

~~RESTRICTED~~  
SECRET

AG

HEADQUARTERS 14TH ARMORED DIVISION  
Office of A. C. of S., G-2  
APO 446

.....  
: ~~SECRET~~ :  
:Auth: CG 14 AD:  
:Init: TP :  
:Date: 2 May 45:  
:.....:

From: 012200B  
To : 022200B  
Date: 030100B

G-2 REPORT

*CW*

No 86.

MAPS: GERMANY 1:100,000

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Lines - No definite front line exists.
- b. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Very light ey resistance consisting mainly of SA fire encountered early in period. No ey contact reported from 0900B to close of period. Blown bridges and difficult terrain aided by poor weather slowed our advance. Ey air activity negligible for the period.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Aviation - Ey plane strafed HILPOLDING (Z-2581) at 1125B. Single engine antiquated bi-plane without armor or armament shot down vic Z-257820 at 1315B. Crew of 2 were killed.

(2) Engineers - All bridges between Z-510769 and Z-528752 blown. Bridges at Z-468652, Z-556725, Z-555715 and Z-578715 were reported out.

(3) Infantry - At 0830B KALLING (Z-2879) cleared after a short fire fight.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Total PWs during period - 1035  
Total PWs to date - 24817

b. Equipment captured and destroyed - 2 trucks destroyed. 2 flak wagons, 3 trucks, 3 personnel carriers, 1 x 155mm gun, airport at Z-512775 with 6 operative planes, airport at Z-508740, ammunition factory covering 4 acres vic Z-449645, ammunition dump at Z-478898, 2 ammunition wagons at Z-362780 and an armored train with personnel at Z-433623 captured during period.

c. Know Your Enemy - An AT platoon leader, a lieutenant from the 78th Div, was shot by a German nurse in SOLINGEN (F-5485), 13 miles southeast of DUSSELDORF, while riding down the street in a jeep. Area had been previously cleared of enemy soldiers. (Source: XVIII A/B Corps)

d. Higher Headquarters Directs -

~~RESTRICTED~~  
SECRET

*G-2 Report*



~~RESTRICTED~~  
S E C R E T

(1) The release of Volkssturm men over 60 and youths under 15 years of age after being properly screened by IPW teams; to retain in PW channels subversive vicious individuals or potential saboteurs.

(2) Attempts may be made by Nazis to destroy persons (anti-Nazi or other individuals) possessing evidence against war criminals. At your discretion preserve such witnesses under protective custody if necessary. Crimes against nationals of more than one country should be investigated by appropriate liaison personnel pending arrangements. Preliminary statements containing names of persons held under protective custody should be forwarded to Supreme Allied Expeditionary Force (Main), G-2, information copy to Twelfth Army Group, thru channels.

e. Weather - Thursday, 3rd - Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy during the day becoming partly cloudy to clear at night. No precipitation. Good visibility during the day becoming moderate in early morning. Light NW surface winds. Temperatures ranging from low 40s to high 60s.

Friday, 4th - Partly cloudy in morning becoming mostly cloudy to overcast in evening. Light intermittent rain beginning near end of period. Moderate visibility becoming poor in precipitation and in early morning haze and fog. Light to moderate W to SW surface winds. Temperatures ranging from high 30s to high 50s.

f. Convenient Discharge - A German in civilian clothes appeared at Div MG office bearing soldbuch with following notation on pg 14:

Landsberg, 27 April 45

Discharged from the army.

(Name illegible)  
Major and Bn Cmdr.

The note did not bear the official stamp. "Discharged" soldier was evacuated to PW cage.

#### 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

##### a. Capabilities -

(1) To counterattack our bridgehead across the INN River with ground and/or air forces.

(2) To harass our flanks and rear with forces by-passed in our advance.

(3) To sabotage our installations.

(4) To attack our assembled forces with combat aviation.

-2-

~~RESTRICTED~~  
S E C R E T



~~SECRET~~  
~~RESTRICTED~~

b. Discussion -

An enemy counterattack against our bridgehead is certainly a capability, as the enemy is known to have withdrawn a considerable force, including armor, across the INN River. However, the counterattacks which have been thrown at bridgeheads across rivers to the NW have not been of any considerable size, and of late the enemy has shown the tendency to withdraw rapidly once the bridgehead has been established.

By-passed pockets of small groups SS and HJ forces may harass unprotected elements of the command. A considerable number of HJ and other cy personnel have been trained in the "Werewolf" and similar sabotage schools.

One instance of strafing of our columns by enemy air was reported during the period, and further activity of this sort can be expected.

*Miller TP*  
MILLER  
G-2

1 Incl:  
Annex "A" - Order of Battle Notes

~~SECRET~~  
~~RESTRICTED~~



~~RESTRICTED~~  
~~S-E-C-R-E-T~~

ANNEX "A" TO G-2 REPORT NO 86.

ORDER OF BATTLE NOTES

(Source III Corps G-2 Periodic Report No 136)

Anti-tank (Panzer Faust) Brigades in the East

A hospitalized Hungarian Lt, formerly an adjutant in a Hungarian Pz Jagd Verband (Pz Faust AT Bn), clarifies information on this latest type of German unit. According to a FUEHRER order, issued about the middle of February, each Army Group on the Eastern Front formed one Pz Jagd Brigade. The Brigades were subdivided into Pz Jagd Verbaende of Bns, each of which formed a self-contained Repl and Trng unit. The Bns were composed of 3 Cos consisting of 8 Pz Jagd Kommandos (Platoons) with 16 men each. The equipment was 2 Pz Faust and one MP per man.

It was known to the informant that a different organization was in force on the Western Front. These units, trng for which started already in Jnuary in DOEBERITZ near BERLIN, were platoons of 25 men, who in addition to their Pz Fausts, were supposed to be equipped with two bazookas per platoon. Actually, ten of these 25 man platoons were committed under Army Group "B" in April, but no bazookas have been encountered in these units. Whether any of these units have ever been formed, for, or in Army Group "G", was not known to the informant.

Pz Jagd Verbaende under Army Group "Center" had 3 Cos consisting of platoons with 16 men each. They had no supporting weapons and were trained for commitment in groups of 2 only. It was stressed in their training that their effort should be directed against the second last tank in the column. As it actually worked out, most of the Kommandos were committed as Infantry on the Eastern Front. Pz Jagd Verband II, in Army Group "Center", was in training at HIRSCHBERG, another Verband was in training at RETZ near BUDWEIS in CZECHOSLOVAKIA. In addition, 2 Pz Jagd Verbaende were formed from NSKK (Motor Transp Corps of the Party) which were also controlled by Army Group "Center". A Hungarian Verband, with a strength of 300 men and organized into 10 man Kommandos, was in training at DOELLERSDORF near ZNAIM in CZECHOSLOVAKIA. It was sent to the VIENNA area in March but never received its Pz Fausts. CG of Pz Jagd Brigade, Army Group "Center" is Genlt Graf von STRACHWITZ.

25 SS Inf Div HUNYADI and 26 SS Inf Div HUNGARIA

A medical officer from 26 SS Inf Div HUNGARIA states that both Divs crossed the DANUBE in the direction of MUNICH between 16 and 19 April. Both Divs are entirely without weapons except for a handful of rifles and there was no transportation except for rations. It appears that one Regt of the 25 SS Inf Div HUNYADI was committed in the VIENNA area a month ago when its CO attempted to surrender the unit to the Russians. The Germans were quick in disarming the unit and sent it to the rear. Since then, both Divs have been used for labor exclusively, mostly for the repair of railroads. Practically

~~RESTRICTED~~



~~RESTRICTED~~  
SECRET

no horses are available in these Divs. In the southward withdrawal of not only the men, but also the officers had to drag practically all the Divs transportation by its harnesses. Both Divs are reported to be up to strength with 7,000 to 8,000 men per division.



-5-  
~~RESTRICTED~~  
SECRET