

309-0.3

(23038)
Master

Operation Report-European Campaign,
9th Infantry Division

Tab 45

1
P. 69

~~RESTRICTED~~

**WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON**

1-11
C-G
9
24



DO NOT REMOVE FROM THIS OFFICE

**WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.
HISTORICAL RECORDS SECTION**

ROOM MB 867 PENTAGON

CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

~~RESTRICTED~~

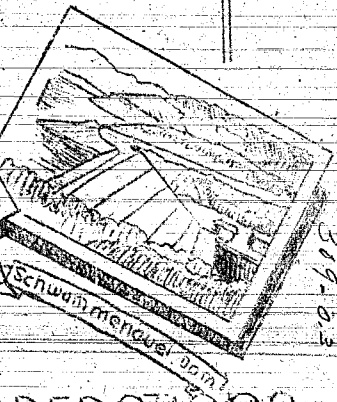
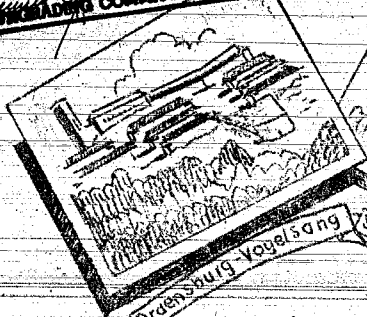
946

OPD
E To - 1

SECRET 0

the NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION

**CLASSIFICATION
CANCELLED**
AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Downgrading Committee



309-0.3

REPORT OF OPERATIONS

~~CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO
RESTRICTED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE~~

3 1945

MAY
JUN 19 1945

5425

SECRET

CP

WMA/2

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A.P.O. #9

SECRET
Auth: CG, 9th Inf Div
Indt:
Date: 5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Operations

TO : The Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

THROUGH: Commanding General, III Corps, A.P.O. #303

- SECTION I - Authority
- SECTION II - Introduction
- SECTION III - Report of Operations
- SECTION IV - Supply and Evacuation
- SECTION V - Personnel
- SECTION VI - Annexes: #1 - Field Orders
#2 - G-2 Report
#3 - Lessons Learned

SECTION I - AUTHORITY

In compliance with Paragraph 10 (C-4), AR 345-105, this report of operations of the 9th Infantry Division for the period 1 - 28 February 1945 is submitted.

SECTION II - INTRODUCTION

1. Command. During the operations covered by this report the 9th Infantry Division was part of V Corps from 1 - 17 February 1945, III Corps from 18 - 28 February, of the First U. S. Army.

- a. First Army - Lieutenant General COURTNEY B. HODGES
- b. V Corps - Major General CLARENCE R. HUEBNER
- c. III Corps - Major General JOHN MILLIKIN
- d. 9th Infantry Division - Major General LOUIS A. GRAIG

2. Composition of the 9th Infantry Division. During this period the Division was composed of the following units:

Organic

- 39th Infantry Regiment
- 47th Infantry Regiment
- 60th Infantry Regiment
- Hq and Hq Battery 9th Infantry Division Artillery
- 26th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm How)
- 34th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm How)
- 60th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm How)
- 84th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm How)
- 9th Reconnaissance Troop
- 9th Medical Battalion
- 709th Ordnance Company
- 9th Quartermaster Company
- Hq and Hq Company 9th Infantry Division
- 9th Signal Company
- 15th Engineer Battalion

- 1 -

SECRET

309-3

(5425)

Report of Oper. 9th Inf Div

Trans. 1st. 5425

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:

RESTRICTED

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
DOWNGRADING COMPLETE 17 Jul 76

Master
JUN 13 1946
5425

BOARD OF ADJUTANT GENERAL
 BY AUTHORITY OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
 B-77-33-10
 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SECRET

Attached and Detachments

Attached Detached

196th Field Artillery Battalion	20 Dec 1944	8 Feb 1945
Battery B 987th Field Artillery Battalion	27 Jan 1945	14 Feb 1945
76th Field Artillery Battalion	12 Feb 1945	17 Feb 1945
955th Field Artillery Battalion	13 Feb 1945	17 Feb 1945
2nd Platoon Battery C 226th AAA Searchlight Battalion	8 Feb 1945	12 Feb 1945
Company A 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion	29 Dec 1944	3 Feb 1945
2 Platoons Company C 90th Chemical Battalion	18 Feb 1945	
1 Platoon Company C 90th Chemical Battalion	22 Feb 1945	
Company A 86th Chemical Battalion	27 Jan 1945	3 Feb 1945
Company B 86th Chemical Battalion	27 Jan 1945	16 Feb 1945
2nd Ranger Battalion	6 Feb 1945	8 Feb 1945
309th Infantry	8 Feb 1945	12 Feb 1945
311th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion)	8 Feb 1945	10 Feb 1945
1st Battalion 311th Infantry	10 Feb 1945	12 Feb 1945
2nd Battalion 23rd Infantry	121730 Feb 1945	122015 Feb 1945
987th Field Artillery Battalion (less Batteries A and C)	19 Feb 1945	
400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion	19 Feb 1945	28 Feb 1945
254th Field Artillery Battalion	19 Feb 1945	

3. Maps. The following maps were used: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305, 5403, 5404, 5503.

SECRET
SECTION I - REPORT OF OPERATIONS

1. 1 February 1945

a. Division CP: K-913167, vic KALTERHERBERG, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack to the East, captured the key road junction at WAHLERSCHIED (F-002125), and the high ground to the North thereof. This enabled the 2nd Infantry Division to move North to the road junction and attack East abreast the 9th Infantry Division.

c. The 39th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) with 3rd Battalion 47th Infantry attached, attacked at 0830A to secure the key road junction at WAHLERSCHIED. The 2nd Battalion secured the objective late in the afternoon after reducing more than 12 pillboxes and more than 20 log bunkers, and capturing 4 Anti-tank guns. Company F, protecting the right rear of the 2nd Battalion, was kept under continuous pressure by encircled enemy attempting to escape to the East. The 3rd Battalion 47th Infantry moved abreast of the 2nd Battalion to protect its left flank. Against heavy small arms resistance, it succeeded in cutting the main WAHLERSCHIED - HARBERSCHIED road in the vicinity of F-007123. The 1st Battalion moved forward at 0630A to protect the left rear of the 2nd Battalion. It was engaged in a heavy fire fight during the entire day in the vicinity of K-9991145.

d. The 60th Infantry attacked at 1500A to clear out the woods on the Division left flank. Deep snow and enemy minefields hindered operations, but after a severe hand-to-hand fight, the objective, a strongpoint vicinity K-998157, was captured. This strongpoint was held against an enemy counterattack. The 3rd Battalion moved to an assembly area vicinity K-986146 prepared to continue the attack. The 2nd Battalion was relieved in place by the 102nd Cavalry Group, and moved to HOFEN in Regimental Reserve.

e. The 47th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) with 3rd Battalion 39th Infantry attached, attacked at 0730A with the mission of seizing the high ground East of the main HOFEN - WAHLERSCHIED road. By 1030A the mission had been accomplished without enemy resistance.

2. 2 February 1945

a. Division CP: K-913167, vicinity KALTERHERBERG, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack to the East and seized the high ground vicinity F-122155, F-033157, and F-013183.

c. The 60th Infantry attacked in column of battalions at 0730A. The 1st Battalion, leading the attack, was delayed until noon by small arms fire vicinity F-005150. The 3rd Battalion passed through the 1st Battalion at 1200A, and by 1500A had secured, against scattered opposition, the high ground vicinity F-033159.

d. The 47th Infantry attacked at 1600A to seize the high ground vicinity F-013183. The 1st Battalion after moving through the 60th Infantry captured and secured the objective in two hours. The 3rd Battalion 39th Infantry reverted to the 39th Infantry, and the 3rd Battalion 47th Infantry reverted to the 47th Infantry.

e. The 39th Infantry attacked to assist the 60th Infantry in securing their intermediate objective at F-012155. The mission was accomplished early in the afternoon.

3. 3 February 1945

a. Division CP: K-913167, vicinity KALTERHERBERG, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack to the East securing the towns of DREIBORN and HERRHORN and an important crossroad at HERRHORN.

c. The 60th Infantry attacked to secure DREIBORN and HERRHORN. The attack was started at 0400A. Moving with two battalions abreast, 1st on the right,

2nd on the left, the 60th Infantry cleared DREIBORN at 1710A after heavy house to house fighting. The 3rd Battalion immediately passed through the assaulting troops and secured the crossroad at HERMANN by 1910.

d. The 47th Infantry supported the attack of the 60th Infantry by attacking abreast of them on the North. The attack was started at 0200A. By 1735A, after establishing flank protection at F-035170 and clearing out bunkers at F-030183 and F-017189, the 1st Battalion had secured its objective, the high ground vicinity F-033179. The 2nd Battalion moving against small arms and artillery fire secured its objective, the draw vicinity F-041202. The 3rd Battalion also moving against small arms and artillery fire captured EINHUEHR by nightfall.

e. The 39th Infantry remained in Division Reserve for the greater part of the day. In the late afternoon the regiment moved forward preparatory to continuing the attack. At the close of the period the 1st Battalion was in HERMANN and the 2nd and 3rd Battalions were in DREIBORN.

4. 4 February 1945

a. Division CP: K-913167, vicinity KALTERBERG, GERMANY until 1120A; K-998158, vicinity HOFEN, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack to the East. The towns of VOGELSANG, WOLLSIEFEN and MORSBACH were captured and secured. The enemy was forced to abandon the dam at F-069235 and an enemy counterattack at HERMANN was beaten off. 356 prisoners were captured along with 18 heavy mortars, 8 field guns, 3-305mm howitzers, 2-88mm guns, several horse-drawn vehicles and 120mm mortar carriages, large quantities of small arms, machine guns and small arms and mortar ammunition. Two abandoned American quarter ton trucks and one quarter ton trailer were also recovered.

c. The 39th Combat Team continued the attack to the East, moving additional troops to HERMANN and to the high ground east of DREIBORN. The 1st Battalion met with stiff resistance from small arms fire as they passed through the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry. At 0200A, four or five enemy tanks were observed moving from the southeast and firing on our troops. Two enemy self-propelled guns appeared in HERMANN and assisted in holding up our advance with direct fire. Prisoner reports from two different sources mentioned the fact that there had been 30 German tanks in the vicinity for at least two weeks, waiting to get gasoline. However, artillery from the 9th and 2nd Division Artilleries plus all of the Corps Artillery within range broke up the tank threat from the southeast, and the counterattack in town was repelled by bazookas, anti-tank and artillery fire. After the counterattack subsided, 1st Battalion continued on to its objective and the 3rd Battalion moved forward to occupy MORSBACH and the high ground to the northeast.

d. In the 47th Infantry sector, the towns of VOGELSANG, WOLLSIEFEN and the area vicinity of the southeast end of the dam at F-069235 were secured. In moving to VOGELSANG, the 1st Battalion met very little resistance and captured an enemy regimental command post in operation complete with adjutant and sergeant-major. Following the capture of the town, Company A moved north at 1300A with the mission of securing the southeast end of the dam and the surrounding area. The company secured its objective easily, capturing a few prisoners plus two American quarter ton trucks and one quarter ton trailer abandoned by the enemy. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions moved out at 0530A from positions in EINHUEHR to take the town of WOLLSIEFEN. The 2nd Battalion advanced over the main road east to the southern part of town, encountering no resistance. Enemy in well dug-in positions surrendered without a fight. The 3rd Battalion moved over fairly open terrain to enter the northern part of town, accomplishing their mission also without resistance.

e. The 60th Infantry remained in position, assisted in repulsing an enemy counterattack, and were designated Division Reserve. The 3rd Battalion helped to beat off the enemy counterattack which delayed the advance of the 1st Battalion 39th Combat Team. The 3rd Battalion reorganized in position until 1800A, then moved to DREIBORN and rejoined the balance of the regiment which had remained in position throughout the period.

S E C R E T

5. 5 February 1945

a. Division CP: K-998158, vicinity HOFEN, GERMANY until 1615A; F-029194, vicinity DEDENBORN, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to mop up East to the river in its sector. Positions were consolidated, more high ground was occupied and plans and reconnaissance were initiated in preparation for future operations.

c. The 39th Combat Team attacked at 0730A to clear the remainder of its sector to the river. The 1st Battalion jumped off at 0730A with two companies in the attack. Soon after the jump off, several log bunkers were captured and the advance continued against scattered small arms, some fire from self-propelled guns, and increasing artillery fire. Company B reached its objective at 2150A. Company A was held up vicinity F-113186 by artillery and small arms fire and remained in position preparing to continue the attack prior to daylight in the morning. Company F attached to the 1st Battalion with the mission of protecting the right flank, advanced without opposition until held up by small arms fire from a building vicinity F-102174. This resistance was soon mopped up and the company moved on to its objective vicinity F-108174. Company I cleared the battalion sector to the river then went into position on the high ground vicinity F-105196.

d. The 47th Infantry remained in defensive positions in the towns of VOGELSANG and WOLLSEIFEN and on high ground vicinity of the dam (F-078235). Patrols of the 1st Battalion reached the vicinity F-072226, captured six prisoners and discovered a large number of civilians hiding in bunkers.

e. The 60th Infantry remained in Division reserve throughout the period, reorganizing, resupplying, and reconnecting in preparation for future operations.

6. 6 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-029194; vicinity DEDENBORN, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to hold positions in and near the town of WOLLSEIFEN, ORDENSBURG VOGELSANG, HERHAHN, MORSBACH and DREIBORN. The dam at vicinity F-078235 was also held secure.

c. Company A 39th Combat Team jumped off at 0530A to eliminate the resistance in the buildings to their front at HOHENFRIED (F-115188). The enemy was taken by surprise, most of them being asleep when the attack hit. A number of civilians were apprehended along with 43 prisoners. Companies K and L effected a mutual relief in positions at first light.

d. The 47th Infantry continued to hold in defensive positions and patrolled to the front and flanks.

e. The 60th Infantry remained in DREIBORN in reserve, rehabilitating and planning for possible future employment of the regiment.

f. Enemy artillery fire increased. An estimated 300 rounds fell in the sector, the heaviest shelling being in the area between HERHAHN and GEMUND. Our artillery fired three counterbattery missions plus the normal interdiction and harassing fire.

7. 7 February 1945

a. Division DP: F-029194; vicinity DEDENBORN, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to hold a defensive line F-078235 - ORDENSBURG VOGELSANG - F-094204 - F-106195 - HOHENFRIED - F-105170, with reserve units located in the towns of WOLLSEIFEN, HERHAHN, MORSBACH and DREIBORN.

S E C R E T

c. The 47th Infantry continued to defend in its sector, patrolling vigorously to the front and flanks. At 2000A, a searchlight demonstration was made in the 47th Infantry sector. The lights were set up in pairs at points F-023218, 023212, and 025210, so that one light out of each pair could be held in reserve for possible enemy air attack. Beams were directed northeast toward the area vicinity of F-080245. Results were very satisfactory. The night was very dark with visibility practically zero. With the light however, men in the front line positions could see for about 50 yards - the light being about as bright as the light from a half moon.

d. The 39th Combat Team continued to defend in its sector, patrolling vigorously to the front and flanks.

e. The 60th Infantry remained in DREIBORN in Division Reserve, continued rehabilitation and resupply, and conducted some training.

f. Enemy artillery was moderate, a total of 372 rounds falling within the sector. Our artillery fired 23 counterbattery missions plus the usual interdiction and harassing fires.

8. 8 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-029194, vicinity DEDENBORN, GERMANY until 1800A; F-004258, vicinity STRAUCH, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to defend in its sector until relieved by the 2nd Infantry Division at 1700A. The Division (less detachments) then commenced movement North to gain favorable positions for launching an attack on Dam #3 vicinity F-085272.

c. The 60th Infantry remained in Division reserve vicinity DREIBORN until orders were received for a movement North to vicinity SCHMIDT (F-0630). The movement was made without incident and all units had closed into new area by 2400A. From this vicinity, the Regiment made plans and preparations for advancing South-east to secure the ground to the river.

d. The 47th Infantry continued to hold defensive positions and patrolled vigorously to the front and flanks. At 1600A, in accordance with plans for future operations, elements 2nd Infantry Division began the relief of the 47th Infantry. At the close of the period, the Regiment was standing by prepared to entruck to move North to positions vicinity STRAUCH (F-0126) to become Division Reserve.

e. The 39th Combat Team continued to defend in its sector, maintaining patrols to the front and flanks. At 1500A, the Combat Team became attached to the 2nd Infantry Division and remained in position.

f. Effective at 2100, the 309th Infantry and 311th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) were attached to the 9th Infantry Division.

9. 9 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-004258, vicinity STRAUCH, GERMANY, until 1815; F-00952610, vicinity STRAUCH, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack southeast toward the ROER River, capturing the town of HASENFELD (F-096277), high ground overlooking Dam #3

SECRET

(F-085274), and cutting the road at F-08932822.

c. The 60th Infantry attacked in a column of battalions at 0530A to secure the ground North and West of the ROER River within its sector. The 2nd Battalion led the attack, followed by the 3rd Battalion with the 1st Battalion in reserve. The 2nd Battalion had advanced about 800 yards when they were stopped by small-arms, artillery, heavy mortar fire, and numerous mines. The 3rd Battalion was then committed to the left of 2nd Battalion to flank the resistance. Tanks were brought forward. After a sharp fight, the resistance was reduced and all high ground North of the river was secured. Company G, supported by tanks and tank destroyers moved into HASENFELD, fighting from house to house. Shortly after dark an enemy counterattack supported by 3 tanks, was beaten off and by 2300A all high ground in town was secured although several houses still remained to be mopped up.

d. The 47th Infantry moved from positions near HOLLSEIFEN to assembly areas vicinity ROLLESBROICH and STRAUCH, closing at 1300A. All areas were found to be heavily mined and booby trapped. The remainder of the day was spent in clearing these areas.

e. The 311th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) attacked from vicinity SCHMIDT at 0600A in conjunction with the attack of the 60th Infantry. Heavy resistance was met in the initial phases of the attack but the objective was taken by 1030A. By 1405A, the Regiment had pushed on to cut the road F-08932822 and from this point, moved on to secure the high ground overlooking the dam. Positions on the high ground were consolidated by 2400A.

f. The 309th Infantry moved out at 1810A to secure jump-off positions for the forthcoming attack across the dam. The objective was secured against scattered small-arms and moderate artillery and mortar fire.

10. 10 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-00952610; vicinity STRAUCH, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack, forcing the enemy to abandon all of his positions North and West of the ROER River in the sector. The town of HASENFELD (F-096277) and the North end of Dam #3 (F-086274) were captured and secured.

c. The 60th Infantry continued the attack toward the ROER River. Company G supported by tanks and tank destroyers continued mopping up in the town of HASENFELD. By 0430A, the town was cleared of enemy. Three enemy tanks, several anti-tank guns, a large ammunition dump, and seven prisoners were captured. Orders were received at 1200A to prepare to cross the river and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in making plans and reconnaissance for the night crossing. Company K was moved to high ground vicinity F-103268 to make a diversionary attack but at 1800A, the plan was cancelled.

d. The 47th Infantry remained in Division Reserve and prepared for future operations.

e. The 309th Infantry (attached) captured and secured the North end of Dam #3 (F-086274) and continued preparations for crossing to the other side. Patrols early in the period reported a gap of 50 feet blown in the roadway above the sluice. The sluice also had a crater 30 or 40 feet deep blown in it. These demolitions halted our attempts to cross the dam itself but reconnaissance was immediately initiated to find a suitable crossing site below the dam. Engineers began an examination of the dam to discover any prepared enemy demolitions. The Regiment also continued mopping up in their sector North of the dams.

f. The 311th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) (attached) patrolled with Company E to clear the peninsula formed by the ROER River at F-069274. No

resistance was met. At 1100A the 311th Infantry (less the 3rd Battalion, which was never attached, and the 1st Battalion) reverted to 78th Infantry Division control. The 1st Battalion 311th Infantry was attached to the 60th Infantry.

11. 11 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-00952610; vicinity STRAUCH, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in position North and West of the ROER River. Patrols reconnoitered for possible river crossing sites both at Dam #3 and in the river below the dam. Plans were made for future operations.
- c. The 60th Infantry, with the 1st Battalion 311th Infantry attached remained in defensive positions within its sector. Patrols reconnoitered approaches to bridges at F-00952680 and F-093260. These operations were carried out under enemy mortar and artillery fire.
- d. The 47th Infantry remained in assembly areas in Division Reserve and prepared for future operations.
- e. Enemy artillery was moderate, approximately 150 rounds being reported. Our artillery fired four counterbattery missions.

12. 12 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-00952610; vicinity STRAUCH, GERMANY until 1510A: F-029194, vicinity ERKENSRUHR, GERMANY.
- b. The Division was relieved of responsibility in the 78th Division sector by 1130A, moved to the previously occupied area West of the ROER River vicinity GEMUND, and assumed control in this sector effective 1730A.
- c. The 47th Infantry moved from assembly areas vicinity ROLLESBROICH-STRAUCH to previously occupied positions vicinity Dam #5, ORDENSBURG, VOGELSANG and VOLLISEIFEN. The move was completed without incident.
- d. The 60th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion and Company G) moved from positions vicinity SCHMIDT to previously occupied areas vicinity DREIBORN. The Regiment was once again designated Division Reserve. The 3rd Battalion and Company G were relieved in positions vicinity HASENFELD and at the close of the period, were enroute to rejoin the Regiment at DREIBORN.
- e. The 39th Combat Team was detached from the 2nd Infantry Division and reverted to 9th Division control at 1730A.

13. 13 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-029194; vicinity ERKENSRUHR, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in a defensive position in the GEMUND sector, denying the enemy access to Dam #5 by fire and holding the West bank of the ROER River against possible enemy bridgeheads.
- c. The 39th and 47th Infantries continued to hold defensive positions, maintaining contact with the enemy by observation.
- d. The 60th Infantry remained in Division Reserve vicinity of DREIBORN and continued to reorganize. Rehabilitation and resupply continued and plans for training were initiated.

-8-
SECRET

SECRET

a. Enemy artillery fire was fairly heavy. 175 rounds were reported within the Division sector, mostly of light caliber, harassing and interdictory.

14. 14 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-029194; vicinity ERKENSRUHR, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to hold a defensive line on the West bank of the ROER River from vicinity Dam #5 to vicinity of GLEF (F-116170). The 47th Infantry on the left maintained contact with the enemy by observation and operated patrols to the front and flanks. The enemy was denied access to the dam by direct observation and fire. Two outposts were maintained for the purpose of checking the water level both at the dam and above the dam along the river. The 39th Infantry on the right maintained contact with the enemy by observation and operated patrols to the front and flanks. The 60th Infantry remained in Division Reserve in DREIBORN.

15. 15 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-029194; vicinity ERKENSRUHR, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to defend in its sector, with the 47th Infantry on the left, 39th Infantry on the right, and 60th Infantry in reserve. All units continued rehabilitation and training in preparation for future operations.

c. Enemy artillery increased in volume during the period. A total of 237 rounds was reported, mostly harassing and interdictory in nature. The towns of WOLLSEIFEN and DREIBORN received the heaviest fire.

16. 16 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-029194; vicinity ERKENSRUHR, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to defend in its sector, with the 47th Infantry on the left, 39th Infantry on the right, and 60th Infantry in reserve. All units continued rehabilitation and training in preparation for future operations.

c. Enemy artillery decreased slightly during the period. 177 rounds fell within the Division sector. VOGELSANG was most heavily shelled with the town of WOLLSEIFEN and the hills North of MORSBACH also being frequently hit. Our artillery fired 15 counterbattery missions in addition to the usual interdictory and harassing fires.

17. 17 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-029194; vicinity ERKENSRUHR, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued to defend in its sector with the 47th Infantry on the left, 39th Infantry on the right, and 60th Infantry in reserve. At 1200A, the Division, less the 39th Combat Team, received verbal orders to move as quickly as possible to the area held by the 82nd Airborne Division vicinity HURTGEN (F-0435). At the same time, the 39th Combat Team became attached to the 2nd Infantry Division. Plans were made for a relief of the 47th Infantry by elements of the 2nd Infantry Division to take place after dark. The 2nd Infantry Division assumed responsibility for the sector at 2200A. At the close of the period, the 60th Infantry was on the move North to vicinity of GERSTER, and the 47th Infantry had assembled vicinity WOLLSEIFEN prepared to move at daylight. At 2400A the Division was relieved from attachment to V Corps and attached to III Corps.

- 9 -
SECRET

9

c. Enemy artillery continued to be of a harassing and interdictory nature, decreasing slightly during the period. Our artillery fired 20 counterbattery missions plus the usual harassing and interdictory fires.

18. 18 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-041354, vicinity HARKENBURG, GERMANY until 1400A; F-041355, vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.

b. The 9th Infantry Division continued to move from the GEMUND area to the vicinity of HURTGEN. Forward elements of the 82nd Airborne Division were relieved by elements of the 47th and 60th Infantry Regiments, and the 9th Infantry Division assumed command of the sector at 2210A.

c. The 60th Infantry closed completely into assembly areas at 0345A. Shortly after daylight, the Regiment commenced moving to relieve the 504th Parachute Regiment. This relief had been planned as a night operation but due to very poor visibility, the relief was started during daylight hours. By 1915A, the relief was complete and at 2020A, the 60th Infantry assumed command of the sector.

d. The 47th Infantry commenced movement from assembly areas vicinity of WELLENHOFEN to assembly areas vicinity of HARSCHHEID. At 1800 hours, the 3rd Battalion commenced relief of elements of the 505th and 506th Parachute Regiments. The relief was completed at 2206A and the 47th Infantry assumed command of the sector effective 2210 hours. The 2nd and 1st Battalions closed into their assigned areas at 1920 hours and 2200 hours respectively.

19. 19 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.

b. The 9th Infantry Division remained in a defensive position along the West bank of the ROER River. Planning and reconnoitering in preparation for future operations continued and further training was carried out.

c. Enemy artillery was of a light and interdictory nature. Our artillery fired three counterbattery missions in addition to the normal harassing and interdictory fires.

20. 20 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.

b. The 9th Infantry Division continued to defend in its sector along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance and training in preparation for future operations were continued and plans were perfected.

c. Enemy artillery continued to consist of light harassing and interdictory fire with only light calibers reported.

21. 21 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.

b. The 9th Infantry Division continued to defend in its sector along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance and training in preparation for future operations were continued and plans were perfected.

c. Enemy artillery continued to consist of light harassing and interdictory fire with only light calibers reported.

SECRET

22. 22 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity, HURTGEN, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in defensive positions along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance and training in preparation for future operations continued, and plans were perfected. Under cover of darkness front line units, assisted by the Engineers, experimented with means and methods for crossing the river.
- c. Enemy artillery continued to be of a light and harassing nature.

23. 23 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity, HURTGEN, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in defensive positions along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance and training in preparation for future operations continued, and plans were perfected. Under cover of darkness front line units, assisted by the Engineers, experimented with means and methods for crossing the river.
- c. Enemy artillery was very light during the period. Only 6 rounds of 105mm were reported.

24. 24 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in defensive positions along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance and training in preparation for future operations continued, and plans were perfected. Under cover darkness, Infantry and Engineers experimented with means and methods for crossing the river. Supplies were moved forward.
- c. Enemy artillery fire continued to be very light throughout the period.

25. 25 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in defensive positions along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance in preparation for future operations continued and plans were perfected. Owing to the successes gained by units to the North in crossing the ROER River, the Division plan was changed. The 39th Infantry was alerted to move North, cross bridges in the 1st Division sector and attack South through elements of the 1st Division when the latter's objectives had been seized. The 60th Infantry in turn will cross the river and attack when the 39th captures its objective.
- c. Enemy artillery fire continued to be very light throughout the period. Some mortar fire fell on the town of ZERKALL.

26. 26 February 1945

- a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.
- b. The Division remained in defensive positions along the West bank of the ROER River. Reconnaissance in preparation for future operations continued and plans were perfected. The 39th Infantry commenced movement North to positions vicinity LEVERSBACH (F-1236) in preparation for the attack to the South.
- c. Enemy artillery continued to be very light throughout the period. Some mortar fire fell on ZERKALL.

SECRET

27. 27 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-041355; vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY.

b. The 9th Infantry Division continued the attack East of the ROER River. The towns of THUM and NIDEGGEN were captured and the high ground vicinity 134347 and 113126 was secured thus permitting bridges to be built over the ROER River in the Division sector.

c. The 39th Infantry with the 1st Battalion 60th Infantry attacked jumped off to the South at 0445A through the 26th Infantry with the 3rd Battalion on the right and the 2nd Battalion on the left. By 0825A the 2nd Battalion had secured the town of THUM and the high ground vicinity 134347 against small arms and mortar fire. The town of NIDEGGEN was mopped up by the 3rd Battalion by 1405A and the final objective vicinity 116325 was captured against small arms resistance by 1850A. The 1st Battalion moved at 0630A against light opposition to clear out the wooded area West of NIDEGGEN. After relief in place by the 1st Battalion 60th Infantry, the 1st Battalion attacked to the East at 2145A toward the town of BERG and the high ground to the Southeast. This attack was in progress at the close of the period and was meeting heavy artillery and direct 88mm fire.

d. The 60th and 47th Infantries remained in defensive positions. Both Regiments put on firing demonstrations in support of the attack of the 39th Infantry. Late in the period, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions 60th Infantry crossed the river and went into assembly areas vicinity RATH.

e. Enemy artillery increased sharply during the period. 450 rounds were reported with the heaviest shelling being in and around NIDEGGEN. Our artillery fired 46 counterbattery missions.

28. 28 February 1945

a. Division CP: F-045355 vicinity HURTGEN, GERMANY; F-105358 vicinity RATH, GERMANY.

b. The 9th Infantry Division continued the attack to the East. The towns of BERG and ABENDEN, high ground East of the town of THUM and vicinity F-140340 and the remainder of the East bank of the ROER River within the Division sector were cleared of enemy.

c. The 39th Infantry continued the attack to the East. The 1st Battalion captured the high ground vicinity F-132333 and F-131329. Company B and elements of the 60th Infantry cleared the town of BERG by 1140A. The 2nd Battalion continued moving to the East meeting small arms, anti-tank and mortar fire. The 3rd Battalion jumped off at 1600A and occupied the hill at F-140340 without opposition.

d. The 60th Infantry attacked at 0530A. The 1st Battalion attacked to the Southeast toward the area between BERG and ABENDEN. Company B swept the remainder of the East bank of the ROER River. The 2nd Battalion attacked to the East and assisted in mopping up the town of BERG.

e. The 47th Infantry completed crossing the ROER River. The 1st Battalion passed through the 1st Battalion 60th Infantry and cleared the town of ABENDEN and the area between the right flank of the 60th Infantry and the left flank of the 78th Infantry Division.

- 12 -
SECRET

12

SECRET

SECTION IV - SUPPLY AND EVACUATION1. SUPPLY

a. With the sudden thaw during the first few days of February problems of winterizing were soon forgotten. In their stead was a serious problem of road maintenance. Of particular interest during the month were supply and evacuation in connection with the crossing of the ROER RIVER.

b. Rations were consumed on the following basis:

Type	B	74.0%
	C	11.0
	D	02.0
	K	05.0
	U	00.4
	10-in-1	06.0
	25-in-1	00.6
	Hosp. Sup.	01.0
	Vitamin Pills	14,0526

c. Gasoline consumption averaged 10,109 gallons per day.

d. Ammunition expenditure for the month was 1825 tons which amounted to the following units of fire for the principle weapons:

Small Arms

Carbine	.46
M1903	.03
M1	3.6
MG, cal..30	5.2
MG, cal..50	0.45
Thompson Sub-MG	3.6
Rocket, AT, M6A1	0.21

Mortar

60mm	.39
81mm	2.30

105mm, 155

12.6

Artillery

105mm How	8.2
155mm How	6.9

2. ORDNANCE. The supply of Ordnance items changed very little during the month. Tire patches, GFW-clutches and GFW batteries were the most critical shortages. Melting snow bored debris and shrapnel and a serious tire problem was again encountered. An extremely high number of tires were salvaged.

3. ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE. Poor shop facilities as compared with the excellent facilities during the previous month, plus frequent tactical moves by the division curtailed the production of the 709th Ordnance Maintenance Shops.

a. The figures below show a numerical comparison between the work done in January and February.

	<u>MAJOR JOBS</u>	<u>MINOR JOBS</u>
January	152 (incl 85 Major Assys)	701
February	117 (incl 91 Major Assys)	380

SECRET

b. The number of Maintenance Exchanges made by the supporting Ordnance increased considerably. Receiving a vehicle in exchange instead of waiting for one to be repaired has the advantage of ridding the division of badly worn vehicles and it also decreases the time the unit is without a vehicle.

4. EVACUATION. During the first days of February, casualty evacuation was accomplished by the use of snow toboggans. Heat pads were used extensively to minimize the danger of shock. Corps and Army litter bearers were available to the Division throughout the month and were used to augment Division Medical personnel.

	Killed	Wounded	Diseases	Injury	Exhaustion
Division Total	106	665	1262	489	85
Evacuated		499	756	433	59
Returned to Duty		166	506	56	26
*Other Units		164	176	76	6
Evacuated		160	116	49	5
Returned to Duty		4	60	27	1
GRAND TOTAL		829	1438	565	91

* Includes PW's and Civilians.

5. BURIAL. Ninth Division dead were buried in the First Army Cemetery at HENRI-CHAPPEL, BELGIUM - K705352.

6. CAPTURED MATERIEL. Captured enemy material included:

a. Vehicles:

1 ea Sedan
2 ea Full Track vehicles
3 ea Full Track Prime Movers
3 ea Tanks

b. Guns:

3 ea 305mm Howitzer
3 ea 150mm Howitzer
4 ea 120mm Mortar
4 ea 75mm A.T. Guns
7 ea 50mm A.T. Guns

c. Small Arms:

9 ea Machine Guns
3 ea 81mm Rocket Launchers

d. Miscellaneous:

Ammunition Dump - capacity 50 tons.
186 rds. - 150mm Ammunition
10 cases - 105mm Ammunition
17 cases - 75mm Ammunition
40 cases - 76mm Ammunition
70 cases - 81mm Mortar Ammunition
8 rds. - 120mm Mortar Ammunition
150 rds. - 170mm Ammunition
8 rds. - 305mm Ammunition
20 cases - Bazooka Ammunition

7. TRAFFIC. A sudden and unexpected thaw and rain during the first few days of February quickly eliminated snow as a traffic problem. However the pounding of heavy traffic soon made mud holes out of even those

SECRET

surfaced roads which had previously appeared to be first class highways. A number of primary roads became impassable and were closed for repairs. As the Division advanced it became evident that roads which had been in German held territory during the thaw were in better condition. This was perhaps due to the fact that the Germans used less heavy transportation. Many of the roads in the areas occupied by the Division were exposed to close observation by the enemy. Traffic in exposed areas was limited to essential vehicles with a minimum spacing of 300 yards. Traffic control posts were established, beyond which vehicles could not proceed until their windshields had been lowered. During the ROER RIVER crossing traffic control posts equipped with radio, telephone and motor patrol were established at each bridge and at assembly areas on the road leading to each bridge.

8. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

a. In addition to doing the great amount of road work caused by the sudden thaw mentioned above, the 15th. Engr. Bn. played an important part in the crossing of the ROER RIVER. The greatest threat to allied river crossing operations existed in the control the enemy exercised over the five (5) dams at the headwaters of the ROER. These dams having a total capacity of 148,650,000 cu. meters could have destroyed by flood the entire ROER valley in front of the FIRST and NINTH U. S. ARMIES and in front of the BRITISH ARMIES. Of these dams, the URFTALSPEERE near GERUND and SCHWARZENAUDEL near SCHILDT were the largest. The 9th U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION was assigned the mission of gaining control of the URFTALSPEERE and of taking the high ground in the vicinity of GERUND. When the Division had secured the West shore, plans were made for an assault crossing of the dam lake. Engineer reconnaissance and preparation was made day and night but after several false starts, the idea of an assault crossing was abandoned upon orders from higher headquarters. Similar plans and preparations were also made later for a crossing of the lake and river in the vicinity of SCHWARZENAUDEL Dam. These plans were also abandoned on orders from higher headquarters.

b. In mid-February, the division relieved the 62nd. Airborne Division in the vicinity of HURTGEN where plans were again made for a crossing of the ROER RIVER. By this time the enemy had demolished the penstock at the SCHWARZENAUDEL dam and flood gates of the URFTALSPEERE Dam. These demolitions did not cause a tremendous surge of water down the valley but did raise the water level far above normal (in some places 18 ft.) and increased the current to as much as 20 M.P.H. in some places. Engineer reconnaissance of the Division crossing sites showed a current of from 16 to 15 M.P.H. While this reconnaissance was in progress all Infantry officers and non-commissioned officers were given preliminary training in the handling and behavior of assault boats, ferries and foot bridges in high velocity currents. Rear training sites proved inferior and it was decided to train at the ROER itself at the actual crossing sites. First attempts to cross by boats, rafts and by swimming failed due to the high-velocity of the current. However, on the night prior to that set for the crossing, several cables were secured across the river and weighted down under the water to prevent the enemy from seeing them. By the night set for the actual crossing, all Engineer preparations were complete but at 4 hour minus 6 the entire plan was called off by higher headquarters.

c. In the latter part of February, the ROER RIVER was finally crossed after part of the Division had crossed bridges in the 1st. U. S. INFANTRY Division's sector and had outflanked bridgeheads at NIEGGEN and ZERKALL.

d. The following is a tabulation of the work performed by the 15th Engineer (C) Battalion during the month of January:

SECTION V - PERSONNEL

UNIT	KILLED			DIED			MISSING			WOUNDED			TOTALS		
	IN ACTION			OF WOUNDS			IN ACTION			IN ACTION			TOTALS		
	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT
HQ. CO.										1	1		1	1	
9TH SIG. CO.															
9TH REGR. TFP.										2	2		2	2	
9TH QM CO.															
709TH QRD. CO.															
15TH ENGR. BN.		4	4		2	2		1	1	2	2		16	2	21
9TH MED. BN.					1	1									
39TH INF.	1	27	28		1	1		2	2	5	19		197	7	228
4TH INF.	2	5	7		2	2		3	3	2	5		56	4	64
60TH INF.	1	54	55		2	2		3	3	4	21		215	5	270
DIV. ARTY.										1	3		4	2	31
26TH FA BN.										1	2		3	1	4
34TH FA BN.		1	1							1	2		3	1	4
60TH FA BN.										1	1		2	1	1
84TH FA BN.		2	2		1	1				1	2		3	2	5
SPEC. TRPS.															
MP PLAT.															
DIVISION TOTALS	4	93	97		9	9		9	9	17	462		499	21	593

NOTE: In addition to above figures, 4 Officers and 196 Enlisted Men were dropped as Injured in Action.

PERSONNEL OF WAR

DATE	OFF	NOO'S	PVTS	TOTALS
Feb. 1			42	49
2	2	16	62	80
3	8	67	355	430
4	2	24	100	126
5	1	30	169	200
6	1	7	77	85
7			16	16
8			6	6
9			5	5
10		5	21	26
11			4	4
13			3	3
14			2	2
15		1	2	3
24			1	1
27	5	80	208	294
28	1	22	77	100
TOTALS	21	259	1150	1430

In addition to above figures, 74 PW's were evacuated through medical channels.

REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED AND CASUALS RETURNED TO DUTY

DATE	REPLACEMENTS			RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL		
	OFF	EM	TOTAL	OFF	EM	TOTAL
Feb 1					90	90
3	1		1		19	19
4		21	21	1	6	7
6		251	251		77	77
7		87	87	3	59	62
9		17	17	7	38	45
11		98	98	1	28	29
12	4	6	10	3	114	117
13					34	34
14		1	1	3	32	35
15	18	1	19	3	59	62
16				1	35	36
17		305	305	1	28	29
18	14	2	16		66	66
19		199	199	1	36	37
20			1	1	22	23
22	1	98	99	4	150	159
24		4	4		61	62
26		7	7	4	44	48
TOTALS	38	1098	1136	34	983	1017

SECRET

Louis H. Craig
LOUIS A. CRAIG,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

INCLOSURES:

Maps: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305, 5403, 5404, 5503.
G-2 Journals 1 - 28 February 1945
G-3 Journals 1 - 28 February 1945

DISTRIBUTION:

Copies 1 - 4 The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
Copy 5 Commanding General, First U. S. Army
6 Commanding General, III Corps
7 Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division
8 Assistant to the Division Commander
9 Chief of Staff
18 Adjutant General, 9th Infantry Division

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions

TO : FO Distribution

1. Ninth Inf Div continues the atk in zone.

2. 60th Inf (atcmnts - no change)

a. 60th Inf (~~less 3rd Bn~~)

(1) Will immediately move to assembly areas between RJ at 987147 and RJ at 992142.

(2) Will be prepared to support atk of 39th Inf.

(3) Will be prepared to atk NE, in zone, to seize, organize and defend objectives shown on overlay.

(4) 2nd Bn, in Div Res, will, in cooperation with the 102nd Cav Gp, outpost line MONTMORAU TO FLEDEAU

3. 39th Inf (less 3rd Bn plus 3rd Bn 47th Inf and Co A 86th Cml Bn atchd):
No change.

4. 47th Inf (less 3rd Bn and Co A 86th Cml Bn plus 3rd Bn 39th Inf atchd)

a. Will protect Div rear against atk from S from RJ at 987147 to the West.

b. Will protect Div left flank from present posns.

5. 3rd Bn 39th Inf will send recon patrols into zone (see overlay) to determine strength and dispositions of the enemy.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: *FC*

F. C. FELL,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
AC of S, G-3.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A. P. O. 9

SECRET

Auth: CG 9th Div
Initials: *CG*
Date: 2 Feb 1945

DOWNGRADED TO:

Secret
BY AUTHORITY OF A.C. OF S. CDS

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions

TO : FO Distribution

1. Ninth Infantry Division continues the atk at 020130 Feb-1945 to seize DREIBORN.

2. 60th Inf

a. Will continue attack to seize Obj "A".

b. Will turn East from Obj "A", on Route "X", and push on DREIBORN using minimum elements to clear enemy from Obj B. (Assisted in this mission by 1st Bn 39th Inf. See Par 4 a).

3. 47th Inf (less 3rd Bn plus Co A 86th Cml Bn)

a. Will follow 60th Inf thru Obj "A" and seize Obj "C".

b. Following the seizure of Obj "C" will leave, initially, one bn to protect the left flank of the Div and to push patrols in the direction of DEDEBORN and PLEUSHUTTE.

c. 47th Inf (less 3rd Bn and one bn on Obj "C") will turn East on Route "Z", prepared on order to assist the 60th Inf in the capture of DREIBORN.

d. 3rd Bn 47th Inf released to 47th Inf upon completion of present mission.

e. 3rd Bn 39th Inf is released from atchmt to 47th Inf at 021000 Feb 1945 and at or before that time will move to vic HOFEN.

4. 39th Inf (less Co A 86th Cml Bn plus 3rd Bn 47th Inf)

a. Will be prepared to assemble vic RJ 987147 on order.

b. 1st Bn 39th Inf will continue present mission and, driving to the NE, will establish contact with the 60th Inf at Obj B (see Par 2 b)

c. Will release 3rd Bn 47th Inf upon completion of present mission.

d. 3rd Bn 39th Inf released from atchmt to 47th Inf at 021000 Feb 1945 and at or before that time will move to vic HOFEN.

5. 9th Ren Tr - Will continue present mission.

6. PO - effective 020001 Feb 1945 - 9717.

x. (1) Loading units will push vigorously, maintaining constant pressure. As far as is practicable, will leapfrog bns to achieve this end.

(2) Every effort will be made to go around resistance to strike at flank and rear.

(3) Suitable opportunities for surprise action by night movement will be exploited to the fullest extent.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

F. C. Feil
F. C. FEIL,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
AC of S, G-3.

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

RESTRICTED TO
Secret
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
1 May 75 *WBL*

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A P O #9

SECRET
Auth: CG 9th Inf Div
Init: 9
Date: 2 Feb 1945
2 Feb 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions
TO : FO Distribution

1. 60th Inf will continue the atk on DREIBORN at 030400 Feb 1945.
2. 47th Inf
 - a. 1st Bn, moving on Route 2 to 033183, will atk south at 030400 Feb 1945 to east-west road running thru 033168. Will clear out enemy resistance and protect left (north) flank 60th Inf.
 3. Mass of fire of Division Artillery will support 60th Inf.
 4. Temporary Bdry 47th-60th Infs: Stream at 022174, south on stream to 024170, 17 Brid to road at 030 - east on road to RJ at 035168, - NE to stream at 042173 - north on stream to permanent Bdry.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W.C. Craig
F. C. FEIL,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
AC of S, G-3.

SECRET

24

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A P O #9

SECRET

SECRET

Auth: CG, 9th Inf Div
Init: 9
Date: 3 February 1945
031500 February 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions
TO : FO Distribution

UPGRADED TO

1. Ninth Infantry Division confirms the atk
 - a. To seize high ground N and NE of DREIBORN and to cut the HERBAHN Roads at 090183.
 - b. To seize WOLLSEIFEN by way of EINHORN and thence to the East.
 - c. To deny the enemy the use of Dam #5.
2. 39th CT
Atchmts Same plus:
26th FA Bn
Co A 899th TD Bn
 - a. Will atk thru advance elements 60th Inf to seize high ground N & NE of DREIBORN and to cut the HERBAHN Roads at 090183 (see overlay). Upon seizure of objective will be prepared to assist the 47th Inf.
 - b. Will move by HOFEN road to 002124, thence NE on the DREIBORN Road to fwd assembly areas.
 - c. Movement will be expedited by the use of all available MT, assisted by Div.
 - d. Passage of troops on 2nd Div LBR must be expedited to avoid delaying 2nd Div movements. To this end bns and other units will be released for movement by 39th Inf In O located at 2nd Inf Div Fwd CP, at RJ 002124.
 - e. Pending units will be alerted for immediate movement to be initiated as soon as 2nd Inf Div units not attacking toward Bdry 2nd and 9th Divs, on DREIBORN Road, have cleared the area of enemy. This fact will be established thru 39th Inf In O at 2nd Div Fwd CP.
 - f. After passing thru the 60th Inf, will maintain contact with and protect left (north) flank of 2nd Inf Div.
3. 47th Inf
 - a. 47th Inf (less 1st Bn) will push N to EINHORN (042213) will then atk generally eastward and capture WOLLSEIFEN (073209).
 - b. Will be prepared there-after to clear out area N to Dam #5 and to deny the enemy the use thereof.
 - c. 1st Bn will be released to 47th Inf upon completion of its present mission.
 - d. Will maintain contact with 102nd Cav Gp and/or 78th Inf Div on the left (north) flank.
4. 60th Inf

SECRET

25

~~SECRET~~

Will continue present mission until relieved by advance elements 39th Inf.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

FC Paul
F. C. FEIL,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
AG of S, C-3.

Annex A - Operations Overlay.

- 2 -

~~SECRET~~

UNCLASSIFIED BY 4010 10/1/00

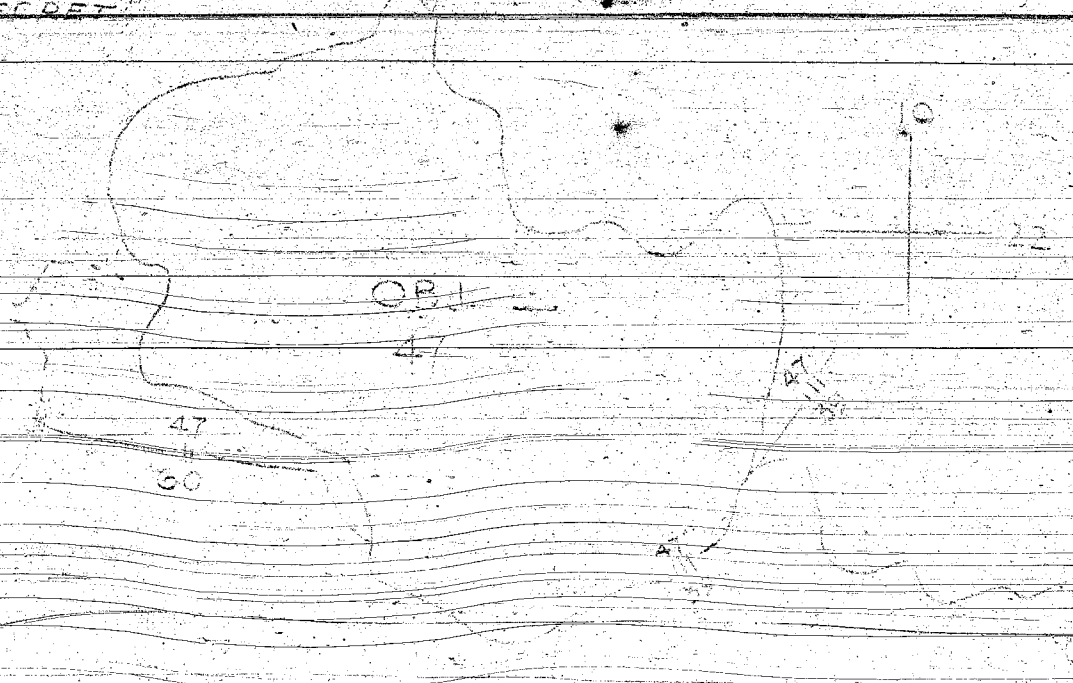
UNCLASSIFIED BY 4010 10/1/00

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

777 DAM HE



ANNEX 1

SECRET

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION
A.P.O. #

SECRET

Letter to the Inf Div
Date: February 1945

SECRET

OFFICIAL: Letter of instructions

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

TO: The Staff/Division

1. Ninth Infantry Division (AUSA) - Cross plus 1st Ranger Bn) will be ordered to cross the Dan R. night 5/3 February 1945, 8-10:00 to be announced, secure objective and block road from the East (see overlay).

a. Dan R. and outlet thereof will be secured intact. Troops enemy attempt to destroy the Dan.

b. Ranger Bn will provide such demolition teams as may be necessary to insure a thorough search for and removal of any delayed action charges which may have been placed in Dan R. Both disposal personnel will assist the Ranger Bn.

c. 17th Inf Div will, at a later date to be announced, cross the RIF near KORE River, north of bridge at Dan R., to secure objective (see overlay).

2. 17th Inf (AUSA: same plus 1st Ranger Bn)

a. Will cross RIF River and the RIF Branch at places indicated on overlay, night 5/3 February 1945, 8-10:00 to be announced, secure objective and block road from the East.

b. Initial bridgehead - see Phase line #1. Bridgehead No. 2 - see Phase line #2.

c. Final objective - At later date, in conjunction with attack of RIF of the 17th Inf Div on left (North) flank, will consolidate position on RIF Inf Div objective (see overlay).

d. Patrol will be made at Ferry Side. Troops making feints will be supported by massed artillery fire to attract attention from the main effort.

3. 37th Inf - Continue present mission.

4. 60th Inf - Continue present mission.

5. 15th Hqr Bn

a. Will be prepared to bridge RIF River at Crossing Site #1.

b. Will be prepared to bridge bank across gaps in top of Dan R., on Crossing Site #2.

c. Will furnish Hqr Assault Craft for Crossing #3 and feint at Crossing #4.

d. Will be prepared to establish Hqr Ferry at Crossing #3.

By Command of Major General SEARS

WILLIAM C. WESTHOUSING,
Colonel, U. S. G.,
CHIEF of STAFF.

OFFICIAL:

F. S. FEIL
F. S. FEIL,
Lt. Colonel, USA,
AG of D, G-2.

SECRET

TOP SECRET 37
~~SECRET~~

OBU
7814 W

20

1400 line

- 1400 line

#3

Bin Filed
with 701 B
4/12/45

1000
9/11/45

See 1400 line
Overlays to accompany
copy of instructions

5 Jan 1945

Handwritten Stamp: 1000
1/12/45

~~SECRET~~

DOWNGRADED TO

Secret

BY MEMORANDUM OF 14 JAN 1945

1/12/45
[Signature]

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~
TOP SECRET

DOWNGRADED TO:

Auth: CG 9th Inf Div
Initials: (2)
Date: 8 February 1945

BY AUTHORITY OF A.C. OF S. OPS

Hq 9th Inf Div APO 9
082300 February 1945

FO #52

MAPS: GSGS 4416; Sheet 5704.

1. a. The enemy in the strength of 2 reduced divisions is defending a bridgehead West of the ROER between ZERKALL (092334) and the SCHWALBENAUER Dam (086274). The most stubborn resistance has been met to the North near HETZINGER-HECK (090320), while to the South near HASENFELD (096277) some 800 enemy are reported to be dug in to defend the approaches to HEDRACH, which town is reported to be the main supply point on the West bank of the ROER. The road to HASENFELD from SCHMIDT is reported to be mined; the SCHWALBENAUER Dam is also reported to be mined. The Dam lake is 15 feet below the spillway, a considerable rise in the last ten days.

The enemy, who occupies a line roughly along the 08 NS grid line, disposes of some 3000 men - personnel of the 85th Division (a composite unit of mixed quality); the 272nd Division (much reduced in strength and reportedly low morale); and elements of the 3rd Pz Division, the 29th PGR and the 8th PGR. There are in addition at least 6 tanks in the area, as well as a number of assault guns. A body of Paratroopers with mission of defending the Dam is said by a PW to be dug in vic of 080286. There appears to be little organic artillery support in the area. Excellent observation is held by the enemy in this sector.

b. V Corps continues the attack to the east.

2. This Div (less 39th CT & 34th FA Bn)
Atchd: 311th Inf (less 3d Bn)
309th Inf
Co B 86th Cnl Bn
2 Plat Btry C 226th AAA Searchlight Bn
899th TD Bn
746th Tk Bn
376th AAA AW Bn

Will move from present positions to the vic of SCHMIDT, pass through elements of the 78th Inf Div, seize Dam #3 and establish a bridgehead across the ROER River.

Btrys and zones of action - See overlay.

ID - Present front lines 310th Inf.

Time to cross ID - On Corps order, to be announced.

3. a. 60th Inf
Atchd: 60th FA Bn
Btry C 376th AAA AW Bn
Co B 746th Tk Bn
Co B 899th TD Bn
Co C 15th Engr Bn
Co B 86th Cnl Bn
Co C 9th Med Bn

(1) Will move from present positions to assembly area vic SCHMIDT (see March Table to be issued). At completion of move all attachments except Co B 746th Tk Bn, 1 plat Co C 15th Engr Bn, Co B 899th TD Bn and Co B 86th Cnl Bn revert to parent unit control.

~~SECRET~~

30

~~SECRET~~

(2) Will pass through 310th Inf, seize area shown on overlay, with primary attention to Objectives #1 and #2.

(3) Bdrys shown on overlay do not restrict maneuver of 60th Inf, only that of adjacent units.

ID - Present front lines 310th Inf.

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

b. 309th Inf

Will, after completion of mission of 60th Inf, pass through 60th Inf, seize Dam #3 and establish a bridgehead in accordance with previous orders.

ID - Front lines to be established by 60th Inf.

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

c. 311th Inf

(1) Will protect Division right flank and right flank 60th Inf.

(2) Will advance in zone of action, abreast 60th Inf.

ID - Present front lines.

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

c. 47th Inf

Atchd: 84th FA Bn
Btry B 376th AAA AW Bn
Co A 746th Tk Bn
Co C 899th TD Bn
Co B 15th Engr Bn
Co B 9th Med Bn

After relief of 1st Bn by elements 2d Inf Div and as transportation becomes available, will move from present positions to assembly area vic ROLLESBROICH-
STRAUCH (see March Table to be issued). At completion of move all attachments except Co A 746th Tk Bn, Co C 899th TD Bn and 1 plat Co B 15th Engr Bn revert to parent unit control.

d. Div Arty (less 26th & 34th FA Bns)

Atchd: 377th AAA AW Bn
Btry B 987th FA Bn (155 SP Gun)
2nd Plat Btry C 226th AAA Searchlight Bn

(1) 60th, 84th FA Bns - SOP.

(2) Btry B 987th FA Bn atchd 60th Inf.

(3) 2nd Plat Btry C 226th AAA Searchlight Bn direct support 60th Inf.

(4) 376th AAA AW Bn - SOP.

e. 9th Recon Tr

Atchd Co D 746th Tk Bn

Will await orders in present area.

5th Engr Bn (less 10th pl)

After completion of move, SOP.

~~SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~
~~SECRET~~

- g. 746th Tk Bn (less CT attachments) SOP.
4. See Adm O #34 to be issued.
5. a. See current SOI.
b. Regt'l CPs to be reported.
c. Div CP - OCh258.

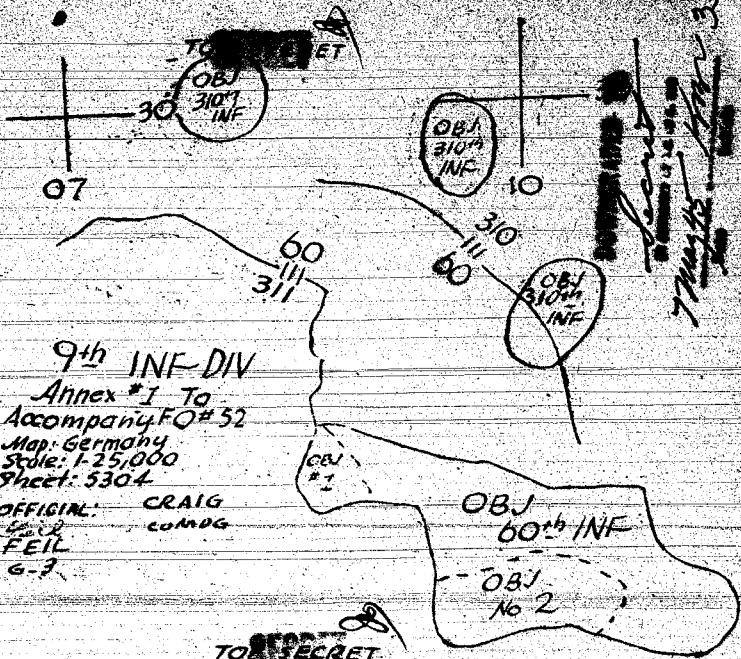
CRAIG
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

Fell
FELL
G-3

- 3 -

~~TOP SECRET~~
~~SECRET~~



9th INF DIV
 Annex #1 To
 Accompany FO# 52
 Map: Germany
 Scale: 1-25,000
 Sheet: 5304

OFFICIAL: CRAIG
 S. C. 2. comdgr
 FEIL
 G-3

TO ~~SECRET~~

SECRET

SECRET
Auth: CG 9th Inf Div
Inid: *123*
Date: 17 February 1945

HQ 9TH INF DIV

FO #58

MAPS: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets S20, & 53d

1. a. G-2 Estimate (Not applicable).
- b. III Corps regroups to continue the attack to the E.
2. a. This Div (less 39th CT)
Atchd: 899th TD Bn
746th Tk Bn
376th AAA Bn

Will, after being relieved in present positions by elements 2nd Inf Div, relieve the 82nd AB Div in area West of NDEGGEN (See overlay).

Rtrys, zones of action - See overlay.

Routes - See March Table atchd.

3. a. 47th Inf
Atchd: Co B 9th Med Bn
1 plat Co B 15th Engr Bn
Co A 746th Tk Bn (Effective on arrival in 47th Inf area)

(1) Will, after relief in present positions by elements 2nd Inf Div, move 18 Feb 1945 to assembly area vic SCHLDT (See March Table atchd).

(2) Will relieve elements 82nd AB Div in zone night 18 - 19 Feb 1945. Details of relief to be arranged by COs concerned.

- b. 60th Inf
Atchd: Co C 9th Med Bn
1 plat Co C 15th Engr Bn
Co B 746th Tk Bn (Effective on arrival in 60th Inf area)

(1) Will move to assembly area vic GERLETER 17 Feb 1945 (See March Table atchd).

(2) Will relieve elements 82nd AB Div in zone during night 18 - 19 Feb 1945. Details of relief to be arranged between COs concerned.

- c. 39th Inf
Atchd: 26th FA Bn
Btry A 376th AAA AW Bn
Co C 746th Tk Bn
Co A 899th TD Bn
1 plat Co A 15th Engr Bn
Co A 9th Med Bn
81mm Mortar Ssect 746th Tk Bn
Assault Gun Ssect 746th Tk Bn

Atchd: 2nd Inf Div 171200 Feb 1945.

Div Arty (less 26th FA Bn)
Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn (less Btry A)

To assemble in posn vic VOSSENACK (See March Table atchd).

- 1 -

SECRET

54

- e. 9th Recon Tr
Atchd: Co D 746th Tk Bn

Upon relief by 2nd Recon Tr will move to area via OG8168.

- f. 15th Engr Bn (Less CP atchmts plus Co A (less 1 pliat))

SOI (See March Table for time of movement)

- g. 746th Tk Bn (Less Co C)

(1) Will move 18 Feb 1945 to assembly area to be selected. (See March Table)

(2) Will attach Cos A & B to 47th & 60th Inf's respectively upon arrival in HURTGEN area

- h. 899th TD Bn (Less Co A)

(1) Will move 18 Feb 1945 to assembly area to be selected. (See March Table)

(2) Upon arrival in HURTGEN area - Co C direct support 47th Inf; Co B direct support 60th Inf.

- i. See Adm O 135.

5. a. See current SOI.

- b. Div CP: OI1355
Unit CPs to be reported.

CRAIG
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

F. J. King
FJL
J-3

ANNEXES: Annex #1 -- Opns Overlay.

Hq 9th Inf Div
 APO #19
 0200 @ 13 Feb 45

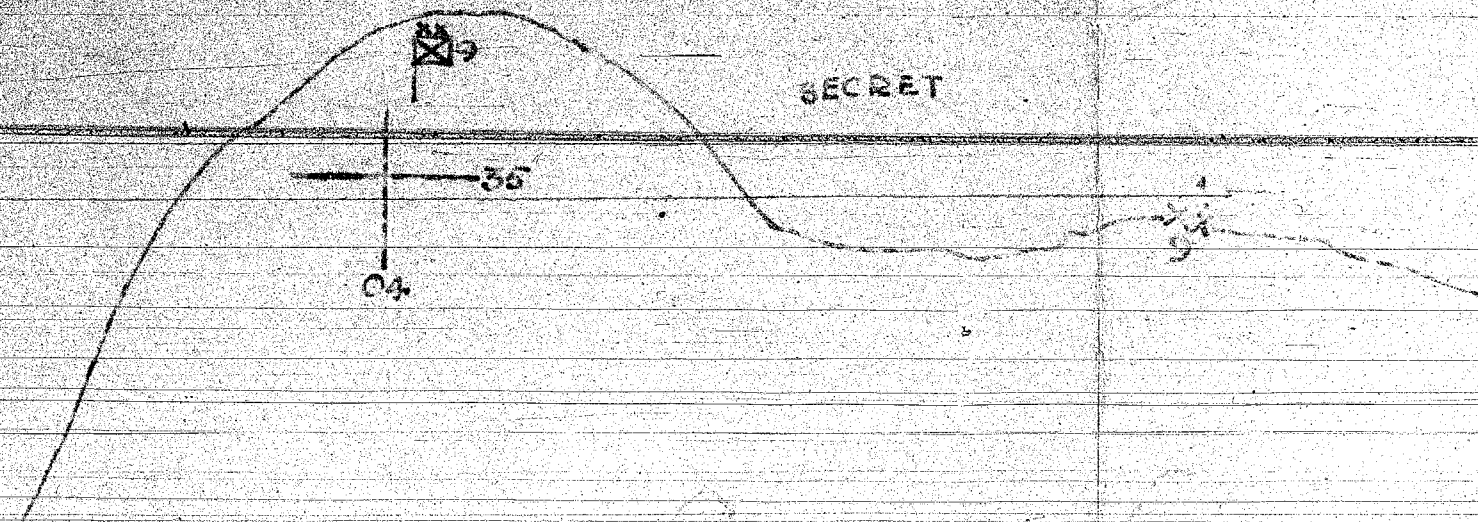
MARCH TABLE

Unit	Route	IP	Date	Time Length	Time Head Reaches IP	Remarks
60th Inf:	NR-258 - RJ-951169	057168	17			
Cannon Co	RJ-939168 - RJ-936179			04	1600	
AT Co	RJ-942197 - IMGEN-			04	1617	
Rgtl Hq Co	BRDICH - ROTGEN -			06	1715	
1st Bn	KORNELIMUSTER			22	1804	
3rd Bn	BEENIG - ZNEIFALL			22	1900	
Ce C, Engr	RJ-987313 - RJ-011705			04	1925	
Co C, Med	GERMIETER			09	1930	
2nd Bn				22	2020	
60 FA Bn	Same as 60th Inf	986147	18	30	0800	
84 FA Bn	Same as 47th Inf	"	18	30	0840	
34 FA Bn	Same as 50th Inf	"	18	30	0920	
47th Inf:	Route 'I' - NR-258 042206	18				
3rd Bn	RJ-951169 - RJ-939168			22	0930	
Cannon Co	RJ-936179 - RJ-942397			04	1000	
AT Co	IMGENROICH - SAUER-			04	1007	
Co D, Engr	ATH - SCHMIDT			04	1015	
Co D, Med				09	1022	
Rgtl Hq Co				06	1515	
2nd Bn				22	1530	
1st Bn				22	1600	
746 Tank Bn (less C & D)	Same as 60th Inf	986147	19	40		Clear with G-4
899 TD Bn (less Co A)	Same as 60th Inf	986147	19	40		Clear with G-4
Div Hq) Div Arty Hq) 9 Sig Co)	Same as 60th Inf	986147		50		On order of C/S
15th Engr Bn (less 3 Co)	Same as 60th Inf	986147		10		Clear with G-4
9th Veh Trp (Co D, 746 Tnk atchd)	Same as 60th Inf	986147		D5		Clear with G-4
9th Med Bn				05		Clear with G-4
9th Qm Co				15		" " "
709th Ord Co				20		" " "
Div Rr Ech				15		" " "

- Average Rate of March - 20-MPH, except Med Arty, Tanks and TD's
 - Med Arty - 15-MPH
 - Tanks & TD's - 10-MPH
- MP's will post guides and mark route from IP to GERMIETER.
- Units will post own guides from IMGENROICH East or from GERMIETER East.
 - Interval - 75 yards.
- Panels will be displayed in accordance with Operations Memo #4, First U.S. Army, dated 21 Jan 45.
- Trucks: All borrowed trucks will be returned to the Div Qm upon completion of movement.

S-E-C-R-E-T

SECRET



95 INF DIV
Annex No 1 to FO # 53
17 February 45
Map Germany Scale 1:25000
Sheet 8704 0504

OFFICIAL

File

*Copy
copy*

SECRET

S E C R E T

SECRET

Auth: CG 9th Inf Div

Initials: (C)

Date: 18 Feb 1945

Hq 9th Inf Div APO #9
162200A Feb 1945

FO #54

Maps: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets 5204 & 5304.

1. a. Having withdrawn to the east bank of the ROER, the enemy is perfecting his defenses, both on the lower river bank and on the heights overlooking the river. Although no permanent fortifications are said to exist east of the ROER, enough time has elapsed for an elaborate system of trenches, strong points and mined obstacles to be constructed.

The personnel manning these installations belong in general to two divisions: the 353d and the 85th, both now estimated to be at full strength and comprised of some 3-4000 men each. The strength and armament of supporting units - artillery, armor, tactical reserves - is unknown, as are their identities. It may be assumed that after a period of rest and quiet, of probable re-equipment and reinforcement, the enemy's morale is not low, and that he awaits any attack with confidence not only in his own organization but in the reinforcements frequently promised. The river itself, however, represents his chief defense. It continues to be swift, to overflow its banks, and to render marshy and impassable much of the river bottom. It is not to be forgotten that the enemy still retains some control over the flow of dams No 3 and 5.

- b. III Corps defends W bank of ROER River preparatory to continuing the atk to the East.

2. This Div (Less 39th CI)

Atchd: 746th Tk Bn (Less Co O)
899th TD Bn (Less Co A)
376th AAA AW Bn (Less Btry A)
254th FA Bn (155 How)
400th Armd FA Bn (105 How SP)
987th FN Bn (Less Btrys A & C) (155 GSP)

Will defend W bank of ROER River in sector and perfect plans to force a crossing.

Btrys, zones of action - See Annex #1 Operations Overlay, FO #53.

3. a. 47th Inf

Atchd: Co A & 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co B 15th Engr Bn
1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

- (1) Using one bn, will defend W bank of ROER River in sector (see overlay).
- (2) Will maintain contact with 78th Div on right (south) flank and 60th Inf on left (north) flank.
- (3) Will use all available time for reconnaissance of crossing sites of ROER River and training of Reserve Bns in assault river crossings.

b. 60th Inf

Atchd: Co B 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co C 15th Engr Bn
1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

- (1) Using one bn, will defend W bank of ROER River in sector (see overlay).

- 1 -
S E C R E T

38

S E C R E T

(2) Will maintain contact with 1st Inf Div on left (north) flank.

(3) Will use all available time for reconnaissance of crossing sites of ROER River and training of Reserve Bns in assault river crossings.

c. 39th CT atchd 2nd Inf Div.

d. Div Arty (less 26th FA Bn)

Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn (less Btry A)
987th FA Bn (less Btrys A & C) (155 SP)
400th Arty FA Bn (105 How SP)
254th FA Bn (155 How)

(1) 60th & 84th FA Bns & 376th AAA AW Bn - SOP.

(2) 987th & 254th FA Bns - General support.

(3) 34th & 400th FA Bns - General support, reinforcing fires of the 84th & 60th FA Bns respectively.

e. 9th Rcn Tr

Atchd: Co D 746th Tk Bn

Will remain in present position in Div Ros.

f. 15th Engr Bn (less 1 plat Co A)

(1) Cos B & C SOP.

(2) Co A (less 1 plat) - general support.

g. 746th Tk Bn (less Cos A, B, C & D) - SOP.

h. 899th TD Bn (Loss Co A)

(1) Co O direct support 47th Inf.

(2) Co B direct support 60th Inf.

x. Contact points between regiments and adjacent Divs will be submitted to this Hq immediately.

4. See Adm O #35.

5. a. See current SOT.

b. Div CP 041355.

47th Inf CP 074308.

60th Inf CP 064342.

CRAIG
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

FEIL
FEIL

G-3

S E C R E T

SECRET

Auth: CG 9th Inf Div

Initials: *[Signature]*

Date: 22 Feb 1945

Hq 9th Inf Div APO #9
222200A Feb 1945

FO #55

MAPS: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305.

1. a. See Intelligence Annex #2, atchd.

b. III Corps atks to the E. 1st Inf Div atks to the E within zone. 78th Inf Div will remain on present line and will demonstrate in conjunction with the atk of the remainder of the Corps.

2. This Div

Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
899th TD Bn
376th AAA AW Bn
254th FA Bn (155 How)
400th Armd FA Bn (105 How SP)
987th FA Bn (less Btrys A & C) (155 GSP)
Co C 90th Cml Bn

Will atk to the E on D-Day (to be announced), establish Bridgehead No. 1 across the ROER River prepared to renew atk to E to establish Bridgehead #2.

Bridgeheads, bdrys, zones of action - See overlay.

ID - ROER River

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

3. a. 47th Inf

Atchd: Co A 746th Tk Bn
Co B 9th Lnd Bn
Co B 15th Engr Bn
Co A (less 1 plat) 15th Engr Bn
Assault Gun Plat 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

Will atk to the E to establish Bridgehead #1 over the ROER River within zone (see overlay). Be prepared to atk to seize Bridgehead #2 within zone (see overlay).

ID - ROER River.

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

b. 60th Inf

Atchd: Co B 746th Tk Bn
Co C 9th Lnd Bn
1 plat Co C 15th Engr Bn
1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

(1) Will atk to the E to establish Bridgehead #1 over ROER River within zone (see overlay).

(2) Will be prepared, following seizure of objective, to seize Hill 360 (097353).

(3) Will be prepared to continue atk to seize Bridgehead #2 within zone (see overlay).

ID - ROER River.

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

- 1 -
S E C R E T

40

S E C R E T

- c. 39th Inf
 Atchd: Co C 746th Tk Bn
 Co A 9th Mod Bn
 81mm Mortar Plat 746th Tk Bn

Will remain in Div Res, prepared to support either the 47th Inf or the 60th Inf on order.

- d. Div Arty
 Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn
 254th FA Bn (155 How)
 400th Armd FA Bn (105 How SP)
 987th FA Bn (less A and C Dtrys) (155 gun SP)
 1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

See Arty Annex No. 4 - To be issued.

- e. 9th Ren Trp
 Atchd: Co D 746th Tk Bn

(1) Will maintain OPs as directed by AG of S, G-2.

(2) Will remain in Div Res.

- f. 15th Engr Bn - See Annex #3 (Engr Annex) - To be issued.

- g. 746th Tk Bn - SOP.

- h. 899th TD Bn

(1) Will protect the Div against enemy armor attack.

(2) Will illuminate the Bridgehead on call.

- Co A - 2 plats in direct support of the 39th Inf; 1 plat in direct support of the 26th FA Bn.
 Co B - 2 plats in direct support of the 60th Inf; 1 plat in direct support of the 60th FA Bn
 Co C - 2 plats in direct support of the 47th Inf; 1 plat in direct support of the 84th FA Bn

Upon completion of illumination missions direct support of FA Bns will terminate.

- x. (1) As soon as practicable, units will cross:

- (a) All available AT weapons.
 (b) All available TDs.
 (c) All available Tks.

(2) Extra ammunition will be carried by all troops.

(3) Stress will be laid on distribution of bazookas to assault rifle Cos as well as other means of hand carried AT defenses.

(4) Dumps of AT mines and bazooka ammunition will be established with the least practicable delay.

(5) Special attention will be given to the establishment of a pool of personnel for hand carry parties.

(6) Units desiring illumination by Star Shell will clear with this Hq (AG of S, G-3) prior to making request to Div Arty.

- h. See Adm O #36, to be issued.

SECRET

5. a. See current SOI.
- b. CPs to be reported.
- c. Div CP Q1355.

CRAIG
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

Fail
FAIL
G-3

Annexes:

1. Operations Overlay
2. Intelligence Annex
3. Engr Annex
4. Arty Annex

- 3 -
SECRET

42

Annex #2 to FO #55.

APO #9 315
22 February 1945.INTELLIGENCE ANNEX1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION.

The enemy is believed to be entrenched along the east bank of the ROER River in our sector. He well knows the climatic and geographical conditions, and can be expected to make the most of such knowledge by heavily mining and defending the road and trail nets, and by covering any and all likely river crossings with small arms and automatic fire supported by prepared defensive mortar and artillery fire. (See G-2 Estimate dated 22 February 1945 for detailed analysis of enemy situation).

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. Will the enemy make an all-out defense of the ROER River line?
- b. Where and in what strength is the enemy capable of counterattacking with armor and/or infantry?
- c. In what strength, and how soon, is the enemy capable of reinforcing his front-line forces?
- d. Will the enemy defend from successive lines or will he, once a firm bridgehead is established, withdraw to the RHINE River?
- e. What armored elements are in the area of advance?
- f. What is the status of supply, morale, artillery of the enemy forces opposing our advances?
- g. Does the enemy intend to use the Volkssturm west of the RHINE River?

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

- x. (1) Information concerning initial contact, all identifications, and location and strength of enemy armored formations will be sent to this headquarters by the most expeditious means with an "urgent" classification.
- (2) Upon reaching objectives, all units will patrol vigorously to their front.
- (3) Upon reaching objectives, all units will establish and maintain observation posts and listening posts, being particularly watchful for enemy armor and for infantry concentrations.
- (4) Location, number, and type of mines and minefields will be reported immediately to this headquarters.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

Current SOP

5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

- a. All civilians found in the operational area will be apprehended and turned over to the CIC for disposition.
- b. All troops will again be cautioned on security matters prior to offensive operations. Assault echelons will be searched for compromising letters and documents prior to D-Day, H-Hour.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Jack A. Houston
JACK A. HOUSTON,
Lt. Col., GSC,
AC of S, G-2.

SECRET

ENGINEER ANNEX #3 to FO #55 Hq 9th Inf Div

1. a. See INTELLIGENCE ANNEX #2.
 - b. 15th Engr Bn (C) supports attack of 9th Inf Div.
2. Troops: 15th Engr Bn (C) 9th Inf Div.
51st Engr Bn (C) in support.
3. a. Co A 15th Engr (less 1 plat) plus Co B, atchd to 37th Inf.
 - b. Co C 15th Engr plus 1 plat Co A, atchd to 60th Inf.
 - c. 51st Engr Bn (C) support of 15th Engr Bn.
- x. (1) Communication to Bailey Bridge sites to be established by Corps telephone and to be manned by personnel 51st Engr Bn (C).
 - (2) Maximum engineer reconnaissance of sites, preparation of equipment prior to H-Hour. Construction to begin at H-4 hours.
 - (3) Equipment for river crossing to be moved to forward assembly areas during hours of darkness 23 - 24 February 1945.
4. See Adm O #36, Hq 9th Inf Div.
5. a. See current SOI.
 - b. CP 15th Engr Bn - F-005324.
CP 51st Engr Bn - K-988323.

SCHERERHORN
Commanding

OFFICIAL:

Forrest
FORREST R
S-3

SECRET

S E C R E T

ENGINEER PLAN FOR NINTH INF DIV CROSSING OF ROER RIVER

47th Inf Sector

<u>Site</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1 (Red)	Assault	Ferry	1	1 Plat Co A, 15th Engrs
	Support	Flamethrowers	2	1 Squad Co A, 15th Engrs
2 (White)	Assault	Ferry	1	2 Squads Co A, 15th Engrs
	Assault	Ferry & Sommerfeld Track	1	1 Plat Co A, 15th Engrs
	Support	Flamethrowers	2	1 Squad Co A, 15th Engrs
	Assault	Toggle bridge	1	1 Squad Co A, 15th Engrs
	Support	Infantry footbridge	216'	51st Engr Bn
3 (Blue)	Assault	Ferry	1)	1 Plat Co A, 15th Engrs
	Support	Improvised Footbridge	48'	
	Support	Flamethrowers	2	1 Squad Co A, 15th Engrs.
	Support	Treadway Bridge	160'	51st Engr Bn
	Corps	Bailey Bridge	60' DS	51st Engr Bn

60th Inf Sector

1	Assault	Ferry	1	1 Plat Co C, 15th Engrs
	Assault	Toggle bridge	1	1 Squad Co C, 15th Engrs
	Support	Flamethrowers	3	1 Squad Co C, 15th Engrs
	Support	Infantry footbridge	216'	51st Engr Bn
	Assault	Bailey Bridge	120' C1 10	51st Engr Bn
	Support	Bailey Bridge	120' C1 40	51st Engr Bn
(Reinforces C1 10)				
2	Assault	Ferry	1	1 Plat Co C, 15th Engrs
3	Assault	Ferry	1	1 Plat Co C, 15th Engrs
	Support	Flamethrowers	3	1 Squad Co C, 15th Engrs

- 2 -
S E C R E T

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 9.

Field Artillery Annex Ninth Infantry Division.

Annex No. 4 to Field Order No. 55, 9th Infantry Division,
22 February 1945.

Craig
Comdg.

OFFICIAL:

Full
Feil
G-3

Secret

Auth: CG, 9th Inf Div Arty
Initials *CR*
Date: 23 Feb. 1945
Hq 9th Inf Div Arty
APO 9,
231200A Feb. 1945.

P.C. No. 1.

Maps: Germany 1/25,000, Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305.

1. a. See Intelligence Annex No. 2, Hq. 9th Inf. Div., FO 51
22 February 1945.

b. (1) For Division plan see FO No. 55, Hq 9th Inf Div.,
22 February 1945.

(2) The artillery of the III Corps will be in general
support, prepared to fire counterbattery and long range inter-
diction. The 78th Inf. Div. Artillery will reinforce the fires
of the artillery of this Division.

(3) The Division Artillery: Attached:

- 400th FA Bn. (105 SP) Armd.
- 254th FA Bn. (155H)
- 987th FA Bn. (less A & C) (155 G SP)
- 376th AAA (AW) Bn.

~~1st Platoon Co. "G", 90th Chem. Mortar Bn.~~
will support the attack by harassing, interdiction, on call and
observed fires. All units will be prepared to mass the fire on
the town of NIDEGGEN.

- 3. a. 60th and 84th FA Bns. SOP.
- b. 26th FA Bn. General support and reinforcing the
fires of the 84th FA Bn.
- c. 34th FA Bn. General support and reinforcing the
fires of the 84th FA Bn.
- d. 400th FA Bn. (105mm Armd) General support and rein-
force the fires of the 60th FA Bn.
- e. 254th FA Bn. (155 How) General support and rein-
forcing fires of the 60th FA Bn.
- f. 987th FA Bn. (less Btry's A & C) (155G SP) General
support and reinforcing the fires of 60th and 84th FA Bns., with
1 platoon each.
- g. 1st Platoon Co. "G", 90th Chemical Mortar Bn. (4.5
mortar) Direct support 60th FA Bn. prepared to maintain smoke
on hill 360 (097-353) on call.
- h. 376th AAA (AW) Bn. SOP.
Be prepared to defend Division bridges across the
ROER River.
- Provisional Platoon of 4 Half-Tracks M-16, direct
support of 60th Infantry from indirect fire position.
- Provisional Platoon of 4 Half-Tracks M-16, direct
support of 47th Infantry from indirect fire position.

SECRET

47

SECRET

1. 899th TD Bn..

1 Platoon Co "A", direct support of the 26th FA Bn.

1 Platoon Co "B", direct support of the 60th FA Bn.

1 Platoon Co "C", direct support of the 84th FA Bn.

will fire indirect fire on harassing and interdiction missions and be prepared to illuminate the bridgehead on call with Star Shell.

x. (1) Positions:

26th FA Bn:

A - 07521-30310

B - 07584-30418

C - 07118-30793 Center Line CA 1400

HQ - 073-300

Ser - 986-246

34th FA Bn:

A - 0346-3333

B - 0336-3209

C - 0345-3247 Center Line CA 1400

HQ - 0290-3207

Ser - 932-332

60th FA Bn:

A - 069-333

B - 073-329

C - 072-333 Center Line CA 1600

HQ - 074-335

Ser - 980-320

84th FA Bn.

A - 0518-3138

B - 0520-3090

C - 0582-3020 Center Line CA 1200

HQ - 0470-3130

Ser - 956-216

376th AAA (AW) Bn. OP 026-334.

254th FA Bn:

A - 0418-3268

B - 041-329

C - 0385-3258 Center Line CA 1500

HQ - 0468-3306

Ser - 018-311

400th FA Bn:

A - 0705-3380

B - 0694-3366

C - 0736-3386 Center Line CA 1700

HQ - 0698-3420

Ser - 042-368

987th FA Bn.

B - 1st Platoon - F054-362

2nd Platoon - F024-286

CP - F043-355.

SECRET

SECRET

3rd Platoon Co "C" 90th Cml Mortar Bn: 072-342

(2) Fire plan to be issued later.

(3) Direct support Battalions will arrange with reinforcing Battalions to insure the establishment of FO's at all bridging sites.

(4) All Battalions to be tied in to Corps Survey Control.

(6) Position areas desired for forward displacement to be reported as soon as located.

(7) Vehicles accompanying units initially across bridge to be reduced to absolute minimum.

(9) Ammunition - Organic Battalions - three and one half units of fire to be in each Battalion area prior to H-Hour.

Attached Battalions - Maintain organic load in Battalion area.

(14) Metro Messages SOP - For hours see Par 17, Operations LcMo No. 9, Hq III Corps, dated 19 February 1945.

4. c. All Battalions will draw 2 days "C" or "10 in 1" Ration for use after crossing.

HOWELL
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

Lucas
LUCAS
S-3.

SECRET

S-E-C-R-E-T

Hq 9th Inf Div.
APO #9
0800 - 23 Feb 45

AD: O #36

Maps: GERMANY - 1/50,000 (Special Map "A", Sheet #1)

1. SUPPLY.

a. Rations:

(1) Each individual in the assault elements crossing the river will have in his possession 1 da "C" or "K" ration and 1/3 "D" ration.

b. 1 da anticipated consumption of the following supplies will be placed in a fwd dump on the near side of the river prior to the start of the operation:

- (1) Rations and Halazone Tablets
- (2) All types ammo
- (3) Med supplies
- (4) Sig Wire and radio batteries

c. 2 da anticipated consumption of above supplies will be placed in a dump on the far side of the river as soon as the tactical situation will permit.

d. Div Ord O will establish a fwd small arms repair installation in the vic of BRÄNDENBERG. A stock of replacement small arms and auto weapons will be available at this point.

2. EVACUATION.

a. Casualties:

(1) A Med Coll Det will be located on the near shore at each point of crossing. An additional Med Coll Det will be established on the far shore at each point of crossing as soon as the tactical situation will permit.

(2) Ctr Fltn - 022283 and 041356

(3) Field Hosp - HURTGEN

(4) 20 Army litter bearers will be atchd to each CT making the crossing.

b. Burial:

(1) GRS - HURTGEN

c. Prisoners of War:

(1) IV Encl - HURTGEN

3. TRAFFIC.

a. All traffic crossing the Div bridge at vic of 107332 will be in accordance with priority established by this Hq and as dispatched by Traffic Control Hq (Office of AD of S, G-4) located at HURTGEN.

b. In order to prepare a tentative crossing table, CT Comdrs will submit a list of vehicles by priority and type for crossing the Div bridge

S-E-C-R-E-T

c. Vehicles will be dispatched from their tactical locations. After being dispatched, each unit will maintain liaison with the unit preceding it in order to avoid the jamming of columns and to provide for the continuous flow of traffic.

d. Service vehicles crossing the bridges will be limited to minimum necessary to fulfill the tactical mission, such as ln /ammo vehicles. Svc trains will be held in present Svc Co area and will move fwd only on clearance from G-4.

e. TCF's will be located at (#1) 052367; (#2) 076336; (#3) 092333 - Bridge #1; (#4) 106331 - Bridge #2; and (#5) 073306.

f. Telephone and radio communication will be established between Traffic Hq (G-4) and TCF's #2, 4 and 5.

g. Wreckers will be stationed initially in the vic of TCF #2 and TCF #5 and will move fwd to vic of TCF #3 and TCF #4 as the tactical situation progresses. Tank and TD units will have a recovery unit available in the vic of the crossing sites to assist their own Tanks and TDs if necessary.

h. Vehicles with non-standard treads will not attempt to cross bridges; MP's will be directed to pull any such vehicle out of the column.

i. An MP Officer will be stationed at TCF #4. An MP Patrol will be operated between HURGEN, TCF #1 and TCF #4; and between TCF #5 and TCF #4. An MP will be stationed on each side of the bridge.

4. SERVICE TROOPS AND TRAINS:

a. Inf Svc Cos and Arty Svc Btrys will not move fwd of the line BERGSTEIN - HARSCHIED until authorized by this Hq.

5. PERSONNEL:

a. Straggler Line - HARSCHIED - BERGSTEIN.

By Command of Maj Gen CRAIG:

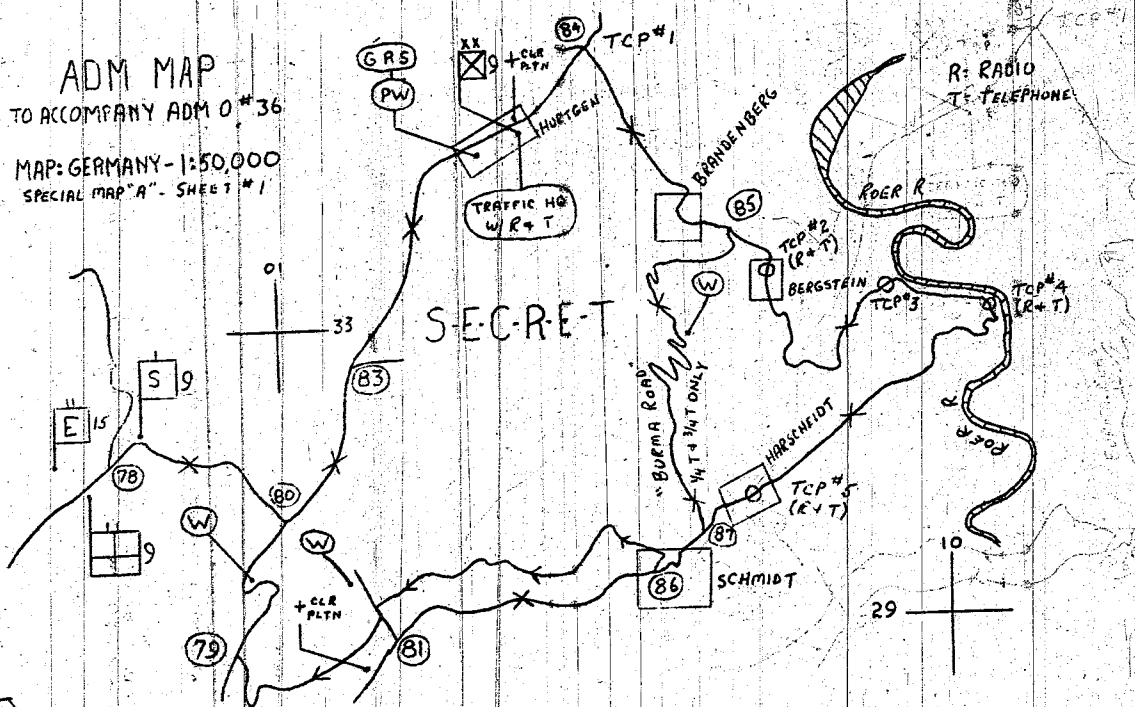
WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

George E. Tackett
GEORGE E. TICKETT
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
AG of S, G-4.

57

ADM MAP
 TO ACCOMPANY ADM O #36
 MAP: GERMANY - 1:50,000
 SPECIAL MAP "A" - SHEET #1



SECRET

Auth: CG 9th Inf Div
 Init: (C)
 Date: 25 February 1945

Hq 9th Inf Div
 25 February 1945

FO #56

MAPS: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets 520h, 520s, 530h, 530s.

1. a. The enemy has continued to improve his defensive lines until recently. It is not yet known what may be his intentions as to an all-out effort west of the RHINE, but recent indications point to an increasing concern over our efforts directed at the RUHR region. It is becoming apparent that the enemy is more interested in preventing our reaching the RUHR than he is in holding territory west of the RHINE, and for this reason it is felt he will swing to a delaying action, making use of his prepared lines of defense, withdrawing the bulk of his forces to the east of the RHINE and to the approaches to the RUHR valley and northern German plains. There appears to be very little armor present, the only element known to be available being the 11th Pz Div, reportedly in the HUENCHEN - GLADBACH area.

b. III Corps atks to the east. 1st Inf Div atks to the ^{south then} east within zone. 78th Inf Div remains on present line and demonstrates in conjunction with atk of remainder of the Corps.

2. This Div

Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
 899th TD Bn
 376th AAA AW Bn
 254th FA Bn (155 How)
 400th Armd FA Bn (105 How SP)
 987th FA Bn (less Btrys A & C) (155 Gun SP)
 Co C 90th Cml Bn

Will, upon seizure of final objectives by the 1st Inf Div (see overlay), pass through the 1st Inf Div, atk to the S to seize Objective Lines #1 & #2, prepared to renew atk to seize Final Objective Line (See overlay).

Btrys, zones of action - See overlay.
 LD - See overlay.
 Time to cross LD - To be announced.

3. a. 39th Inf

Atchd: 1st Bn 60th Inf (plus 1 plat Co B 746th Tk Bn, 1 plat Co B 899th TD Bn)
 Co C 746th Tk Bn
 Co A 899th TD Bn
 Co A 9th Med Bn
 Co A 15th Engr Bn
 81mm Mortar Plat 746th Tk Bn

(1) Will, upon seizure of final objectives by the 1st Inf Div (see overlay), pass through the 1st Inf Div, atk to the S to seize Objective Lines #1 & #2.

(2) Will be prepared to continue atk to seize Final Objective Line (see overlay).

LD - See overlay.
 Time to cross LD - To be announced.

b. 60th Inf (less 1st Bn, 1 plat Co B 746th Tk Bn and 1 plat Co B 899th TD Bn)
 Atchd: Co B 746th Tk Bn (less 1 plat)
 Co C 9th Med Bn
 1 plat Co B 899th TD Bn (Atchd 1st Bn)
 1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

(1) Will defend present position.

53

(2) Will be prepared to cross ROER River immediately upon seizure of nose at 095335 by 39th Inf (Reinf).

(3) Will be prepared to atk in conjunction with 39th Inf (Reinf) to seize Final Objective Line.

c. 47th Inf

Atchd: Co A 746th Tk Bn
Co B 9th Med Bn
Assault Gun Plat 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

Will defend present position prepared to cross ROER River on order.

d. Div Arty

Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn
254th FA Bn (155 How)
400th Armd FA Bn (105 How SP)
987th FA Bn (less A & C Btry) (155 Gun SP)
1 plat Co C 90th Cml Bn

- (1) 28th, 60th, & 84th FA Bn - SOP.
- (2) 34th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires of 26th FA Bn.
- (3) 254th, 400th, & 987th FA Bn - General support.
- (4) 3rd Plat Co C 90th Cml Bn - In direct support of 39th Inf (Reinf).
- (5) 376th AAA Bn - SOP and prepared to fire in support of 39th & 60th Infs.

e. 9th Ron Tr

Atchd: Co D 746th Tk Bn

- (1) Will maintain OPs as directed by AC of S, G-2.
- (2) Will remain in Div Res.

f. 15th Engr Bn (less Co A)

(1) Will be prepared to bridge ROER River, upon clearance of nose at 095335, for crossing of root elements of 60th Inf.

(2) Supported by the 51st Engr Bn (C), will be prepared:

- (a) To open the main road between ZERKALL and BRUCK-HETZINGEN.
- (b) To construct a Cl 40 Bailey Bridge across the ROER River at BRUCK-HETZINGEN.
- (c) To open the main road between BRUCK-HETZINGEN and NIDEGGEN by the most expeditious means.

g. 746th Tk Bn - SCE.

h. 899th TD Bn (less Co A, & 1 plat Co B)

- (1) Will defend the Div against armored attack.
- (2) Will, with 1 plat, illuminate bridgehead area on call.

Co B 1 plat direct support of the 60th RCT.
1 plat in direct support of the 60th FA Bn. Will pass to company control upon passing of LD by 39th RCT.

Co C 2 plats in direct support of the 47th CT and 1 plat in direct support of the 84th FA Bn. Company be prepared to reinforce bridgehead under Bn control on order this Hq.

SECRET

- x. FO #55 dated 22 February 1945 rescinded this date.
- 4. See Adm O #37, to be issued.
- 5. a. See current SOI.
b. CPs to be reported.
c. Div CP: Ok1355.

CRAIG
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

Fail
FELL
G-3

Annexes: Annex #1 - Cons Overlay.

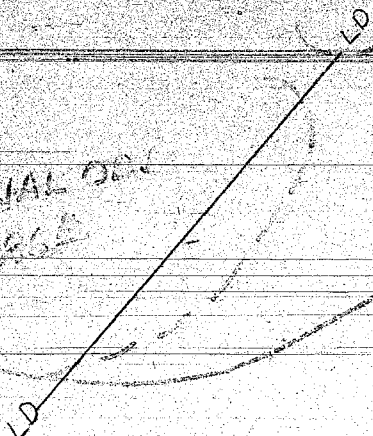
- 3 -
SECRET

55

FINAL
OBJ

10th

FINAL OBJ
852




FINAL
OBJ LINE

COLLINE
NO 1

COLLINE

SH INF DIV
 ATTACHED TO ACCOMPANY FQ 85
 DATED 25 FEB 1945
 MAP GERMAN SCALE: 1:25000
 SHEETS: 5304, 5305, 5306, 5305
 SPECIAL
 FILE
 CRAND
 COMPANY

SECRET
Auth: CG, 9th Inf Div
Init: 
Date: 27 February 1945

HQ 9TH INF DIV
27 February 1945

FO #57

MAPS: GERMANY 1/25,000, Sheets 5204, 5205, 5304, 5305

1. a. The enemy has been forced to abandon his ROER River defenses; such resistance as he could muster, with only the troops at hand, has centered largely in the villages in the division's zone of advance. At no time has there been any indication of his manning his hasty field fortifications; PWs interrogated along the First Army front state they had no withdrawal plan, nor did they know of any reinforcements; they also stated they believed there were none to their rear. They had been ordered to hold in position, and such fighting as they have done has been characterized by a passive rather than active defense.

It is expected that resistance to our advances to the East will continue moderate; the infantry defending from built up areas, supported by SP guns. No armor is known to be in the area. It is probable that the 85th AB Div will be encountered as we approach QUELFICH. One Bn of the 8th Frecht Bgt, 3rd Frecht Div is known to be in EISEN. It is probable that the trench system running North out of EISEN will be manned by remnants of the 3rd Frecht Div.

b. III Corps continues the attack to the East.

2. This Div

Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
899th ID Bn
376th AAA AF Bn
254th FA Bn (155 How)
400th Armd FA Bn (155 How SP)
987th FA Bn (less Btrys A & C) (155 Gun SP)
Co C 90th Cml Bn

(1) Will continue the attack to the East to seize Objective Line #3 (see overlay).

(2) Will protect the right (South) flank of the Corps, until further orders.

Bdrys and zones of action - See overlay.

ID - Final Objective Line

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

3. a. 39th Inf

Atchd: Co C 746th Tk Bn
Co A 9th Mtd Bn
1 plnt Co A 15th Engr Bn
1 plnt Co C 90th Cml Bn
Stm Mortar Plnt 746th Tk Bn

Will continue the attack to the East within zone, echeloned left to right (North to South), to seize Objective Line #3 (see overlay).

ID - Final Objective Line

Time to cross ID - To be announced.

5

SEC
CLASS
CONF
SECRET

b. 15th Inf
Co B 5th Med Bn

Co C 5th Med Bn

1 plnt Co C 90th Cml Bn

(1) Will continue attack on order, 26 February 1945.

(2) Will continue attack on line indicated on overlay, in Div Reg, prepared to attack on order, in HHC, on order.

Will continue to protect the right (South) flank of the Div.

c. 10th Inf
Co B 5th Med Bn

Co C 5th Med Bn

1 plnt Co C 90th Cml Bn

Will continue attack to the East within zone, echeloned left to right (North to South), to seize Objective Line #2 (see overlay).

(1) Will continue attack on order, in Div Reg, prepared to attack on order, in HHC, on order.

(2) Final Objective Line

Will continue to protect the right (South) flank of the Div.

d. Div Artillery

105 How SP (Loss Btrys A & C) (155 Gun SP)

105 How SP (Loss Btrys A & C) (155 Gun SP)

105 How SP (Loss Btrys A & C) (155 Gun SP)

26th FA Bn - SCF

General support reinforcing fires of 26th FA Bn.

60th FA Bn - SCF

General support reinforcing fires of 60th FA Bn.

AAA Bn - SCF

AAA Bn - SCF

AAA Bn - SCF

AAA Bn - SCF

Will be prepared to recommit to the East, on order.

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

15th Inf Bn - SCF

OFFICIAL:

File
FRL
G-3

CRAIG
Coady

ANNEX #1 - Opns Overlay.

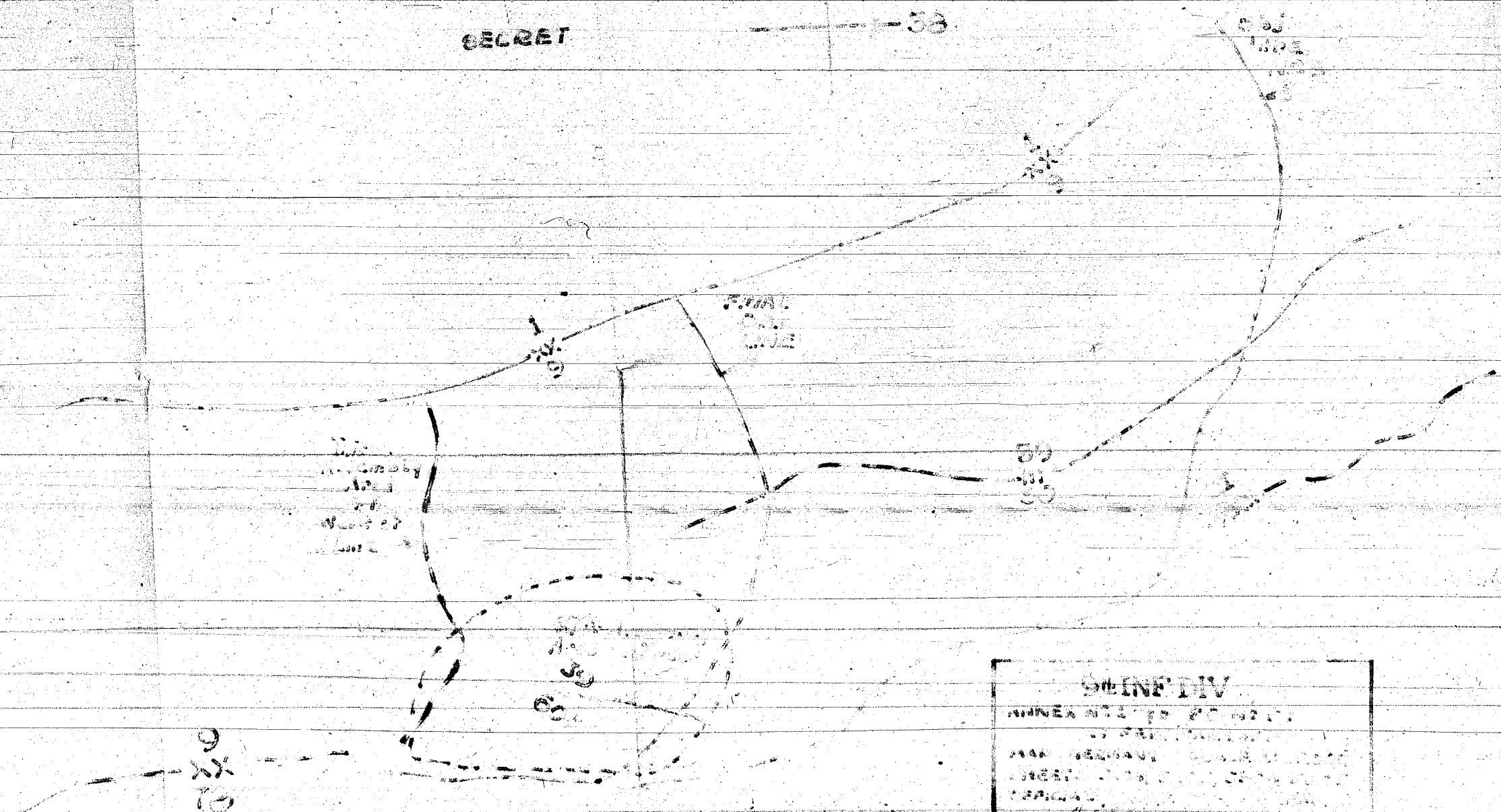
- 2 -
SECRET

Handwritten mark

18

SECRET

53



100
 101
 102
 103
 104
 105
 106
 107
 108
 109
 110
 111
 112
 113
 114
 115
 116
 117
 118
 119
 120
 121
 122
 123
 124
 125
 126
 127
 128
 129
 130
 131
 132
 133
 134
 135
 136
 137
 138
 139
 140
 141
 142
 143
 144
 145
 146
 147
 148
 149
 150
 151
 152
 153
 154
 155
 156
 157
 158
 159
 160
 161
 162
 163
 164
 165
 166
 167
 168
 169
 170
 171
 172
 173
 174
 175
 176
 177
 178
 179
 180
 181
 182
 183
 184
 185
 186
 187
 188
 189
 190
 191
 192
 193
 194
 195
 196
 197
 198
 199
 200

SECRET

SECRET DIV.
 HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
 1000 ...
 1001 ...
 1002 ...
 1003 ...
 1004 ...
 1005 ...
 1006 ...
 1007 ...
 1008 ...
 1009 ...
 1010 ...
 1011 ...
 1012 ...
 1013 ...
 1014 ...
 1015 ...
 1016 ...
 1017 ...
 1018 ...
 1019 ...
 1020 ...
 1021 ...
 1022 ...
 1023 ...
 1024 ...
 1025 ...
 1026 ...
 1027 ...
 1028 ...
 1029 ...
 1030 ...
 1031 ...
 1032 ...
 1033 ...
 1034 ...
 1035 ...
 1036 ...
 1037 ...
 1038 ...
 1039 ...
 1040 ...
 1041 ...
 1042 ...
 1043 ...
 1044 ...
 1045 ...
 1046 ...
 1047 ...
 1048 ...
 1049 ...
 1050 ...
 1051 ...
 1052 ...
 1053 ...
 1054 ...
 1055 ...
 1056 ...
 1057 ...
 1058 ...
 1059 ...
 1060 ...
 1061 ...
 1062 ...
 1063 ...
 1064 ...
 1065 ...
 1066 ...
 1067 ...
 1068 ...
 1069 ...
 1070 ...
 1071 ...
 1072 ...
 1073 ...
 1074 ...
 1075 ...
 1076 ...
 1077 ...
 1078 ...
 1079 ...
 1080 ...
 1081 ...
 1082 ...
 1083 ...
 1084 ...
 1085 ...
 1086 ...
 1087 ...
 1088 ...
 1089 ...
 1090 ...
 1091 ...
 1092 ...
 1093 ...
 1094 ...
 1095 ...
 1096 ...
 1097 ...
 1098 ...
 1099 ...
 1100 ...

50

50

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A.P.O. #9

SECRET
Auth: CG, 9th Inf Div
Initials: *W*
Date: 28 February 1945
281900 February 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions

TO: FO Distribution

1. a. 39th Inf will continue the attack to seize that portion of Phase Line 171360 - Hill 217 (172341) - Hill 219 (172331) - Hill 243 (166323) within their sector, by daylight 1 March 1945.

b. Will continue the attack to seize that portion of Objective Line No. 3 within their sector, by dark 1 March 1945.

2. a. 60th Inf will continue the attack to seize that portion of Phase Line 171360 - Hill 217 (172341) - Hill 219 (172331) - Hill 243 (166323) within their sector, by daylight 1 March 1945.

b. Will continue the attack to seize that portion of Objective Line No. 3 within their sector, by dark 1 March 1945.

3. a. 47th Inf will continue present mission.

b. Will relieve elements of 39th Inf in THUM and vicinity immediately.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CRAIG:

WILLIAM G. WESTMORELAND,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. C. Feil
F. C. FEIL,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
AG of S, G-3.

SECRET

60

NEW FOLDER BEGINS