

AFTER ACTION REPORT  
36TH ARMORED INF. REGT.  
3RD ARMORED DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO 253, U. S. ARMY

30 November 1944

**SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.**

**TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (thru channels)**  
Washington, D. C.

(a) Original Unit: No change.

(b) Changes in Organization:

(1) Regt Hq, Hq Co and Ser Co were in Div Res throughout the period.

(2) The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was in Div Res throughout the period.

(3) The 2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was attached to Combat Command "B" throughout the period.

(4) The 3rd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was attached to Combat Command "A" throughout the period.

(c) Strength:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 November 1944	110	4	2355
30 November 1944	116	4	2516

(d) Stations: No change.

(e) Marches: Marches same as Battle Narrative shown in paragraph (g) this report.

(f) Campaigns: German

(g) Battles:

1 November 1944. During the early morning, a few shells fell in vicinity of Regt OP. At first light, the road blocks and patrols reported no activity. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, remained in COB, in line, and reported some enemy patrol activity during the night. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, remained in Mausbach and carried on rehabilitation, training and maintenance, as well as maintaining road blocks. 3rd Bn, 36th AIR, in Stolberg under COA, defended its position against enemy patrols, also received some artillery fire. Ser & Hq Cos, 36th AIR, carried on usual duties. It rained during the day and early evening.

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2 November 1944. Enemy artillery was intense in vicinity of Regt CP between the hours of 0200 and 0300. During the shelling, a half-track, belong to 1st Inf Div, was hit. No casualties were reported. Road blocks and patrols had nothing to report, other than artillery in surrounding area. No casualties. CO went to 1st Bn, 36th AIR, and then to assault gun training area, where 2nd Bn's, 36th AIR, gun crew were receiving instruction in use of weapons. CO, 32nd AR, visited CP. At 0940, 1st Bn, 36th AIR, reported 7 casualties (one killed) from artillery, while on a road march south of Mausbach. At 1300, CO visited 83rd Recon Bn and from there to 28th Inf Div, returning at 1550. From 1716 to 1740, artillery fire fell in vicinity of Mausbach, accompanied by small arms fire to left and right. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, reported some artillery fire, in area of SCE, but not so intense. G-3 notified of above. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, requested counter-battery by our own artillery, which was granted. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, suffered 6 casualties (1 killed) from above mentioned enemy artillery fire. At 1856, CO placed 2 companies, one from 1st Bn, 36th AIR, and one from 3rd Bn, 32nd AR, on one hour alert, to meet any emergency which might arise. G-3 notified of casualties suffered and also of equipment losses, which consisted of 1 half-track and 1 jeep. Two additional casualties were reported by 1st Bn, 36th AIR, at 2000. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, reported personnel, maintaining listening post beyond road block No 3, were apparently captured, presumably during artillery fire. When contact and wire party went out, they found part of equipment but the five men could not be located. 3rd Bn, 36th AIR, still in Stolberg, under OCA. Ser & Hq Cos, 36th AIR, no change.

3 November 1944. Road blocks and patrols reported no activity, other than artillery fire. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, maintained road blocks in Mausbach. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, no change. Ser & Hq Cos, 36th AIR, no change. At 0900, the CO went to Div to a meeting. CO and S-3, 54th PA Bn, were here for work on plan for artillery support. At 1000, 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, reported they were receiving some fire from some of our units. G-3 stated that Co. C, 32nd AR, was firing 37 mm but the firing would cease. CO returned from Div at 1035 and at 1330 called a meeting of his staff and representatives of all units in Div Res to warn them concerning; enemy agents, looting, and the proper use of the pass-word. CO stated that he had been complimented by Div, relative to military courtesy and good discipline shown by guards around CP. At 1845, the Chief of Staff, 3rd Armd Div, notified the CO to have 1st Bn, 36th AIR (-Co on road blocks), prepared to move to vicinity of 83rd Recon Bn, in zone of 294th Engr Bn, and to aid them if necessary. 1st Bn, 36th AIR (-1 Co) and Recon plat was placed on a thirty minute alert. The 83rd Recon Bn and 294th Engr Bn had met enemy resistance in establishing road block No. 11. Weather - rained most of the day.

4. November 1944. During the night, the situation was very quiet and first light reports were negative. The alert status of 1st Bn, 36th AIR and Recon plat was called off. A house burned in Mausbach. The fire resulted from a half-track, which was hit by artillery fire. Eschweiler was bombed by the AAF, during the early evening. The bombing force consisted of approximately 30 bombers. Later in the evening, 500 bombers of the RAF flew over and it is presumed that their mission was also Eschweiler. Enemy aircraft were ~~absent~~ **RESTRICTED**. Flares, bombs (both heavy and anti-personnel) and shelling resulted, however, no casualties were reported. No change in disposition of troops of Regt. Weather - cold.

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5 November 1944. At first light, all units of Div Res reported negative. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, had 2 casualties, from air activity. Some artillery shells fell in Breinig, during the night. In the forenoon, the assault guns, of 1st Bn, 36th AIR, fired direct fire on a range near Walheim. S-3 reported the results of the firing satisfactory. During the morning, the CO visited the Bns. At 2065, the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, reported a German patrol had set off some booby traps, near road block No. 3. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, no change. Div Res now consists of the following troops:

36th AIR (-2nd & 3rd Bns)	3rd Bn, 33rd AR
3rd Bn, 32nd AR (-Co C)	703rd TD Bn (-Cos A & C)
23rd Armd Engr Bn (-Cos A & B)	Co C 45th Med Bn

6 November 1944. Road blocks and first light reports were negative. A house was hit near 32nd AR CP, at 0930. There were no casualties. The 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, reported some shell fragments falling on them in D Co area. A check revealed that it was probably AA shells. No change in position of units. During the early evening, enemy planes dropped propaganda leaflets, concerning our election, in area of road blocks, at Mausbach.

7 November 1944. All units gave a negative report at first light. Road blocks and patrols reported no activity. No change in units of Regt. 1st Bn, 32nd AR, to Div Res and 3rd Bn, 32nd AR, to OCA. During the night, a few shells fell near CP. Two men were hit slightly. Rained most of the day.

8 November 1944. Negative reports were received from road blocks and patrols. A "buzz bomb" was heard as it passed over 1st Bn, 36th AIR, area, shortly after midnight. At 0815, CO, S-3, S-3 AIR, S-3, 1st Bn, 36th AIR, went to 83rd Hon Bn and 294th Engr Bn areas. Co B, 36th AIR, was ordered to move tomorrow night to the right sector to act as reserve for the 298th Engr Bn, who are taking over road blocks from the 294th Engr Bn. CO gave orders that a direct wire line be laid from Co F to Regt CP, when the company takes up their new position. Also that they have a 528 radio tied in Regt Command net. No change in location of units of Regt. Voting certificates were being collected from each man in Regt.

9 November 1944. At first light, all patrols and road blocks reported negative. In the area of the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, 6 civilians bodies were found and reported to S-3, at 0900. mil Govt was notified and preparations were made to remove them from the area. Co B, 36th AIR, moved out at 1130 to be attached to the 298th Engr Bn. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, was relieved from the line during the evening and were billeted in vicinity of Stolberg and Busbach. One half-track, from Co D, overturned, while coming out, and 2 men were killed. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, remained in Mausbach and vicinity. Enemy patrols were active, in the area of the road blocks, during the night. 3rd Bn, 36th AIR, remained in same location and received some mortar fire and casualties. Ser & Hq Cos, 36th AIR, no change. First snow fell and it was quite a bit colder.

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10 November 1944. First light and road blocks reported negative. There was some artillery fire, during the night. All units were instructed to check vehicles for grenades, with rusty pins, and to replace them if necessary. At 1000, CO went to unit COs meeting at Div. CO called a meeting of LOs, from Div Res units, at 1110 and they were instructed that all German traffic, in Div Res area, would cease immediately; that traffic would be one way, on certain roads as shown on operations memorandum No. 15; that plat Ldrs from 1st Bn, 36th AIR, 1st Bn, 32nd AR, and 3rd Bn, 33rd AR, in charge of mortars and assault guns, would meet LO from 54th FA at 1300. The plats were alerted for a possible move, during the afternoon. Co B, 36th AIR, left the 298th Engr Bn area and closed in 1st Bn, 36th AIR, area, in Mausbach, at 1350.

11 November 1944. At first light, all reports were negative. Mortar and assault gun plats, of 1st Bn, 32nd and 3rd Bn, 33rd AR, were attached to 1st Bn, 36th AIR. Plats were netted in 1st Bn, 36th AIR, radio command net, as soon as they were established in their new location. At 1300, Arty LO reported enemy vehicles moving on super highway in vicinity of Eschweiler. Arty fired on them but the range was too great. There was an unusual amount of enemy movement reported, during the day. No change in location of Div Res units. It rained and snowed, during the day.

12 November 1944. First light reports were negative, from units and patrols. Sky was overcast most of the day, 1st Bn, 36th AIR, remained in vicinity of Mausbach and maintained road blocks. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, was in vicinity of Stolberg, under CCB. 3rd Bn, 36th AIR, remained in Stolberg and defended positions, under CCA. Hq & Ser Cos, 36th AIR, carried on usual duties. At 1210, a few shells fell in vicinity of CP, near cross roads. Div Res now consists of the following troops:

36th AIR (-2nd & 3rd Bns)  
3rd Bn, 33rd AR  
703rd TD Bn (-Cos A & B)

Co C, 45th Med Bn  
1st Bn, 32nd AR  
23rd Engr Bn (- Cos A & D)

13 November 1944. At first light there were no reports of activity. During the day, there was some artillery fire, in the area of Mausbach. All units of 36th AIR - no change. Usual duties carried on.

14 November 1944. At first light, all reports were negative, from road blocks and patrols. During the night, there was some artillery and mortar fire, in the Mausbach area. At 1000, the CO held a meeting of the Div Res command Group and Regt Staff. The following officers were present: CO, Rk O, S-3, S-3 Air, CO, 1st Bn, 36th AIR, CO, 1st Bn, 32nd AR, CO 3rd Bn, 33rd AR, CO 703rd TD Bn, S-2, S-4 and CO Trains. At 1935, road block No 2 reported that they had fired on what was later determined to be a dog. Later, when they went out to bring in the dog, or his collar, neither could be found. At about midnight, the 2nd Bn Med Det, in Stolberg, reported they had seen a five man patrol, which they thought to be enemy, come through their area. Later investigation did not confirm this report. It rained and was very muddy throughout the day.

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15 November 1944. At first light, all reports were negative. Nothing else to sustain the reported German patrol of previous period. Routine duties and cleaning and care of equipment carried on during the day. It was cloudy most of the day.

16 November 1944. Road blocks and patrols gave a negative report. During the night, there was some mortar and artillery fire. At 0645, all units were notified that the attack would start today; that bombers would be over at 1000 and "H" hour would be 1300. At 0800, all units were notified that the time of the attack had been changed. Bombers were now scheduled for 1115 and "H" hour 1245. Hq personnel were warned to take cover, during the bombing and artillery barrage as a precaution against a counter barrage. Troops of CC Howze were grouped into two task forces. Troops of this command were listed as follows:

Task Force Kane (Lt Col Kane Comdg) Task Force Hogan (Lt Col Hogan Com)

1st Bn, 32nd AR  
1st Bn, 36th AIR (-Co B)  
Plat Co B, 703rd TD Bn  
Plat Co C, 23rd Engr Bn

3rd Bn, 33rd AR  
Co B, 36th AIR  
Plat Co B, 703rd TD Bn  
Plat Co C, 23rd Engr Bn

703rd TD Bn (-Cos A & D & 2 plats Co C)  
23rd Engr Bn (-Cos A & D & 2 plats Co C)  
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(See Operational Instructions attached, Incl No 2)

At 1345, a large bomber, later estimated to be 1000 lbs, fell near Regt CP. Guard reported that it was jettisoned from a P-38, which was attacked by enemy aircraft. Due to traffic, Lt Col Kane was unable to move on scheduled time. Lt Col Hogan closed in assembly area at 1505. At 1735, 1st Bn, 36th AIR closed in assy area. At 1910, G-3 notified S-3 that 47th Inf was on the outskirts of Gressenich. CCB had taken Werth and were on the outskirts of Hastenrath, at dark. The 104th Inf Div, on the left, had not been able to advance as fast as units of CCB, therefore, a part of 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, was placed on the left flank of CCB for protection. Over 100 prisoners were taken, 9 were captured by 1st Bn, 36th AIR, in the vicinity of Mausbach. Hq & Ser Cos remained in their location. There was a frost during the night.

17 November 1944. At first light, all road blocks reported negative. At 0810, G-3 called to have 1 plat of tanks ready to help the 83rd Ren Bn mop up between its previous location and CCB. Col Howze notified the 1st Bn, 32nd AR, to alert 1 of their plats. At 1035, the 47th Inf had taken Gressenich. The 1st Bn, 36th AIR, sent a patrol to the 47th Inf, from Mausbach, and reported no evidence of mines near the road. At 1350, Lt Col Foster, of the 23rd Engr Bn, informed CO that the Engrs would clear mines in rear of CCB. At 1530, TF Mills, of CCB, reported heavy resistance at Scherpenseel. CO instructed 1st Bn, 36th AIR, to give 1 plat of Inf to Engrs to aid in clearing mines along the road, also to send Ren party to Hastenrath area and reconnoiter with view of possible use of the Bn north-west of the town. At night, the plat, from 1st Bn, 32nd AR, were taken off the alert and told to be on the alert again at 0800 tomorrow. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, and 1st Bn, 32nd AR, notified that Germans may be planning a counter-attack in the vicinity of Hamich. At 2153, 1 company of 1st Bn, 36th AIR, and 1 company of tanks of 32nd AR, were

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alerted to possible move to Scherpenseel and assist TF Mills. They were placed on a two hour alert, until 0600 18 Nov, and then on a one hour alert. LO from 1st Bn, 36th AIR, went to 1st Bn, 32nd AR, to coordinate plans. It was cold and rained most of the period.

18 November 1944. At first light, all reports were negative. The alerted company of 1st Bn, 32nd AR, was told to allow the Inf, which was to go with them, to take their half-tracks, if they moved. At 0753, word was received, from LO No 1, that the high ground on CCBs left flank, known as the "Pimple", had been taken by the 104th Inf Div. At 1620, one company of tanks and 1 company of infantry, of Div Res, were placed on a one hour alert. Some RAF planes went over at dusk. All units were notified who they were, but warned that the Germans still had planes. Several "buzz bombs" were sighted traveling in a north-westerly direction. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, remained in action with CCB. Maj Tousey was MIA at 1200; Capt Smith took over the Bn, at that time, and was in command until Lt Col Russell was sent to them, at 0700 19 Nov. Maj Tousey came in at 1700 and was evacuated. 3rd Bn, 36th AIR, remained in CCA. Ser & Hq Cos, 36th AIR remained in former position and carried on usual duties. Weather was clear for most of the period.

19 November 1944. First light reports were negative. Hq & Ser Cos, 36th AIR, remained in Div Res, carrying on usual duties. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, was in Mansbach and did patrol work. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, in CCB near Scherpenseel and Hastenrath and were consolidating gains and mopping up in the area. 3rd Bn, 36th AIR, moved to Busbach. They still remained in CCA. CO and S-3 Air went to OP, near Busbach to observe the attack of the 47th Inf on Hill 832.

20 November 1944. First light reports were negative from all Div Res units. There was no change in location of units of the 36th AIR. Res Officer reconnoitered two possible routes forward, for units of Div Res, towards Langerwehe. He reported that there were still plenty of mines along the roads and some artillery fire. It rained most of the day.

21 November 1944. First light reports were negative. All units remained in same location. The 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, continued to consolidate its position in Hastenrath area under CCB. Co A, 5th Recon Bn, was attached to CO Howse, at 1500. The CO called a meeting of the Bn Comdrs, of Div Res, at 1530, to discuss future operations. It was quiet during the evening. It rained most of the day.

22 November 1944. At first light, all reports were negative. All units remained in their former locations. At 1530, the CO called Bn Comdrs of 1st and 3rd Bns, 36th AIR, to meet him at the OP to discuss future operations. It was quiet during the entire day and the weather was cool.

23 November 1944. First light reports were negative from all units. CO visited each Bn to inspect messes for Thanksgiving. All units remained in the same location. It rained most of the day. The Engrs would not allow heavy traffic on the bridge in front of OP

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until the water receded. It was quiet in the areas of all our units.

24 November 1944. At first light all reports were negative. The Regt remained in the same place, carrying on usual duties. Maj Chaney took over the 2nd Bn from Lt Col Russell, who returned to Regt as Ex O. It rained most of the day.

25 November 1944. First light reports were negative. All units remained in their areas carrying on rehabilitation. It rained most of the day.

26 November 1944. First light reports were negative. CO visited the 2nd Bn in the morning. Ex O and S-3 Air went on a reconnaissance. All units remained in the same areas. In the afternoon, CO and S-3 visited CP of the 104th Inf Div and advance CP of COA. It was cool most of the day.

27 November 1944. First light reports, all quiet, but a few shells had fallen in vicinity of Breinig. All units of Regt in same areas, carrying on rehabilitation and training. CO, Ex O went on a reconnaissance. It was cold most of the day.

28 November 1944. At first light all reported negative. All units of Regt remained in same areas, carrying on rehabilitation and training. COs 1st and 3rd Bns, 36th AIR, and CO, 1st Bn, 32nd AIR, visited CP. CO went on reconnaissance in the morning. It was clear most of the day.

29 November 1944. First light reports were negative. A school on artillery and infantry coordination was held for the Regt's Staff and Liaison Officers. At 0830, CO, Ex O and S-3 Air went on a reconnaissance to vicinity of Langerwehe. At about 1530, a large shell fell in vicinity of Mausbach but no one was hurt. There were quite a few of our planes active during the day.

30 November 1944. First light reports were negative. All units in Div Res remained in same area. Hq Co & Hq still located at 956402 (Map of Germany) and Ser Co at Breinig, both were in Div Res. 1st Bn, 36th AIR, was in vicinity of Mausbach in the Div Res. 2nd Bn in vicinity of Sberpenseel, Werth and Hastenrath under CO "Boudinot". 3rd Bn, 36th AIR under CO "Hickey", were in vicinity of Busbach. Units carried on training and care of equipment. A few shells fell in vicinity of Mausbach during the early evening. It was mild weather for the day.

(h) Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Col R L Howse
1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col W R Orr
2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Maj T G Tousey
3rd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col P L Fowler

Changes in Command: Capt G E Smith assumed command of 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, at 181200 Nov when Maj Tousey was missing. Capt Smith remained in command until 0700 19 Nov when Lt Col Carlton P. Russell assumed command of this Bn. On 241500 Nov, Maj R E Chaney was assigned and assumed command, Lt Col Russell resuming his duties as Regt Ex O. No other changes.





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**(1) LOSERS IN ACTION**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Lindstrom, Philip H.	31407437	S/Sgt	30 Oct 44
Pennington, Harold L.	35036622	T/Sgt	30 Oct 44
Bowlott, Harry G.	37273318	S/Sgt	30 Oct 44
Kinn, Edward L.	0611701	2nd Lt	30 Oct 44
Snyder, George	32268165	Sgt	24 Oct 44
Mark, Harvey L.	32004371	Pvt	30 Oct 44
Flynn, Eugene D.	37076253	S/Sgt	2 Nov 44
Crawley, Willard J.	34984197	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Splinter, Emmett O.	37586017	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Farnham, Noah O.	39049202	Pvt	2 Nov 44
Morris, James D.	34872295	Pvt	2 Nov 44
LeFeber, Gerard H.	32899220	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Jackson, Earl J.	35743918	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Unger, Louis	42061408	Pvt	2 Nov 44
Hanneman, Vincent F.	36960928	Pvt	2 Nov 44
Buse, Frank K.	33169661	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Legure, Edward	31399496	Pfc	3 Nov 44
Storm, Daniel S.	36960730	Pvt	3 Nov 44
Gordon, Floyd D.	39715019	Pvt	19 Oct 44
Moulton, Reginald C.	31318428	Pvt	4 Nov 44
Togland, Rodney O.	01325338	2nd Lt	4 Nov 44
Donahue, Francis J. Jr	13178212	T-5	2 Nov 44
Auspitz, Morris M.	33781510	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Detson, Lloyd G.	37678098	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Lawton, Richard W.	32748226	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Spence, Ibron V.	34802018	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Freeman, Willie W.	38276597	Pvt	5 Nov 44
Foster, Bertrand L.	31221617	Pvt	5 Nov 44
Brown, Norward	34058932	S/Sgt	5 Nov 44
Higginson, Virgil L.	37628535	Pfc	5 Nov 44
Fletcher, Edward P.	35811016	Pfc	5 Nov 44
Becerra, Frank	36779923	Pfc	5 Nov 44
McIntyre, Donald K.	33711283	Pfc	2 Nov 44
Maselis, Alfonso J.	32217539	S/Sgt	7 Nov 44
Elkott, Ray L.	33704695	Pvt	7 Nov 44
Ladwig, Lester W.	37585273	Pfc	7 Nov 44
Krets, Vernon J.	35097550	Pfc	8 Nov 44
deGraffenried, William R.	34809266	Pfc	3 Nov 44
Ferrenburg, Eddie E.	39343218	Pfc	10 Nov 44
Thompson, Erwin A.	36054137	Sgt	9 Nov 44
Lamb, Robert	35893954	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Pearey, Gilbert J.	36960337	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Reneau, Willie M.	34983228	Pvt	9 Nov 44
Ransbottom, Richard H.	01283672	1st Lt	10 Nov 44
Hart, William L.	01319494	1st Lt	9 Nov 44
Moss, Garland L.	36779842	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Jamieson, Albert M.	37627528	Pfc	10 Nov 44
Seellen, Charles H.	35809669	Pfc	10 Nov 44
Lucas, David T.	35736860	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Loftin, Forrest L.	35843274	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Walters, Paul N.	35759096	S/Sgt	9 Nov 44
Mullen, Eben T.	36228083	T-5	9 Nov 44
Wolfferts, Richard C.	34784076	Sgt	9 Nov 44

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Fissel, Robert J.	33832788	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Gribbins, John W.	35808829	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Vanarsdale, Ned A.	35353046	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Favaloro, Carmelo	6139447	Pvt	8 Nov 44
Surber, Elmer V.	34491457	Sgt	9 Nov 44
Wallace, Robert W.	39463087	S/Sgt	9 Nov 44
Elliott, Joe D.	38057142	T-5	10 Nov 44
Kline, Ralph E.	34058578	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Cicconi, Salvatore J.	42121145	Pfc	8 Nov 44
Gregory, Harold N.	33845060	Pfc	11 Nov 44
Reed, Meredith L.	38076058	T-5	10 Nov 44
Sutphin, Donald L.	35762621	Pfc	12 Nov 44
Morrison, Cash J. Jr	34230717	T-5	11 Nov 44
Mishler, Hymann	42050926	Pvt	9 Nov 44
Idon, Walter B.	7000472	T/Sgt	9 Nov 44
DeGreedt, Harlan I-	42120665	Pfc	9 Nov 44
DePriest, William R.	35779649	Pvt	9 Nov 44
Curtis, Kenneth G.	39700904	Pfc	9 Nov 44
Garber, George H.	12034060	T-5	9 Nov 44
Grahn, Robert A.	36157397	T/Sgt	14 Nov 44
Bennett, Paul H.	39701167	S/Sgt	13 Nov 44
Jacot, Francis L.	36896575	Pvt	8 Nov 44
Venable, Melvin D.	38545922	Pvt	13 Nov 44
Doretto, Enzo E.	36023702	T-5	14 Nov 44
Wells, Marvin A.	36043439	Pfc	14 Nov 44
Hilburn, D. P.	39421764	Pfc	13 Nov 44
Tierney, Robert J.	42086165	Pfc	14 Nov 44
Holtz, Ferdinand W.	36892202	Pvt	17 Nov 44
Hobbs, Charlie B.	37240788	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Otto, Albert A.	36960647	Pvt	17 Nov 44
White, George A.	13067613	Pvt	17 Nov 44
Whitehill, William S.	36043769	S/Sgt	17 Nov 44
Thomas, Ernest B.	34828753	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Butler, Vandy H.	37242065	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Piper, Herbert H.	33844856	Pvt	16 Nov 44
Kensicki, Henry J.	42010318	S/Sgt	16 Nov 44
Rawles, William E.	37513720	Pfc	16 Nov 44
Ziles, Stanley R.	36043500	S/Sgt	17 Nov 44
Kingey, William W.	33766387	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Harrison, Clifford W.	39147498	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Jaques, Earl K.	31372476	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Hennard, Leonard A.	18007459	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Raggiere, Emilio	11066492	S/Sgt	18 Nov 44
Crawford, John B.	34926523	S/Sgt	18 Nov 44
Begunovich, Hugh	33703043	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Hall, Russell S.	33589869	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Ivan, John	32638878	Pfc	18 Nov 44
O'Grady, Thomas L.	31426719	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Asche, Arnold H.	36775750	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Bierman, Kendall A.	36689599	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Stevens, Dean V.	37071604	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Ware, Theron P.	37067399	T/Sgt	18 Nov 44
Jelly, Fred H.	0446035	1st Lt	18 Nov 44
Genes, Enrique S.	39843797	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Eklaf, George H.	31371898	Sgt	18 Nov 44

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Lidgate, Richard P.	42105326	Pfc.	18 Nov 1944
Cody, James J.	6905642	Sgt	18 Nov 1944
Woods, Alva R.	37241451	Pfc	18 Nov 1944
Stang, Albert F.	42093322	S/sgt	18 Nov 44
Livingston, Richard V.	6904992	S/sgt	18 Nov 44
Morris, Robert L.	33529393	Sgt	18 Nov 44
Carr, John H.	14012451	S/sgt	18 Nov 44
Brown, James K.	36314087	Sgt	18 Nov 44
Aiken, George M.	33674026	T-5	18 Nov 44
McComsey, Robert E.	33772503	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Conner, Albert L.	35578689	Cpl	18 Nov 44
Kruse, Carl	37489687	S/sgt	18 Nov 44
Cashner, Clair R.	33786767	Pvt	18 Nov 44
Young, James E.	35776470	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Schneider, Louis G.	36054411	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Tausey, Thomas G. Jr.	0415760	maj	18 Nov 44
Keely, Michael J.	36036965	Pfc	20 Nov 44
Black, Neill W.	34463842	Pvt	20 Nov 44
Vitale, Bernard	33750793	Pvt	20 Nov 44
Popielarski, Vincent A.	36228267	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Bower, Lawrence B.	33613203	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Daniels, Charles J.	37726100	Pfc	19 Nov 44
Savinski, George E.	36356441	1/sgt	17 Nov 44
Halliday, William	32321452	S/sgt	19 Nov 44
Wilson, Cynolair B.	34874605	Pvt	19 Nov 44
Teipel, Raymond J.	42056139	S/sgt	19 Nov 44
Robertson, Ezell M.	34657221	Pfc	19 Nov 44
Jensen, Herman S.	37269933	Pfc	19 Nov 44
Pettit, Clyde T.	34852255	Pfc	19 Nov 44
Hobbs, Wendell	35265829	T/sgt	19 Nov 44
Granger, Harold L.	37110683	S/sgt	19 Nov 44
Baker, Poister J.	33093583	Pfc	16 Nov 44
Russell, Dixon W.	33061991	S/sgt	19 Nov 44
Duff, LaVon R.	39907638	S/sgt	19 Nov 44
Bloxton, Samuel E.	33217280	Pvt	20 Nov 44
Pettengill, Floyd H. Jr	42109976	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Morris, Edward A.	36960374	Pfc	16 Nov 44
Salzer, Ernel J.	35932751	Pfc	16 Nov 44
Catley, Enoch A. Jr.	33845134	Pvt	21 Nov 44
Malone, Willie H.	34138560	S/sgt	17 Nov 44
Lesko, Mike D.	35925731	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Ryans, Roy L.	34883886	Pfc	17 Nov 44
Ford, Willis B.	34845358	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Dixon, Johnnie L.	34581573	Pfc	21 Nov 44
Kitte, Gerald W.	36960177	Pfc	21 Nov 44
Sant, John F. Jr.	35917479	Pfc	21 Nov 44
Knight, Gabriel M.	38223146	Pfc	19 Nov 44
Boisvert, Guilfred J.	31375015	Pfc	22 Nov 44

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**(j) Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>TYPE OF AWARD</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>	
Pirkepe, Edward	36001697	T/Sgt	Silver Star	3rd AD	GC No.86
Smoot, Irvin M.	39467711	S/Sgt	"	"	"
Dixon, Johnnie L.	34581573	Pfc	"	"	"
Hutcheson, Jack R.	0315618	Lt Col	Bronze Star	"	" 83
Grooms, Harold R.	35877364	Pfc	"	"	" 84
Juliano, Anthony T.	33692514	Pfc	"	"	"
Shinek, Julius	36117991	Pfc	"	"	"
Williams, Thomas W.	32958037	Pfc	"	"	"
Buydos, Andrew G.	32760189	Pvt	"	"	"
McAndrew, John J.	32258728	Pvt	"	"	"
Oldfield, John W.	37010586	1st/Sgt	"	"	" 85
Bee, Robert K.	36032668	T/Sgt	"	"	"
Demott, Harry C.	37273318	S/Sgt	"	"	"
Bethke, Robert H.	36155477	S/Sgt	"	"	"
Snedker, Guy R.	20605477	S/Sgt	"	"	"
Churn, Woodrow W.	33044909	Pfc	"	"	"
Pisous, John A.	36483319	Pfc	"	"	"

**(k) Photographs: None**

**(l) Inclosures:**

1. Journals
2. Operational Instructions 15 Nov 44
3. Supplementary Account - Action 2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt Attack 16 Nov - 20 Nov 1944.

**For the Commanding Officer**

**EDMOND SPIEGELMAN  
Capt, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Adjutant**

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HEADQUARTERS, 36TH AIR  
APO 865

15 Nov 1944

**Operational Instructions**

To: CO, 1st Bn, 36th AIR, CO, 1st Bn, 32nd AR, CO, 3rd Bn, 33rd AR,  
CO, 703rd TD Bn, CO, 23rd Engr Bn.

The following orders issued verbally 141000A Nov 1944, are hereby made of record:

1. PO No. 16, Hq., 3rd AD, dated 091800A Nov. 1944 has not been changed. You have overlays.

2. a. This OC will continue to hold in present position prepared to assemble in the vicinity of Mausbach (K9741) (See detailed instructions below). OC will be prepared for rapid movement to the N or NE in Corps Zone to exploit any breakthrough in enemy defensive lines; to assist the advance of the Inf within the Corps Zone, or to function as Division Reserve.

b. Troops

1st Bn, 32nd AR (Reinf) (TF-K)	3rd Bn, 33rd AR (Reinf) (TF-N)
Lt Col. Kane, Comdg.	Lt. Col Hogan, Comdg.
1st Bn, 32nd AR	3rd Bn, 33rd AR
1st Bn, 36th AIR (-Co B)	Co. B, 36th AIR
Plat, Co. B, 703rd TD Bn.	Plat Co B, 703rd TD Bn
Plat Co C, 23rd Engr Bn.	Plat Co C 23rd Engr. Bn.

703rd TD Bn (-Cos A & C and 2 plats Co B)  
23rd Engr Bn (-Cos A&D and 2 plats Co C)  
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3. a. 23rd Engr Bn will move bridge material to vicinity of the three bridges (960400, 943410, & 955405) prior to "H" - 60. This material will be immediately available to construct bridges in the event the enemy destroys or damages the present bridges.

b. (1) 1st Bn, 32AR (Reinf) will establish liaison with 2nd Bn, 36th AIR. After "H" hour, when 2nd Bn, 36th AIR clears NJ 950416, 1st Bn, 32nd AR (reinf) will move via bridge at (943410) to the vicinity of (957408) where it will go into assembly position and await orders. In the event bridge at 943410 is blown, the move will be made via bridge at (955405).

(2) Co B, 36th AIR will come under control of 3rd Bn, 33rd AR (Reinf) as the movement forward from assembly area takes place.

(3) Engr Plat and TD Plat will join in assy area.

c. 3rd Bn, 33rd AR (Reinf) will move at "H" plus 10 via Breinig-OR 957400 to vicinity of (964404) where it will go into assy area and await orders. Engr. Plat and TD Plat will join in assy area. Inf will join on movement forward from assy area.

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(Operational Instructions- Hq 36th AIR, O 253, 15 Nov 1944)

d. 1st Bn, 36th AIR will remain in present position covering assembly of CC, Upon order, it will join TF H and TF K. (See b and c above).

e. 703rd TD Bn (-) and 23rd Engr Bn (-) will remain in present position and move on order.

f. On completion of fire missions, Assault Gun Plato of 1st Bn, 36th AIR, 1st Bn, 32nd AR and 3rd Bn, 33rd AR will revert to Battalion control and rejoin their respective units in assy areas.

g. On completion of fire missions, mortar platoons of 1st Bn, 36th AIR, 1st Bn, 32nd AR and 3rd Bn, 33rd AR will revert to Battalion control.

h. Road Block No. 5 (957400) will be relieved by 3rd Bn, 33rd AR and the section from 1st Bn, 36th AIR AT Plat will rejoin 1st Bn, 36th AIR at Mausbach. This relief will be effected when the 3rd Bn, 33rd AR moves forward to assy area.

i. Service elements will remain in present position.

x. All units will dig in immediately upon reaching assy area.

4. a. Maintenance

(1) Regimental and attached maintenance will remain in present position.

(2) A representative, Officer or WO, will accompany each column on move forward from assy area.

(3) Two wreckers will accompany each column for evacuation of vehicles back to service parks.

(4)

b. Trains. Trains of all units (-necessary "A" Trns) will be collected by Tns Column Commander and held at the Tns Park vicinity (940385). Vehicles from Tns will be sent forward as called for by force commanders.

c. Supply. Normal

d. Evacuation. To be announced.

5. a. Communications. Current SOI

b. Axis of Communication. To be announced.

c. CC CP. Present position until further notice.

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**ACTION OF SECCED BATTALION, THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
**ATTACK OF 16 NOV - 20 NOV 1944**

15 November 1944. Battalion in Stolberg area under CCB. B Co was under TF Lovelady; F Co under TF Mills; D Co and Hq Co were in CCB Res.

16 November 1944. At 0030, word was received at the Bn CP, located in Stolberg, that "H" hour, for the attack, would be at 1300 hours. There would be a heavy air bombardment on our objectives, beginning at 1000 hours. All units were notified of the above information. At "H" hour, CCB Res was to assemble in vicinity of Diepenlinchen and await orders. At 0-13, the Commanding General, of CCB, visited the CP and told CO (Maj Tousey) that the time of "H" hour was changed to 1245 and air bombardment changed to 1115. Bn CO called a meeting of all troop leaders and plans were completed. At 1115, the bombers were a little late because of poor visibility. At 1145, the Bn CO and Ex O went forward to the assy area and were followed by the S-2-3 and CP group at 1200. All Res units were in assy area by "H" - 15. Promptly at 1245, the attack jumped off. TF Lovelady reached their first objectives, Werth and Kottenick, in twenty-one minutes. TF Mills bogged down because of mud, mines and booby traps. At 1500, CCB warned that there might be a counter-attack on the left flank because units of the 104th Inf Div did not keep abreast of CCB. Therefore Bn CO moved Co D, TDs, and AT plat to vicinity of Hochmegerhof to be held in readiness for any possible use. At 1830, word was received that the 47th Inf Regt was cleaning out Gressenich and the 16th Inf, of the 1st Inf Div, was just short of Hamich. The 414th Inf, on the left, had gone past Hill 287. The Bn CP moved to a point west of Mausebach at about dusk. At 2000, there was quite a bit of shelling near the Bn CP.

17 November 1944. At 0710, TF Mills attacked from the vicinity of Werth to seize Hastenrath. At 0745, Regt'l CO and Ex O visited the Bn CP. At 0800, a LO from 414th Inf contacted the Bn CP and gave information as to disposition of 104th Inf Div and their plan to push north-west from Werth. The CO of 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, visited CP at 0830. At 0900, CO 2nd Bn, 32nd Armd Regt, stopped at CP. At 0930, TF Mills reported that they were in Hastenrath and needed infantry assistance. CCB notified the Bn CO to move to Werth. The move started at 1115, and at 1230, Co D lost one vehicle by mine action on the Diepenlinchen-Werth road. At 1300, The Engrs were sent to Co D to clear the road. Co D resumed the advance to Werth, with the TDs and AT plat, and arrived at 1530. The AT plat set up road blocks on the edge of Werth. The Bn aid station was set up in Werth. At 1600, Co D commenced moving into Hastenrath with vehicles but their rear plats were cut off by enemy action and a fire fight developed on the edge of Werth. The company returned to Werth at 1700. At 1900, the Bn CO went to CCB CP to acquaint them with the situation and returned at 2 30. He said the Bn CP would be moved to Werth the next day.

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18 November 1944. At 0800, the Regt'l CP visited the CP and at 0815 the Bn CO and Ex C went to Werth. The Bn CO was to coordinate all infantry in Hastenrath and Scherpenseel. At 1200, Bn CO (Maj Tousey) was reported missing and the Ex C and S-2-3 were searching for him. Capt Smith assumed command of the Bn. At 1600, he received orders to proceed on foot to Scherpenseel with 40 additional infantrymen. He left with the men at 1730 and arrived at Scherpenseel at 1750. At 1800, S-2-3 reported to Regt'l CO at the Regt'l CP. Regt'l Ex C was told that he would take over the Bn at 0700 19 Nov. The Bn CP remained in Mausbach for the night. At 2000, word was received from the medical detachment that Maj Tousey had been evacuated.

19 November 1944. Bn S-2-3 met Regt'l Ex C (Lt Col Russell) at 0700 at Regt'l CP and they returned to the Bn and then proceeded to Werth to reconnoiter a new CP location. At 0800, Bn S-2-3 returned to Mausbach to bring up remaining vehicles and the new CP was set up in Werth at 0900. At 1100, Bn CO received orders to coordinate the infantry in Scherpenseel. All units of Bn would again be under Bn control. The AG plats were left in position to give fire support. Mortar plat was to set up in Werth and prepare defensive fire. AT plat would also remain in Werth. At 1400, the Hon Officer took one section of Hon plat to Scherpenseel to set up CP. He was followed at 1430 by Bn CO with the other section of the plat. At 1500, CO 33rd Arm'd Regt, and CO TP Mills, visited Bn CP. The three-quarter ton was sent to Scherpenseel with gas, oil and rations. By 1700, CP was set up in Scherpenseel and the CO inspected company areas. 30 prisoners were sent to the rear. Local perimeter, consisting of 2 medium tanks, 4 light tanks and 48 infantrymen, was established. At 1915, the Hon plat of 1st Bn, 32nd Arm'd Regt, reported that they would close the gap between Co F and the rest of the Bn. There was 1 officer and 20 enlisted men in the plat. Two of the 4 half-tracks, which had just arrived with supplies, were sent to Hastenrath to supply the left flank of our lines. One - 509 radio was received in the supplies and sent to Ex C. Bn S-2-3 took Hon plat, of 1st Bn, 33rd Arm'd Regt, into position and then stepped at F Co and 33rd Arm'd Regt CP to obtain any possible information. At 2100, an officer and patrol, from 83rd Hon Bn, reported to CP. He was to patrol to front to contact the 47th Inf Regt, on the right, every two hours. The patrol was fired on so a guide was given them from this Bn to show them the route.

20 November 1944. At 0700, the Bn CO went to Hastenrath to organize Cos D and F to clear out the remainder of the town. S-3 reorganized and widened the defense line around the CP. 20 prisoners were sent to the rear. Regt'l CO visited the C at 0900. A patrol was sent out to contact the 47th Inf, on the right. At 1000, the CG, of COB, ordered Bn CO to personally lead the clean-up of Hastenrath, which was accomplished by 1200. Bn CO then called a meeting of Co Comdrs and a defense line was planned around Scherpenseel and Hastenrath. At 1400, the patrol returned, from the 47th Inf, after having established contact. Regt'l S-1 visited CP followed shortly by LO from the 47th. At 1515, CP received heavy shell fire.

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Soon thereafter, Regt'l Surgeon and Div Surgeon visited CP. At 1700, all units had moved into position to establish the new defense line, which had been planned. One section of AT guns were set up in Scherpenseel and the other in Hastenrath. Six more medium tanks, from GCB, were to proceed to the right sector. A LO, of the 391st FA Bn, reported in with a medium tank. Radio communication was established with all rifle companies in the line. They were to report every hour, until further notice. At 1730, the 415th Inf Regt, which had been attacking on the left, was reported abreast of us. Co F and the AT plnt, from our left sector, reported contact had been made with the 415th Inf. Defense of the area was completed.

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO 232, U S ARMY**

31 December 1944

**SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports**  
**TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (thru channels)**  
**Washington, D. C.**

(a) Original Unit: No change.

(b) Changes in Organization:

(1) Regt Hq, Hq Co and Ser Co were a part of Combat Command "R" throughout the period.

(2) The 1st Bn, 36th Arm Inf Regt, was a part of Combat Command "R" from the beginning of the period until 2140 hrs 20 Dec when it was attached to the 83d Recon Bn. At 0800 hrs 28 Dec, this Bn reverted to Combat Command "R" and remained therein for the remainder of the period.

(3) The 2nd Bn, 36th Arm Inf Regt, was attached to Combat Command "B" throughout the period.

(4) The 3d Bn, 36th Arm Inf Regt, was attached to Combat Command "A" throughout the period.

(c) Strength:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 December 1944	116	4	2516
31 December 1944	102	4	2388
Net Decrease	14	0	128

(d) Locations: No change.

(e) Marches: Marches same as Battle Narrative shown in paragraph (g) this report.

(f) Campaigns: German.

(g) Battles:

1 December 1944. Regt CP - 956402. First light reports were negative. The following units were in Combat Command "R" and located as follows: Hq and Hq Co in vicinity of the CP; 1st Bn, 36th in vicinity of Mausbach. The 2nd Bn, 36th was in Scherpenseel area under OCB while the 3d Bn, 36th, under OCA, was in the vicinity of Busbach. The CO went to Div at about 0830 hrs.

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When he returned he had all Bn and separate Co Comdrs, of Combat Command "R", notified of a meeting to be held at the Regt CP at 1100 hrs. At the meeting, plans for future operations were discussed. At 1340 hrs, the CO was called to Div and when he returned, at 1430 hrs, he said that all plans for the move had been postponed for twenty-four hrs. Ltn Os notified their units of the change. At 1600 hrs, the CO issued further instructions to all Comdrs of Combat Command "R", at a meeting called at the CP. Ltn O No 2 and CO of Co "O", 23d Engr Bn, reported to G-3, after having made a reconnaissance of the routes and area of the proposed move. G-3 gave the route to G-3 at 2005 hrs. Overlays and march orders were issued to Task Force Comdrs. Troops of Combat Command "R" were grouped in the following manner:

## Task Force Hagan

3d Bn, 33rd Armd Regt  
1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt (-1 Co)  
1 platoon Co "O", 23d Engr Bn  
1 platoon Co "B", 703d TD Bn

## Task Force Kane

1st Bn, 32nd Armd Regt (- Co "A")  
Co "A", 36th Armd Inf Regt  
1 platoon Co "C", 23d Engr Bn  
1 platoon Co "B", 703d TD Bn

## Elements

Co "A", 33d Armd Regt  
Co "O", 23d Engr Bn (- 2 platoons)  
Co "B", 703d TD Bn (- 2 platoons)  
Co "A", 33d Recon Bn

2 December 1944. First light reports were negative. At 0800 hrs, S-3 went to Combat Command "A" to coordinate traffic, of this unit with them, for the move forward. At 1000 hrs, CO, S-3 Air, S-2, and Advance Party went to Langerwehe to set up the forward CP. Lt Col Davidson, CO of the 738th ME Bn, brought the Comdr of Co "A" and platoon ldr of 2nd platoon (Co "A"), which was to be attached to Combat Command "R", to this CP. They were located at Ancken and provisions were made for them to be routed through Eschweiler and Weisweiler to Langerwehe. Col Davidson was instructed to have the platoon at road junction, at 988418, in Stolberg at 1300 hrs, where a guide would take it to Weisweiler to join the column of one of the Task Forces. The CO sent word, by Ltn O, to give two large and one small mine exploder and one tank dener to Lt Col Hagan and one small and one large mine exploder to Lt Col Kane. The CO visited the Adv CP at 1400 hrs. At 1350 hrs, the CO, 33rd Armd Regt reported that the TDs had put out mines with the 1st Div. Capt Anderson was sent to the Adv CP to notify the CO of the above. Div was also notified of these mines. At 1630 hrs, instructions were received that the operation from Langerwehe was indefinitely postponed and the forward CP returned to Stolberg. No other elements of Combat Command "R" or the 36th Armd Inf Regt had moved during the period.

3 December 1944. First light reports were negative. At 0900 hrs, the CO called a meeting of all Comdrs of Combat Command "R". Omaha Five called at 1030 hrs and directed that present plans,

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concerning the Langerwehe operation, be extended to the east to include the town that was to be blocked under the old plan (Heven). The CO went to Div at 1300 hrs and returned to hold a conference with Task Force Comdrs at 1500 hrs. This conference concerned possible future operations. All units of the Regt remained in the same locations and with the same units.

4 December 1944. First light reports were negative. At 0900 hrs, the CO went to Div and when he returned he called a meeting, of Combat Command "R" units COs, at 1300 hrs. Col Howe received the following information from Div: That the 703d TF Bn (- 2 Cos) and 23d Engr Bn (- 2 Cos) were back with Combat Command "R". G-3 called at 1245 hrs to say that 2nd Bn, 36th was attached to the 18th Inf Div, effective immediately. They were to act as a reserve in the Langerwehe area. At 1320 hrs, Maj Salzer sent a message that enemy aircraft were near. All units of Combat Command "R" were notified to be on the alert. The 2nd Bn, 36th started moving at 1750 hrs, to vicinity of Langerwehe, to take up positions. All other units of the Regt remained in same locations.

5 December 1944. No activity reported at first light. At 0900 hrs, G-3 office called that enemy aircraft were active over Daren. All units of Combat Command "R" were notified of the above. At 1115 hrs, G-3, 3d Bn 33d, called to say they would conduct tank driving instructions during the afternoon. Ex O and G-3 Air went to 2nd Bn, 36th at 1300 hrs to give them a situation overlay. At 1325 hrs, G-3 reported twenty-five enemy aircraft headed toward Div. All units of Combat Command "R" were notified. At 1900 hrs, G-3 reported a counter-attack, of unknown strength, in direction of Langerwehe. Five enemy planes were reported over Mansbach. No change in status of Regt or location of any elements.

6 December 1944. At 0635 hrs, first light reports were negative. The CO went to Div and 1st Bn, 32nd Armd Regt, at 0800 hrs. When he returned he called a meeting of all Lt Cols to have men warned again concerning leaving bivouac area unless on official business. Some men from 32nd Armd Regt had gone into a mine field and had some casualties due to negligence. CO received information at 1300 hrs that Co "A", 83d Recon Bn, would return to Bn Control. At the same time, Ex O and G-3 Air went to Stolberg to locate billeting space for Co "A" (- 2 plato), 738th MA Bn, which had been attached to Combat Command "R". At 1540 hrs, G-3 (Maj Alexander) called that above Co would not arrive until tomorrow but Co Comdr would be in this afternoon to get acquainted with the situation. At 1630 hrs, the Co Comdr reported to the Regt CP for instructions. No change in disposition of units of the Regt.

7 December 1944. At 0640 hrs, first light reports were negative. At 0730 hrs, CO held a meeting of representatives of all units of Combat Command "R" to discuss an attack in the vicinity of Langerwehe toward the east. At 0800 hrs, CO, G-3 Air and

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Lt O No 2 went to Langerwehe to reconnoiter area and locate billeting space for troops if contemplated move was made. At 0930 hrs, CO, 391st PA Bn, called at Regt CP to say his unit was moving and he would come back later. At 1000 hrs, an officer from Co "A", 736th AB Bn, reported and said more space was needed in Stelberg to billet his men. CO sent Hen O to assist in procuring more space. While at the CP, the Co CO coordinated with S-4 on future supplies. When CO returned from reconnaissance, he went to Div to see the CG. At 1350 hrs, CO met all unit Comdrs, of Combat Command "R", to discuss and extend plans prepared a few days previously. Co "B", 83d Recon Bn, was now a part of Combat Command "R". At 1900 hrs, plans were complete and PO No 6, Combat Command "R", was ready for distribution. Advance Parties were to start about 0900 hrs 8 Dec. At 2000 hrs, Div notified CO that plans would be postponed one day. No change in location or status of any elements of Regt.

8 December 1944. At first light, reports were negative. At 0800 hrs, the CO went to the 60th Inf and Langerwehe area. He brought back to S-3 some changes that would be made in PO No 34 of the 60th Inf. Lt McDonald and Advance Party went to Langerwehe to establish the advance CP. The Lt O and S-3 Air went on a reconnaissance to forward areas with which the Combat Command would be concerned. They also made a reconnaissance of assembly areas for the units of the Combat Command. At 1400 hrs, the CO held a meeting of the unit COs of Combat Command "R" to discuss the proposed attack. PO No 6, Combat Command "R", was distributed to the units concerned. The 2nd Bn, 36th returned to their former area in the vicinity of Scherpenseel and Mastenrath under control of Combat Command "B". The 3d Bn, 36th remained in Busbach area under Combat Command "A".

9 December 1944. First light reports were negative. March orders were sent, by Lt O, to units concerned. G-3 Air called S-3 Air to be sure that all units concerned in the operation for the next day would display panels. The units of Combat Command "R" were notified. At 1000 hrs, the CO went to Langerwehe and vicinity to check on preparations for receiving the main elements of the Combat Command which would start moving at 1610 hrs. In early afternoon, elements of CP group started moving, by infiltration, to the forward CP, which was opened at 1440 hrs. At 1750 hrs, the CO held a meeting of the unit Comdrs of the Combat Command to clear up last minute details of the next morning's attack. At 2015 hrs, all elements of the Combat Command were reported in assembly areas. The 2nd Bn, 36th, in the Scherpenseel area under Combat Command "B", carried on rehabilitation and training. The 3d Bn, 36th had no change. A skeleton force of Staff and Hq personnel remained in the old CP to carry on with administrative matters.

10 December 1944. At 0730 hrs, TP Kane moved some of his medium tanks to the high ground just east and slightly north of Langerwehe to support by fire the attack of TP Hegan on Obergeich and Geich. TP Hegan began his advance on Obergeich at 0745 hrs and by 0900 hrs Col Hegan reported he was in Obergeich. Actually this report was in error and as soon as the situation there was clar-

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fied (1130 hrs), TF Kane was ordered to advance to the high ground north of Geich and support the advance of TF Hegan into Geich. This high ground was occupied by TF Kane by 1400 hrs against slight opposition. A request was made by the CO, Combat Command "K", that the 60th Inf begin to move into Geich-Echts area. Movement was begun immediately. By 1530 hrs, TF Hegan had cleared Obergeich and the attack was continued to Geich. The western edge of Geich was reached by dark but due to exposed positions, TF Hegan withdrew to Obergeich, after dark and remained there during the night. In the meantime, TF Kane was ordered to advance to Echts and at 1515 hrs movement began. By 1615 hrs, leading elements were in Echts and by 2100 hrs TF Kane was in complete control of the town. After dark the 1st Bn, 60th Inf was guided into town and outposted the southern portion. One company of the 2nd Bn, 60th Inf assisted TF Hegan in the occupation of Obergeich. At 0945 hrs, a task force of one light tank platoon, one recon platoon, a squad of engineers and a mine exploder were committed down the Langerwehe-Rethhaus road to establish a road block at an important road crossing at Rethhaus. This force followed Co "B", 36th, which was a part of TF Hegan, the greater part of the way and established the block, losing only the mine exploder. The action of the force cut off some fifty Germans besides aiding materially in the protection of the right flank of Combat Command "K". The latter part of the night of 10 Dec was spent by all forces in improving security positions. At approximately 2000 hrs, CO, Combat Command "K", issued orders for TF Hegan, in connection with 2nd Bn, 60th Inf, to attack Geich at 0800 hrs 11 Dec and then to push on rapidly to Echts. At 0800 hrs, TF Kane was to initiate reconnaissance toward Heven and in the event Heven was not strongly held, to take it and hold it with part of his force. During this period the 2nd and 3d Bns, 36th remained in assembly areas under Combat Command "K" and Combat Command "A" respectively.

11 December 1944. At 0800 hrs, TF Hegan, in connection with the 2nd Bn, 60th Inf, began his attack on Geich and by 0845 hrs had secured the town. At 1005 hrs, TF Hegan, leaving one medium tank company in Geich, started moving toward Echts with the mission of securing it. The 1st Bn, 36th was detached from TF Hegan and assigned to TF Kane. The reconnaissance of TF Kane met strong resistance on its push toward Heven and was unable to make progress. At 0920 hrs, TF Kane was relieved of responsibility of securing Echts by TF Hegan and was directed to use his entire force in attacking Heven. Initial attacks by TF Kane were repulsed and at 1430 hrs he was directed to secure his force in Echts and renew the attack on 12 Dec. Very late in the afternoon, the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, was attached to Combat Command "K" and just before dark plans were completed and orders issued for TF Kane to attack on the left, with the northern part of Heven as the objective, and the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, to attack on the right, with the southern part of Heven as the objective. During this period, 2nd and 3d Bns, 36th remained in assembly areas near Stelberg under Combat Command "K" and Combat Command "A".

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12 December 1944. At 0800 hrs, the attack jumped off as outlined above and under cover of smoke, the infantry advanced some 1000 yds before the smoke lifted and resistance increased. Small arms, direct assault gun fire and artillery slowed the infantry advance considerably, at this point, but as soon as one tank could move up, to provide close support, the attack progressed and by 1020 hrs leading elements of TF Kane entered Heven. These elements then turned south and materially helped the advance of the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, on the right. Due to infantry losses, Co "B", 83d Hon Bn, was assigned from the Combat Command Reserve to the 1st Bn, 36th as reinforcements, at 1220 hrs. By 1600 hrs, the village was secured. At 2115 hrs, CO, Combat Command "R", received instructions to relieve the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, and to secure the town with other elements of Combat Command "R". TF Kane was assigned the mission of securing Heven and Co "B", 83d Hon Bn, was moved from Lichts to Heven. At the close of the period, the relief of the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, was being accomplished by TF Kane. 2nd and 3d Bns, 36th remained in assembly areas during the period.

13 December 1944. By 0200 hrs, the relief of the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, had been completed to the extent that the presence of that battalion in the town was not needed for its security. Before dawn, the 1st Bn, 60th Inf, was withdrawn from Heven. At 1225 hrs, CO Combat Command "R" received instructions that Combat Command "R" would probably be relieved from Heven by the 60th Inf, and the afternoon was spent in making plans for the relief. At 1800 hrs, the relief was begun and at the close of the period, Combat Command "R" was enroute to assembly areas in the Stelberg-Mausbach area. 2nd and 3d Bns, 36th remained in assembly areas under Combat Command "B" and Combat Command "A".

14 December 1944. At 0100 hrs, all units of Combat Command "R" were reported closed in assembly areas in Stelberg-Mausbach-Breinig. This day was spent in maintenance and care of equipment. No change in status of Regt or location of any unit, other than that which is mentioned above.

15 December 1944. Meeting of COs in Combat Command "R" was held at 1100 hrs. Administrative matters discussed. 703d TD Bn, (- Cos A and C) and 23d Engr Bn (- Cos A and B) were attached to Combat Command "R" for administration. All units of Combat Command "R" and 36th Armd Inf Regt carried on maintenance and training during the period.

16 December 1944. First light reports of Combat Command "R" were negative. Critique held for units COs and B-3s in Combat Command "R", and the Geich-Obergeich-Heven operation was discussed. All units of Combat Command "R" and the 36th Armd Inf Regt remained in assembly areas doing training and maintenance.

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17 December 1944. Enemy aircraft were active over the Div area during the early morning. At 1630 hrs, all Combat Commands in the Div were directed to establish traffic control points for the purpose of checking for enemy paratroopers. Training and maintenance and rehabilitation were continued by all units of Combat Command "R" and the 36th Armd Inf Regt during the period. At 2000 hrs, the 703d TD Bn was detached from the 3d Armd Div and attached to the VIII Corps. 3d Bn, 36th, part of Combat Command "A", was placed on a six hour alert, along with the remainder of Combat Command "A", for possible employment to the south. 2nd Bn, 36th, under Combat Command "B", was placed on a one hour alert for possible employment in the event of enemy airborne landings.

18 December 1944. First light reports were negative. At 1720 hrs, a road block of TF Kane fired on a vehicle and wounded the driver, when he disregarded the guard's challenge. The driver was later identified as friendly. Enemy aircraft were active during the morning. At 1300 hrs, Bx O and B-3 Air visited Combat Command "A" to get details of Combat Command "A"'s movement plans. Combat Command "A", which included 3d Bn, 36th, was detached from the 3d Armd Div effective at 1200 hrs and attached to V Corps. Movement to the vicinity of Lupen, Belgium began at 1730 hrs. Combat Command "R" and 2nd Bn, 36th continued to maintain road blocks and patrols and to conduct training and maintenance throughout the period.

19 December 1944. First light reports, in Combat Command "R", were negative. At 1240 hrs, Combat Command "R" was placed on a three hour alert for possible employment to the south, due to enemy penetration. At 1700 hrs, movement orders were received directing Combat Command "R" to move behind Div Hqs to the vicinity of Hotten, Belgium. Route of march: Anonem, Verriers, Bemal, Barvaux to Hotten, Belgium (369800). Head of column crossed IP, at Stelberg, at 1810 hrs. The entire Combat Command "R" (less Co "A", 738th MM Bn), to include trains, moved and at the close of the period were progressing satisfactorily towards destination. Combat Command "A", of which the 3d Bn, 36th was a part, remained attached to V Corps throughout the period. At 1030 hrs, Combat Command "B", of which the 2nd Bn, 36th was a part, was detached from the 3d Armd Div and attached to the V Corps. Movement to assembly positions, vicinity of Theux, began at 1315 hrs and closed at 1700 hrs, at which time Combat Command "B" was detached from V Corps and attached to XVIII Corps (Airborne).

20 December 1944. The head of Combat Command "R" arrived at Hotten at 0855 hrs. Immediately upon arrival, 3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt (- Co C), 1st Bn, 32nd Armd Regt (- Cos A and G) and 54th FA Bn were detached from Combat Command "R" and attached to the 53d Recon Bn to be used by that unit for reconnaissance in force. Units remaining under Combat Command "R" were - 36th Armd

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Inf Regt (- 2nd and 3d Bns); Cos A and G, 32nd Armd Regt; Co C, 33d Armd Regt and Co C, 23d Engr Bn. Combat Command "H" was organized into Task Force Orr, consisting of 1st Bn, 36th (- Co B), Cos A and G, 32nd Armd Regt, and a reserve force of Co G, 33d Armd Regt, Co B, 36th and Co C, 23d Engr Bn. Combat Command "R" received orders to move toward Hrsce (450905) and movement of the Combat Command (- trains and rear hqs personnel, who were left in Hotten) began at 1430 hrs. The Combat Command assembled with headquarters and reserve in Sey (415898) and TF Orr in Hrsce and received orders to remain there during the night. At 2120 hrs, orders were received, from 3d Armd Div, to move the 1st Bn, 36th (- Co B) to Larrce (505814) to reinforce elements of the 83d Recon Bn there and at the close of the period, the 1st Bn, 36th (- Co B) was enroute there. The remainder of the Combat Command established security outposts and road blocks and conducted patrols throughout the night. Combat Command "A", of which the 3d Bn, 36th was a part, remained attached to the V Corps throughout the period. Combat Command "B", of which the 2nd Bn, 36th was a part) remained attached to the XVIII Corps (Airborne) throughout the period.

21 December 1944. At 0130 hrs, Operations Instructions No 1, 3d Armd Div, which gave Combat Command "R" the mission of following enroute and being prepared to support the 83d Recon Bn, were received. During the early morning, everything was quiet. At 0430 hrs, CO, Hq Co - 36th, reported hearing enemy vehicles south of Hotten and a patrol, from Co "B", 36th, reported being fired on by, what they believed to be, Germans in American vehicles from the vicinity of Wy (420821). At 0800 hrs, CO, Hq Co - 36th, reported that Hotten, the town that he was in, was being attacked. At 0855 hrs, Col Howze reported to Div that a column of enemy tanks, fifteen minutes long, was moving north to Hotten-Sey road and then turning west toward Hotten. Div changed the mission of Combat Command "R" until this could be cleared up. Throughout the morning, Hotten was attacked by enemy tanks and infantry but the town was successfully held by the trains and headquarters personnel there. By 0900 hrs, Combat Command "R" had initiated action, with force in Sey, against the enemy column attacking Hotten and by 1125 hrs, one platoon medium tanks, one platoon infantry and one platoon light tanks had worked their way from Sey north and into Hotten and were helping to stabilize the situation there. At 1310 hrs, CO, Combat Command "R", was informed by Div that elements of the 84th Inf Div would approach Hotten from the southwest and would relieve our forces there but by the end of the period, only one depleted platoon, from that unit, had made contact and it had instructions to stay south of the river and knew nothing of the rest of the unit. Continued progress was made but pressure increased throughout the day in Hotten and on the Hotten-Sey road and at the end of the period, one of the forces sent from Sey to Hotten, along the road, had made little progress. Plans were made for movement of Combat Command "R" to Grandmeil (520900), when force in Hotten was relieved, but the

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mission, of Combat Command "H", was to hold Hotton and Moy, at all costs, until relieved. Combat Command "A", of which 3d Bn, 36th was a part) was relieved from the V Corps and attached to the XVIII Corps (Airborne). Movement to vicinity of Grandmenil was being completed at the close of the period. Combat Command "B", of which the 2nd Bn, 36th was a part, remained attached and operated under the XVIII Corps (Airborne). TF Orr, of which the 1st Bn 36th (- Co B) was a part, operated under the 83d Ron Bn and attacked toward Samre.

22 December 1944. At 0445 hrs, CO, Combat Command "H", returned from Div and issued orders for an attack at 0900 hrs, this date. TF Hogan, located in vicinity of Beffe (424812), was assigned to Combat Command "H". Groupment of troops - TF Hogan, located at Beffe, 3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt (- 2 Cos); 1 Co, 83d Ron Bn; 1 btry, 84th PA Bn - TF size, located in Moy, Co G, 32nd Armd Regt; Co C, 33d Armd Regt (- 1 plat); 1 plat Co B, 36th Armd Inf Regt; 1 sqd Co C, 23d Engr Bn - TF uniters, located in Hotton, 1 plat Co G, 32nd Armd Regt; 1 plat Co B, 36th Armd Inf Regt; 1 plat Co C, 33d Armd Regt. Mission of Combat Command "H", in attack, was to clear Moy-Hotton-Beffe area. TF size to attack southwest from Moy towards Hautoeau and drop off a road block at 405827; TF Hogan to attack northwest from Beffe and contact road block of TF size at 405827; TF uniters to hold Hotton and to support attack by fire. 83d PA Bn was in direct support. 1st Bn, 517th Para Inf Bn, attacked and CO reported to C at 0730 hrs. CO, Combat Command "H", inferred his he would commit his battalion as soon as it arrived. The attack of TF size jumped off at 0900 hrs but progressed slowly throughout the day, due to small arms, anti-tank and artillery fire. TF Hogan was unable to attack until 1000 hrs and was halted at the south edge of Beffe by intense opposition. At 1130 hrs, TF Hogan began receiving serious counter-attacks and at 1250 hrs, was directed to hold where he was until Moy-Hotton situation was cleared and he could be sent help. At 1230 hrs, Co "B", 843d TB Bn, was attached to Combat Command "H" but had not arrived. At 1345 hrs, TF Hogan drew back to Harcouray (489618) for better defensive position. He reported his gas very low and continuous enemy pressure. CO issued orders to CO, Para Inf Bn - "Your objective is Hotton. You are to take Hotton, secure it, and then attack south. I will arrange Pz through Arty Ln C and I hope to be able to give you a company of medium tanks before you depart. Attack at 1700 hrs." 1st Bn, 517th Para Inf Bn and Co B, 843d TB Bn arrived at 1615 hrs. Para Inf Bn launched attack at 1750 hrs, but progress was slow due to strong enemy resistance and difficult terrain. By 2000 hrs, the attack had just about stopped and CO, Combat Command "H", sent for CO, Para Inf Bn, to meet him at C. At 2100 hrs, reports were received that Hotton was being attacked by an estimated company of infantry and forces to be believed they could hold if Para Inf would hurry. At 2330 hrs, C stressed the importance of clearing up the Hotton-Moy situation during the night. 1st of medium tanks and 5 -2 1/2 ton trucks were attached to CO, Para Inf Bn and

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plans drawn up to send one company para inf, the tanks and 2 1/2 tow trucks, into Hotton by flanking to the north, while the remainder of the Para Inf Bn attacked down the Hey-Hotton road. The period ends with final preparations for this maneuver being made. 3d Bn, 36th (-Co I) was attached to TF Dean (Combat Com and A) and during the day, took part in an attack that cut the Marche-Bastogne road and established vital road blocks in that area. Co "I", 36th was attached to TF Richardson, Combat Com and "A", and moved to vicinity of Brezee, prepared to assist Combat Com and "B", in event of enemy penetrations. Combat Command "B", of which the 2nd Bn, 36th was a part, continued to operate directly under XVIII Corps. TF Orr, which included the 1st Bn, 36th (- Co B), met heavy resistance during the day in an attempt to take Fochamps (494838), was unsuccessful, and by the close of the period, had fallen back to and secured Amenines (448874).

23 December 1944. At 0435 hrs, the maneuvering force of tanks and para infantry had worked their way from Hey and were in Hotton but met considerable opposition, when attempting to move east toward Sey. The remainder of the para inf Bn, attempting to attack west toward Hotton, along the road, were held up by small arms, anti-tank and artillery fire. One platoon from the 509th para inf Bn, arrived at 1755 hrs and was attached to the 817th para inf Bn to be used by the force attacking from Sey. At the close of the period, both the force in Hotton and the force attacking from Sey were attempting to make contact but neither attack was going well, due to considerable enemy opposition. Throughout the period, TF Hogan remained in Marcousy, badly in need of medical supplies and gasoline. During the morning, medical supplies were fired to him, by artillery, but were ruined. An attempt, in the afternoon, to drop supplies, by airplanes, failed when they missed the town. During the period, Co "B", 36th (- 1 platoon in Hotton) was relieved from Combat Com and "B" and reverted to TF Orr, 1st Bn, 36th - who was heavily engaged throughout the day in the vicinity of Amenines. TF Dean, which included the 3d Bn, 36th (- Co I), was relieved from the 3d Armd Div and operated directly under the 84th Inf Div. TF Richardson, which included Co "I", 36th - remained in the vicinity of Brezee throughout the period. Combat Command "B", of which the 2nd Bn, 36th was a part, continued to operate under V Corps.

24 December 1944. At 0200 hrs, instructions were received, from 3d Armd Div, to discontinue attack until 0815 hrs and at that time, attack with full force from Sey toward Hotton, along the road, and from Hotton toward Sey. The attack jumped off at 0815 hrs and by 1125 hrs, the two forces had made contact and began to outpost the Sey-Hotton road. At 1320 hrs, Co "A", 628th TD Bn, arrived in area as a part of Combat Command "B". At 1030 hrs, the CG, 3d Armd Div, visited Combat Command "B"'s CP and issued an order for the 290th CG to relieve Combat Command "B" in the Sey-Hotton area. Arrangements for this

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relief, to include reconnaissance of the area, by CO's, CCR and 290th CT, was completed, but due to change in orders the relief was not made. At 1600 hrs, 290th Inf CT was attached to CCR and CO, CCR issued orders for 290th CT to attack South as soon as closed with mission of seizing high ground South of Sey-Hetten road (general line 400870-435870) and establishing a strong defense position there. Arrangements made for attachments of Td's tanks and for necessary wire and mines for defenses. 290th Inf was directed to push out reconnaissance at once. Due to one Bn of the 290th Inf getting lost, the attack did not begin until 2330 hours. At the close of the period the attack was still progressing slowly with two Bns of 290th CT attacking abreast. Throughout the period TF Hegan remained in Marceouray still badly in need of gasoline and other supplies. An attempt to drop supplies in the afternoon again failed. CCB (2nd Bn 36th AIR) reverted from V Corps to 3rd Arm Div at 1200 hrs and then back to V Corps at 1700 hrs. TF Doan of CGA (3rd Bn 36th AIR less Co I) continue to hold position against strong enemy pressure. TF Richardson (Co I 36th AIR) remained in position in vicinity of Eserec. TF Orr (1st Bn 36th AIR) continued to hold his position in vicinity of Amenenes against strong enemy pressure.

25 December 1944. Throughout the early morning and on up to noon the 2 battalions of the 290th Inf continued the attack but progress was slow. Information was scarce due to poor communications and what information there was was frequently in error. At 1245 hrs CO, CCR called for CO Para Inf Bn and informed him he was to be committed on the right and that the objective must be taken as we were facing a major German attack. At 1430 hrs, 1st Bn 517th Para Bn launched attack in the right zone and at the same time Co I of 290th Inf swung around from Hetten through Hampton and approached high ground from the West. At 1700 hrs the Hetten bridge was prepared for demolition and Capt Andersen instructed to blow bridge only on order of CG, 3rd A D or on his own initiative in case of emergency. The attack in both zones was continuing at the close of the period with some troops on both objectives but neither cleared completely nor organized. Plans to supply TF Hegan in Marceouray by air were completed during the early part of the period but at 1000 a message was received from CO, TF Hegan recommending that supplies not be dropped since it was impossible to get vehicles out of Marceouray. At 1630 hrs TF Hegan sent a message that his force was starting for Sey after dark dismounted and at the close of the period this force was out of communication with CCR. During this period the 2nd and 3rd Bns, 36th AIR were heavily engaged under CGA and CCB repulsing enemy attacks and establishing road blocks in an effort to stop enemy advances. The forces under which these battalions operated inflicted heavy damage to the enemy. TF Orr (1st Bn 36th AIR) continued to occupy Amenenes, maintain road blocks and conduct patrols.

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26 December 1944. By 0445 hrs both objectives were reported as taken but defenses on neither were properly set up and the two battalions of the 290th Inf were not tied in. The remainder of the period was spent in organizing defenses, laying wire and mines and establishing communication. Relief of the 1st Bn 517th Para Bn was begun in the late morning and at 1900 hrs this Bn was relieved from attached to CCR. At 0515 hrs 1 Officer and 18 Bn from CP Hogan arrived at our front lines and by 0920 hrs the bulk of CP Hogan had arrived safely. Lt. Col Hogan himself arrived at CP, CCR at 1420 hrs. CP Hogan was assembled in Barvaux. 2nd and 3rd Bns 36th AIR continued to operate under CCA and CCB. Both Bns were heavily engaged in the Grandsonil area throughout the period. CP Orr (1st Bn 36th AIR) remained in Aménines out of contact with the enemy except for enemy patrol activity and artillery fire. Throughout this period plans were being worked on for the relief of elements of CCR (less 290th Inf RCT who would remain in position) by CCB.

27 December, 1944. Little enemy activity was reported during the morning. Plans were completed by 0900 hrs for the relief of CCR in the Moy - Hotten area by CCB and at 1130 the Command Group 3CA left Moy for Veris (430942) arriving there at 1150. By 1700 hrs all elements of CCR except 1st Bn 36th AIR (still in Aménines expecting to be relieved on 28 Dec) had closed in assembly area as follows: Hqs and Hqs Co, 36th AIR in Veris, 3rd Bn 33rd in Barvaux and 2nd Bn 32nd Ar in Morville (4395) - Tourana (4397). By this time all miscellaneous attachments of tank destroyers, Infantry, tanks, etc. had been relieved from attached to CCR and Co C 23rd Armored Eng Bn had reverted to Bn control. A force consisting of Co C 32nd AR, B Co 36th AIR and a platoon of Co C 33rd AR was sent by CCR to Melreux (365395) where it was prepared to occupy a prepared defensive position just North of Hotten in case of an enemy breakthrough in that area. During the afternoon the forces of CCR in Hotten were relieved by elements of CCB. 2nd Bn 36th AIR remained under CCB in the rear of the front lines in the Hotten - Moy area. 3rd Bn 36th AIR remained under CCA. During this period CCA regrouped and conducted maintenance and rehabilitation.

28 December 1944. At 0800 hrs, 1st Bn 36th AIR was relieved from Aménines and assembled in the vicinity of Morville (4395) and Tour (4397). CCR reorganized as follows, TF Kane - Hq and Hq Co 32nd Ar, Co D 32nd Ar, Co A 36th AIR, Platoon Co A 32nd Ar, TF Orr - 1st Bn 36th AIR (-Cos A & B), Co H 33rd AR, 1st Co C 33rd AR, TF Mine (in Melreux) Co G 32nd AR, Co B 36th AIR and Platoon Co C 33rd AR, Reserve, Hq & Hq Co 36th AIR, Co C 33rd AR (-2 platoons), Co A 32nd AR (-2 platoons) and 3rd Bn 33rd AR (-G, H & C Cos). A force of 3 med tanks (total strength of Co G 33rd AR) was sent to Division CP. Throughout the day units of CCR were kept on alert for possible employment against enemy breakthroughs in CCA sector where the enemy was very active and had made some infiltration. 2nd Bn 36th AIR remained under CCB and conducted patrols beyond our front lines in Moy - Hotten area. 3rd Bn 36th AIR remained under CCA.

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29 December 1944. During the period all units of CCR remained in same assembly positions as of 28 Dec 1944. The force at Malreux continued to improve prepared positions. TF Kane remained on a one hour alert for employment against enemy penetrations and the remainder of the force stayed on a two hour alert. Reconnaissance was made by all battalions for new assembly areas in the vicinity of Terwagne (305078) and at 2200 hrs, CCR published a movement order for movement of the force at 0900 hrs, 30 Dec 1944.

30 December 1944. At 0900 hrs, lead elements of CCR moved from Veris and by 1530 hrs all troops had closed in a new assembly area with CCR OP in Terwagne, TF Orr in Terwagne, TF Kane in Beumont (345080) and TF Hogan in Madave (2906). TF Mine, who had been in Melreux, was relieved of the responsibility in that locality and elements of that force reverted to their respective battalions and closed in new areas by 1530 hrs. Road blocks were established and patrols conducted in the new areas and at the close of the period, all was quiet. CCA (3d Bn, 36th AIR) was relieved from its defensive responsibilities and during the period closed in new assembly areas in the Warzee (3608) and Ouffet (3607) area. 2nd Bn, 36th AIR, remained under CCB behind the front lines in the Sey-Hetton area.

31 December 1944. During this period, CCR remained in assembly areas as of 30 Dec 1944. At 0600 hrs, the 688th TD Bn was attached to CCR and billeted in the Abec (3111) area. All task forces conducted patrols and maintain-1 road blocks throughout the period. CCB (2nd Bn, 36th AIR) was relieved from the Sey-Hetton area and closed in assembly areas southwest of Terwagne. CCA (3d Bn, 36th AIR) remained in the same assembly areas conducting maintenance and rehabilitation.

**(h) Commanding Officers in Important Regiments:**

36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Col R L Howse
1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col W R Orr
2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Maj K E Chaney
3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col P L Fowler

**Changes in Command:**

Maj F T Dunn assumed command of 2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt on 13 Dec 1944 when he returned to duty. Maj T O Boushey assumed command of the 2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt on 27 Dec 1944 when Maj Dunn was wounded in action and evacuated.

No other changes in command.

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(1) LOSERS IN ACTION:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Lindsay, Alexander H.	36892800	Pfc	18 Nov 44
Paszkowski, John J.	6905642	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Cody, James J.	20223966	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Kitterman, Milbern E.	37010670	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Haid, Ralph W Jr	35775230	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Kemp, Robert N.	0537788	1st Lt	10 Dec 44
Bols, Jurgan K W	37006834	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Alvarez, Joseph	42017225	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Garrity, Eugene C.	36959771	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Schwartz, Alfred H.	37582050	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Lake, William C.	33037903	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Gunnip, Homer J.	35631839	Cpl	10 Dec 44
Dwy, Lawrence H.	35491616	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Shick, James J.	33441346	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Hicks, Rex	15058111	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Sharer, John C.	37485255	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Tande, Francis T.	36960820	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Hinsman, Clarence L.	36960825	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Davis, Van H.	35264663	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Moore, Norman W.	33656431	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Jackson, Jodie C Jr	38566913	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Seiwell, Robert K.	35773127	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Dabbs, Allton L.	34805854	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Bibbe, Paul A.	31301829	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Eichelberger, Paul R.	35874343	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Miller, Melvin	39285304	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Garcia, Pedro B.	38032727	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Ankney, Carl W.	35295833	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Lyon, Harold B.	37016803	T/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Esqueda, Guadalupe M	39847387	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Generali, Edmund L.	31385580	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Lugay, Stephen	33148601	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Serie, Frank	36036688	T/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Coddard, Efford	34169152	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Hardin, Neutie W.	34833869	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Kerak, Anthony J.	33778921	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Schumann, Albert J Jr	36228045	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Servatin, Robert J.	33692548	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Ungerleider, Harry	33791264	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Jacobsen, Arthur	39541584	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Civil, George A.	38608489	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Kimball, Clifford J.	37864203	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Duprat, Warren B.	31416124	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Price, Stanley E.	33414083	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Kinsler, Frank J.	35777211	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Blankmann, Harold A.	37633885	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Dumas, James R. Jr	39585656	Pvt	10 Dec 44
Jones, Gilbert M.	20880460	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Nicholson, Noah C.	34516724	Pfc	10 Dec 44

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Bowles, James E.	36867103	Pfc	10 Dec 44
McCann, Herchel H.	14033949	S/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Leubert, Merle E.	01299258	1st Lt	10 Dec 44
Benson, John T.	14019731	T/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Butcher, James T.	39564693	T/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Thurston, Floyd H.	31447887	Pvt	11 Dec 44
Dixon, Douglas A.	39927939	Pvt	11 Dec 44
Hougel, Ivan A.	37731207	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Brown, Jesse E.	34098940	T/Sgt	11 Dec 44
Graham, Richard L.	37016283	T-5	11 Dec 44
Kearney, George J.	33781409	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Davis, Charles G.	33183221	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Cathart, Wendall C.	39396120	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Coggins, John P.	39342586	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Rabish, Peter	31453936	Pvt	11 Dec 44
Melnar, Louis Jr	35900703	Pfc	11 Dec 44
McAndrew, John J.	32258728	Pvt	11 Dec 44
Nix, William T.	14015447	S/Sgt	11 Dec 44
Epps, Alton H.	34400238	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Harris, Clair I.	35922540	Pvt	11 Dec 44
Willis, Daniel A Q	20420458	S/Sgt	11 Dec 44
Fuerstenberg, Arnold F.	36960727	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Cross, James H.	36681982	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Sereno, Joseph	35710648	Sgt	11 Dec 44
Tufton, Robert H.	35946536	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Valenti, Joseph	36709929	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Graus, Paul A.	37568043	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Deby, Bennie P.	34854634	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Hagsdill, William M.	37486137	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Dillard, William C.	0587391	1st Lt	12 Dec 44
Kennard, Wayne E.	01966495	2nd Lt	12 Dec 44
Graver, Bryan Jr	01010828	Capt	12 Dec 44
Foltman, Carl E.	01326286	1st Lt	12 Dec 44
Seely, George H Sr	33615533	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Boudreaux, Alvey A.	34077053	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Glienke, Wilbert F.	37273441	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Sampson, Chester W.	31863946	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Weir, Sylvester L.	36212998	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Furgeon, Gerard N.	31321483	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Groves, Joseph A.	37119882	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Duffy, Robert W.	32857913	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Rush, Henry C. Jr	35067067	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Rahar, Abraham	36414314	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Miller, Samuel D.	33830214	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Polin, John A.	36767484	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Hurd, Edwin E.	39288256	T/Sgt	11 Dec 44
Marshall, Martin J.	36234796	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Roberts, Troy E.	34925989	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Sissons, Thomas E.	34981840	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Young, William E.	35167069	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Shinek, Julius	37444556	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Brewer, Charles M.	6660388	Pfc	12 Dec 44



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Stubbs, Howard L.	34114287	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Morris, Robert L.	37825530	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Craig, John H.	37016843	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Bellard, Louis A.	33365285	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Footlethwait, Charles P.	6967560	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Sinex, Emery P.	6938864	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Stocking, Lawrence K.	36785143	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Griffith, Walter B.	35780031	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Vansandt, Raymond D.	18003376	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Blount, Julius C.	34058447	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Gauthier, Leo J.	31459252	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Fell, LeRoy	36285001	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Riggs, James W.	38307964	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Finn, Patrick J.	33612112	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Ladwig, Lester E.	37585273	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Lalensula, Manuel	38004357	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Dandelski, Robert K.	31327999	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Bucciolo, Oreste D.	33798483	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Homan, Wilson	35229403	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Fotts, Clifton J	36118482	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Brusi, Domenic	35775231	Sgt	13 Dec 44
Schwein, Raymond R.	37010786	S/Sgt	13 Dec 44
Lunn, Burrell F.	38517313	Pvt	13 Dec 44
Fearson, Stuart W.	42104776	Pfc	13 Dec 44
Baumgartner, Dale E.	35348968	Pfc	10 Dec 44
George John J.	33715452	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Spainhour, William E.	34771576	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Rucker, John M.	34505136	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Stigen, Leland L.	37568472	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Andrepeat, Jennie	38491507	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Zions, Michael M.	33795108	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Nelen, Lawrence M.	34967821	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Trujillo, John P.	37334063	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Everett, Earl E.	39472914	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Beartt, John W.	39343646	Pfc	11 Dec 44
Heaton, William A.	37122921	Pvt	11 Dec 44
Panta, Lee V.	36960939	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Trower, Glenn E.	35353279	Sgt	12 Dec 44
Campagna, Samuel S.	39112087	S/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Markham, Ernest W.	39155237	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Van Strander, Roger C.	42142396	Pvt	12 Dec 44
McCan, James J.	35578437	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Heenke, Alfred E.	01996420	1st Lt	12 Dec 44
Greene, Charles D.	34687745	Sgt	13 Dec 44
Pettengill, Floyd H Jr	42109976	Pfc	13 Dec 44
Stafford, Arnold C.	36960400	Pfc	13 Dec 44
Lagoeki, Walter	33807289	Pfc	13 Dec 44
Buchowski, Walter	33695228	Pfc	13 Dec 44
Maas, Myron E.	6557147	T/Sgt	13 Dec 44
Hodges, Raymond T.	14064268	T-5	13 Dec 44
Engel, Arthur B Jr	36547587	Pfc	11 Dec 44

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Colbert, John P.	01309041	1st Lt	10 Dec 44
Martin, Charles E.	36117074	C/Sgt	10 Dec 44
Holloway, Joe P.	34300349	Pfc	10 Dec 44
Holland, Frank W.	36387976	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Parragh, Curtis A.	38214796	Sgt	10 Dec 44
Teal, Otis C.	33836591	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Lent, Acil	42084604	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Abbett, Gerald D.	36037262	C/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Goodson, Marvin L.	36167337	C/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Bestover, Eugene J.	38589314	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Jurak, William	36908125	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Naney, James T.	38601615	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Reid, Arthur C.	31484486	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Magovin, William N.	42078182	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Rodgers, Harry E.	42070579	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Hooper, Edward H.	11032098	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Beup, John G.	37140329	Pfc	14 Dec 44
Beaver, Leonard	6903686	Pvt	13 Dec 44
Griffith, Frederick L.	35876471	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Greigg, Roland	32958349	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Flores, Johnnie W.	39156823	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Crasblett, Maurice E.	36078262	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Ellis, John C.	6924961	T/Sgt	12 Dec 44
Smith, William E.	36157226	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Huisaieux, Francois D.	31416170	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Robertson, R. B.	38601254	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Riley, Thomas L.	32760011	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Mineda, Salvador	37702421	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Ockap, Michael	33265402	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Hannaford, John C.	31468728	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Hewitt, William H.	35785773	T-5	12 Dec 44
Stark, Thomas G.	35073169	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Hope, William D.	33048166	Pfc	12 Dec 44
Rivera, John	32687729	Pvt	12 Dec 44
Gjersvold, George A.	37580080	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Keenan, Donald	31280030	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Chiappardi, Vincent A.	32692483	Pfc	21 Dec 44
McCrean, Lee	36698070	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Yonta, James L.	15042422	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Boeder, Bruce C.	38606241	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Lee, Charles Jr	38583850	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Bradley, Luther T Sr	34897830	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Finney, Ancil	38534266	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Taylor, William C.	38048859	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Frennen, Jernie A.	38773975	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Sheffield, Jefferson D.	14019762	C/Sgt	21 Dec 44
Spangler, Iver M.	36037789	C/Sgt	21 Dec 44
Horne, Bertram R.	31429661	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Schweitzer, Elmer B.	38504975	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Hall, John V Sr.	38502590	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Hall, Linwood J.	31467899	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Reechick, George	36791837	Pfc	21 Dec 44

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Stroup, George T.	33775385	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Bonus, Arthur	31303177	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Teles, Anthony V.	39961142	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Hancock, Marion J.	34058920	S/Sgt	21 Dec 44
Harju, Hubert J.	37551567	S/Sgt	21 Dec 44
McFall, Ralph L.	14043062	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Becker, Kenneth O.	36212774	S/Sgt	21 Dec 44
Beason, Thomas E.	35336336	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Bexton, LeRoy	36778508	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Lail, Ralph O.	34609871	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Gallagos, Herman	38583666	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Bradley, Malcolm B.	33841853	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Cecilio, Edward J.	35304439	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Ala, Richard W.	17107637	Cpl	22 Dec 44
Young, Kenneth H.	12055891	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Schure, Leonard E.	37120174	T-5	22 Dec 44
Brunett, Charles W.	20827937	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Koline, Alvin O.	39459099	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Mollner, Bernard P.	37452106	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Njortans, Melroy L.	37096235	Pvt	22 Dec 44
Carroll, Walter E.	39309327	Sgt	22 Dec 44
Repass, Frank W. Jr	35657561	T-5	22 Dec 44
Sampson, Leo	35429317	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Hastond, Jack W.	36634158	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Richards, Lewis D.	36612867	Pfc	22 Dec 44
O'Neil, Robert J.	31405057	Pvt	22 Dec 44
Cook, Robert J.	0515019	1st Lt	22 Dec 44
Altan, William H.	42109154	Pvt	22 Dec 44
McDonald, Clarence A.	01011380	1st Lt	22 Dec 44
Shanafelt, Jacob W.	36037922	T-5	22 Dec 44
Busalacchi, Sam T.	36227992	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Harvey, Richard J.	36047856	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Phillips, Harry F.	33765969	Pvt	23 Dec 44
Trajillo, Astrocinio	38169420	Pfc	23 Dec 44
Rosenhoffner, John J.	35672600	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Shaw, Jacob	42052124	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Barone, Tom	36036476	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Mianka, Edmund	31454505	Pfc	20 Dec 44
Bowyer, Roland C.	34969010	Pvt	20 Dec 44
Russ, John	16161190	Pfc	20 Dec 44
Chavez, Jose H.	38579609	Pvt	22 Dec 44
Beers, Edward A.	37120043	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Hume, Frank E.	33169661	Pfc	22 Dec 44
Edwards, Charles H.	32235938	Pfc	20 Dec 44
White, Verl L.	36890665	Pvt	20 Dec 44
Comover, Joseph B.	37731655	Pfc	20 Dec 44
Lucas, Michael J.	35923405	Pfc	20 Dec 44
Blaker, James H.	36023689	Pfc	20 Dec 44
Strochansky, John T.	32338255	Pfc	20 Dec 44
Eyster, George S.	33169963	Pfc	21 Dec 44
Heatty, Robert J.	38536113	Pvt	23 Dec 44
Devaalt, William H.	35219652	Pvt	21 Dec 44

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Greene, Scott E.	01300024	1st Lt	23	Dec	44
Siegel, Cottlieb	36213402	T-5	23	Dec	44
Randel, Robert R.	37010566	Capt	21	Dec	44
Chalcraft, Henry ...	36077911	Pfc	21	Dec	44
Balden, Albert T.	35707545	Pvt	21	Dec	44
Hampson, Jack H.	36896947	Pfc	21	Dec	44
Smith, Payne H.	35293986	Pvt	23	Dec	44
Lambert n, Floyd H.	37487992	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Billingsley, James D.	18103021	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Rex, Oliver E.	33831050	Pvt	24	Dec	44
Godlewski, Edward	36690012	Pvt	24	Dec	44
Goodgold, Irving	32644525	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Holloway, J. A.	14019616	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Handler, Joseph E. Jr	39463423	T-5	24	Dec	44
Lundin, Kenneth J.	31237516	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Temple, Thomas	33054470	T-5	24	Dec	44
Ezurian, John	37581573	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Moneypany, Robert L.	35243108	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Flora, Jesus	38081223	Pvt	24	Dec	44
Poppe, Gilbert J.	37060856	T-5	24	Dec	44
Harkness, Gerald	31061867	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Jenkins, William E.	6987781	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Raffield, Clarence L.	35295217	Pfc	21	Dec	44
Thorp, George J.	30545638	T-5	23	Dec	44
Custer, Walter R.	33940135	Pvt	23	Dec	44
Thompson, Samuel G.	33415727	Pvt	23	Dec	44
Jarsake, Floyd H.	37120146	Capt	23	Dec	44
Oshel, Leonard L.	37516217	Pvt	23	Dec	44
Sheller, Roy J.	34138811	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Todd, O C L	0401401	2nd Lt	23	Dec	44
LaFlante, Fernand A.	31460289	Pvt	24	Dec	44
Hughes, James E.	32948262	C/Sgt	24	Dec	44
Gardiner, Gail W.	39917352	Pfc	24	Dec	44
Tingle, Horace M.	34133806	Pfc	24	Dec	44
McCarthy, Robert J.	11069514	Pvt	21	Dec	44
Lord, John T. Jr	34768823	Capt	24	Dec	44
Nelson, Theodore G.	36813334	C/Sgt	24	Dec	44
Marshall, Carlton D.	34855329	Pfc	24	Dec	44
McCullen, Milton P.	36960620	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Massey, James	35068259	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Forester, John E. Jr.	33845003	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Lugowski, Walter	33807289	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Hignett, Robert J	42142098	Pvt	23	Dec	44
Possner, Norman F.	42057085	Pvt	23	Dec	44
Barabas, Charles	35171721	Pfc	23	Dec	44
Lowe, Ralph E.	14015057	T-5	20	Dec	44
Rodgers, Oris D	37062255	Pfc	25	Dec	44
Stemen, Oliver E.	32337190	Capt	25	Dec	44
Maniscalco, Cincenzo	31426753	Pfc	25	Dec	44
DiFabio, Irving J.	31467443	Pvt	25	Dec	44
Mullen, Arthur M.	31408460	Pfc	25	Dec	44
Bell, Horace L J	34989963	Pvt	25	Dec	44

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Williams, William L.	33809211	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Vine, Samuel P.	38043113	T/Sgt	25 Dec 44
Hults, Arthur	42060394	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Zulli, Philip E.	01011222	Capt	22 Dec 44
Krueger, Elwood H.	36212602	T-5	23 Dec 44
Black, Robert H.	35295571	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Meirath, Donald C.	37120234	S/Sgt	23 Dec 44
Soll, Elmer W.	37122772	Pvt	23 Dec 44
Nipke, William D.	33710373	Pvt	23 Dec 44
Dornio, John J.	33557944	Sgt	23 Dec 44
Briley, Andrew J. Jr	38043531	T-5	24 Dec 44
Hoeker, William V. Sr	38592849	Pfc	24 Dec 44
Kettler, George W.	37513587	Pfc	22 Dec 44
McCoy, Lloyd W.	37110584	Sgt	25 Dec 44
Lyons, Paul E.	35877191	S/Sgt	25 Dec 44
Solberg, Leland C.	36960932	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Brown, James K.	39565495	S/Sgt	25 Dec 44
Peckman, Stewart H.	36417395	S/Sgt	25 Dec 44
Oldfield, John W.	37010586	1st Sgt	25 Dec 44
DeVincentis, Daniel A.	33595173	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Wendland, Frederick P.	32558442	Pfc	23 Dec 44
Coates, Harold H.	36074114	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Mazziotte, William G.	20223913	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Maddox, Mark E.	35580109	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Crawford, Keith W.	37016488	T-5	23 Dec 44
Pore, Clyde B.	35553054	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Gates, Martin	31455872	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Cuddeback, LaVerne G.	42027215	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Hitsen, J. T.	34917015	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Mereno, Enrique	38157258	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Martin, Newton E.	31463872	Pvt	26 Dec 44
Maszeo, Florio	32661790	Pvt	26 Dec 44
Overholt, Ross S.	36874469	Pfc	27 Dec 44
Keith, Thomas C.	31403875	Pvt	21 Dec 44
Streit, Norman G Jr	0418690	1st Lt	25 Dec 44
Northcutt, Joseph J.	0527379	2nd Lt	25 Dec 44
Resnick, Aaron	01014520	2nd Lt	25 Dec 44
Anderson, Edward A.	38043739	S/Sgt	25 Dec 44
O'Marran, Howard J.	32672867	S/Sgt	25 Dec 44
Hides, James N.	38043230	S/Sgt	25 Dec 44
Netloff, Albert J. Jr	39565405	Sgt	25 Dec 44
Coslet, Ray S.	37512610	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Fing, Emmitt	38053484	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Spade, Kalze A.	35777354	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Winterton, Berger O.	36035161	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Young, Charles H. Jr	31352583	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Carey, Frank B. Jr	42027421	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Cox, Parker J.	31409022	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Flaner, Floyd H.	35266071	S/Sgt	26 Dec 44
Mollitz, Leonard	01069252	2nd Lt	25 Dec 44
Pondexter, Bertram G.	3146790	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Sertman, Lester A.	33946583	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Radzikowski, Alfred J.	36635522	T-5	25 Dec 44

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Freidhof, Jerome H.	37110699	Pfc	25 Dec 44
Gardana, Ernest H.	0533835	2nd Lt	25 Dec 44
Gonzalez, David	38442941	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Kotes, Luther H.	34926894	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Anderson, Stanley L.	37514008	Pfc	26 Dec 44
ard, James G.	34121701	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Maples, Cecil F.	34912386	Pvt	26 Dec 44
Newbrough, Merle J.	37120538	T-5	26 Dec 44
Frazier, Henry C.	33651434	S/Sgt	26 Dec 44
Spain, Cyril J.	37110789	T-5	26 Dec 44
Pothergill, Adrain H.	39469830	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Toney, James	35902431	Pfc	26 Dec 44
Jones, Harvey	37076815	Pvt	26 Dec 44
Amos, Sylvester	37207758	Pvt	26 Dec 44
Cesena, Nick G.	39273531	Pvt	27 Dec 44
Lowe, Harold T.	37120583	T/Sgt	27 Dec 44
Henke, Bill H.	36765696	Pvt	27 Dec 44
McCord, Verna L.	01322092	1st Lt	22 Dec 44
Hotonkiss, John P.	39049161	Pfc	23 Dec 44
Turn, Robert T.	0353447	Maj	26 Dec 44
Drincoll, James A.	42069357	Pfc	29 Dec 44
Hernandez, Pablo I.	38454370	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Haggard, Galvin C.	34820183	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Ledbetter, Bruce H.	34117068	Pvt	25 Dec 44
Lovagran, Morel T.	36421182	Pfc	29 Dec 44
Calabria, Jose h	35895536	Pvt	27 Dec 44
Autin, Clayton F.	31352001	Pfc	29 Dec 44
Jones, Thomas R. Sr	34855152	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Winders, Leslie O.	20532375	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Schorrer, Elmer C.	38003512	T/Sgt	28 Dec 44

(J) Former and present Members who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:

None.

(K) Photographs:

None.

(L) Inclusions:

1. Journals

For the Commanding Officer

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
**APO 855, U S ARMY**

31 January 1945

**SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.**

**TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (thru channels)**  
**Washington, D. C.**

(a) Original Unit: No change.

(b) Changes in Organisation:

(1) Regt Hq, Hq Co and Ser Co were a part of Combat Command "R" throughout the period.

(2) The 1st Bn, 36th Arm Inf Regt, was a part of Combat Command "R" from the beginning of the period until 9 Jan when it was attached to Combat Command "A" and remained therein for the remainder of the period.

(3) The 2nd Bn, 36th Arm Inf Regt, was attached to Combat Command "B" throughout the period.

(4) The 3d Bn, 36th Arm Inf Regt, was a part of Combat Command "A" from the beginning of the period until 9 Jan when it was attached to Combat Command "R" and remained therein for the remainder of the period.

(c) Strength:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrent Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 January 1945	102	4	2357
31 January 1945	<u>102</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2426</u>
Net Increase	0	0	69

(d) Stations: No Change.

paragraph (e) Marches: Marches same as Battle Narrative shown in this report.  
(f) Campaigns: None designated since last report.  
(g) Battles:

1 January 1945: Security patrolling continued throughout the night and at first light the situation was reported to be quiet. At 1130 hrs, word was received that all troops west of the north-south road leading through Terwagne, would move east of that road, also the 330th Inf (- 2 Bns) of the 83d Division

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was attached and would have to be billeted in our area. Arrangements were made to move elements of Hogan and Orr, who were west of the new boundary line. The billeting parties of the 330th Inf, (-2d and 3d Bns) arrived and were assigned an area. By 2100 hrs, the 330th Inf (-2d and 3d Bns) had closed. Security patrolling continued after the hours of darkness. At 1745 hrs, FC No 20, 3d Armd Div, was received and reconnaissance was made for a move to the southeast.

1st Bn, 36th AIR was attached to CC R and was assembled in the Terwagne area. All companies were under bn control. 2d Bn, 36th AIR was attached to CC B, and was assembled at Les Avins, Belgium. 3d Bn, 36th AIR was attached to CC A and was assembled in the vicinity of Sarzee. All companies were under bn control.

2 January. Patrolling continued throughout the night and at first light, all was reported quiet. At 0630 hrs, billeting parties left for the new area and at 1230 hrs, movement to the new area commenced. The entire day was consumed in moving the Combat Com and, due to traffic congestion on the roads. The last unit, 23d Engr Bn, reported closed in the area at 2320 hrs. The entire Combat Command was concentrated in the area around Ferrieres at this time.

The 2d Bn was located north of Vaux Chevanne and Grand Menil. The Bn moved to an assembly area behind the 83d Infantry Division and was not in contact with the enemy. Plans were made to attack with 1st Bn, 33d Armd Regt, at daylight, 3 January. The 3d Bn moved from Sarzee to Habienmont, Belgium and had one company attached to Task Force M. The remainder of the Bn was in Task Force X.

3 January 1945. The situation remained quiet throughout the night and at 1215 hrs the Adv CP moved to the vicinity of Verbomont. At 1505 hrs, TF Hogan was formed and alerted for movement. Movement started and at 2215 hrs, TF Hogan had closed in the Au Hetre area. TF Hogan now consisted of the following troops: 3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt; 1st Bn, 33rd Inf; 1 platoon Co B, 23d Engr Bn and 1 platoon Co B 703d T. Bn. At 2035 hrs, verbal orders were received from Div to move TF Kane at 0700 hrs, 4 Jan to the vicinity of Bergifaz. The Inf attached to this task force (1st Bn, 36th AIR) was to seize the nose at 60922 and hold it until the passage of CC A to the south, at which time TF Kane was to reassemble in a new area. Col Kane and Col Orr were called to the CP and were issued orders for the operation. Composition of TF Kane at this time was as follows: 1st Bn, 32d Armd Regt; 1st Bn, 36th AIR; 1 platoon Co B, 23d Engr Bn and 1 platoon Co B, 703d T. Bn.

The 2d Bn was located 1000 yds southeast of Vaux Chevanne. The attack was held up by a road block, small arms and mortar fire and they outposted there for the night. The 3d Bn had no change in attachments. The Bn was located south of Floret, Belgium and Co H had captured Floret. Co I was with TF I and advanced to (602918).

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**4 January 1945.** No activity was reported during the night. At 0700 hrs, TF Kane moved out as scheduled and at 0955 hrs, the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, reported that the operation had started. At 1030 hrs, the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, had advanced 500 yds, encountering no opposition and at 1140 hrs, was on the objective. The 1st Bn, 32d Armd Regt closed into Bergifas at 1200 hrs and was ordered to remain there. The 1st Bn, 36th AIR, was ordered to continue to hold its objective and at 1420 hrs, information was received that a Bn of the 329th Inf would relieve the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, of the responsibility of its objective. Upon relief, the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, would assemble at Bergifas. At 1420 hrs, orders were received to move TF Hogan to the vicinity of M nhay to attack at 0800 hrs, 5 January, to capture the cross-road at 576853. Movement began at 1515 hrs and at 1640 hrs, TF Hogan had closed in his assembly area. The relief of the 1st Bn, 36th AIR, was completed at 1905 hrs and it closed in its designated assembly area at 2040 hrs.

The 2d Bn captured Baneux. Co D led the attack and cleared the town of the enemy and outposted the town for the night. The Bn advanced approximately 2 miles. Capt Smith took command from Maj Tousey who had been evacuated. Co H of the 3d Bn, 36th AIR, held point 585925 and Co G, with 1 medium Tank Plat, captured ford and bridge at 611910.

**5 January 1945.** After a patrol from the 1st Bn, 330th Infantry had moved to Malempre and had encountered no opposition, Col Hogan moved Cos A and B of the 330th Inf and Co G of the 33d Armd Regt to that town. This force closed into the area at 0300 hrs. Co H, 33d Armd Regt, with Co C, 330th Inf, moved to the woods at 544881. At 0800 hrs, the left force (Co G, 33d and Cos A and B, 330th) attacked from Malempre and encountered a road block at 566876. The block consisted of mines and was covered by anti-tank fire. Since it was impossible to move around the block with the tanks, Cos A and B, 330th Inf, continued toward the objective. At 1400 hrs, the right force (Co H, 33d and Co C, 330th) jumped off from their assembly area at 544881 and attacked down the main road leading to the objective. This force ran into a block composed of a knocked out enemy tank at 558866. Cos A and B, 330th Inf had reached Croix St Jacques at this time. Co G, 33d Armd Regt, was moved back to Malempre and into the woods (544881) previously vacated by Co H, 33d Armd Regt. The right force sent out a patrol at 2315 hrs in an attempt to move across the open ground at 557864. They were pinned down by an enemy road block at 563862.

Co E and Co F, 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, advanced 1000 yds southeast of Baneux and were held up in the woods by enemy delaying action. Co D remained in Baneux with 1st Bn, 33d. Capt Metcalfe took command from Capt Smith, who was wounded in action. Co E outposted the woods during the night. The 3d Bn was located north of La Vaux and Co H captured the main part of La Vaux. At 2000 hrs, orders were received from Division to have the 3d Bn, 36th AIR (CC A) replaced by 1st Bn, 36th AIR. The 1st Bn, 36th AIR would pass through the 3d Bn, 36th AIR, thereby relieving it. The 3d Bn, 36th AIR, would then revert to CC R.

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6 January 1945. At 0800 hrs, Col Hogan's right force jumped off for the objective and at 0950 hrs were reported at 563862. At 1040 hrs, it was reported that the right and left forces had made contact at 567860. At 1240 hrs, Hogan's right column was blocked by fallen trees across the road and three tanks and one TD had been knocked out by enemy tank fire. Cos A and B (left force) continued to attack and by 2240 hrs were reported on high ground 200 yds northeast of the objective. Co H, 33d Armd Regt, had been withdrawn to Manhay and Engrs were at work clearing the road block. Co C, 33th Inf, remained in the vicinity of Croix St Jacques. The 3d Bn, 36th AIR, closed in assembly area under CC R at 1430 hrs, at Bergifaz. At 1640 hrs the CP moved to Bra.

The 2d Bn was located 1000 yds north of Regne. Co E and Co F attacked through the woods there. Co D left Baneux and moved into Lierneux where it joined Co E and Co F on road bend south of Lierneux. The 3d Bn was relieved from front line and moved to Rarmont. At 1143 hrs, it was reported that Lt Col Fowler, CO, 3d Bn, 36th AIR, had been wounded by a mine explosion and that Maj Chaney was in command.

7 January 1945. The engineers worked under cover of darkness, and by 0200 hrs had cleared the block at 563862. At this time, Co G, 33d Armd Regt and 1 plat Co C, 330th Inf, moved down the main road to contact Cos A and B, 330th Inf. Movement was slow since the engineers were sweeping the road ahead of the tanks. At 0927 hrs, contact had been made between the Infantry and the tanks. The force continued moving and at 1127 hrs was on the objective (CR 576852). At 1225 hrs, the roads running north, east and west from the objective, were reported blocked. At 1600 hrs, information was received that the 1st Bn, 330th Inf, would be relieved by the 1st Bn, 333d Inf, at daylight, 8 January. The period closed with plans being perfected for the relief.

Co E, 2d Bn, 36th AIR, with tanks of 1st Bn, 33d, assaulted Regne and Co D and Co F seized high ground southeast of Regne. 3d Bn was located in Rarmont conducting rehabilitation and reorganization of companies.

8 January 1945. All remained quiet throughout the night and at 0800 hrs the relief of the 1st Bn, 330th Inf, by the 1st Bn, 333d Inf, was reported to be progressing satisfactorily and at 0830 hrs, the relief was reported complete. Contact was made with CC B, on CC R's left, at 0910 hrs. At 1546 hrs, orders were issued to have 1st Bn, 333d Inf, in conjunction with 2d Bn, 333d Inf, on right, push to the edge of the woods at 5783 and establish road block at 577837 and 586842. At 1805 hrs, the 1st Bn, 333d Inf, had established road blocks at 577837 and 586842, and had pushed to the edge of the woods at 578832 to get a better field of fire. Tanks from Hogan's force were moved to reinforce the block. Contact was maintained on the left but no contact was established on the right, at the close of the period.

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The towns of Hebronval and Ottre were 2d Bn objectives. Co D seized Hebronval and Co E seized the high ground south of Hebronval. Co F advanced down the road to Ottre and was held up by small arms fire. 1st Bn, 33d, assaulted Ottre and Co D and Co E outposted the town. There was no change in the situation of the 3d Bn.

9 January 1945. During the night contact was maintained on the left. However, due to inclement weather which had disrupted communications, information concerning contact did not reach the 2d Bn, 333d Inf (OC B, 2d AD) until morning. At 0815 hrs, information was given to Col Hogan that he would be relieved of the responsibility of the cross-roads by the CO, 1st Bn, 333d Infantry. The relief depended on the arrival of the tanks and TDe that normally support the 333d Inf. After relief, Hogan would assemble in Regne. At 1405 hrs, the responsibility of the cross-roads passed to the CO, 1st Bn, 333d Inf, and Hogan commenced movement to Regne where he closed at 1750 hrs. Upon reaching Regne, Hogan was given the mission of setting up road blocks to protect the right flank of the 83d Division. Contact was established on the right and left and all remained quiet until the close of the period.

The 1st Bn was relieved from attached to CC R and was attached to CC A, as part of TF X. Co D and Co E, 36th AIR were in assembly area in Ottre. Co F was located on the high ground south of Hebronval. The 3d Bn, 36th AIR moved to Lierneux and was attached to CC R.

10 January 1945. All remained quiet throughout the night and contact patrols continued with no interruption. At 1000 hrs, the Adv CP moved from Bra to 628897, near La Vaux. 1st Plat Co I, 36th AIR, was sent to Hogan for infantry security at the road blocks and arrived there at 1415 hrs. TF Kane, (1st Bn, 32d Arm Regt and 3d Bn 36th AIR) moved to vicinity of Verleumont and closed at 1520 hrs. At 1905 hrs, information was received that 1st Bn, 330th Inf, had taken Bihain and would now revert to CC R. At 2326 hrs, Col Hogan was ordered to relieve attached tanks and TDe of the 330th Inf in Bihain on the morning of 11 January.

The 1st Bn occupied and improved defensive positions at Grove-aux and Co B was attached to TF Miller. Co D and Co E, 36th AIR, were located in Ottre with Co F on the high ground south of Hebronval.

11 January 1945. All remained quiet throughout the night and Hogan's tanks relieved 1st Bn, 330th Inf tanks at 0645 hrs and at 0840 hrs, had repulsed a small counter-attack of tanks and infantry, that approached Bihain from the south. One enemy tank was destroyed. At 1350 hrs, 1 plat of TDe was detached from Kane and attached to the 83d Ron Bn. At 1530 hrs, the 1st Bn, 330th Inf and Co H, 33d Arm Regt, under Hogan's command, was ordered to attack south from Bihain, with the bridge at 626823 as the objective. The 83d Ron Bn was to take over the position in Bihain. The attack jumped off at 1600 hrs and at 1650 hrs, they were reported 1000 yds south of Bihain,

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encountering no opposition. At 1755 hrs, it was reported that Hogan's tanks were held up by a road block at 626826 and that the infantry had proceeded ahead. The block consisted of knocked out enemy vehicles. The infantry was reported on the objective at 1900 hrs. The tanks were in the process of clearing the block previously mentioned. The force was ordered to secure itself for the night. Later it was found that the infantry had withdrawn 200 yds to the north to provide security for the tanks. The entire force was reported secure along the edge of the woods at 626823, at 2140 hrs. Hogan reported that the infantry had been badly depleted due to exposure and frost bite and that they could not put up a strong defense. Co A of the 83d Recon Bn, now located in Bihain, was alerted to move to the assistance of Hogan in the event of a counter-attack. 1st Plat Co C, 33d Arm Regt, went to Fraiture to hold the positions vacated by the 83d Recon Bn and conducted patrols from Regne to the crossroads at 575852.

The 1st Bn was on defense at Crovedroux. Co D and Co E, 36th AIR remained in Ottre with Co F on the high ground south of Hebronval.

12 January 1945. All remained quiet throughout the night and it was unnecessary to call upon the Co of the 83d Recon Bn that had been alerted for use. At 0955 hrs, the 83d Recon Bn passed through Hogan's position and continued the attack to the south. Contact was maintained with the rear of the 83d Recon Bn by means of light tanks from Hogan's force. Hogan was ordered to move at 1500 hrs with the remainder of his force, which was in Regne-Fraiture area, to Bihain and Kane was ordered to move to the Regne-Fraiture area from Verleumont. At 1215 hrs, both forces were reported to be moving and both had closed in their respective areas prior to dark. Adv CP moved to Hebronval at 1800 hrs. At 1400 hrs, the 2d Plat Co G, 33d Arm Regt and 3d Plat Co I, 36th AIR, set out from Bihain to contact the 2d Arm Div at Pisserotte. This force encountered resistance in the woods southwest of Bihain and on high ground at 617830. Pisserotte was found to be occupied by the enemy and the force coiled for the night at 609824. About 1800 hrs, 1 Co infantry, 1 section tank destroyers, 1 section medium tanks, and 1 plat light tanks, all from Hogan's force, established road blocks at 619816 and 625813. The 83d Recon Bn came under CC R's control at 1635 hrs. At 2315 hrs, FM No 2, CC R (confirming verbal orders) was issued for the attack of the Combat Command at 0800 hrs, 13 January. The Combat Command would attack with TF Yeomans and TF Kane abreast. Kane, on the left, will capture Mont-le-Ban initially, then proceed south to capture road junction at 638762, then capture Vaux. Yeomans, on the right, would capture high ground at 645763 then continue the attack to capture Comberaine. Hogan, in reserve, would be prepared to move to the assistance of either Kane or Yeomans, protect rear of the Combat Command and maintain contact with 2d Arm Div on the right.

The 1st Bn was located in Sart and Grand Sart, after being relieved on position at Crovedroux, by 1st Bn, 289th Inf, 75th Div. Co D and Co E, 36th AIR, moved to assembly area at Petite Langlir and Co F moved to Ottre.

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13 January 1945. Yeomans' forward elements were reported at 630795 at the opening of the period. Kane's movement from the Hegne-Fraiture area began at 0600 hrs and at 0937 hrs had pushed out ahead of the position occupied by the 83d Recon Bn, which had sideslipped to the right and went into the attack for the high ground at 625761. At 1100 hrs, Kane was reported on the edge of Mont-le Ban and was receiving very stiff opposition from enemy tanks, artillery and mortars. At 1140 hrs, Yeomans' force was in the woods at 634766 and was continuing the attack on Semmerain. The high ground at 625761 was avoided by Yeomans, due to lack of cover. However, a section was put on the high ground to hold it. At 1440 hrs, TF Kane was still on the edge of Mont-le Ban and was still receiving stiff opposition. At 1700 hrs, Kane was ordered to leave a containing force at Mont-le Ban and by-pass the town to the right and at 1750 hrs, was reported to be at 638780. The 83d Recon Bn attacked at 1415 hrs to capture Semmerain, but was driven back due to high losses. At 1808 hrs, the 83d Recon Bn was ordered to push a force down to the road junction at 639761 and block the road. A force from TF Kane, under command of Maj Chaney, was ordered to push down the road leading to the northeast from 639761 and to tie in with the 83d Recon Bn there. Information was received at 1828 hrs that Co A would take over Hogan's mission in Bihain. Hogan was ordered to move his force, at 0800 hrs, 14 Jan, to the outskirts of Mont-le Ban; take command of Kane's containing force; and capture the town. At 2015 hrs, information was received that Kane had contacted Yeomans' force 400 yds north of the road junction at 639761 and it was found that the road was not physically blocked. The 83d Recon Bn was ordered to block the road physically and the block was reported in place at 2358 hrs. Yeomans was ordered to take over the force of Kane, that had joined him and attack east on the morning of 14 Jan and to capture Vaux. He was to leave a force on the road block at 639761.

Co A and Co C, 36th AIR, moved to the Hegne-Bihain area and Co C, in Bihain, was attached to TF Miller and was occupying road blocks. Co A was in Hebronval. At 1300 hrs, Co F, 36th AIR, moved forward from Ottre and Langlir with Co E, 36th AIR, and Co D, 36th AIR, following and was held up south of Langlir. Cos D and E, 36th AIR, secured the high ground overlooking Bihain. Co F overcame the resistance and secured the bridgehead on the stream north of Baclain.

14 January 1945. All remained quiet throughout the night. At 0825 hrs, Kane was reported to have elements on the west edge of Mont-le Ban and that they believed the town was still strongly held. At 0827 hrs, the report was received that Hogan was moving down to join Kane. At 0905 hrs, the Adv CP moved to Bihain. The plan for Kane's and Hogan's attack on Mont-le Ban was as follows: Kane to attack from the northwest; Hogan from the west; time of attack 1200 hrs. At 1040 hrs, Yeomans jumped off in his attack to capture Vaux and after an advance of 800 yds, he was forced to withdraw to his original position due to heavy anti-tank fire. The attack on Mont-le Ban started at 1215 hrs and at 1315 hrs, elements were reported in the town.

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Yeomans was ordered to remain in his present position. At 1525 hrs, the town of Mont-le Ban was reported to be secure and at 1540 hrs, information was received that TF Miller, of CC A, would take over the positions Mont-le Ban. TF Kane was detached from Hogan and was ordered to assemble southwest of Mont-le Ban. Hogan was ordered to initiate an attack on Vaux. Yeomans' mission was to hold the road block at 639761 and woods on high ground at 635768. At 1730 hrs, one Co medium tanks and one Co infantry was detached from Kane and attached to Yeomans. Yeomans was detached from CC R, at this time, and attached to Division, operating under their control. At 1755 hrs, Hogan's attack on Vaux was pinned down by concentrated anti-tank fire and heavy artillery. The period closed with Hogan reorganizing for another attack on Vaux.

The 1st Bn, 36th AIR, moved to Baclain and established road blocks after the capture of the town by CC B. Battle group consisted of 1st Bn, 36th AIR (- Co G) and Co E, 32d Arm'd Regt. The 2d Bn, 36th AIR, captured Baclain late in the afternoon. Cos D and F assaulted the town and Co E secured the town with the 1st Bn, 33d Arm'd Regt, until relieved by CC A.

15 January 1945. At 0100 hrs, TF Miller relieved elements of Kane in Mont-le Ban and at 0135 hrs, Hogan was reported to have his leading elements at 648774. However, at 0215 hrs, he was stopped by enemy tank fire and was unable to leave a defiladed position. At 0500 hrs, Hogan reported that he had reached a point 100 yds from the main road and had lost 85% of his infantry. He withdrew to a point just south of Maleureux and recommended that if the attack was to be continued, that it be coordinated with another force. At 0600 hrs, the following plan was formulated - Hogan to attack from present positions and capture high ground (648772; then capture Vaux. Kane to move, via cross-roads after Hogan had cleared Maleureux, to capture Brisay. Time of Hogan's attack was set at 0930 hrs. There was a delay and at 1000 hrs, Hogan's attack jumped off and Kane's was reported in progress at 1118 hrs. At 1205 hrs, Hogan's leading elements were reported on the southwest edge of the initial objective, receiving heavy anti-tank fire from the left. At 1540 hrs, the Adv CP moved to Mont-le Ban. At 1615 hrs, Kane's leading elements were reported at 644758. Hogan was reported to be in Vaux at 1700 hrs and Kane was ordered to secure himself on his present position. At 2245 hrs, Hogan was told to be prepared to attack Cherain the following day. The following plan was formulated for 16 Jan 1945 - Hogan to push off to Cherain, Kane to continue attack on Brisay, after neutralization of Hill 662758 by smoke. Time of attack was 0830 hrs.

The 1st Bn, 36th AIR, was on road blocks in the Baclain area. Cos D and E, 36th AIR, moved out at 1100 hrs and moved into the western edge of Sterpigny. Co F, 36th AIR, was located east of Baclain and was held up by direct tank fire.

16 January 1945. Attempts were made during the night to coordinate Hogan's attack on Cherain with the right column of CC B. However, help from that flank was not forthcoming. At 0830 hrs, Kane commenced his attack on Brisay. At 0800 hrs, Hogan reported

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that he had infantry across the bridge at 661772 and were moving into the town of Cherain with little opposition. The bridge, above mentioned, had been blown and prevented the passage of Hogan's armor, however, information was received at 0900 hrs that Hogan's infantry was on the objective and that armor from CCB was being sent into town from the north. Col Hogan was ordered to start some of his force in the direction of Brisy in support of Kane's force, which at this time, was receiving anti-tank fire from the left. At 1000 hrs, Kane was reported to have pushed 500 yds south and was still receiving anti-tank fire from enemy guns on his left flank. Information was received at 1005 hrs, that Hogan's infantry would be relieved in Cherain, upon the arrival of TF Bailey, CC B. Hogan was to continue his attack south to relieve the pressure on Kane. At 1117 hrs, Kane was reported to be stopped by an anti-tank ditch at 652754 and Hogan's attack south had gone 200 yds from Vaux and had inflicted heavy losses on enemy infantry and had knocked out two tanks. The Co of infantry and the Co of tanks, with Yeomans, were relieved and reverted to CC H at 1215 hrs and were attached to Kane. At 1330 hrs, Hogan's force had contacted elements of CC B in Cherain and had turned over the defense of the town to them. At 1403 hrs, Kane had lost one tank to enemy tank fire and had been given air support. At 1420 hrs, he had withdrawn to a defiladed position at 640754. At 1649 hrs, Col Hogan was evacuated due to illness. Maj Brown assumed command of the 3d Bn, 33d Arm'd Regt. Both forces had suffered heavy casualties in both infantry and tanks and were ordered to discontinue the attack and prepare for a night attack. At 1726 hrs, orders were received from Div to secure the forces in position. Contact on right and left was established and both forces pushed patrols towards Brisy. Composition of troops at this time TF Hogan - 3d Bn, 33d Arm'd Regt; 1st Bn 330th Inf; Co I, 36th AIR; 1 plat Co C, 23d Engrs and 1 plat Co C, 703d TD Bn -- TF Kane - 1st Bn, 32d Arm'd Regt; 3d Bn, 36th AIR (- Co I); 1 plat Co C, 23d Engrs; and 1 plat Co C, 703d TD Bn.

Cos D and E, 36th AIR, remained in Sterpigny. During the night, Co F, 36th AIR, moved from Baclain area and into Cherain and secured the town. Cos D and E, 36th AIR, were relieved in Sterpigny and moved to Cherain.

17 January 1945. At 0520 hrs the patrol from Kane's force returned and reported that they had observed enemy infantry digging in along the 75 grid line and had located 2 enemy tanks with infantry at 644752. At 0510 hrs, information was received that CC H would be relieved by the 4th Cav Group. Brown (3d 33d) was informed that he would take over CC A's road blocks in the Halenreux area and Kane was told that he would take over road blocks in Mont-le-Ban. At 1335 hrs, the 1st Bn, 330th Inf, was ordered to relieve 1st Bn, 36th AIR, on roadblocks in Baclain area and movement from Vaux by this unit commenced at 1530 hrs. At 1711 hrs, the 1st Bn, 330th Inf had closed in the Baclain area and at 1935 hrs, the relief was reported complete. Plans continued throughout the afternoon for Kane's and Brown's relief by the 4th Cav Group, the following day. Maj Brown was instructed to send

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a patrol of four men down the creek toward Brisy to determine the nature of the bridge at 664764 and Kane was ordered to send a patrol into Brisy. Brown was also informed that the 3d Bn, 36th AIR, would be attached to him and that he would take over Baclain, Halonreux and Mont-le-Ban areas. Kane was to attack Brisy with a Bn of Infantry to be attached. At 2026 hrs, 1st Bn, 330th Infantry was released to the control of CC A.

The 2nd Bn, 36th AIR was outposting the town of Cherain.

18 January 1945. Information was received from G-3, at 0020 hrs that the 3d Bn, 335th Infantry, would join CC R about 1100 hrs. At 0625 hrs, the patrol from Kane's force that had the mission of going to Brisy, returned and reported that they had encountered dug in infantry on the edges of the town and were unable to enter the town. Brown's patrol returned and reported that the stream was fordable only 200 yds south of Vaux. The 4th Cav Squadron began relieving Kane at 0950 hrs. At 1030 hrs, Brown was instructed to send a patrol in command of an officer to the woods south of Cherain, to get a report on the bridge at 664764. Kane's relief was reported complete at 1241 hrs and at 1440 hrs the relief of Brown, in Vaux, by the 4th Cav was reported complete. At 1545 hrs, Brown had taken over the road blocks in the Baclain area and Kane had assembled in Mont-le-Ban. The 3d Bn, 335th had joined Kane by this time. At 1600 hrs, one company of the 3d Bn, 335th was ordered to move at once to Cherain and report to Col Welborne. This company was to be used to extricate a patrol that had become cut off in Rettigny. However, after the arrival of the company in Cherain, it was found that its employment wasn't necessary and it reverted to CC R control. It was decided that the company would remain in Cherain. Brown's patrol returned at 1820 hrs and reported the bridge intact but unsuitable for tanks, also woods at 663761 were booby trapped. At 1905 hrs, the CO decided to move Co L, 335th Infantry (company in Cherain) south from Cherain to woods at 663761 to clean out woods and cover the engineers in the construction of a treadway bridge at 664764. The remainder of the 3d Bn, 335th, was ordered to these woods at 0600 hrs, 19 January and Kane to move there at 0800 hrs, on the same day. Upon arrival of Kane at this point, the 3d Bn, 335th, would be attached to him. TF Kane, with 3d Bn, 335th, was ordered to attack at 0900 hrs on 19 January, to capture high ground at 660746 and Brisy. At 2230 hrs, Co L, 335th, started movement south from Cherain and at 2350 hrs, was reported at 665764.

From 16 January to 18 January, the 1st Bn, 36th AIR remained in Baclain and occupied road blocks with Co A and Co B, 36th AIR, relieved by 1st Bn, 330th Infantry, on the night of 17 January. Bn was made to Rettigny and Sterpigny on 18 January, in preparation for TF X attack. Co F and Co E, 36th AIR with 1st Bn, 33d, attacked high ground and secured the south part of Cherain. Col Moran joined and assumed command of the 2d Bn, 36th AIR.

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19 January 1945. At 0218 hrs, Co L, 335th Inf, was on its objective (woods - 663762) and had established the bridge-head. The engineers started work on the bridge (664764) at 0830 hrs and completed work at 0400 hrs. At 0600 hrs, the 3d Bn, 335th Inf, began movement to 663762 and at 0752 hrs, had joined Co L. 1st Bn, 32d Armd Regt, began movement to join the Inf Bn at 0800 hrs. At 0900 hrs, the attack started with Cos I and K, 335th Inf, leading, supported by the tanks of the 1st Bn, 32d Armd Regt and heavy weapons of Co M, 335th Inf. Co L, 335th Inf, remained in the woods (663762). At 0935 hrs, the leading elements (Co K, 335th Inf) were reported at 662752 and were advancing with no resistance. The advance continued without opposition and at 1050 hrs, Co J, 335th Inf, was reported on the objective (660747), where they met slight resistance. Co I, 335th Inf, supported by some of Kane's tanks, continued toward Brisy at 1200 hrs, was moving into the town with slight resistance. Co L, 335th Inf, had moved to the objective at 660747 to join Co K, 335th Inf. At 1255 hrs, the objective was reported secure and concertina wire was requested. Contact for the night was arranged with CC B, on the left, and the 4th Cav Sqd on the right. At 1938 hrs, Col Kane reported that he had sent a patrol to determine the route of withdrawal of the enemy from Brisy. They had returned and reported the bridge at 660739 was intact but was prepared for demolition.

The 1st Bn, 36th AIR, moved to Sterpigny-Rengles area. Co B (- 1 plat) captured high ground today at 664775 without opposition. The remainder of the Bn moved to an assembly area at 664782 and attacked TF X's objective, which was captured without opposition. Co D and Co E, 36th AIR, were relieved and moved back into Cherain.

20 January 1945. All remained quiet throughout the night. Contact was maintained with CC A, on the left, but patrols from Kane's force failed to make contact with elements of the 4th Cav Sqd, on the right. At 0830 hrs, Operations Memorandum No 23, 3d Armd Div, was received. This memorandum directed that CC R would be relieved by the 4th Cav Grp on 20 Jan and would assemble in the Paolain-Bihain area. At 0930 hrs, a meeting was held at the Regt CP and plans were completed for the relief. At 1305 hrs, the relief of Kane's force, by the 4th Cav Grp, was reported complete and the CO, 4th Cav Grp assumed responsibility for the zone. The 3d Bn, 335th Inf, reverted to the control of the 335th Inf Regt at 1330 hrs. Plans were made for a move to a rest area in Somme Leuze, Belgium, on Jan 21 and at 1930 hrs the route of march for the move was received from Div. At 2040 hrs, Kane's force closed in the Bihain area and at 2140 hrs, permission was granted to relieve Brown's force from the road blocks in the Paolain area, 0800 21 Jan.

The 1st Bn, 36th AIR, began relief of 1st Bn, 335th Inf Regt and elements of 2d Bn, 33d Armd Regt. Relief was completed at 1630 hrs. The 2d Bn, 36th AIR, was in Cherain, resting and doing rehabilitation.

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21 January 1945. Combat Command commenced movement to rest area at Somme Leuze, Belgium, at 1109 hrs. At 1715 hrs, the 1st Bn, 32d Armd Regt, closed into area 333939 and at 1850 hrs the 3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt and the 3d Bn, 36th AIR closed in the Somme Leuze area. CP now located at 318963. Movement of Combat Command was reported complete at 2115 hrs.

The 2d Bn, 36th AIR, moved with CC B to Meun and remained there through 31 January, conducting training, rehabilitating, maintenance and rest. The 1st Bn, 36th AIR was relieved by the 3d Bn, 335th Inf Regt at 1630 hrs and moved to Oppagne where they remained through 31 January, conducting rehabilitation, training maintenance and rest.

22 January 1945. The Regimental CP moved to a more suitable location at 1442 hrs and arrived at the new CP location (333952), at 1450 hrs. Combat Command conducted rest, rehabilitation and maintenance.

23 January 1945. At 1430 hrs, a meeting of unit commanders of the Combat Command was held at the CP and administrative details were discussed. Colonel Howze departed to join party at Division Hqs for trip to London, at 2350 hrs. Lt Col Carlton P. Russell, designated by Commanding General, Third Armored Division, to command Combat Command "R", in the absence of Colonel Howze. Lt Col T J Moran assumed command of the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment.

24 January 1945 - 31 January 1945. Combat Command "R" remained in rest area in the vicinity of Somme Leuze, Belgium and conducted training, rehabilitation and maintenance from 24 January through 31 January 1945. The training consisted of firing, orientation of new men, tank-infantry cooperation and familiarization with enemy mines and booby traps.

(h) Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Col R L Howze
1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col W R Orr
2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col T J Moran
3rd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Maj R E Chaney

Changes in Command:

Capt Smith took over command of 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, upon the evacuation of Maj T G Teusey on 4 Jan 1945. Capt G E Smith commanded the 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, until he was wounded in action on 5 Jan 1945. Capt J W Metcalfe took over command from Capt G E Smith and commanded the Bn until Lt Col T J Moran joined and assumed command on 18 Jan 1945. Col Moran commanded the Bn from 18 Jan throughout the remainder of the period.

Maj R E Chaney took over command of the 3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt when Lt Col F L Fowler was wounded and evacuated on 6 Jan.

No other changes in command.

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## (1) LOSSES IN ACTION:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Sutherland, Howard A	33452775	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Juedagalvis, Boleslaus P	36741189	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Swift, Robert S	32922302	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Marquis, Donald P	31376481	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Bashen, Lyman L	31426508	Pvt	28 Dec 44
Preffer, George P	33919619	T-5	24 Dec 44
Timmons, Virgil P.	35298734	Pfc	24 Dec 44
Cupples, Everett E	37062620	Pvt	28 Dec 44
Cady, Joseph W	31447056	Pfc	23 Dec 44
Hill, William A	34932091	Pfc	23 Dec 44
Gelof, Malvin	01323199	2d Lt	30 Dec 44
Allessio, Michael R	39464734	Pfc	24 Dec 44
Taylor, Clarence L	34967822	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Anderson, Curtis G	33636009	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Bill, Julian P Jr	32868801	Pfc	24 Dec 44
Behan, Edward J	36725323	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Jakubak, Ignatius O	36023614	S/Sgt	24 Dec 44
Cervanka, Myron E	6551477	T/Sgt	29 Dec 44
Wendelbee, Edward	42064274	Pfc	29 Dec 44
Galbraith, Paul E	39585664	Pvt	29 Dec 44
Wilken, Ted T	37016067	T-5	29 Dec 44
Bone, Dairs A	37623704	Pfc	29 Dec 44
Harding, Fred W	36118541	Pvt	28 Dec 44
Globe, Glen G	37120223	Pvt	29 Dec 44
Johnson, Ernest L J	34168056	S/Sgt	24 Dec 44
Turney, Peiree W	20829933	Pvt	24 Dec 44
Freeman, Wade L	14008717	Pfc	24 Dec 44
Thomas, Richard V	33842006	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Tedesco, Vincent	33595642	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Hamilton, Harold H	34180292	Opl	3 Jan 45
Gonzales, Pable	38032363	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Schawitch, Harry	31064388	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Andrie, Lucian J	37041832	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Barden, Roy J	36116992	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Harrison, James	14004270	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Harrell, Victor R	36980511	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Delay, Barney J	38685478	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Shade, John H	37780210	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Houser, Raymond W	33800017	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Streud, Clyde	37016414	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Kidd, Roy L	33073416	Sgt	3 Jan 45
Noble, Floyd H	33923604	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Theobald, Ernest E	36313826	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Jones, Ed O	39381312	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Shannon, Gilbert George E	38238389	TSG	3 Jan 45
Beckett, William E	14038468	S/Sgt	4 Jan 45
Wilson, James W	34918662	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Rieder, Richard E	33614483	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Kinzer, Chester	33806886	Pvt	3 Jan 45
McCluskey, Frederick A	37726242	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Shoemaker, Guy A	38839923	Pvt	3 Jan 45

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Richmond, Francis A	36507489	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Lewis, Edward E	14013758	T-5	3 Jan 45
Lansilotti, Joseph P	42145858	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Hoplight, Blair B	32832102	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Fairbanks, Paul D	01011207	2d Lt	3 Jan 45
Vibbert, Thomas B	35707223	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Sealse, Bruce S	32233702	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Honkala, Roy M	36980165	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Agner, Carvel G	39215161	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Hugh, Paul E	34515698	T-5	4 Jan 45
Dunaher, John P	32331027	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Usiak, Leonard J	36960916	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Heinzereth, Wayne H	12095193	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Hurd, Robert G	36981504	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Dahms, Jacob P	35795222	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Libby, Jack P	01318368	1st Lt	4 Jan 45
Mickiewicz, Henry J	32276683	T/Sgt	3 Jan 45
White, Frank W Jr	33928847	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Helwick, James D	38608400	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Ozewski, Vacen	36970302	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Johnson, Walter	35087467	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Ling, Richard S Jr	33951531	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Piasecki, Matthew P	32972978	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Gosta, Simeon	31466850	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Eaten, Elwood	35570177	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Niemi, Ralph	01014571	2d Lt	3 Jan 45
Tyner, Buford	35901983	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Whisenant, Jewel E	38043897	T/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Linnell, Mason W	37081052	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Dean, George E	36888274	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Maraluff, Paul J Sr	35071340	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Davenport, John D Jr	0537388	1st Lt	4 Jan 45
Richert, Frank G	36118293	T/Sgt	4 Jan 45
Doak, David W	37155604	Sgt	4 Jan 45
Shepherd, Ralph T Jr	39138961	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Hughes, Joseph B	33482776	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Dickerson, Andrew A	0460102	Capt	3 Jan 45
Pickel, Lester	36228060	Sgt	3 Jan 45
Jembs, Alfonso	33772774	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Henderson, J T	38688856	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Kuklinski, Frank W	42146676	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Lee, James E	36948737	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Jurisek, Joe J Jr	38678473	Pvt	3 Jan 45
King, Rlie O	36979835	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Panunzio, Willie M	35578378	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Stons, Francis H	42142634	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Ingraham, Edward W	37067379	Sgt	24 Dec 44
Jones, Marven E	39472112	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Meyer, George F	36953931	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Jennings, Loren	37744980	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Meyer, Rayfield M	37664953	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45

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Jennings, Loren A	37744980	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Meyer, Rayfield M	37664953	S/3gt	3 Jan 45
Tidball, Volney J Jr	0370767	1st Lt	3 Jan 45
Roventini, Victor	32330887	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Preston, D H	34807352	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Stewart, Wilbert L	35709436	Pfc	1 Jan 45
Turpie, John S	34153921	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Sterey, James J	36961146	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Lilly, Jean P	36074100	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Weige, Chris	39176267	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Scott, George D	36884968	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Hester, Edward G	33921971	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Silvers, Junior M	34864488	Pvt	4 Jan 45
McKee, Gale P	37513670	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Ross, William A	42112902	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Best, Roy L	38569220	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Cundiff, Thomas C	35480692	S/3gt	4 Jan 45
Maleschikos, John	36118439	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Hayes, Frank S	33803136	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Roy, Wilbur E	37067249	Sgt	4 Jan 45
Testa, Fred A	32921968	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Tannahill, Floyd P	01996479	2d Lt	4 Jan 45
Hume, Frank K	33169661	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Powers, Edward J	31468668	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Sebron, Luther T	6282675	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Borders, James J	31398772	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Segeman, Richard H	35842861	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Segeman, Robert W	35842877	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Wright, Robert L	37747550	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Deputis, Joseph	35046708	T-5	3 Jan 45
Gonzales, Felix L	37707069	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Cameron, Wilmer L	34138938	S/3gt	3 Jan 45
Zille, Clark	14039633	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Taylor, Leon P H	37120190	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Outierres, Pete	37704887	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Mastromatteo, Albert J	33780558	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Powler, Paul L	0362004	Lt Col	3 Jan 45
Treadway, John O	35671021	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Scrachty, Thomas E	39206625	Opl	3 Jan 45
White, Nealy O	38662249	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Hess, Joseph L	36781596	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Tompkins, Aster P	35454786	S/3gt	3 Jan 45
Reed, Clifford P	37682931	Sgt	3 Jan 45
Bandy, Walter O	33659732	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Kuender, Fred	32630197	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Powell, Harry A	38097271	Pfc	3 Jan 45
Danielaki, Hillard S	36775276	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Vashburn, Bethel O	34897099	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Jones, Jack	35841692	Pvt	3 Jan 45

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McReaken, Ralph J	37400278	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Mogby, Paris C	33485941	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Crawford, Landell C	39225637	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Coets, Henry	35716736	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Kurek, Aloysius S	36010076	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Welfe, Floyd E	37733473	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Watson, Leland E	37747136	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Murphy, Robert E	35076281	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Padget, Henry J Jr	0540402	1st Lt	5 Jan 45
Klues, Roy H	01326220	1st Lt	5 Jan 45
Luben, Seymour	32698082	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Harbert, Berrell J	39158049	S/Sgt	5 Jan 45
Johnson, Roy	34579646	S/Sgt	5 Jan 45
Mosley, Willie C	34851385	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Jennings, Floyd H	35598765	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Neel, James B	34912519	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Smith, Gilbert E Jr	0339046	Capt	5 Jan 45
Hockman, Lemont C	33038168	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Kveton, Perest W	38546746	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Pinnigsmier, Harvey W	37486044	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Wright, James A	12209070	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Lamb, Robert	35893954	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Pettit, Albert A	34545975	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Ranicko, John J	31463303	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Braga, John	31445552	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Garrick, Edwin W	32903974	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Ryan, Joseph M	36697075	Pfc	4 Jan 45
O'Neil, Earl C	39421001	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Jones, Earnest W	39925883	Pfc	28 Dec 44
Przymus, Roy H	37119994	T-5	24 Dec 44
Humphrey, Donald	37744969	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Herrman, Ludwig P	37746236	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Carr, Willie P	34829151	Pvt	6 Jan 45
Mee, Arthur E	36785989	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Coonts, Charles W	33044975	Pfc	24 Dec 44
Whittaker, Harvey W	36852437	S/Sgt	6 Jan 45
Dugas, Lawrence J	32746178	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Werner, Arnold B	37120070	S/Sgt	4 Jan 45
Davidson, Erwin A	36583018	Pfc	4 Jan 45
Heringslack, Roy	12095193	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Johnson, Jack A	37742137	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Bybee, Edward R	36313543	T-5	6 Jan 45
Gottdank, Irving	19203574	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Raphael, Frank S	32272885	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Cappucio, Frank	32195869	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Thompson, Clayton T	37095376	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Ferdus, Donald W	34822194	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Anderson, Robert H	0374352	1st Lt	6 Jan 45
Borggraeve, Frederick Jr	37639834	Pvt	6 Jan 45

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Lord, Howard L	36980125	Pvt	6 Jan 45
Marek, Theodore	38678955	Pvt	6 Jan 45
Hancock, Marion J Jr	34058920	S/Sgt	1 Jan 45
Eloisak, John	32206652	S/Sgt	6 Jan 45
Suedmier, Fred H Jr	14005795	Sgt	6 Jan 45
Chme, Willard W	37120035	S/Sgt	6 Jan 45
Hernandez, Louis G	38559068	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Phillips, Elbert O	38608240	Pvt	6 Jan 45
Jackson, Robert E	01321312	2d Lt	6 Jan 45
Heath, Junior	34058525	Sgt	3 Jan 45
Orraj, Tony	39709362	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Wagner, Oscar	34285178	Pvt	3 Jan 45
Crumbaker, Talbot R	33811423	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Salb, Harvey J	0462284	1st Lt	6 Jan 45
Stegient, Lige E	20810142	T-4	6 Jan 45
White, Verl L	36890665	S/Sgt	6 Jan 45
Lockwood, Calvin O	36117955	T-5	6 Jan 45
Morris, Alvin E	39127775	Pvt	6 Jan 45
Sefeik, John J	32299712	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Galuppo, Daniel	42085920	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Kruszkowski, Herbert E	36755274	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Padilla, Frank	42048672	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Phillips, Marion O	36960384	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Storoy, Forrest P	34777502	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Werling, Charles K	36960617	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Hannett, Alphis B	38641301	Cpl	6 Jan 45
Beck, Joseph A	36802402	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Richardson, Donald E	36777600	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Brown, Melvyn C	36970376	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Morgan, James E	34896061	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Sherwood, Joseph L	42142389	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Lamos, Richard L	31469014	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Pineda, Salvador	37702421	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Cassara, Vincent	42051562	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Lisowski, Joseph E	32947697	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Bruchalski, Sylvester	35284647	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Huskins, Raymond E	35806725	Pfc	7 Jan 45
LeFerber, Gerard E	32899520	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Keding, Donald V	42146576	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Jay, Henry D	36898930	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Miller, Paul D	36694239	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Ori, James A	42018006	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Von Hagel, Ralph E Jr	34947676	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Kaminski, Eugene J	36658564	Cpl	7 Jan 45
Brown, Jesse B	34098940	E/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Hutchins, James E	34138946	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Leming, Jehanie	14026794	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Bernstein, Harold	0495794	Capt	7 Jan 45
Oden, Bernard L	38047905	Cpl	7 Jan 45
Smith, Fred C Jr	39366720	S/Sgt	8 Jan 45

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Piscus, Percy B	33920159	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Riley, Austin	42124349	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Lane, Ernest O	35171469	S/Sgt	7 Jan 45
Trombles, Raymond P	42114130	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Dineen, Harold E	31196712	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Doane, Darrell O	31317122	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Beter, Joseph E	34230749	S/Sgt	7 Jan 45
Daniels, Ralph A	36177359	S/Sgt	4 Jan 45
Peterak, Alfonso A	36985532	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Raggiere, Armando	42142448	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Kennedy, James O	37583451	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Simpson, Ralph F	37357562	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Edwards, William O	34430970	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Keene, Elmer L	7006828	T/Sgt	7 Jan 45
Kinnon, Edward F	38578360	Sgt	7 Jan 45
Jones, Charles E	35083519	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Lidderdale, James R	35609169	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Noblin, Wallace F	34989881	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Edmond, Loyd H	37740648	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Smith, Leslie G	36784634	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Trostle, Bernard O Jr	15158453	Pvt	5 Jan 45
Franskowiak, Louis L	36837225	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Gurley, J. T	34831123	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Roman, Joseph P	33359384	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Alcorn, Lemor G	36456589	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Harlow, Ernest L Jr	20361922	S/Sgt	7 Jan 45
Grooms, Harold R	35877364	Sgt	7 Jan 45
Smoot, Irvin M	39467711	S/Sgt	7 Jan 45
Sathe, Martin	37326482	Pfc	7 Jan 45
McDaniel, John W	35808184	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Betts, Graham R	34732598	Pfc	5 Jan 45
Correia, Dominges	42100736	Pvt	6 Jan 45
Michael, Harvey E	33067746	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Bower, Lawrence B	33613203	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Vicic, Frank	33541864	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Faucette, John O	34895404	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Lloyd, Clifford R	37586723	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Shelton, John H	34977694	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Deibert, Charles R	33773000	Pvt	8 Jan 45
O'Grady, Thomas J	31426719	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Korte, Anthony A	37746961	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Malone, Frank B	33822964	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Morgan, Raymond O Sr	34836533	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Sozerba, Steve J	36036238	Opl	5 Jan 45
Hedgdon, Percy H	31375452	T-4	6 Jan 45
Herbert, William F	31051761	1st/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Kirk, Allen R	39726187	S/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Hoffman, William P	35769558	Sgt	8 Jan 45
Langford, Bernard J	37593044	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Potter, Carl A	36196198	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Henken, Charles O	35736711	Pfc	8 Jan 45

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Salmen, Lewis A	39278440	S/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Morris, James D	34872295	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Shutes, Howard I	36463413	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Wadkins, Monroe	15055197	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Jelsh, Francis J	35903903	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Joyce, James T	33217117	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Urbano, Ernest E	36877245	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Spain, Georgie	37076532	T-5	8 Jan 45
Dougherty, Vincent J	13054212	S/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Gilstrap, Harold E	37501269	Pvt	7 Jan 45
Kramer, Jack L	01290955	1st Lt	7 Jan 45
Lehtinen, Reino J	37081162	S/sgt	8 Jan 45
Taylor, John H	31291048	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Saipen, Catarino	39688360	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Liptak, Walter J	36970593	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Lachney, Shelton D	38653001	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Sass, William D Jr	36850239	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Ball, Alvin J	36971119	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Bordwell, Richard D	36038561	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Horneg, Bernard J	37584965	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Huns, Ernest	35841359	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Edwards, Jack H	33889775	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Lukas, Beebe	35877202	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Benoit, Raymond J	36017527	Pfc	9 Jan 45
Shaw, Jacob	42052124	Pfc	7 Jan 45
DeRousse, Emmett E	36980224	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Pietzgen, Anton J	39585286	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Sokolowski, Stanley J	36043182	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Hall, Frank O	01011431	Capt	9 Jan 45
Beechel, William C	01313952	1st Lt	9 Jan 45
Copeland, Alex	37067410	T/3gt	9 Jan 45
Vincanti, Anthony	32209733	S/Sgt	9 Jan 45
Cevanos, Juan D	38090233	Pfc	9 Jan 45
Fichtner, George E	42015594	Pfc	9 Jan 45
Crispino, Bartolomeo	J42060580	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Pugh, Hubert	34180088	S/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Luke, John H	35559344	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Wright, Leonard L	32908772	Pfc	9 Jan 45
Boston, John W	33659224	S/Sgt	9 Jan 45
Monney, Joseph	32214682	Sgt	9 Jan 45
Johnson, Bruce C	38669404	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Yeatter, David O	36899388	Pvt	9 Jan 45
D'Angelo, Warren M	32820776	Pfc	9 Jan 45
Cardieri, Calvin P	32804411	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Frank, Chester A	39266910	Pfc	9 Jan 45
Lucas, Michael J	35923405	S/Sgt	10 Jan 45
Pacies, Robert K	31356462	T/Sgt	10 Jan 45
Dickson, William G	39897962	S/Sgt	10 Jan 45
Kleber, Fred H	33714368	Pvt	10 Jan 45
Hiller, Joe D Jr	34572697	Pfc	10 Jan 45

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Wood, Ian L	34898905	Pfc	10 Jan 45
Reichert, Lamar C	33836858	Pfc	10 Jan 45
White, Glencoe	35700670	Pfc	10 Jan 45
Hartraft, Winston R	33802610	Pfc	2 Jan 45
Farnham, Noah C	39049202	Pvt	10 Jan 45
Wasserstrom, Sanford	35919435	Pvt	10 Jan 45
Irwin, John M	31467851	Pvt	10 Jan 45
Galli, Victor	39049271	Pfc	10 Jan 45
Martinez, Gregorio M	32000731	Pfc	10 Jan 45
Sharer, John C	37485255	Pfc	10 Jan 45
Poster, Bertrand L	31221617	Pvt	10 Jan 45
Hill, Elwood L P	38678767	Pvt	10 Jan 45
Manier, Russell	36037045	T-5	10 Jan 45
Bartley, Robert W	36583044	Pfc	7 Jan 45
McNaughton, Marvin D	36835410	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Lemire, Paul R	31392404	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Meyer, George W	37016273	S/Sgt	8 Jan 45
Smith, Orvel L	37108973	S/Sgt	11 Jan 45
Weber, Francis R	42118603	Pvt	11 Jan 45
Brookshire, Hershell W	39861288	Pfc	11 Jan 45
Greeneveld, Gustaf P	36830830	Pfc	11 Jan 45
Quick, James L	34984208	Pfc	11 Jan 45
Ruggiero, Armando	42142448	Pfc	11 Jan 45
Smith, Arlington D	35046593	S/Sgt	11 Jan 45
Sanner, Harry J	32906615	T-5	11 Jan 45
Schier, Earl W	36960740	Pfc	11 Jan 45
Bislik, Daniel A	42009776	Pvt	11 Jan 45
Walters, Ernest R	39173322	Pvt	11 Jan 45
Worden, Harold L	35084234	Pvt	11 Jan 45
Jensen, Ralph F	36274424	T/Sgt	9 Jan 45
James, Harvey D Sr.	33892265	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Behrman, Jacob G	32964602	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Nuner, Loyl L	39049144	Pfc	8 Jan 45
Huff, William H	33538987	S/Sgt	10 Jan 45
Maggio, Joe	36970483	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Merzshai, Edward	36036958	S/Sgt	13 Jan 45
Kelley, Wilson C	34997792	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Lofton, Ray E	35347795	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Romeo, Andrew	42109754	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Lock, Ray L	33148619	Pvt	13 Jan 45
Ostrander, Arthur Jr	35928863	Pvt	13 Jan 45
Sheppard, Howard D Jr	38277171	Pvt	13 Jan 45
Thomas, Arvid C	36960823	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Gambrel, Judge N	35809151	Pfc	12 Jan 45
Akey, J C	38685249	Pvt	12 Jan 45
Weldon, Elwin L	34083217	Pvt	12 Jan 45
Cohen, Meyer	42071346	Pvt	13 Jan 45
Zarr, Albert L	36213183	S/Sgt	13 Jan 45

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Reinecke, William J Jr	37076278	Sgt	12 Jan	45
Kiewatt, Herman L	37552032	Pfc	13 Jan	45
Cooper, Dale C	36970428	Pvt	11 Jan	45
Nett, George W Jr	38675673	Pvt	12 Jan	45
Hartman, Harold	37551815	Sgt	12 Jan	45
Glaze, Fred T	34338524	Pfc	13 Jan	45
Kane, James G	16151783	Pfc	13 Jan	45
Stump, Clarence W	131770513	Pvt	13 Jan	45
Ness, Raymond C	37679136	Pvt	13 Jan	45
Colbert, Raleigh P Jr	01998479	2d Lt	13 Jan	45
DeGraaf, James J	36988965	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Waldeck, Joseph L	35468851	Sgt	14 Jan	45
Rick, Leo L	01319775	2d Lt	14 Jan	45
Stuckey, Ethebert O	34975256	S/Sgt	14 Jan	45
Holland, Jack H	36772312	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Kampa,loysius S	36961309	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Jackson, Milliford S	0537414	2d Lt	14 Jan	45
Lowe, Smith E	35762071	Pfc	13 Jan	45
Moss, William M	36652100	Pfc	13 Jan	45
Lunigan, Linard E	7002114	S/Sgt	14 Jan	45
Simons, Rason J	34862841	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Calderon, Emanuel J	36650069	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Wells, Leonard	35805027	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Sheldon, Erwin	31464723	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Welch, LeRoy C	38627670	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Van Roekel, Ira J	37119054	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Simone, Tony P	32949560	Pvt	13 Jan	45
Catalano, Sam	34230857	S/Sgt	14 Jan	45
Johnson, Carl W	37095128	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Farrell, Marion Y	34926447	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Olewer, Lewis A	31467891	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Custer, Walter R	33940136	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Jaylor, Asher	35249646	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Persia, John F	33948313	Pvt	14 Jan	45
Pattie, James D	36036482	T/Sgt	14 Jan	45
Chernel, Walter	33149005	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Takooshian, George	0557474	2d Lt	14 Jan	45
Clark, Harry L	34973901	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Goebel, Alvin P	38068462	Pfc	12 Jan	45
Herring, Gurnie	34898056	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Mulholland, Henry M	32643704	Pfc	14 Jan	45
Mee, Arthur E	36785989	Pfc	15 Jan	45
Taylor, J D	34638000	Pfc	15 Jan	45
Turk, Paul E	36036511	Sgt	15 Jan	45
Kesler, Donald H	35229596	Pfc	13 Jan	45
Nowicki, Peter	36983529	Pvt	15 Jan	45
Paulsen, Maxwell L	36960342	Pvt	15 Jan	45
Donnell, William T	6292063	T/Sgt	15 Jan	45
Barnard, Wilbur R	35900499	S/Sgt	15 Jan	45
Morris, William P	33218772	Sgt	15 Jan	45
Jones, Allen L	35133819	Pfc	15 Jan	45
Preston, Richard A Jr	0406757	1st Lt	15 Jan	45

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Weige, Chris	39176267	Pvt	15 Jan 45
Wynne, Ray	6797502	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Hendrix, David C	34766937	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Jamez Leroy D	37631312	Pvt	15 Jan 45
Sexton, Preston L	33000266	Pvt	15 Jan 45
Ritchie, Harold L	32609513	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Musgrove, Harold S	34979406	Pvt	15 Jan 45
Allen, Samuel N	39233751	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Farris, Winfred R	36054029	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Van Costen, Robert H	01822491	2d Lt	15 Jan 45
Silverbrandt, Isadore	36036494	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Whitmire, Floyd E Jr	33610659	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Tengi, Joseph G	01049370	2d Lt	15 Jan 45
Fadurich, Joseph W	39570361	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Kauffman, Robert F	33833313	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Treisi, Louis	20223752	Pvt	15 Jan 45
Kurts, Warren C	34572500	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Chalker, Charles L	14020339	S/Sgt	16 Jan 45
Drew, Edward F Jr	01324460	1st Lt	13 Jan 45
Secorman, Edgar A	01318373	1st Lt	13 Jan 45
Cranley, Robert E	34982808	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Hazelwood, Daniel H	38678949	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Bergstrom, Clifford L	36643365	Sgt	16 Jan 45
Wojtusik, John S	31472218	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Rollefson, John R	36843032	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Cotton, William H	36890859	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Sharp, George D Jr	33876105	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Corvino, Ralph	32896661	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Rader, Marvin	32322115	Sgt	16 Jan 45
Reinke, Martin H	37120085	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Conti, Gianlino M	31292918	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Jarnell, Fred D	34868469	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Jonker, Eugene C	36158144	T/Sgt	16 Jan 45
Epley, Arthur G	36023275	Sgt	16 Jan 45
Fuller, Richmond	38591316	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Ginn, Granville G	38689062	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Dieter, James B	37010620	T/Sgt	16 Jan 45
Hamer, Robert W	36980141	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Cerraj, Tony	39709382	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Sims, Elmer	37067382	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Medina, Raul G	38673285	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Batt, Charles A Jr	34088002	Cpl	16 Jan 45
Lamb, Robert	35893954	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Sandberg, Marvin F	37086792	T-5	16 Jan 45
Piotrowski, Fred F	36894746	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Blenkinsop, Layton B	42046876	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Byrum, Frank	35734973	Pvt	16 Jan 45
O'Brien, Lee D	0462282	1st Lt	14 Jan 45
Toad, Kenneth D	37721863	Pfc	6 Jan 45
Morsey, Fred	34463643	Pfc	14 Jan 45
Gobb, Jodie W	7006703	Pfc	14 Jan 45

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Bianchi, Aldo	32919337	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Robertson, Ernest L	34593087	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Rosa, Merrill Jr	35893614	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Sanchez, Francisco A	39586319	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Sttinger, Guy O	37639057	Pvt	14 Jan 45
Nelson, Richard H	37595447	Pvt	14 Jan 45
Swerton, Morrill J	37743332	Pvt	14 Jan 45
Ward, John K	33921639	Pvt	14 Jan 45
Hrovatic, Ernest	35923242	Pfc	14 Jan 45
Arker, Harry B	6655324	Sgt	17 Jan 45
Paulson, Millard E	37108065	T-5	17 Jan 45
Puccio, John	31207461	Cpl	17 Jan 45
Townsend, Raymond B	34893030	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Peacock, Merton L	36585473	Sgt	17 Jan 45
Gardner, Richard A	37110816	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Galappe, Daniel	42085920	Pfc	17 Jan 45
York, Raymond S	01043262	1st Lt	17 Jan 45
Hanel, Robert G	36108649	S/Sgt	17 Jan 45
Pease, Robert M	36974332	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Morgan, Wesley H	39477455	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Roldan, Albert	39579463	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Cordell, Earl M	34987030	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Page, Marcel P	35086780	Pvt	17 Jan 45
McDaniel, John W	35808184	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Rosman, Harold C	33766737	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Wilson, Robert H	39931611	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Fresquez, Tomas	38579862	Pfc	17 Jan 45
James, Harold D	34774112	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Herrera, Ignacio G	38675295	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Zienke, Edwin G	35296155	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Hayward, Charles S	2110764	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Otto, Paul F	3546545	S/Sgt	17 Jan 45
Donovan, Clarence I	36716224	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Stacy, John J	42101354	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Davis, James J	38042061	Sgt	17 Jan 45
Saxon, William R	16070552	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Marston, Harold M	36986067	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Lopuski, Stanley	33779062	Pfc	17 Jan 45
White, Francis A	32286656	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Shepard, George E	42114971	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Harvey, John W	33892147	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Harlow, Robert P	31467904	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Ward, James G	34121701	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Eppersen, Ernest O	37465247	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Ancaroni, Eugene L	34138630	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Cullen, James K	32700138	Sgt	18 Jan 45
Kruszkowski, Herbert E	36755274	Pfc	18 Jan 45
Kline, Reuben J	33766592	Pfc	18 Jan 45
Holliday, Clyde Jr	38656499	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Kelley, Lloyd J	36286901	S/Sgt	18 Jan 45
Kaufman, Robert S	32700114	S/Sgt	15 Jan 45

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Peshek, Ronald J	0328473	Maj	16 Jan 45
Holming, Ernest	36982658	Pvt	18 Jan 45
Berg, Leon W Jr	35593273	S/Sgt	18 Jan 45
Cutley, Knoch A Jr	33845134	Pfc	18 Jan 45
Blackwell, George C	01327602	2d Lt	18 Jan 45
Scherb, Lucas F	37032934	S/Sgt	18 Jan 45
Marshall, Bernard L	37596996	Pvt	14 Jan 45
Coleman, Lawrence J	37636783	Pvt	13 Jan 45
DeGruccio, Salvador A	39585652	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Willet, Luther	34811627	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Palombizio, Edward J	35378848	Pfc	18 Jan 45
Fredericks, Dale W	01327813	2d Lt	18 Jan 45
Noie, George N	36228037	Pfc	18 Jan 45
Gillen, Rades N	37053206	Pfc	19 Jan 45
Slomeans, Benny J	33143902	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Pattie, James D	36036482	T/Sgt	19 Jan 45
Rotella, Phillip A	38084185	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Niemeyer, Earl E	36877923	Pvt	14 Jan 45
Ruhlend, Vincent M	37095403	Pfc	13 Jan 45
Folos, Gus G	36784169	S/Sgt	16 Jan 45
Prezeslawski, John S	36411261	Pfc	19 Jan 45
Price, Richard L	34922692	Pfc	19 Jan 45
Meyer, George W	37016273	S/Sgt	3 Jan 45
Salvaggio, Samuel S	42100857	Pvt	19 Jan 45
Brown, Andrew W	33892429	Pvt	19 Jan 45
Meiners, Harvey W	38678923	Pvt	19 Jan 45
Hernandez, Albert	39581850	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Murch, William C	14059657	Sgt	14 Jan 45
Zimmerman, Steve	35204900	S/Sgt	14 Jan 45
Meloy, James C	14041395	S/Sgt	17 Jan 45
Linger, Perry I	35264945	S/Sgt	17 Jan 45
Guth, Jacob N	36680397	T-5	17 Jan 45
Ottomano, Michael P	32970629	T-5	17 Jan 45
Bringle, John E	36052455	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Garcia, Joseph A	39864010	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Kline, Jose L	38580608	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Lange, Irvin H	38678783	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Latham, Johnnie F	34965261	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Loop, William L	35903021	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Mabe, Walter R	33822961	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Mann, Clarence E	35560158	Pvt	17 Jan 45
Martinet, Rene E	31453607	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Martinez, Rogerio J	38581076	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Pugula, Stephen J	33614705	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Wenzel, Alfred E	36773082	Pfc	17 Jan 45
Lemire, Paul R	31392404	Pvt	9 Jan 45
Hill, Clayton A	31469013	Pfc	19 Jan 45
Murphy, Harold J	36739469	Sgt	13 Jan 45

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Puls, Lloyd C	36228069	T/Sgt	14 Jan 45
Hilburn, E P E	39421764	Pfc	14 Jan 45
Madilla, Frank	42048672	Pfc	14 Jan 45
Sourwine, Clair B	33946579	Pfc	14 Jan 45
Jayne, David E	38698594	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Rabenold, Richard S	33946523	Pfc	16 Jan 45
Redriguez, Jose	20026298	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Roman, Howard O	39592530	Pvt	16 Jan 45
Houston, Homer F	38175290	Pfc	20 Jan 45
Huggers, Robert L Jr	6154091	Sgt	20 Jan 45
Williamson, Willard T	36965318	Pfc	20 Jan 45
Lango, Alphonse J	31284932	Sgt	20 Jan 45
Brown, Donald R	35171503	Pfc	20 Jan 45
Hannaford, John O	31468728	Pfc	20 Jan 45
Skelley, Jack E	33940255	Pfc	20 Jan 45
Grugan, Francis J	35143811	S/Sgt	17 Jan 45
Andrews, Amos C Jr	14016562	T-5	21 Jan 45
Barnes, Leon C	38043931	Pvt	19 Jan 45
Winkler, Alex	32356195	Pvt	21 Jan 45
De La Cruz, Ray V	38673099	Pfc	21 Jan 45
Doll, Elroy J	38960730	Pfc	21 Jan 45
Grabovich, Stephen A	33905376	Pvt	18 Jan 45
Hardsouk, Charles W	35917997	Pvt	18 Jan 45
Miles, Curtis L	7003571	Pvt	18 Jan 45
Miller, Louis F Jr	33949835	Pvt	18 Jan 45
Guthrie, John R	33949131	Pfc	12 Jan 45
Wuerdeman, Milford G	37729058	Pfc	15 Jan 45
Lawrence, James H	35845541	Pvt	15 Jan 45
Salko, John I	20273606	S/Sgt	18 Jan 45
Alsoton, Willie B	34949397	Pvt	18 Jan 45
Henken, Joseph H	36065968	Pvt	23 Jan 45
Shaw, Russell S	31400905	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Hellendorfer, John D	36970617	Pfc	27 Jan 45

(j) Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TYPE OF AWARD</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
Gruver, Bryan Jr	01010828	Capt	Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star	3d AD GO No 3
Dundrick, Herman M	01011158	Capt	Silver Star	" " " " "
Behne, Robert F	01011825	1st Lt	"	" " " " "
Coek, Robert J	0909019	1st Lt	"	" " " " "
Flettman, Carl E	01329286	1st Lt	"	" " " " "
Prieskorn, Arthur A	01313126	1st Lt	"	" " " " "
O'Brien, Leed D	0462282	2d Lt	"	" " " " "
Ahearn, John J	36212543	1/Sgt	"	" " " " "
Frazier, Henry C	33651434	S/Sgt	"	" " " " "
Wallace, Robert W	39463087	S/Sgt	"	" " " " "
Green, Gilbert E	36043544	Sgt	"	" " " " "

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Robertson, Charles J	37016329	Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO No 3
Thompson, Erwin A	36054137	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Schneider, Louis G	36054411	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Windroth, Willard H	37046417	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Randel, Robert E	37010556	Sgt	" "	" " " 13
Copeland, Paul H	35283989	T-4	" "	" " " "
Bain, Allen G	36213312	T-4	Soldiers Medal	" " " 7
Lindsey, Charles E	14035606	T/Sgt	Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	" " " 4
George, Jesse Jr	35640406	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Grove, Joseph A	37119882	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Rosen, Charles I	32802791	T-5	" "	" " " "
McElhinney, Wallace	336585394	Pfc	" "	" " " 13
Bernstein, Harold	0495794	Capt	Bronze Star	" " " 4
Dickerson, Andrew A	0460102	Capt	" "	" " " "
Hess, Nathan H	0495928	Capt	" "	" " " "
Resnick, William J	0357406	Capt	" "	" " " "
Smith, Gilbert E Jr	0339046	Capt	" "	" " " "
Cook, Robert J	0515019	1st Lt	" "	" " " "
Harris, Edwin M	01283068	1st Lt	" "	" " " "
Gelof, Malvin	01323199	2d Lt	" "	" " " "
Kinn, Edward L	0511701	2d Lt	" "	" " " "
Beatty, Raymond	33781544	T/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Butcher, James E	39564693	T/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Serie, Frank	36086688	T/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Garcia, Pedro B	38032727	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Harper, Elmer J	37086859	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Morris, Glen E	35034728	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Osborn, Clarence W	37033415	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Teipel, Raymond J	48056139	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Breen, Francis J	31123925	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Danler, Bernard P	37016307	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Green, Gilbert E	36043565	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Stephens, Harold	36078193	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Copeland, Paul H	35283989	T-4	" "	" " " "
Danbury, Vernon P	36078208	T-5	" "	" " " "
Dwyer, James E	38073288	T-5	" "	" " " "
Mitchell, Francis W	32194140	T-5	" "	" " " "
Schladweiler, Edward	037120556	Cpl	" "	" " " "
Hutchins, James E	34138946	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Mastromatteo, Albert	33780358	Pfc	" "	" " " "
McElhinney, Wallace	36285394	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Gurley, J T	34831123	Pvt	" "	" " " "
Boyle, J B	34892875	Pvt	" "	" " " "
Sapien, Catarina	39688360	Pvt	" "	" " " "
Wilson, Cynolair B	34874605	Pvt	" "	" " " "
Greene, Scott E	01300024	1st Lt	" "	" " " "
McDonald, Clarence M	01011380	1st Lt	" "	" " " "
Nichel, Roy P	38300953	Pvt	" "	" " " "

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO 253, U S Army**

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**TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (thru channels)  
Washington, D. C.**

*Done Dec 44, Jan, Feb 45*

**(a) Original Unit: No change.**

**(b) Changes in Organization:**

**(1) Regtl Hq, Hq Co and Ser Co, 36th AIR were a part of Combat Command "R" throughout the period.**

**(2) The 1st Bn, 36th AIR was attached to Combat Command "A" as a part of Task Force X, throughout the period.**

**(3) The 2nd Bn, 36th AIR was attached to Combat Command "B" as a part of Task Force Welborne throughout the period.**

**(4) The 3rd Bn, 36th AIR was attached to Combat Command "R" throughout the period.**

**(c) Strength:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrent Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 February 1945	102	4	2423
28 February 1945	<u>116</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2480</u>
Net Increase	14	0	57

**Net Increase  
or Decrease**

**(d) Stations: No Change.**

**(e) Marches: Marches same as Battle Narrative shown in paragraph (g) this report.**

**(f) Campaigns: None designated since last report.**

**(g) Battles:**

**1 February 1945: 3 February 1945: Through the period extending from 1 February - 3 February 1945, Combat Command "R" was assembled in the vicinity of Somme Leuze, Belgium and was composed of the following:**

- 36th Armd Inf Regt - 1st and 2nd Bns
- 3rd Bn, 33rd Armd Regt
- 1st Bn, 32nd Armd Regt
- Co C, 23rd Armd Engr Bn
- Co C, 703rd TD Bn
- Co C, 45th Armd Med Bn

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All units were out of contact with the enemy and were conducting rest, rehabilitation, maintenance and training. The training consisted of range firing of all weapons, Tank-Infantry Cooperation Problems and indoctrination of new reinforcements.

The 1st Bn was attached to Combat Command A as a part of Task Force X and was assembled in the vicinity of Oppagne, Belgium. The 2nd Bn was assembled in Mean, Belgium, as an attachment to Combat Command B. Both Battalions were out of contact with the enemy and were conducting rest, rehabilitation, maintenance and training.

4 February 1945 - 6 February 1945: PO No 24, 4 February 1945, Headquarters, Third Arm Division was received which directed that a move be made from the present assembly area to the vicinity of Stolberg, Germany. This order also changed the composition of the Combat Command in that the 3rd Battalion, 32nd Arm Regt replaced the 1st Bn, 32nd Arm Regt as a part of Combat Command R and the 54th PA Bn was attached. Billeting parties left for the new assembly area at Breinig, Germany early on the morning of the 5th of February 1945. Rest, Rehabilitation and maintenance was continued.

No change was reported in the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 36th Arm Inf Regt.

7 February 1945: At 1130 hours movement of the Combat Command commenced to the new assembly area at Breinig, Germany via Terwagne, Ougrée, Liege, Herve, Aachen, Brand, Busbach, Breinig. The movement continued without incident until the 54th PA Bn entered the Busbach-Breinig road. Here a number of vehicles became mired down due to the bad condition of the road. The remainder of the column was rerouted through Dorff to Breinig. At 2200 hours the last unit in the Combat Command (Co G, 45th Arm Med Bn) reported that they had closed in their assembly area.

The 1st Bn was still attached to Combat Command A and was assembled in Mausbach, Germany. The 2nd Bn was assembled in Stolberg, Germany as a part of Combat Command B.

8 February 1945 - 20 February 1945: Throughout the period extending from 8 February through 20 February 1945, the Combat Command remained in the assembly area at Breinig, Germany and continued rest, rehabilitation, maintenance and training. Plans for an operation that would carry the Combat Command across the Roer River through to Paffendorf and Glesch, Germany, were being studied by the members of the Staff and the Battalion Commanders.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions remained in Mausbach and Stolberg, Germany, respectively.

21 February 1945: At 1500 hours on the 21st of February, a formal review and Decoration Ceremony was held at Mausbach for the purpose of presenting the Presidential Unit Citation to Company A and Company C, 36th Arm Inf Regt. This award was given to these companies for Distinguished Service in action against the enemy in the operation that ended in the capture of Behts, Biech, Obergiesch and Neven, Germany. General Rose, the Division Commander, presented

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the decoration after which the 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt was appointed temporary Regimental Color Battalion and was presented with the Regimental Colors.

22 February 1945 - 23 February 1945: Throughout the period extending from the 22nd through the 23rd of February, the units of Combat Command R continued training. At 1115 hours on the 23rd of February the Regimental Commander held a meeting of the Staff members and the Battalion Commanders at the OP and it was announced that elements of the 16th and 8th Inf Divisions had crossed the Roer River and that the Third Armd Division would move across the River and seize the Division Objective, in the Hilsdorf area along the Erft Canal, on or about D+2. The Combat Command was placed on a 6 hour alert. The new T26E3 heavy tanks were test-fired near Gressenich by the 3rd Bn, 32nd Armd Regt and the 3rd Bn, 33rd Armd Regt, during the afternoon.

There were no changes in the 1st and 2nd Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt, over the period.

24 February 1945: Training continued during the day. Reports were received concerning the Bridge capacities over the Roer.

There were no changes in the 1st and 2nd Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt, over the period.

25 February 1945: At 0935 hours the Regimental Commander held a meeting of Staff Members and Battalion Commanders at the OP. It was announced that the division would attack at 0600 hours on 26 February 1945 from the Corps Bridgehead line. Combat Command R would use the two northern routes of the division and would follow Combat Command B. A 25 minute interval was to be allowed between the heads of our columns and the tail of Combat Command B, to allow for the passage of the 991st PA Bn and the 183rd PA Bn over the Roer Bridges.

No changes in the 1st and 2nd Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt, attachments and disposition.

26 February 1945: Movement of the Combat Command commenced at 0115 hours and by 0720 hours all units had crossed the Roer River and had coiled in the Hilsdorf area. The Command at this time was organized as follows:

- | <u>Task Force Hogan</u>                 | <u>Task Force Richardson</u>      |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 3rd Bn, 33rd Armd Regt (- 1 Plat)       | 3rd Bn, 32nd Armd Regt (- 1 Plat) |
| 3rd Bn, 36th AIR (- Co G)               | 3rd Bn, 13th Inf Regt             |
| 3rd Plt, Co C, 23rd Armd Engr Bn        | 1st Plt, Co C, 23rd Armd Engr Bn  |
| 3rd Plt, Co C, 703rd TD Bn              | 2nd Plt, Co C, 703rd TD Bn        |
| <u>TASK FORCE THOMAS</u>                |                                   |
| Co G, 36th Armd Inf Regt                |                                   |
| Co C, 703rd TD Bn (- 3 Plts)            |                                   |
| Co C, 23rd Engr Bn (- 2 Plts)           |                                   |
| 2nd Plt, Co C, 33rd Armd Regt (Lt Tks)  |                                   |
| 3rd Plt, Co I, 32nd Armd Regt (Med Tks) |                                   |

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The 3rd Bn, 13th Infantry Regiment joined Task Force Richardson in the assembly area at Birkesdorf during the morning. The Combat Command remained in the assembly area during the day and at 1930 hours, orders were issued for an attack by the Combat Command to seize our portion of the division objective in the Paffendorf-Glesch area and to seize bridgeheads over the Ert Canal. Task Force Hogan would attack on the left and Task Force Richardson on the right. Task Force Thomas would follow Task Force Hogan and act as reserve. The attack was to be made through the gap that existed between Task Force Lovelady on the left and the 83rd Ron Bn on the right.

The 1st Bn, 36th AIR crossed the IP at 252400 and made an uneventful march to assembly areas. The move was very smooth and without incident. Company C moved to attack position near bridgehead line at 0500 hours and moved to Golzheim at 0600 hours. This objective had been taken during the night by elements of the 104th Infantry Division. At 0902 hours, the 2nd Bn, 32nd Armd Inf Regt launched an attack on Blatzheim. Company E, leading the attack, encountered severe AT fire from dug in 88mm guns and had to withdraw, losing 5 tanks. Company A 36th Armd Infantry Regt had proceeded down the main road at 0902 hours and moved about 800 yards meeting resistance of heavy mortar and arty fire. Company A remained in position and at 1130 hours, Company C and Company F jumped off in another attack. Fierce enemy resistance was encountered from infantry in trenches dug World War I style. As the trenches were cleared by the two attacking companies, numerous prisoners were taken including a battalion commander and his staff. The two attacking Companies then entered the town of Blatzheim, encountering heavy resistance and taking quite a few more prisoners. A and C Companies were stopped at 1800 hours and told to consolidate. Company C was receiving direct tank fire from 3 Mark V tanks, at this time, and further advance was impossible; Company B was moved to Blatzheim and positions consolidated. All weapons of Hq Co were moved to Blatzheim and placed in supporting position. At 2000 hours, a counter-attack was launched against C and B companies' positions and consisted of about 150 infantry supported by tanks. This fight was brief and fierce and the enemy was compelled to withdraw after about 30 minutes. Positions were strengthened by placing Company B, 32nd Bn, in positions behind Company B, 36th Armd Inf Regt. Plans were made for Company B, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, to attack through Company C, at 270400 to take Bergenhausen. The enemy continued small local counter-attacks and combat patrols throughout the period.

The 2nd Bn, 36th AIR closed into their assembly area in Ellen at 0400 hours and jumped off in an attack on Etzweiler at 0600 hours. Progress was slow due to the boggy terrain but the enemy opposition was light and at 1200 hours, D and E Companies had entered Etzweiler and had started clearing the town of the remaining resistance. Co B arrived in Etzweiler at 1300 hours and aided D and F companies with their task. Co A, 33rd Armd Regt entered the town and with the aid of D Company, established road blocks on the approaches of the town. F Company lost one man killed and several wounded, in the capture of the town and about 50 prisoners were captured. At 1600 hours, E Company mounted the tanks of Co I, 33rd Armd Regt and attacked toward Elsdorf with D Company 36th Armd Inf Regt, following. Both companies reached Elsdorf without opposition but received heavy mortar fire upon

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entering the town. Company D remained in Etzweiler with Co A, 33rd Arm'd Regt and continued to secure that town. By 2400 hours, ten houses had been cleared in Elsdorf and enemy infantry and tanks had been encountered.

27 February 1945: At 0630 hours both columns of the Combat Command began movement to their attack positions. However, it was found that there was a serious conflict between our plans and that of the 83rd Ron Bn. Division was notified of the conflict and instructions were received that the 83rd Ron would continue on their mission. Task Force Richardson was ordered to coil at Mannheim and Task Force Hogan at 198572, and await further instructions. After a meeting of the Commanders concerned, at the Division CP, it was decided that Task Force Hogan would coil behind Combat Command B, in the Elsdorf area and prepare to pass through their positions and attack to the North-east to seize Glesch and establish a bridgehead over the Erft Canal. Task Force Richardson was to move at once, by-pass the 83rd Ron Bn fighting in Groven, seize Brookendorf, Desdorf, Paffendorf and establish a bridgehead over the Erft Canal. Task Force Thomas was to move to and coil at 196575. At 1405 hours both columns were reported moving and at 1530 hours, Task Force Hogan coiled behind Combat Command B at 172577. Task Force Richardson had moved through Berrendorf at 1630 hours, had captured Brookendorf and was moving on Desdorf. Task Force Hogan was ordered to by-pass Combat Command B in Elsdorf at 1633 hours and to continue on its mission. The Regimental CP moved from Mannheim and opened at 198572 at 1700 hours. Task Force Hogan was reported to have started the attack at 1720 hours and at 1720 hours Task Force Richardson was on the western edge of Paffendorf. Task Force Hogan's attack made good progress and at 2129 hours, they had captured Glesch and had pushed elements of Co H and Co I, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt across the Erft Canal. The bridge at Glesch was reported to be passable for foot troops. Task Force Thomas was attached to Task Force Hogan at 2210 hours and began movement to Glesch at 2330 hours. Task Force Richardson had captured Paffendorf and had pushed elements of the 3rd Bn, 13th Infantry Regiment across the Erft Canal and 6 Bridge Trucks were sent to the bridge site to begin construction on the bridge. Task Force Richardson was given the mission of expanding the bridgehead during 28 February 1945 and to gain contact with Task Force Hogan.

In the face of enemy counter-attacks against positions of Company C of 1st Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt, Company B, 1st Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt passed through them at 0400 hours and attacked toward Bergerhausen. Small arms fire was as severe and in as large a volume as ever witnessed by any member of the Battalion. Advance was slow and after penetrating about 400 yards, the Company was under fire from three sides. 81mm mortar support enabled the Company to continue its advance and reach the first houses in Bergerhausen. House to house fighting broke out and at 1000 hours Company A was committed to clear MG nests on the right of Company B. By 1300 hours, the objective had been cleared and reorganization was started. A change in plans was received and the Battalion was to continue its attack into Kerpen in conjunction with the 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment. Company C passed through Company B at 1700 hours and

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And attacked toward Kerpen taking the intermediate objective. At 1930 hours, Companies A and B passed through Company C and established a bridgehead over a large canal. At 2100 hours a passage for tanks was started and A and B Companies pushed into Kerpen. Light resistance was encountered until the Northeast portion of town was entered. There the Companies encountered about 100 infantry, supported by 2 or 3 tanks. Fierce fighting ensued and continued throughout the period. Company C was displaced behind Company B to assist if needed.

E and F Companies of the 2nd Bn, 36th AIR continued their mopping up operations in Elsdorf and at 0600 hours, D Company was moved from Etzweiler to Elsdorf to reinforce E and F Companies. Progress was slow in E and F companies' zones due to the stiffened enemy resistance which consisted of small groups of enemy infantry, protected by buildings and supported by tanks. D Company was employed on the east side of town and made good progress. By 1800 hours all resistance had been cleared from the town and all elements of the Battalion had been moved into Elsdorf. The AT Platoon was employed on road blocks in F Company's sector. During the operation in Elsdorf, approximately 60 prisoners were taken and several <sup>germans</sup> were killed. The 2nd Bn, 36th AIR lost 3 men killed and 3 wounded.

28 February 1945: During the early hours of the morning, both forces continued to expand their bridgeheads and Task Force Richardson reported that they were receiving strong opposition from the enemy's prepared positions on the east side of the Erft. At 0240 hours, both forces reported that they had 2 companies of infantry across the Canal and by 0515 hours the 3rd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt had advanced 300 yds from the bridge site at Glesch. Construction on both bridges had been started at this time. Work on the bridges progressed slowly due to the heavy small arms and artillery fire that was falling on the bridge sites. Task Force Hogan was ordered to seize the high ground east of the Glesch bridge-site in order to remove the small arms fire falling on that bridge and the enemy observation. At 0912 hours, Task Force Hogan moved the Infantry Company that remained west of the Erft into the bridgehead east of the Erft to strengthen further that position. Task Force Richardson reported a counterattack on the right flank of the Paffendorf bridgehead at 0940 hours. This attack was preceded by four feints directed to determine the strength; then the main attack consisting of an estimated Battalion of Infantry, supported by 2 over-watching tanks, attacked the right flank of the position. This constituted a serious threat on the bridgehead since the Infantry Company that held the rightflank reported that they could not hold the attack without further support. However, at this time the last sections of roadway were in the process of being laid on the Paffendorf bridge and a Platoon of Tanks from Co H, 32nd Armd Regt was alerted to move into the bridgehead to meet the attack, immediately upon the completion of the bridge. As the last section of the bridge was laid, the tank platoon rushed across and took the attacking infantry under fire. The enemy infantry was dispersed and the counterattack was contained. At 1120 hours, Task Force Hogan moved a company of tanks, (Co G, 33rd AR) over the Paffendorf bridge into the Glesch bridgehead

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to further reinforce that area. Task Force Hogan's attack continued throughout the day and at 1730 hours had occupied the trench system extending from 203649 to 203652 then west to 198656. The Glesch bridge had not been completed due to the loss of two bridge trucks by enemy fire. Two replacement trucks were immediately dispatched to the bridge site and by the close of the period, the bridge was reported to be in the process of completion.

At 0300 hours, Kerpen was cleared by the 1st Bn, 36th AIR and defensive positions were occupied. Tanks of E and F Companies of 32nd Armd Regt were moved into positions to support against any counter-attack. These positions were held while elements of the 8th Infantry Division passed through to make a bridgehead across the Erft Canal. At 1030 hours, the Bn was relieved by elements of the 1st Bn, 121st Infantry Regt and moved back to assembly areas in the vicinity of Bergerhausen. At 1200 hours, the Bn had closed at Bergerhausen and plans were being made to move to Thorr.

The 2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt remained in Elsdorf on the defense. All companies had organized a perimeter defense.

(h) Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Col R L Howse
1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col W R Orr
2nd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col T J Moran
3rd Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Maj R E Chaney

(1) Changes in Command: None.

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(1) ORGANIZATION:

NAME	NUMBER	RANK	DATE OF CASUALTY
...	32783700	Pvt	26 Feb 1945
...	31467927	S/Sgt	27 Feb 1945
...	6132059	Sgt	27 Feb 1945
...	32691323	Pvt	27 Feb 1945
...	32655382	Pvt	27 Feb 1945
...	32545427	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	42190180	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	37740294	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	38936144	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	36842879	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	32543077	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	38845080	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	34900080	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	34870405	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	42170068	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	38907463	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	37701281	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	38901151	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	37514008	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	38901175	Pfc	26 Feb 1945
...	42143413	Sgt	27 Feb 1945
...	18983733	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	33014493	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	33464047	S/Sgt	28 Feb 1945
...	38978844	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	35720430	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	42052124	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	38342568	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	37120468	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	36723609	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	38969080	Sgt	27 Feb 1945
...	38687273	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	6578887	Sgt	27 Feb 1945
...	35612149	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	36907771	Pvt	27 Feb 1945
...	01309868	1st Lt.	27 Feb 1945
...	38865020	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	42145846	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
...	37120417	S/Sgt	27 Feb 1945
...	61327812	2nd Lt.	27 Feb 1945
...	36931013	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	37560430	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	32142899	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	42177190	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	6905642	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	38673285	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	34990971	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
...	34593087	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	32746178	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	34838351	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	15076882	Sgt	28 Feb 1945
...	38688953	S/Sgt	28 Feb 1945
...	14084217	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
...	37242848	Pfc	28 Feb 1945

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(1) LOSSES IN ACTION: (Continued)

NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF DISTINCTION		
Clement, Merrill E.	31422245	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Boese, George B.	37622261	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Creal, James B.	30222476	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Fender, George H.	14000003	Pfc	27	Feb	1945
King, Edgar H.	35221426	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Wilson, Glenn L.	42140037	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Kaman, Louis NMI	33171555	S/Sgt	28	Feb	1945
Pfuhl, Charlie W.	30222200	Sgt	28	Feb	1945
Lake, William G.	32057903	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Pugnire, Franklyn B.	0544720	1st Lt.	28	Feb	1945
Lamberton, Floyd H.	37487922	Pfc	14	Feb	1945
Harris, Delbert R.	37016358	Pfc	14	Feb	1945
Cardinale, Salvatore A.	32214340	Pfc	22	Feb	1945
O'Rourke, John J.	31432250	Pfc	26	Feb	1945
DeMichael, Joseph NMI	30227494	Sgt	28	Feb	1945
Wall, Edward E.	34000000	Pfc	28	Feb	1945
Henry, Francis G.	33721809	S/Sgt	28	Feb	1945
Chavez, Jose E.	38572600	Pfc	26	Feb	1945
Diaz, John T.	30132004	Pfc	26	Feb	1945
Alvarez, Joseph NMI	42017225	Pfc	26	Feb	1945
Goodman, Lester, NMI	12221083	Pfc	26	Feb	1945
Beksa, Edwin F.	36270650	Pfc	26	Feb	1945
Cope, James H.	34990307	Pfc	27	Feb	1945
McCallen, Raymond A.	32213187	S/Sgt	27	Feb	1945
Spack, Michael NMI	32232341	S/Sgt	27	Feb	1945
Master, Herman J.	33661766	Sgt	28	Feb	1945
Spring, Joseph	35122200	Sgt			

(j) Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:

NAME	ASN	GRADE	TYPE OF AWARD	AUTHORITY		
Jenker, Eugene G.	36152144	E/Sgt	Silver Star	34	AD	60 16
Huskinson, Charles G.	01299569	1st Lt	Lithruse	"	"	"
Alejandro, Harry	01998419	1st Lt	"	"	"	"
O'Connor, Leonard H.	36767413	E/Sgt	"	"	"	"
Bleier, Louis A.	36078086	S/Sgt	"	"	"	"
Plummer, Roy E.	39709182	S/Sgt	"	"	"	"
Wilson, Wallace	38523779	S/Sgt	"	"	"	"
Savina, Joseph W.	35080890	Sgt	"	"	"	"
Sourwine, Clair B.	33946379	Sgt	"	"	"	"
Cooper, Daniel H.	33899349	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Pinke, Herman F.	36398324	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Henry, Lucious C.	34837953	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Jedziniak, Alfred	31273850	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Lynn, William M.	39584279	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Oakes, Thomas E.	37579248	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Pitzer, Wesley W.	36960219	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Ricklefs, Ray H.	36982652	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Spores, Vernon M.	36960307	Pfc	"	"	"	"
Byrd, William T.	34968581	Pvt	"	"	"	"

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(j) Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action, (Cont'd):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TYPE OF AWARD</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
Marshall, Douglas W.	5384924	Pvt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 16
Neumann, Raymond R.	38688714	Pvt	" "	" " " "
McClure, Harry E.	01290970	1st Lt	" "	3d AD GO 18
Butler, Lawrence R.	37016100	Tec 5	" "	3d AD GO 18
Golander, Morris S.	01011605	Capt	B-Oak Leaf Cluster to S.S.	3d AD GO 19
McMullen, Raymond	32215187	S/Sgt	Silver Star	" " " "
Fibbert, Thomas B.	35707323	Pvt	Bronze Star	" " " "

"A" and "C" Companies, 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt were awarded the Presidential Citation Award as per GO No 24, dated 20 Feb 1945, Third Armd Division - see attached copy.

(k) Photographs: None.

(l) Inlosures:

1. Journal.
2. Copy GO No 24, 3rd AD, dated 20 Feb 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

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**EDMOND SPIEGELMAN**  
Capt, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Adjutant

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO 253, U S ARMY.**

31 March 1945

**SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.**

**TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (thru channels)  
Washington, D.C.**

**(a) Original Unit: No change**

**(b) Changes in Organizations:**

**(1) Regtl Hq., Hq Co and Ser Co., 36th AIR were a part of Combat Command "R" throughout the period.**

**(2) The 1st Bn., 36th AIR was attached to Combat Command "A" throughout the period.**

**(3) The 2nd Bn., 36th AIR was attached to Combat Command "B" throughout the period.**

**(4) The 3rd Bn., 36th AIR was attached to Combat Command "R" throughout the period.**

**(c) Strength:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Warrant Officers</b>	<b>Enlisted Men</b>
<b>1 May 1945</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2482</b>
<b>31 Mar 1945</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2344</b>
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>138</b>

**(d) Stations: No change**

**(e) Marches: Marches same as Battle Narrative shown in paragraph (g) this report.**

**(f) Campaigns: None designated since last report.**

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**(g) Battles**

1 March 1945:

**COMPOSITION OF TROOPS**

**TASK FORCE HOGAN**

3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt (- 1 Plt)  
3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt (- Co G)  
3d Plt, Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn  
3d Plt, Co C, 703d TD Bn

**TASK FORCE RICHARDSON**

3d Bn, 32d Armd Regt (- 1 Plt)  
3d Bn, 13th Inf Regt  
1st Plt, Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn  
2d Plt, Co C, 703d TD Bn

**TASK FORCE THOMAS**

Co G, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Co C, 703d TD Bn (-3 Plts)  
Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn (-2 Plts)  
2d Plt, Co C, 33d Armd Regt (Lt Tanks)  
3d Plt, Co I, 32d Armd Regt (Med Tanks)

The beginning of the period found Task Force Hogan, with Task Force Thomas attached, engaged with the enemy east of the Erit Canal beyond Glesch. The first crossing of the Erit had been made on the night of 27 February 1945, and 28 Feb had been spent in enlarging the bridgehead and building a bridge.

Task Force Hogan bridge at 200648 was completed at 010055 March and progress was continued in expanding the bridgehead. Intermittent mortar, artillery, and small arms fire fell on this bridge site and on the front line throughout the day.

At 1200 hours the east abutment of the Glesch bridge collapsed and repair work was started at 1340 hours. It was estimated that the bridge would be ready for use by 2400 hours.

TF Richardson, composition as shown above, had secured a shallow bridgehead over the Erit Canal in the vicinity of Aiffendorf on the night of 27 Feb. Expansion of the bridgehead took place on 28 Feb and was continued on 1 March. The bridge was completed on 28 Feb in time to meet a serious enemy counterattack and was in use on 1 March.

An anti-tank ditch at 221638 proved to be quite an obstacle to TF Richardson, but by 0220 it had been crossed and a strong position was held in the vicinity of 223645. Enemy opposition consisted of heavy mortar and artillery fire during the day together with small arms fire. Enemy patrols were encountered during the morning. Two enemy tanks were destroyed by air support at 0850.

The 395th Regimental Combat Team, 99th Division, attacked through TF Richardson's position at 0300 with the mission of expanding the bridgehead to the south.

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The 4th Cavalry Squadron passed through TF Hogan's positions with the mission of protecting the left flank of the bridgehead and of seizing the high ground north of Glesch.

The 83d Armd Ron Bn was attached to CC R at 1800 hours and was given the mission of securing the slag pile at 244655, of clearing enemy resistance from the woods in front of TF Richardson's positions, and of securing a line of departure for the attack of TF Richardson. The time of attack set for 83d Armd Ron Bn was 0200, 2 March 1945.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, remained attached to CC A and secured the towns of Widdendorf and Thorr.

The 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a component of CC B, moved from Elsdorf and assembled in Glesch.

2 March 1945: Time of attack of the 83d Armd Ron Bn was changed to 0300 and at that time they began the attack to secure a line of departure for the attack of TF Richardson which was to be launched at 0700. The 83d Armd Ron Bn advanced steadily in two columns and by 0500 the right column had reached a line running from 244645 to 247644 and at 0536 the left column had reached a line extending from 239652 to 242650.

At 0700 TF Richardson passed through the 83d Armd Ron Bn and the 83d reverted to Division control.

TF R advanced in two columns. Enemy resistance was very stubborn and at this time consisted of artillery, mortar, tank, anti-tank and small arms fire. This type of resistance was met throughout the morning, but by excellent performance in the use of our superior fire power and maneuver, two companies of infantry and five medium tanks had succeeded in entering Niederaussen by 1100. The enemy continued to resist in the town, but by 1600 the main part of the town was cleared and at 1740 CO TF R reported that he was in position to button up for the night. Only the extreme north-eastern edge of the town remained in enemy hands.

Task Force Hogan attacked on the left of Task Force Richardson at 0700 from a line of departure in the vicinity of 203652. Likewise, their opposition was heavy and consisted initially of heavy small arms and mortar fire. The advance of the armor was delayed by an AT ditch at 206657. Ron and work produced a crossing and the tanks moved in behind the infantry. On attempting to push the attack to Wiedenfeld, the tanks and infantry met anti-tank fire from that vicinity. By noon TF H was stopped by the resistance and it was 1400 before the town was entered.

The town was cleared of the enemy, a mine field was removed, and at 1600 orders were issued to TF H to continue the attack from

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Wiedenfeld to Auenheim. Enemy fire was heavy from the left flank and for that reason TF Hogan's attack was diverted to the south-east. The order directed that the CC reserve would secure Wiedenfeld, but was later changed, as CG, 3d AD, ordered CC B to send a force there for that purpose.

By 2000, Auenheim was secured and TF H buttoned up there for the night. At the close of the period, elements TF H left at Wiedenfeld were being relieved by TF Welborn of CC B.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Doan of CC A, crossed the Brit Canal at Bergheim and attacked Oberhausen. The attack continued throughout the day against moderate resistance and by the close of the period the town was secured. The 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Welborn of CC B, followed TF Hogan and relieved elements of TF Hogan in Wiedenfeld.

3 March 1945: At 0700 TF Hogan attacked from Auenheim in the direction of Rheidt. The 3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, reached Monchhof at 0720 and by 0900 had cleared and secured the town. Infantry had worked forward under cover of darkness and the town was entered and taken without difficulty.

After moving forward from Monchhof, the task force came under enemy tank fire. The enemy tank was destroyed and the advance continued. Other enemy tanks were encountered during the morning. At 1400 TF Hogan reported a battalion of the 99th Div on the left had been contacted. The action of this battalion was coordinated with the action of TF H, through the CG, as Rheidt was also that battalion's objective. By 1545 Rheidt had been taken and TF Hogan was preparing to continue on mission.

Tank fire was again directed against TF Hogan as it left Rheidt. The fire came from left flank and it was necessary to use an alternate route to get by it even though fighter bombers were used. By 2035 TF Hogan had reached Stommeln and at the close of the period was engaged in clearing the NW section of the town.

TF Richardson moved out in the attack on Ingendorf at 0700 and was met immediately by AT fire from vicinity of 261671.

The enemy continued to resist the advance of TF Richardson's by AT and small arms fire from 268662 and 298683, but Ingendorf was captured and the advance on Stommeln was begun at 1000. Heavy AT fire forced tanks to withdraw to edge of Ingendorf. The platoon of medium tanks from CC Reserve reverted to Battalion control at 1200.

Before it was possible to take Stommeln, it was necessary to stage a coordinated attack in conjunction with TF Lovelady of CC B. It was a well defended town with a minefield which had to be breached, a road block which had to be removed, and AT and small arms fire which had to be reduced.

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With TF Lovelady attacking on the right, TF Richardson in the center, and TF Hogan coming in on the left, the enemy resistance could no longer hold and at 1700 TF R was able to get beyond the RR. From that time on, the resistance was not strong, and by the close of the period the southwestern part of the town was secured.

1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Doan of CC A, captured Fliesteden, after which they launched an attack on Geyen coordinated with an attack by TF Kane on Pulheim. After the capture of Geyen, the battalion attacked Sinthern, which was taken by 1915 and secured by 2005.

2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Welborn of CC B, moved from Wiedenfeld to an attack position in the vicinity of Buisdorf at 1670. The battalion was ordered to attack Sinnersdorf. The attack was launched and after overcoming moderate resistance, the place was secured by 2015.

In referring to the action of the combat command and of the other units of the Division, the Division commander asked that it be made known to the troops that the day's operation was as near perfect as anything he had ever seen.

4 March 1945: Both task forces continued to secure positions in Stommeln and took over positions held previously by TF Lovelady in the eastern part of the town. Road blocks were established and patrols were in operation by nightfall for the security of the Combat Command area.

Co H (- 1 plt), 32d Armd Regt, from Task Force Richardson, was attached to 83d Hon Bn at 0645. The remaining platoon was attached to 4th Cavalry Squadron of 4th Cavalry Group.

1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was relieved in Geyen and Sinthern and moved to Pulheim.

2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, continued to secure Sinnersdorf.

The following message was received from the Commanding General, Third Armored Division:

"Advise all of the following: My personal congratulations for a nearly perfect operation. 'Congratulations on spearheading 7th Corps, the leading 1st Army troops, to the Rhine. COLLINS 7th Corps.' Acknowledge-ROSE."

5 March 1945: The Combat Command continued to secure the Stommeln area. At 2100 TF Hogan was attached to CC B and began movement to an assembly area at 4264 at 2200.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Doan of CC A, attacked Cologne and at 0710 the leading elements had entered the

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outskirts of the city against moderate resistance. The advance into the city continued throughout the day. House to house fighting and mopping up was the type of fighting carried on.

2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Welborn, CC B, attacked at 0400 and secured the towns Volkhoven, Esch, Lindweiler, Longerich, Pesch, Willmuth, Heimersdorf and Bergheimerhoft, all suburbs of Cologne.

6 March 1945: The Combat Command remained in an assembly position in Stommeln throughout the day and was out of contact with the enemy. Patrols provided security for the area. Co H, 32d Armd Regt, returned from the 83d Hon Bn and 104th Cavalry.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Doan, continued house to house fighting in Cologne and by 1845 had reached the famous Dom Cathedral on the west bank of the Rhine River. The 1st Bn was the "Spearhead" of the "Spearhead" Division in the attack on Cologne.

The 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Welborn, CC B, attacked at 0400 and by 0710 had seized the Ford Motor plant in Cologne, after which it became reserve of CC B.

The 3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as a part of TF Hogan, attached to CC B, attacked and seized Niehl, a suburb of Cologne, by 1245. The attack was continued against moderate resistance toward the Rhine River. Enemy resistance indicated that he did not intend to put up a strong defense in the city.

7 March 1945: Task Force Richardson of the Combat Command remained in Stommeln in an assembly area. Task Force Lovelady (2d Bn, 33d Armd Regt, 2d Bn, 13th Inf Regt, 1st Co B, 703d TD Bn, 1st Co B, 23d Armd Engr Bn) was detached from CC B at 1200 and was attached to CC R. The Task Force moved to assembly areas at Pulheim and Sinnersdorf during the afternoon.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, continued to secure positions along the Rhine River in Cologne.

The 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, remained in assembly position as a part of TF Welborn, the reserve of CC B.

3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, a component of Task Force Hogan, attached to CC B, continued to clear the assigned zone of the enemy and by 1800 the battalion had reached the Rhine in Cologne.

8 March 1945: At 1350 the Combat Command was placed on a two hour alert and orders were issued to make a route reconnaissance to the vicinity of Bruhl, Germany, where it was contemplated that the Combat Command might be moved for employment.

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The Combat Command was attached to the 1st Inf Div effective at 1435 and began movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of Liblar, Germany. The last elements of the CC closed in the area at 2330. The composition for the Combat Command was now as follows:

TASK FORCE RICHMOND

3d Bn, 32d Armd Regt  
3d Bn, 13th Inf Regt  
1st Lt, Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn  
2d Lt, Co C, 703d TB Bn

TASK FORCE LOVELADY

2d Bn, 33d Armd Regt  
3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
1st Lt, Co B, 703d TB Bn  
1st Lt, Co B, 23d Armd Engr Bn

CC CONTROL

Co C, 703d TB Bn (-3 plts)  
Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn (-2 plts)  
Det, Co B, Maint Bn

The 3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, had been relieved from TF Hogan in time to join TF Lovelady at Sulheim. The 2d Bn, 13th Inf Regt, was relieved from attachment prior to departure and reverted to regimental control, 13th Inf Regt.

The Stommeln area previously occupied by the Combat Command, was taken over by CC B.

On arriving at Liblar, the Combat Command became the reserve of the 1st Inf Div and was to be used to exploit a bridgehead in the event that the bridge over the Rhine River at Bonn was captured. The Combat Command was put on a two hour alert by the 1st Inf Div.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, attached to CC A, and 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, attached to CC B, remained in position in Cologne, securing the west bank of the Rhine River.

9 March 1945: At 0720 a report from Hq 1st Inf Div was received to the effect that the bridge at Bonn had two spans destroyed. In view of this information, the Combat Command was taken off the alert and a period of rehabilitation, training and maintenance began.

There was no change in the attachment and dispositions of the 1st and 2d Bns of the 36th Armd Inf Regt. They remained in the Cologne area, attached to CC A and CC B respectively.

10 March-18 March 1945: The Combat Command remained in the Liblar area. Rehabilitation, maintenance, and training were conducted throughout the period 10 March to 18 March 1945. The CC was relieved from attachment to 1st Inf Div 171000 March 1945 and reverted to control of Third Armored Division.

On 18 March 1945, CC A and CC B were relieved in Cologne by elements of the 104th Inf Div. The 1st Bn and 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, remained attached to CC A and CC B respectively and moved to the vicinity of Bruhl and Bachem, Germany.

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19 March 1945: Rest, rehabilitation, maintenance, and training were continued by the Combat Command. At 0800 3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt, rejoined the Combat Command, replacing 2d Bn, 33d Armd Regt, which was relieved and reverted to CC B control. The 3d Bn, 13th Inf Regt, was detached from Combat Command at 1500 and reverted to 13th Infantry regimental control. There was no change in status or dispositions of the 1st and 2d Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt.

20 March 1945: At 0730 Combat Command was again attached to 1st Inf Div.

The composition of the Combat Command was as follows:

TASK FORCE RICHARDSON

3d Bn, 32d Armd Regt  
3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt (- Co I)  
1st Plt, Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn  
2d Plt, Co C, 703d TD Bn

CC CONTROL

54th Armd Pz Bn  
Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn (-2 plts)  
Co C, 703d TD Bn (-2 plts)  
Det, Co B, 54th Armd Pz Bn

§ Plt which had previously been with 63d Recon Bn reverted to Company control 0845.

TASK FORCE BROWN+

3d Bn, 33d Armd Regt  
Co I, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
3d Plt, Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn  
3d Plt, Co C, 703d TD Bn

+ Lt Col Hogan on leave to England

At 1100 orders were issued to move at 1245 to cross the Rhine river over the VII Corps pontoon bridge north of Remagen to an assembly area in the vicinity of Honnef, Germany.

Movement started at 1245 and at 1507 hours the first tank arrived on the east bank of the Rhine river. Orders were issued en route for TF Richardson to continue the march and assemble near Ittenbach, Germany. All units closed in their respective assembly areas by 2045. Co I, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was relieved from TF Brown at 2250 and was attached to TF Richardson. TF Richardson relieved elements of the 16th Inf north of Ittenbach during the night of 20-21 March in preparation for an attack at 21000 March 1945.

21 March 1945: The attack of the 16th Inf on the left of TF Richardson began at 0300 and by 0400 had reached 669360.

The mission of the Combat Command was to destroy the enemy in its zone as far north as the Sieg river, the final objectives being Kaiserslautern and Honnef. The zone was narrow and as a result the order for the attack designated an attack in column of task forces with TF Richardson leading and TF Brown in reserve.

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Since the zone of the Combat Command crossed the boundary of the 1st Inf Div and the 78th Inf Div, the unusual situation of changing from control of one division to that of another in the midst of the attack gave rise to several problems, chiefly artillery fire, which had to be solved.

Task Force Richardson attacked in two columns at 0600 and progress was good. By 0700 the right column had secured Bookeroth and by 0810 the left column was in the southern part of Hauschendorf.

The right column was held up by direct fire from the vicinity of Rott and the ridge running northwest which overlooked the route of advance.

The 1st Inf Div, in whose zone the resistance was located, was requested to assist in reducing it. Air was used, but it was only after a more covered route of advance was located that the advance could proceed, and it was 1330 before Dambroich was entered.

The left column attacked and secured Birlinghoven, and continued the advance to Nieder Pleis by 1900, where the route was blocked by a blown bridge at 634416. Plans were made to build a bridge, but one company of infantry from TF K was ordered to cross and take Buisdorf.

By 2335 the infantry force from TF R was in Buisdorf and were receiving intermittent artillery and mortar fire. House to house type of fighting made progress slow.

TF Brown advanced behind TF Richardson by bounds and was ordered to attack at 220630 March 45 and capture Hennef. Major Brown was instructed to move his force northeast from Dambroich and begin the attack at 0600.

The 78th Div had cooperated to the utmost with the Combat Command, and due to a shortage of infantry of the CC, the 78th had sent a battalion to take the high ground and wooded area in the vicinity 6540. This assisted materially in the plan for TF Brown and after 2100 when a route across the creek had been found, the Task Force moved up. At the close of the period patrols were out attempting to locate routes and enemy resistance.

There was no change in status of 1st and 2d Bns of the 36th Arm'd Inf Regt.

22 March 1945: TF Richardson continued operations in Buisdorf and by 0500 that place was reported secured. Co G, 36th Armored Inf Regt, proceeded to the east and took the town of Stosdorf.

Time of attack for TF Brown was changed to 0400. The tanks met considerable difficulty from terrain and the enemy offered moderate opposition. The leading elements entered Hennef at 1000,

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but fighting continued until late afternoon when the town was reported secure.

Task Force Brown was relieved by 2d Bn, 309th Inf Regt, at 2100 and the Task Force began movement to assembly area at Clinghoven.

Task Force Richardson was relieved in Buisdorf and Stosdorf at 2230 by elements of 309th Inf Regt and began movement to an assembly area in Stieldorf.

The 3d Bn, 414th Inf Regt, was attached to CC R and moved to the vicinity of Hovel. Orders were received to move the Combat Command on the morning of 23 March 1945 to the vicinity of Hovel and rejoin 3d Armd Div. The Combat Command was relieved from 78th Inf Div effective 2200.

There was no change in status or dispositions of 1st and 2d Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt.

23 March 1945: At 0925 movement to the assembly area in the vicinity of Hovel commenced and by 1058 all units had closed.

1st and 2d Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt, as components of CC A and CC B respectively, moved across the Rhine during the day and assembled in the division area 7030.

24 March 1945: All units of the Combat Command remained in the assembly area at Hovel. CC and staff studied plans for an extensive operation which would carry the CC to Altenkirchen.

There was no change in 1st and 2d Bns, 36th Armd Inf Regt.

25 March 1945: At 0400 the 3d Armored Division attacked with CC A and CC B abreast with CC R following on the two center routes. Altenkirchen was the initial objective, but orders were issued that the advance would not be halted out of contact with the enemy.

Task Force Richardson used the right center route in the division zone and maintained close contact with TF Kane of CC A. TF Hogan used the left center route and maintained close contact with CC B. Composition of task forces was the same as before, except that entire 3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was attached to TF Hogan. (Lt Col Hogan had returned from leave and assumed command of the task force.) Movement began from the assembly area at Hovel at 1450 and by 2030 all units had closed in an assembly area near Krautsheid, Germany.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, attacked at 0400 as a part of TF Doan and advanced on Route 4, the southern route. The TF ran into a minefield at 753293 and 20 mm and 81 mm fire slowed the advance.

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After overcoming the resistance, the advance was rapid until enemy resistance, consisting of nine 20 mm flak guns and two tanks was met at Schoneberg (806287). Artillery fire knocked out the first positions and one tank and the advance toward Flammersfeld (80617) was resumed. Between Schoneberg and Flammersfeld two road blocks and heavy small arms fire were encountered and the close of the period found the force short of Flammersfeld.

The 2d Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt, attached to TF Welborn, CC B, attacked through the 1st Infantry and advanced to and secured the town of Orweiss by the end of the period. The line of attack was along a main road on a ridge line, always under observation of the enemy from the front and flank. A strong enemy position was met initially, but it was overcome by use of artillery. After that, chief difficulty was from terrain.

26 March 1945: Contact was maintained with CC A and CC B throughout the morning. At 1430 orders were received to employ TF Richardson in the zone between the novelty of CC A and TF Kane of CC B for the purpose of aiding the advance of CC B and to clear the enemy from the area between the columns. TF Richardson moved from his assembly area at 1500, but progress was slow due to the condition of the roads and traffic congestion. However, Altenkirchen was reached by 1700 without opposition and mopping-up operations against remaining enemy there were taking place. At 1805 orders were received to continue the advance to the east on routes 1 and 2 of the Division, taking over the mission of CC B. TF Kane was moved forward and advanced on route 1. TF Richardson continued to advance on route 2. At the close of the period both columns were proceeding slowly, due to the visibility and the terrain.

1st Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt At 0630 TF's with 1st Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt, knocked out a Mark V tank at Flammersfeld and the attack moved on to Ober Lambach (8428). When elements left Ober Lambach, they were met by heavy T and artillery fire. After overcoming this resistance with artillery, the advance continued to Bachenburg (8629) without difficulty. During the night heavy mortar fire fell on the north edge of the town.

2d Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt By 0200 the road which had caused the delay of the battalion on the day before was repaired and the advance continued to the high ground east of Wetterzen. The high ground was secured by 0345 and the attack for Hasselbruch was continued at 0730. Tank and T fire blocked advance, inflicted losses, and the force was ordered back to reorganize. A dismounted attack scheduled for 1300 was also delayed by observed artillery fire, and it was not until 1430 that the attack was launched. This time it was successful and the town was secured by 1545. A road block held up the advance on Oberoth, but was overcome and the town secured by 2400. Enemy resistance consisted of small arms fire and harassing artillery fire.

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27 March 1945: Task Force Hogan continued to advance throughout the night and morning. At Weitzfeld (1336) some resistance was met, but it was quickly overcome and the advance continued.

Task Force Richardson maintained a rapid advance throughout the day. Enemy resistance was light, but there was difficulty from terrain.

By the close of the period, TF Richardson was continuing the advance on Dillenburg and TF Hogan was halted for refueling northeast of 101.

The 1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, continued a rapid advance with TF Hogan and by the close of the period had captured and secured Bersorn and had secured a crossing over the Dill River. Contact was made with 7th Armd Div on right flank. The 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, with TF Weiborn, moved in reserve on Route 2 and closed at 101 at 2200.

28 March 1945: TF Hogan, after refueling, continued a rapid advance and by 0730 had entered Dillenburg with little opposition and had secured the town by 0930. TF Richardson advanced rapidly with light resistance and by 1015 was on the objective in the area south of Dillenburg at Niederscheld. Both Task Forces secured the objective throughout the day and plans were made for a long thrust northward with Aderborn as the objective.

1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, conducted maintenance of equipment pending receipt of new orders as CC B passed through CC A.

29 March 1945: Both columns moved from Dillenburg at 0600 with TF Hogan on Route 1, the left route.

TF Richardson's advance was very rapid and in one instance advanced 50 miles in 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Hogan's advance proceeded rapidly at first but was held up by heavy resistance during the late morning. By 1200 TF Hogan was out of communication.

TF Richardson reached Brilon at 1800 and cleared and secured the town. A relay station was sent back over the route to contact TF Hogan. The force coiled in the vicinity of Thulen for the night. The advance of 27 miles from Dillenburg to Thulen was made in 16 hours.

The 2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, followed 83d Recon Bn and at the end of the period was at Ober Marsburg, less than 30 kilometers from the final objective.

1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, was in CC A and followed TF Lovely on Route 3.

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30 March 1945: TF Richardson jumped off at 0700 on Route 2 and advanced initially with no opposition. Later small pockets of resistance were met and quickly overcome.

Upon reaching 683392, heavy resistance from enemy panzerfausts and tanks was encountered. Close air support from dive-bombers was given and aided the advance of the column to (682415) Nordborchen, where at the close of the period the force was engaged in clearing the town of very stubborn SS troops.

TF Hogan continued the advance throughout the night and at 0345 was ordered to move by a lateral route to Route 2 and to follow Route 2 to Brilon where it would resume the advance on Route 1, the left route. The column advanced rapidly to Wewer (668436) where the column was stopped by panzerfaust and small arms fire.

In the case of both TF Richardson and TF Hogan the resistance proved to be the strongest that had been met on the drive. The defenders were troops from an army school center north of Laderborn, who were first class troops and who knew how to defend with what they had. The panzerfaust was used effectively as an anti-personnel weapon.

2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, attached to CC B, passed through 83d Recn Bn at 1200. Stiff resistance was encountered in the vicinity of Etteln (710373) and Hamborn (718410). In the vicinity of Hamborn the enemy attacked the center of the column and by careful choice of terrain and lack of armor in the column, he was able to destroy a large number of half-track vehicles. The battalion was disorganized to a certain extent and CC A sent a force to clean out the enemy.

1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, fought SS troops south of Etteln and in the Boddeken Forest.

Small arms fights continued throughout the night.

31 March 1945: TF Hogan spent the entire day in clearing stubborn resistance from Wewer. At 1953 the town was reported cleared and secured. Resistance of the same type as the day before made it an extremely difficult task to rid the town of the enemy.

TF Richardson also fought a stubborn enemy all day. At 2330 TF R reported Nordborchen secured and a force moved north as far as the road at 690425.

TF Hogan sent a small force to Salskotten to seize that place. By 2230 the force had reached the RJ at 630409 and received panzerfaust and small arms fire. It was delayed in moving further by a burning enemy vehicle.



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The high ground northwest of Newer was secured and the task force buttoned up.

1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, spent the day in clearing the Boddeken Forest.

2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt, of TF Welborn, CC B, attacked to seize the high ground three kilometers south of Paderborn. The ground was secured without opposition, but the enemy counter-attacked with five tanks at 1830 and drove them back to the vicinity of Hamborn. The battalion assault guns accounted for three of the five enemy tanks and after the force was reorganized the high ground was retaken and secured.

The account of the drive made by the Third Armored Division, as reported in this document, does not tell the complete story of the enormous amount of enemy equipment overrun, the vast supplies taken, the staggering number of prisoners captured, the communication lines disrupted, the road nets out, or the great morale effect it had on the German civilian and military population. This account is more a factual record of how it was done.

(h) Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Col R L Howze
1st Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col W R Orr
2d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col T J Moran
3d Bn, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Maj R E Chaney

(1) Changes in Command: None.

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(1) LOSSES IN ACTION:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Outshall, Howard L.	33760782	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
Krohmar, Michael W.	33075211	Pfc	1 Mar 1945
Gaspara, John P.	42122330	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Lambright, Beauregard	34767972	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Ruminer, Vaughn D.	38731209	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Taruska, Joseph (NMI)	11065208	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Sinks, Samuel T.	34180310	T/3	1 Mar 1945
Brown, Horward (NMI)	34058932	S/Sgt	1 Mar 1945
Marino, Alfred G.	42106034	Pfc	1 Mar 1945
Pucella, Charles W.	31448820	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Vacchiano, Frank S.	42190141	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Hill, William A.	37631049	Pfc	1 Mar 1945
Musselman, Clyde E.	42140307	Pfc	1 Mar 1945
Perrone, William J.	31466002	Pvt	1 Mar 1945
Grove, Glenn V.	39204536	Pfc	2 Mar 1945
Stout, George E.	37120045	S/Sgt	2 Mar 1945
Wadsworth, Leamon B.	33079530	Pvt	2 Mar 1945
Creker, John J. Sr.	34939333	Pvt	2 Mar 1945
Shepherd, Ralph T. Jr.	39138961	Pfc	2 Mar 1945
Tenpeany, Charles L.	34884410	Pfc	2 Mar 1945
Humphries, Allen T.W.	34879851	Pfc	2 Mar 1945
Connell, Alton L.	32945399	S/Sgt	2 Mar 1945
Bundrick, Herman M.	01011138	Capt	2 Mar 1945
Vander Linden William P.	0485920	2d Lt	2 Mar 1945
Pekki, Aaron E.	31433743	Pvt	3 Mar 1945
Sullivan, Clayton T.	34849023	Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Lamos, Richard R.	31469014	Pvt	3 Mar 1945
Adamezyk, Felix J.	36349254	S/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Becerra, Frank (NMI)	36779923	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Colbert, Raleigh F.	01998479	1st Lt.	3 Mar 1945
Finnegan, Thomas J.	13080316	S/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Hull, Bill H.	39476539	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Hicks, Robert B.	39049226	T/3	3 Mar 1945
Nordlund, Maurice V.	37032923	T/3	3 Mar 1945
Babel, Alphonse (NMI)	31422333	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Dodson, Dave J.	34984077	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Shick, James J.	33441346	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Zwick, Lawrence A.	20128073	T/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Strelan, Norman A.	37596737	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Bureh, Thomas C.	35140095	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Johnson, Ernest L. J.	34168056	S/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Reneau, Willie G.	34983221	Pfc	1 Mar 1945
Gunn, Wesley W.	36768146	Sgt	1 Mar 1945
Pattie, James D.	36036482	T/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Freeman, Vernon W.	34173762	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Przeslawski, John S.	36411261	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Mazurek, Charles M.	36980136	Pfc	4 Mar 1945
Tomkinson, Robert L.	0375590	1st Lt	4 Mar 1945
Guess, Richard M.	33923391	Pfc	4 Mar 1945
Lanningham, William (NMI)	38055322	Pfc	4 Mar 1945

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(1) LOSSES IN ACTION: (Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Williams, Thomas W. Jr.	32958037	S/Sgt	4 Mar 1945
Keck, Charles B.	36042860	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Anderson, Virgil A.	36845029	Pvt	4 Mar 1945
Huisman, Albert P.	36260374	T/S	4 Mar 1945
Carr, John H.	14012451	S/Sgt	4 Mar 1945
Kirby, Douglas H.	33659306	S/Sgt	28 Feb 1945
Holloway, J. A. (IO)	14019616	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
Green, Gilbert E.	36043565	Sgt	4 Mar 1945
Shreiner, Galen M. Jr.	33512930	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Schlothauer, David J.	38104643	S/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Lindsay, Alexander H.	36892880	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Ruggiero, Emilio (NMI)	11066492	S/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Kleinhelter, Vernon J.	35691299	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Ginn, James P.	34093105	Pvt	3 Mar 1945
Malski, Edward J.	36036156	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Miller, Jesse R.	38688847	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Sutherland, James (NMI)	42177165	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Anderson, Robert H.	0374352	1st Lt	3 Mar 1945
Beightol, John P.	33712470	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Dailey, Paul M.	33889437	T/S	3 Mar 1945
Brown, Arthur A.	34848313	Pfc	2 Mar 1945
Meyer, George F.	36953931	Pvt	2 Mar 1945
Brown, Fred H.	36581489	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Tomik, John J.	42121351	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Nowicki, Peter (NMI)	36983529	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Stephens, Harold (NMI)	36078193	Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Brooks, Roy E.	33731074	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Stoltman, Harold A.	36691723	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Chaves, David (NMI)	38673833	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
Gibson, Arthur S.	33736470	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
Streicher, John E.	36889177	Pfc	28 Feb 1945
Ramsey, Joseph M.	6254169	Pvt	28 Feb 1945
Grams, Paul A.	37568043	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Springstube, William H.	31039872	Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Manfredi, Edward C.	32802896	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Schmidt, Robert A.	37114049	T/Sgt	3 Mar 1945
Metcalf, John W.	01290976	Capt	3 Mar 1945
Misunstad, Herman B.	34306589	T/S	6 Mar 1945
Esquivel, Guadalupe (NMI)	38679210	Pvt	6 Mar 1945
Horowitz, Julius (NMI)	32811792	Pvt	3 Mar 1945
Dicken, Fred B.	35492883	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Encinias, Jose R.	38580023	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Sharp, Donald M.	33433904	T/S	6 Mar 1945
Morris, Samuel B.	33980981	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Olsen, Harold D.	36988999	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Lack, George M.	33639238	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Swift, Robert S.	32922302	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Kevin, Charles S.	33148917	S/Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Heiderer, Richard J.	33871534	S/Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Hee, Arthur E.	36789989	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Ledoux, Mayance (NMI)	38632099	Pfc	6 Mar 1945

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
Sullivan, John T. Jr.	34871604	Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Thompson, Harry O.	36893797	Pvt	6 Mar 1945
Atkinson, Stanley T.	36471638	Pvt	6 Mar 1945
Schaefer, Millard J.	36990027	Pfc	(6 Mar 1945
Nichols, Thomas A.	36834852	Pfc	3 Mar 1945
Young, Carl H.	36078460	T/Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Wilson, Neill R.	34854021	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Hornig, Everett P.	42185724	Pvt	6 Mar 1945
Jaffee, Irving (NMI)	36119686	S/Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Eleier, Louis A.	36078086	S/Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Fridenstine, Robert L.	35316451	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Jolly, Algie L.	38447070	Pvt	6 Mar 1945
Farmer, Justin (NMI)	16061747	S/Sgt	6 Mar 1945
Hanson, Orval G.	37596933	Pfc	6 Mar 1945
Odom, Prentiss (NMI)	34849393	Pvt	4 Mar 1945
Williams, Max B.	35293280	Pfc	7 Mar 1945
Brink, Robert G.	35086685	Pfc	7 Mar 1945
Henry, Lucious G.	34837953	Pfc	8 Mar 1945
Sullivan, Luther L.	38667436	Pvt	8 Mar 1945
Baughn, Richard G.	38570747	Pvt	7 Mar 1945
Morriss, Robert L.	37625530	Pfc	7 Mar 1945
Davis, Harry E.	19042910	Pfc	4 Mar 1945
Tey, Harry B.	35714846	Pvt	7 Mar 1945
Foster, Billy J.	38699487	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
Satak, John J.	37587332	Pfc	27 Feb 1945
Llanes, Theodore P.	37703025	Pfc	11 Mar 1945
Sessa, Samuel J.	35067426	Pfc	11 Mar 1945
Bacey, Jack NMI	36960325	Pfc	5 Mar 1945
Lanceford, Robert T.	37129967	Tec 5	14 Mar 1945
Peoples, Robert H.	34931093	Pfc	15 Mar 1945
Malscansen, Ralph NMI	31433087	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Burton, Carvel NMI Jr	35900103	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Vest, Linwood I.	35857851	Sgt	21 Mar 1945
Edenfield, Anos L.	42080708	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Lovehuck, John NMI	35659938	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Rosa, Merrill NMI Jr	35893614	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Monaghan, Edward J.	32997319	Pfc	21 Mar 1945
Mills, Oland G.	35905901	Pfc	21 Mar 1945
Love, Noah B.	39424123	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Huntley, Charles G.	34938503	Pfc	23 Mar 1945
Kestyes, Adam NMI	36980202	Pfc	23 Mar 1945
Fuller, Richmond NMI	38591361	Pfc	23 Mar 1945
Brown, Arthur A.	34848313	Pfc	21 Mar 1945
Streupe, Claude A.	14123472	Pvt	21 Mar 1945
Nowak, Harry NMI	36965604	Pfc	22 Mar 1945
Brower, Emery NMI	36117663	Pfc	24 Mar 1945
Jenker, Eugene G.	36158144	T/Sgt	21 Mar 1945
Cannon, Homer L.	36313888	S/Sgt	22 Mar 1945
Rayman, Richard L.	37110546	S/Sgt	22 Mar 1945
Underwood, Floyd L.	37016320	Sgt	22 Mar 1945
Pechtar, Rubin NMI	32174546	Pfc	22 Mar 1945
Engleka, Irvin A. Jr.	39757191	Sgt	24 Mar 1945

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**(j) Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:**

NAME	ASN	GRADE	TYPE OF AWARD	AUTHORITY
Thornell, Warren F.	54333047	S/Sgt	Silver Star	54 AD 80 29
Warner, Arnold B.	57120070	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Harding, Fred W.	36118541	Pvt	" "	" " " "
Jensen, Ralph F.	36274424	S/Sgt	" " Posthumous	" " " "
Potts, Clifton J.	36118482	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Knight, Gabriel H.	38223146	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Schoenfeld, Delbert H.	37663725	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Harding, Fred W.	36118541	Pvt	Bronze Star	" " " "
Billard, William G.	0937391	1st Lt	" " Posthumous	" " " "
Ball, Vedrow W.	15090068	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Keeper, Edward R.	11032098	Pfc	" "	" " " "
McFall, Ralph L.	14043062	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Peterson, Gilbert A.	17046420	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Gast, Albert J.	37076251	S/Sgt	Bronze Star	" " " 28
Raggiaro, Emilio	11066492	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Sarrett, Jesse B.	39309071	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Sheel, Edward R.	37016347	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Ilkovic, Thomas J.	35273905	E/4	" "	" " " "
Rodgers, Joseph H. Jr	35046712	Cpl	" "	" " " "
Good, James L.	14043068	E/3	" "	" " " "
Hergan, Kenneth L.	39049141	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Holins, Alvin O.	39459099	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Ponsetti, Charles A.	31123893	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Schulman, Barnett	42132434	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Stroup, George T.	33775388	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Geek, Robert J.	0515019	1st Lt	Oak Leaf Cluster to S.S.	" " " 29
Homsay, Joseph	32214682	S/Sgt	Silver Star	" " " "
Otto, Paul F.	35046545	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Yarbery, Mill	37067386	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Stroud, Lyle L.	36864599	Pvt	" "	" " " "
O'Conner, Leonard B.	36767413	S/Sgt	Bronze Star-Oak Leaf Cluster to,	" " " "
Sproule, George A.	37254775	Pfc	Bronze Star	" " " "
Swiner, Frank J.	33674051	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Williams, Robert D.	37487284	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Bret, Willard S.	01996439	1st Lt	" "	" " " 30
Kreutzer, Leonard J.	37086854	S/Sgt	" "	" " " "
Engleka, Irvin A. Jr.	33757191	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Beldreghini, Louis G.	34881102	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Nettern, Earl J.	33688622	Pfc	" "	" " " "
Salb, Harvey S.	0462284	1st Lt	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star	" " " 31
Engleka, Irvin A.	33757191	Sgt	" "	" " " "
Nameth, Lyall J.	01293093	1st Lt	Bronze Star	" " " "
Wendland, Frederick F.	32558542	Pfc	Bronze Star Posthumous	" " " 33
McClure, Harry E.	01290970	1st Lt	Oak Leaf Cluster to S.S.	" " " 36
Maczynski, Alexander	36166979	Pfc	Bronze Star	" " " "
Pacheek, Stanley F.	32936334	Pfc	Bronze Star	" " " "
Preston, D. W.	34807352	Pvt	Bronze Star	" " " "
Owen, James T. Jr.	0398346	Major	Bronze Star	" " " 37

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(1) Photographs: none.

(1) Inclosures:

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For the Commanding Officer:

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LEONARD SPIEGELMAN,  
Capt, 36th Arm Inf Regt,  
Adjutant.

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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
**A F O 253, U S ARMY**

30 April 1945

**SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, reports After/After Action Reports.**

**TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (thru channels)**  
**Washington, D.C.**

(a) Original Unit: No change

(b) Changes in Organizations:

(1) Regimental Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Service Company, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, were a part of Combat Command "H" throughout the period.

(2) The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force "Boles" and/or Task Force "Orr" throughout the period.

(3) The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was attached to Combat Command "B", as part of Task Force "Belborn" throughout the period.

(4) The 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was attached to Combat Command "H", as part of Task Force "Richardson" throughout the period.

(c) Strength:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 April 1945	109	4	2350
30 April 1945	99	4	2416
<b>Net loss or gain:</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+ 66</b>

(d) Stations: No change.

(e) Marches: Marches same as Battle Narrative shown in paragraph (g) this Report.

(f) Campaigns: None designated since last report.

(g) Battles:

Throughout the period, except for temporary changes as shown in the narrative following, Combat Command "H" was composed of the following units:

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Regimental Hq & Hq Company, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt  
3d Battalion, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt  
Service Company, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt  
3d Battalion, 32d Armored Regiment  
3d Battalion, 33d Armored Regiment  
54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion  
Company C, 23d Armored Engineer Battalion  
Company C, 703d Tank Destroyer Battalion  
Company C, 45th Armored Medical Battalion

Except where otherwise indicated in the narrative following, Combat Command "R" was divided into Task Forces, during the month, as follows:

TASK FORCE HOGAN

3d Bn, 33d Arm'd Regt  
3d Bn, 414th Inf Regt (1 - 11 Apr)  
3d Bn, 47th Inf Regt (12-25 Apr)  
3d Plt Co C, 23d Arm'd Engr Bn  
3d Plt Co C, 703d TD Bn

TASK FORCE RICHARDSON

3d Bn, 32d Arm'd Regt  
3d Bn, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt  
1st Plt Co C, 23d Arm'd Engr Bn  
2d Plt Co C, 703d TD Bn

COMBAT COMMAND DIRECT CONTROL

Regimental Hq & Hq Company, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt  
Service Company, 36th Arm'd Inf Regt  
Company C, 23d Arm'd Engr Bn (less 2 plts)  
Company C, 703d Tank Destroyer Bn (less 2 plts)  
Company C, 45th Arm'd Medical Battalion  
54th Arm'd Field Artillery Battalion

At the beginning of the period Combat Command "R" was engaging the enemy, continuing the battle as related in the battle narrative at the end of March. Task Force "Richardson" was in the vicinity of Nordberchen, and Task Force "Hogan" was in the vicinity of Wewer.

BATTLE NARRATIVE

1 April 1945: Task Force Richardson continued his operation begun the day previous to seize the high ground northwest of Nordberchen (0355) to improve his position and cover the attack of Task Force Boles. At 0355 hours this objective was reached after overcoming resistance from entrenched infantry and some anti-tank fire. They secured their positions and started patrol contact with Task Force Boles at 693448.

Task Force Hogan attacked southwest from Wewer, seizing Salzketten. The Task Force entered Salzketten at 0410 against comparatively light resistance. By 0440 hours the town was cleared and secured, and tanks pushed out to the high ground north of the town. Task Force Hogan left a small blocking force on the main road at the northeast edge of Wewer and another small infantry



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force at 658446 in position to fire on the Salzkotten-Paderborn road. Salzkotten was secured during the day and patrol contact maintained with Task Force Boles at 671442.

The combat command CP moved to Nordborchen (683417) at 0900 hours.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles, attacked through Task Force Richardson at Nordborchen at 0626 hours and advanced north to Paderborn. Dug-in enemy tanks, anti-tank fire and small arms fire were encountered, but they proceeded across the railroad and helped clear and secure their sector.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "B" as a part of Task Force Welborn, attacked Paderborn in the northeast part of the town and helped clear this sector.

2 April 1945: Task Force Richardson moved into Alfien at 1000 hours and continued to secure the town of Kirkborchen and Alfien and maintain patrol contacts with Task Force Boles on the north, 63d Armored Field Artillery Battalion on the east, and both forces of Task Force Hogan. Some prisoners of war were brought in.

Task Force Hogan continued to secure Salzkotten and Newer and maintained contact by patrols with Task Force Boles to the east and Task Force Richardson. During the night 1 - 2 April, the route of the Task Force Boles patrol was cut by an enemy infiltration on the road, vicinity 660450, and at 0730 hours a force from Task Force Hogan moved out to sweep this area and the woods, vicinity 658453. The enemy forces had withdrawn, and no contact was made. Beginning at 2000 hours, elements of Task Force Hogan in Salzkotten were being contacted by patrols from the 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry, in Gesche.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles, and continued to secure the western part of Paderborn and maintain patrol contact with Combat Command "B" and Combat Command "R".

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, as part of Task Force Welborn of Combat Command "B", continued to secure the northeast part of Paderborn and conducted security patrols.

3 April 1945: Combat Command "R" continued to defend, patrol, and maintain road blocks throughout the period. Task Force Hogan sent a patrol north from Salzkotten which made contact with elements of the 8th Armored Division at 597432 at 1555 hours. Another patrol was sent to Upspringe during the day, without opposition. Task Force Richardson continued to patrol and defend throughout the day and night. Some prisoners of war were brought in.

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The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "A" as a part of Task Force Boles, and sent patrols to Delbruck to contact the 8th Armored Division. Patrols were maintained throughout the period.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "B" as part of Task Force Welborn, and continued to patrol and defend its sector.

4 April 1945: Task Force Hogan continued its patrols and the security of its position throughout the day and night.

At about 0700 hours Task Force Richardson sent a battle group of one tank company and one infantry company to relieve elements of Task Force Lovelady with the mission of securing Lichtenau. At 1210 hours the town was cleared and secured. The battle group remained in the town, securing it. Another force was sent to sweep the Boddeken Forest, vicinity Neubeddeken. Other elements remained in place and secured and patrolled their sector throughout the period.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles and remained in position securing its assigned sector in Raderborn and doing maintenance on vehicles and weapons.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "B" as part of Task Force Welborn, which moved at 2000 hours to Herbram (8142) and secured it against very light resistance.

5 April 1945: At 0815 hours the Commanding Officer went to Division to get the plan of attack and at 0900 hours had a meeting of the Task Force Commanders. The Division plan placed Combat Commands "A" and "B" in the assault, with Combat Command "R" in Division reserve. The Division was to jump off at 1200 hours. Combat Command "A" was in two columns on the left and Combat Command "B" in two columns on the right of the Division zone. Combat Command "R" was to follow, Task Force Hogan on Route 2 and TF Richardson on Route 3. Combat Command "R" CP was to follow Task Force Hogan on Route 2. That portion of Task Force Richardson which was in Lichtenau was to move directly from there and join the column on Route 3, and the force at Alfien was to move to the southeast, leaving the east road to Task Force Hogan. Task Force Hogan was to move via Alfien and Herborchen and stay off the Kirchborchen road. The Combat Command was put on a one hour alert at 1300 hours and started moving at 1915 hours on the routes assigned. At the close of the period, Task Force Richardson was continuing to move to an assembly position vicinity of Dringenburg and Task Force Hogan to an assembly area in vicinity of Schnechten. Combat Command "R" CP moved into an assembly position just south of Bad Driburg at the close of the period.

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The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles, which attacked east from vicinity of Iudersborn at 1220 hours en route to specified intermediate objectives and final objective on the River Weser.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "B" as part of Task Force Welborn, which attacked east from the vicinity of Ball at 1200 hours to secure certain intermediate objectives, after which orders were issued for the Task Force to continue on to objectives on the River Weser.

6 April 1945: Task Force Richardson moved over Route 3 into an assembly area in vicinity of Düringenburg at 0400 hours and awaited developments. One platoon of the 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, went to Bad Driburg to guard the hospital there. Task Force Hogan coiled in assembly area at 0200 hours in vicinity of Schmechten and spent the day there, refueling and doing necessary maintenance. The Combat Command CP moved to the new CP location in vicinity of Schmechten at about 1300 hours. The Division Commander visited the Combat Command CP at 1500 hours. It was not expected that Combat Command "A" would move before Saturday or Sunday, 7 or 8 April 1945, depending on developments in front of Combat Commands "A" and "B".

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles, which was advancing east on Route 1. A road block was encountered just west of Ottbergen and the infantry moved forward to establish a bypass. At Amelunken the enemy destroyed the bridge and the infantry again pushed across and into the town against strong resistance. Along most of the route small arms, panzerfaust and some artillery fire were encountered. At the end of the period part of the 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, and some tanks were engaged with enemy infantry about 1200 yards north of Brinke, while another battle group of tanks and infantry were advancing slowly against stubborn resistance toward Wehaden.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, with Combat Command "B", as part of Task Force Welborn, advanced to the east on Route 3. Heavy panzerfaust fire was encountered near Hainholts. Small arms fire was met at Borgholts but the attack continued. The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, cleared the Lichhagen woods southwest of Haarbruck and the task force consolidated and moved on to Haarbruck, where it was ordered to secure the town for the night.

Service Company, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, moved into Liebenstern at 2100 hours.

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7 April 1945: A Polish Prisoner of War reported that a force of Germans was in Altenheerse, and at 1030 hours orders were issued to send a force from Task Force Richardson into the town. At 1530 hours the force returned and reported that no enemy troops were found in the town. For the remainder of the period Task Force Richardson and Task Force Hogan remained in their bivouac areas.

At 1600 hours the Commanding Officer went to Division CP to receive orders for movement the following day. At 1900 hours group commanders met at the CP for the order. The plan, briefly, was to move out Sunday, 8 April at about 0910 south via Dringenburg, Folsen, Willegassen, Buehne, Hofigusman, across the Weser River, Hemeln, to an assembly area vicinity Varlosen. The following morning at first light Combat Command "R" was to attack and take and secure Uslar. For the operation, in addition to present components of the Combat Command, the following units were to be attached: 83d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Company D, 83d Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Melborn, attacked at 0630, and after overcoming a road block, entered Herstele about 1100. Here direct fire from both sides of the river, artillery, small arms and panzerfaust fire were encountered. At 1115 part of the Task Force was sent to secure Carlshaven. Here, also, artillery, panzerfaust, and small arms fire were met. After considerable fighting, both towns were secured about 1800.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A", as part of Task Force "Boles", Battle Group "Orr", continued the attack to secure Wehrden and entered the town against slight resistance. The bridge had been blown earlier by the enemy. Wehrden was secured by 1445. Numerous barricades had been erected in the town.

8 April 1945: At 1100, the 83d Armored Field Artillery Battalion and Company D, 83d Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, were attached to Combat Command "R", and along with the 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, joined the column at Buehne. Combat Command "R", Task Force Richardson leading, started moving at 1100, over the route detailed above. Task Force Richardson closed in an assembly area vicinity Guntern at about 2000. Combat Command "R" CP closed at Imbsen about 2240. At the end of the period, Task Force Hogan was still moving in.

The plan outlined the day previous to capture Uslar was cancelled by the Division Commander at about 1600, because of the fact that troops of another unit were closing in on Uslar. A new objective was assigned. At 2200 Field Order No. 6 was issued by the Commanding Officer, Combat Command "R", paragraph 3 of which said in part:

(a) TF "R", on the right (east) route, will capture Barterode prior to daylight 9 April 45; at 0600 they will continue

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the attack via the east route, out the road SE of Hardeggen, and protect the east flank of the Combat Command. Be prepared to continue the attack to Northeim, via route 2, on order.

(b) TF "H", on the left (west) route, will capture the crossroads in the ravine, 1200 yards east of Eberhan prior to daylight 9 April 45; continue the attack at 0600, via west route and capture Hardeggen, and protect the west flank of the CC. Be prepared to continue the attack to Northeim via route 1, on order.

(c) Co. "D", 83rd Armd Recon Bn., will make reconnaissance to line CR at 408271 - Hill 394 (402308-373302); Assemble vicinity Imbsen by daylight 9 April in CC Reserve. Upon capture of Hardeggen, immediately initiate reconnaissance to Northeim (the Division objective) via routes 1 and 2.

(d) 54th F A Bn will be in direct support of TF "R", 83rd F A Bn direct support of TF "H".

(e) Co. "C", 23rd Armd Eng Bn (-) and Co. "C"<sup>(-)</sup>, 703rd TD Bn., initially in reserve.

(f) CP initially Imbsen, will displace along west route.

Task Force Richardson attacked at 2400. At 2135 Company D, 83d Reconnaissance Battalion, reported they were in Eberhan, and also the control point 22 (ravine and CR 1200 yards east), and both were clear of the enemy.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles, remained in its location throughout the period maintaining road blocks and conducting maintenance.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "B" as part of Task Force Welborn, sent dismounted patrols from Carlshoven at 1530 hours east along the river road to Wahnbeck. This patrol met no opposition and had completed its mission of opening the road by 2045 hours. At the close of the period the whole of Combat Command "B" was being relieved in present position by elements of the 1st Infantry Division to participate in a new operation on the River Weser.

9 April 1945: At 0250 hours Task Force Richardson reported on the objective they were to take prior to daylight (Barterode). No resistance was met and the tanks moved in. At 0600 hours the attack jumped off. They hit a road block just beyond Barterode at 0635. This took some time to clear. At 0800 hours Task Force Richardson took usecheck and proceeded to Eberhan. At 1050 hours they had reached Harst and sighted two enemy tanks 800 yards northeast of Harst. At 1030 hours the 83d Reconnaissance Battalion reported

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anti-tank fire and other enemy activity from west of Eversen. Task Force Richardson ran into some of troops with panzerists at Harst. Later they spotted 5 more tanks, one of which they knocked out. In all, 9 Tiger tanks were reported in the woods just southwest of Eversen, and these held Task Force Richardson up until 1600 hours or thereabouts. ~~the~~ 83d Reconnaissance Battalion earlier reported that Luttenhausen was clear of any enemy.

Task Force Hogan was at Hettensen at 0730 hours after having cleared Ebersen, at 0635. By 0930 hours they were on the objective (Hardegeen). At Hettensen 22 prisoners were taken.

Combat Command C moved into Hardegeen at 1100 hours. At 144 hours The Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, visited the CC. A new objective was assigned Task Force Hogan. Task Force Hogan was to move over route 1 immediately, and take and secure Northheim. Enough force would be left in Hardegeen to secure it. At 1430 hours ~~the~~ 83d Reconnaissance Battalion was up to the Leine river west of Northheim. They reported the bridge intact but it had been mined for demolition. At 1525 hours ~~the~~ 83d Reconnaissance Battalion reported an enemy column of vehicles bumper to bumper, going into Northheim from the northwest. Air was asked for. At 1615 hours Task Force Hogan was at Blankenhoven and had met no resistance. When they reached the Leine River the bridge had been blown. A new plan was put into operation. Task Force Richardson was pulled out of Harst, leaving that sector to Combat Command "B", which had come up along both flanks. Task Force Richardson was re-routed over routes 1 and 2 again, in order to by-pass the enemy tanks. The head of the column reached Hardegeen at 1730 hours and proceeded on. Combat Command C followed Task Force Richardson on routes 1 and 2. When Task Force Hogan found the bridge destroyed across the Leine, ~~the~~ 83d Reconnaissance Battalion went south to look for another passage. A bridge was found intact between Hillerde and Sudheim. Task Force Hogan sent his infantry across the stream dismounted, took his armor down via the newly discovered bridge, crossed the river, turned north again and entered the town of Northheim from the southwest. By midnight the tanks and infantry had joined and half the town was secure.

Task Force Richardson crossed the river via the same bridge, captured Sudheim after a fierce fight and proceeded east. They were held up by a road block at 585039, but cleared it and at the end of the period were 600 yards west of Luterde. At the end of the period the Combat Command C was still moving toward a new CC location in Sudheim.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A", as part of Task Force Miles, crossed the Weser River at Beverungen beginning at 1940 hours and proceeded to secure Vernawahlshausen.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, as part of

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Task force Elborn, moved on route 3. They encountered dug-in infantry and tanks near Karst. With the aid of air, called for by Task Force Richardson, and a maneuver by Task Force Lovelady, they were able to advance to the stream crossing at 518388. Here the bridge was covered by a strongly defended road block at each end. At the close of the period they were still engaged with the enemy there.

10 April 1945: On account of their forces being scattered, having been engaged most of the previous night, the attack did not jump off at 0600. Task force Hogan started moving at 0800 after clearing debris and rubble from the route and at 0825 ran into a road block just outside of the city. Just north of Hilshausen, they encountered a fire fight, and set up two buildings. At 1241 they spotted three enemy tanks in the woods NE of Sieboldhausen and were told that 5 enemy tanks left the city about 1100 hours. Air was requested, which came and knocked out 3 tanks and reported seeing 10 more. More air support was requested. At 1340 hours a PW stated that 13 artillery pieces were located in the woods along the road between Osterwende and Herzburg. One enemy Mark IV tank and 2 large planes were destroyed at 147121. At 142513 Task Force Hogan put infantry in the woods NE of Sieboldhausen and started trying to work up the heavier equipment. By 1531 leading elements were in the forward edge of the woods northeast of Sieboldhausen and had encountered about 50 infantry, 3 half-tracks and some tanks. Rushing ahead, they found one Tiger tank abandoned at Toehle. Two tanks were destroyed and some prisoners of war were taken, and at 1855 Task Force Hogan was 1800 yards south of Lohrzhof, where they ran into felled trees, craters and debris. At Hilkerode and Bockelnhagen enemy infantry were met and cleared out. Both towns were occupied and secured for the night, by 2135. The 83d Field Artillery Battalion was detached from Combat Command "K" and attached to Combat Command "A".

Task force Richardson started moving at 1715 hours and moved along well until they reached a road block on the western edge of Sieboldhausen. At 1240 they were still held up by the road block and some enemy tanks north of the town. Finally, shaking loose, they were stopped again at Sudershausen by MG guns. Knocking out the resistance, they moved forward until 1815 when a bridge was blown in front of them on the route between Sudershausen and Hilkerode. They reconnoitered for another route to by-pass the bridge while the engineers started to build a bridge. Going cross country to Hilkerode they hit the route again and at 2331 hours had occupied and secured Lwinge for the night.

Combat Command C moved behind Task Force Richardson most of the way and at 2300 hours closed into bivouac at Brockhausen.

At 2250 hours the commanding officer issued the order for the attack for the next day. Briefly, the Combat Command was to con-

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tinue the attack at 0600 hours, seize and secure the network of roads in the vicinity of Tettenborn and Neuhoef (Task Force Richardson), and Bartelfelde and Osterhagen (Task Force Hogan). The 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was to be in general support and be prepared to displace forward to Limlingerode. Company L, 63d Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, was to revert to Battalion control upon the occupation of the objectives by the Combat Command. At 2220 hours the engineers reported the bridge in Brochthausen would be ready for traffic in 15 minutes. Several vehicles of the Combat Command bogged down and got stuck on the cross country by-pass. Most of them were pulled out but some few coiled for the night there, and planned to move at first light.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A" as part of Task Force Boles, followed the advance on Route 1, protecting the north flank. At 1900 hours the Task Force was ordered to seize and secure Osterode and Herzberg. At the close of the period they were moving forward on their mission.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn, continued clearing the road blocks on both sides of the bridge at 518388. At 0730 hours the advance was resumed. They were delayed for a short time by a blown bridge at 693326, but soon resumed the march and at 1230 hours entered Buderstadt, which had been cleared on 9 April by elements of the 2d Infantry Division. At 1500 hours they encountered enemy infantry and an AF gun in vicinity 890276. This resistance was quickly overcome and the advance continued to Epschenrode where stubborn resistance by enemy infantry and panzerfaust men halted the column. Large numbers of snipers halted and delayed the clearing of the town, but by 1845 all resistance was overcome and numerous prisoners of war taken. At the close of the period they were at Kl. Werther (085250), prepared to continue the advance to the east.

11 April 1945: At 0600 hours Task Force Hogan jumped off in the attack on Route 1 600 yards from Bockelnhagen. They met small arms fire, which they shortly wiped out. About 800 yards further in the woods they were delayed again by small arms and machine gun fire. Clearing this, they proceeded about 800 yards and met small arms and direct fire from either an AF gun or tank. Air was called for and at 0915 hours elements of the task force entered Bartelfelde. By a little after 1200 hours the town was secured. By 1300 hours Osterhagen was also buttoned up.

Task Force Richardson moved at 0600 and met no resistance until they reached Limlingerode, at 0930. There they met tank and small arms fire. They called for air. By 1000 they were traveling again and at 1115 hours were at Tettenborn where they met no resistance. The Combat Command CF moved forward to Tetterborn at 1310 hours. Enemy tanks, short of Neuhoef, about 1200, stopped the advance of



Task Force Richardson. Air was again asked for. Knocking out an enemy machine gun, and losing 1 tank, they occupied Neuhoef. In the afternoon, orders for the attack for the next day were received. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" were to attack abreast, Combat Command "R" on the left (north) flank. At 1535 hours Company D, 83d Reconnaissance Battalion, reverted to Battalion control. For the next day's operation Combat Command "R" was to get another Reconnaissance Company. The 1st Battalion, 313th Infantry, relieved Task Force Richardson late in the evening and Task Force Richardson moved to a forward assembly area at Guedersleben. The 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry, remained at Osterhagen, and Task Force Hogan moved forward to an assembly area at Hochstedt. The Combat Command "C" moved forward to assembly area at Gunzerode at 2000 hours. For the attack the next day, the 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry, was attached to Task Force Hogan and joined at Gunzerode. The 83d Field Artillery Battalion was attached to Combat Command "A" and placed in direct support of Task Force Hogan.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Boles of Combat Command "A", resumed the attack against Merzburg at first light against strong opposition of tanks, SP fire and small arms. The Task Force continued to push against strong opposition throughout the day and after entering the town a strong enemy road block had to be removed before the town fell. By 2300 hours Merzburg was secure and arrangements were completed for the relief of Task Force Boles by elements of the 104th Infantry Division at first light, 12 April 1945.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained attached to Combat Command "B" as part of Task Force Welborn. They resumed the attack east at 0530 hours to seize Nordhausen. By 0650 elements were in the northwest edge of town, and by 1135 the north part of the town was secured. The Combat Command of which 2d Battalion was a part was relieved in Nordhausen by the 3d Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, at the close of the period.

12 April 1945: Task Force Hogan was delayed in jumping off in the attack due to the fact that the 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment reported to them the night before after dark, and the breakdown of men to tanks was not completed in time. However, Task Force Hogan crossed the LB at 0744 hours. Task Force Richardson jumped off at 0700 hours. East of Nordhausen 15 troops with panzerfausts were encountered. By 1010 hours the enemy had been reduced and Task Force Richardson was moving again. Progress was uninterrupted until 1212 when main roads slowed them down. At 1530 hours they were held up by enemy between Seetelrode and Gonna. Two tanks, or AT guns, were reported and air was requested. One of the guns was destroyed and the other captured intact. A report was received a large concentration of tanks at Appra. By 1725 hours Task Force Richardson was in the Gonna - Coersdorf area. The towns were occupied and secured.

Task Force Hogan crossed the river at 1714 hours and by 1815 hours was to Leinungen. At 1530 they were held up by a road block at the western edge of Blankenheim. Air strafed the road block and by 1600 hours they were in the town where they bivouacked for the night. The Reconnaissance drew fire when they attempted to go beyond the city. By 1835 hours the woods in the vicinity of Mieselich and Blankenheim had been cleared and the Combat Command moved into town for the night.

Company A, 83d Reconnaissance Battalion, attached for the operation, suffered heavy casualties. 3 half-tracks, 2 armored cars, and 2 1/4 tons were lost. 35 men were reported missing, including the platoon leader, but most of these showed up later. The Company reported back to Battalion control at 1900 hours. Task Force Richardson moved up to the woods and cross road vicinity, 528335 at 2100 hours. Dismounted personnel with panzerfaust were encountered, but they were beaten off, and Task Force Richardson started patrols in its area. At 2210 hours, the Commanding Officer, Combat Command "K", sent the following message to Task Force Richardson: "Be prepared to attack with infantry at 400, 13 April 1945 to secure town of Annarode, 545345, and continue attack with tanks at 0700. This will be confirmed as soon as definite." During the evening, orders came from the Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, for resuming the attack the following day to advance and secure bridgeheads over the River Elbe.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Combat Command "K", in Task Force Boies, after being relieved from previous positions, followed Combat Command "K" on route 1 and occupied and secured the Combat Command objective by 2050 hours.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Melborn, attacked at 0700 hours and advanced rapidly on route 3 without encountering resistance, until reaching coordinates 520250 where panzerfaust fire was encountered. Anti-tank fire from 54255 was overcome, and the Task Force seized and secured Holdenstedt.

13 April 1945: The 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, of Task Force Richardson, moved at 0400 hours to secure the EL. By 0610 this had been accomplished. At 0645 they reported enemy tanks in the woods at 548335 and 536346, also some small arms and 2 AT guns 500 yards east of the town of Annarode. At 0715 they were at the EL and were receiving small arms fire, tank, and AT fire. At 1000 they were still unable to advance. Air was requested and promised for 1115 hours. Finally overcoming the resistance without the help of air support, they reached Mieselgerode at 1110. The task force advanced rapidly to Gerbstedt by 1330 hours, from where 2 enemy hospitals were reported. An enemy column was observed trying to escape. Quite a bit of horse-drawn equipment was in the column. Here also around 1000 prisoners of war were liberated. At 1600 hours, going into Mieleben, the task force ran into direct fire.

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Air was put on the resistance, and Task Force Richardson moved into the town at 1730 hours. However, it was still receiving 20 mm flak and some 88. Slow progress was made by the infantry and the advance elements tried to work tanks into the town. They were unable to get to the bridge. At 1630 hours the bridge was blown up, practically in the face of the infantry, and the task force was ordered to cross the river over the bridge that was being constructed at Brucke. It, therefore, pulled back to Sandersleben for the night, prepared to cross when the bridge was completed.

Infantry elements of Task Force Hogan moved out at 1400 hours to secure the III and by 0600 had done so. Task Force Hogan jumped off at 0700 and ran into tank and anti-tank fire just after crossing the III. Overcoming this, they continued. Combat Command CP followed Task Force Hogan out and at 0850 hours a dual purpose gun started shooting at the tail of the column. 3 half-tracks of the 83d Field Artillery Battalion were knocked out immediately. Later the Tank Destroyers found the abandoned gun in the woods. At the same time the head of Hogan's column drew fire upon leaving Ahlsdorf. Overcoming resistance and moving on, the head of the column reached Helbra at 1050. The Combat Command CP coiled in the woods 1800 yards north of Blankenheim. At 1145 hours Task Force Hogan overran a prisoner camp containing a large number of British and Russians and took 30 German prisoners. By 1200 hours leading elements were at Siersleben. Approaching Nelben on the Saale River at 1430, they had the bridge literally blown up in the face of the leading elements, by the retreating Germans. The railroad bridge, at first, appeared to be intact but later investigation, after it was captured, revealed a locomotive and some cars derailed on it. The Infantry were still running into trouble at the river. However, a patrol crossed the river. At the bridge small arms fire continued to come in. About this time air reconnaissance reported the bridge farther south, in Combat Command "B's" sector, was out. Preparations were made to build 2 bridges, one at Brucke and one in Combat Command "B" sector at 778436. Two companies of Infantry crossed the Combat Command "B" bridge at 778436, and attacked north to clear it on during the night. At the end of the period they were advancing north toward Mon. The Combat Command CP moved into bivouac at 1830 hours in Zuckeritz. The rest of Task Force Hogan bivouacked at Nelben for the night. During the day the Combat Command liberated 13 paratroopers and 2 other American soldiers who had been prisoners since D-Day.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A", as part of Task Force Boles, continued to follow the advance of the Division protecting the north flank against an enemy threat.

The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained with Combat Command "B" as part of Task Force Welborn. At 0700 hours they attacked and advanced against moderate resistance to 609274 where direct fire from 88 mm dual purpose guns halted them. After

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overcoming this resistance they continued the advance, knocking out numerous 88's. Eisleben was declared open and no resistance encountered there. The advance continued and Felleben was entered at 1300 hours against moderate resistance. Here a PW Camp was overrun and 430 British prisoners of war, including over 300 officers, were liberated. At 1515 hours they entered Friedenburg and cleared it.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was put across the river and the engineers started building a bridge at 778436.

14 April 1945: The Engineers worked overnight constructing the bridge over the Saale River, and when the one in Combat Command "B" Sector was sufficiently finished, late the evening before, two companies of Infantry of Task Force Hogan were sent across on foot. They attacked north and advanced to secure Mon. Due to the lack of necessary bridging material and boats, the bridge in Combat Command "R" Sector was not completed until 1035. The plan for crossing was for Task Force Hogan and one battery of his artillery to cross, followed by Task Force Richardson and one artillery battery. Then the rest of Hogan's artillery and Richardson's artillery in that order, followed by Combat Command CP.

Task Force Hogan crossed the River, beginning at 1035, and moved on to Konnern, where it was stopped on the eastern edge of town by small arms fire. After this resistance was overcome, the tank force moved rapidly until it reached the outskirts of Rothen. There it met dug-in Infantry armed with small arms and panzerfausts. There were about two battalions of Germans, one of the Wehrmacht, and one Volksturm, mixed together. Some bitter fighting ensued, and by moving in from several directions the tank force had about half the town cleared by 2030. Upon orders from the Commanding Officer they did not by-pass the resistance, but started to clear the town, at the same time giving Task Force Richardson an opportunity to catch up on the left route. An airfield was captured in the vicinity, at which several planes were destroyed. The south part of town cleared was secured, and some elements continued to move toward the main part of town.

Task Force Richardson followed Task Force Hogan across the Saale River, and by 1410 was in Konnern. From here it moved to Phase Line P 1, where small arms and panzerfaust fire held it up until 1610. At 1640 it was approaching Preusslitz. Just beyond Preusslitz at Biendorf, it was stopped by dug-in Infantry, reported to be SS, armed with small arms and panzerfausts. Despite hard fighting it was unable to advance beyond this point, and at 2030, Colonel Richardson was directed by the Commanding Officer, Combat Command "R", to button up in that vicinity, and be ready to move out at first light. At the end of the period they were attacking Frens, 2000 yards forward, and planned to spend the night in Biendorf and Frens.

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The Combat Command "A" crossed the river about 1450 and followed Task Force Hogan on route 2. About 1600 the Combat Command coiled in a field just south of Lobnitz. While there, 66 enemy infantry were flushed from the woods just north of Morbsig, by service units, and 22 others in Lobnitz by 2 Liaison Officers. Both groups were very close to the CP location. At 2030, the CP moved into the western edge of Lothen for the night. On the way, an 88 mm gun fired at the column but very little damage was done. Earlier in the day, the Luftwaffe strafed the left column of Combat Command "A", and also the Division CP column. A-51's chased them away, and shot down 1 FW 190.

1st Battalion, 30th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Combat Command "A", Task Force Cole, crossed the Saale River on Bridge 1, immediately in rear of Combat Command "A", and at the close of the period was assembled in vicinity of Frenzitz prepared to follow Task Force Richardson the next day.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, in Task Force Belborn, of Combat Command "B", crossed the Saale River on Bridge 2 immediately upon completion at 0700. After assembling in the vicinity of Garsena, they were prepared to resume the attack upon order. At 0915, the attack was renewed to the east against slight opposition. Spotted resistance was encountered all the way to the west bank of the Mulde River. Resistance then stiffened, and at the close of the period the Task Force was coiled in the vicinity of 600 yards southeast of Forten, and pushing infantry patrols to the Mulde River in an effort to secure the bridge intact at 134653.

15 April 1945: Early in the morning, around 0100, two groups sent by Task Force Hogan to objectives in Kotzen ran into trouble. G Company, 33d Armored Regiment, and Company, 47th Infantry, ran into road blocks and tried three times to advance, but could not. F Company, 47th Infantry, and H Company, 33d Armored Regiment, did reach their objective. After daylight, progress was made in getting by the road blocks and by 0800 troops were nearly to the town's main intersection. Engineers were moved up to clear away the road blocks, and tanks moved up. Around 1200, the left flank of Task Force Hogan ran into more Volksturm short of the intersection. They were armed with small arms, shotguns, and panzerfausts. Tanks were moved up to blast the houses.

Troops of Task Force Richardson had reached the western edge of Frenz by 0415, and the town was cleared by 0730. Moving a short distance, they again met more dug-in infantry, and received automatic fire from both flanks. Gr. Raschleben was defended all the way by the enemy.

About 1100, the Task Force of Combat Command "A", which had been trailing behind Task Force Richardson, was sideslipped to the south, passed Task Force Richardson, and went into position south and southeast of Lothen.

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At 1300 the mission of both Task Force Richardson and Task Force Hogan was changed. Task Force Hogan was ordered to clear Rothen immediately, and then send a force west to meet Task Force Richardson. When the two Task Forces met, Task Force Hogan was to occupy both Rothen and Frenz. Task Force Richardson was to pull back and occupy defensive positions in the vicinity of the cross road east of Aloumetz and the Cross Road just north of Sebiz. From the latter point a strong battle group was to be sent north to Bernburg, see what was there, and if possible, occupy and secure it. At 1615 Task Force Richardson and Task Force Hogan met in the western part of Rothen, and Task Force Richardson started to its assigned objective. They reached Sebiz without opposition. The Battle Group sent north ran into sniper fire at Unterpeissen, and had to start house-cleaning again. Progress was slow, and at 2030, the Commanding Officer, Combat Command, directed the tank force to button up where they were, and be prepared to continue at 0600.

During the evening Task Force Hogan was ordered to send two patrols to contact Combat Command "A" in their new position, one east on Route 2 to Lausitz, then south to meet a patrol from Task Force Orr at Quellendorf; the other south to meet a Task Force Boles patrol at Badegast. The one to Badegast made contact at 1920. The other one, however, ran into a road block covered by small arms and panzerfaust fire at the railroad underpass at the eastern edge of town. At the end of the period contact had not been made with Combat Command "A" by this patrol.

At 1020, Combat Command "A" was ordered to move to Grossdick and Frensdorf, and to send a force to clear the enemy from the Quellendorf and Frensdorf area, where enemy small arms and panzerfaust fire was harassing supply and other vehicles moving along the Division Route 3. 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, as part of Task Force Orr, was sent to occupy Grossdick, which was secured by 1200. When Task Force Boles moved to Quellendorf, Task Force Orr occupied and secured Grossdick, Frensdorf, Quellendorf and Frensdorf.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "B", part of Task Force Melborn, sent a patrol at 0445, after artillery fire was lifted, to investigate the bridge. They found the bridge blown, and the site strongly defended. One company of infantry, and a company of tanks were moved into position to force a crossing, the infantry going across on the wreckage of the blown bridge. By 2007 one company plus two platoons of the 2d Battalion had crossed, and most of the enemy fire was taken off the site. Bridging operations were expected to start by 2400.

During the afternoon the 83d Armored Field Artillery Battalion was detached from the Combat Command.



10 April 1945: Task Force Richardson at 0645 reported everything quiet. At 0700 a Battle Group moved north toward Bernburg. No resistance was met until they reached the outskirts of Bernburg at 0803. They received reports which indicated that the enemy force which had held them up the night before in Unterplassen moved out, probably to Bernburg. In the edge of Bernburg they ran into small arms and panzerfaust fire. The task force commander split his group into two columns, and sent one around to the left. The left force ran into anti-tank fire and small arms fire. At 1150, the Task Force Commander notified the Combat Command commanding officer it would take most of the day to clean up the town, due to the snipers and house-to-house fighting. Some of the panzerfaust fighting was reported done by civilians. He was told to take the rest of the day if necessary to clear the town. At 1530, half the town was cleared, and by 1900 the force reached the river bank. The bridges, both road and railway, were out. They buttoned up here for the night. Several prisoners were liberated, including 6 Americans and some Canadians, at Bernburg. At 0645 Task Force Hogan reported all quiet.

There was as yet no contact with Task Force Orr. At 0700 elements of the Task Force moved out east, but had gone only a short distance when they hit small arms fire. Again, it was house-to-house cleaning. By 1050, Aleszig was reached. The road was blocked and defended with small arms and an anti-tank gun. The Task Force was told to by-pass it and keep going. Leaving a force to contact the enemy, they sent a force southeast, east, and northwest to Herzien, which was reached at 1900 by both forces. It required considerable time to clean out Herzien, and they then proceeded toward Hausigk. In the way they hit some mines. Hausigk was buttoned up at 2230. Many prisoners of war were taken.

At 1500 Task Force Orr was ordered to send the 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, with A Company, 83d Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, to sweep the woods west of Route 3 in the Aieburg forest. At 1730 they jumped off. The Infantry had very little trouble, but the 83d met automatic weapons and panzerfausts. At the close of the period, they were still engaged in their mission.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Elborn, continued mopping-up operations north of Gridline 500. They held their bridgehead over the Mulde River, and continued bridging operations in the vicinity of 134653. Construction was impeded by difficult terrain at the southern approach and harassing enemy artillery fire. At the close of the period the bridging was still going on, and the Infantry were holding in their positions, astride the autobahn east of the river crossing west of Heutchen.

During the day, the 991st Field Artillery Battalion, which



had been giving Combat Command "K" supporting fire under Division control, was given other missions, and moved from the Combat Command Area.

17 April 1945: For 17th April the mission originally was as follows: Task Force Richardson leave one company in Bernburg and send the remainder on a "clean-up" route, viz: Lükrena-Bebitz-Leau-Plomnitz-Baalberge-Trubard-Kl. Paschleben-Drosa-Wulfen-Micheln-Maxdorf-Gr. Paschleben.

Task Force Hogan send a "clean-up" force to Forst-Siebendorfi-Osternienburg-Trebbicheau-Aken (Leave a force at the river)-Kl. Zerbst-Bisnigk-Wurflau-Zerringer-Forst.

At 0700 Task Force Hogan moved out and hit a road block and some mines at Forst. By 0930 the town was cleared, and the engineers moved in to clear the road block and mines. At Forst the group divided with one force going to Aken via Siebeldorfi-Osternienburg-Trebbicheau-Micheln-Wulfen-Drosa-Kl. Paschleben-Trinum-Gr. Paschleben, and the other, the original route as planned. By 1340 one column was in Siebeldorfi, and the other in Bisnigk. Moving steadily against light opposition, most of the day, both columns converged on Aken at 1715. On the way, a chemical plant, air fields, and electrical fixtures plant were captured, and a hospital discovered. Several prisoners of war were liberated, some of them troops of the VII Corps wire team, captured the night before. In Aken, small arms, panzerfausts, and considerable artillery were encountered, but by the end of the period, it was about three-fourths battened up. It was expected that the clearing up would require most of the night and a greater part of the next day. The force that turned east met opposition, lost one tank, and had some casualties. At about 2100, they battened up Gr. Paschleben, for the night, to continue the next day.

Task Force Richardson moved out at 0700, and moved speedily with no opposition until it reached Konnern, at 1000. Here the mission was changed, and it moved to route 3, and proceeded east to come under Division control for a mission in the vicinity of Ringdorf. From this position it attacked to seize Bobbau-Steinfurth and Jesnitz. As the Task Force got under way for the attack at 1400, an enemy task force launched a counter-attack northwest from vicinity Bobbau-Steinfurth. This attacking force was quickly turned back by heavy artillery and air cooperation of fighter-bombers which knocked out an estimated eight tanks. After overcoming stubborn resistance the task force reached Bobbau-Steinfurth, and at the close of the period held the west edge of the town.

After sweeping the woods in the Halleberg Forest, 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, in Task Force Orr, reached the eastern edge near the railroad tracks, west of Forten, and remained in position throughout the period, keeping pressure on the enemy holding



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the RJ at 107649. Close contact was kept with Task Force Lovelady, operating to the east against Torten, in an effort to establish physical contact at the first opportunity.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, as part of Task Force Welborn, continued to secure the bridgehead over the Mulde River at 133653, and construction was continued on a trestleway bridge at that point until 1845, when orders were issued to discontinue construction on the bridge and withdraw the bridgehead. At 0900 part of the Task Force was dispatched to aid elements of Task Force Lovelady secure Torten, and RJ at 107649, just west of the town. Patrolling was conducted during the day. At the close of the period they were disposed in the woods southeast of Torten.

18 April 1945: At 0600 Task Force Hogan resumed cleaning up Aken. By 1040, the right of the town was cleared. In the left portion there were ob's in buildings, and covering the road blocks. There was firing down cross streets. The task force commander threw artillery at the enemy infantry in the vicinity of the North Church.

The patrol from Task Force Richardson at Bernburg, made contact with the 113th Cavalry at Pöbzig at 1000. At 1210 contact was also made with them at the blown bridge in Bernburg. At 1800 the Group left in Bernburg was relieved by a combat engineer battalion and rejoined Task Force Richardson, vicinity Bobbau-Steinfurth.

Task Force Hogan was attempting to get a patrol out of Aken east, to proceed toward Kl. Kuhnau, but up until 1400 was unable to get them out of town, due to sniper fire from the vicinity of the church. Considerable enemy artillery was thrown into the town. About 1500 the Combat Command CP moved to Aken, but shortly after arrival was ordered to move to Loberitz. When this was accomplished Task Force Hogan was placed under Division control, and Task Force Richardson, which included the 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, reverted to Combat Command "R" control. By 1900 Task Force Hogan had Aken cleared, and contact was made with the 63d Division.

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Task Force Richardson received a counter-attack from 3 tanks and 100 Infantry at about 0520, in Bobbau-Steinfurth. This attack was defeated, without loss of ground. During the day they encountered heavy enemy defense of Infantry, supported by tanks, mortars, and artillery fire. At night they secured their position ready to continue the attack at 0600.

During the day Task Force Bradley attacked through Zechepkau and Thalheim to Reuden. While Reuden was being cleared the enemy counter-attacked from the southeast with 3 tanks and 25-50 Infantry. This attack was defeated and the town secured by 1915.

§ See page 19a.

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Combat Command "A" headquarters was moved to Loberitz to take over the operations of Task Force Richardson, Task Force Miller, and Task Force Bradley, after Lieutenant Colonel Beckmann, Commanding Officer, 63d Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, was killed. Composition of troops at this time was as follows:

TASK FORCE RICHARDSON

3d Battalion, 32d Armored Regiment  
3d Battalion, 36th Arm Inf Regt  
2d Platoon, Co C, 703d TD Bn  
1st Plt, Co C, 23d Arm Engr Bn

TASK FORCE MILLER

Company B, 32d Armored Regiment  
Company A, 36th Arm Inf Regt  
Section Co A, 703d TD Bn  
Companies A & B, 63d Arm Recon Bn

TASK FORCE BRADLEY

63d Arm Recon Bn (less Companies A & B and 1 Plt  
each of Companies C & D)  
Section Co A, 703d TD Bn



The Battle Group secured Heuden for the night.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Orr, Combat Command "A", continued to maintain their security during the period.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn, withdrew the bridghead forces (E and F Companies) to the west side of the Mulde River, under cover of darkness. They continued to clear the enemy from Torten, beginning at 0800, and by 1720, it was reported cleared. Combat patrols moving from Torten to contact elements of Combat Command Dean received heavy anti-tank and small arms fire from the vicinity of RJ at 107649, and were unable to effect the contact.

12 April 1945: Task Force Miller moved from Thalheim towards Wolfen via Heuden at 0400, and began an attack from the northern side advancing southeast. By 1100 it had reached the main north-south road. It reported finding "plenty of Krauts, and destroying same". The force met strong resistance, running into infantry, automatic weapons, panzerfaust, snipers, and artillery. Late in the afternoon the task force began to move faster and by the close of the period had cleared four-fifths of Wolfen. This was secured and preparations were made to move on at 0600.

Task Force Richardson attacked at 0400, in Bobbau-Steinfurth. The advance was very slow as it was a matter of house-to-house fighting. They met panzerfaust, small arms, small caliber A-P, mortars, and considerable direct fire. Air support was requested, and by 0945 planes arrived. At 1600 the task force was still in the vicinity of the church in the northern part of town, and the task force Commander reported the pressure was increasing. The task force tried to send a battle group around to the left and attack the enemy from the flank and rear. This force also met resistance but by the close of the period it had advanced to the point at which the main road branches east to Jessnitz. A patrol was sent out this road to go to Jessnitz, reconnoiter and report on the condition of the bridge, but at the end of the period no report had been received.

Orders had been issued for Task Force Hogan (less security detachment at Aken) to join Combat Command at Loberitz. Task Force Hogan at 0700 left Aken, leaving one platoon of Infantry, one platoon of light tanks, and one section of tank destroyers to secure the town. They arrived at 1100, and were immediately given the mission of securing a film factory west of Wolfen. By 1315 the task force was moving, and met very little resistance initially. Two-thirds of the way through, enemy infantry was encountered, and at 1645, fire and smoke impeded progress. 45 prisoners of war were taken. When the factory had been practically cleared, and also almost destroyed by fire, a battle group consisting of a company



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of tanks and one of Infantry moved out to the left, and north of Wolfen with the mission of advancing north to Bobbau-Steinfurth to relieve the pressure in front of Task Force Richardson. However, by the time this force had moved, one-fourth of the way, Task Force Richardson had cleared the situation in Bobbau-Steinfurth to the extent that the battle group was not needed. It was ordered to halt and secure its position between the built-up sections of Wolfen and Bobbau-Steinfurth.

The Combat Command CP moved from Loberitz to the northeast edge of Wolfen at 1800.

During the day Air Support was requested several times, and did considerable strafing. The 54th Field Artillery Battalion, from positions in Wawendorf, supported all three task forces with fire.

1st Battalion (less Company A), 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Orr, at 1800, attacked north from vicinity 108633 in conjunction with Task Force Welborn with the mission of securing road 100648-106648. The attack moved initially against light resistance and at 2100 the left element had secured its objective. Resistance consisting of small arms, panzerfausts and artillery fire slowed the advance of the right element, and at the end of the period it had not advanced all the way to its objective.

The mission of Task Force Welborn, of which 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was a part, was to secure the road 106650-11346 and establish road blocks at 106649 and 106648. Moderate to heavy resistance from artillery, small arms and panzerfaust fire was encountered, and at the close of the period they were engaged in house-to-house fighting along the road southeast of Torten.

20 April 1945: At 0600, Battle Group Miller continued his attack south toward Greppin. At 0650, they encountered dug-in Infantry and snipers who delayed the advance. By 1315, the southern part of Greppin was practically clear, and the 83d Armored Reconnaissance Battalion began to take over. Battle Group Miller reverted to control of Combat Command "A" during the afternoon.

At 0600, Task Force Richardson resumed the attack on Jeannitz. One battle group was sent to the left flank while another attempted to press straight forward but neither was able to advance due to intense automatic weapons fire, dug-in infantry, and direct fire. A patrol had been dispatched prior to dawn to investigate the condition of the bridge across the creek west of Jeannitz but had been unable to reach it so another patrol was sent out. At 0910, this patrol likewise reported that enemy resistance was too heavy

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for it to reach the bridge. In the meantime, both battle groups were attempting to move but progress was negligible. At 1300, leading elements heard an explosion which they believed to be the bridge being blown and by 1330 visibility had improved sufficiently for airplanes to verify this belief. However, strong enemy resistance continued and by dark Task Force Richardson had been unable to advance further than 400 yards beyond the railroad just east of Dessau-Steinurth. At the close of the period, the Task Force was secured in this position.

At 0600, Task Force Hogan resumed the attack in the factory area and meeting only slight resistance completed mop-up operations by mid-morning. The battle group that had been sent north for possible use with Task Force Richardson remained in place between Wollen and Bobbau-Steinurth.

During the morning, Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, had discussed with the Combat Command Commander his plans for assembly positions for this Combat Command when the Bobbau-Steinurth - Jessnitz - Wollen - Greppin mission had been accomplished. These plans called for 83d Reconnaissance Battalion to relieve Battle Group Miller and revert to Division control. Upon relief, Battle Group Miller was to revert to Combat Command "A" control and Combat Command "R", consisting of Task Force Hogan and Task Force Richardson, was to be assembled in Reppichau and Chorau, prepared to attack Dessau on Division order. Therefore, realizing that Task Force Hogan could not be further used in its present position, the Combat Command Commander ordered Task Force Hogan to move at 1300 to Chorau and from there to patrol the Chorau - Kl. Kuhnau road. Upon reaching Chorau, Task Force Hogan sent a patrol north to the Kuhnau woods and then east toward Kl. Kuhnau. In spite of some small arms fire progress was good and the patrol was reinforced to battle group size. By 1630 the eastern edge of the woods had been reached and the battle group continued to the western edge of Kl. Kuhnau where a road block defended by an assault gun and small arms was encountered. By 2030 the resistance had been overcome, the road block removed, and the battle group secured itself for the night approximately half-way through the town. Patrols were sent out during the night to determine road conditions toward Dessau.

At 1730 the Combat Command CP began movement to new location at Reppichau. Upon orders of Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, Task Force Richardson reverted to Division control and was to continue his attack toward Jessnitz but was not to advance further than the blown bridge except on order.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Combat Command "A", remained in position during the day, and continued to secure its sector in the vicinity of 100640.

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2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn of Combat Command "B", continued the attack throughout the night and early morning against small arms, artillery, and mortar fire. By 1000 they had secured the critical enemy strong point at RJ 106649. A combat patrol swept down in the southern part of the division sector which had not been cleared during the initial advance of the Division to this area. Little resistance was encountered, and numerous prisoners of war were taken.

21 April 1945: Task Force Hogan resumed the attack toward Dessau at 0600. One force attacked east through Kl. Kuhnau, and the other attacked north to Gr. Kuhnau to take that town and then to proceed against Dessau. By 0630 the right column was half-way through Kl. Kuhnau, but the force sent north was held up by a road block defended by small arms and panzerfaust fire on the road leading out of Kl. Kuhnau. At 0730 the right column was also held up by a road block and artillery fire. By 0830 the road block to the north had been cleared and the left column started moving slowly. By 1045 the road block on the east was removed, the right column started moving, and by 1430 was in the western edge of Dessau. The left column proceeded to Gr. Kuhnau and by 1430 had cleared the town but another road block on the eastern edge of the town was encountered. Overcoming this obstacle, the force moved on, and by 1530 was two-thirds of the way from Gr. Kuhnau to Dessau. The right column was inside the city and moving. At this time, the Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, directed that both columns be held in place until Combat Command "A", coming in from the south, could come abreast. When this was accomplished, both columns were to resume the attack on order. At 1730 Combat Command "A" came abreast and the Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, ordered resumption of the attack. After advancing 400 yards in Dessau, the Combat Command was ordered to secure its position for the night. Due to the layout of the city, the left column was somewhat forward of the right column. Orders were issued for the attack to be resumed at first light with the left column remaining in place until the right column came abreast and for both then to continue together.

Combat Command CP moved to Kl. Kuhnau at 1415.

Task Force Richardson (operating under 3d Armored Division control) started the attack toward Jessnitz at 0530. Attempts to cross the Spittel Wasser creek were met with very heavy small arms, artillery, and mortar fire. Reconnaissance for a suitable crossing was started both to the north and south. A bridge was found intact at 148533, and a battle group crossed there, beginning at 1150. This battle group attacked Jessnitz from the north supported by the remainder of the task force from the east and southeast edge of town. Enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire continued heavy, but by 1700 the town was cleared. Task Force Richardson secured its position in Jessnitz for the night. Company D, 83d Reconnaissance

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sance Battalion, which had been attached to Task Force Richardson, reverted to the 83d Reconnaissance Battalion at 1730, and moved to Wörlitz.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, as part of Task Force Orr, attacked on the right in Combat Command "A" zone toward Dessau, at 0515, and advanced steadily against stubborn resistance throughout the day. The resistance consisted of small arms, panzerfaust, mortar and artillery fire. At last light the main intersection in center of Dessau was reached, and the task force secured itself for the night, prepared to move on at 0600.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attacked north in its zone at 0530 and advanced against small arms, artillery and mortar fire, encountering one enemy light flak battery. By 1300 the task force objective was secured and contact was established with Combat Command "A" on the left.

22 April 1945: The right column of Task Force Hogan jumped off at 0600. It moved east to the main intersection in town, then turned north. The left force in the meantime had circled north, and Combat Command "A", still further on the right (east) flank, circled north and northeast, so that once the movement started in the morning, the point of direction of all forces had changed to almost due north, to finish clearing Dessau. The left column met no resistance initially, and that met by the right column was negligible. Contact was made with Combat Command "A" by the right column at 0830. Further in the city, resistance stiffened, small arms, mortar, and artillery being encountered, but by 0930 both main intersections near the river had been reached.

Getting to within a few hundred yards of the final objective on the edge of town, the force advanced on two roads. Again, stubborn enemy resistance held up the advance and mines were reported. Inability to get past these obstacles, and the necessity of having to dig out the enemy infantry one by one, delayed further advance the rest of the day. At 1830 a battle group of one platoon tanks and one platoon infantry moved around to the right flank to try to uproot the force holding up the advance, but this group was unable to accomplish its mission. Combat Command "A" on the right flank was also held up, about 200 yards short of the objective.

Late at night a platoon of Infantry, reinforced later to a company, worked through the mine field, and the engineers went up and removed the mines. The infantry moved forward but at the end of the period they were still some distance from the objective.

The Combat Command CP moved to the western edge of Dessau at 1830. In the afternoon a patrol from Task Force Hogan was sent out to sweep the woods between Dessau and Aken. At 1630 the patrol reported 35 prisoners of war had been taken from the woods.

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Task Force Richardson was relieved at Jessnitz by elements of the 60th Infantry Regiment, the relief being completed at 1600. At 1615 Task Force Richardson reverted to the control of Combat Command "R", and at 1625 moved out to a new assembly area in Kothen. By 1845 all elements had closed in Kothen.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Orr, Combat Command "A", resumed the attack at 0800 to complete its mission of seizing and securing that portion of Dessau in its zone. Initially resistance was light, but as the advance continued, resistance increased. However, by 1300 the objective had been reached and secured.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn, Combat Command "B", continued to secure the left sector of Combat Command "B" southeast of Dessau.

23 April 1945: At first light, Task Force Hogan continued the attack, making good progress against light positions. At 1000, however, a strong enemy position was encountered and the Task Force stopped to reorganize and to plan a coordinated attack. At 1130 the attack was begun again with infantry leading due to possibility of mines and due to intense panzerfaust fire on the tanks if the tanks broke defilade. Although some progress was made, it was slight due to intense cross fire from automatic weapons and the fire from panzerfausts being used indirectly as mortars. The right column encountered a wire obstacle at 1430 and attempts to clear it of fire so that engineers could remove mines were unsuccessful.

The Combat Commander then ordered both columns to attack at 1630 with tanks leading, accepting any losses due to panzerfausts and mines. At 1630, after an intense artillery preparation, the attack began and by 1645 the objective was reached. Combat Command "A", in the meantime, had taken and secured their objective. This marked the complete occupation of Dessau. Road blocks and patrols were set up.

At 0700 a force consisting of Company H, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, and Company C, 32d Armored Regiment, was sent by Task Force Richardson to Aken to relieve the force of Task Force Hogan in that town.

At 0755 Task Force Hogan dispatched a force of one company tanks and one platoon infantry to continue sweeping the woods west of Dessau. They returned at 1100 and reported finding no resistance.

At 1515 Task Force Richardson left the security force at Aken and the remainder of the task force started movement from Kothen to the new billeting area. The units closed in their respective areas at 1910, and the 3d Battalion, 32d Armored Regiment, reverted to 32d Armored Regimental control. Headquarters 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was located in Grillenburg and





the battalion was billeted in towns in that vicinity.

At 1640 the artillery air OP reported that the bridge at 050742 had just been blown.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Orr, continued to maintain defensive positions in Dessau throughout the period.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn of Combat Command "B", continued to secure its sector throughout the period. It was anticipated that 2d Battalion would move to the new assembly area sometime during the next day.

24 April 1945: Task Force Hogan remained in position, securing its sector throughout the day. During the morning, prior to daylight, and again after dark, regular patrols were made to contact Combat Command "A" on the right.

The Combat Command was attached to 9th Infantry Division at 1630.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Combat Command "A", continued to defend its sector. They were attached to the 9th Infantry Division effective 1545, and remained under control of 9th Infantry Division until they started moving to the new assembly area.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, moved to new assembly area vicinity Vatterode during the day and reverted to regimental control, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment.

3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, less Company H, still in Aken, in their new assembly area, started reorganizing, cleaning up, and necessary maintenance.

25 April 1945: All attached troops of other units of the Division were released during the day, and reverted to their respective commands. On completion of the relief of the Combat Command by 9th Infantry Division at 1630, the Combat Command reverted to control of 3d Armored Division. Combat Command CP moved at 1725 to new area vicinity Rammelburg and closed at 2130.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, continued to occupy their sector, under Combat Command "A", until late in the afternoon when relief was effected by 9th Infantry Division. 3d Armored Division planned to move the Battalion the following morning to the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment assembly area, at which time it would revert to regimental control.



2d Battalion and 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, remained in their sector, and proceeded with clean-up, recreation and maintenance.

H Company, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was relieved at Aken during the day, and joined the 3d Battalion in their assembly area.

26 - 30 April (incl) 1945: On the 26th April, the 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, moved into its assigned bivouac area, vicinity Wippra, and began maintenance, clean-up, and recreation. The 2d and 3d Battalions continued with maintenance and recreation, through 28 April 1945. On 29 April 1945, the Regiment moved south to new assembly areas with Headquarters and Service Company vicinity Greussen, 1st Battalion vicinity Weissensee, 2d Battalion vicinity Kollada, and 3d Battalion vicinity Grossenhrich.

At the end of the period the companies were paid off, began anew on their maintenance and clean-up, and prepared to start on a training and recreation schedule on the 1st of May.

(n) Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

36th Armored Infantry Regiment	-	Col R L Howze
1st Battalion, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col W R Orr
2d Battalion, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Lt Col T J Moran
3d Battalion, 36th Armd Inf Regt	-	Maj R E Chaney

(i) Changes in Command:

Lt Col T. J. Moran commanded 2d Battalion	from 1 - 13 April 1945.
Major Ronald J. Peshek commanded 2d Bn	from 14- 17 April 1945.
Capt Harvey K. Bubenszer commanded 2d Bn	from 18- 30 April 1945.
Major Robert E. Chaney commanded 3d Bn	from 1- 14 April 1945.
Major Gordon F. Thomas commanded 3d Bn	from 15- 30 April 1945.

(1) LOSSES IN ACTION:

NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Moses, Kenneth E.	36525980	pfc	1 April 1945
Phillips, Clyde P. Sr.	34839357	pfc	1 April 1945
Marker, Gustave J.	36709586	pfc	1 April 1945
Congelo, George M. Sr.	42122406	pfc	1 April 1945
Campas, Tony NMI	39241898	pfc	1 April 1945
Irwin, Robert C.	38700107	pfc	1 April 1945
Boisvert, Guilfred J.	31375014	pfc	1 April 1945
O'Donnell, Henry T.	35941471	pfc	1 April 1945
Craig, Wayne L.	38570560	pvt	1 April 1945
Hardee, Silas E.	34857707	pfc	1 April 1945
Belue, John C.	15317944	sgt	1 April 1945
Harper, Louis C.	20360492	pfc	1 April 1945
Martina, James NMI	33153486	pvt	1 April 1945
Passanise, Sam H.	37626374	pfc	1 April 1945
Tipton, Harold M.	38599674	pfc	1 April 1945
Trovato, Joseph A.	42175054	pfc	1 April 1945
Avila, Ruben NMI	38067669	pfc	1 April 1945
Paith, Robert C.	36078050	pfc	1 April 1945
Pierce, Bert H.	7085674	pvt	1 April 1945
Richeson, James R.	38067447	pfc	1 April 1945
Cole, Henry A.	34939342	pfc	1 April 1945
Bartley, Wilber H.	37643691	pfc	1 April 1945
Alarie, Raymond M.	31448877	pfc	1 April 1945
Ledoux, Willie NMI	31454514	pfc	1 April 1945
Hewis, Robert A.	34058924	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Comins, Harry W.	36212748	sgt	1 April 1945
Hughes, Edward E.	35295438	pfc	1 April 1945
Kosko, Michael P.	32918798	pfc	1 April 1945
Sarrett, Jesse B.	39309071	s/sgt	1 April 1945
George, James J.	35171462	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Duffy, Robert W.	37656745	sgt	1 April 1945
Jardot, Ralph J.	37745048	pfc	1 April 1945
Mantanes, Gustave D.	39155126	pvt	1 April 1945
Halbrook, Leonard E.	34920180	pfc	1 April 1945
Hutchens, Billy G.	37512883	pfc	1 April 1945
Musella, Saverio J.	39545108	pfc	1 April 1945
Driscoll, James A.	42069357	pfc	1 April 1945
Pickard, Floyd E.	34174318	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Neals, James E.	33433035	pfc	1 April 1945
Canterbury, James M. Jr.	37180367	pfc	1 April 1945
Miller, Joe D. Jr.	34572697	pfc	1 April 1945
Becker, Kenneth O.	36212774	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Brinker, Lawrence W.	33704007	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Dickson, William G.	35897962	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Bellflower, Wilburn T.	39419767	pfc	1 April 1945
Reutter, Raymond J.	6131245	pfc	1 April 1945
Rowley, Paul H.	42120976	pfc	1 April 1945
Supernavage, Edward J.	42190128	pvt	1 April 1945
Taylor, Omar G.	36037248	tec 5	1 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Malniak, phil NMI	33827610	tee 5	2 April 1945
Batten, William G.	34173738	pfc	2 April 1945
Jones, Thomas R. SR.	34833152	pfc	2 April 1945
Bitski, Joseph S.	36037454	tee 5	2 April 1945
Marsenall, Richard J.	35089786	pfc	2 April 1945
Schill, Henry A.	37018131	tee 5	2 April 1945
Stephens, Harold NMI	36078193	sgt	1 April 1945
Boom, William C.	01327604	2/Lt	1 April 1945
Bird, Ted NMI	38583871	pfc	1 April 1945
Rainey, James W.	31071381	sgt	4 April 1945
Odle, Fred J.	38171854	tee 5	4 April 1945
Wisma, John H.	36234572	pfc	2 April 1945
Schryler, Joseph A.	33907385	pfc	2 April 1945
Sullivan, William F.	34630703	pfc	2 April 1945
Huskins, Howard NMI	34950452	pfc	1 April 1945
Gunter, Raymond NMI	35908916	pfc	1 April 1945
Vernamonti, Michael L.	33838192	pvt	2 April 1945
Sanders, James E.	34782568	pfc	2 April 1945
Albers, John H.	37338209	pfc	2 April 1945
Becker, George J. Jr.	38591244	pfc	6 April 1945
Sapien, Catarino NMI	39688360	pfc	6 April 1945
Guthrie, Martin T.	14033842	pfc	6 April 1945
Griffin, Ramon G.	32849086	pvt	6 April 1945
Young, Leonae NMI	34153863	sgt	6 April 1945
Bolton, Arthur K.	0536356	2/Lt	6 April 1945
Janezak, Frank S.	36907704	pfc	6 April 1945
Helman, Raymond L.	31467884	pfc	6 April 1945
Wasolewski, Joseph NMI	35046591	S/sgt	6 April 1945
Amano, Joseph NMI	32478267	pfc	6 April 1945
Kelly, John P.	42027813	pfc	6 April 1945
Wilks, James P.	6851450	S/sgt	6 April 1945
Radkins, Henry NMI	15065197	pfc	6 April 1945
Wilson, Glenn L.	42146027	pfc	6 April 1945
Rivard, Maurice J.	11063919	pfc	6 April 1945
Thomas, Ernest B.	34828753	pfc	7 April 1945
Maxwell, Wilson NMI	35670360	pfc	6 April 1945
Kirk, Allen R.	39726187	S/sgt	6 April 1945
Henderson, Roy J.	42122867	pfc	6 April 1945
Kinder, Vestle T.	35922299	sgt	6 April 1945
Tilden, Perry E.	01058139	2/Lt	7 April 1945
Smith, Clarence W.	36960788	pfc	7 April 1945
Yuras, Anthony P.	32357130	pfc	7 April 1945
Olesky, Frank NMI	36339900	pvt	7 April 1945
Brooks, Henry NMI JR	35839446	pfc	7 April 1945
Hueggenberg, Marlin G.	37670220	pfc	6 April 1945
Goldstein, Louis NMI	31390388	tee 5	6 April 1945
Price, Edward W.	39612144	pfc	6 April 1945
Watters, Robert S.	37032938	T/sgt	7 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Fritz, William C.	33584052	S/sgt	7 April 1945
Curtis, William	01322000	1/Lt	8 April 1945
Vincent, Clyde S.	38697955	pfc	8 April 1945
Berna, Lester R.	37775824	pvt	8 April 1945
Sadorus, George S.	39544679	sgt	7 April 1945
Roberts, Clifton R.	01039877	2/Lt	6 April 1945
Fala, Carmon J.	33085214	Tec 5	6 April 1945
Harris, Ed C.	38043723	S/sgt	6 April 1945
Gallett, Clayton O.	42095501	pfc	6 April 1945
Ruggiero, Armando NMI	42142448	pfc	6 April 1945
Davenport, John D. Jr.	0537388	1/Lt	7 April 1945
Cantos, Charles J.	33923125	pfc	8 April 1945
Laney, Oliver NMI	14020029	T/sgt	7 April 1945
Blaker, James R.	36023689	pfc	7 April 1945
Appleman, James E.	38570789	pfc	6 April 1945
Schwarzschild, Jack NMI	42087145	pfc	7 April 1945
Wise, Jack R.	6667920	pfc	6 April 1945
Acosta, James E.	39698069	pfc	8 April 1945
Byron, Vernon G.	31446265	pvt	8 April 1945
Floegal, Glenn E.	33951080	pvt	8 April 1945
Kattestad, John M.	36961304	pfc	8 April 1945
Fuches, Leonard F.	37771269	pvt	6 April 1945
Sullivan, Bruce H.	34336452	sgt	6 April 1945
Todd, Rex L.	37054313	cpl	6 April 1945
Quimby, Lotus A.	38176114	pfc	6 April 1945
Warner, Paul D.	35634279	pvt	6 April 1945
Richardson, Lester G.	32594051	pfc	9 April 1945
Holder, Bruce C.	38608241	pfc	9 April 1945
Perkins, William G.	32847348	pfc	9 April 1945
Dill, Roy L.	38573218	pvt	9 April 1945
West, Edward G.	15101851	S/sgt	7 April 1945
Copeland, Alex NMI	37087410	T/sgt	6 April 1945
Withey, Carlous G.	42142687	pfc	6 April 1945
Walsh, Martin NMI	31375719	S/sgt	10 April 1945
Puccio, John NMI	31207461	cpl	10 April 1945
Frasier, Sharron L.	34088159	pfc	10 April 1945
McCanles, Walter C.	37753736	pvt	10 April 1945
Kertis, Joseph NMI	33082177	Tec 5	10 April 1945
Jobin, Maurice	31453621	pfc	10 April 1945
Todd, James A.	16085998	Tec 5	9 April 1945
Stroud, Lyle L.	36864599	pfc	11 April 1945
Sparano, Dominick T.	42188867	pvt	11 April 1945
Ulmer, Leon C.	37071592	S/sgt	11 April 1945
Levine, Joseph NMI	38228088	S/sgt	12 April 1945
Turner, Benjamin F.	37745046	pfc	10 April 1945
Robert, Newton J.	38618593	pvt	10 April 1945
Vignati, Frank E.	31345509	sgt	12 April 1945
Zima, Eugene J.	31412470	pfc	10 April 1945
Rhodes, Fred H.	01057218	2/Lt	10 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Bowlds, Leo A.	37771238	pfc	10 April 1945
Bossard, Paul J.	42185282	pfc	10 April 1945
Caule, Francis J.	37560430	pfc	10 April 1945
Nagy, Eugene P.	42187648	pfc	11 April 1945
Ashley, Ruel K.	34839522	pvt	12 April 1945
Viscuso, Carmelo NMI	42184598	pvt	12 April 1945
Baker, Westley W.	32585764	pfc	12 April 1945
Hern, Raymon C.	34058681	pfc	12 April 1945
O'gonner, Leonard E.	36767413	T/sgt	12 April 1945
Pederson, Harold V.	39187678	sgt	12 April 1945
Orsini, William J.	42188821	pvt	12 April 1945
Shelton, John H.	34977694	pfc	11 April 1945
Saylor, Asher NMI	35849648	pfc	11 April 1945
Dearden, William NMI	37046494	Tec 5	11 April 1945
Diets, Lawrence R.	20846066	Cpl	10 April 1945
Perkins, John W.	14016560	pfc	10 April 1945
Brocius, Mervin NMI	33786815	pfc	10 April 1945
Deppiasse, Everett P.	36212791	Tec 5	10 April 1945
<del>Frank, Herman NMI</del>	<del>35850848</del>	<del>pvt</del>	
Holder, Homer R.	34597644	sgt	12 April 1945
Alston, Robert M.	34230949	sgt	11 April 1945
Hamilton, Clifford L.	34978682	pfc	11 April 1945
Shofner, Grover M.	36699588	pfc	12 April 1945
Lash, Stanley E.	33943049	pfc	12 April 1945
Chapman, Dalton NMI	6377094	pfc	12 April 1945
McCloud, James W.	34922103	pfc	12 April 1945
Burse, Albert T.	42184354	pfc	12 April 1945
Hanneman, Vincent P.	36960928	pfc	12 April 1945
Sappington, Emmett B.	37399508	pfc	11 April 1945
Williams, Alvin H.	42146875	pfc	11 April 1945
Jaeger, George NMI	42176767	pfc	6 April 1945
Woodrume, John C.	36980204	pfc	6 April 1945
Macilko, Tony NMI	42180258	pfc	12 April 1945
Brown, Lewis N.	44035063	pfc	11 April 1945
Lovett, Clarence J.	38732975	pfc	11 April 1945
Portner, John A.	14017835	T/sgt	10 April 1945
Rumsey, Ronald H.	42096573	pfc	10 April 1945
Schulofsky, Philip	33760486	pvt	10 April 1945
Fraxier, William T.	34599312	pfc	13 April 1945
Wood, Henry L.	36919113	pvt	13 April 1945
Mueller, Donald F.	37553143	pfc	13 April 1945
Stephens, Leroy NMI	37058353	s/sgt	13 April 1945
Fosberg, Kenneth L.	20114184	s/sgt	13 April 1945
Hayes, James C.	01290944	1/Lt	13 April 1945
Donnell, William T.	6292063	T/sgt	13 April 1945
Rawls, Joe P.	14000398	T/sgt	13 April 1945
Simmons, Walter NMI	34888569	Cpl	13 April 1945
Carlson, Donald P.	36713724	pfc	13 April 1945
Vacchiano, Frank S.	42190141	pfc	13 April 1945
Crows, Hardie NMI	37610328	pvt	13 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Galef, Melvin NMI	01323119	2/Lt	13 April 1945
Deneen, Charles E.	31436877	pvt	11 April 1945
Rauschenberger, Paul C.	36526861	pfc	13 April 1945
Rice, Thomas E.	33446468	sgt	12 April 1945
Boyer, Clifford G.	37010550	S/sgt	13 April 1945
Bailey, James T.	35816728	pvt	13 April 1945
Takacs, John A.	42100981	pvt	13 April 1945
Shaw, William C.	14033913	S/sgt	13 April 1945
Hopper, Homer T.	38694011	pfc	13 April 1945
Werpell, James L.	36918466	pvt	13 April 1945
Hoole, Ralph D.	0405627	1/Lt	13 April 1945
Bank, Price B.	35088358	pvt	13 April 1945
Rivenbark, Henry C.	44013876	pvt	13 April 1945
Campana, Albert D.	32507403	pvt	14 April 1945
Henken, Joseph H.	36065968	pvt	14 April 1945
Bailey, Junior L.	33217574	sgt	13 April 1945
Camara, Manuel M. Jr.	31367422	pfc	14 April 1945
Schneider, Louis G.	36064411	pfc	7 April 1945
Valenti, Mariano NMI	42186547	pvt	7 April 1945
Linville, William T.	35877251	S/sgt	10 April 1945
Ruzicka, Victor H.	36458293	Cpl	10 April 1945
Jehlen, John A.	42136496	pfc	10 April 1945
Edwards, Donald F.	42184638	pvt	10 April 1945
Penna, Tony M. Jr.	39463417	S/sgt	14 April 1945
Parker, Morris H.	36042853	T/sgt	14 April 1945
Nyrd, William T.	34968581	S/sgt	14 April 1945
Pum, William H.	12201130	Cpl	14 April 1945
Grube, Elwood J. Sr.	33837896	pfc	14 April 1945
Schilling, Charles H.	33574555	pfc	14 April 1945
Bell, Horace L. J.	34968963	pvt	14 April 1945
Smetana, John P.	42003973	pvt	14 April 1945
Powler, James A.	34868092	pvt	14 April 1945
Hackstedt, Raymond C.	36090072	S/sgt	14 April 1945
Frank, Louis W.	35019574	pvt	14 April 1945
Edge, Warren G.	6296690	Cpl	14 April 1945
Joseph, Harry T. Jr.	33814434	pfc	14 April 1945
Harris, Henry H.	34800644	pvt	14 April 1945
Brzuchalaki, Sylvester NMI	35284647	pfc	14 April 1945
Krolikowski, Louis L.	32209488	pfc	8 April 1945
Casaretto, Eugene G.	37139612	sgt	14 April 1945
Reed, Sanford R. Jr.	37753695	pvt	14 April 1945
James, Jack W.	39170400	pfc	15 April 1945
Stasiowski, Stanley S.	36606602	pvt	15 April 1945
Roventini, Evio J.	36960728	pfc	15 April 1945
Musgrove, Harold S.	34979405	pfc	15 April 1945
Parks, Alfred NMI	38578517	pfc	15 April 1945
Pearcy, Gilbert J.	36960337	pfc	15 April 1945
Paulson, Maxwell L.	36960342	pfc	15 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Hutt, Charles A. Jr.	34088002	Cpl	15 April 1945
McClure, William H.	34282221	pfc	15 April 1945
Clark, Harry L.	34973901	pfc	15 April 1945
Grice, George G.	31436654	pvt	15 April 1945
Grove, Andrew J. F.	33948844	pfc	15 April 1945
Pennington, James C.	34949002	pfc	15 April 1945
Saylor, Asher NMI	35249646	pfc	15 April 1945
Taylor, Euclid G.	18194427	pfc	15 April 1945
Cheshaek, Steven NMI	33200054	pvt	15 April 1945
Lantz, Harry J.	33878617	pvt	15 April 1945
Walters, Ernest R.	39175322	pvt	15 April 1945
Weissensahl, Joseph W.	42191237	pvt	15 April 1945
Whitman, Leroy M.	14035102	pfc	15 April 1945
Jackson, Harold J.	31354535	Cpl	15 April 1945
Farmer, Thomas E.	42104465	pfc	15 April 1945
James, Oia NMI Jr.	35845683	pfc	15 April 1945
Nickiewicz, Henry J.	32276683	T/sgt	15 April 1945
Butler, Eugene R.	37673733	sgt	15 April 1945
Keenall, Robert J.	36988913	pfc	15 April 1945
Jackson, Richard A.	<del>35740004</del>	pfc	15 April 1945
Kuhl, Ervin P.	37658737	S/sgt	15 April 1945
Rhinchart, Kenneth R.	36980490	sgt	12 April 1945
Davis, Charles T.	14023941	pfc	15 April 1945
Looney, Charles R.	35656616	Teo 5	15 April 1945
Vister, William J.	35616182	pfc	15 April 1945
Cobodas, Elger NMI	39701682	pfc	15 April 1945
Wohlgemuth, Curd R.	32606645	Teo 5	15 April 1945
Ruckman, Richard	37016785	pfc	15 April 1945
Ballantyne, Robert J.	35905750	pvt	15 April 1945
Page, Marcel P.	35086780	pvt	15 April 1945
Walker, Phillip E.	18338195	pfc	15 April 1945
Grimaldi, Joe C.	36870894	pvt	15 April 1945
Gainey, Grover J.	34822236	pvt	15 April 1945
Crocker, John Q. sr.	34938333	pvt	15 April 1945
Hey, Howard NMI	37497493	Cpl	15 April 1945
Yarbery, Bill NMI	37067386	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Meyer, Rayfield M.	37664953	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Murphy, Robert E.	35076281	pfc	16 April 1945
Ramsay, Clyde R.	31373191	pfc	16 April 1945
Goodgold, Irving NMI	32644525	pfc	16 April 1945
Borgers, Otto F.	37605275	pfc	17 April 1945
Wiedenbaum, Harry NMI	32879018	pvt	17 April 1945
Lambright, Beauregard J.	34767972	pvt	16 April 1945
Pagett, Denver E.	37627242	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Kleinhalter, Vernon J.	35691299	pfc	16 April 1945
Kwiatkowski, Chester P.	32923940	pfc	16 April 1945
Washington, James J.	42143680	pfc	16 April 1945
Gehring, George J.	33199769	pvt	16 April 1945



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Watkins, Edward H.	35923332	pfc	16 April 1945
Fox, Wade	35829957	pfc	14 April 1945
Patton, Dorian E.	35812575	T/sgt	16 April 1945
Meyer, Alfred NMI	36077914	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Hyatt, Perry H.	34935428	pfc	16 April 1945
Brooks, Henry NMI Jr.	35839446	pfc	16 April 1945
Mann, Howard L.	36980804	pfc	17 April 1945
Balaris, Joseph NMI	42185192	pfc	17 April 1945
Patterson, William R.	33838379	pvt	14 April 1945
Oldham, Robert W.	37061169	pvt	16 April 1945
Darlington, Edward E.	37771240	pfc	16 April 1945
Paterak, Frank J.	32453446	pvt	16 April 1945
Clapp, William H.	35141902	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Reinke, Martin H.	37120085	pfc	16 April 1945
Winters, William L.	34611540	pfc	17 April 1945
Volberding, Fredrick A. Jr.	37452626	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Nichols, Keith V.	16126275	Cpl	16 April 1945
Kahl, Harlan	36960758	pfc	16 April 1945
Mosofsky, Arthur NMI	32712722	pfc	16 April 1945
Toney, James W.	35902431	pfc	16 April 1945
Gaiser, John C.	35893962	pvt	16 April 1945
Fleegal, Glenn E.	33931088	pvt	16 April 1945
Kania, Bernard	36918428	pvt	16 April 1945
Miller, David P.	35578616	S/sgt	10 April 1945
Gasparro, John V.	42122301	pfc	10 April 1945
Jensen, Victor P. Jr.	36834769	pfc	10 April 1945
Carlson, William T.	36106762	Tec 5	16 April 1945
Phillips, Elmer W.	34058499	sgt	16 April 1945
Storey, Forrest P.	34777502	pfc	16 April 1945
Kniffin, Ivan L.	39904881	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Reyer, Paul NMI	34260359	sgt	16 April 1945
Maher, Richard L.	37639901	pfc	16 April 1945
Mart, Marvin J.	15186857	pfc	16 April 1945
Ciupak, Edward P.	32841673	pfc	16 April 1945
Cannon, Hugh V.	34098982	Tec 5	16 April 1945
Burton Z T (io)	38607330	pfc	16 April 1945
Davenport, Albert NMI	7007333	sgt	17 April 1945
Sher, George NMI	36042664	Tec 5	16 April 1945
Hope, William D.	33048166	pfc	17 April 1945
Bartosek, Milton J.	36746524	pfc	17 April 1945
Watson, Morris T.	39148235	pfc	17 April 1945
Larsh, Clifford R.	35885880	pfc	17 April 1945
Dormany, Joseph E.	34546329	pfc	17 April 1945
Gaines, Albert R.	38128064	Tec 5	17 April 1945
Stamos, Samuel N.	15121145	Cpl	17 April 1945
Beeson, Albert T.	34869331	pfc	17 April 1945
Wise, Fred P.	34611433	pvt	17 April 1945

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Turnbough, Willard A.	37629105	S Sgt	17 April 1945
Wagner, Frank	32801528	Cpl	17 April 1945
Graves, John M.	34914044	Pvt	18 April 1945
McDowell, Roger C.	14030658	Pfc	18 April 1945
Montalbano, Joseph	42188848	Pvt	18 April 1945
Malinoski, Adolph A.	31417772	Pvt	17 April 1945
Duncan, Ralph L.	37749745	Pvt	17 April 1945
Farr, Henry C.	33596218	Tec 5	17 April 1945
Michaud, Henry H.	31433007	Pfc	17 April 1945
Adams, Jesse J.	33660836	Pfc	17 April 1945
Sarver, Edward G.	33091059	S Sgt	17 April 1945
Stephenson, Herman	44013649	Pvt	17 April 1945
Zuniga, Joe T. Sr.	37754077	Pvt	17 April 1945
Skaggs, Everett M.	35655052	Pvt	15 April 1945
Zaccaria, James A. Jr.	31411156	Pvt	15 April 1945
Sheridan, James E.	15337585	Pfc	15 April 1945
Wiechman, Martin W.	37747684	Pfc	13 April 1945
Arcia, James	39721225	Pvt	18 April 1945
Turnbull, Grant H.	39022533	Sgt.	18 April 1945
Booth, Eugene R.	42177292	Pfc	18 April 1945
Donovan, Clarence I.	36716224	Pvt	18 April 1945
Stogner, Leverts	38657755	Pvt	18 April 1945
Wilson, Warren D.	42099044	Pvt	18 April 1945
Smith, Ellis B. Jr.	44017708	Pvt	18 April 1945
Wood, Eugene M.	34865306	Pvt	18 April 1945
Schwertly, Harvey K.	42142644	Pfc	18 April 1945
Thibeault, Romeo	31100231	Tec 5	18 April 1945
Young, Homer L.	44038744	Pvt	18 April 1945
Smith, Gordon C.	33713434	Pvt	18 April 1945
Denniston, Donald W.	39476473	Cpl	18 April 1945
Seymour, Vinonet W.	31471851	Pfc	18 April 1945
Roberts, George L.	36254000	Pfc	18 April 1945
Barrett, John H.	33838526	Pvt	18 April 1945
Peterson, Warren C.	37010599	S Sgt.	18 April 1945
Cavin, Raymond C.	6272411	S Sgt	18 April 1945
Newcomb, James O.	35480741	Pfc	18 April 1945
Aspinall, Sam R.	31320547	Tec 5	18 April 1945
Baker, Edwin C.	33903331	Sgt.	18 April 1945
Meschini, Marcel J.	31432899	Pfc	18 April 1945
Paige, Tracy	44017583	Pvt	18 April 1945
Skallerud, Lowell R.	17050777	Pvt	18 April 1945
Jaques, Earl K.	31372476	Pfc	18 April 1945
Jones, Alan M.	19177612	Pfc	18 April 1945
Malone, Frank S.	33822964	Pfc	17 April 1945
Lewis, Eltus C.	18062455	S Sgt	13 April 1945
Stuedinger, Benjamin	33838289	Pvt	13 April 1945
Everett, Morgan R.	33942880	Pvt	13 April 1945
Berton, Leno L.	31433747	Pfc	13 April 1945
Roberts, Albert R.	33713452	Pvt	18 April 1945
Antonucci, John J.	31436566	Pvt	18 April 1945
Hayden, Henry E.	33860325	Pvt	18 April 1945
Haves, Gerald W.	37589058	Pfc	18 April 1945
Stabler, Arthur L.	33814493	Pvt	18 April 1945
Hershey, Chester L.	33802852	S Sgt	18 April 1945
Bernardie, John L.	01321990	1st Lt	18 April 1945

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Wright, Lewis J.	15082734	Pfc	18 April 1945
Cole, Delbert K.	36444235	Pfc	18 April 1945
Furtado, Alfred J.	31434320	Pvt	18 April 1945
Dennis, James H.	35611818	Pfc	18 April 1945
Roberts, LaVerne F.	36971130	Pfc	18 April 1945
Cooper, Robert M.	35905176	Pvt	18 April 1945
Dessautels, Paul A.	31418212	Pfc	18 April 1945
Dabbs, Allton L.	34885854	Pfc	18 April 1945
Garsieri, Frank	42176859	Pfc	18 April 1945
Laver, Glenn W.	38732867	Pfc	15 April 1945
Peshek, Ronald J.	0328473	Maj	18 April 1945
Orange, William A. Jr	33889204	Pfc	18 April 1945
Davis, Lowell S.	36918199	Pvt	18 April 1945
Beahen, Jerome T.	37775721	Pvt	18 April 1945
Owens, Nick	34912421	Pfc	18 April 1945
Hardy, Douglas P.	34837691	Pfc	18 April 1945
Piano, Edmund	31454505	Pfc	18 April 1945
Howden, Bruce E. Jr.	33598218	Pfc	18 April 1945
Hasse, Don A.	37378105	Pvt	18 April 1945
Pritt, Raymond L.	35086148	Pfc	15 April 1945
Rouse, Nerle E.	37753716	Pfc	15 April 1945
Hourant, George M.	12021211	Sgt	15 April 1945
Koselev, William H.	33856824	Pfc	13 April 1945
Young, Hawley G.	37016026	S Sgt	18 April 1945
Wright, Andrew J Jr	33951442	Pfc	19 April 1945
Carter, Golden H.	44036155	Pvt	17 April 1945
Funk, Herman	35850247	Pvt	18 April 1945
Held, John M.	37638682	Pvt	18 April 1945
Huntley, Charles C.	34935503	Pfc	14 April 1945
Marcus, Gilmer L.	34937252	Pfc	13 April 1945
Gutierrez, Pete	37704887	Pvt	14 April 1945
Atwood, Alvin E.	38578729	Pfc	19 April 1945
Bailey, Wilbur S.	33854866	Pfc	19 April 1945
Mason, John F. Jr.	37424742	Pvt	19 April 1945
Sprake, John R.	14003679	Pfc	19 April 1945
Marotta, Patrick A.	31436902	Pvt	19 April 1945
Seidenstein, Lester	42189023	Pvt	19 April 1945
Rader, Marvin	32322115	S Sgt	19 April 1945
Cobb, Leland D.	37683811	S Sgt	19 April 1945
Carrier, William	35807065	Pfc	19 April 1945
Lee, Elton A.	37776198	Pfc	19 April 1945
Such, James J.	36911988	Pfc	19 April 1945
Lester, Newil W.	42165859	Pfc	19 April 1945
Barrow, Morris J.	38618916	Pfc	19 April 1945
Stepien, John T.	36036068	S Sgt	19 April 1945
West, Edward G.	15101851	S Sgt	19 April 1945
Wissler, Russell S.	33148660	T Sgt	19 April 1945
Adecock, Milton E.	37712620	Pvt	18 April 1945
Ringler, Norman L.	33574127	Cpl	19 April 1945
Chaney, Robert E.	0351085	Maj	15 April 1945
Hanmett, Alphonse B.	38641301	Cpl	20 April 1945
Clues, Roy H.	01326220	1st Lt.	20 April 1945
Coleman, Robert E.	14035328	Pvt	20 April 1945
Oliver, John P.	15076802	Sgt.	20 April 1945
Skellev, Jack E.	33940255	Pfc	20 April 1945

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DeSanti, Arturo	31429907	Pfc	20 April 1945
Wise, Jack R.	6667920	Pfc	20 April 1945
Domrow, Frederick W.	36919351	Pvt	20 April 1945
Wisnowski, Robert J.	22181328	Pfc-	20 April 1945
Yurko, Roger B.	39458756	Pfc	20 April 1945
Krehely, John P.	42184582	Pfc	20 April 1945
Smith, James R.	36073647	Tec 4	20 April 1945
May, Walter W.	01290968	1st Lt	20 April 1945
Woloszyn, Edward J.	33802104	Pvt	20 April 1945
Cordell, Earl M.	34987030	Pfc	20 April 1945
Rickey, Leodore A.	31468259	Pfc	20 April 1945
Hehly, Earl W.	33947486	Pvt	21 April 1945
Servis, Roy F.	36987215	Pvt	21 April 1945
Crumpley, James W.	38432218	Sgt	21 April 1945
Collins, Erwin E.	36228130	Pfc	21 April 1945
Maki, Jacob E.	36980172	Pfc	21 April 1945
Connors, Lawrence L.	31166099	S Sgt	21 April 1945
Roub, Ronald D.	37776315	Pfc	21 April 1945
Easterday, LeRoy E.	37481474	Pvt	21 April 1945
Stump, Clarence W.	13177053	Pvt	21 April 1945
Shadriok, Arnold A.	33956806	Pvt	21 April 1945
Jackson, Robert O	7004899	Tec 5	21 April 1945
Curran, Richard J.	42183593	Pfc	21 April 1945
Theobald, Ernest E.	36313826	S Sgt	21 April 1945
Roberts, Calvin D.	37748727	Pfc	21 April 1945
DeCrescenzo, Emingildo	642185595	Pfc	17 April 1945
Render, Harold J.	32168295	S Sgt	18 April 1945
Ramos, Paul A.	35738649	Pfc	18 April 1945
Anderson, Levi P.	44026323	Pvt	18 April 1945
Hartel, Lionel P.	31399697	S Sgt	18 April 1945
LaBrutte, Carmon J.	42184359	Pvt	21 April 1945
Lisi, Pasco F. Jr.	31470169	Pvt	21 April 1945
Burley, Lattie	35134761	S Sgt	21 April 1945
Sadowski, Edward J.	33844824	Tec 5	21 April 1945
Vater, Frank E.	17041846	Pfc	18 April 1945
Verette, Joseph V.	34076554	Pfc	19 April 1945
Kurtz, Warren C.	34572050	Pfc	18 April 1945
Lambrecht, Leonard R.	36228054	Sgt	18 April 1945
Stacy, John J.	42101354	Pvt	18 April 1945
Snow, Arthur C.	37067373	Pfc	18 April 1945
Ashworth, Wilson P.	31448834	Pfc	18 April 1945
Mitchell, Warren M.	34936011	Pfc	18 April 1945
Goldberg, Arnold	42176260	Pvt	18 April 1945
Walker, Lowell K	35171482	Pfc	18 April 1945
Martin, Paul E.	37446184	Pfc	21 April 1945
Mott, Harold K.	36918486	Pvt	21 April 1945
Furhman, Morton	31436827	Pvt	19 April 1945
Donaldson, John E.	31457313	Pfc	21 April 1945
Eckert, Arthur J.	33609889	Pvt	21 April 1945
Trent, Charles D.	36058333	Pfc	21 April 1945
Douthit, John W.	37693113	Pfc	21 April 1945
Michalitsch, Joseph L	37590185	Pfc	21 April 1945
Beauchemin, Armand	31436783	Pfc	21 April 1945
Appleton, Thomas W. Jr.	42184633	Pfc	21 April 1945

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Schrotberger, Dale L.	36990465	Pfc	21 April 1945
Brannan, Aubrey T.	38202690	Pfc	18 April 1945
Dolin, David R.	32845683	Pvt	21 April 1945
Arotsky, Abraham	31274535	Tec 5	16 April 1945
Niemi, Ralph E.	01014371	1st Lt.	13 April 1945
Van Hoose, Howard	35777373	Pvt	15 April 1945
Tricarico, Frank A.	42175055	Pfc	17 April 1945
Aker, Fred T.	44033086	Pvt	17 April 1945
Kinn, Edward L.	0511701	2nd Lt	18 April 1945
Palmer, Adrain P.	34989990	Pfc	18 April 1945
Chadwick, Alpin C.	39549033	S Sgt	18 April 1945
Jones, Wilbon M.	20360460	S Sgt	19 April 1945
Mitchell, Byron	34689259	Pfc	19 April 1945
Solami, Sam F.	36744925	Pfc	21 April 1945
Hockensmith, Clarence	37729738	Pfc	21 April 1945
Whitmire, Floyd E. Jr.	33610659	Pfc	21 April 1945
Roland, Robert A.	35894489	Pfc	21 April 1945
Saponaro, Rocco D.	32909210	Pfc	21 April 1945
Darbee, Harold C.	36117964	S Sgt	19 April 1945
Van Houten, Everett	42142686	Sgt	19 April 1945
Abernathy, Kenneth A.	37596136	Pfc	19 April 1945
Tippie, L.B. (io)	02005516	1st Lt	21 April 1945
Sutton, Gregory P.	34947221	Sgt	21 April 1945
Robertson, R.B. (io)	38601254	Pfc	21 April 1945
Sourry, Frederick G. Jr.	44026296	Pfc	22 April 1945
Armstrong, Donald L.	36843351	Pfc	22 April 1945
McCann, Herchel H.	14033949	T/Sgt	21 April 1945
Ritter, Edward W.L.	35901658	S Sgt	21 April 1945
Pool, John R.	39304665	Sgt	19 April 1945
Graham, Richard L.	37016283	Tec 5	22 April 1945
Haid, Ralph N. Sr	35775230	Sgt	19 April 1945
Kaup, John G.	37120329	Sgt	19 April 1945
Sprowl, Charles E.	36960878	Pfc	19 April 1945
Finn, Richard T.	36819082	Pfc	19 April 1945
Danchick, Joseph	32142899	Pfc	19 April 1945
Thellefsen, Merrill A.	42099960	Pvt	22 April 1945
Roan, Francis S.	20118352	Pvt	7 April 1945
Quayle, Thomas B.	01297250	1st Lt	21 April 1945
Kott, Edward J.	32709197	Pfc	11 April 1945
Hester, Edward G.	33921971	Pvt	20 April 1945
Hanson, Ervin O.	31466256	Pfc	19 April 1945
Michie, Phillip A.	31343997	Pfc	21 April 1945
Hearhood, Alvin H.	16148108	Pfc	21 April 1945
Cox, Ralph W.	01318652	1st Lt	21 April 1945
Miller, Robert E.	35915194	Tec 5	18 April 1945
Imbroto, Joseph P.	32176196	Pvt	20 April 1945
Snover, Sammie J.	36573717	Pvt	21 April 1945
Miller, William C.	35046759	S Sgt	21 April 1945
Jaglarski, Casimer S.	36908249	Pfc	22 April 1945
Tohulka, Richard H.	35171603	Pfc	22 April 1945
Robertson, Ezell M.	34657221	Pvt	18 April 1945
Bieber, Arnold	32598005	Sgt	16 April 1945
Berry, James M.	33702463	Pfc	18 April 1945
Finch, Charles M.	42182915	Pvt	14 April 1945
Forte, John J. 35837169		Sgt	21 April 1945

(i) LOSERS IN ACTION (Continued)

NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Cantrell, Sam	34738729	1st Lt	20 April 1945
Marra, Carlo M.	32755580	Pfc	14 April 1945
Martin, Orville L.	36918952	Pvt	14 April 1945
Zabel, Lawrence A.	37451083	Pfc	14 April 1945
Cornelius, Roy A.	38398988	Sgt	15 April 1945
Barney, Irving C.	42026428	Pfc	15 April 1945
Ruff, Edward B.	31457322	Pfc	15 April 1945
Connors, Gerald	31433808	Pvt	15 April 1945
Hilburn, D.P.E. (10)	39421764	Pvt	16 April 1945
Finke, Herman L.	36398524	S Sgt	14 April 1945
Larson, Robert L.	37556468	Cpl	14 April 1945
Johnson, Carl S.	33893674	Pvt	14 April 1945
Kahn, Herbert	42176932	Pfc	14 April 1945
Donovan, Arthur E.	31433831	Pfc	15 April 1945

(j) Former and Present Soldiers Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action:

NAME	ASN	GRADE	TYPE OF AWARD	AUTHORITY
Libby, Jack W.,	01311338	Capt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Scott, Joseph W.,	01320171	1st Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Sanchez, Roland W.,	01327322	2d Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Lopez, Glynn C.,	34736872	Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Johnson, James W.,	38820341	Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Morgan, Kenneth W.,	39049141	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Swinger, Frank J.,	32074601	Pfc	Polyster to S.S.	3d AD GO 43
White, Truman W.,	38032298	Pfc	Polyster to S.S.	3d AD GO 43
Howze, Robert L. Jr.,	015055	Col.	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Young, Carl W.,	36073430	Sgt	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Harlow, Ernest W. Jr.,	20361922	Sgt	Bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Martin, Athere W.,	34818559	Sgt	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Hard, Ralph E.,	35775230	Sgt	Bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Maup, John G.,	37120343	Sgt	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Hordland, Morris W.,	37032925	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Marvoski, Edward W.,	31392193	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Benix, Carl	35244075	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Qualters, William L.,	31392092	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Howley, Paul H.,	42120973	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 43
Sproll, Charles,	36960878	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 44
Gatts, William W.,	32757840	Pvt	bronze star	3d AD GO 44
Tippie, L. B.,	02005516	1st Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 45
Gable, Paul E.,	01326804	1st Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Fredericks, Dale W.,	01327613	2d Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Rayman, Richard L.,	37110546	S Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Sullivan, John T. Jr.,	34871604	S Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
DiGiambattisti, Louis	42118403	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Hughes, Edward E.,	35295438	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Lopez, Conrado M.,	38065020	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Simpson, George W.,	33943528	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Costello, John A.,	01057391	1st Lt	bronze star	3d AD GO 50
Stapleton, Raymond G.,	37018894	Sgt	bronze star	3d AD GO 50
Geraghty, Thomas L.,	39203625	Sgt	bronze star	3d AD GO 50
Stake, John A.,	31034723	Sgt	Bronze star	3d AD GO 50
Arclay, Ralph	33789701	Pfc	bronze star	3d AD GO 50



(j) Former and Present Members who Have Distinguished

Themselves in Action: (Continued)

NAME	ASN	GRADE	TYPE OF AWARD	REGIMENT
Clark, Stanley H.,	31465652	1st Lt	Bronze Star	3d Inf Regt 50
Harley, Jake W.,	14009096	1st Lt	Bronze Star	3d Inf Regt 50

3 Bronze Star

1st Battalion, 36th Airborne Infantry Regiment and Medical Section, 3d Battalion, 36th Airborne Infantry Regiment were awarded the Presidential Citation Award as per General Order No. 54, dated 30 April 1945 - 3d AD. See attached copy -

(k) Photographs: None.

(l) Inclosures:

1. Journal.
2. True copy, General Order No. 54, 3d AD - dated 30 April 1945.

For the Adjutant General:

Adjutant General  
3d AD, 36th Airborne Inf Regt



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In accordance with the provision of AD Circular 355, 22 December 1943, and as approved by Commanding General, First United States Army, the following units are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. These units are entitled to a citation streamer; individuals assigned or attached are authorized the award of the Distinguished Unit Badge or Outstanding Cluster there to, whichever is appropriate. The citations follow:

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1ST BATTALION, 36TH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in Germany during the period 12 to 22 September 1944. The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, on 12 September 1944 was assigned the mission of supporting an armored task force in its drive to smash the defenses of the Siegfried Line. Anti-tank obstacles retarded the progress of armor, and the battalion was committed to overrun strongly fortified defensive positions overlooking the obstacles. In two days of fierce fighting against a determined enemy the 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment succeeded in overpowering enemy defenses and penetrating the first fortified belt of the "West Wall". Over difficult terrain overlooking the second fortified belt this fighting force then attacked to force a bridgehead through the second belt of dragon's teeth. Vigorous hostile action was counterbalanced by an insuperable urge to close with and destroy the enemy wherever found. Against tremendous odds the battalion succeeded in establishing a bridgehead and for three days repulsed vigorous enemy counterattacks launched against it in an effort to break the battalion's foothold north of the dragon's teeth on critical terrain. On 18 September 1944, after infantry elements on the left and right failed to advance, the 1st Battalion was given the vital mission of withdrawing from its salient and attacking the strongly fortified town of MUNSTERBUSCH. Its fighting spirit undimmed, the 1st Battalion withdrew under pressure, launched the assault. The enemy poured deadly fire into its ranks inflicting severe losses on the attackers. The enemy fought savagely which often resulted in hand-to-hand combat. Despite enormous losses incurred in this offensive the 1st Battalion allowed the enemy no respite. Defending the town stubbornly the enemy employed tank, mortar, artillery, and automatic weapons fire and fanatically held their positions until either killed or overpowered by unrelenting pressure. During the period 12 - 22 September 1944 the 1st Battalion demonstrated extraordinary heroism, exhibited gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in overcoming unusually difficult and hazardous conditions. The unconquerable spirit displayed by the 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment in attack missions against important objectives made possible more deadly blows against the enemy on German soil.



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MEDICAL SECTION, THIRD BATTALION, 36TH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT

The Medical Section, 3rd Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action in Germany during the period from 17 to 21 September 1944. Throughout this bitter engagement, the Medical Section, 3rd Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment labored unceasingly despite devastating hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, administering medical aid and evacuating casualties. Although several members of the section were themselves painfully wounded, they denied themselves treatment or rest until their patients had been cared for. On one occasion, when an adjacent battalion was forced back, leaving the aid station unprotected, the members of the section continued their care for the wounded, realizing that to move the patients would have been, in many cases, fatal. Litter squads operated in the face of intense fire between the aid station and advanced units, evacuating casualties. Aid men moved with foremost assault units, rendering immediate medical treatment to the wounded. The unflinching courage and superb devotion to duty displayed by the members of the Medical Section, 3rd Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, directly resulted in the saving of many lives, exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service.

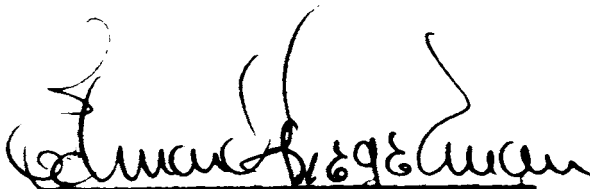
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