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SUBJECT: Report of Operations

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

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SECTION I - AUTHORITY

In compliance with Paragraph 30 (C-4), AR 345-105, this report of operation of the 9th Infantry Division for the period 1 - 30 April 1945 is submitted.

SECTION II - INTRODUCTION

1. Command. During the operations covered by this report, the 9th Infantry Division was part of the VII Corps from 1 - 4 April 1945, III Corps from 5 - 1412008 April 1945, VII Corps from 141201 - 30 April 1945 of the First U.S. Army.

- a. First Army - General COURTNEY B. HODGES.
- b. III Corps - Major General JAMES A. VAN VLIET
- c. VII Corps Lieutenant General J. LINTON COLLINS
- d. 9th Infantry Division - Major General LOUIS A. CRAIG

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
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 9th Infantry Division Artillery
- 26th Field Artillery Battalion (105 Howitzer)
- 34th Field Artillery Battalion (105 Howitzer)
- 60th Field Artillery Battalion (105 Howitzer)
- 84th Field Artillery Battalion (105 Howitzer)
- 9th Medical Battalion
- 15th Engineer Battalion
- 9th Reconnaissance Troop
- 9th Signal Company
- 9th Quartermaster Company
- 709th Ordnance Company
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company 9th Infantry Division

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b. attachments and Detachments

	Attached	Detached
CGA 7th Armored Division	3 Apr 1945	6 Apr 1945
Company C 90th Chemical Battalion	3 Apr 1945	12 Apr 1945
18th Field Artillery Battalion (105 How)	3 Apr 1945	7 Apr 1945
489th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (105 How SP)	3 Apr 1945	6 Apr 1945
809th Field Artillery Battalion (155 How)	4 Apr 1945	7 Apr 1945
32nd Cavalry Squadron	5 Apr 1945	9 Apr 1945
Company F 18th Cavalry Squadron	7 Apr 1945	9 Apr 1945
Company B 17th Tank Battalion	6 Apr 1945	9 Apr 1945
Company A 61st Tank Destroyer Battalion (155 How)	6 Apr 1945	9 Apr 1945
965th Field Artillery Battalion (155 How)	7 Apr 1945	10 Apr 1945
2nd Battalion 113th Infantry	15 Apr 1945	16 Apr 1945
18th Field Artillery Battalion (105 How)	15 Apr 1945	29 Apr 1945
965th Field Artillery Battalion (155 How)	15 Apr 1945	28 Apr 1945
4th Cavalry Group	17 Apr 1945	22 Apr 1945
Attached operationally	22 Apr 1945	24 Apr 1945
CGA 3rd Armored Division	24 Apr 1945	25 Apr 1945
GGR 3rd Armored Division	24 Apr 1945	25 Apr 1945
183rd Field Artillery Battalion (155 How)	24 Apr 1945	29 Apr 1945

3. Maps. The following maps were used: GERMANY 1/25,000; Sheets 4137, 4138, 4139, 4237, 4238, 4239, 4338, 4339; 1/50,000; Sheets 157, 158, 188; 1/100,000; Sheets P5, P6, P7, Q5, Q6, Q7, R2, R3.

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1. 1 April 1945

- a. Division CP; G-518697; vicinity SCHWARZENAU, GERMANY.
- b. The Division attacked to the North, Northwest and West, capturing the town of BERLEBERG and an objective vicinity G-52838 and making substantial gains toward the towns of WINTERBERG, NEU ASTENBERG and GIRKHAUSEN.
- c. The 39th Infantry attacked at 0115A from vicinity HALLENBERG (G-6279) with the 3rd Battalion on the left, 1st Battalion on the right to take WINTERBERG (G-5588). Little resistance was met until daylight but after this time, both battalions encountered moderate resistance from small arms fire, Riegel mines and roadblocks. At 2115A, leading elements were ordered to halt due to poor visibility. Companies I and L continued to mop up against small arms resistance vicinity G-52838.
- d. The 47th Infantry completed closing in at 0100A. At 1015A, the 1st Battalion attacked to seize the town of BERLEBERG (G-4672) and the 3rd Battalion moved out toward BERGHAUSEN (G-4371). Neither unit met much resistance until early evening when Company B was pinned down by small arms, artillery and self-propelled fire while the 3rd Battalion met determined small arms resistance. The 1st Battalion cleared its objective while the 3rd Battalion organized short of its objective vicinity G-450700 at the close of the period.
- e. The 60th Infantry closed completely at 0645A. At 1215A, the 2nd Battalion jumped off from BEDELHAUSEN (G-5367) toward GIRKHAUSEN (G-5080) and the 1st Battalion jumped off fifteen minutes later to take NEU ASTENBERG (G-5285). The 1st Battalion met light resistance vicinity MOLLSEIFEN (G-5384) but succeeded in cutting the East-West road in this vicinity and the 2nd Battalion advanced to a point approximately two miles Southeast of GIRKHAUSEN where poor roads held up the advance. The 3rd Battalion was designated Division Reserve and took over positions previously held by elements of the 47th Infantry vicinity ARFELD (G-4968).

2. 2 April 1945

- a. Division CP; G-518697; vicinity SCHWARZENAU until 1545B; G-625795; vicinity HALLENBERG, GERMANY.
- b. The Division continued the attack to the North and West to capture the towns of BERLEBERG, BERGHAUSEN, ZUSCHEN and WINTERBERG. The town of NEU ASTENBERG was taken, lost due to a strong enemy counterattack, and retaken.
- c. The 60th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) continued the attack with the 1st Battalion moving out for NEU ASTENBERG (G-5285) and the 2nd Battalion jumping off again for GIRKHAUSEN (G-5080). By daylight, both objectives had been taken against light opposition but at 0630B, an enemy counterattack of tanks and infantry drove the 1st Battalion out of NEU ASTENBERG. Later the battalion moved to MOLLSEIFEN (G-5384) and Company G cut the road near GANGEWIESE (G-5084) after a heavy fire fight at vicinity G-480825.
- d. In the 47th Infantry sector, the 1st and 3rd Battalions jumped off at 0630B for the towns of BERLEBERG (G-4672) and BERGHAUSEN (G-4371) respectively. By early afternoon, both objectives had been taken against light resistance and the 2nd Battalion moved out toward objective #3 (vicinity G-4585). The 2nd Battalion met determined resistance and at the close of the period, had advanced to positions vicinity G-452812 and G-475035.
- e. The 1st and 3rd Battalions, 39th Infantry continued the attack to the North at 0115B for objectives vicinity G-560887 and the town of WINTERBERG (G-5588). The 3rd Battalion cleared WINTERBERG, and continued to clear ZUSCHEN (G-5704) by 0920B, and the 1st Battalion seized its objective (vicinity G-560887) both against light resistance. Due to the counterattack against the 60th Infantry, the 3rd Battalion was ordered to retake NEU ASTENBERG and the other battalions readjusted positions to maintain the Regimental front.
- f. The 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry remained in Division Reserve and moved to vicinity HESBORN (G-6284).

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3. 3 April 1945

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- a. Division OP: G-625795; vicinity HALLENBERG, GERMANY.
- b. The Division continued the attack to capture the towns of OBERKIRCHEN and WESTFELD and the high ground vicinity G-528864.
- c. In the 47th Infantry sector, the 2nd Battalion moved out at 0800 toward OBERKIRCHEN (G-4483). The town was cleared late in the afternoon but a counter-attack by enemy infantry and four or five Mark V tanks hit the Battalion at 2100B. At the close of the period, the situation had quieted and 2nd Battalion positions remained unchanged.
- d. The 39th Infantry continued the attack with the 2nd Battalion jumping off to clear the area west of the main ZUSCHEN - WINTERBERG road and the 3rd Battalion moving to relieve the 1st Battalion in WINTERBERG. By the middle of the afternoon, the 2nd Battalion had secured its objective but due to a misunderstanding, Company F moved too far and left one platoon to hold the high ground vicinity G-539874. This platoon was driven off the hill by enemy tanks and infantry late in the afternoon. The 3rd Battalion met considerable resistance from infantry, mortar and tank fire but Company L succeeded in capturing Hill 314 (vicinity G-528864) by 2120B.
- e. The 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry moved out at 0800B to capture the town of WESTFELD (G-4785). The objective was secured late in the afternoon after a brief small arms fight, and an enemy counterattack at 1745B was repulsed. The 1st Battalion moved to NEU ASTENBERG to relieve the 3rd Battalion 39th Infantry at 0530B and the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry rejoined the Regiment at midnight.
- f. CGA 7th Armored Division became attached to the Division as of 2400B.

4. 4 April 1945

- a. Division CP: G-625795; vicinity HALLENBERG, GERMANY.
- b. The Division continued the attack to the North and West, capturing the towns of ALT ASTENBERG, NIEDERSFELD, GRAEBACH and HILDFELD and the high ground vicinity G-565925. Heavy, determined enemy counterattacks against the town of OBERKIRCHEN were successfully repulsed and positions held.
- c. In the 39th Infantry sector, the 1st and 3rd Battalions attacked at 0800B toward Objectives "A" (vicinity G-5996) and "B" (vicinity G-526920). The 1st Battalion encountered self-propelled and artillery fire along with dug-in infantry and the 3rd Battalion became engaged in a heavy fire fight. Neither battalion reached its objective but Company G cut the road at G-571914 and proceeded on to vicinity G-565925 and by the close of the period, the 3rd Battalion had advanced to vicinity G-547885. Company E secured a limited objective vicinity G-588913 following a small arms fight.
- d. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 60th Infantry moved out at 0800B toward ALT ASTENBERG (G-5188). The 2nd Battalion advanced without opposition to the high ground overlooking the town but the 3rd Battalion met artillery fire, tanks and infantry just South of the Objective. The 3rd Battalion captured and secured the town by 1930B.
- e. The 47th Infantry held defensive positions on the South of the Division sector. The 2nd Battalion received a number of determined counterattacks, the heaviest of which commenced at 0655B, but the situation was under control by 1600B. Late in the afternoon, the 1st and 3rd Battalions were relieved by elements of the 99th Infantry Division and commenced movement to vicinity KUSTELBERG. At 2000B, the 47th Infantry (less 2nd Battalion) was attached to Task Force Birks. The 2nd Battalion remained in defensive positions vicinity OBERKIRCHEN.

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f. CGA 7th Armored Division jumped off at 0800B to capture the towns of GRONEBACH (G-5792) and NIEDERSFELD (G-5596). Advances on both towns were contested by heavy anti-tank, self-propelled, artillery, mortar and small arms fire but by 2100B, both objectives had been secured. At 2000B, CGA became a part of TF Birks.

g. At 2000B, the Assistant Division Commander assumed command of a Task Force consisting of CGA 7th Armored Division, 32nd Cavalry Squadron, and the 47th Infantry (less 2nd Battalion) and their attachments.

5. 5 April 1945

a. Division OP: G-625795; vicinity HALLENBERG, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the advance to the North and northwest, capturing seven villages and clearing a number of important terrain features.

c. The 39th Infantry continued the attack with all three battalions moving out at 0800B; the 2nd Battalion to take SILBACH (G-5292); the 3rd Battalion toward vicinity G-530898 and the 1st Battalion to sweep the woods North to G-560945 then West to G-537947. All battalions advanced initially without opposition but the 2nd Battalion fought small arms and self-propelled fire in securing an intermediate objective and encountered tank, artillery and mortar fire before finally capturing SILBACH. The 3rd Battalion received small arms fire soon after capturing its objective, continued on to sweep the woods to the North before assembling in WINTERBERG in reserve. The 1st Battalion accomplished its mission and at 1850B, jumped off for SIEDLINGHAUSEN (G-5195). The advance halted short of the town at 2100B.

d. Task Force Birks.

Task Force Birks (consisting of CGA 7th Armored Division plus the 47th Infantry (less 2nd Battalion)) attacked at 0800B from vicinity NIEDERSFELD (G-5995) toward objectives to the North. Good progress was made against considerable resistance, the heaviest of which consisted of 20mm, self-propelled, artillery and small arms fire from vicinity G-537990 and the town of ASSINGHAUSEN (G-5301). By the close of the period, the Task Force had cleared the towns of WIMERINGHAUSEN (G-5399), ASSINGHAUSEN, WULLMERINGHAUSEN (G-5201), BRUNSKAPPEL (G-5197), BRUCHHAUSEN (G-5502) and ELLERINGHAUSEN (G-5604).

e. The 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry continued the attack to the North from vicinity ALT ASTENBERG (G-5188) at 0800B. Progress was good against moderate resistance and the battalion advanced approximately 5000 yards to its objective vicinity G-51926. The 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry maintained defensive positions on the Regimental left and sent Company E to take the high ground vicinity G-475854 and to cut the main NORDENAU - OBERKIRCHEN road. The 1st Battalion displaced from NEU ASTENBERG to ALT ASTENBERG and maintained contact between the 2nd and 3rd Battalions.

f. The 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry was relieved in position by elements of the 7th Armored Division at 1600B and moved to vicinity G-559888 in Division Reserve. At the close of the period, the battalion had commenced movement toward BRILON (G-5811) to strengthen defenses in that sector in case of an attempted enemy breakthrough.

g. The 32nd Cavalry Squadron became attached to the Division at 1200B and moved to an assembly area vicinity G-590043 preparatory to assuming the mission of protecting the Division right flank.

6. 6 April 1945

a. Division OP: G-55960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack to the North and West capturing the towns of OLSBERG, BIGGE, ANFELD, SIEDLINGHAUSEN and HELMERINGHAUSEN and securing a number of important terrain features.

c. Task Force Birks composed of the 60th Armored Division and the 47th Infantry (less 2nd Battalion), continued the attack to the North on the right of the Division sector. Determined opposition, including anti-tank fire and road blocks delayed the advance at times but by 1930B, the towns of OLSBERG (G-5206), BIGGS (G-6106), ANTFELD (G-5008) and HEIMERINGHAUSEN (G-5105) and the high ground vicinity G-506078 were captured and secured. The Task Force was dissolved at 1930B, the 47th Infantry assuming command of the sector and CGA returning to Division control preparatory to reverting to its parent unit.

d. In the 60th Infantry sector, the 2nd Battalion attacked northward at 0800B and the 1st and 3rd Battalions jumped off to the West at 1000B. The 2nd Battalion secured important terrain features vicinity G-450858, G-470880 and G-482885 by 1500B and the 3rd Battalion advanced to vicinity G-503933 and G-499920 by 1700B. Neither battalion met much resistance but the 1st Battalion became involved in a heavy fire fight and fought hard until 2100B before reaching its final objective vicinity G-484898.

e. The 1st Battalion 39th Infantry continued the attack toward SIEDLINGHAUSEN (G-5195) and secured the town by 1335B after overcoming determined tank fire and enemy infantry resistance.

f. The 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry closed vicinity BRILON (G-5011) at 0915B and remained there in reserve until 1745B at which time the Battalion reverted to parent unit control.

7. 7 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the advance westward capturing the towns of HEINRICHSDORF, ALTEFELD, BESTWIG, OSTWIG, GEVELINGHAUSEN, HERRINGHAUSEN, EGGSHOFF, NUTTLAR and ELFE and continuing mopping up operations in rear of advance elements.

c. The 1st and 2nd Battalions 39th Infantry jumped off at 0800B and the 1st Battalion advanced initially with no opposition. The 2nd Battalion met small arms and mortar fire in moving to its line of departure. Resistance continued throughout the day but by the close of the period, the 1st Battalion had captured ELFE (G-4997) and the 2nd Battalion had secured HEINRICHSDORF (G-4898) and ALTEFELD (G-4995).

d. In the 60th Infantry sector, the 1st and 3rd Battalions jumped off at 0800B toward objectives to the West and the 2nd Battalion commenced mopping up within the Regimental area. The 1st Battalion met moderate resistance but by 2030B, the battalion had pushed through REMSIEPEL (G-4789), OBER SCORPE (G-4689) and reached its final objective, clearing MITTEL-SCORPE (G-450805). The 3rd Battalion cleared a wide wooded area against scattered strongpoints and stopped abreast of the 1st Battalion at nightfall.

e. The 47th Infantry continued the attack with Company I moving out at 0130B toward Objective #31 (vicinity G-4906) and the 1st Battalion jumping off at 0900B from vicinity G-510034 to secure the road near vicinity G-498030. Company I met considerable small arms resistance in GEVELINGHAUSEN (G-4906) but secured the town by 0920B. The 1st Battalion accomplished its mission with no resistance. At 1550B, the 47th Infantry became a part of Task Force Birks.

f. Task Force Birks was reformed at 1550B and the attack to the West continued. Good progress was made and by the close of the period, the towns of BESTWIG (G-4506), OSTWIG (G-4707), HERRINGHAUSEN (G-4604), EGGSHOFF (G-5111) and NUTTLAR (G-4708) had been secured.

8. 8 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the advance westward against moderate resistance to capture the towns of HALBESWIG, EVERSBERG, WEHSTAPEL, VEIHEDE, BODEFELD, WESTERBODEFELD and FANDBECK-VERDERN. Numerous prominent terrain features were also secured and as the period closed, units were fighting in MESCHENDE.

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c. Task Force Birks jumped off to the west at 0800H. Moderate resistance consisting of roadblocks, small arms, mortar, artillery and 20mm fire was encountered but good progress was made and at the close of the period, the towns of HALBESWIG (G-4404), WEHRSTAPEL (G-4206), and VELLEDE (G-4406) had been taken and elements were fighting to clear MESCHUDE (G-3805). The high ground vicinity G-430055, G-442050, G-453037 and G-394046 had also been cleared.

d. All three battalions 60th Infantry moved out to the West at 0800H. Resistance was light throughout the day and by the close of the period, the 1st Battalion had cut the North-South road at G-432920 and G-432918 and had secured the high ground vicinity G-436915. By 1700H the 2nd Battalion had cleared the high ground North of FREDENBURG, vicinity G-409895 and vicinity G-418900 and the group of buildings at G-419880. The 3rd Battalion had gained its limited objective vicinity G-960925 by 1400H.

e. In the 39th Infantry sector, the 1st and 2nd Battalions moved out to the West at 0800H. Both battalions encountered mines, booby traps, roadblocks and small arms fire during the day. By the close of the period, however, the 1st Battalion had cleared RAMSECK-WERDERN (G-4600) and the high ground vicinity G-450005 and G-443996, and the 2nd Battalion had secured BOEFELD (G-4594), WESTERNBOEFELD and the high ground vicinity G-420976 and G-445985.

9; 9 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the advance to the Northwest, clearing the towns of ALTENILPE, OBR HENNEBORN, MESCHUDE, BERLAR and KOTTINGHAUSEN and securing a number of prominent terrain features within the sector.

c. The 60th Infantry continued the attack at 0800H with the 1st and 2nd Battalions jumping off to the Northwest. Both battalions met small arms resistance and in addition, the 2nd Battalion met some self-propelled fire. By the close of the period, the 1st Battalion had captured an objective vicinity G-4293 and the 2nd Battalion had taken ALTENILPE (G-3891) and OBR HENNEBORN (G-3992). The 3rd Battalion remained in Regimental Reserve until passing through Company C at 1340H; the battalion advanced against light opposition to vicinity G-4195.

d. In the 39th Infantry sector, the 1st and 2nd Battalions jumped off to the Northwest at 0800H. Both battalions advanced against light resistance, the 1st receiving mostly small arms fire and the 2nd encountering some self-propelled and tank fire as well as small arms. By the close of the period, the 1st Battalion had advanced to the high ground vicinity G-4301 and had occupied BERLAR (G-4502) and the 2nd Battalion had taken KOTTINGHAUSEN (G-4190) and the high ground vicinity G-4298. The 3rd Battalion moved out at 1315, met no resistance and advanced to vicinity G-425005.

e. Task Force Birks completed clearing MESCHUDE (G-3805) then remained in defensive positions until relieved by the 10th Infantry at 1215H. At this time, Task Force Birks was dissolved and the 47th Infantry assembled in the ELPE - BRUNSKAPPEL - SIEDLINGHAUSEN area.

10. 10 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division continued the attack to the Northwest until pinched-out by the junction of the 7th Armored and 5th Infantry Divisions. Objectives cleared included the towns of REMBLINGHAUSEN, REISTE, NICHTINGHAUSEN and ERPLINGHAUSEN and the high ground vicinity G-317999, G-374005, and G-405992.

c. The 60th Infantry jumped off at 0800H with the 2nd Battalion on the left, 3rd Battalion on the right. Light resistance including road blocks, artillery and small arms fire was encountered but good progress was made and by 1500H, the 2nd Battalion had secured its objective vicinity G-355946 and the 1st Battalion passed through.

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The 1st and 3rd Battalions continued on and by the close of the period had advanced to the limit of the Regimental sector and were pinched out by friendly units. Objectives cleared included REISTE (G-3596), NICHTINGHAUSEN (G-3696), ERPLINGHAUSEN (G-3598), and the high ground vicinity G-317999 and G-374005.

d. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions 39th Infantry continued the attack to the Northwest at 0840B. Good progress was made against light resistance and the battalions cleared REMBLINGHAUSEN (G-3900) and the high ground vicinity G-408987, G-415995, and G-405992 before being pinched out by friendly units.

11. 11 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division remained in defensive positions out of contact with the enemy throughout the period. One Regimental Combat Team was detached and moved East to the VII Corps sector.

c. The 39th Infantry held defensive positions in the BERLAR (G-4502) - REMBLINGHAUSEN (G-3900) - ERPLINGHAUSEN (G-3698) area and the 60th Infantry remained in positions in the BLISINGHAUSEN (G-3495) - HERHAGEN (G-3797) - BUENFELD (G-3498) area. Neither regiment reported enemy contact. Rehabilitation and resupply were initiated.

d. The 47th Combat Team commenced movement East by motor to the VII Corps sector at 0900B. The combat team was detached and attached to VII Corps at 1030B and cleared the IP at BRUNSKAPPEL at 1340B.

12. 12 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD, GERMANY.

b. The Division remained in position and prepared for movement East to the VII Corps sector. Rehabilitation and resupply continued.

13. 13 April 1945

a. Division CP: G-555960; vicinity NIEDERSFELD until 0630B; D-253272; vicinity USTRUNGEN, GERMANY.

b. The Division (less the 47th and 60th Combat Teams) completed a 150-mile motor march from the III Corps sector on the east side of the RUHR pocket to the VII Corps sector vicinity NORDHAUSEN (G-1126). The Division became attached to VII Corps at 1200B and regained control of the 47th Combat Team (less 3rd Battalion), which had been attached directly to VII Corps.

c. The 47th Combat Team (less 3rd Battalion) reverted to Division control at 1700B. Earlier in the day, the 1st Battalion had moved without opposition and secured objectives vicinity G-300308 and G-332336 and the 2nd Battalion took an objective vicinity C-280340 and the town of BREITENSTEIN (C-2240) against light opposition.

d. The 39th Combat Team moved from vicinity REMBLINGHAUSEN (G-3900) to vicinity ROTTLESCOE (C-2328). As the period ended, elements were in the process of relieving elements of the 41st Infantry within the sector.

e. The 60th Combat Team remained in assembly areas vicinity HERHAGEN (G-3797) and prepared to move to the East to rejoin the Division.

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14. 14 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-253272; vicinity UFRUNGEN, GERMANY.

b. The Division had received orders from VII Corps to attack on 13 April to seize the area BREITENSTEIN-GUNTERSBERGE-SIPTENFEIDE-STRASSBERG and to continue to the East. In order to best accomplish this mission, the 47th Infantry was ordered to attack North to take GUNTERSBERGE (D-2443) and SIPTENFEIDE (D-2943) then East to STRASSBERG (D-2940), SILBERHUTTE (D-3241), HARZGERODE (D-3543) and NEUDORF (D-3439) and the 39th Infantry to advance initially on STOLBERG (D-2335), SCHWENDA (D-2734) and WOLFSBERG (D-3333) then to attack East toward ROTH (D-3632) and clear the southern portion of the Division zone. The 60th Combat Team was ordered to assemble vicinity HERMANNACKER (D-1732), DUCHHOLZ (D-1731) and RODISHAIN (D-2031) upon arrival in the Division area.

c. At 0700H, the 39th and 47th Infantries attacked. No resistance was met by the 39th Infantry in the advance on STOLBERG and only light resistance consisting mostly of lightly defended and mined roadblocks was encountered in seizing ROTH, DANERODE (D-3538), BREITENBACH (D-3431) and HORLA (D-3831). The 47th Infantry, however, met much stiffer resistance than during the preceding period. Small arms, machine guns and panzerfausts were encountered particularly in GUNTERSBERGE and in STRASSBERG, the enemy counterattacked, shot up the town and captured an M-8 and a 1/4 ton. In spite of this resistance, those towns and the town of SIPTENFEIDE were cleared by late afternoon, 889 prisoners, an enemy field hospital with seven wounded patients, an ammunition factory producing cores and caps for armor piercing shells and a signal sending and receiving station and signal depot were captured and one Mark V was destroyed during the period.

15. 15 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-253272; UFRUNGEN, GERMANY.

b. The Division received instructions from VII Corps Headquarters to continue the attack to eliminate all enemy resistance to the East within its zone, and as a secondary mission, to push Northeast to take HASSELFELDE (D-1548). In the plan adopted by the Division Commander, the 47th Infantry was to seize SIPTENFEIDE (D-2943), HARZGERODE (D-3543) and to continue to the East, and the 39th Infantry was given the mission of taking NEUDORF (D-3439) and WIPPRA (D-4536) and also continuing to the East. The 60th Infantry, still enroute from the III Corps sector, was assigned that portion of the Division mission which included the capture of HASSELFELDE.

c. The attack commenced at 0800H and progressed favorably against small arms fire, roadblocks and in the sector of the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry west of HARZGERODE, flak fire. The town of SILBERHUTTE was seized after a heavy fire fight and SIPTENFEIDE and HARZGERODE were taken. The 39th Infantry had cleared the enemy from the towns of WIPPRA, FRIEDORF, HAIERODE and MORUNGEN when at 1310H, the 3rd Battalion was ordered to proceed by forced march East to GERSTEDT (D-6944) then to fan out and occupy SANDERSLEEBEN, BELLEBEN, and ALSLEBEN thereby putting this battalion in position to move North at a later date in accordance with a change in plans. The first two towns were occupied before the close of the period but patrols reported enemy in ALSLEBEN and it was decided to attack this town in the morning. In the meantime, the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry had closed vicinity BREITENSTEIN early in the afternoon and had jumped off toward HASSELFELDE. By the close of the period, the town of STIEGE about halfway to the objective had been taken against little resistance.

d. The move of the 3rd Battalion 39th Infantry marked the first maneuver necessary to the execution of the new plan of attack for the Division which involved moving North and Northwest to contact the Ninth Army and to cut off enemy units still holding out in the Harz Mountains. 808 prisoners were taken.

16. 16 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-253272; UPTRUNGEN, GERMANY.

b. The Division was instructed to continue the attack to the East and to the North within its zone and to prepare to swing the eastward moving units to the North and Northwest to contact the Ninth Army and seal the escape routes to the East still open from the HAZZ Mountains. The 47th Infantry (less 3rd Battalion) was ordered to continue to the East to block all road centers near the Division north boundary from HAZZGERODE to MEISDORF (D-4551) and the 39th Infantry was to continue to mop up the enemy in its zone, to cover all approaches to EISLEBEN (D-6332) from the North and Northwest and to assemble in the HETTSTEDT (D-6045) area prepared for future operations. The 60th Infantry was ordered to continue toward HASSELFELDE and to send one battalion to secure the triangle HAZZGERODE - STRASSBERG - NEUDORF to allow the 47th Infantry to move out.

c. The 3rd Battalion 39th Infantry attacked AISLEBEN (D-7251) at 0400B and at 0730B, the 2nd Battalion moved out to sweep the area from FRIESSDORF and WIPPA East to VATTEROVE (D-5640) and vicinity D-5738. The 47th Infantry also moved out at 0730B after being relieved in the triangle of towns by the 2nd Battalion 60th Infantry, and the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry continued the attack on HASSELFELDE at 0800B. Stiff resistance consisting of small arms and mortar fire was met in AISLEBEN and the enemy offered moderate resistance in the towns of HASSELFELDE and SCHIED (D-4111) but by the close of the period, all missions had been accomplished. Five enemy hospitals were overrun, one enemy Veterinary Company, complete with company records and 1603 prisoners were captured.

d. At the close of the period, the Division stood ready to launch the attack northward to contact the Ninth Army.

17. 17 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-253272; UPTRUNGEN until 1600B; D-455365; WIPPA, GERMANY.

b. Orders from VII Corps instructed the Division to clear all enemy resistance in the Corps zone between the SAALE River and Phase Line #1 (extending generally along line D-5762 - 5456 - 5047 and 4944; to capture ASCHERSLEBEN (D-5657) and to continue the attack to the Northwest. Instructions to the units were as follows: The 39th Infantry was to seize and secure ASCHERSLEBEN and prepare to continue. The 47th Infantry was ordered (1) to clear Area "A" (vicinity PANSFEIDE (D-4546). (2) to hold one battalion vicinity D-4650 prepared to attack and seize MEISDORF (D-4551), OPPERODE (D-4352), and BALLENSTEDT (D-4152) on order; and (3) to clear Area "B" (the wooded area generally South of BALLENSTEDT). Orders to the 60th Infantry were (1) to clear Area "C" (vicinity GERRODE (D-3452) and the wooded area to the south and southwest); (2) to advance initially from the direction of SIPPENFEIDE (D-2943) on GERRODE (D-3452); (3) upon relief of the 3rd Battalion by elements of the 1st Division, to advance from vicinity STRIEGE (D-1745) through ALLRODE (D-2346) and FRIEDRICHBRUNN (D-2847) toward THALE (D-2755). Task Force Carter was to be detached from the 60th Infantry and to continue to secure the Division west flank.

c. The attack started at 0700B in the 39th and 47th Infantry sectors, the 60th Infantry moved out at 0900B. Resistance to the 60th Infantry was stubborn and, at times, almost fanatical especially in the area vicinity MAGDESFRUNG (D-348465) and at the close of the period, our troops were just south of the road junction in town. The 2nd Battalion 39th Infantry met considerable small arms, bazooka and mortar fire in ASCHERSLEBEN and were still fighting to clear the town at the close of the period but resistance was light and scattered in the remainder of the 39th Infantry sector and in front of the 47th Infantry. By the close of the period, the 39th Infantry had captured ULZIGERODE (D-5148), WELBSLEBEN, (D-5451), ALLERODE (D-2247), ILBERSTEDT (D-7162), GUSTEN (D-5752), ADEBSTEDT (D-7360) and HARKERODE (D-5349); the 47th Infantry had cleared DANSEFEIDE (D-4545), DEGENERSHAUSEN (D-4649) and the 60th Infantry cleared the wooded areas north of SIPPENFEIDE and

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HARZGERODE. Prisoners totalled 2,300 and the WEDDERSLEBEN area was overrun containing part of the archives of the German ministry of foreign affairs for the period 1929 - 1942.

18. 18 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-455365; WIPPRA, GERMANY.

b. The Division was directed to continue the attack to the North and West to eliminate all remaining enemy resistance in the zone. The area to Phase Line #1 has been cleared by the close of the preceding period except for a portion of the town ASCHERLEBEN (D-5657) in which fighting was in progress at that time. Orders to the Regiments were as follows: The 39th Infantry was to continue the attack, completing the clearing of ASCHERLEBEN and pushing to Phase Line #1 (vicinity QUEDLINBURG (D-3159)). The 47th Infantry was also to continue within its zone and to be prepared to attack to seize WISDORF (D-4551) on Phase Line #2, OFFERODE (D-4352) and BALLE STEDT (D-4152) in Area "B". Both the 60th Infantry and Task Force Carter were to continue on their present missions; the 60th Infantry to clear the wooded terrain in Area "C" (vicinity D-3452) and move from vicinity STIEGE through ALLRODE and FRIEDRICHSBRUNN toward TRALE, and Task Force Carter to continue to secure the Division west flank.

c. The 39th Infantry moved out at 0700H, followed at 0730H by the 60th Infantry and at 0800H and 1000H by the 2nd and 1st Battalions 47th Infantry respectively. Resistance to the 60th Infantry continued to be stiff especially vicinity MADDESPRUNG (D-3446) where 20mm AA guns, infiltration and an estimated 12 enemy self-propelled guns operating within the sector caused considerable trouble. The other two regiments met light to moderate resistance and made good progress. At 1300H, the 4th Cavalry Group (reinforced) which had been attached to the Division effective 172000H was further attached to the 39th Infantry, the resulting combination being called Task Force X, commanded by the Assistant Division Commander. This unit, operating mostly motorized, advanced swiftly over flat, open terrain, cleared each town after brief fights and by the close of the period were fighting in QUEDLINBURG Towns cleared by Task Force X included EADENBORO (D-4257), SINSLEBEN (D-4854), RIEDER (D-D-3754), FROSE (D-5161), REINSTEDT (D-4957) and HOHM (D-4760) while the 47th Infantry took WEISDORF (D-4551) and OFFERODE (D-4352) and were fighting in BALLESTEDT (D-4152) as the period closed. The 60th Infantry took both MADDESPRUNG and FRIEDRICHSBRUNN and swept more wooded terrain in its sector. Four hospitals, one defended from around the grounds, were overrun in the FRIEDRICHSBRUNN area, and two aircraft factories and four hospitals in the WADDECK (D-5847) area. 2,900 prisoners were taken during the period. At 1030H, Task Force Hupfer was formed as a rear area security measure. This unit, under the command of Lt Col Hupfer 746th Tank Battalion, consists of 1 platoon Anti Tank Company and 1 platoon Cannon Company from each regiment, 81mm Mortar Platoon, 2 Assault Gun Platoons, and 1 platoon Company D 746th Tank Battalion.

19. 19 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-455365; WIPPRA, GERMANY until 1445H; D-454459; PANSTEBDE, GERMANY.

b. The Division was instructed to continue the attack to clear the enemy from the sector. The 39th Infantry was to continue the attack on QUEDLINBURG and to GERMRODE (D-3452) and continue to the South to contact the 60th Infantry working North from vicinity MADDESPRUNG and FRIEDRICHSBRUNN. The 47th Infantry was ordered to continue clearing BALLESTEDT, then to sweep the remainder of area "B" (Southwest to HARZGERODE) and to contact the 60th Infantry.

c. The attack started at 0700H in the 39th and 47th Infantry's sector and the 1st Battalion 60th Infantry moved out at 0800H to come abreast of and between the 2nd and 3rd Battalions. The heaviest resistance was met by the 1st Battalion 47th Infantry in BALLESTEDT but the town had been cleared by 1300H. Otherwise, resistance was light to moderate throughout the sector and included some self-propelled fire against all three regiments and bazooka fire against the 47th Infantry. QUEDLINBURG was cleared before noon and the 39th Infantry continued on to take STECKLANDBERG (D-3153), REINSTEDT (D-3155), WAINSTEDT (D-2956) and WEDDERSLEBEN (D-3157). After the 1st Battalion 60th Infantry had reached a position between the 2nd and 3rd

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Battalions, the Regiment moved on to the north to continue sweeping in its zone and to contact the 39th Infantry. By 1830B, contact had been established and the Regiment was established along its north boundary. The 47th Infantry jumped off to clear the remainder of Area "B" early in the afternoon and by 2055B, all the area except for a pocket of resistance vicinity D-375505 had been cleared. A plane factory with 100 planes on the assembly line, a trainload of signal equipment, a trainload of vehicles, 500 typewriters, a flying school with 15 airplanes, several food warehouses and a military hospital with an estimated 4,000 patients were overrun. 3,565 prisoners were taken, including three generals, two captured by the 39th Infantry and the other by the 47th Infantry. Between 0001 and 0400B, an estimated 15 to 20 enemy transport planes flew over the Division sector in groups of 2 or 3. Several supply chutes containing small arms and artillery ammunition were dropped vicinity MEISDORF (D-4652).

20. 20 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-454459; PANSFELDE, GERMANY.

b. All organized resistance had been dealt with by the close of the preceding period. Therefore, the Division was ordered to remain in position and patrol extensively to apprehend enemy stragglers and to locate and destroy any isolated or by-passed pockets of resistance still remaining in the area. The 39th Infantry with the 4th Cavalry Group attached and the 47th and 60th Infantries were instructed to remain in position and to comb their respective areas to capture any remaining enemy.

c. The only strong resistance reported was encountered vicinity BROENDORF (D-6253) where elements of the 4th Cavalry Group and Company G 39th Infantry (motorized) met an estimated 40 enemy troops with a 40mm gun. At the close of the period, the enemy was still holding out. The 47th Infantry eliminated the resistance vicinity D-375505 and the 60th Infantry encountered no appreciable resistance throughout the period. All units maintained contact with adjacent friendly forces. Task Force Carter continued patrolling in the southwest portion of the Division zone. Task Force Hupfer reinforced the normal Division CP guard and remained prepared to maintain rear area security. 8,644 prisoners were captured during the period.

21. 21 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-454459; PANSFELDE, GERMANY.

b. The Division was again instructed to remain in position, patrol to pick up enemy stragglers and to screen all personnel within the Division. Orders were also received instruction the Division to commence movement on 22 April to the East to relieve the 3rd Armored Division in its zone of action along the MULDE River vicinity DRESSAU (E-0968).

c. The 39th Infantry cleared BROENDORF by 0115B, capturing 35 enemy troops and killing an estimated 50 to 75 others. Enemy discovered at other points throughout the Division sector offered little or no resistance to our troops. 1,767 prisoners were captured. The 60th Infantry, which was scheduled to move on 22 April, prepared to move out to commence relief of elements of the 3rd Armored Division.

22. 22 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-454459; PANSFELDE, GERMANY.

b. The Division had received orders from VII Corps on 21 April to be prepared to move East to relieve the 3rd Armored Division in its zone which extended along the west bank of the MULDE River from vicinity WOLERN (E-1349) to the junction of the MULDE and ELBE Rivers, thence along the south bank of the ELBE to D-960710 just west of AKEN. The 60th Infantry was instructed to take over the southern portion of the zone between points E-178495 North to E-149563, the 47th Infantry the center of the zone to E-127652 and the 39th Infantry the remainder to include the city of

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DESSAU. The 60th Infantry was to move at 0630Z to be followed by the remainder of the Division at a later date.

c. At 0630Z, the 60th Combat Team plus the 965th Field Artillery Battalion crossed the IP, closing in the new area at 1635Z. At 1100Z, orders were received from VII Corps to postpone movement of the remainder of the Division in order that the zone might be further cleared of enemy stragglers. It was felt at higher headquarters that there were still considerable enemy at large in the area. Division Headquarters immediately issued orders assigning each unit remaining within the area a zone to sweep thoroughly of enemy troops. The zones were assigned as follows:

- 39th Infantry - the areas generally vicinity of (1) STECKLENBERG (D-3153) - FRIEDRICHSDORF (D-2043), (2) vicinity GERHODE (D-3453) - MALDESBRUNN, and (3) vicinity GULTERSBERGE (D-2443) - STRASSBERG and SITZBERG.
- 47th Infantry - (1) vicinity STANGERODE (D-5046) - PANSFELDE - WEISDORF and (2) BALLENSTEDT (D-4152) - HARZGERODE.
- Artillery - (1) vicinity STOLBERG (D-2335) - ROTTLEBERG (D-2338) East to WETTLERODE (D-4630) - POLSFELD (D-5031) FLANKENHEIM (D-5629) - AHLSDORF (D-5833) to vicinity D-5345.
- 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion - (1) vicinity STEINBRUCKEN.
- 4th Cavalry Group - (1) vicinity WESTERHAUSEN (D-2961) - WERNSTEDT (D-2958) East including QUEDLIEBURG (D-3459) - ASCHERSLEBEN - South to WETZSTEDT - KUFFERRBERG (D-6144) and KLOSTERMANSFELD (D-6038).

Units spent the remainder of the period moving into these respective areas and preparing to carry out their missions at first light on 23 April. 811 prisoners were captured during the period.

23. 23 April 1945

- a. Division CP: D-454459; PANSFELDE, GERMANY.
- b. The units of the Division had been given instructions regarding the continued sweeping of assigned areas as stated in Paragraph "g", After Action Report #22.
- c. At first light, the units commenced combing their respective areas. The only resistance reported was met by the 2nd Battalion 39th Infantry vicinity D-338467 in the wooded area west of MALDESBRUNN. The enemy fled after a few shots were fired and when the Regiment ceased operations for the day the 3rd Battalion still had a small portion of its sector yet to sweep but the remainder of the Regiment had completed its mission. The 47th Infantry, 8th and 18th Field Artillery Battalions, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion and the 4th Cavalry group (attached operationally after 220800 April) completed sweeping their respective areas and the 26th Field Artillery Battalion planned to continue in the morning to finish in its area. 1,184 prisoners were processed during the period.

24. 24 April 1945

- a. Division CP: D-918592; KOTHEM, GERMANY.
- b. The Division was ordered to continue with the move East to relieve the 3rd Armored Division west of the MULDE River. In accordance with this plan, the Division received instructions relative to security in the rear areas of the new Division zone. This zone was divided into 13 areas of responsibility as follows:
 - Area #1: Vicinity SANDERSIEBEN (D-6448) - MSHRINGEN (D-6054) - vicinity 4262 - GIEBSIEBEN (6458) - SCHLAKSTEDT (6853).
 - Area #2: Northeast of Area #1 to vicinity GROSS WIRCHLEBEN (D-7355) - ADERSVIER (7360) - vicinity 7364.

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- Area #3: Generally east and southeast of Area #2 including BERGUNG (D-7662) - BEESENLAUBLINGEN (7353) - TREBNITZ (7550) - BROEBTZ (8650) - CORMICK (8355) - 8059.
- Area #4: East of BERGUNG including MAALBERG (D-8059) - WOHLSDORF (8559) - TRINUM (8860) - MAXDORF (8963) - DROSA (8765) - GRAESDORF (8466) and LATDORF (8064).
- Area #5: KORNERN (D-7948) - ROTHENBERG (7846) - WETTIN (8139) - TREBITZ (8940) - LOBEJUN (8845) and MITTELDAU (8349).
- Area #6: Southeast of Area #5 including DOBLITZ (D-8336) - SCHIEPZIG (8533) - LETTIN (8933) - GUTENBERG (9436) - PETERSBERG (9241) - BEIDERSSEE (8837) and QIRITZ (8637).
- Area #7: Northeast of Area #5 including WIESKAU (D-9047) - ZUENDORF (9047) - RAASDORF (9353) - GROSS PASCHLEBEN (8959) - BIENDORF (8358) - DOHNDORF (8555) and WERDERSHAUSEN (8748).
- Area #8: ARENSDORF (D-9554) - 0055 - REUPZIG (9957) - HOHSDORF (9659) - KLEPZIG (9459) to 9556.
- Area #9: Northwest of Area #8 including SCHEUDER (D-9961) - REFFICHAU (9965) - MENNEWITZ (9269) - WULFEN (8966) - THURAU (8961) - EISDORF (9262) - ZEHRINGEN (9560).
- Area #10: KOTHEN and immediate vicinity.
- Areas #11, #12, and #13: Respective Regimental areas.

Areas #1 to #6 were assigned to Task Force Hupfor, #7 to the 9th Reconnaissance Troop, #8 and #9 to the 3rd Battalion 47th and 1st Battalion 39th Infantries respectively (both in Division Reserve) and #10 to Division control.

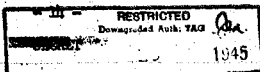
c. The 47th Combat Team moved out at 0630E followed by other units of the Division. By 1515h, the 47th Combat Team had closed in the new area and was prepared to assume command of its sector. The Division officially relieved the 3rd Armored Division and assumed control of the sector at 1545E at which time the 60th Combat Team was detached from the 3rd Armored and reverted to Division control. At the same time, CGA and CCR of the Armored Division were attached to the 9th Division. Patrolling across the MULDE River was initiated and some prisoners were captured. At the close of the period, all units had closed into the new area except the 39th Combat Team (with 10th Field Artillery Battalion attached) and 1 platoon 9th Reconnaissance Troop.

25. 25 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-918592; KOTHEN, GERLMANN.

b. In conjunction with holding the defense line on the west bank of the MULDE and south bank of the ELBE in the Division sector, the units were ordered to prohibit all civilians attempting to cross the rivers. German soldiers desiring to surrender and liberated Allied prisoners would be allowed to cross.

c. The 39th Combat Team commenced moving from the old area at 0730E and by 1815E, had closed and relieved the remaining elements 3rd Armored Division in the sector. Patrols operated across both rivers and met no resistance taking 357 prisoners.



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26. 26 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-938592; KOTHEM, GERMANY.

b. Early in the morning, orders were issued to the 60th Infantry to alert the 3rd Battalion to be prepared to cross the MULDE River on VII Corps order and to advance originally on MESCHERDE (E-2657) and from there to reconnoiter Northeast to the ELBE River. The purpose of this plan was twofold: to attempt to contact the Russian forces and to discover and reduce any enemy strongholds or groups encountered. The 9th Reconnaissance Troop (less one platoon) would be attached to assist in reconnoitering.

c. When, by 0800B, orders had not yet been received to have the 3rd Battalion (reinforced) 60th Infantry start on its mission, the regiment continued normal patrol activities along with the other infantry units. Because of the approach of the Russians toward the ELBE River, enemy troops surrendered by the thousands and large numbers of German civilians appeared on the east bank of the MULDE River, desiring to cross to the American side. At 1330B, Company I (reinforced) 60th Infantry moved to vicinity MESCHERDE to act as a patrol base and prisoner reception point. Prior to this time, the 9th Reconnaissance Troop (less one platoon) had moved across the MULDE River to patrol Northeast to the ELBE River to determine enemy strength and dispositions and to attempt to contact Russian forces. The troop met the only resistance reported during the period when at 1545B, heavy anti-tank, machine gun and small arms fire was encountered vicinity E-346660. Several casualties resulted and three M-8 Reconnaissance Cars were knocked out. Another M-8 was temporarily disabled later by bazooka fire as the troop withdrew toward its original position vicinity BAASDORF (D-9353). At 2330B, Company I 60th Infantry commenced withdrawing to the west of the MULDE River and at the close of the period, this unit as well as the Reconnaissance troop was still on the road. 2,952 prisoners were processed during the period but an estimated two to three thousand more were at Regimental prisoner enclosures awaiting transportation to the Division cage.

d. An artillery observation plane of the 60th Field Artillery Battalion landed and contacted elements of the Russian 118th Division at 1920B vicinity E-5354.

27. 27 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-918592; KOTHEM, GERMANY.

b. Orders to the Division limited activities to Reconnaissance patrols only. The Regiments were instructed to continue to patrol within their respective zones as far as the road running from COSWIG (E-2475) to WORLITZ (E-2270) - GRANLENBAUM (E-2265) - JUDENBERG (E-2360) and MESCHERDE (E-2657) and to further determine enemy strength and dispositions or to contact the Russians. Special information was requested regarding the enemy's use of the road stated above as a limiting line.

c. The Regiments continued patrolling across the ELBE and MULDE Rivers, penetrating deeply and capturing many prisoners. A patrol of the 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry moved to E-370683 and contacted elements of Russian forces at this point at about 1830B, after which the patrol returned. 8,368 prisoners were processed during the period.

28. 28 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-918592; KOTHEM, GERMANY.

b. The mission of the Division remained the same. At 1025B, verbal orders were received from VII Corps to prepare to extend the Division area to the right (south) to take over the area occupied by the 415th Infantry, 10th Infantry Division. At 1500B, the relief was ordered to take place on 29 April. In accordance with those instructions, orders were issued for the 60th and 47th Infantries to sideslip South, the 60th Infantry to relieve the 415th Infantry and the 47th Infantry to take over the sector vacated by the 60th Infantry. The new 47th Infantry sector would extend from E-136106 South along the west bank of the MULDE River to E-173522 and the 60th Infantry would control from the last mentioned point South along the west bank of the MULDE River to E-288444. Also, rear defensive areas 5, 6, and 8.

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would be extended to the South to conform with the new boundary. Area #5 would extend to include ZOBERTZ (D-9821) and HOHENSTEIN (E-0233); area #6 to include ZACHEREN (D-8726) and NIETLEBEN (D-8928); and area #8 to include UOSIM (D-9947) and RADEGAST (E-0148).

c. The units continued to patrol across the rivers and continued to capture prisoners without meeting organized resistance. The Commanding Officer 60th Infantry personally established contact with the commander of the 337th Rifle Regiment, 121st Russian Infantry Divisions vicinity E-3869 at 1600B and arranged for a meeting to take place in the future between the Commanding Generals of the respective Divisions. Both the 60th and 47th Infantries also made plans to effect the relief scheduled to take place on 29 April. 1,511 prisoners were processed during the period.

29. 29 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-918592; KOTHEN, GERMANY.

b. The Division had been ordered to continue patrolling across the MILDE River and also to sidleslip to the right to take over a portion of the 104th Infantry Division sector.

c. The 60th Infantry commenced movement to extend to the South to take over the 415th Infantry sector at 0900B. The relief was completed without incident and control of the additional area passed to the 60th Infantry and to the Division at 1800B. The 47th Infantry in turn had relieved elements of the 60th Infantry and had assumed control of the area vacated by the 60th Infantry at 1230B. Meanwhile, all three regiments had continued to operate security patrols across the MILDE River. No resistance was met and enemy soldiers continued to surrender. Patrols from the 47th Infantry contacted Russian forces vicinity E-380718. 1,624 prisoners were processed during the period.

30. 30 April 1945

a. Division CP: D-918592; KOTHEN, GERMANY.

b. Instructions to the Division were to send patrols East to the ELBE River.

c. The 60th Infantry reported the only pockets of resistance during the period when patrols encountered an estimated 100 enemy troops vicinity MURGELNITZ (E-2353) and became involved in a fire fight vicinity E-3357. Throughout the remainder of the sector, enemy troops surrendered without resistance resulting in a total of 1,205 prisoners being processed during the period. The Division Commander contacted the Commanding General of the Russian 121st Guards Rifle Division.

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SECTION IV - SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

1. Supply:

a. During the month of April, the supply of the Division was adequate although the distances to supply dumps became excessive.

b. Rations were consumed on the following basis:

Type B	56.9%
C	20.8
D	.4
K	3.9
U	0
10-in-1	28.0
25-in-1	0
Hosp. Sup.	0
Vitamin Pills	6660

c. Gasoline consumption averaged 15,643 gallons per day.

d. Ammunition expenditure for the month was 1772.48 tons which amounted to the following Units of Fire for the principle weapons:

<u>Small Arms</u>	
Carbine	.07
M1903	.18
M1	2.9
M.G. Cal. 30	6.0
M.G. Cal. 50	.03
T.S.M.G.	7.05
Rocket, AT	.82
<u>Mortar</u>	
60mm	1.11
81mm	2.09
<u>105mm How. M3</u>	3.06
<u>Artillery</u>	
105mm How	8.3
155mm How	6.2

2. ORDNANCE: Ordnance supply operations for the past month were extremely difficult. The shortage of parts plus the distance to the Ordnance Depot necessitated overnight trips which in turn stretched the transportation facilities to the limit. GFW engines were obtained in limited quantities, however, GMC engines were not available in sufficient quantities to keep vehicles off deadline. Tires and tubes were available in sufficient quantities to meet immediate requirements. Four (4) 105mm Howitzers, M2, were replaced in the Light Battalions making a total of thirty-six (36) replaced since "D"-Day.

3. ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE: The third echelon automotive work required during this period was very heavy. The tactical situation during the latter part of the month permitted the units to release more of their vehicles than usual and both the 709th Ord. and the supporting (126th) Ordnance shops were operated at full capacity.

a. The figures below show a numerical comparison between the work done in March and April:

	<u>MAJOR JOBS</u>	<u>MINOR JOBS</u>
March	156 (Incl. 95 Major Assys.)	479
April	185 (Incl. 121 Major Assys.)	504

The total number of Major Jobs completed during the month exceeded that of any like period since "D"-Day.

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4. EVACUATION: Although casualties were not considered heavy the long distances from the Division Clearing Company to the Field and Evacuation hospitals, necessitated the continuous use of all available ambulances. This evacuation was accomplished by one platoon of the 479th Medical Ambulance Company, APO 230, and the 583rd Medical Ambulance Company. Normal evacuation within the Division was accomplished by Collecting Companies "A" "B" and "C" of the 9th Medical Battalion and presented no problems.

Casualties treated by Divisional medical units during the month of April are as follows:

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>
Division Total	183	792	847	265	49
Evacuated		686	558	209	34
Returned to duty		106	289	56	15
*Other Units		720	150	332	7
Evacuated		720	142	332	7
Returned to duty		0	8	0	0
Grand Total		1512	997	597	56

*Includes P,W's and Civilians.

5. BURIAL. Ninth Infantry Division dead were buried in the First U. S. Army Cemetery at ITTENBACH (F680132) and EISENACH (H8068) in Germany.

6. CAPTURED MATERIEL. With the overrunning of entire industrial areas of Germany, captured materiel became a matter of areas and installations rather than individual items. The guarding of these numerous installations against recovery by the enemy or looting by civilians and displaced persons became a serious problem. Installations were divided into three categories. The first included materiel, such as guns and Panzerfaust, which could be used against our troops in combat. Second, materiel such as food and clothing, which could be useful to our troops or the Military Government. The third category included numerous items which were not in category one and two.

a. Captured Materiel included:

48 ea. Sedans
25 ea. Volkswagens
373 ea. Trucks
14 ea. Ambulances
5 ea. Tanks, Mk IV
1 ea. Tank, Mk VI
1 ea. S. P. Gun, M5
11 ea. Half tracks
3 ea. Personnel carriers.
3 ea. Trailers

b. GUNS.

3 ea. 105mm S.P.
7 ea. 105mm Gun
1 ea. 88mm Gun
8 ea. 75mm Gun
3 ea. 40mm Gun
3 Box cars of 37mm Guns and shells
20 ea. 20mm Guns

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c. MISCELLANEOUS. Miscellaneous installations over-run were too innumerable to list in detail. One of the most important was a Castle in the HARZ Mts. which contained the German Foreign Ministry records, dating back to 1812. Others included hospitals, stores of ammunition, powder, underground telephone and telegraph stations, booster stations, signal supplies, marshalling yards, underground caves, containing archives, records, statues, and oil paintings. One cave contained an assembly plant for German "V-2" weapons.

Rolling stock amounted to:
15 ac. Locomotives
536 ac. Freight Cars

7. TRAFFIC: Traffic problems were alleviated by good road nets. Of particular interest was the 170 mile movement of the Division from East of the RUHR POCKET in the vicinity of WINTERBERG, Germany to the HARZ Mountains, east of NORDHAUSEN. During this long road march, serious maintenance difficulties were experienced as a result of overheating and rapid deterioration of bogie wheels and tracks on full track vehicles. To reduce this problem on subsequent moves, the following principles were established for deliberate road Marches of Tanks,

Tank Destroyers and Prime Movers (45) for Medium Artillery.

(1) Speeds:

(a) Head of march unit; average 10 MPH, maximum, 12 MPH.

(b) Rear of March Unit; average 10 MPH, maximum to gain lost distance, Tanks, 20 MPH; TD's 20 MPH; Medium Arty. Prime movers, 22 MPH.

(2) Distance Per Day

(a) Fifty (50) miles per day.

(3) Halts:

(a) Each hour - 10 minutes.

(b) Each 25 miles - 2 hours.

8. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE: More abatis were removed during April than during any other period in the Division history. These abatis were encountered in the ROTHAAROEBERGW and HARZ Mts. Nearly all towns had road blocks on entrance roads. Typical was the town of ASCHERSLEBEN where twenty eight (28) such road blocks were removed, mostly with civilian labor.

b. The following is a tabulation of the work performed by the 15th. Eng. Bn (C) Bn. during the month of April

Abatis removed: 62
Anti-tank mines laid (friendly): 570
Anti-tank mines lifted (friendly): 575
Anti-tank mines lifted (enemy): 239
Bridges built: 6
Bypasses constructed: 3
Culverts installed: 3
Craters filled: 13
Demolition charges removed: 3
Ferries operated: 2
Fords constructed: 2
Mine Detector teams with infantry: 3
Road blocks removed (log): 30

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Road blocks removed / trucks or vehicles: 10

Road construction: 3 1/2 miles

Road maintenance and repair: 15 miles

River cleared of mines: 19 miles

River reconnoitered for crossings: 3

Towns cleared of debris: 10

Water point set ups: 25

Water distributed to troops: 641, 665 gals

SECTION V - PERSONNEL

UNIT	KILLED			DIED			MISSING			WOUNDED			TOTALS		
	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT	OFF	EM	TOT
HQ CO.															
9TH SIGNAL CO		1	1							1	1		2	2	
9TH SIG. TRP.		1	1							1	1		2	2	
9TH QM CO.										1	1		1	1	
70TH ORD. CO.							1	1		6	7	7	11	11	
15TH ENGR. BN.		3	3							1	1		4	4	
9TH MED. BN.										1	1		1	1	
39TH INFANTRY	1	47	48		7	7	4	4	8	188	196	9	246	255	
47TH INFANTRY	4	45	49	1	6	7	1	17	38	10	216	226	16	304	320
60TH INFANTRY	3	76	79		4	4	9	200	209	10	217	227	22	447	459
DIV ARTY															
26TH FA BN		1	1										1	1	
34TH FA BN															
60TH FA BN							1	1	1				1	1	
64TH FA BN										2	2		2	2	
SPEC. TRPS															
MP PLAT		1	1							3	3		4	4	
DIVISION															
TOTAL	8	175	183	1	17	18	11	242	253	28	637	665	48	1071	1119

NOTE: In addition to above figures, 1 Officer and 68 Enlisted Men were dropped as injured in action.

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PRISONERS OF WAR

DATE	OFF.	NCO'S	PVT'S	TOTALS
Apr. 1	3	12	206	223
2	8	38	321	367
3	15	75	641	731
4	5	39	228	272
5	5	49	452	506
6	24	146	1033	1203
7	9	115	684	809
8	8	90	702	800
9	5	103	543	651
10	7	50	425	482
11	1	12	154	167
12		1	53	54
13	8	64	203	275
14	19	118	752	889
15	23	139	646	808
16	46	291	1266	1603
17	106	470	1744	2320
18	108	512	2281	2901
19	115	670	2780	3565
20	390	1662	6592	8644
21	81	337	1349	1767
22	23	155	633	811
23	64	263	857	1184
24	1	9	63	73
25	19	63	275	357
26	157	567	2208	2932
27	327	1507	6529	8363
28	29	267	1218	1514
29	48	260	1316	1624
30	27	211	967	1205
TOTALS	1681	8495	37124	47100

In addition to above figures, 633 PW's were evacuated through medical channels. During this period the Division was credited with 9917 PW's captured in Hospitals.

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REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED AND CASUALS RETURNED TO DUTY

DATE	REPLACEMENTS			RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL		
	OFF	EM	TOTAL	OFF	EM	TOTAL
Apr. 2	1	128	129	2	28	30
3		7	7			
4		38	38	1	104	105
5		41	41			
6	2	104	106	3	33	36
9		90	90			
10					85	85
11	1	28	29		49	49
12		4	4	6	175	181
18	11	107	118	1	79	80
21		2	2	1	9	10
25	1	17	18		25	25
26		4	4		85	85
27	3		3	11	145	156
29		110	110	2	225	227
TOTALS	19	680	699	27	1042	1069

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MIPS: GERMANY, 1/100, 000; Sheets Q3 & R3

1. a. See G-2 Estimate, dated 31 March 1945.

b. VII Corps regroups to consolidate ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the atk. 78th and 8th Inf Divs on the left; 4th Cav Gp, 1st Inf Div, 3rd Arm Div and 104th Inf Div on the right.

2. This Div

Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
899th TD Bn
376th AAA AW Bn

Will continue elimination of enemy resistance within zone of action and secure this area from enemy attacks from the West.

Bdrys and zones of action - See overlay.

3. a. 39th Inf

Atchd: Co C 746th Tk Bn
1 plst Co A 15th Engr Bn
Co A 9th Med Bn
Co A 899th TD Bn

(1) Upon arrival in vic HALLENBERG, will advance in zone to seize Objective #4 (see overlay).

(2) Upon seizure of Objective #4 will advance to the North to seize Objectives #5 and #6 (see overlay) and eliminate all enemy resistance within zone.

(3) Will make contact with 60th Inf on the left and 4th Cav Ron Gp on the right.

(4) Will block to the West, within zone, to secure area from enemy atks.

b. 47th Inf

Atchd: Co A 746th Tk Bn
1 plst Co B 15th Engr Bn
Co B 9th Med Bn
Co C 899th TD Bn

(1) Will advance West to seize Objectives #1 and #2 (see overlay) and make contact with 8th Inf Div.

(2) Upon seizure of first two objectives will advance N to seize Objective #3 (see overlay) and make contact with 60th Inf.

(3) Will relieve 60th Inf, in zone, and continue advance to the North to eliminate enemy resistance within zone.

(4) Will block to West, within zone, to secure area from enemy atks.

c. 60th Inf

Atchd: Co B 746th Tk Bn
1 plst Co C 15th Engr Bn
Co C 9th Med Bn
Co B 899th TD Bn

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- (1) Will seize successively Objectives #7, #8, and #9 shown on overlay.
- (2) Upon seizure of Objectives will make contact with 47th Inf and 39th Inf.
- (3) Will block to the West, within zone, to secure area from enemy atk.
- (4) Will be prepared for relief by 47th Inf.

d. Div Arty
Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn

- (1) 26th, 60th, 84th FA Bns - SOP.
- (2) 34th FA Bn (less Btry C) - Generally support and reinforces the fires of the 60th & 84th FA Bns.
- (3) Btry C 34th FA Bn atchd to 26th FA Bn.
- (4) 376th AAA AW Bn - SOP.

e. 9th Ren Tr

Will assemble via LAASPHE (4759). Will occupy and hold LAASPHE, block main road to the Northwest and push aggressive ren patrols to the Northwest

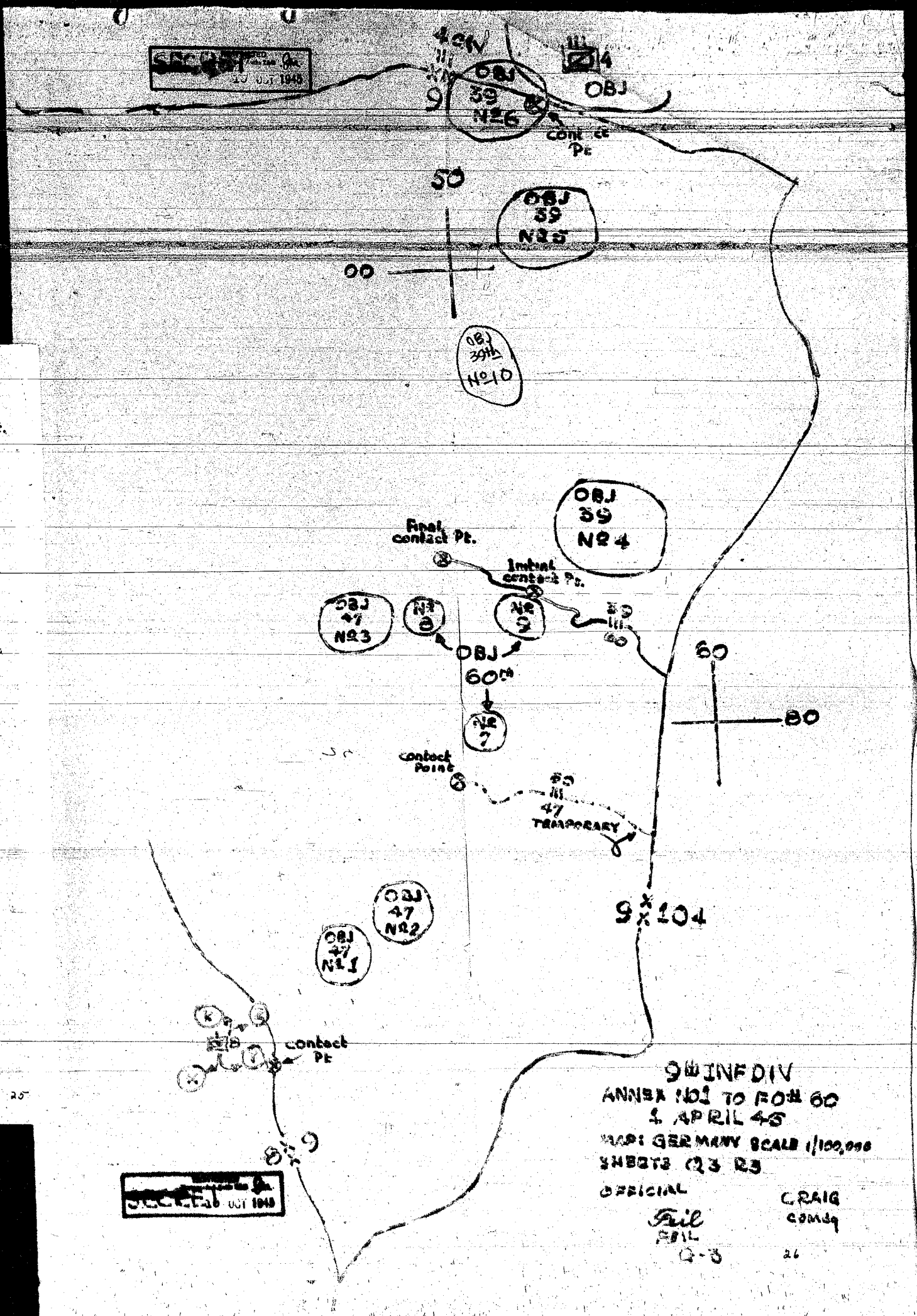
- f. 15th Engr Bn - SOP.
- g. 746th Tk Bn (less Cos A, B, C and D) - SOP.
- h. 899th TD Bn (less Cos A, B and C) - SOP
4. See Adm O #40 - To be issued.
5. a. See current SOI.
b. CPs to be reported.
c. Div CP via 518697.

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MAPS: GERMANY 1/50,000; Sheets 128 & 158.

1. a. See current G-2 Periodic.
- b. III Corps attacks to NW to clear area bounded by LENNE and RUHR Rivers.

2. This Div
Atchd: CGA 7th Armd Div
746th Tk Bn
899th TD Bn
376th AAA AW Bn
Co C 90th Cml Bn
809th FA Bn (155 How)
18th FA Bn (105 How)

Will continue atk to eliminate enemy resistance in zone.

Bdrys, zones of action - See overlay.
LD - Present front lines.
Time to cross LD - 050800 Apr 1945.

3. a. TF Birks
Atchd: CGA 7th Armd Div
47th Inf (atcd, no change)

- (1) Will continue atk to N to seize initially Obj #5.
- (2) Will maintain contact with 39th Inf on left and elements 104th Inf Div on right.
- (3) Will sweep all woods in area, paying particular attention to woods N of NIEDERSFELD (5596).
- (4) Will establish road blocks at 558908, 573982, and 582992.
- (5) 2nd Bn 47th Inf, upon being passed through by elements 7th Armd Div, will assemble vic KUSTELBERG (6092) and will not be employed except on order CG.

- b. 39th Inf
Atchd: No change.

- (1) Will continue atk to N to seize initially Objs B and 10.
- (2) Will maintain contact with TF Birks especially at NIEDERSFELD.

- a. 60th Inf
Atchd: No change.

- (1) Will continue atk to N to seize initially Obj C.
- (2) Will maintain contact with 39th Inf on right and 7th Armd Div on left.

- d. Div Arty
Atchd: 489th FA Bn (105 How - SP)
809th FA Bn (155 How)
18th FA Bn (105 How)
376th AAA AW Bn

401st FA Gp (264th FA Bn, 8th How; 965th FA Bn, 155 How) - General support
III Corps; reinforces fires 9th Inf Div.

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- (1) 26th & 60th FA Bns - SOP
- (2) 489th FA Bn direct support TF Birks.
- (3) 84th & 34th FA Bns - General support reinforcing fires 489th FA Bn.
- (4) 809th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires 60th FA Bn.
- (5) 18th FA Bn - Direct support 60th FA Bn.
- (6) 965th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires 26th FA Bn.
- (7) 376th AAA AW Bn - SOP.

e. 9th Rcn Trp
Atchd; Co D 746th Tk Bn (less 1 plat).

Will continue to protect Div rt flank and to maintain contact with 104th Inf Div.

f. 15th Engr Bn (less CT attachments) - SOP.

g. 746th Tk Bn (less Cos A, B, C & D (less 1 plat)) - SOP.

h. 899th TD Bn

Will protect Div against enemy armored atk.
Co A (less 1 plat) direct support 39th Inf.
Co B (less 1 plat) direct support 60th Inf.
Co C (less 1 plat) direct support TF Birks.

x. (1) Road blocks will be established on all roads and trails leading into Div area.

(2) All wooded areas will be thoroughly swept.

(3) Strict measures to insure air security to include passive air defense will be enforced.

(4) As towns are captured a Burgomaster will be appointed at once. He will be required to immediately enforce sanitary regulations, clean up the community, and maintain roads, utilizing civilians of the community. Civilian traffic will not be permitted on main roads.

(5) Units throughout the Div zone not engaged with the enemy will conduct continuous patrolling with the object of clearing areas of all enemy groups and stragglers. These patrols will maintain contact with military government detachments, who will keep abreast of any enemy movement in or near their respective areas.

(6) The importance of aggressive action and rapid advance is emphasized in order to quickly effect destruction of enemy forces in zone.

4. See Adm C #40.

5. a. See current SOI.

b. CPs to be reported.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #11

1. Ninth Infantry Division continues advance in zone.

2. 60th Inf

Will pivot on its left and maintain contact with 39th Inf on their right.

3. 39th Inf

a. Upon capture of SILBACH (5292) and SIEDLINGHAUSEN (5195) will continue occupation of the general line established by the road running North thru BRUNSKAPPEL (5298) and relieving elements of TF "B" in zone.

b. 3rd Bn 39th Inf will assemble in WINTERBERG (5588) upon completion of present mission and will not be employed without authority of the CG.

4. TF BIRKS

Will continue in zone, open and secure road running North thru WULLMERINGHAUSEN (5202).

5. 32nd Cav Sq

a. Will relieve elements of 4th Cav Gp at OLSBERG.

b. Will reconnoiter to the line WULLMERINGHAUSEN (5202) - RAMSECK (4601) - OSTWIG (4707) - NUTTLAR (4808) - ESSHOFF (5112).

6. 2nd Bn 47th Inf

Will be released to 47th Inf upon relief of 3rd Bn 39th Inf from present mission.

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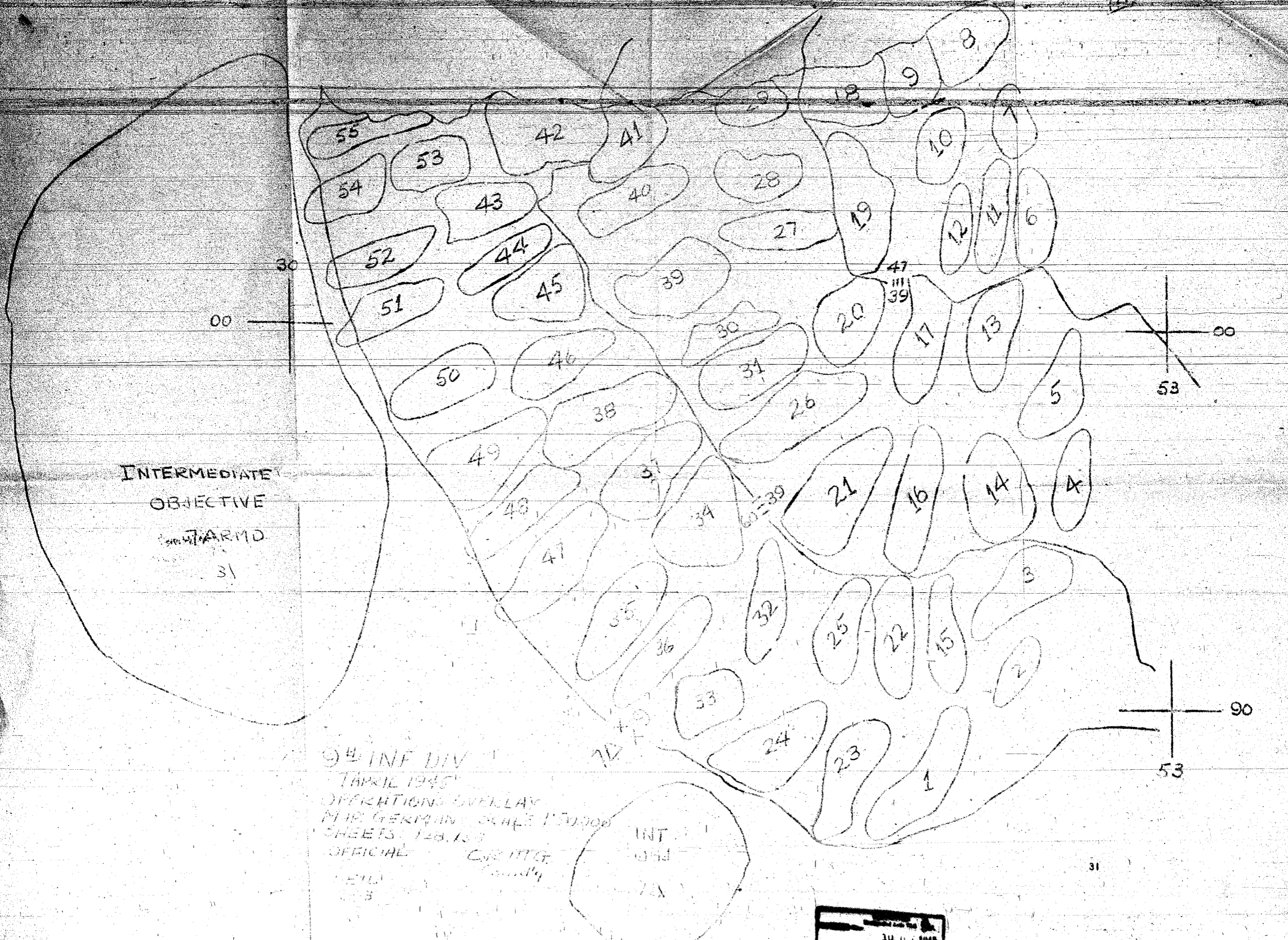
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #12

The following Instructions to Troops with reference to Safeguarding Captured Utilities Facilities issued by the Commanding General of VII Corps are repeated for your information and compliance.

1. All commanders will take steps to prevent the destruction, damage or misuse of enemy utility installations which fall into the hands of troops under their command. Unauthorized destruction or removal of such utility equipment, particularly by pilferers and souvenir hunters, will be dealt with as a grave military offense.
2. Utility installations include electric power plants, transmission lines, poles, insulators, switching stations, transformers, gas plants, gas holders, gas mains, gas governors or regulators, water plants, water towers, water mains, sewage disposal plants and sewerage lines.
3. Captured utility installations and equipment, though damaged, are as essential for future military needs as those found intact, as all such installations often provide the only source for parts and material badly needed by the military.
4. Maps, wiring diagrams and records pertaining to utility systems will be left intact in the building in which they are found or, if indicated from a safety or security standpoint, removed to a more secure location in the vicinity. If these documents are removed, the military government detachment servicing the area and the army utility officer on army staff will be notified of their location. Such documents may be removed by army utility officers for the purpose of making extracts or reproductions and then returned to the military government detachment for safe-keeping or return to their original location.

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MAPS: GERMANY 1/100,000; Sheets Q-5 & Q-6.

1. a. The enemy has been attempting to delay our advances by the use of road blocks and abatis covered by infantry. To date in our present sector, PW identifications indicate hastily-formed battle groups representing many and varied units. Sources considered reliable report a defensive force of 1000 to 1500 in the STOLBERG (2335) area. PWs state that the enemy is dug in defending STRASSBERG (2940). To the west of the division sector the enemy has been using armor as well as infantry. There may be a drifting in to our left flank by these units, although the trend of withdrawal is to the north and northeast.

b. VII Corps eliminates resistance in HARZ mountains and continues attack to the East.

2. This Div

Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
899th TD Bn
376th AAA AW Bn

Will attack to eliminate resistance in zone.

Bdrys, zones of action - See overlay.
Time of attack - 140700 Apr 1945.

3. a. 47th Inf

Atchd: Co A 746th Tk Bn
1 Plat Co B 15th Engr Bn
Co B 9th Med Bn

(1) Will atk in zone, seize GUNTERSBERG (2443), SIEPFELDE (2943), STRASSBERG (2940), SILBERHUTTE (3241), HARZGERODE (3543), NEUDORF (3439) and cont atk to the East.

(2) Security elements will remain in vic SCHWENDA (2734) pending arrival loading elements 39th Inf.

(3) Road blocks will be maintained at road centers on Northern flank.

b. 39th Inf

Atchd: Co C 746th Tk Bn
1 Plat Co A 15th Engr Bn
Co A 9th Med Bn
9th Rcn Trp (plus 1 plat Co B 15th Engr Bn)

(1) Will advance initially on STOLBERG (2335), SCHWENDA (2734) and WOLFSBERG (3333).

(2) Upon capture of STOLBERG will, in conjunction with the 9th Rcn Tr, clear the area generally NW and SW thereof.

(3) The bulk of one Bn will remain in vic STOLBERG (2335) until further orders.

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(4) The bulk of one Bn, from the vic of SOHENDA (2734), will be prepared to assist in the STOLEBERG area until that area is cleared.

(5) Remaining troops will atk East on ROYER (2432) and clear Southern portion of regimental zone.

- c. 60th Inf
Atchd: 60th FA Bn
Btry C 376th AAA AW Bn
Co B 899th TD Bn
Co C 746th Tk Bn
Co C 15th Engr Bn
Co C 9th Med Bn

Upon arrival will assemble in area HERRMANNACKER (1732), BUCHHOLTZ (1731), and RCDISHAIN (2031) in Div Res.

- d. Div Arty (less 60th FA Bn)
Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn

- (1) 26th and 84th FA Bns SOP.
- (2) 34th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires 26th & 84th FA Bns
- (3) 376th AAA AW Bn - SOP.

- e. 15th Engr Bn (less Co G, 2 plato Co B & 1 plat Co A) - SOP.

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

- g. 899th TD Bn

Will provide the Div with Anti-Tank Defense.
Co A 2 plato direct support 39th Inf.
Co B 2 plato direct support 60th Inf.
Co C 2 plato direct support 47th Inf.
Remaining elements under Bn control in Div Res.

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4. See Adm O #40 to be issued.

5. See current SOT.

b. OPs to be reported.

c. Div OP 253272.

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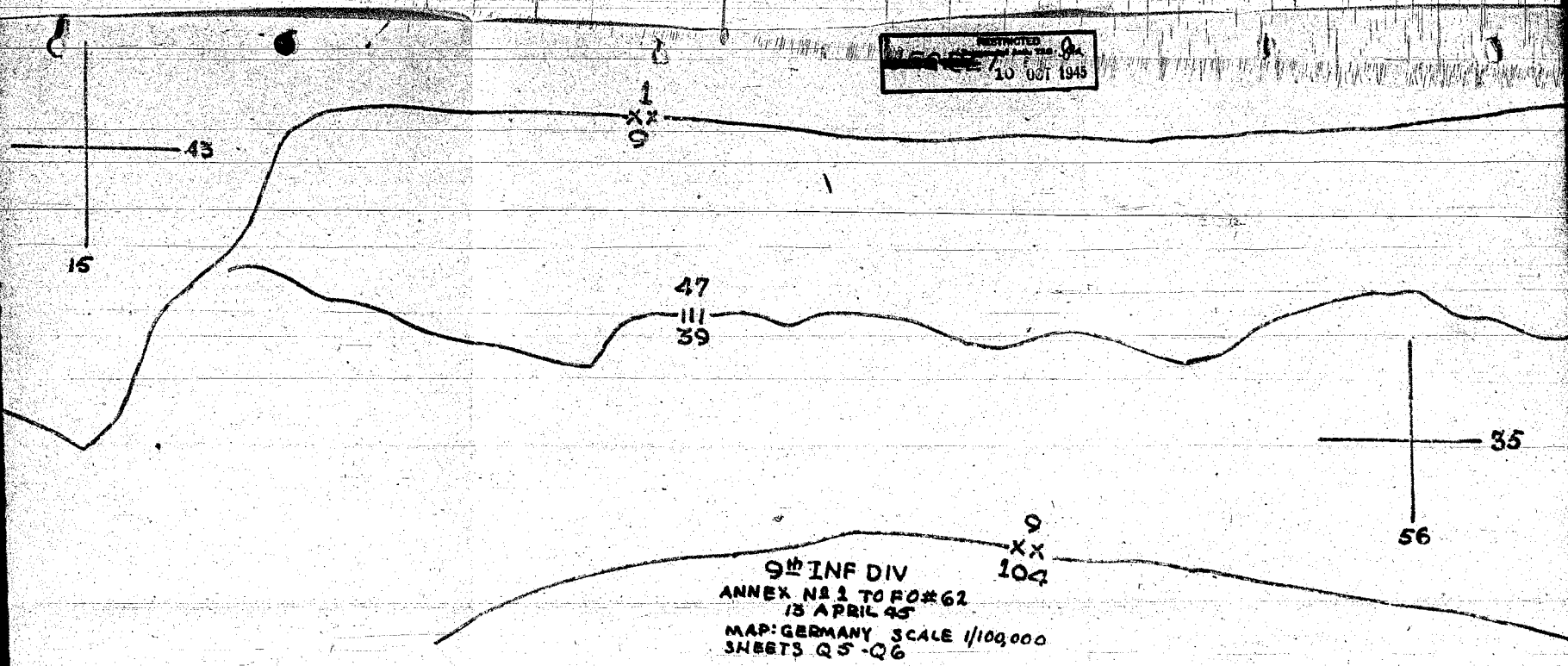
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #13

1. Ninth Infantry Division continues atk in zone 150700 Apr 45.
2. Bdry between Regts - See overlay.
3. 47th Inf

Will promptly seize SIPTENFELDE (2943), HARTZGERODE (3543) and continue atk to the EAST, in zone.

4. 39th Inf

a. Will promptly seize NEUDORF (3439), WIPFRA (4536) and continue atk to the EAST, in zone.

b. 1st Bn 39th Inf (less Co C, atohd TF TINCHER), released to Regtl control 150700 Apr 45.

5. 60th Inf

(1548). a. Upon arrival of leading Bn will initiate advance on HASSELFELDE

b. Last Bn to arrive will assemble vic GUNTERSBERGE (2443), in Div Res.

c. Will, by 150700 Apr 45, take over road blocks at 216429, 205403, and 200395.

6. Task Force TINCHER

a. Organization effective 150700 Apr 45.

b. Composition: Ron Co 899th TD Bn
1 Plat Co C 899th TD Bn
Co C 39th Inf
1 Plat Co B 15th Engr Bn
9th Ron Tr
Assault Gun Plat 746th Tk Bn
1 Plat Co A 746th Tk Bn
Assault Guns Cos A, B and C 746th Tk Bn
81mm Mortar Plat 746th Tk Bn
Co D 746th Tk Bn, upon arrival.

c. Mission - To protect North flank and rear of Div.

(1) Will establish Road Blocks to insure this end.

(2) Will reconnoiter actively to prevent movement of enemy groups or large scale infiltration in Div zone.

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152100 April 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #14

1. 9th Inf Div continues atk in zone
2. 47th Inf (- 3d Bn)
 - a. Will continue atk to E in zone 160730 Apr 45 to new right (East) bdry.
 - b. Will block all road centers near North bdry from HARZGERODE (3543) exclusive to MEISBERG (5844) inclusive.
3. 39th Inf
 - a. Will continue atk 160730 Apr 45 clearing all enemy in zone.
 - b. Upon completion of mission, will assemble in KUPFERBERG - NETTSTEDT (6145) area prepared for movement to N and NW.
 - c. Will be responsible for covering approaches to EISLEBEN (6432) from the W & NW in accordance with plan ordered.
 - d. 3d Bn - Will continue present mission.
4. 60th Inf.
 - a. Will continue atk on HASSELFELDE (1548) to seize and secure that road center.
 - b. One bn will be dispatched early 16 Apr 45 to secure triangle HARZGERODE (3543) - STRASSBERG (2940) - NEUDORF (3499). At least one company will arrive in HARZGERODE by 160730 Apr 45.
 - c. Particular attention will be devoted to the security of the HARZGERODE road center.
 - d. 2nd Bn 60th Inf, now in Div Res, released to 60th Inf upon commencement of movement to new area.
5. New Bdry - See overlay.

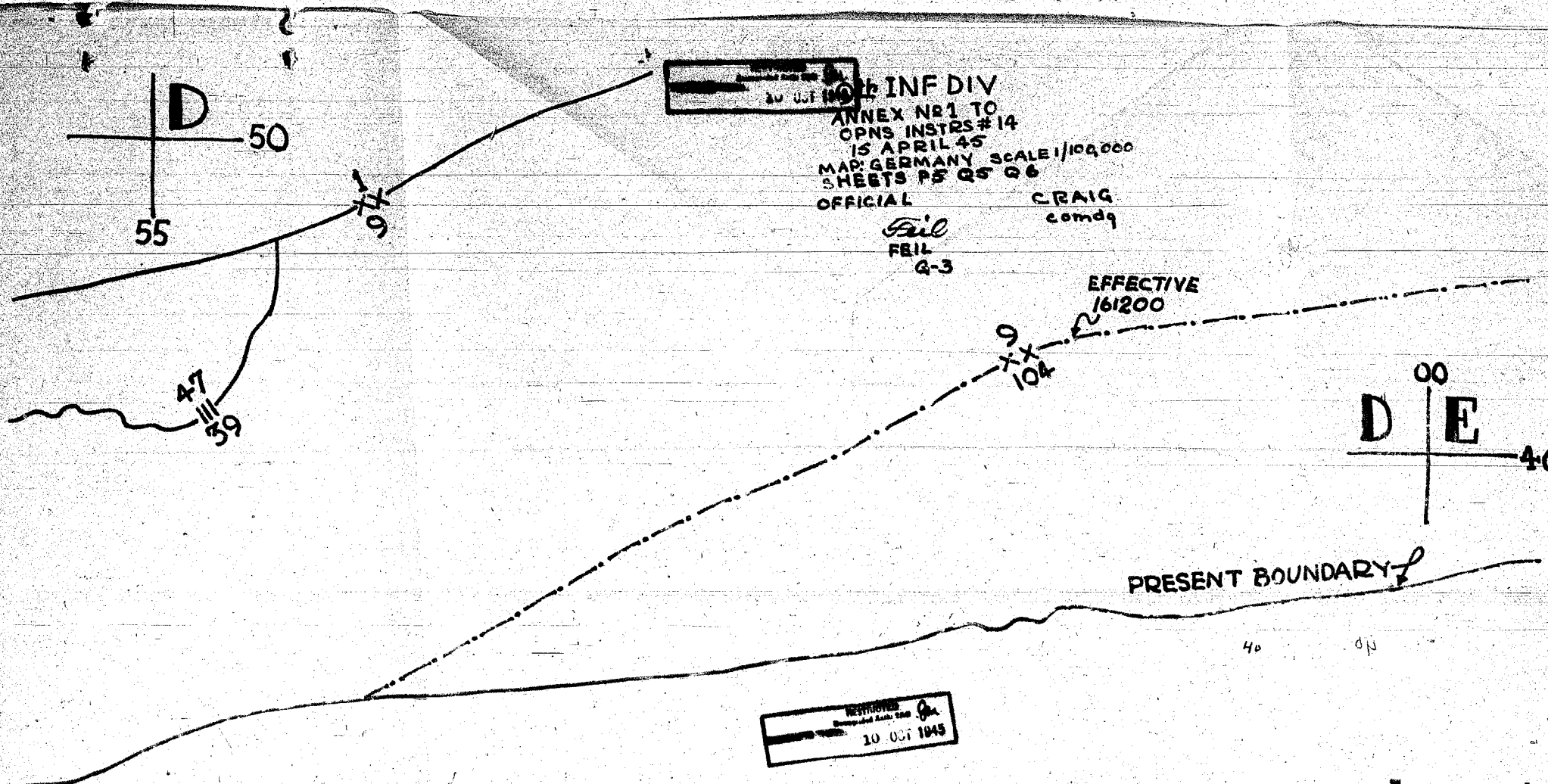
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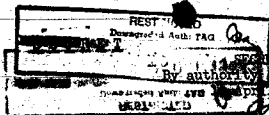
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MAPS: GERMANY, 1/100,000, Sheet Q-5

1. a. See current G-2 Periodic.
- b. VII Corps continues atk in zone to eliminate resistance W of the ELBE River.
2. This Div
Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
899th TD Bn
376th AAA AW Bn
965th FA Bn (155 How)
18th FA Bn (105 How)

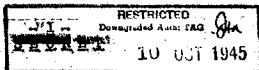
Will clear resistance in Corps zone between SAALE River and Phase Line #1; will capture ASCHERSLEBEN (5657) and prepare to continue atk NW to Phase Lines #2 & #3.

3. a. 39th Inf
Atchd: Co G 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co A 15th Engr Bn
Co A 9th Med Bn
9th Recon Tr
TF Tincher
Assault Gun Plat 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co A 746th Tk Bn
81mm Mortar Plat 746th Tk Bn
Co D-746th Tk Bn (-1 plat) (on arrival)
1 plat Co C 899th TD Bn
Co A 899th TD Bn
Co C 39th INF
(1) Will atk in zone, 17 April 1945, to clear area from SAALE River W to Phase Line #1.
(2) Will seize and secure ASCHERSLEBEN (5657) and prepare to continue atk NW to Phase Lines #2 & #3.
- b. 47th Inf (less 3rd Bn)
Atchd: Co A 746th Tk Bn (-1 plat)
1 plat Co B 15th Engr Bn
Co B 9th Med Bn
Co C 899th TD Bn (-1 plat)

(1) Will atk, 17 April 1945, and clear Area "A". Upon completion of mission will assemble and hold one bn via 4650 prepared to atk and seize WEISDORF (4551)-OPPERODE (4352) and BALLENSTEDT (4152) on order.

(2) Upon clearance of Area "A" will atk and clear Area "B" with remaining br

- a. 60th Inf
Atchd: Co B 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co C 15th Engr Bn
Co C 9th Med Bn
TF Carter
1 plat Co B 15th Engr Bn
Assault Guns Cos A, B, & G 746th Tk Bn
1 plat Co D 746th Tk Bn (on arrival)
Recon Co 899th TD Bn
Co B 899th TD Bn



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- (1) Will atk, 17 April 1945, and clear Area "C".
- (2) Will advance initially from direction of SIPTENFELDE (2943) on GERNRODE (3452).
- (3) Upon relief of 3rd Bn by element 1st Inf Div will advance from vic STIEGE (1745) thru ALLRODE (2346) and FRIEDRICHSHRUNN (2847) on THALE (2755).
- (4) RJ 3446 at MAGDESPRUNG will be seized by 2nd Bn. Employment of 2nd Bn thereafter is limited to 50 percent of its infantry strength.
- (5) One Co 2nd Bn will remain motorized, available to TF Carter on call.
- (6) TF Carter detached 170700 April 1945,
- (7) Co B 899th TD Bn remains under Div control.

4. TF Carter

- (1) Detached from 60th Inf 170700 April 1945.
- (2) Will continue responsibility for the security of the W flank of the Div.

e. Div Arty

Atchd: 376th AAA AW Bn
965th FA Bn
18th FA Bn

- (1) 60th, 84th, 26th FA Bns - SOP.
- (2) 965th FA Bn - Btry C direct support 60th FA Bn
- (3) 18th FA Bn - direct support TF Carter & 2nd Bn 60th Inf.
- (4) Btry C 965th FA Bn - Atchd 84th FA Bn.
- (5) 34th FA Bn - direct support 26th FA Bn.
- (6) 376th AAA Bn - SOP.

f. 15th Engr Bn (less detachments) - SOP.

g. 746th Tk Bn (less detachments) - SOP.

4. See Adm O #40.

5. a. See current SOI.

b. CPs to be reported.

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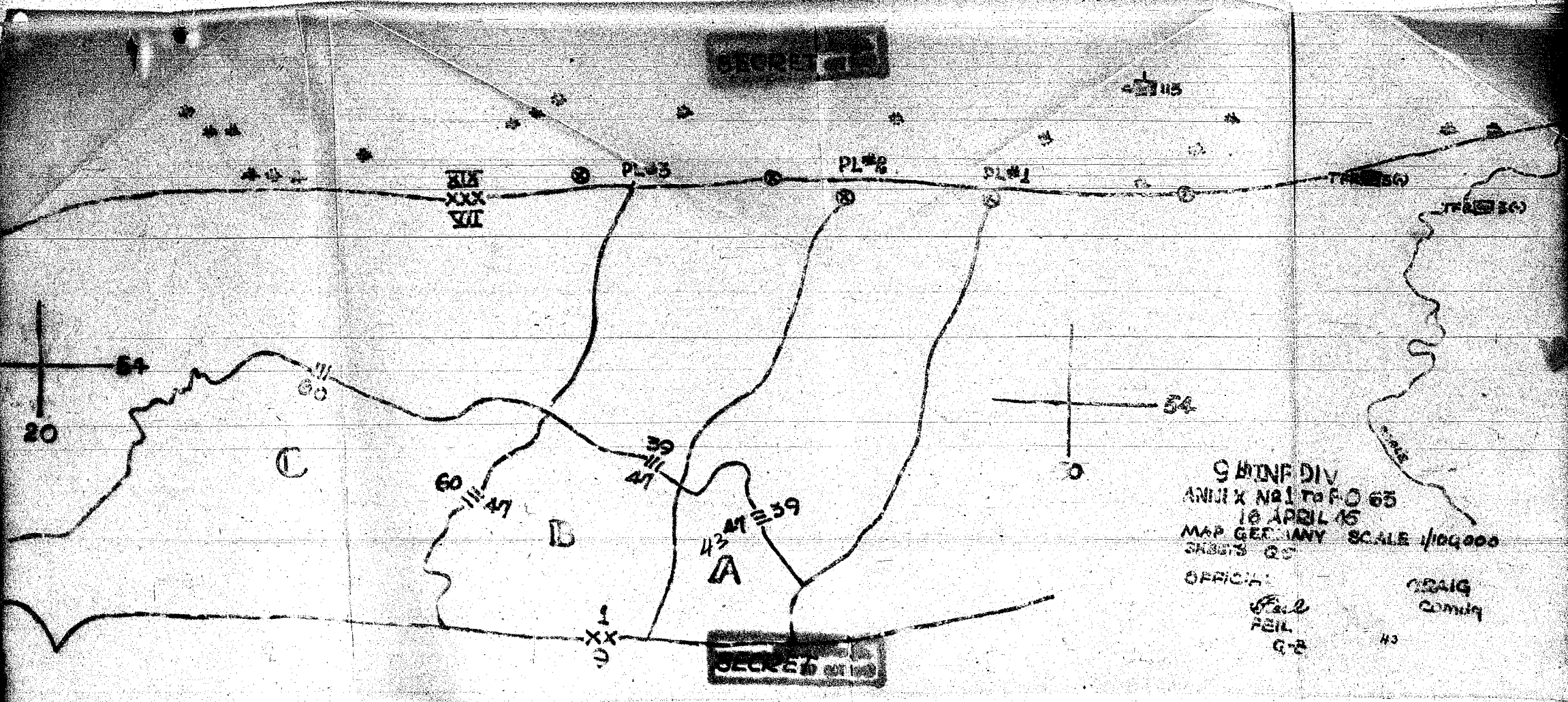
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #15

3. Fifth Infantry Division continues attack 18 April 1945 to clear enemy from zone.
 - a. 3rd Inf
Continue attack in zone to seize EL #4.
 - b. 47th Inf (less 3rd Bn)
 - a. Continue attack to clear enemy from zone of action.
 - b. Be prepared to attack to seize WEISDORF (4551), OFFERODE (4352), and HALLENSTEDT (4152) on order.
 - c. 60th Inf
Continue attack in zone.
 - d. TP Carter
 - a. One platoon light tanks from 4th Cav Gp atobd effective 180800 April 1945. Tank platoon will be held in reserve via SILBERHUTTE (3241).
 - b. Continue present mission.
 - e. Training and countermeasures for security in accordance with TM #2 Hq First U. S. Army dated 14 April 1945 subject "Security Training" (to be issued), will be instituted as the tactical situation permits.

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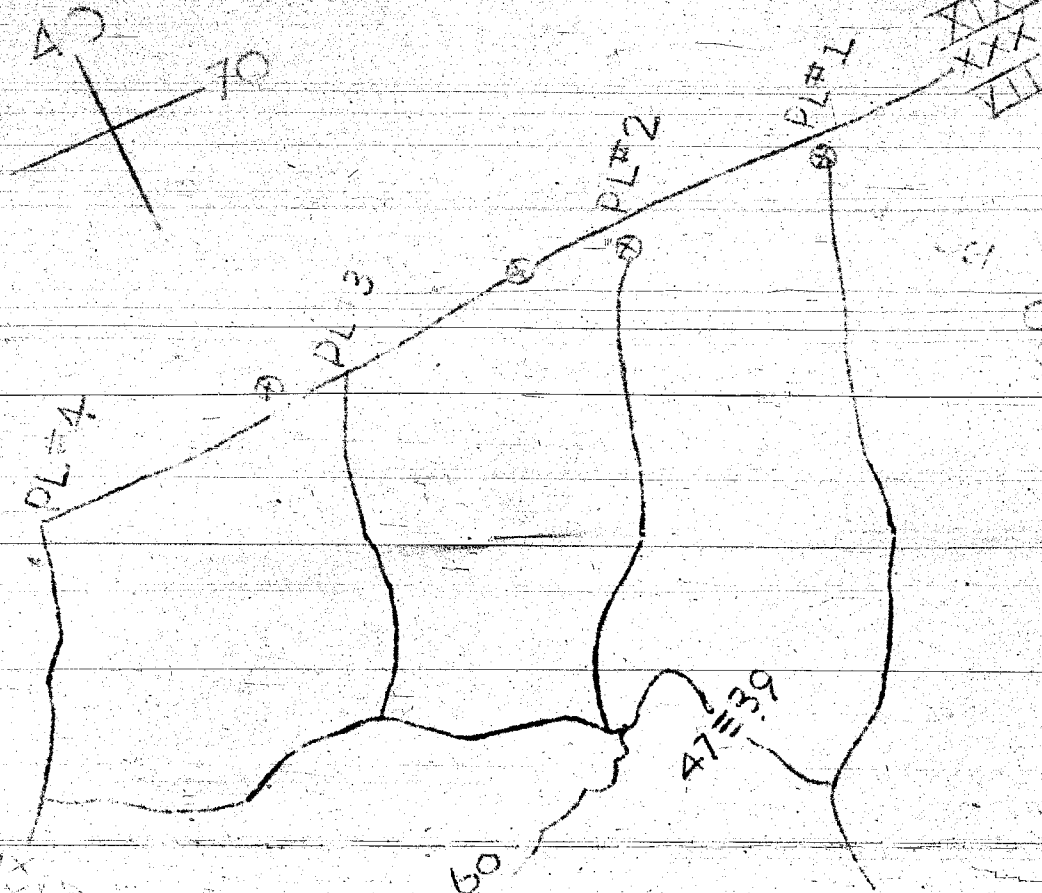
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MAPS: GERMANY 1/25,000. Sheets 4137, 4138, 4139, 4237, 4238,
4239, 4337, 4338, 4339, 4340.

1. a. The enemy in an estimated division strength has been bitterly contesting the advance of the 3rd Arm Division to the MUIDE River, East of DESSAU (1069). WOLFER (1350) and STEINFURTH (1352) have been strongly defended. With the fall of DESSAU the enemy will doubtless withdraw beyond the MUIDE, and with the menace of Russian advances from the East, may withdraw North and East of the ELBE. Scattered groups will nevertheless remain, and defensive installations can still be manned by isolated groups. The Volksturm BITTERFEID and ELBE are likely to be encountered. The "Scharnhorst" Division and "Potsdam" Division will doubtless be withdrawn. FIA units remain. Artillery in moderate volume, from the North and East has been encountered. Tanks and SP guns have been encountered also. How much of this armor remains is not known at this juncture.

b. VII Corps regroups in zone.

2. This Div

- Atchd: 746th Tk Bn
- 899th TD Bn
- 376th AAA AW Bn
- 965th FA Bn (155 How)
- 18th FA Bn (105 How)

a. Will relieve, commencing 22 April 1945, 3rd Arm Div in zone West of the MUIDE River and South of the ELBE River.

b. Will secure the West bank of the MUIDE River and the South bank of the ELBE against any possible enemy crossing.

Bdrys, zones of action - See Annex #1, Operations Overlay.

Routes - See March Table to be issued.

3. a. 60th Inf

- Atchd: 60th FA Bn
- Btry C 376th AAA AW Bn
- Co B 899th TD Bn
- Co B 746th Tk Bn
- Co C 15th Engr Bn
- Co C 9th Mod Bn

(1) Will move in accordance with March Table to area 3rd Arm Div.

(2) Will relieve elements 3rd Arm Div in zone shown on Annex #1. Details to be arranged between unit commanders concerned.

(3) Will maintain contact with 104th Inf Div on right (South) flank.

(4) Will maintain at least one Bn in Regtl Res.

b. 39th Inf

- Atchd: 26th FA Bn
- Btry B 376th AAA AW Bn
- Co A 899th TD Bn
- Co C 746th Tk Bn
- Co A 15th Engr Bn
- Co B 9th Mod Bn

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- (1) Will move in accordance with March Table to area 3rd Armd Div.
- (2) Will relieve elements 3rd Armd Div in zone shown on Annex #1. Details to be arranged between unit commanders concerned.
- (3) Will strongly garrison DESSAU and area S. to bdry.
- (4) Will occupy wooded area to N in sufficient strength to maintain observation of the ELBE and to prevent enemy crossing.
- (5) Will maintain contact with elements XIX Corps on left (West) flank at 962704.
- (6) Will maintain one Bn (1 plat tks atchd) in Div Res.

c. 47th Inf

Atchd: 84th FA Bn
 Btry D 376th AAA AW Bn
 Co G 899th TB Bn
 Co A 746th Tk Bn
 Co B 15th Engr Bn
 Co B 9th Mod Bn

- (1) Will move in accordance with March Table to area 3rd Armd Div.
- (2) Will relieve elements 3rd Armd Div in zone shown on Annex #1. Details to be arranged between unit commanders concerned.
- (3) Will maintain one Bn (1 plat tks atchd) in Div Res.

d. Div Arty (less CT atchtants)

Atchd: 965th FA Bn (155 H)
 18th FA Bn (105 H)
 376th AAA AW Bn

- (1) Will move in accordance with March Table to area 3rd Armd Div
- (2) Upon arrival:
 - (a) 60th, 26th & 84th FA Bns - SOP.
 - (b) 965th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires of 60th FA Bn.
 - (c) 34th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires of 26th & 84th FA Bns.
 - (d) 18th FA Bn - General support reinforcing fires of 84th FA Bn.
 - (e) 376th AAA AW Bn - SOP.

e. 9th Rcn Tr

Will move in accordance with March Table to area shown on Annex #1 in Div Res.

f. Div Res (See Par 3b (6), 3c (3), 3e)

- (1) Will be disposed for immediate defense of towns in respective areas.
- (2) Will establish detached posts in respective zones on all roads S of 68 grid and W of 04 grid to control circulation.

g. 15th Engr Bn (less Cos A, B, and C)

Will move in accordance with March Table.

h. 746th Tk Bn (less Cos A, B, and C)

Will move in accordance with March Table.

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1. 899th TD Bn-

- (1) Will move in accordance with March Table to area 3rd Arm Div.
 - (2) Upon arrival will provide the Div with defense in depth against enemy arm'd attack.
- x. (1) Upon arrival, regimental attachments will consist of normal Tank Co, Engr plnt, and Collecting Co. Additional units attached for move will revert to SOP status.
- (2) Particular attention will be devoted to establishment of blocks to prevent circulation from front to rear.
 - (3) Active and varied patrolling will be conducted day and night to prevent infiltration.
 - (4) OPLR, between line of observation and MLR, will be strongly held in all sectors. In addition RAGUN (1455) and JESSNITZ (1452) will be garrisoned in force.
 - (5) Overlays will be submitted to AC of S, G-3 within 24 hrs of arrival showing in detail outposts and patrol routes along OPLR, all MLR dispositions, and reserve battalion dispositions. Changes in dispositions and patrol routes will be reported immediately.
 - (6) Units are responsible for the military government, security, necessary police, and screening of personnel within their assigned areas.

4. See Adm O #11.

5. a. See current SOL.

- b. CPs: Division - KOTHEM (9258)
39th Inf - ALTEN (0767)
47th Inf - QUELLENDORF (0359)
60th Inf - WADENDORF (073517)

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ROUTE OF MARCH

39th Regimental Combat Team:

And

47th Regimental Combat Team:

And

Special Troops:

39th RCT IP - ASCHERSLEBEN (559575)

47th RCT IP - WINDMILL AT (457538)

Sp. TRPS IP - PANSFELDE (451459)

ASCHERSLEBEN (559575)

MEHRINGEN (610543)

SCHNITZSTEDT (680534)

TS CL AO BAILY BRIDGE AT 728520

PREUSSLITZ (810560)

BIENDORF (840580)

MOLZ (869606)

KL. PASCHLEBEN (863621)

GR. PASCHLEBEN (897595)

KOTHEN (930590)

Approximate distance ASCHERSLEBEN to KOTHEN, 43 Kilometers.

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21 April 1945

ROUTE OF MARCH

60th Regimental Combat Team:

IP - HARZGERODE (360435)

KONIGERODE (405395)

RJ-531422

LEIBACH (590405)

KLOSTERGANSFELD (605385)

POLLEREN (678383)

HELLSDORF (688412)

CL AO TIMY BRIDGE AT 778455

GARSEN (810458)

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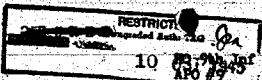
ZORBIG (035456)

WADENDORF (072515)

Approximate Distance: 84 Kilometers

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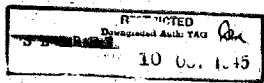
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60th Rgt. CT	See route of March for 60th CT	HARZGERODE (360435)	22	4hrs.	0630	965th FA moves as directed by CO 60th CT.
965th FA Bn.						
9th Med.	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	NEUDORF (360435)	22	05min.	0830	
9th Recog	47th CT'S	HARZGERODE (360435)	22	20min.	1000	
15th Eng	"	MOLMERSWENDE (440422)	22	20min.	1030	
Hq. Co. 899 TD	"	PANSFELDE (344398)	22	10min.	1030	
Div. Hq.	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	PANSFELDE (344398)	22	20min.	1300	
Div. Arty. Hq. 376 AAA	47th CT'S	"	22	10min.	1320	
9th. Sig.	"	"	22	05min.	1335	
Hq. 899 TD	"	"	22	08min.	1340	
47th Rgt. CT	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	WINDMILL (457538)	22	4 hrs.	0630	
34th FA Bn.						
709th Ord.	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	ROHMESBURG (490995)	23	15min.	0630	
746 TK Bn.	47th CT'S	PANSFELDE (344398)	23	15min.	To be Announced	
39th Rgt. CT	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	ASCHENSLEHEN (559575)	24	4 hrs.	To be announced	
180th FA Bn.						
9th QM	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	SANGERHAUSEN (475255)	24	25min.	To be announced	
746 TK Sv. Co.	for 39th & 47th CT'S	OBERSDORF (410308)	24	15min.	"	

1. Average rate of march, 20 MPH, except Med Arty, Tanks and TD'S Med Arty, Tanks & TD'S 10 MPH
2. Unit will post own guides.
3. MP's will assist traffic.
4. Interval 75 yds.
5. Panels will be displayed in accordance with operations Memo #4, First U. S. Army, dated 21 Jan 45.
6. QM open at KOTHEN at 221200 for gasoline and package rations.

By Command of Major General CRAIG:

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Unit	Route	IP	Date	Time Length	Time head reaches IP	Remarks
60th Rgt. CT	See Route of March for 60th CT	HARZGERODE (360435)	22	4hrs.	0630	965th FA moves as directed by CO 60th CT
965th FA Bn						
9th Med.	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	NEUDORF (3240)	22	05min.	0830	
9th Recon		HARZGERODE (360435)	22	20min.	1000	
15th Eng.	"	MOLLERSWEIDE (440422)	22	20min.	1030	
Hq. Co 899TD	"	PANSFELDE (344398)	22	10min.	1030	
Div. Hq.	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	PANSFELDE (344398)	24	20min.	0900	Follow Tail of 47th C.T. at SINSLEBEN
Div. Arty. Hq.		"		10min.	0920	494544
376th AAA		"		05min.	0930	
9th Sig.		"		05min.	0935	
Hq. 899TD		"		08min.	0940	
47th Regt. CT	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	WINDMILL (457538)	24	2 hrs. 45min.	0630	
709th Ord.	See Route of March 60th	ROHELSBURG (490395)	24	15min.	0700	Follow Hq. 899 TD
746 TK Bn (less Cos A, B, C)	Inf for 39th & 47th CT'S	PANSFELDE (344398)	24	15min.	1000	
39th Regt. CT	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	ASCHERSLEBEN (559575)	25	4 hrs.	To be announced	
18th FA Bn.						
Ord. 1 plat Co D						
9th QM	See Route of March for 39th & 47th CT'S	SANGENTHAUSEN (475255)	25	25min.	To be announced	
746 TK Sv. Co.		OBERSDORF (410308)	25	15min.	"	

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2. Unit will post own guides.
3. MP'S will assist traffic.
4. Interval 75 yds.
5. Panels will be displayed in accordance with Div S.O.I.
6. QM open at KOTHEN at 221200 for gasoline and package rations.

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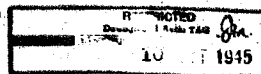
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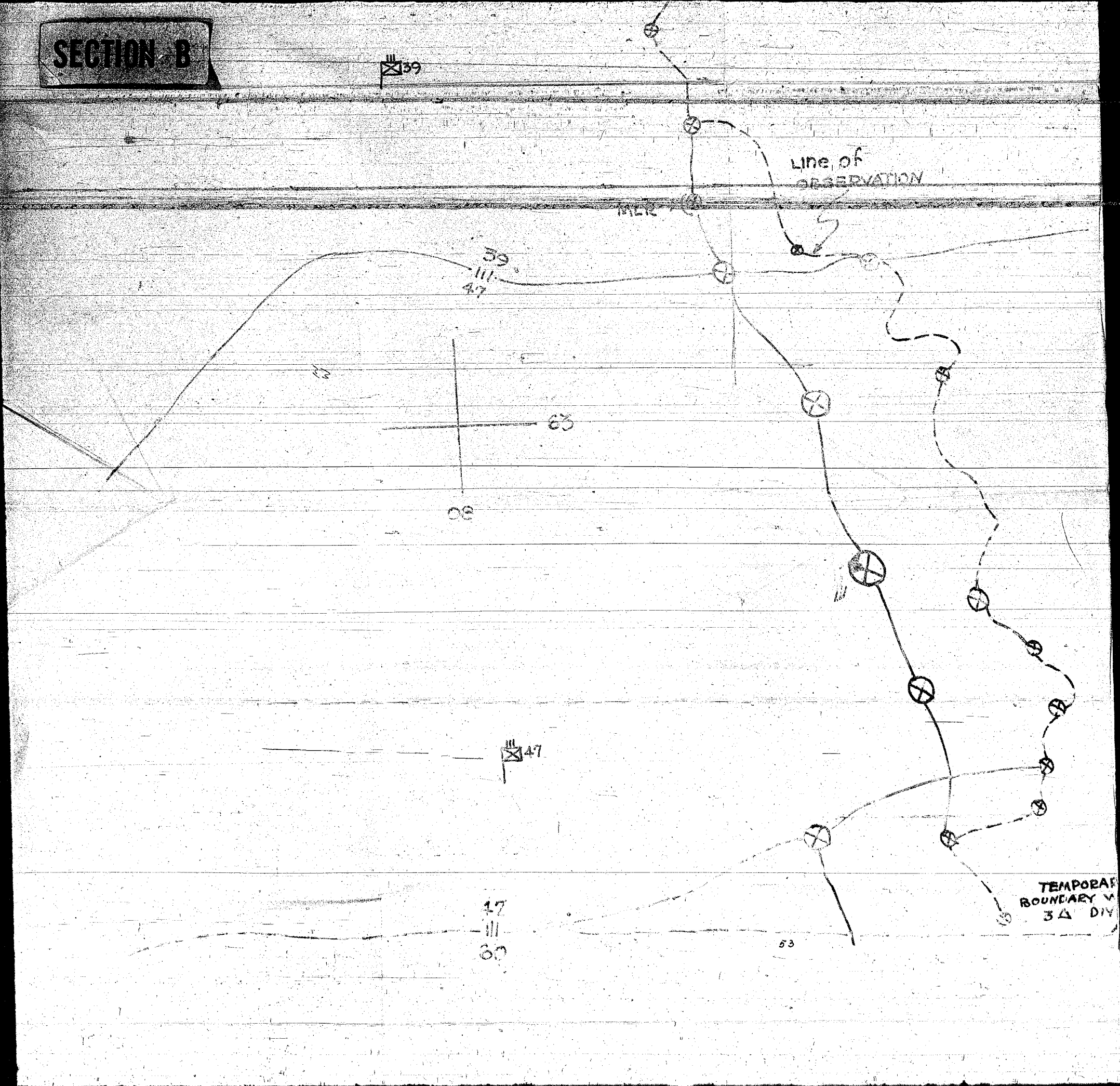
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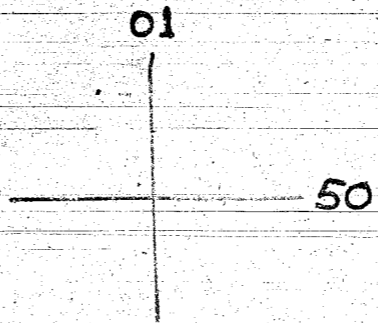
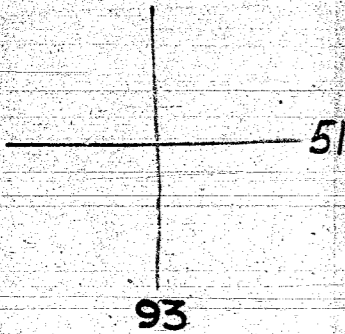


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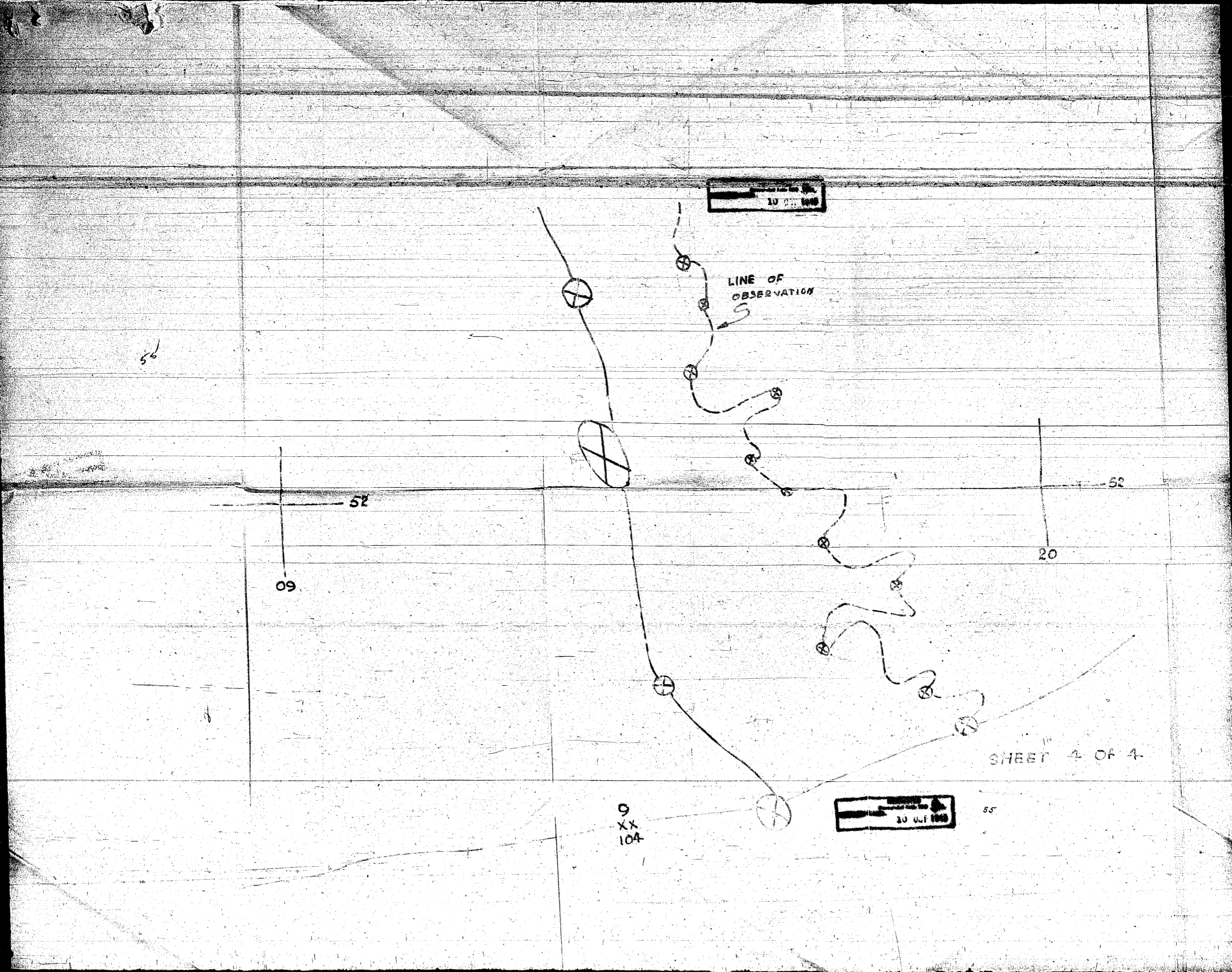
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26 April 1945
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Hq 9th Inf Div
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #16

1. Limit of patrol activity 27 April 1945 - See overlay.
2. Boundaries between regiments - See overlay.
3. Regiments will patrol in zone to limiting line to determine location and strength of enemy dispositions or to contact Russians.
4. Disposition of Russians as reported by Air Observer who landed at 5354 at 261920 April - See overlay.
5. Patrols will be limited to the minimum number of men necessary to accomplish the mission. Patrols will be reconnaissance and not combat.
6. Special information is desired as to enemy use of the road net along the limiting line.
7. 9th Hcn Trp will return to former area.
8. Units may use bridge in 60th Inf sector to cross 1/4 ton trucks if desired.

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION
A P O #9

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #17

1. The 9th Inf Div extends zone to the South, relieving elements of the 10th Inf Div.
2. Zones of action and boundaries between regiments - See overlay.
3. 60th Inf
Atchd - No change
 - a. Will relieve 415th Inf in zone shown on overlay.
 - b. Details of relief will be arranged between regimental commanders concerned.
 - c. Will maintain one battalion in regimental reserve.
4. 47th Inf
Atchd - No change.
 - a. Will relieve 60th Inf in zone shown on overlay.
 - b. Details of relief will be arranged between regimental commanders concerned.
 - c. Will maintain one battalion in Division reserve in present position.
5. TF Hupfer Areas 5 & 6 extended as shown on overlay.
6. 3rd Bn 47th Inf (Div Res) Area 8 extended as shown on overlay.

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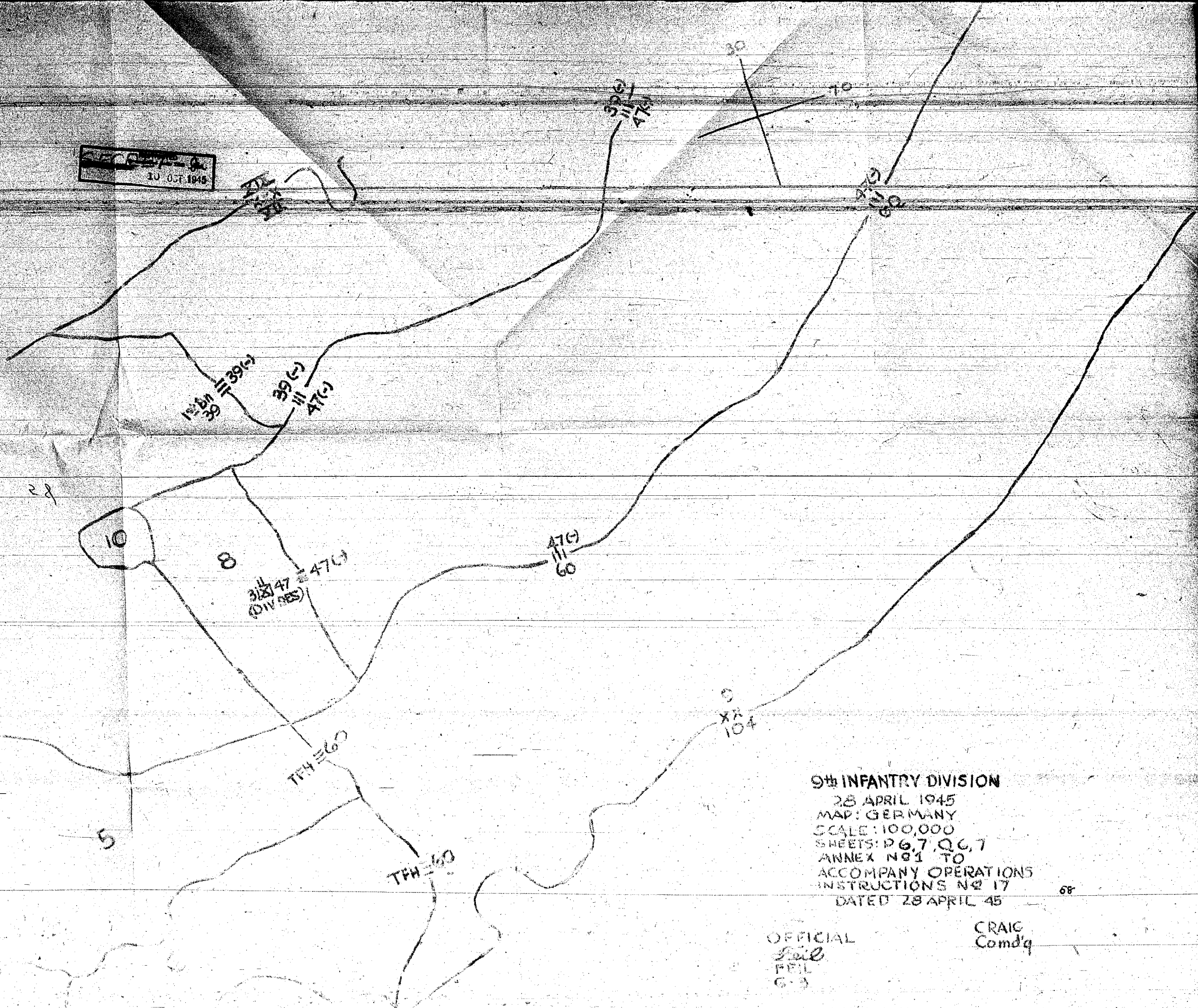
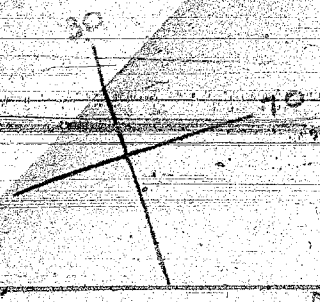
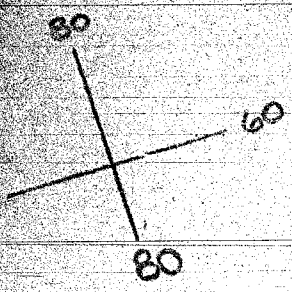
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9th INFANTRY DIVISION
 28 APRIL 1945
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 ACCOMPANY OPERATIONS
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