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**HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT  
A P 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 "A" 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 "Welborn" throughout the period.**

**(4) The 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, was attached to Combat Command "R", 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
Net loss or gain:	-10	0	+ 66

**(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 "R" was composed of the following units:

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Regimental Hq & Hq Company, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
3d Battalion, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Service Company, 36th Armd 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 Armd Regt  
3d Bn, 414th Inf Regt (1 - 11 Apr)  
3d Bn, 47th Inf Regt (12-25 Apr)  
3d Plt Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn  
3d Plt Co C, 703d TD Bn

TASK FORCE RICHARDSON

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

COMBAT COMMAND DIRECT CONTROL

Regimental Hq & Hq Company, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Service Company, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Company C, 23d Armd Engr Bn (less 2 plts)  
Company C, 703d Tank Destroyer Bn (less 2 plts)  
Company C, 45th Armd Medical Battalion  
54th Armd 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 Nordborchen, 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 Nordborchen (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 Salzkotten. The Task Force entered Salzkotten at 0110 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 Allen at 1000 hours and continued to secure the town of Kirkborchen and Allen and maintain patrol contacts with Task Force Boles on the north, 83d 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 Wever 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 Delbrück 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 Neuboddeken. 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 Paderborn 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 Alfen was to move to the southeast, leaving the east road to Task Force Hogan. Task Force Hogan was to move via Alfen and Nordborchen 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 Schmechten. 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 Faderborn 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 Dall 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 Duingenburg 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 1000 hours. The Division Commander visited the Combat Command CP at 1500 hours. It was not expected that Combat Command "B" 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 Otterbergen and the infantry moved forward to establish a bypass. At Amelunxen 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 Drinke, 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 Hainholtz. Small arms fire was met at Borgholtz but the attack continued. The 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, cleared the Eichhagen 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 Siebenstern 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, Polson, Willegassen, Euehne, Hofgusman, 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 Welborn, 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 Euehne. 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, cut 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 Armored 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 Armored Eng Bn (-) and Co. "C", 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 Esehock and proceeded to Emmerhan. At 1050 hours they had reached Harste and sighted two enemy tanks 800 yards northeast of Harste. At 1030 hours the 83d Reconnaissance Battalion reported

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anti-tank fire and other enemy activity from west of Hevensen. Task Force Richardson ran into some SS troops with panzerfausts 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 Parendsen, and these held Task Force Richardson up until 1600 hours or thereabouts. The 83d Reconnaissance Battalion earlier reported that Lutterhausen was clear of any enemy.

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

Combat Command CP moved into Hardeggen at 1100 hours. At 1440 hours The Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, visited the CP. 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 Hardeggen to secure it. At 1430 hours Co.D 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 Hardeggen at 1730 hours and proceeded on. Combat Command CP 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 585639, but cleared it and at the end of the period were 600 yards west of Suterde. At the end of the period the Combat Command CP was still moving toward a new CP location in Sudheim.

The 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "A", as part of Task Force Boles, crossed the Weser River at Beverungen beginning at 1540 hours and proceeded to secure Vernawahlshausen.

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

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Task Force Welborn, moved on Route 3. They encountered dug-in infantry and tanks near Harst. 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 shot up two buildings. At 1240 they spotted three enemy tanks in the woods NE of Gieboldehausen 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 Ostermunde and Hersburg. 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 Gieboldehausen and started trying to work up the heavier equipment. By 1530 leading elements were in the forward edge of the woods northeast of Gieboldehausen and had encountered about 50 infantry, 3 half-tracks and some tanks. Pushing ahead, they found one Tiger Tank abandoned at Poehlde. Two tanks were destroyed and some Prisoners of War were taken, and at 1855 Task Force Hogan was 1800 yards south of Scharsfeld, where they ran into felled trees, craters and debris. At Silkerode 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 "R" and attached to Combat Command "A".

Task Force Richardson started moving at 0715 hours and moved along well until they reached a road block on the western edge of Gieboldehausen. 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 Rudershaven by SP guns. Knocking out the resistance, they moved forward until 1815 when a bridge was blown in front of them on the route between Rudershaven 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 Zwinge for the night.

Combat Command CP moved behind Task Force Richardson most of the way and at 2000 hours closed into bivouac at Brochthausen.

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 Bartolfelde 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 D, 83d 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 Walborn, 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 Duderstadt, which had been cleared on 9 April by elements of the 2d Infantry Division. At 1500 hours they encountered enemy infantry and an SP 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 SP gun or tank. Air was called for and at 0915 hours elements of the task force entered Bartolfelde. 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 CP moved forward to Tetterborn at 1310 hours. Enemy tanks, short of Neuhoef, about 1200, stopped the advance of



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Task Force Richardson. Air was again asked for. Knocking out an enemy SP gun, and losing 1 tank, they occupied Neuhoef. In the afternoon, orders for the attack for the next day were received. Combat Command "R" 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 CP 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 "R" 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 Herzburg 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 Herzburg 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, 415th 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 LD at 0744 hours. Task Force Richardson jumped off at 0700 hours. East of Nordhausen SS 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 bad roads slowed them down. At 1530 hours they were held up by enemy between Weetelrode 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 PW reported a large concentration of tanks at Wippa. By 1725 hours Task Force Richardson was in the Gonna - Obersdorf area. The towns were occupied and secured.



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Task Force Hogan crossed the LD at 0744 hours and by 1318 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 Enseloh and Blankenheim had been cleared and the Combat Command CP 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 529325 at 2000 hours. Dismounted personnel with panzerfausts were encountered, but they were beaten off, and Task Force Richardson started patrols in its area. At 2210 hours, the Commanding Officer, Combat Command "R", sent the following message to Task Force Richardson: "Be prepared to attack with Infantry at 0400, 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 "A", in Task Force Boles, after being relieved from previous positions, followed Combat Command "R" 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 Welborn, 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 540255 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 LD. 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 LD 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 Siebelgerode at 1110. The task force advanced rapidly to Gerbstedt by 1320 hours, from where 2 enemy hospitals were reported. An enemy column was observed trying to escape. Quite a bit of horsedrawn equipment was in the column. Here also around 1000 prisoners of war were liberated. At 1600 hours, going into Alaleben, 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 HE. 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 0400 hours to secure the LD 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 LD. 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 Helben 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 Mon 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 Helben 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 Polleben 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 Mothen. 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 F 1, where small arms and panzerfaust fire held it up until 1610. At 1640 it was approaching Freussnitz. Just beyond Freussnitz 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 Frenz, 2000 yards forward, and planned to spend the night in Biendorf and Frenz.



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The Combat Command CP crossed the River about 1430 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 Werbszig, 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 Kothlen 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 "B", and also the Division CP column. P-51's chased them away, and shot down 1 FW 190.

1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Combat Command "A", Task Force Bolen, crossed the Saale River on Bridge 1, immediately in rear of Combat Command "R", and at the close of the period was assembled in vicinity of Trebitz prepared to follow Task Force Richardson the next day.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, in Task Force Welborn, 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 Terten, 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 Kothlen ran into trouble. G Company, 33d Armored Regiment, and E Company, 47th Infantry, ran into road blocks and tried three times to advance, but could not. I 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. Paschleben 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 Kothlen.

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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 Kothen 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 Kothen and Frenz. Task Force Richardson was to pull back and occupy defensive positions in the vicinity of the cross road east of Flommetz and the Cross Road just north of Bebiz. 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 Kothen, and Task Force Richardson started to its assigned objective. They reached Bebiz 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 Leusigk, 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 Frossdick and Arensdorf, and to send a force to clear the enemy from the Weillendorf and Kornetz 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 Frossdick, which was secured by 1200. When Task Force Boles moved to Quellendorf, Task Force Orr occupied and secured Frossdick, Fernsdorf, Weillendorf and Fressdorf.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, attached to Combat Command "B", part of Task Force Welborn, 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.

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16 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 0853. They received reports which indicated that the enemy force which had held them up the night before in Unterpelissen moved out, probably to Bernburg. On 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 Saale. The bridges, both road and railway, were out. They buttoned up here for the night. Several prisoners were liberated, including 8 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 1030, Klepsig 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 contain the enemy, they sent a force southeast, east, and northwest to Merzien, which was reached at 1900 by both forces. It required considerable time to clean out Merzien, and they then proceeded toward Lausigk. On the way they hit some mines. Lausigk 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 Haldeburg 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.

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn, continued mopping-up operations north of Gridline 60. 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 Kleutsch.

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



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had been giving Combat Command "R" 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: Mukrena-Bebitz-Leau-Plomnitz-Baalberge-Drubard-Kl. Paschleben-Drossa-Wulfen-Micheln-Maxdorf-Gr. Paschleben.

Task Force Hogan send a "clean-up" force to Forst-Sibbendorf-Osternienburg-Trebbicheau-Aken (Leave a force at the river)-Kl. Zerbst-Elsnigk-Wurflau-Zehringer-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 Sibbeldorf-Osternienburg-Trebbicheau-Micheln-Wulfen-Drossa-Kl. Paschleben-Trinum-Gr. Paschleben, and the other, the original route as planned. By 1348 one column was in Sibbelsdorf, and the other in Elsnigk. Moving steadily against light opposition, most of the day, both columns converged on Aken at 1715. On the way a chemical plant, air field, 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 buttoned up. It was expected that the cleaning 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 buttoned 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 Hinsdorf. From this position it attacked to seize Bobbau-Steinfurth and Jesanitz. 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 Haldeburg Forest, 1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, in Task Force Orr, reached the eastern edge near the railroad tracks, west of Torten, 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 treadway 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 88'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 Popsig 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-Stein-furth.

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 83d Division.

§ Task Force Richardson received a counter-attack from 3 tanks and 100 Infantry at about 0520, in Bobbau-Stein-furth. 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 Heuden. While Heuden 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.

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Combat Command "R" headquarters was moved to Loberitz to take over the operations of Task Force Richardson, Task Force Miller, and Task Force Bradley, after Lieutenant Colonel Ieckmans, Commanding Officer, 83d 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 Armd Inf Regt  
2d Platoon, Co C, 703d TD Bn  
1st Plt, Co C, 23d Armd Engr Bn

TASK FORCE MILLER

Company B, 32d Armored Regiment  
Company A, 36th Armd Inf Regt  
Section Co A, 703d TD Bn  
Companies A & B, 83d Armd Recon Bn

TASK FORCE BRADLEY

83d Armd Recon Bn (less Companies A & B and 1 Plt  
each of Companies C & D)  
Section Co A, 703d TD Bn



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The Battle Group secured Reuden for the night.

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

2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, part of Task Force Welborn, withdrew the bridgehead forces (S and F Companies) to the west side of the Mulde River, under cover of darkness. They continued to clear the enemy from Terten, beginning at 0800, and by 1720, it was reported cleared. Combat patrols moving from Terten 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.

19 April 1945: Task Force Miller moved from Thalheim towards Wolfen via Reuden 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 straining. The 54th Field Artillery Battalion, from positions in Wadendorf, 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 106650-113846 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 Jessnitz. 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 Jessnitz 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 Bobbau-Steinfurth. 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 Wolfen and Bobbau-Steinfurth.

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-Steinfurth - Jessnitz - Wolfen - 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 "B", 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 106645.

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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 towns 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 Wolfen.

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 1030. 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 position. 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

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the battalion was billeted in towns in that vicinity.

At 1640 the artillery air OP reported that the bridge at 098743 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.

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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 Grossenehrich.

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.

(h) 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

(1) 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. Bubenzer 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.

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Moses, Kenneth E.	36525380	pfc	1 April 1945
Phillips, Clyde F. Sr.	34838357	pfc	1 April 1945
Marker, Gustave J.	36709586	pfc	1 April 1945
Congalo, George M. Sr.	42122406	pfc	1 April 1945
Campas, Tony NMI	39241888	pfc	1 April 1945
Irwin, Robert C.	38700107	pfc	1 April 1945
Boisvert, Guilfred J.	31375014	pfc	1 April 1945
O'Donnell, Henry T.	33941471	pfc	1 April 1945
Craig, Wayne L.	36570560	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	33153496	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	38057669	pfc	1 April 1945
Faith, Robert C.	36078030	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
Rewis, Robert A.	34058924	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Comins, Harry M.	36212748	sgt	1 April 1945
Hughes, Edward E.	35295438	pfc	1 April 1945
Kosko, Michael P.	32918788	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
Mantanez, Gustavo D.	39155126	pvt	1 April 1945
Halbrook, Leonard E.	34920180	pfc	1 April 1945
Hutchens, Billy G.	37512883	pfc	1 April 1945
Musella, Savarie J.	39545108	pfc	1 April 1945
Driscoll, James A.	42069357	pfc	1 April 1945
Pickard, Ployd E.	34174318	s/sgt	1 April 1945
Neals, James E.	33433035	pfc	1 April 1945
Centerbury, James M. Jr.	37180367	pfc	1 April 1945
Miller, Joe D. Jr.	34578697	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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Melnick, Phil NMI	33827610	tec 5	2 April 1945
Batten, William G.	34173739	pfc	2 April 1945
Jones, Thomas R. Sr.	34833152	pfc	2 April 1945
Bitski, Joseph S.	36037454	tec 5	2 April 1945
Marsenell, Richard J.	35089786	pfc	2 April 1945
Schill, Henry A.	37018131	tec 5	2 April 1945
Stephens, Harold NMI	36078193	sgt	1 April 1945
Boon, 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.	35171854	tec 5	4 April 1945
Eisma, John H.	36234572	pfc	2 April 1945
Schryler, Joseph A.	33807385	pfc	2 April 1945
Sullivan, William P.	34630703	pfc	2 April 1945
Huskins, Howard NMI	34950452	pfc	1 April 1945
Gunter, Raymond NMI	35908916	pfc	1 April 1945
Vernemonti, Michael L.	33838192	pvt	2 April 1945
Sanders, James E.	34762568	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, Leonce NMI	34153863	sgt	6 April 1945
Bolton, Arthur K.	0536356	2/Lt	6 April 1945
Janczak, Frank S.	36907704	pfc	6 April 1945
Holman, Raymond L.	31467884	pfc	6 April 1945
Wasolowski, Joseph NMI	35046591	s/sgt	6 April 1945
Ameno, Joseph NMI	32478267	pfc	6 April 1945
Kelly, John P.	42027813	pfc	6 April 1945
Wilks, James F.	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.	42122967	pfc	6 April 1945
Kinder, Vestle T.	35922299	sgt	6 April 1945
Tilden, Perry E.	01058139	2/Lt	7 April 1945
Smith, Clarence B.	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
Ruegggenberg, Harlin G.	37670220	pfc	6 April 1945
Goldstein, Louis NMI	31390588	tec 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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Frits, William C.	33564052	s/sgt	7 April 1945
Curtis, William D.	01322000	1/Lt	8 April 1945
Vincent, Clyde S.	38697955	pfc	8 April 1945
Bernu, Lester R.	37775824	pvt	8 April 1945
Sadorus, George S.	39544679	Egt	7 April 1945
Roberts, Clifton R.	01039677	2/Lt	6 April 1945
Pala, Garmon 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
Appelman, James R.	38570789	pfc	6 April 1945
Schwarzschild, Jack NMI	42087145	pfc	7 April 1945
Wise, Jack R.	6667920	pfc	6 April 1945
Acosta, James R.	39698069	pfc	8 April 1945
Byron, Vernon G.	31446265	pvt	8 April 1945
Pleagal, Glenn E.	35931080	pvt	8 April 1945
Kattestad, John H.	36961304	pfc	8 April 1945
Fuches, Leonard P.	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	37067410	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
Hecanles, Walter C.	37753736	pvt	10 April 1945
Kertis, Joseph NMI	33082177	Tec 5	10 April 1945
Jobin, Maurice W.	31433621	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	36228088	s/sgt	12 April 1945
Turner, Benjamin P.	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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Bowlds, Leo A.	37771238	pfc	10 April 1945
Bossard, Paul J.	42185282	pfc	10 April 1945
Gause, Francis J.	37560430	pfc	10 April 1945
Nagy, Eugene P.	42187648	pfc	11 April 1945
Ashley, Ruel E.	34839582	pvt	12 April 1945
Viscuso, Carmelo NMI	42184598	pvt	13 April 1945
Baker, Westley W.	32585764	pfc	12 April 1945
Horn, Raymon G.	34058681	pfc	12 April 1945
O'Connor, 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	35249648	pfc	11 April 1945
Dearden, William NMI	37046494	Tec 5	11 April 1945
Giets, Lawrence R.	20846066	Cpl	10 April 1945
Perkins, John W.	14016560	pfc	10 April 1945
Brocius, Mervin NMI	33766815	pfc	10 April 1945
Depplesse, Everett P.	36212791	Tec 5	10 April 1945
<del>Punk, Herman--NMI</del>	<del>35350247</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
Lach, Stanley E.	33943049	pfc	12 April 1945
Chapman, Dalton NMI	6377094	pfc	12 April 1945
McCloud, James W.	34922103	pfc	12 April 1945
Burzo, 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.	42146375	pfc	11 April 1945
Jaeger, George NMI	42176767	pfc	6 April 1945
Woodrume, John C.	36960204	pfc	6 April 1945
Macilko, Tony NMI	42160238	pfc	12 April 1945
Brown, Lewis H.	44035863	pfc	11 April 1945
Lovett, Clarence J.	38732975	pfc	11 April 1945
Portner, John A.	14017835	T/sgt	10 April 1945
Ramsey, Ronald H.	42096573	pfc	10 April 1945
Sokolofsky, Philip	33760486	pvt	10 April 1945
Prazier, William T.	34599312	pfc	13 April 1945
Wood, Henry L.	36919113	pvt	13 April 1945
Mueller, Donald P.	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	34268569	Cpl	13 April 1945
Carlson, Donald P.	36713724	pfc	13 April 1945
<del>Carlson, Donald P.</del>	42190141	pfc	13 April 1945

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Gelof, 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.	33446463	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
Worpell, James L.	36918466	pvt	13 April 1945
Hooie, Ralph D.	0405527	1/Lt	13 April 1945
Back, Price B.	35088358	pvt	13 April 1945
Rivenbark, Henry C.	44013876	pvt	13 April 1945
Campena, Albert D.	32507403	pvt	14 April 1945
Henken, Joseph H.	36065968	pvt	14 April 1945
Bailey, Junior L.	33217574	sgt	13 April 1945
Camara, Emanuel H. Jr.	31367422	pfc	14 April 1945
Schneider, Louis G.	36054411	pfc	7 April 1945
Valenti, Mariano NMI	42126547	pvt	7 April 1945
Linville, William T.	35877251	S/sgt	10 April 1945
Ruzicka, Victor H.	36458293	Cpl	10 April 1945
Jehlen, John A.	42136495	pfc	10 April 1945
Edwards, Donald F.	42184638	pvt	10 April 1945
Penna, Tony H. Jr.	39463417	S/sgt	14 April 1945
Parker, Morris H.	38042853	T/sgt	14 April 1945
Byrd, 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.	38090072	S/sgt	14 April 1945
Frank, Louis W.	35019574	pvt	14 April 1945
Edge, Warren G.	6286690	Cpl	14 April 1945
Joseph, Harry T. Jr.	33814434	pfc	14 April 1945
Harris, Henry H.	34800644	pvt	14 April 1945
Brzuchalski, Sylvester NMI	35284647	pfc	14 April 1945
Krolkowski, Louis L.	32209488	pfc	8 April 1945
Caserotto, Eugene G.	37139512	sgt	14 April 1945
Reed, Sanford R. Jr.	37753695	pvt	14 April 1945
James, Jack W.	39170400	pfc	15 April 1945
Stasioski, 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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Batt, 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. P.	33848844	Pfc	15 April 1945
Pennington, James C.	34949002	Pfc	15 April 1945
Saylor, Asher HMI	35249646	Pfc	15 April 1945
Taylor, Euclid C.	18194427	Pfc	15 April 1945
Chasbaek, Steven HMI	33200054	Pvt	15 April 1945
Lantz, Harry J.	33878617	Pvt	15 April 1945
Walters, Ernest R.	39173322	Pvt	15 April 1945
Weisenzahl, Joseph W.	42191237	Pvt	15 April 1945
Whitman, Leroy M.	14035102	Pfc	15 April 1945
Jackson, Harold J.	31354535	Cpl	13 April 1945
Farmer, Thomas E.	42104465	Pfc	15 April 1945
James, Ole HMI Jr.	35845683	Pfc	15 April 1945
Wickiewicz, Henry J.	32276683	T/sgt	15 April 1945
Butler, Eugene R.	37673733	Sgt	15 April 1945
McDonnell, Robert J.	36989913	Pfc	15 April 1945
Jackson, Richard A.	37740994	Pfc	15 April 1945
Kuhl, Ervin P.	37658737	S/sgt	15 April 1945
Rhinehart, Kenneth R.	36980490	Sgt	12 April 1945
Davis, Charles T.	14023941	Pfc	15 April 1945
Looney, Charles R.	35656615	Tec 5	15 April 1945
Fister, William J.	33616182	Pfc	15 April 1945
Cobodas, Elger HMI	39701682	Pfc	15 April 1945
Wohlgemuth, Curd R.	32606645	Tec 6	15 April 1945
Ruckman, Richard	37016785	Pfc	15 April 1945
Ballantyne, Robert J.	35905750	Pvt	15 April 1945
Page, Marcel P.	35096780	Pvt	15 April 1945
Walker, Phillip E.	15338195	Pfc	15 April 1945
Grimaldi, Joe C.	36570894	Pvt	15 April 1945
Cainey, Grover J.	34842236	Pvt	15 April 1945
Crocker, John Q. Sr.	34939333	Pvt	15 April 1945
Rey, Howard HMI	37497423	Cpl	16 April 1945
Yarbery, Bill HMI	37067386	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Meyer, Rayfield E.	37664953	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Murphy, Robert E.	35076281	Pfc	16 April 1945
Ramsey, Clyde R.	31373191	Pfc	16 April 1945
Goodgold, Irving HMI	32644525	Pfc	16 April 1945
Borgers, Otto P.	37605275	Pfc	17 April 1945
Wiedenbaum, Harry HMI	32879018	Pvt	17 April 1945
Lambright, Remuregard 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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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Watkins, Edward H.	33923332	pfc	16 April 1945
Fox, Wade A.	35829957	pfc	14 April 1945
patton, porien E.	35812575	T/sgt	16 April 1945
Meyer, Alfred NMI	36077914	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Hyatt, Perry R.	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
Patersek, Frank J.	32453446	pvt	16 April 1945
Clapp, William H.	33141902	S/sgt	16 April 1945
Reinke, Martin E.	37120686	pfc	16 April 1945
Winters, William D.	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 A.	36960758	pfc	16 April 1945
Mosofsky, Arthur NMI	32712722	pfc	16 April 1945
Toney, James W.	35902431	pfc	16 April 1945
Gaiser, John C.	33893952	pvt	16 April 1945
Fleegal, Glenn E.	33931088	pvt	16 April 1945
Kania, Bernard W.	36918428	pvt	16 April 1945
Hiller, David P.	35578616	S/sgt	10 April 1945
Gasparro, John V.	42122301	pfc	10 April 1945
Jensen, Victor P. Jr.	36834768	pfc	10 April 1945
Carlson, William T.	36106762	Tec 5	15 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	34260339	sgt	16 April 1945
Maher, Richard L.	37639901	pfc	16 April 1945
Mort, Marvin J.	13186837	pfc	16 April 1945
Ciupek, Edward P.	32841873	pfc	16 April 1945
Cannon, Hugh V.	34098982	Tec 5	16 April 1945
Burton E T (ia)	38607330	pfc	16 April 1945
Davenport, Albert NMI	7007333	sgt	17 April 1945
Sher, George NMI	36042684	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.	38129064	Tec 5	17 April 1945
Stamos, Samuel W.	13121145	Cpl	17 April 1945
Beeson, Albert T.	34869331	pfc	17 April 1945
Wise, Fred P.	34611433	pvt	17 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Turnbough, Willard A.	37629105	S Sgt	17 April 1945
Wagner, Frank	32861528	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
Wischman, 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, Leverte	38657755	Pvt	18 April 1945
Wilson, Warren D.	42699044	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.	44638744	Pvt	18 April 1945
Smith, Gordon C.	33713434	Pvt	18 April 1945
Denniston, Donald W.	39476473	Cpl	18 April 1945
Seymour, Vincnet 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
Steudinger, 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
Bernardic, John L.	01321990	1st Lt	18 April 1945

NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Wright, Lewis J.	15082734	Pfc	18 April 1945
Cole, Delbert K.	36444235	Pfc	18 April 1945
Purtado, Alfred J.	31434320	Pvt	18 April 1945
Dennis, James R.	35611818	Pfc	18 April 1945
Roberts, Laverne P.	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
Carzieri, Frank	42176859	Pfc	18 April 1945
Layer, 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
Pianlo, Edmond	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, Merle E.	37753716	Pfc	15 April 1945
Hourant, George M.	12021211	Sgt	15 April 1945
Roseley, 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
Adcock, Milton E.	37712620	Pvt	18 April 1945
Ringler, Norman L.	33574127	Cpl	19 April 1945
Chaney, Robert E.	0351085	Maj	15 April 1945
Hammett, Alphonse B.	38641301	Cpl	20 April 1945
Klues, Roy H.	01326220	1st Lt.	20 April 1945
Coleman, Robert E.	14035328	Pvt	20 April 1945
Oliver, John F.	15076802	Sgt.	20 April 1945
Skelley, Jack E.	33940255	Pfc	20 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Schrotberger, Dale L.	36990465	Pfc	21 April 1945
Brannan, Aubrey T.	34202690	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
Whitacre, Floyd B. 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 R.	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
Nichie, Phillip A.	31343997	Pfc	21 April 1945
Nearhood, 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, Esell 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.	33837169	Sgt	21 April 1945

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NAME	ASN	GRADE	DATE OF CASUALTY
Centrell, Sam	34738729	Tec 5	20 April 1945
Marra, Carlo M.	32765550	Pfc	14 April 1945
Martin, Orville D.	36918992	Pvt	14 April 1945
Zabel, Lawrence W.	37451063	Pfc	14 April 1945
Cornelius, Roy A.	38398986	Sgt	15 April 1945
Barney, Irving C.	42026428	Pfc	16 April 1945
Duff, Edward B.	31467322	Pfc	16 April 1945
Connors, Gerald	31433808	Pvt	16 April 1945
Hilburn, D.P.E. (10)	39421764	Pvt	10 April 1945
Finke, Herman F.	36398524	S Sgt	14 April 1945
Larson, Robert L.	37566468	Cpl	14 April 1945
Johnson, Carl J.	33893674	Pvt	14 April 1945
Kahn, Herbert	42176930	Pfc	14 April 1945
Donovan, Arthur G.	31433832	Pfc	15 April 1945

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

NAME	ASN	GRADE	TYPE OF AWARD	AUTHORITY
Libby, Jack P.,	01318368	Capt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Scott, Joseph S.,	01320970	1st Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Duscheck, Roland B.,	01327612	2d Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Gomez, Glynn C.,	34230679	S Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Johnson, James G.,	33820349	S Sgt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Horgan, Kenneth L.,	39049141	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 43
Swinger, Frank J.,	33674051	Pfc	Cluster to B.3.	3d AD GO 43
White, Truman H.,	38068258	Pfc	Cluster to B.3.	3d AD GO 43
Howze, Robert L. Jr.,	016055	Col.	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Young, Carl W.,	36078460	T Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Harlow, Ernest L. Jr.,	20361922	S Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Martin, Ethere E.,	34818559	S Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Haid, Ralph E.,	35775230	Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Kaup, John G.,	37120329	Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Nordlund, Morris V.,	37032925	T 5	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Karvoski, Edward P.,	31392196	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Penix, Earl	35244075	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Qualters, William D.,	31392055	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Rowley, Paul H.,	42120976	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 43
Sprowl, Charles,	36960878	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 44
Catts, William P.,	32757840	Pvt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 44
Tippie, L. B.,	02005516	1st Lt	Silver Star	3d AD GO 45
Cable, 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
DiCimbattisti, 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
Sampson, George S.,	33946528	Pfc	Silver Star	3d AD GO 50
Costello, John A.,	01057391	1st Lt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50
Stapleton, Raymond O.,	37016894	S Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50
Geraghty, Thomas E.,	39206625	Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50
Stake, John R.,	31034715	Sgt	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50
Arcilay, Ralph	33780701	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50

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

NAME	ASN	GRADE	TYPE OF AWARD	AUTHORITY
Clark, Stanley H.,	31465652	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50
Gurley, Jake W.,	14009096	Pfc	Bronze Star	3d AD GO 50

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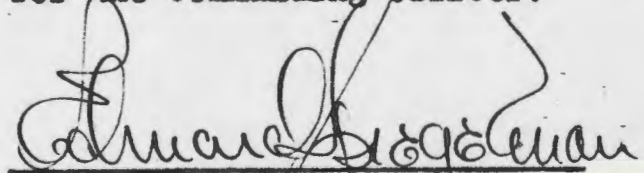
1st Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment and Medical Section, 3d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment were awarded the Presidential Citation Award as per General Orders No. 54, dated 30 April 1945 - 3d AD. See attached copy -

(k) Photographs: None.

(l) Inclosures:

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

For the Commanding Officer:



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

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMORED DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS )

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In accordance with the provisions of WD Circular 333, 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 Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, 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.

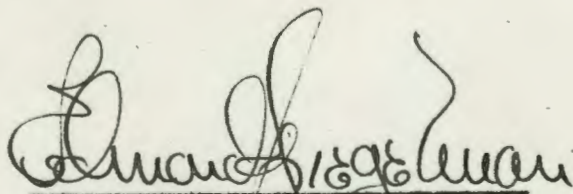
BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HICKEY:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN A. SMITH, JR.,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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Adjutant General.

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