

1400

Bn arrives at new location at Lissingen(216802) and is prepared to move to another location across the river within an hour.

1435

K and L are in the assault and I is in reserve; K on the left and L on the right. Ey sniper fire is reported in one of the builgs in the town and ey tanks at 554 are rptd to be headed for the far end of town.

1440

K is in the town and L is on the high ground to the right. Regt'l CO visits CP and discusses latest situation. Lt. Jones is to have hand carrying party ready on call.

1500

2 TD's are now across and the first Bn will come up on our right. Capt. Bryan is told over radio that to-nights objective will be town offPelm

1510

Regt'l CO visits CP again and says we are to seize high ground off to the left and rights fronts and then tell CCA of the 11th Arm'd to go thru us.

2000

Col Lydle of the 2nd Bn visits CP and is briefed by Lt. Crotty and his Bn is to relieve K Co. Lt. Rice is to guide him to Capt. Bryan's OP. After Col Lydle relieves us we will push on to the town of Pelm. Capt. Bryan requests TOT Arty fire on Pelm immediately as he can hear the ey and tanks in there.

The remainder of the night was spent by Bn CO up at K Co area and he planned and plotted for a pre dawn attack on Pelm to-morrow About 41 PsW were taken for to-day.

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7 March 1945 - Wednesday27th Day
5th day in GermanyLissingen Germany

0400 Bn attacks town of Pelm.
 0830 Troops have now seized Pelm and met quite a bit of artillery fire. Division Commander, Gen. Ernest, and Regt'l CO visits CP and awaits arrival of CG of 11th Armd to discuss latest situation. We are still waiting for a bridge to be put across the Kyäl river so that the Bn rear CP and all Bn vehicles can come across. Once across we will most likely follow the 11th Armd right up to the Rhine. Troops are to attack high ground NE of Pelm now.
 0930 Capt. Morris calls CP and gives Lt. Jones our new objective and we also learn that our TD's are in Pelm. Regt'l CO visits CP once again and requests information as to whether or not the tank traps around Pelm are passable.
 0935 Dic. CG visits CP again. No report yet on progress of the troops
 1030 Bn rear CP closes out and moves to new location at Pelm.
 1120 Bn rear CP arrives at new location at Pelm. Movement of all personnel was by motor.
 1225 I Co is at 277-835, K at 246-830 and L is at 256-823 and still moving rapidly, meeting with very little artillery as the only opposition.
 1400 I Co is now at Essingen. Ey inf reported to the left of K Co and arty fire is to be placed there immediately.
 1435 K Co reports by radio that they are on their objective and L Co on check point 605
 From now to close fo period, 11th Armd passes thru Pelm and we keep road free of congestion.
 2100 Recon was made for possible road to K Co in the event it becomes necessary to lead tanks up there.

8 March 45 - Thursday27th Day
5th day in GermanyPelm Germany

0300 Regt'l FM no. 1 dtd 07 March received.
 1025 I Co patrol reported seeing one half-track, one 88 and 4 Germans in open ground SE of Lilsdorf. Also passed within 300 yds of pillboxes in that area and reported no sign of occupancy.
 1900 Investigation was conducted concerning the woman soldier captured yesterday by K Co.
 1700 The Bn. received 100 reinforcements and 1 Officer
 1900 Regt'l verbal order received. See Bn FO no.2 dtd 8 March '45. Plans were made during the rest of the night concerning to-morrows operation.
 Capt. Bryan was promoted to Major to-day.

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9 March 45 - Friday274th Day
36th day in GermanyBodenbach

0300 Regtl FM No. 2 dtd 9 March 45 received.
0600 Bn Intelligence Section (motorized) moved out to contact 90th Ren.

0615 Major Bryan and S-3 left for Bettendorf. All companies had checked out by now and were on the move. By utilizing attached tanks, TDs and AT platoon it was possible to have entire Bn motorized.

0645 Bn CP moved out.

0800 L Co has now cleared Oberhehe.

0900 Bn CP arrived in Oberhehe after coming through Gees, Bekrlingen Hohenfels, and Bettendorf.

0915 Ron reported at 3897.

1015 L Co left for obj 2 - Neinroth.

1100 Bn CP moved to Neinroth.

1200 Regtl FM No. dtd 9 March received.

1300 I and K Cos set out for objectives 2 and 4.

1415 Bn CP left for Bodenbach. I Co is now in Borler.

1710 Task force Rudes is on obj - town of Weisemscheid. Requests troops to be moved up there.

1800 L Co moved on up to Weisemscheid.

2100 TF Rudes cleared Kaltenborn and netted 15 Psw.

10 March 45 - Saturday275th Day
37th day in GermanyMorsweisen

0300 FM No. 3 dtd 10 March 45 received.

0700 TF Morris (L Co, Hqs Co, TF Rudes, BN Motor Pool) moved out. They are to move by a southern route to a Bn assembly area.

0715 TF Bryan (I and K Co's on tanks and TDs) moved out. They are to move to the Bn assembly area by a northern route.

1200 BN CP closed in Morsweisen after passing through Weisemscheid, Mullenbach, Hohenlenbach, Arft and Langenfeld.

1400 L Co closed in Wabern.

1410 I Co closed in Hausten.

1420 K Co closed in Hausten.

En route we rode over part of the Autobahn. It was like a 4 lane highway in the states. 15 Psw were picked up during the trip; they were stragglers.

1500 Col Bealke visited the CP and discussed control of looting.

1530 All Co COs gave their company a talk on control of looting.

1600 Radio from Regt. Secure objective. Watch civilians.

2100 Regtl verbal order. Patrol woods to-morrow between present location and Weisemschein.

2105 Regtl verbal order. Forget about patrols and have recon party ready at 0900 to-morrow.

2235 Regtl verbal order. Forget recon party and await further orders.

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11 March 45 - Sunday276th Day
58th day in GermanyMorsweisen

1000 Protestant church service was held in the village church.
 1025 Regtl verbal order directed us to have a quartering party at Regt by 1200. Party is to include 2/3 MP platoon.
 1200 Quartering party called off and Bn informed we wouldn't move to-day.
 1300 B rations will be picked up at RSO. Best part of day was spent cleaning weapons, resting and waiting further orders.
 1900 Group returned from Paris.
 Five Psw were gathered up during the day.

12 March 45 - Monday277th Day
59th day in GermanyMorsweisen

0800 All Cos started the day by feeding B rations.
 0845 Bn CO and S-3 left for a meeting at Regt.
 1015 Bn CO returned from meeting. Reported we won't move until to-morrow and that QM trucks would arrive sometime to-day.
 1400 A meeting of company COs was held by Maj Bryan to brief the O's concerning forthcoming operations.
 1500 Catholic services were held in the village church.
 1540 Capt Jaffray and quartering party left for Einig.
 1830 Regtl March order unnumbered received.
 2030 Bn March Order issued.
 2100 Lt Hill ~~WED~~ and said that Chaplain Sidoti is returning sometime to-morrow.

13 March 45 - Tuesday278th Day
60th day in GermanyEinig

0845 Bn moved out using organic and attached transportation.
 1040 Bn arrived in Einig after passing through Mayen. Very scenic route except for Mayen which has been bombed quite a bit.
 1230 Bn CO and S-3 plus all company COs left on recon.
 1400 Recon party returned. Plan was to put forward CP in Morz.
 1405 An enemy plane passed to SE of town and was fired on by AA. Large burst of flame and smoke was seen shortly afterwards but no sounds were heard.
 2000 Regtl verbal order directed us to move up to fwd assembly area in Morz at 0630.
 Troops spent a pleasant afternoon riding horses and motorcycles etc. Day turned out quite pleasant as sun came out about 1400.
 2300 Quartering party left for Morz.
 Chaplain Sidoti returned to the Bn to-day.

14 March - Wednesday279th Day
61st day in GermanyBisdenbach

0625 Vehicle party of 6 Bn Hq jeeps, one line ~~60~~ jeep and the M Co jeeps left for Morz.
 0630 Foot troops left from Einig for Morz.
 1200 Men going to the stazes on furlough reported to Regt.
 1310 Men going to Paris reported to Service Co.
 Regtl verbal order. Be prepared to cross in assault boats. No time or place given.
 1315 Bn FM no. 1 dtd 14th March 45 was issued to all Cos.
 1340 S-3 left for recon at the bridge site.
 1420 S-3 returned and reported all is quiet on the river.

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1425 Regtl CO came to CP and said he thought we would cross sometime after dark in assault boats. Recommended that each man carry one blanket. Also said that bridge would probably be in between 1600 and 1800.

1545 Quarters party left for Brodenbach.

1825 Lt Crotty reported that bridge is now completed and that 1st and 2nd Bns are now both across.

1830 Entire Bn including CP moved out. Priority vehicles moved to assembly area near river.

2030 Bn is now across the Moselle and en route to assembly area. CP closed in Brodenbach. The river at point of crossing was about 350 feet wide. Troops all crossed on the treadway bridge

2130 Bn is now all closed in at Brodenbach.

15 March 45 - Thursday280th Day
62nd day in GermanyNey

0230 Regtl FM no. 4 dtd 14 March 45 received.

0700 Recon party of Bn CO, S-3, all Co COs and fwd CP left.

0730 Bn moved out.

0840 Regtl verbal order. Attach as soon as possible.

0900 CP closed in Oppenhausen

1015 Bn moved out in column of Cos with K in the lead followed by I and L.

1030 Regtl CO visited CP.

1035 L Co patrol left to recon ahead for armor. Obj A taken without any resistance.

1040 1st Bn CO came to CP. His Bn is to follow ours to the right rear. 4 P47s passed over and received considerable enemy AA fire from a 40mm multiple gun located quite close to here.

1120 TDs are now with K Co.

1125 P47s are again strafing in front of the Bn and are drawing AA fire.

1200 L Co patrol reports that road to 114 is impassable.

1210 Bn CO requests A and P platoon and reports receiving SP fire from left rear.

1230 Cos are moving to obj B without armor.

1245 Air OP reports considerable enemy inf and vehicles at 112.

1300 K Co is moving out of 104 into draw. Will halt at 114.

1520 Bn verbal order. Move CP to 112. Also move L Co there.

1650 Regtl verbal order. Take objs Cand D.

1700 L Co moved out.

1715 CP moved to Ney.

1735 OP is now in Halsenbach.

1800 Regtl verbal order. Secure 111 before 149.

1830 K Co is now moving to 111. I Cos attach on Halsenbach netted 30 PsW, 1 German ambulance with trailer, and a German Hqs complete with typewriters, maps, etc.

1835 L Co reports enemy vehicles at 150

1900 K Co now has 111 secured.

2030 Regtl order for to-morrow. Take obj E. Roads and terrain prove to be the main obstacle to-day. Armor hadn't arrived yet by period's close.

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16 March 45 - Friday281st Day
83rd day in GermanyHalsenbach

0730 L Co has moved out to take obj E.
 0810 L Co now has E secured.
 0820 Regtl verbal order. Be prepared to move on short notice. We may sit here all day to-day or move out in twenty minutes.
 0825 S-1 left for Halsenbach.
 0830 L Co now has a road block at 150 and requests AT platoon.
 1020 1 P47 came over Halsenbach and strafed us. Result, 2 killed and 2 wounded. Plane had blue nose and top half of rudder painted red.
 1030 CP closed in Halsenbach.
 1040 Motorized patrol of 3 jeeps and 19 men left for objs I, K and L.
 1130 Regtl CO came to CP.
 1305 Recon patrol reports road is blocked just E of Emmelshausen by fallen trees
 Regtl VO. Secure road from 76 to 150.
 1310 I Co is now moving out to secure road between 75 and 150.
 1500 I Co runs into about 50 - 75 Krauts in woods near 908755. This batch of Germans seems determined to stay put.
 Bn CO left for L Co.
 1600 K Co is now moving to 150.
 1625 In the fight around 107 we now have lost 2 tanks, 1 TD and suffered some 10 casualties including Captain Rugh.
 1640 Call for ambulances up to I Co.
 1750 Div CG came to CP.
 1755 6 Krauts are on the way back. They are all part of an SS outfit
 1800 Regtl CO came to CP.
 1805 I Co is now at 76, it's obj. One 88 was knocked out.
 2000 Warning order for probable move to-morrow morning received.

17 March 45 - Saturday282nd Day
84th day in GermanyRheinbollerhütte

0805 Regtl CO came to the CP and directed us to sweep to the high ground S of Boppard.
 0810 L Co started to move out along no. 2 road between 150 to 170. Then we are to use 2 Cos - one on each side of the road - and sweep to high ground overlooking Boppard.
 0840 Bn CO left for Cos with OP party. S-3 left for 107 to set up forward CP. L and K Cos are to be in the attack with I in reserve.
 0920 S-1 and party left for Ehr to set up new CP.
 0940 S-3 requests A and P platoon and ammo truck to come to 107.
 0945 S-1 returned from Ehr and reported the town pretty full. It was decided to leave rear CP and move FWD CP to 107.
 S-3 reports they counted 27 dead Germans including 1 1st Lt. from yesterday's fight.
 1010 Utopia 5 came to CP to get facts about yesterday's strafing.
 1015 K and L Cos are now moving to B.
 1045 Cos are now at B moving to C.
 1115 Cos are now at C and moving to D.
 1125 Regtl VO. Bring Bn back into Halsenbach as soon as possible.
 1220 All Cos closed in Halsenbach.
 1300 Orders received. Quartering party left for Regt. Bn alerted for immediate movement.
 1315 Bn moved out on QM trucks and passed through Emmelshausen,

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- Niedert, Lingenthal, Landert, Kisselbach and detrucked at Rheinbollen at 1660.
- 1730 Bn INT SEC (mtzd) cleared Rheinbollerhutte, Daxweiler and Sieberbach. 2 PSW were taken.
- 1830 Cos Swept woods between Rheinbollen and Daxweiler, Sieberbach.
- 1900 CP went into Rheinbollerhutte along with Company I.
- 2000 Companies settled down for the night and awaited further orders.
- 2300 Regtl VO for tomorrow received.

18 March 1945 - Sunday

283 Day

65 Day in GermanyDaxweiler

- 0730 Bn CO and OP party left for companies.
- 0800 All Companies checked out and are now on the move.
- 0830 Bn CP moved to Daxweiler.
- 0915 Regtl CO came to the CP and told us to concentrate on anti-lotting.
- 1115 Cos are now on phase line B.
- 1215 Cos are now on phase line C and have cleared the town of Waldalgesheim.
- 1245 L Co is now at C and I is in the tow of Weiler - It's part of E.
- 1315 Regtl FM No. 5 dated 18 March 45 received.
- 1500 Bn Int Sec returned from road reconnaissance to Trechtingshausen. Reported seeing 2 volswagen, and 9 ey just on the other river bank.
- 1530 Cos reached the Rhine and reported no bridges intact at Bingen.
- 1730 This Bn was featured to-day on Combat Diary.
- 2200 Regtl VO informed us that to-morrow we would move to Stromberg in Regtl reserve.

19 March 45 - Monday

284th Day

65th day in GermanyHeddesheim

- 0100 Regtl VO directed us to move to-day to the town of Heddesheim.
- 0130 Lt Col from 42nd Recon Squadron came to the CP. This unit is to relieve our Bn as soon as possible.
- 0630 Quartering party left for Heddesheim.
- 1230 CP closed in Heddesheim (078435).
- 1350 K, L and M are also closed in town. I Co is still waiting relief.
- 1440 Regtl CO came to CP and gave us orders to move one Co out to help secure Nahe river bridgehead.
- 2040 K Co moved out to form 3 rd blks bet Spansheim and Bingen on Regtl left flank.
- 2040 Regtl VO. Move out immediately to St. Johann, Wolfsheim, and Vendersheim. We attack to-morrow morning thru 3rd Bn of 359. K is to be returned to our control immediately.
- 2145 Regtl VO. Forget the above order. We move to-morrow at the break of dawn or earlier.
- 2300 Regtl FO no. 36 received. See atchd file.

20 March 45 - Tuesday

285th Day

67th day in GermanyOber-Ohm

- 0500 K Co reports receiving two counter attacks both of which were repulsed.
- 0545 Bn moved out using organic transportation.
- 0715 Bn CP closed in Dromersheim after passing thru Bretzenheim and Gensingen. I Co closed in Aspisheim and L Co in Hilbersheim.
- 0815 Regtl CO visited CP and said TF Grubbs would relieve us.

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0840 An unknown number of ey planes passed over the Bn area and bombed and strafed nearby.

0915 2PsW were brought in by K Co. They were part of a patrol that tried to infiltrate through K Cos line.

1030 Radio Message no. 6 directed us to confiscate ey materiel in Drais. Some question arose as it was doubtful that troops were that far forward. S-2 left for Regt to verify same.

1130 Bn received orders to move to Englestadt and Jugenheim.

1145 Bn commenced moving out on attached trucks.

1230 CP closed in Englestadt after passing through Aspisheim and Ober-Hilbersheim. K Co is also moving to this town while I and L are moving into Jugenheim.

1410 Regtl VO. Move out immediately into attack. Mission is to attack NE from Essenheim to Mainz and the Rhine.

1412 Some ey planes were active again over Bn Area.

1425 Bn moved out again still using attached QM trucks.

1530 Bn arrived in Essenheim and detrucked. Cos are now moving into position NE of town. Present plans call for an attack at dusk. We are to go through elements of TF Spiess to secure Bretzenheim.

1535 CP closed in Essenheim. (305481)

1630 An L Co patrol is now going out to clear Ober-Ohm.

1700 Bn CP moved up to a Jagerhaus at (325503).

1715 Bn INT SEC left on patrol to see if Ober-Ohm is clear .

1730 Major Stotler came to the CP to discuss the impending attack. We are going to jump early in the morning.

1745 Bn Int Sec returned and reported town clear and S-1 left to find a CP. One prisoner was taken.

1800 Bn CP moved to Ober-Ohm.

2300 An I Co patrol left to check Bretzenheim.

21 March 45 - Wednesday286th Day
68th Day in GermanyBretzenheim

0330 L Co was o/a by ey inf ~~supported by two tanks~~. Attack was directed against crossroads at 325503, and was repulsed w/o any casualties. One ammo jeep belonging to K Co was destroyed. Considerable mortar and arty fell in the vicinity of the crossroads.

0550 Bn CO and OP party left for the Cos.

0600 K and I Cos moved out under cover of darkness.

0600 Further story on the counter attack: Attack occurred at 0215 and was made up of a 50man raiding party. The ey knocked out one tank by blowing up the breech block. Ey mortar fire blew up a K Co jeep and also destroyed some 4.2 ammunition. One PsW was taken and several were killed.

0640 Cos are now at Bretzenheim.

0740 I CO is now in Bretzenheim and requests aid men. Report they are receiving arty and tank fire.

0830 Regtl CO came to CP.

0930 Cos are still mopping up Bretzenheim and Bn CO believes it will take all morning to clear. They have already taken 50-60 PsW and are also having trouble with civilians.

1200 Regtl CO came to CP and informed us that the first Bn would split our sector in Mainz.

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- 1330 S-3 and S-1 left for Bretzenheim to give GO new boundary and pick new CP. Chap Sidoti reports considerable mines and booby traps. We have captured 100 PsW and have suffered 20 wounded and five killed.
- 1620 Bn S-3 returned from town and reported we now have 30 wounded and 6 killed. Co K is cleaning out NW of town. Co I with part of the tanks and Co L is at the edge of Bretzenheim. A water tower first street SW of town apparently containing an arty OP was under direct fire from a TD. There are also some flak units in the woods E of town which are being taken under 81 mm mortar fire.
- 1830 Men on Paris furlough returned
- 1845 A PA Propagander setup went to Bretzenheim.
Bn CP moved up to Bretzenheim (367587).
Broadcast is being made by PA system and directed at Krauts at N edge of town. Rest of the evening past with troops outposting the town. PsW to-day was 172.

22 March 45 - Thursday287th Day
89th day in GermanyBretzenheim

- 0545 Bn GO and OP party left.
- 0600 Troops jumped off.
- 0745 Bn is now past Zalbach and entering the outskirts of Mainz. Only resistance consisted of some s/a and some mortar fire.
- 0800 Bn is now overlooking the railroad tracks and getting all set to jump off. A PA broadcast is now being made.
- 1025 The Bn now has 110 PsW and Major Bryan requests we send them back. He suggested sending a few of them back to their lines to talk some more into surrendering.
- 1100 Unicorn 5 came to CP.
- 1205 We now have a total of 146 PsW with more coming in all the time. K Co has now secured blocks 53, 54 and 55 which places them on the river.
- 1245 GO reports receiving fire from an SP gun at their left rear.
- 1300 Regtl CO came to visit the CP!
A road block at 373555 is preventing us from getting supplies and other vehicles up.
- 1500 Major Stotler came to CP and discussed coming operations. Capt Jaffray left for Mainz to set up CP. S-3 was informed that he leaves to-morrow for school in Paris. Lt Crotty also leaves to-morrow for Verdun to get married.

23 March 45 - Friday288th Day
90th day in GermanyBretzenheim

- 0800 Cos started the day by eating B rations.
Regtl order informed us that we would be relieved by 1st Bn and revert to Regtl reserve in Bretzenheim.
- 1200 1st Bn commenced relieving our Bn.
- 1300 Bn alerted for possible move to-morrow or early this evening.
- 1515 Regtl VO! Have quartering party report to Regt immediately.
- 1530 Quartering party left.
- 1630 Still nothing definite. Bn will move to vicinity of Dalheim.
- 1830 Relief of our Cos completed.
- 1900 Regtl VO. WE will not move to-night but will move sometime to-morrow. We are to send quartering party to Regt in the morning. Party will go to a different area than was announced before. Six rounds of arty just fell into town.

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24 March 45 - Saturday289th Day
71st day in GermanyLeeheim

0130 Regtl MO received.
 0300 Bn MO issued.
 0700 Quartering party left for Selzen.
 0800 Bn moved out on attached transportation.
 0930 Troops closed in Selzen after passing through Oderohm, Niederohm, Sorgenlock and Mahnheim.
 1100 A meeting of all O's in the Bn was held in the CP.
 1130 Regtl CO came to the CP.
 1200 S-1 left for Regt with quartering party.
 1400 Mass was held in the village church.
 1445 All Bn organic transportation moved out.
 1510 Foot troops moved out.
 1600 Organic transportation closed in vicinity of Leeheim after crossing the Rhine. It took a vehicle about 2 minutes 20 seconds to cross at 15 MPH.
 1835 2 ey planes passed over Leeheim and did some strafing on the road outside of town.
 1925 Foot elements arrived in vicinity of Leeheim.
 2015 Regtl FO for to-morrow recieved. The walk to-day was hot and dusty. All men had sore feet especially those still wearing shoe-pacs. The hike was about 10 miles.
 2045 A bomb dropped quite close to the CP.
 2200 Bn march order issued.

25 March - 45 - Sunday290th Day
72nd day in GermanyLangen

0545 S-1 left for Greisheim.
 0600 Recon party of Bn CO, and all Co COs left to recon LD area. 1st group of troops left on vehicles.
 0630 Lt Jones returned from a road recon with 16 Psw.
 0800 CP moved up to Greisheim.
 Maj Bryan reports troops are moving from assy area to LD.
 0820 Regtl message. Captured documents states an SS Bn to be committed in sector. Location not stated. Be on lookout for possible c/a.
 0900 L and I now have crossed the LD.
 0930 I is nearing 149.
 1000 Cos are now between PL1 and PL 2.
 1100 Cos are now entering town.
 1110 S-1 left for Weiterstadt (605455).
 1200 Regtl VO. Move to obj I. CP closed in Weiterstadt.
 1230 A meeting of all Co COs was held to plan this afternoons attack.
 1300 Cos moved out on organic transportation plus 8 TDs, Tanks.
 1400 L Co arrived in Grapenhausen.
 I Co is moving on tanks and TDs to objective.
 1430 Cos are now on PL 3.
 1530 Cos are now on obj I.
 1630 CP is now at Erzhausen.
 1730 Cos are now at Engelsbach. No opposition.
 1830 CP is now at Englesbach.
 1940 Tps have now cleared Langen and the CP closes theree.

26 March 45 - Monday291st Day
73rd day in GermanyObersthausen

0400 RegtlFM dtd 25 March 45 received.
 0530 An unusually heavy arty and mortar barrage fellin and around Langen.

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0800 A mtzd patrol from I Co left to recon left flank and a patrol from K Co left to recon right flank.

0815 I Co moved out on trucks following recon patrol. They are to be followed K, L and M Cos.

0915 Cos now have cleared obj R, town of Dreieichenhain.

0930 GP moved to Dreieichenhain. Cos are now moving to obj T.

1030 K Co now at 190.

1130 L Co captured 13PsW in woods north of town.

1145 I Co patrol leader reported running into ey in woods just N of 190. One man was killed and the SCR-300 was knocked out. A civilian claims there are at least 750 men in the woods with machine guns. Patrol leader also reported taking 14 PsW in the vicinity of 72.

1200 GP moved up to Neuhof.

1305 Bn is now at Obj X.

1400 Cos are now at 206.

1500 GP moved up to Strasser-Warter. Troops have now almost cleared Heusenstamm. Total PsW count thus far is 38.

1510 GP moved up to Heusenstamm.

1520 112 PsW were just now gathered up from woods N of town.

1830 Regtl VO. Hold up at 212. Our Bn is now reported at 212.

1900 CP moved up to Obersthausen.

2200 Regtl VO. Attack to-morrow at 0600 to secure river line. Total PsW for day: 163.

27 March 45 - Tuesday292nd Day
74th day in GermanyDietesheim

0600 Bn moved out with L on left, K on right and I in reserve.

0715 Mtzd patrol from K Co reports 215 clear and moving on to 235.

0800 Cos now have cleared X-3, the town of Lammerspiel.

0900 Mtzd patrol reports 235 clear.

0910 Cos are now at X-4, the town of Dietesheim.

2000 CP moved up to Dietesheim.

2130 Regtl FO no. 37 dtd 27 March 45 received.

28 March 45 - Wednesday293 Day
75th day in GermanyMittelbuchen

0235 I Co moved up from Langen to Dietesheim.

0350 L and K Cos are now across the Main river.

0430 I Co and forward CP are now across. Assault Cos are now near PL 1. Fwd CP set up in Dornigheim.

0540 K Co has passed the RR tracks.

0550 L Co has crossed PL 2 and is approaching 3.

0615 L Co is now past PL A.

0630 Cos are now past PL 3

0700 Cos are now past PL 4

0715 2 jeeps are now across. The wire to fwd CP is also in. Cos are approaching obj H.

0750 Cos are now at Obj H.

0805 Cos are now at PL B and request permission to go to obj J.

0820 Armor has passed through obj J and it is now clear.

0825 Regtl VO. Move to J.

0910 Obj J, the town of Mittelbuchen - secured.

0920 Rear CP moved across the river to Dornigheim.

0930 We now have 5 PsW.

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1120 Fwd CP moved up to the the town of Mittelbuchen.
1300 Regtl VO! We will probably remain here to-night.
1600 Bn received 2 O's and 120 EM as reinforcements. Most of them
had left the states March 7.
2230 Regtl FM no. 1 dtd 28 March 45 received.
2300 Bn VO issued to the Cos.

29 March 45 - Thursday294th Day
76th day in GermanyKilianstaden

0750 Regtl VO. Be prepared to move out on 30 minute notice. Cos
were notified.
0800 2 O's and 10 EM left for Paris this morning.
1030 Regtl VO. We will probably not move to-day. Await further orders.
1135 Regtl VO. Be prepared to move to-day. When and where not stated.
1200 Regtl VO. Move out to town of Kilianstaden and outpost town.
1205 Bn VO to Cos. Be ready to leave at 1230.
1305 Bn clears town in following order: I, K, L, M and HQs.
1400 Bn closed in Kilianstaden.
CP at (801782)
2100 Information overlay dtd 29 March 45 received.
2130 Co COs were called to CP to discuss plans.
2210 Regtl VO. Be prepared to move at 0700 to-morrow.

30 March 45 - Friday295th Day
77th day in GermanyGedern

0215 Regtl FO no. 38 dtd 29 March 45 received.
0700 Still waiting for movement order. Cos passed a quiet night.
0745 Regtl asst S-3, Capt Shipe, came to CP and requested a mtzd
patrol of two jeeps to escort Col Bealke to 359 Regtl CP. Bn
Int Sec was used.
0935 Regtl VO. Move Bn to Altenstadt.
1115 Closed in Altenstadt after passing through Windecken, Helden-
bergen.
1130 Bn CP closed in Altenstadt (861880)
1145 TF Morris (I Co, Tanks and TDs) moved out to establish
3 road blocks.
1150 Rest of the Bn moved to assembly area in Lindheim. (888888)
1210 Bn CP closed in Lindheim (888888).
1215 Regtl VO. Move to Bleichenbach.
1330 Bn CP closed in Bleichenbach (933930)
1345 L Co went to Rohrbach to clear out town.
1410 L CO reports town clear. Is ordered to return.
1430 Regtl CO came to CP and said if second Bn can't clear situation
to there front we will have to move there.
1600 Regtl CO gave verbal order to move to Herzenhain and set up
road block at 025998.
1630 Bn arrived at Herzenhain. K was sent to 025998 and L set up block
at 997980. Large Polish population in Herzenhain gave us a most
enthusiastic reception.
1745 Maj Bryan leaves for Regtl CP with Lt Rudes for further orders.
1815 CO returned from Regt with orders to proceed to Gedern.
1915 Bn CP closed in Gedern (041037)
K Co is outposting Burkards, L Co is outposting Gedern, I Co
is in Bn reserve.

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31 March 45 ' Saturday296th Day
78th day in GermanySandlofs

0400 Regtl FM no. 1 dtd 302100 March 45 received.
We are to attack toward the NE motorized.

0800 We left Gedern in the following order: L, K, L, M, 4.2, I and Hqs.

1230 Bn closed in Schlitz after passing through Stockhausen,
Mus, Eichenau and Bad Salztzschlief. No opposition or enemy
was encountered.

1330 Regtl CO came to CP and ordered us to proceed to Sandlofs.

1430 Fwd GP closed in Sandlofs. Rear GP will be maintained until
I Co is relieved by 2nd Bn. K Co is at Frau Rombach 325323
maintaining a roadblock and L Co is at Schlotzen 349340 doing
the same.

1800 Received a report from a civilian of 34 ey near the town of
Schlitz. Bn INT Sec and a squad from I Co was sent.

2100 Patrol returned with 34 Psw. They were Russians who chose to
be in the wehrmacht for the better treatment it afforded.