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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION  
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

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140400A ...

Fr 141800 Mar 45  
To 151800 Mar 45

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1. a. Annex 2 - Intelligence.

(1) No elements of the 48th Tank Battalion in contact with the enemy.

(2) Negative report submitted.

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(3) XV Corps Atk to capture SIEGFRIED (S7750), penetrating SIEGFRIED Line; captures high Crd in the SIEGFRIED (S7273) - SIEGFRIED (S7180) area, and KANSERLAUTERN (S0293), a ... prepared for further action to the E and NE.

(4) TAC Spts Seventh Army, Preparatory phase: Continues Atk on known E by supply installations. Continues program of isolation of battlefield. D day: Continues Atk on known E by supply installations on E by Regt I and Div CPs and Bn across, Com targets and railroads. After D day: Decreases effectiveness of SIEGFRIED Line in E of 421 and 103d Inf Divs. (See Annex 3, Air)

(5) 103d Inf Div captures high Crd vic GLIMBACH (S0846) and BOBENTHAL (S0951), penetrates SIEGFRIED Line and prepares to continue Atk to E or NE on Corps O.

(6) 25th FA Gp G/S VI Corps: 172d FA Bn, 752d FA Bn, G/S, 3rd AF Fire 392d FA Bn.

(7) 231st AAA Av Bn:

(a) Provides AAA protection for Div Arty, Div Air Strip, Div CP and Spts Corps Arty. Plans W with Sptd FA Bn.

- (b) Platoon Spt W as follows:
  - 1 1st Plat, Btry A - 22d FA Bn
  - 2 2d Plat, Btry A - 22d FA Bn
  - 3 1st Plat, Btry B - 22d FA Bn
  - 4 2d Plat, Btry B - Div Air Strip and Div CP
  - 5 1st Plat, Btry C - 22d FA Bn
  - 6 2d Plat, Btry C - 22d FA Bn
  - 7 1st Plat, Btry D - 22d FA Bn
  - 8 2d Plat, Btry D - 22d FA Bn

(8) 31st Regt C Av Spts 1st Inf Div on axis LICHTENBERG (S3135) - BOCHUM (S0051), following Div Regt of E and while in construction and maint of NEs well E.

2. a. Div Atk on axis LICHTENBERG - SIEGFRIED to capture high Crd vic SIEGFRIED and uncover SIEGFRIED Line. Assists 103d Inf Div by capturing high Crd E of KANSERLAUTERN (S0293) in E. Clears NITCHE - KANSERLAUTERN (S0293) in E. Thereafter Atk to penetrate SIEGFRIED Line in E. Capt SIEGFRIED - LANDAU (S2766) RD; captures high Crd vic KENSCHWILDE (S0769). Maintains physical contact with XV Corps on left. Prepares to continue Atk to E or NE on Corps O.

4. Time of Atk: 0645-0700 H, 14 Mar 1945.

Atchd:

1 Plat Co B 48th Tk Bn

Pass through 232d Inf. Atk and secure high Crd between ZIMMERMANN DU FORD and FALKENSTEIN Bn within E. Capture high Crd between FALKENSTEIN and



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No elements of the 48th Tank Battalion in contact with the enemy.

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- a. 71st Inf Div: Continued present Div mission and Sptd Ask of 100th Inf Div on left (N) flank by fire.
- b. 103d Inf Div: See overlay.
- c. 431st AAA Av Bn (M1): Sptg 42d Inf Div. Protg Div CP with 2 sections Btry B, Div Arty in Pos with Btries A, C (-) and D, Btry D protecting Corps Arty in Pos.

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- d. 17th PA Bn: No change.
- e. XII TAC: Sptg Seventh Army on 14 March flew 38 fighter-bomber missions with 409 sorties and 2 medium bomber missions with 67 sorties. Destroyed 7 locomotives, 83 railcars, 55 motor vehicles, 5 horse-drawn vehicles, 35 buildings, 1 supply dump, 1 gun and 1 bridge. Damaged 10 locomotives, 103 railcars, 32 motor vehicles, 1 horse-drawn vehicle, 1 tank, 55 buildings, 6 dumps, 1 gun, 5 bridges. Made 28 railcuts, 12 road blocks and damaged 1 tunnel.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. ACTIVITY:

- (1) 228d Infantry: Moving Ptd from assembly area, the Regt passed through the 238d Inf and Ask Bn in sector shown on overlay, crossing LD at 0645A with 1st Bn in lead, 2d and 3d Bns in trace. Met only light Bn resistance and advanced to HILL 402 by 1140A. Regt lost contact with Ptd Mine at approximately 1430A and no definite information available as to location of units at 2400A. It was later reported that HILL 402 was captured at 1730A and Regt moved on to second phase line.
- (2) 242d Inf: Regt crossed LD in 4th at 0645A with 3d Bn in lead to be followed by 2d Bn and 1st Bn in that order. Encountered Bn machinefield and S/A and Mort fire which slowed Adv in initial stages. Moved ahead steadily and leading Bn reached second phase line (approximately 4000 yds) at 1730A. Mine of 1st Bn captured town of MARSHFIELD (Q8442). 2d and 1st Bns moved Ptd along road on left (N) flank.
- (3) 232d Inf: Outposted MIB with Cos C, R (-), L, 2d Bn (Task Force Calomen) withdrew to assembly area after being passed through by 237d Inf.

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- (1) Class II & IV - 7th Div (1st) Bn - Class OTWILLER (4097) 181800.
- (2) Class III - DEPTAILLEN.
- (3) Class I - INKILLER (8130).
- (4) All units will carry a reserve of one full perambulator all time.
- (5) Credits:
  - Infantry: Non-controlled except mortar. Mortar as will be allocated from day to day.
  - Artillery: Daily allowances per company follow:
 

105MM Gun, M2	25
155MM Gun, M1	50
4-5" Gun	40
155MM Gun, M1 and M1 EPD	90
8" How	20
240MM How	20
6" Gun, 15, 105MM, M3	20
90MM and 60 in Army Note	6
  - (6) Am should be kept separate by lot numbers.

- C. Signal -
  - (1) Class II & IV - 1st Signal Bn - CAMPANON (9011).
- D. Medical -
  - (1) Class II & IV - 1st Med Bn - CAMPANON (9011).

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TO : 191800 March 45  
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OBERSTEINBACH, FR

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No. Prisoner taken: 0  
No. Enemy killed: Unestimated  
No. " Wounded: "  
No. Tanks destroyed: None  
No. Anti-tanks destroyed: 2 (estimated)

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