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From: 151800 March 45  
TO : 161800 March 45  
Hq, 48th Tank Bn  
WINGEN, FR (Q7335)

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1603004 Mar 45

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OPNS INSTRUCTIONS No 15

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1. IF COLMAN, AAR 160730A Mar 45 from Vio AIBORN (Q7540) in an instantly  
No elements of 48th Tk Bn in contact with the enemy.  
Negative report submitted.

2. \*AF and \*C\* Trs. 117th Car Bn Co "B" CAVIN (C) No (Class and Rank)  
SUBJECT: Clear SAURENBERG. MOUTONNET and after IF COLMAN has  
secured ridge to the N. Maj  
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3. and \*C\* Trs. 117th Car Bn Move through MOUTONNET and secure  
normal mission as assigned by FO No 3. This Bn. arrived in March 1945.  
Notify this Hq when SARREDBERG. MOUTONNET road has been cleared.
4. Co "C", 48th Tk Bn Move on Div D via MOUTONNET. MOUTONNET road  
pick up "E" Co, 232d Inf from IF COLMAN and stay in contact with  
(C) Bn. Flats of Co "C" 48th Tk Bn plus about 200 of "E" Co. stay  
routed:
  - a. MOUTONNET - NJ BRUNSON (Q842) - MOUTONNET (Q842)
  - b. MOUTONNET - MOUTONNET (Q844) - MOUTONNET (Q844)
  - c. MOUTONNET - MOUTONNET (Q846) - MOUTONNET (Q846)
5. IF COLMAN After clearing road to MOUTONNET, MOUTONNET road  
responsive and MOUTONNET road to MOUTONNET. Adv to Hq on Pz 5.
6. 232d Inf Clear MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.  
protect Div D. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.
7. 232d Inf and 232d Inf MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.
8. 232d Inf will clear MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.  
then reduce to MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.  
advance on Div D via MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.  
232d and 232d Inf. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road. MOUTONNET road.

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

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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 (H) 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. INTEGRITY:

- (1) 2280 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) 2420 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 (H) flank.
- (3) 238d Inf: Outposted MIB with Cos C, R (-), L, 2d Bn (Task Force Calomen) withdrew to assembly area after being passed through by 207d Inf.

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Bollerstein, Fr. Q8245

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- (1) Class II & IV - 7th Div (1st) Bn - Class OTWILLER (4097) 181800.
- (2) Class III - DEPTWILLER.
- (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 - DEPTWILLER.
- D. Medical -
- (1) Class II & IV - 1st Med Bn - CAMPANON (9091).

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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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