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UNIT JOURNAL*L-760*1 April 45 - Sunday297th Day
79th day in GermanySandlofs

- 0015 Regtl FM no. 2 dtd 312230 March 45 rec'd. Be prepared to pull out at 0800. Atck NE mtzd.
- 0215 Series of explosions were heard at the E edge of town.
- 0245 United called and said that one of their amo trucks was on fire. Sabotage suspected. The explosions sounded like a tank counter-attack.
- 0400 Bn FO unnumbered dtd 1 April 45 sent to Cos. Bn will move in two series - 1) K, I, M and 4.2 mortars. 2) L and Hqs Cos.
- 1100 Eleven Krauts came wandering into town. We directed them to the nearest PW cage. Still awaiting orders.
- 1400 Regtl VO. Stand by! We will probably not move to-day.

2 April 45 - Monday298th Day
80th day in GermanyAubach

- 0030 Regtl FM no. 3 dtd 010200 April 45 rec'd. See file.
- 0645 Mtzd patrol leaves. Plan of atck and order of march is to be the same as was planned for yesterday.
- 0730 Bn closes out in Sandlofs.
- 0830 Ey planes overhead strafed rear somewhere. No apparent damage.
- 1045 Bn CP closed in Dittlofrod after passing thru Langenschwartz, Wehrda, Neukirchen and Oberstoppel.
- 1400 Bn CP closed in Oberlenksfeld. Regtl VO. Proceed to line Y.
- I545 I Co reports Ausbach clear. Regt. reports ey in strength in woods E of Ransbach.
- 1645 K Co patrol leader reports capturing 44 Krauts at Bengendorf. He had 1 man seriously wounded.
- 1815 Bn CP closes in Aubach. LCo reports contact with ey E of Ransbach.
- 1820 I Co is now at Heimboldshausen.
- 2105 Bn PsW cage reports 22 inmates amongst which were 3 SS and also a few in civilian clothes.
- 2130 L Co closes in Aubach. Reports 4 light casualties for the day. They collected one wounded Kraut. K Co is at Ransbach.
- 2400 Rest of the evening passed quietly. Total PW count was 67. Four slightly wounded were evacuated. K Co patrol casualty died before reaching the aid station.

3 April 45 - Tuesday299th Day
81st day in GermanyVacha

- 0045 Regtl FM unnumbered dtd 03001 April 45 rec'd. See file.
- 0615 All Co COs came to the CP for briefing. We jump off in the attack at 0730. I Co will be on the left. K Co on the right and L Co in reserve. Regtl Obj A is town of Vacha.
- 0720 Bn CO and OP party leave CP.
- 0755 Bn S-1 leaves with quartering party.
- 0810 I and K Cos are at PL1.
- 0845 Bn CP closes out.
- 0900 Bn CP closes in Ransbach.
- 1025 Bn S-1 leaves with quartering party to establish fwd CP.

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1045 I Co is 2 Km short of Vacha waiting for K Co to come up. L Co is at PL 3.

1110 Rear CP closes out.

1125 Bn CP closes in Glaam. From the CP we can see the pall of smoke over the town of Unter Breizbach which we set afire after civilians fired on American troops.

1235 K Co reports engaging the enemy at Vacha.

1315 I Co reports 18 PsW as result of fight one and a half Km short of Vacha near Philippsthal. L Co is committed and sent to Vacha. Reports being fired on by 20 mm gun enroute.

1345 Regtl VO. Proceed to PL B (Felda River) as soon as possible.

1620 Bn CP closes in Philippsthal.

1645 We now hold three quarters of Vacha and are receiving heavy mortar fire. Also 20mm AA fire from high ground on left of town.

1805 Town of Vacha reported all clear.

1840 Ey planes dropped a bomb a short distance to the NW of this town. Later report informed us that bomb had dropped near the Regtl CP. There were casualties.

1915 Bn CP closes in Vacha.

2140 Troops reported on Regtl Obj B which is roughly the River Felda line

2400 The rest of the day was spent quietly. I Co is on line bet 641513 and 650508 curving to the north while L Co is between the same coordinates but curving to the south. K Co is outposting the S edge of Vacha.

Final PW count - 39.

4 April 45 - Wednesday300th Day
82nd day in GermanyImmelborn

0100 Regtl FM no. 5 dtd 3 April rec'd. See file.

0430 Bn VO issued. We atck E. I Co on left, L Co on right and K Co in reserve

1650 Bn CO and OP party leave CP.

0755 Bn S-1 and quartering party leave to establish fwd CP in Dorn-dorf which troops just cleared without firing a shot.

0900 Bn CP closes in Dorndorf.

1030 Cos have cleared Merkers just across the Felda River.

1040 Bn S-3, Lt Clark, returns from Paris furlough.

1130 Bn CP closes in Merkers. Motor Pool vehicles will have to wait until planking of the RR bridge is completed.

1215 Assault troops have cleared Kaiseroda and CP is moving there now.

1245 Troops have cleared to PL C.

1320 Bn CP closes in Kaiseroda.

1430 L Co has cleared Langenfeld.

1550 K Co mtzd patrol reports enemy at Immelborn. It is the first contact we've had to-day.

1555 A few rounds of heavy high velocity Arty landed near Kaiseroda and it is the first ey Arty we've heard in quite a few weeks.

1635 I Co crossed the River Werra and cleared Barchfeld. L Co is in Immelborn.

1705 Regtl. VO. Send K Co to secure bridge N of BadSalzungen.

1810 Bn CP closed in Immelborn.

2000 K Co with our atchd armor crossed bridge and joined I Co at Barchfeld.

2300 Regtl VO. Continue the atck E to-morrow morning.

2400 Capt Morris is now Major.

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5 April 45 - Thursday301st Day
83rd day in GermanyBad Liebenstein

0010 Bn VO. Cos will move E at 0700. I and K in assault with L Co in reserve.

0700 Maj Bryan and OP party move fwd.
 Bad Liebenstein is our first obj. Last night a committee from the town came to I Co and said there would be no resistance and not to fire on the town.

0845 Bn CP closes in Barchfeld. Report from leading elements that Bad Liebenstein has surrendered without a fight. There are over 1200 hospitalized German soldiers in the town.

0915 Bn CP closed in Bad Liebenstein. I Co reports Bairoda clear.

0950 Regtl VO. Hold up at Bad Liebenstein and await further orders. Bn CIC detachment was formed. They are a committee of four men whose duty it is to examine the papers of all male citizens between 16 and 40 years of age.

1105 Gen Earnest, Div CG, visited CP and said we would hold up here but continue recon patrols.

1630 The CP was transferred to another part of town to a fine mansion as we've seen to date. We are still waiting further orders.

1750 Maj Bryan left for Regt to attend a Bn CO meeting. Problem discussed was non-fraternization. To-day is Maj Bryan's Birthday and all O's in the Bn Hqs group were invited for dinner. Lt Mateyco is now Captain.

2400 Final PW count for the day was 200 taken from Bad Liebenstein and Bairoda.

6 April 45 - Friday302nd Day
84th day in GermanyImmelborn

0900 Regtl VO. Wait for relief and then quarter troops in Immelborn.

0930 Bn S-1 and quartering party leave for Immelborn.

1000 Bn COs of the Regt relieving us came to the CP to discuss the situation. They are the 345 Regt of the 87th Inf Div.

1205 Cos report that relief is being effected.

1400 Relief is complete.

1530 Bn CP closes in Immelborn. Men from Paris furlough have returned.

1630 Meeting of Co COs was held at the CP. Problems discussed pertained to non-fraternization and discipline.

2100 A British Sgt came to the CP and claimed to be one of 200 escaped prisoners. He said that they had been POW for five years. Arrangements were made for the group to be evacuated.

2400 PW count for the day was 64 which had come wandering out of the woods.

7 April 45 - Saturday303rd Day
86th day in GermanyImmelborn

0700 Regtl Info overlay dtd 6 April 45 received. See file.

0800 Catholic services were held in the village church.

1000 Protestant services were held in the village church.

1130 A movie was shown to the Bn in one of the village recreation halls.

1800 FM no. 6 dtd 7 April 45 received. See file. The movie will be in reserve.

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and stayed for supper.
1900 Two O's and 6 BM (RTD) rejoined the Bn.
2000 Bn FO no. 6 dtd 7 April 45 rec'd by Cos. See copy in file.

8 April 45 - Sunday 304th Day Heidersbach
86th day in Germany

0925 Col Kerr, of the Paris OCS, came to the Bn CP and will remain a few days. He wants to observe a Bn in action.
0945 Maj Morris, Bn Exec O, leaves us to take over command of the 2nd Bn. Capt Jaffray assumes the position of Exec O, and Lt Crotty assumes command of the Co.
1240 Bn closed in Heidersbach after passing thru Barchfeld, Breitung, Herrenbreitungen, Haindorf, Schmalkalden, Springstille, Herges Hallenberg, Bernbach and Zella Mehlis.
1630 K and L Cos moved out to Stutzerbach to protect Regtl left flank.
1800 K and L are in Statzerbach. I Co is in Heidersbach in Bn reserve.

9 April 45 - Monday 305th Day Stutzerbach
87th day in Germany

0900 Bn CP closed in Stutzerbach high in the Mts. It is fairly cold here.
1100 K and L Cos move out to form rd blks N of town. K at (189321) L at (200330)
1200 We received a report that the salt mine which I Co captured near Philippsthal contained billions of dollars in gold, diamonds and currency.
1500 Gen Earnest, Div CG, and Lt Col Schultz, Regtl actg CO visited CP to discuss the situation. The Gen said that local security should be emphasized in this type of terrain.
1810 23 reinforcements (RTD) were distributed to there Cos.
1815 Lt Rice assumes duties of asst S-2.
1830 Regtl verbal warning order. Be prepared to move out at 0730 to-morrow morning.
1900 K and L Cos return to Stutzerbach except for one squad of L Co at 200330 maintaining a rd blk.

10 April 45 - Tuesday 306th Day Stutzerbach
88th day in Germany

0700 Regtl FM no. 7 dtd 09 April 45 rec'd. See file. Third Bn is still in reserve and will be ready to move in bounds. Also be prepared to furnish flank support.
0800 Regtl VO. Bn is in Div reserve and will not move to-day. Wait for further orders.
1100 One platoon of I Co is sent to form a rd blk at 220318.
1700 Lt Clark, Bn S-3, and Lt Jones Bn A & P Officer, on a road reconnaissance ran into a defended rd blk at 235342 just S of Illnau. There were at least 50 ey in the surrounding woods and they managed to get one prisoner. He was in the SS.
1900 Movie was shown to the Bn in the local theater.
2000 Regtl VO. Be prepared to move at 0730 to-morrow morning.
2200 I Co reports a patrol of Jerries trying to invade their CP in Stutzerbach. One was shot and captured. The others escaped into the woods.

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11 April 45 - Wednesday307th Day
89th day in GermanyMohrenbach

- 1045 Regtl VO. Move out immediately to town of Mohrenbach.
 1400 Bn CP and Cos close in Mohrenbach after passing thru Neustadt.
 1500 I Co is committed and sent to form an outpost N of Willmersdorf.
 1700 I Co closes in Willmersdorf with no opposition.
 1800 Four Air Corp men, two O's and two non-coms, join us to observe infantry in action.
 2400 Cos spent most of the day resting and lounging in the sun.

12 April 45 - Thursday308th Day
90th day in GermanyGraphenthal

- 0600 Regtl FM no. 6 dtd 11 April 45 rec'd - see file. We are still in reserve.
 0950 Regtl VO. Move out to Katzhutte immediately.
 1030 Bn closes in Katzhutte after passing thru Gross Breitenbach and Oelze.
 1100 Regtl VO. We are committed and are to move out and take Graphenthal.
 1130 K Co moves out in assault mounted on tanks and TDs. Also atchd are 1 plat of 81mm mortar and a plat of heavy MGs. L, I and M Cos follow. Bn is mtzd using 7 twoand-a-half ton trucks, 1 plat of Regtl AT, and the Bn AT plat.
 1500 Bn CP closes in Wallendorf.
 1730 Bn CP closes in Lippelsdorf.
 1820 Bn CP closes in Gebersdorf.
 2030 Bn CP closes in Graphenthal. It's raining pretty hard after a day of nice weather. The troops encountered a few rd blks to-day but no organized resistance. We covered about 30 Km and captured 19 PsW, all stragglers.

13 April 45 - Friday309th Day
91st day in GermanyWurzbach

- 0515 Regtl FM no. 9 dtd 12 April 45 rec'd. See file. Attach continues SE. Regtl Obj is Lobenstein. We are to reach Wurzbach.
 0730 L Co moves out in assault with two plats of tanks, 1 plat of TDs, and a section of heavy MGs. I, K and M Cos follow in that order.
 0945 Bn CP closed in Probstzella passing through Zopten.
 1630 Bn CP closes in Wurzbach. Towns cleared to-day were Kleinandorf, Schlaga, Grossgeschwenda, Lichtentanne, Steinbach, Schmiedebach, Weitesberga, Heberndorf, Ossla, Klettigshemmer and Wurzbach.
 1900 Regtl FM no. 10 dtd 13 April rec'd. See File. We continue attack to-morrow and will attempt to sieze bridge over Saale River in our sector.
 2400 We gathered 49 PsW to-day and had no casualties. At Heberndorf L Co reported two barrages of Nebelwerfer. No damage sustained.

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14 April 45 - Saturday310th Day
92nd day in GermanyBerg

- 0730 Bn moves off in assault in the same order as yesterday. We are still mtzd on atchd and organic transportation.
- 0815 Logenstein is reported clear. Just as the OP party arrived a German locomotive went steaming thru the town and took off. Everyone was too surprised to fire.
- 0900 Bn CP closes in Logenstein. Recon reveals no bridges intact in our area.
- 1100 We secure permission to use a bridge in the 2nd Bn area.
- 1330 Bn crossed thr Saale River.
- 1400 Bn closes in Issigau.
- 1430 Troops move out to cut autobahn in the vic of Berg.
- 1700 Troops report running into numerous small groups of disorganized ey going in every direction. They were mounted on all types of vehicles including two tanks.
- 1800 Bn CP closed in Berg. Towns cleared to-day were Heinersdorf, Helmsgrun, Lobenstein, Unterlemnitz, Lichtenbrunn, Harra, Issigau, Reitzenstein, Rothleithen, Greisbach, Kohlbuhl, Neuhaus, Berg, Hadermannsgrin, Bruck, Schlegal, Rudolfstein, and Eisenbuhl.
- 2330 Regtl FM no. 11 dtd 14 April 45 rec'd. We are to attack and secure Hof plus all intact bridges in that city.

15 April 45 - Sunday311th Day
93rd day in GermanyHof

- 0730 I Co moves off with atchd Tanks and TDs. K and L are sweeping woods on left and right of road.
- 0930 I Co reports trouble in Koditz.
- 1030 Bn CP closes in Koditz amidst all the shooting.
- 1200 Koditz reported cleared. 85 PsW were taken and one German tank was knocked out. I Co suffered two killed and two wounded.
- 1230 Troops leave Koditz heading toward Hof.
- 1500 Bn fwd CP closes in Vogelheerd.
- 1530 Troops reported on the outskirts of Hof.
- 1530 Six rounds of screaming meemie fell in Vogelheerd and resulted in two light casualties.
- 1700 Bn CP closes in Hof.
- 2000 I. K and L Cos are all in Hof having a house to house street fight. This town is about 4 sq Kms and there are many houses to search. Quite a few SS uniforms were found and the people claimed that they were discarded in favor of civilian clothes. There is sniping going on all over town. German soldiers are using small arms, Mgs and Panzerfaust. In one block of houses where resistance was quite stubborn, C2 was used to get the soldiers out of the houses. By nighfall we had gathered 750 PsW in the town.
- 1930 Cos have settled down for the night. 3 German soldiers attempting to flee the city are shot by guards. They were trying the novel expedient of carrying one of their number on a stretcher. When the guard called for them to halt, the man on the litter got off and started running faster than the others.
- 2430 Regtl WC. Is continue to clear town in the morning and then move to the 1st ground to the N. Reg spot bridges and has 1st Bn bridge here east of Hoflet over the Saale River.

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16 April 45 - Monday312th Day
94th day in GermanyLeimitz

0730 Cos continue to mop up in Hof
 0900 Regtl CO visits CP to discuss plans for this afternoon. We are to take Leimitz on the high ground to the East.
 1000 Cos report Hof clear. A few German Officers preferred suicide to capture taking their wives with them.
 1030 Regtl CO came to the CP and told us to move out to the E as soon as possible.
 1645 Bn CO and OP party move out to check bridges.
 1100 I and K Cos join L Co on the other side of the River with atchd tanks and TDs.
 1330 Leimitz reported clear.
 1530 Bn CP closes in Leimitz.
 1700 All Cos reported in position. I Co is outposting area between Neu Tauperlitz and Dobertz. K Co is outposting between Neu-Gattendorf and Dobertz. L Co in Bn reserve is billeted in a group of factory buildings just E of Leimitz.
 2400 PsW count for the day was 42. The kitchens joined us this evening in preparation for hot chow in the morning.

17 April 45 - Tuesday313th Day
95th day in GermanyLeimitz

0800 Catholic services were held in the village church.
 1330 A meeting was held of all the O's in the BN and problems discussed were looting, non-fraternization and administration problems.
 1440 Protestant services were held in the village church.
 1500 All German weapons and cameras were turned in to be confiscated. We are also to turn in all German vehicles and trailers.
 2000 Regtl VO. Send a combat team into Czechoslovakia to-morrow.

18 April 45 - Wednesday314th Day
96th day in GermanyDohlau

0800 I Co with a platoon of tanks, TDs, plus a section of heavy MGs, radio jeep and aid jeep, and the Regtl I & R plat move out to Czechoslovakia.
 0805 Bn CO and OP party plus Bn S-2 section also take off with task force.
 0955 Leading elements with Lt Rudes in the lead enter Czechoslovakia. Some enemy prepared MG positions were overrun before the surprise Jerries had a chance to fire. About 41 PsW were gathered and the task force withdrew.
 1100 Regtl warning order. Be prepared to move S this afternoon.
 1130 Regtl VO. Move out to the SE for about 5 Kms.
 1400 Cos move off in assault with L Co in lead and K and I following in that order.
 1530 Lead elements enter Dohlau against slight resistance. A few of the houses in town are on fire from previous shell fire by 357th Regt.
 1730 Bn CP is closed in Dohlau. I Co is at Oder Katzau in Bn reserve. K Co is outposting Jurlitz and L Co is on outpost bet I and K Cos.

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2330 Regtl FO no. 39 dtd 18th April 45 rec'd. See file. We continue the attack in the morning toward the SE. PSW count for the day - 36.

19 April 45 - Thursday315th Day
97th day in GermanyOberWeissenbach

0045 German munitions dump SE of town goes up in flames. It sounds just like a tremendous small arms fire fight.

0730 Cos move out in attack. K Co is on left, L Co is on right and I Co is in reserve. Their mission is to clear all enemy within the assigned zone.

0735 BN CO and OP party leave CP.

0800 Bn S-1, Lt Crotty, and quartering party leave for Wurlitz.

0900 Bn CP closes in Wurlitz. Troops report no resistance encountered thus far.

0945 Town of Quellenruth is reported clear.

0950 Bn CP closes in Quellenruth.

1030 Town of Pilgramsreuth is cleared. No resistance encountered. Unit on left reports tanks to their front. Regtl VO. Hold attack until further order.

1530 Cos move off again in attack clearing woods as they go.

1800 Cos had cleared about six sq kms of woods and two small towns.

1815 Bn CP closes in Ober Weissenbach. Cos are outposting edge of next patch of woods to the SE. PSW count - 49.

20 April 45 - Friday316th Day
98th day in GermanyKobersdorf

0655 FM no. 1 dtd 19 April rec'd. See file. Move out at 0730 toward the SE.

0730 Cos move out with K on left and L on right. I Co is in reserve.

1030 Bn CP closes in Hammergut. Cos report Thierstein clear.

1200 Bn CP closes in Thierstein.

1230 Thiersheim is reported clear.

1500 Bn CP closes in Theirsheim.

1800 Kobersdorf-Rothenbach line is secured. K Co cleared Rothenbach against a stubborn dug-in enemy. They suffered 3 killed and six wounded. It was the first organized enemy resistance encountered in quite a few weeks.

1830 Bn CP closes in Kobersdorf. Additional towns cleared to-day were Birkenbuhl, Stemmas, Leutenberg, Garmersreuth, Brand and Lorenzreuth. I Co spent day blocking Bn left rear. PSW count for the day - 153.

21 April 45 - Saturday317th Day
99th day in GermanyFalkenberg

0030 Regtl FM no. 9 dtd 20 April rec'd. See file. We continue the attack to the SE at 0730.

0645 K Co moves out mtzd to relieve elements of 90th Recon Trp holding three bridges in the vic of Grosschlattengrun.

0730 E Co on right and I Co on left move out on foot. They must comb woods as they go.

0830 Cos have cleared to EL I. See overlay.

1000 Bn CP closes in Grosschlattengrun passing through Wölsau Brand and Seussen.

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1200 By noon Cos had cleared woods up to RR tracks and took a noon lunch break.
 1230 Troops move out in the same formation sweeping more woods as they go.
 1500 Bn CP closed in Oberteich. Task force consisting of a platoon of L Co mounted on tanks charged down rt flank heading for Falkenberg.
 1700 L Co reports Falkenberg all clear.
 1800 Bn CP closed in Falkenberg passing through Wiesa and Schonheid.
 1900 Cos closed on line Perk- Falkenberg for the night. The terrain was most difficult to-day being swampy, woody and hilly. We covered about 28 Kms.
 PsW count- 65.

22 April 45 - Sunday318th Day100th day in GermanyWildenau

0100 Regtl FM no. 3 dtd 21 April 45 rec'd. See file. We continue atk SE at 0730.
 0730 Cos move off in attack with L Co on left, I Co on right and K Co in reserve.
 1100 Bn CP closed in Beidle.
 1400 Bn CP closed in Wildenau.
 1430 By this time Cos were closed in. I Co is bet Plossberg and Ellenbach. L Co is bet Ellenbach and Puckersreuth and K Co is in reserve at Wildenau. Terrain was fairly open to-day and towns cleared were Thann, Konnersreuth, Schonficht, Leng-enfeld, Leichau, Beidle, Albernhof, Plossberg, Wildenau, Schlattein and Ellenbach.
 1500 Protest services were held in the village church.
 2100 Regtl VO. Send motorized patrol to Flossenberg in the morning. This place is supposed to contain one of the worst concentration camps in all Germany.
 2110 Platoon of L Co sent to occupy Floss.
 PsW count for the day- 132.

23 April 45 - Monday319th Day
101st day in GermanyWaldthurn

0800 Catholic Services were held in the village church.
 1000 Mtzd patrol leaves for Flossenberg.
 1100 Protest services were held in the village church.
 1230 Patrol returns with 4 PsW and reports area clear. The concentration camp at Flossenberg which originally contained 16,000 inmates now had about 1160 most of whom were too sick to be moved. Some of them claimed that Schussnigg, the Austrian Premier, was shot there just a few days ago. They also said that Stalin's son had been there and was evacuated with the others.
 1300 Cos move out by shuttle system to Waldthurn clearing Konnersreuth, Gosen, Altenhammer, Plankenhammer, Niederfloss, Floss Flossenberg, Hofen, Goldbrun, Frankenrieth, Ottenrieth, Tottenrieth, OberBernrieth, Neuenhammer and Lennesrieth.
 1600 Bn CP closed in Waldthurn. I Co is outposting Neuenhammer-OberBernrieth line. K Co is outposting Waldthurn and L Co is in Bn reserve in Waldthurn.

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2200 Regtl FM no. 4 dtd 23 April 45 rec'd. We continue atck in the morning within zone.
PsW count for the day - 28.

24 April 45 - Tuesday320th Day
102nd day in GermanyEslarn

0200 Bn FO unnumbered dtd 23 April 45 sent to the Cos. See file. Advance continues to the SE.
0730 Cos move out with K on the rt, I on the left and L Co in reserve.
0745 Bn CO and OP party leave CP.
1000 K Co reports Pleystein clear.
1010 Bn fwd CP closes in Pleystein.
1045 I Co reports numerous rd blks obstructing their advance. K Co K Co reports engaging some enemy S of Pleystein which were driven across their front by elements of 357th Regt.
1100 K Co reports 3 killed and 6 wounded as a result of the fight. They killed at least five Jerries and took 30 PsW.
1515 Cos moved off from PL D.
1600 Fwd CP left for Burkhardtsrieth.
1830 Rear CP closed in Burkhardtsrieth after passing through Spielhof and Zengerhof. Cos are now 2 kms short of final obj.
1900 Cos have entered Eslarn.
2000 Entire Bn closed in Eslarn.
PsW count for the day - 68.

25 April 45 - Wednesday321st Day
103rd day in GermanyDietersdorf

0730 Regtl VO. Elements of 359 will pass through this Bn and we will cover there left flank blocking all enemy approaches from the E.
0740 Elements of 359 pass through our outposts.
1500 K Co moves out to set up 3 rd blks in the vic of Friedrichshang.
1630 I Co moved out to set up three rd blks in the vic of Stadlern.
1930 Bn CP closes in Dietersdorf.
We picked up 62 PsW to-day all stragglers and deserters.
2000 Bn Surgeon, Capt Bulger, leaves for Regt to take Maj Campell's place temporarily.

26 April 45 - Thursday322nd Day
104th day in GermanySchonau

1000 I Co foot patrol enters town of Schwarzbach- Svarcava and runs into about 75 Jerries. They withdrew leaving 1 seriously wounded and 2 unaccounted for.
1130 A German Lt and non-com came to I Co CP and said they had no medics to care for the wounded American and would we send someone to evacuate him. Bn Surgeon, Chaplain and Bn S-2 go to the town but GI was found dead. Lt Rudes gave the German garrison 15 minutes to surrender or we would level the town. They refused and the town was leveled. About 60 PsW were taken including the Jerry Lt and non-com.
1135 I Co moved out to form 3 rd blks at Dolhut, Horkut and Paadorf (all inside Czechoslovakia). K Co is relieved at Friedrichshang by 42nd Cav Sqd and goes into Bn reserve.

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2015 Bn is shown movie "going My Way" with Bing Crosby.
1430 Bn CP closes in Schönau.
PsW count - 97.

27 April 45 - Friday 323rd Day 105th day in Germany Hiltersried

1000 Regtl VO. This Bn will go into Regtl reserve and be relieved by the 1st Bn during the day,
1030 I Co reports relief is commencing.
1400 3 U.S. and 1 British PsW came through I and L Co lines this morning. The Britisher had been a PW for five years and the Americans had been captured at St Lo and were members of the 29th Div.
1430 Bn CP closes in Hiltersried.
1810 Cos are all relieved and closed. K Co is at Katzelried. I Co is in Loitendorf. L Co is in Stein.
1830 Movie "Going My Way" is shown again to all those who hadn't seen it yesterday.
PsW count for the day was 81.

28 April 45 - Saturday 324th Day 106th day in Germany Hiltersried

0700 Catholic services were held in the village church.
0800 All Cos were fed hot chow (10-1).
1000 Protestant services were held in the village church.
1100 K Co jeep patrol sent out to towns in the Regtl area just to let the people know that the Americans were still in the vicinity.
1300 12th Corp show entitled "Off Limits" was shown to the troops. The talent was very good and immensely enjoyed by all.
1430 K Co patrol returns. No incidents reported.
1500 Another performance of "Off Limits" shown.
1800 Final performance of the show to the remaining troops.
PsW count for the day - 62.

29 April 45 - Sunday 325th Day 107th day in Germany Hiltersried

0700 Catholic services held in the village church.
0900 Protest services held in the village church.
1100 Ordnance truck goes to Cos for inspections.
1300 USO show consisting of five acts of vaudeville shown to I and K Cos. The show was accompanied by the 90th Div Dance Band and was greatly enjoyed.
1530 Same show reviewed by rest of the Bn.
1900 Regtl WO. We atck to-morrow morning through 2nd Bn to cover about from LD. PW reports claim that this stretch of woods is very well defended.
2030 Regtl VO and Overlay rec'd. See file for overlay dtd 29 April 45.
2130 Bn MO unnumbered dtd 30 April 45 issued to Cos. See file.

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30 April 45 - Monday326th Day
1st day in CzechoslovakiaHoll

0630 Fwd CP, OP party and quartering party leave CP. Cos start moving out on atchd armor and trucks.

0750 Leading elements enter Czechoslovakia, detruck and move off on foot.

0815 Fwd CP moves up to 608029 just inside Czechoslovakia near town of Holl.

0930 Bn rear closes in Ast.

1030 Cos report two rd blks cleared and 12 PsW taken.

1100 Weather is turning very disagreeable. At present there is a strong wind blowing and it is snowing rather heavy.

1105 K Co reports ey arty fire from vic of Klenec and requests TOT on that town.

1125 I Co reports running into Mg fire at CernaReka.

1215 For the past 25 minutes some ey arty fire has been falling just to the rear of the Bn CP. One round fell about every four minutes.

1220 I and K Cos request litter bearers.

1400 Wounded tanker reports two of our tanks knocked out with one dead and eight wounded.

1440 OP reports hearing strange vehicular activity to the front and requests Cub observation.

1445 Cos are now about half way through woods. At present they are hunting the tank or SP gun which KOd our two tanks. Cos have thus far encountered fire from at least 2 80mm mortars, 2 120mm mortars, 2 150mm mortars and some tank or SP gun fire.

1450 OP reports Cos in heavy fire fight. Would like some of Regtl AT Co to watch flanks.

1505 Regtl CO said he wants us to clear woods before dark.

1520 K Co reports knocking out one ey tank and also taking four PsW. It is snowing quite heavily.

1615 Engr reports tank knocked out was a Mark IV. OP reports hearing ey tank off to the right.

1620 Regtl CO came to the CP and said he would get AT plat of 2nd Bn to assist us in blocking rds.

1800 OP reports Cos being held up by 2 tanks and 7 Mgs.

1930 Cos are in stiff fire fight and will not be able to gain obj by dark. They will attempt to form a defensive line along north side of main rd

2015 It is now necessary to abandon this plan because K Co has run into some 200 Krauts in the woods N of the road and I Co ran into some infilading fire when they attempted to get into position.

2030 Permission requested and granted to button up all Cos in place at Capartica. There is a very strong rd blk which is effectively preventing the advance of our armor.
PsW count for the day - 110.
Bn suffered some 40 casualties including 6 killed.