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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

(Note: All coordinates listed in this report are found in the Nord De Guerre Grid System, in the 500 Kilometer Squares (W & R). All letters preceding coordinates in this report designate the 100 Kilometer square, within the above mentioned areas).

On 31 March 1945, the battalion was disposed as follows:

1. ATTACHMENTS:

Battalion---Third Armored Division.

"A" Company---Combat Command "A", Third Armored Division.

"B" Company---Combat Command "B", Third Armored Division.

"C" Company---Combat Command "HOWZE", Third Armored Division.

2. LOCATIONS: (CP's)

Battalion CP---B-710374 vic ETTELN

"A" Company CP---B690317 vic HAAREN

"B" Company CP---B712369 vic ETTELN

"C" Company CP---B693368 vic ETTELN

Ren Company CP---vic of Battalion CP

Hq Company CP---vic of Battalion CP

On 31 March 1945 this battalion was supporting the Third Armored Division in the attack to secure PADERBORN (B7174), and the locations of the Platoons of "A", "B" and "C" Companies were as follows:

1st Plat "A" with TF KANE-----B687328 vic HAAREN

2nd Plat "A" under Gd control (CC "A" Res.) B690317 vic HAAREN

3rd Plat "A" with TF BOLES-----attacking vic of PADERBORN (B7174)

1st Plat "B" with TF LOVELADY-----attacking vic HAXTERGRUND (B7344)

2nd Plat "B" with CC "B" Res.-----B712369 vic ETTELN

2nd Plat "B" with TF YEMANS-----B7642 vic DORENHAGEN

1st Plat "C" with CC HOWZE Res.---B693368 vic ETTELN

2nd Plat "C" with TF RICHARDSON---B683410 vic NORDBORCHEN

3rd Plat "C" with TF HOGAN-----B654403 vic OBERTUDORF

1 Apr 45 This Bn continued to support the 3rd Armd Div in its drive north towards PADERBORN (B7174).

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from HAAREN (B690310) at 1630 hours to B696432 vic PADERBORN closing at 1700 hours. 2nd Plat took up positions for protection of C Comd "A" CP Group and Trains by the attached 3rd Platoon of Ren Co.

1st Plat "A" attacked with TF KANE from NEUBODDEN (B686330) at 0600 hours toward LIPPSTADT (B4242) to contact elements of the 2nd Armored Division moving from the west. At 1730 hours the platoon was left in road block position at B455386 vic BOCKENFORDE and during the period captured 38 PW's.

3rd Plat "A" attacked with TF BOLES, passing through elements of TF RICHARDSON at NORDBORCHEN at 0626 hours toward PADERBORN. When they reached a position south of the town they covered the tank attack from vicinity of B699426. Dug in tanks and infantry blocked the advance of the Task Force and all TD's fired a total of 27 rds APC, 37 rds HE and 6 rds AP at various buildings and other targets including two tanks and

1 Apr 45 (cont'd) two (2) SF Guns, the range was approximately 2600 yards and the results were unobserved due to poor visibility.

"B" Co CP remained in ETTELN (B7173) throughout the period. 1st Plat moved at 0430 hours from assembly position with TF LOVELADY to attack at 0600 hours toward PADERBORN passing through elements of the 83rd Armored Reconnaissance Bn. At 1700 hours 1st Plat had taken up positions vicinity of B705474 vicinity of PADERBORN.

2nd Plat "B" with TF YEOMANS continued to secure DORENHAGEN area throughout the period. The 1st Plat of Ren Section with the 2nd Plat fired 8 rds HE and 4 rds APC of 37mm ammunition to destroy two (2) machine gun nests.

3rd Plat "B" remained on road blocks vic ETTELN (B7137) for protection of the Division CP.

"C" Co CP moved to B683417 vic NORDBORCHEN. 1st Plat moved with Company CP to occupy A.F. position for protection of CC HOWZE CP.

2nd Plat "C" with TF RICHARDSON remained on road blocks and AT positions at B680406 vic KIRCHBORCHEN. During the period destroyed one (1) heavy truck with .50 Cal Machine Gun fire.

3rd Plat "C" with TF HOGAN attacked towards SALZKOTTEN and at 0440 hours took up road block position covering RJ B605422. While guarding this junction they destroyed two (2) heavy trucks and one (1) command car, attempting to get through, and captured 60 PW's. These vehicles were destroyed by .50 Cal Machine Gun and Small Arms fire.

2 Apr 45 At 0930 hours the Battalion CP with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved from B710374 vic ETTELN to B689419 vic NORDBORCHEN closing at 1100 hours.

"A" Co with C Comd "A" remained on road block and AT positions in the C Comd zone throughout the period. 1st Plat on road blocks in the vicinity of BOCKENFORDE, protecting the left flank of the Task Force, noticed during the day enemy movement in the towns of WESTERNKOTTEN (B435375), SCHAFERKAMP (B439368) and between these towns and the GIESELER RIVER. While in this position they fired a total of 25 rds HE at ranges from 1500 to 2400 yards into this area, destroying two (2) machine gun nests and capturing 10 PW's.

"B" Co CP with 3rd Plat moved from B712369 vic ETTELN to B716469 vic PADERBORN. 3rd Plat took up road blocks in vicinity of Company CP.

1st Plat "B" Co with TF LOVELADY at 1945 hours moved from vic PADERBORN to position B773448 vic DAHL.

2nd Plat "B" Co remained on road block position with TF YEOMANS vic DURENHAGEN (B7634) throughout the period.

"C" Co - no change in locations - remained on road blocks and AT positions throughout the Combat Command zone.

33 M36's operational in the Battalion.

3 Apr 45 No change in locations. Companies with platoons attached to Task Forces continued to road block in the Division sector. Performed maintenance of vehicles and weapons and also made preparations for future operations.

4 Apr 45 1st Plat "A" with TF KANE was relieved by elements of the 8th Armored Division from road block position vic BOCKENFORDE to assemble with Task Force at 1700 hours in the vicinity of PADERBORN B708478. No further changes. 36 M36's operational in Battalion.

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5 Apr 45 At 0930 hours received O.M. No. 36, Hq 3rd Armored Division, confirmation of verbal orders issued by CG 3rd Arm Div--as follows: Division will attack at H-Hour 5 Apr 45, east from PADERBORN between 40 and 50 Grid Lines. Combat Command "A" to advance in northern sector ("A" Co attached), and C Comd "B" to advance in the southern sector ("B" Co attached). C Comd HOWZE ("C" Co attached) to remain in position and move in the center of the sector of attack of the Division, on order.

At 1800 hours received O.M. No. 37, Hq 3rd Arm Div dated 5 Apr 45, stating the Division will be prepared to advance rapidly to intermediate objectives BRAKEL ERKELN, HAMPENHAUSEN and secure final objectives of WEHRDIN(1447) BEVERUNGEN (1342), HELMAUSHAUSEN (1839) and a crossing of the WESER RIVER.

Bn CP with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) at B689419 vic NORDBORCHEN.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved with C Comd "A" at 1200 hours, east from vicinity of PADERBORN to continue to move throughout the period. Arriving at 085469 vic of OTTBERGEN at 0830 hours, 6 Apr 45.

1st Plat with TF KANE attacked east from PADERBORN at 1200B continued to advance throughout the day and night. At the end of the period had reached the vicinity of RHEDER (B9843).

3rd Plat "A" with TF BOLES attacked at 1220 hours east from vic PADERBORN. The attack was continued throughout the day and night. At the end of the period had reached vicinity of BRUCHAUSEN (0746).

"B" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved with C Comd "B" east from vicinity of PADERBORN, arriving at IGGENHAUSEN (B8041) at 1700 hours. The attack was continued east therefore, the CP continued to move throughout the period.

1st Plat "B" Co with TF LOVELADY attacked east from vicinity EGGERINGHAUSEN at 1200 hours. At 2120 hours the Task Force secured WILLEBODESSEN (9037). At 2120 hours the Task Force was ordered to continue to the east. At the end of the period 1st Plat was moving with the attack.

3rd Plat "B" with TF SELBORN attacked east at 1200 hours from vic of DAHL. By 1615 hours had reached DRINGENBURG (B9142). The attack was continued at 2120 hours and at the close of the period the platoon was moving with the attack.

"C" Co CP with C Comd HOWZE moved with the 1st Plat from vicinity NORDBORCHEN (B6942) at 2000 hours. Traveled until 0430 hours 6 Apr 45 to arrive at B855496 vic BAD DRIBURG.

2nd Plat "C" moved with TF RICHARDSON at 1950 hours from vicinity KIRCHBORCHEN to reach B915423 vic DRINGENBURG.

3rd Plat "C" moved with TF HOGAN at 1905 hours from vicinity of PADERBORN to reach B934442 vic SCHNECHTEN.

6 Apr 45 The Battalion CP with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved from vic NORDBORCHEN at 0800 hours following Division CP on route of attack of TF BOLES. A, 1300 hours closed in new location B997475 vic BRAKEL.

"A" Co CP arrived at 0830 hours at C085469 vic OTTBERGEN. One section of 2nd Plat was in position C066473 vic BRUCHAUSEN. 2nd section with Ren Plat in position C086466.

1st Plat "A" with TF KANE continued to attack throughout the period and by the end of the period had reached vic ROGGENHAL (C110405).

6 Apr 45 (cont'd) At 0530 hours during the attack the 1st Plat fired 49 rds HE, 11 rds AP and 2 rds APC at enemy strong points and AT guns.

3rd Plat with TF BOLES continued to advance during the night, and by the end of the day had reached AMELUNXEN (C102476). At 0630 hours the Task Force was held up by infantry emplaced on high ground on either side of the road, firing small arms and bazookas. The platoon moved up into position and fired 8 rds of HE into these positions, helping to clear them out. A short way further on the advance was again held up by tanks and infantry, and the TD's fired 13 rounds HE and 3 rounds APC at a range of 4000 yards. The results were not known.

"C" Co CP moved from vic BAD DRIBURG to B895459 vic SIEBENSTERN during the period. 1st Plat "C" moved with C Comd HOWZE CP from the vic of BAD DRIBURG to B932441 vic SCHNECHTEN providing protection for the CP.

2nd Plat "A" with TF RICHARDSON and 3rd Plat with TF HOGAN remained in assembly positions throughout the period.

"B" Co CP with 2nd Plat arrived at 0038394 vic HAINHOLZ at 0600 hours. 2nd Plat took up AT positions for protection of CC "B" CP.

1st Plat "B" with TF LOVELADY continued to attack throughout the period against moderate to strong resistance. At 2000 hours took up positions vic MANRODE (1133).

3rd Plat "B" with TF WELBORN continued to advance to the east, took up positions at 055371 vic GORGHOLZ.

At 0800 hours received O.M. No. 38, Hq 3rd Armd Div, dated 5 Apr 45 --This Division continues the advance to the east on VII Corps order, crossing the WESER RIVER, and pass through bridgehead established, to seize objectives.

7 Apr 45 1st Plat "A" with TF KANE attacked at 0630 hours. At the close of the period 1st Plat went into position in the vic C131417 vic WARDEN.

2nd Plat "A" remained in position vic BRUCHAUSEN and OTTBERGEN.

3rd Plat "A" with Battle Group "ORR" of TF BOLES attacked at 0630 hours. At 1500 hours 3rd Plat "A" took up positions at C136473 vic WARDEN.

"B" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from vic HAINHOLZ to C112373 vic HARRBRUCK. 2nd Plat occupying positions in vic of Co. CP. 1st Plat with TF LOVELADY attacked at 0630 hours. The Task Force secured DIESEL (1534) at 0945 hours and 1st Plat went into road block positions at C158343 (DIESEL). In the attack 1st Plat fired 26 rds HE at enemy strong points. Destroyed one (1) observation post and fired 11 rds APC at a M4 (Medium) Tank with German markings, but the results were unknown. The range was about 3400 yards.

3rd Plat "B" with TF WELBORN attacked at 0630 hours and by the end of the period were in position vic C166380 vic HELMARSHAUSEN. 3rd Plat reports one (1) MM KIA by sniper fire.

"C" Co remained in assembly positions with Task Forces of CC HOWZE throughout the period.

34 M36's operational in the Battalion-2 out due to mechanical failures.

8 Apr 45 At 1130 hours received O.M. No. 39, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated 7 Apr 45, which directed that C Comd HOWZE ("C" Co attached) will move on Division order to assembly position vic VARIOSEN (3724) east of WESER RIVER. Will attack north to seize and secure objective at USLAR (3142)

8 Apr 45 (cont'd) to assist the advance of VII Corps from the west. C Comd HOWZE will execute route reconnaissance within bridgehead of 2nd Infantry Division.

Bn (- "C" Co) no change in locations. All guns of "A" and "B" Co on road block or A.T. position within the Division sector.

At 1100 hours "C" Co moved with C Comd HOWZE from DRENGENBURG (9142) - SCHNECHTEN (9244) area to cross to the east bank of the WESER RIVER vic of HEMMELIN (2924), and was assembling in vic C384265 vic IMBSEN at the end of the period.

34 M36's operational in Battalion.

9 Apr 45 At 0800 hours received O.M. No. 40, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated 8 Apr 45 - C Comd "B" will be relieved in the HELMARHAUSEN-CARLSHAFEN (1939) area by elements of 1st Inf Div and will move through area of 104th Inf Div to assembly positions east of the WESER RIVER 090700B April 1945 - Be prepared to attack east. C Comd HOWZE will attack to the northeast from present assembly area vic IMBSEN (3827) at H hour 9 Apr 45 to seize HARDEGSEN (4541). C Comd "A" will remain in present position and will be prepared to leave on division order east of WESER RIVER, 83d Armd Ren Bn will move east of the WESER RIVER in rear of C Comd "B".

The Bn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved from vic BRAKEL (B997475) in rear of Div CP group to cross the WESER RIVER to the east bank, at 1600 hours, on bridge at C258357 vic GISELWERDER and closed in new location C384325 vic ADELBSEN.

At 1500 hours "A" Co CP with 2nd Plat was ordered to move out to cross to the east bank of WESER RIVER. They crossed the river on bridge in vic of HELMARSHAUSEN (1940) to arrive vic C448418 vic of HARDEGSEN at 2145 hours.

1st Plat "A" with TF KANE moved out at 1540 hours to cross the WESER RIVER at GISELWERDER and at end of the period was assisting in securing area vic HERDEGSEN (C4441).

3rd Plat "A" with TF BOLDS moved to the east bank of the WESER RIVER and at end of the period was in position vic VERNAWANLAHAN (C3038). 3rd Plat fired 11 rds HE, 90mm at enemy strong points.

"B" Co CP with 1st Plat moved with C Comd "B" to east of WESER RIVER, crossing vic GISELWERDER (2535) and by end of the period was located at C464398 vic GLODEBECK with 1st Plat protecting CC B CP by road blocks.

2nd Plat "B" crossed the WESER RIVER with TF LOVELADY and attacked east to take up positions vic C465341 vic BEMMENHAUSEN.

3rd Plat "B" crossed the WESER RIVER with TF WELBORN AND attacked east to take up positions vic C464398 vic GLADEBECK. In the attack 3rd Plat fired 12 rds HE at enemy infantry, killing an unknown number and fired 3 rds AP at Mk VI tank with unknown results. 3rd Plat also suffered casualty - one (1) EM SWA but not evacuated.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat closed in assembly position east of the WESER RIVER at the opening of the period. At 1730 hours moved from assembly position to C552434 vic SUDHEIN.

2nd Plat "C" attacked north at 0330 hours with TF RICHARDSON and then east to reach position vic LEVERSHAUSEN (C5743). In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) Mk V Tank at HARTSEN (C4735) fired 3 rds HVAP, 2 rds HE, 3 rds APCBDP and 3 rds AP, 90mm. TD Commander, Sgt Hummer and gunner was Cpl Kattner.

9 Apr 45 (cont'd) 3rd Plat "C" attacked north and then east with TF HOGAN to reach positions vic HOCKELHEIM (C5447). 3rd Plat captured two (2) SS Troops while on road block position vic HANDLEGSEN (C446-413).

10 Apr 45 At 0800 hours received O.M. N^o. 41, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated 10 Apr 45---The Div will continue its attack to the east on 10 Apr 45 to seize intermediate and final objectives (NORDHAUSEN-D1227) in its zone, with C Comds abreast--C Comd HOWZE on the left, and C Comd "B" on the right.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved east with C Comd "A" at 0900 hours and continued to move throughout the period to arrive at C713374 vic GIEBOLDENHAUSEN at 0230 hours of 11 Apr 45.

1st Plat "A" travelled east with TF KANE following the attacks of elements of CC HOWZE and at 1900 hours C Comd "A" was ordered to seize and secure OSTERODE (7350) and HERZBERG (8042) therefore the Task Force turned northwards. 1st Plat reached positions vic KATLENBURG (C6546) at the close of the period.

3rd Plat "A" moved east with TF BOLES and turned toward HERZBERG (8042) on orders. At the end of the period had reached positions vic (C750390) vic GIEBOLDENHAUSEN. In the attack 3rd Plat fired 11 rds HE at enemy strong points.

"B" Co moved east with C Comd "B" throughout the period to reach vic GRATZUNGEN (C985266).

1st Plat "B" took up AT positions for protection of Div CP vic GRATZUNGEN (C985266).

2nd Plat "B" attacked with TF LOVELADY at 0830 hours and at 1900 hours had taken position vic GR! WERTNER (C0923).

3rd Plat "B" attacked east with TF WELBORN at 0730 hours. The advance was continued until at the close of the period platoon was in position vic GR WECHAUNGHAUSEN (C0525).

"C" Co with 1st Plat moved with C Comd HOWZE throughout the period to reach C82030g vic BROCHTHAUSEN.

2nd Plat "C" with TF RICHARDSON attacked at 0715 hours to advance to vic C865308 vic BERGTHAN LUDERODE at 2200 hours.

3rd Plat "C" with TF HOGAN moved out in the attack at 0800 hours. The advance continued against resistance of Tanks and Infantry until at the end of the period platoon had reached C848330 vic SILKERODE.

The Bn CP with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved out at 0915 hours in rear of Div CP on route of advance of TF WELBORN. At 2025 hours the Bn CP closed in new location at C909262 vic WEININGERODE.

34 M36's operational in the Bn. Two non-operational due to mechanical failure.

11 Apr 45 At 1000 hours received O.M. No. 42, Hq 3rd AD dated 11 Apr 1945---stating---The Div continues the attack to seize and secure objectives vic NORDHAUSEN (1227) and to block any enemy threat from the north.--CC "B" will secure NORDHAUSEN, CC "A" will take and secure OSTERODE (735505) and HERZBERG (8043)--CC HOWZE will seize and secure road net BARTOLFILDE-OSTEBAGEN-NEUHOF (975345) and to block any enemy threat from the North.

1st Plat attacked with TF KANE ("A" Company) at first light and at 2300 hours took up positions at C742502 vic OSTERODE. 2nd Plat "A" attached with TF BOLES at 0430 hours and at 2300 hours had taken up positions at C 799423 vic HERZBERG.



11 Apr 45 (cont'd) "B" Co with 1st Plat moved with CC HB" from GRATZ-UNGEN to D116275 vic NORDHAUSEN with 1st Plat on road blocks. 2nd Plat attacked with TF LOVELADY at 0430B hours and at 1215 hours was going into positions vic NORDHAUSEN (D116275). In the attack 2nd P₁ at expended 5 rds APC and 1 rd HE to destroy a radio vehicle at 4000 yards and a building occupied by the enemy. 3rd Plat attacked with TF WELBORN at 0930 hours and at 1135 hours 3rd Plat had taken positions in NORDHAUSEN (D116275). 3rd Plat captured an underground factory making V-1 and V-2 weapons and took 9 PW's by firing 250 rds .50 cal MG.

"C" Co CP with 1st P₁ at moved with CC HOWZE during the period from BROCHTHAUSEN to arrive at D033289 vic GUNZERODE. 1st Plat took up AT positions vic Co. CP. 2nd Plat attacked with TF RICHARDSON at 0600 hours to arrive at G953337 vic MACKENRODE at 1330 hours. Upon relief of TF RICHARDSON by elements of 413th Inf Regt, 2nd P₁ at moved to an assembly position vic GUDERSLEBACH (0432)-GUNZERODE (0329) area closing at 2330 hours. In the attack 2nd Plat captured 16 PW's and killed 3 enemy by firing 100 rds .30 Cal MG ammo.

3rd Plat "C" attacked with TF HOGAN at 0600 hours to seize OSTERHAGEN (9036) to reach position G905360 vic OSTERHAGEN at 1300 hours. Elements of 3rd Bn 414th Inf Regt was left to secure the town and 3rd Plat "C" moved to assembly area with the Task Force by the end of the period in the GUDERSLEBACH-GUNZERODE area.

At 2000 hours received O.M. No. 43, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated 11 Apr 45---The 3rd AD continues the attack to the east toward SANGERHAUSEN 12 Apr 45, with C Comds abreast. CC "B" on the right and CC HOWZE on the left, 703d TD Bn (-A, B, & C) to follow Div CP behind route of attack of TF WELBORN.

12 Apr 45 At 0730 hours the Bn with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved out of WERNINGERODE (G9026) following in column in rear of Div CP on route of advance of TF WELBORN. At 1445 hours closed in SANGERHAUSEN at D473252 for the night.

"A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out of GIEBOLDEHAUSEN at 1230 hours with CC "A" to arrive at D479253 vic SANGERHAUSEN at 2000 hours.

1st Plat "A" moved out of OSTERODE at 0800 hours with TF KANE following route of attack of elements of CC HOWZE to reach position D465260 vic SANGERHAUSEN at 1800 hours.

2nd P₁ at "A" moved out of HERZBERG at 0800 hours with TF BOLBS to reach position D465303 vic WETTELRODE.

"B" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from vic NORDHAUSEN with CC "B" to D549250 vic BEYERNAUMBURG.

2nd Plat with TF LOVELADY attacked at 0700 hours to advance and take up positions vic ALLSTEDT (5318) by 1340 hours.

3rd Plat moved out in the attack with TF WELBORN at 0700 hours to advance rapidly to take up positions vic HOLDENSTEDT (5827).

"C" Co CP and 1st P₁ at moved with CC HOWZE on route of attack of TF HOGAN to arrive at D537288 vic EMSLOK when 1st Plat took up road block position.

2nd Plat "C" moved out in the attack east with TF RICHARDSON at 0700 hours, to advance rapidly to take up positions vic D490308 vic OBERSDORF.

3rd Plat "C" moved out at 0745 hours in the attack with TF HOGAN to advance rapidly to reach positions vic D515280 vic RIBSTEDT.

At 2230 hours received O.M., Hq 3rd AD dated 12 Apr 45---3rd AD continues to attack to the NE on 13 Apr 45, to establish bridgehead over the ELBE RIVER.

31 M36's operational in Bn -- 5 out due to mechanical failure.

13 Apr 45 The Bn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved out at 0730 hours in rear of Div CP Group on route of attack of elements of CC "B". At 1800 hours coiled for the night at D745413 vic FREIST.

"A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out of SANGERHAUSEN with CC "A" following route of attack of elements of CC HOWZE. A 2000 hours closed in vic GERBSTEDT D694448 with 2nd Plat taking tp road block positions.

1st Plat "A" moved out with TF KANE on route of attack of elements of CC HOWZE to reach positions for flank protection of the Division vic D698440 vic GERBSTEDT.

3rd Plat "A" moved out with TF BOLLES on one of the routes of attack of elements of CC HOWZE to reach position vic BELLEBEN (D695487).

"B" Co CP and 1st Plat moved out with CC "B" from BRYERNAUMBURG on route of attack of TF WELBORN to arrive at D760426 vic FRIEDEBURG.

2nd Plat "B" moved out in the attack with TF LOVELADY at 0700 hours. The Task Force met much 88mm fire and some 81 fire. 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) 128mm AT Gun with 3 rds 90mm APC. A 1700 hours 2nd Plat reached positions vic D778375 vic BESENSTEDT. In the attack 2nd Plat fired 18 rds HE at enemy infantry strong points with good results. Captured 20 PW's during the period.

3rd Plat "B" moved out in the attack with TF WELBORN at 0700 hours to reach positions at D777453 vic BRUCKE for the night as the advance was held up while bridges were being constructed across the SAALE RIVER.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved with CC HOWZE CP Group on route of advance of TF HOGAN from EISELON to D761462 vic of ZHILLEWITZ. 1st Plat destroyed two (2) dual purpose 88mm guns at D546304 and D548297 vic BLAKENHEIM, which fired upon the column in which they were advancing, by expending 22 rds HE and 2 rds APCBDF, 90mm. 2nd Plat moved out in the attack with TF RICHARDSON at 0700 hours to reach SIEBRIGERODE at 1100 hours from which the attack was continued. At 1700 hours 2nd Plat took up positions for the night at D739491 vic STRENZNAUNDORF as advance was held up by blown bridges at SAALE RIVER. In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) Half-Track prime mover with trailer, two (2) command cars and two (2) G.P. vehicles, by firing 12 rds HE and five rounds of APCBDF, 90mm ammo.

3rd Plat "C" moved out in the attack with TF HOGAN at 0700 hours to advance steadily to reach positions vic D771478 vic SELBER, for the night, as bridges were out over the SALLE RIVER. In the attack 3rd Plat destroyed two (2) G.P. vehicles and one (1) O.P. and unknown number of enemy infantry, expending 27 rds HE 90mm Ammo.

At 2300 hours received O.M. No. 45, Hq 3rd AD, dated 13 April 45. The Division continues to advance to NE at H-hour 14 April 45. Bridges will be constructed across the SAALE RIVER by 23rd Armd Engr Bn at D777455 and D778436. CC "A", CC HOWZE and Div CP will cross at D777-455, followed by 703d TD Bn (-A, B, C and 3 Plts of Ren). Unit will remain in present positions until H-hour. CC "B" (-B Tns) and 83d Armd Ren Bn will cross at D778436.

32 M36's operational in the Bn.

14 Apr 45 The Bn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved out at 1230 hours in rear of Div CP Group to cross the SAALE RIVER at D777455 at 1300 hours. Followed the route of attack of TF WELBORN to coil at E084580 vic LINGENAU at 1730 hours.

14 Apr 45 (cont'd) "A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out at 1300 hours to cross the SAALE RIVER at D778436 to arrive at assembly position D836532 via GERLEBOGH at 2000 hours. Sgt Frank Miller evacuated non-battle casualty.

1st Plat moved out with TF KANE to cross to the east bank of the SAALE RIVER at D777445 in rear of 83rd Armd Ren Bn to close in assembly position at D858556 via DOHNDORF.

3rd Plat with TF BOLSS crossed the SAALE RIVER at D778436, immediately in rear of C Comd HOWZE and at the close of the period assembled at D785529 via TRÄBITZ.

"B" Co CP and 1st Plat moved across the SALLE RIVER at D777455 to follow the route of advance of TF WELBORN to arrive at E083583 via LINGENAU. 1st Plat was ordered to take up position for protection of the Div CP via LINGENAU.

2nd Plat moved out at 0835 hours to cross the SALLE RIVER at D777-445 to attack east at 0915 hours. The Task Force advanced against strong resistance throughout the period. 2nd Plat took up positions at the close of the period at E084534 via SALZFURTH. In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed an enemy barracks, a radio car, and killed unknown number of enemy, expending 20 rds HE and 4 rds APC, 90mm. Fired 2 rds HVAP at towed AT gun on the move at 4000 yards, but did not hit the fastmoving vehicle.

3rd Plat moved out at 0700 hours to cross the SALLE RIVER at D777445 to attack east at 0916 hours. The Task Force moved rapidly to reach the MULDE RIVER where the bridge was found destroyed. 3rd Plat reached positions at E100613 via LINGENAU. In the attack 3rd Plat destroyed one (1) observation tower and unknown numbers of enemy by expending 10 rds of HE, 90mm. Cpl Langervelt of 3B WIA by small arms fire and evacuated.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved out to cross the SALLE RIVER at D778436 to follow on route of attack of TF HOGAN. At the end of the period was located at D926581 via KOTHEN. 1st Plat fired 3 rds HE at enemy infantry with good results. The column was hit by enemy artillery resulting in one (1) BM Pfc Wilkins SWA, who remained to duty. On arrival at KOTHEN, 1st Plat "C" took up road block positions.

2nd Plat "C" moved out with TF RICHARDSON to cross the SALLE RIVER at D778436 to attack east at 1220 hours. At end of the period 2nd Plat had road block positions at D836583 via BLENDORF. In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) AT gun by expending 4 rds HE, 90mm ammo.

3rd Plat "C" moved out with TF HOGAN to cross to the east bank of the SALLE RIVER at 0700 hours to assembly position. At 1220 hours attacked east overpowering strong resistance to reach vic KOTHEN where 3rd Plat took up road block position via D926581.

15 Apr 45 Bn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) no change. 35 M36's operational in the Battalion.

"A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out of GERLEBOGH at 1200 hours with CG "A", following the route of attack of TF HOGAN. At 1600 hours closed in at D988524 via FERNSDORF with elements of CG "A".

At 1020 hours TF BOLSS (formerly TF KANE) with 1st Plat attached was ordered to close into ARENSDORF. At 1215 hours they were ordered to move east to QUELLENDORF to seize and secure the town. After overpowering resistance in REUPZIG, the Task Force moved to secure and seize QUELLENDORF for the night. 1st Plat took up positions E034589 via QUELLENDORF.

15 Apr 45 (cont'd) When TF BOLES moved to QUELLENDORF, elements of TF "ORR" (formerly TF BOLES) were ordered to FRENSDORF. 3rd Plat "A" took up positions at D989529 vic FRENSDORF.

No change in location of "B" Co CP and 1st Plat.

2nd Plat "B" moved with elements of TF LOVELADY to road block position at E128548 vic RAGUHN. 2nd Plat was ordered to fire on the town of BOBBAU-STEINFURTH by volley, at any enemy movement, and to also place harassing fire on the town. 2nd Plat accomplished this mission by expending 99 rds HE and 27 rds APCBDF with good results. One section of 1st Plt of Ren Co attached to "B" Co enroute to deliver ammunition to 2nd Plat "B" expended 59 rds HE and 26 rds APC, 37mm, 1000 rds .30 Cal, and 105 rds .45 cal ammunition at enemy infantry with good results.

3rd Plat "B" with TF WELBORN set up one section on road blocks at E100605 vic LINGENAU, and one section on road block at E105629 vic TORTEN. 3rd Plat received enemy small arms, bazooka and artillery fire during the period.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat remained in the vic of KOTHEN throughout the period. Company reported one (1) BM SWA and evacuated.

2nd Plat "B" with TF RICHARDSON continued the attack to reach FRENZ at 0415 hours. 2nd Plat was left, with elements of TF RICHARDSON, on road block positions at D836583 vic BIENDORF.

TF HOGAN continued the attack on KOTHEN throughout the period and the 3rd Plat "C", with elements of TF HOGAN, set up road blocks at D895596 vic GR. PASCHLEBEN.

34 M36's operational in the Battalion.

16 Apr 45 1st Plat "A" remained on road block positions vic QUELLENDORF throughout the period. Fired .50 Cal MG at enemy infantry and fired 13 rds HE, 90mm, at enemy gun position with unknown results.

2nd Plat "A" remained on road block position in FRENSDORF vic Co. CB throughout the period. At first light, enemy bicycle troops attempted to enter the town--the platoon fired 18 rds 90mm HE to kill 15 and capture 16 of these enemy troops.

3rd Plat "A" moved from D989529 vic FRENSDORF to D984523 vic FRENSDORF because of a report that was received, of a possible attack of tanks and 200 infantry.

There was no change in locations of "B" Co CP, 1st Plat "B" and 3rd Plat "B".

2nd Plat "B" continued to place harassing fire on BOBBAU-STEINFURTH the platoon fired 55 rds of 90mm HE and 41 rds of APCBDF, 750 rds .30 cal and 210 rds of .50 cal MG ammunition on harassing missions and at enemy infantry and strong points. The section of 1st Plat of Ren with 2nd Plat "B" fired 41 rds HE and 14 rds APC 37mm ammunition at enemy infantry and strong points during the period.

No changes in locations "C" Co units during the period. All platoons remained on road block positions. 2nd Plat "C" fired 17 rds HE and 6 rds APC, 90mm ammo to destroy one (1) horse drawn artillery piece, one command car and two (2) enemy strong points.

At 2230 hours received O.M. No. 46 Hq 3rd Armd Div, dated 16 Apr 1945. The Division continues to secure crossing and bridgehead over the MURDE RIVER and clean up enemy resistance in the Division zone.

There were 34 M36's operational in the Battalion, on this date. Two were deadlined for mechanical failure.

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17 April 1945 All platoons of "A" Co remained in road block positions throughout the period. 1st Plat "A" fired 6 rds 90mm HE, 625 rds of .50 Cal MG and 500 rds of .30 Cal MG ammo at enemy infantry, killing an unknown number.

The 1st Plat of "B" was ordered at 1800 hours to go with elements of 83rd Armd Ren Bn to support them in clearing a wooded area vic of KLEINLEIPZIG and the securing of THURLAND (8098556). At 0200 hours, 18 Apr 45 1st Plat returned to positions vic LINGENAU for protection of Division CP.

At 0400 hours the section of 2nd Plat in RAGURN were attacked by enemy infantry which had infiltrated into the town. This attack was repulsed and 30 PW's were captured. At 0800 hours the section in the town noticed enemy tanks in the vicinity of BOBBAU-STEINFURTH and radio message was sent to the section in position at B128548, to take care of the enemy tanks. Sgt Manry, could not observe them from his location. He attempted to move his TD to a new position in order to take the enemy under fire. The enemy tanks spotted him when he was in the process of moving. His TD received four (4) direct hits from an enemy tank or SP Gun. One EM was KIA and two EM WIA and evacuated. The other TD at this location was ordered to move in difilade position to join the other section, bring the wounded men with them, which was done without mishap, as the section in the town threw a few rounds at a great range into the vicinity of the enemy.

In the PM, 2nd Plat was ordered to withdraw from the town to vicinity of SALEZFURTH. The PW's were marched back toward their destination. While withdrawing they were fired upon by the enemy armor which began to advance toward them from the flank. The TD took up positions and destroyed one (1) SB Gun, on Mk IV chassis and upon receiving a large amount of direct fire on their position, withdrew to a second position (8094535), and as the enemy SP guns attempted to advance further, the second time they were able to destroy another SP Gun on Mk IV chassis. The other three enemy guns took cover and the TD's were unable to get a shot at them. The Air Corps took care of them, nevertheless.

The M8 Armored Car of the 1st Plat Ren Co with the 2nd Plat of "B" Co was hit by the direct fire on the withdrawal, injuring two (2) EM. In the infantry attack one (1) EM from Ren Plat KIA and two (2) were WIA. 2nd Plat "B" suffered one (1) EM LIA.

During the period 2nd Plat "B" fired 12 rds HE and 25 rds APCBDF 90mm, 315 rds .50 Cal MG, 750 rds .30 Cal MG, 400 rds Carbine, 200 rds .30 Cal Rifle, and 100 rds .45 Cal Pistol ammunition.

3rd Plat "B" changed road block position slightly as TF WELBORN continued to secure and mop up their assigned area. One section at B101599 vic LINGENAU and one section at B125635 vic TORTEN.

TF RICHARDSON started on cleaning up operation in its zone at 0600 hours. At 1220 hours TF RICHARDSON was ordered to assemble in vicinity HINSDORF (0556) for attack on BOBBAU-STEINFURTH (1553). At 1400 hours 2nd Plat attached to TF RICHARDSON. At the end of the period 2nd Plat was in position at B108533 vic STEBENHAUSEN.

3rd Plat "C" with elements of the Task Force patrolled in force to clear the enemy of the Task Force zone. At 1900 hours both platoons returned to former road block positions. 2nd Plat B836583 vic BIENDORF, and 3rd Plat B895596 vic PASCHLEBEN. During the period

17 Apr 45 (cont'd) 3rd Plat "C" fired 3 rds HE, 90mm at enemy infantry with unknown results. The Ren Plat attached to "C" Co patrolled road in vic of Co CP.

33 M36's operational--1 destroyed by enemy fire and two repairable.

18 Apr 45 1st and 2nd Plats "A" Co maintained road blocks in the same locations throughout the period. Battle Group MILLER with 3rd Plat "A" attached was attached to the 83rd Armd Ren Bn, to attack at 1100 hours to seize RODGEN (80847) which was cleared by 1205 hours and the attack was continued against THALHEIM (E1148). At close of the period 3rd Plat was in position vis THALHEIM. In the attack 3rd Plat lost one (1) TD to enemy direct fire. Three (3) EM wounded by enemy artillery.

1st and 3rd Plats "B" Co maintained road blocks in the same locations throughout the period. 3rd Plat received light artillery fire which injured one (1) EM who was evacuated. 2nd Plat with elements of TF LOVELADY retcock RAGUHN and during the period 2nd Plat was in position at E132549 vic RAGUHN.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from KOTHEN to E055486 vic LOBERTZ. 2nd Plat with TF RICHARDSON took up position at E115533 vic STEBENHAUSEN, to support the attack of the Task Force. In the attack 2nd Plat fired 2 rds HE and 2 rds APC 90mm at enemy strong points. TF HOGAN with 3rd Plat continued the attack on AKEN at 0600 hours. By 1900 hours 3rd Plat had reached position E095011 vic AKEN.

32 TD's operational in Bn(2 short, 2 out due to mechanical failure).

19 Apr 45 "A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved with elements of CC "A" from FRENSDORF to E025566 vic FRASSDORF. 2nd Plat occupying road block positions. 1st Plat on road block positions vic QUELLENDORF E034589.

At 0400 hours Battle Group MILLER continued the attack to secure WOLFEN, 3rd Plat "A" continued to support B.S. MILLER and moved during the period to positions at E139509 vic WOLFEN.

No change in "B" Company during the period.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from vic LOBERTZ to E139506 vic WOLFEN. As CC HOWZE was given control of TF RICHARDSON, 83d Armd Ren Bn and Battle Group MILLER.

At 0400 hours TF RICHARDSON resumed the attack to secure BOBBAU-STEINFURTH. 2nd Plat moved from positions vic STEBENHAUSEN to positions at E135532 vic BOBBAU-STEINFURTH during the period. In the attack 2nd Plat "C" fired 19 rds HE, 90mm ammo with T-105 fuze, at stone houses used as enemy strong points. Results good.

At 1312 hours TF HOGAN was ordered to leave elements to secure AKEN and move to seize and secure the factory district at E130492. 3rd Plat "C" moved out with TF HOGAN to take up positions in support of the attack at E119487 vic THALHEIM.

20 Apr 45 At 1900 hours received O.M. No. 47, Hq 3rd AD, dated 20 Apr 45. which directed--3rd AD attacks at H-hour 21 Apr 45 to seize and secure DESSAU - continues to secure West Bank of MULDE RIVER within its zone.

Battle Group MILLER (-3rd Plat "A" Co 703d TD Bn) reverts to CC DOAN on Div order. TF RICHARDSON moved on Div order to assembly area REPPICHAU-CHORAU to attack in conjunction with CC DOAN. 83rd Armd Ren Bn with 1 Plat 703d TD Bn attached will seize and secure southern portion of Div zone, within its zone.

20 Apr 45 (cont'd) Battle Group MILLER was released from attachment to C Comd HOWZE and 3rd Plat "A" was attached to 83d Armd Ren Bn, during the period. 3rd Plat remained in position at E139509 vic WOLFEN. No change in 1st and 2nd Plats.

"C" Co and 1st Plat moved with CC HOWZE from vic WOLFEN to D991653 vic REPPICHAU. 1st Plat occupied road block positions vic of Co. CP. No change in locations of 2nd and 3rd Plats.

32 M36's operational in the Bn. (2 short-2 mech failure)

21 Apr 45 At 2100 hours received O.M. No 48, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated 21 April 1945 - 3rd Armd Div moves into assembly area for maintenance, rehabilitation of equipment and rest. Movement to be on Division order.

"A" Co CP moved with elements of CC "A" from FRASSDORF to O68646 vic KOCHSTEDT.

1st Plat attached to TF BOLES, at 0515 hours attacked with the Task Force against strong opposition. At the end of period 1st Plat was in position at E074672 vic DESSAU.

During the period 2nd Plat began the relief of 3rd Plat "A" with 83d Armd Ren Bn. The relief was completed after darkness because of artillery fire. 2nd Plat took positions at E139509 vic WOLFEN. 3rd Plat joined the Co. CP upon relief. No change in locations of "B" Co.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved with elements of CC HOWZE from vic REPPICHAU to E063695 vic KL. KUHNNAU. 1st Plat taking position from anti-tank defense in position of Co CP.

2nd Plat remained in road block position, 1 section at E135-532 vic BOBBAU-STREINFURTH and 1 section at E106532 vic SEIBENHAUSEN.

TF HOGAN with 3rd Plat "C" resumed the attack of KL KUHNNAU at 0530 hours. When the town was cleared, 3rd Plat took up road block positions vic E063695 vic KL. KUHNNAU. A Battle Group from TF HOGAN cleared GR. KUHNNAU and then the Task Force attacked East toward DESSAU (1069). In the attack 3rd Plat destroyed four (4) enemy CP's at 3500 yards, expending 10 rds AP, 11 rds HE and 6 rds APC 90mm ammunition.

33 M36's operational in the Bn (2-short, 1 out due to mechanical failure).

22 Apr 45 At 0800 hours received overlay to accompany amendments to O.M. No. 48, Hq 3rd AD, dated 22 Apr 45. This overlay giving the new assembly area of the Bn. for maintenance and rehabilitation of personnel and equipment.

At 0930 hours Executive Officer and billeting detail from each company departed for new assembly area for reconnaissance of area.

At 1800 hours "B" Co returned to Battalion control from C Comd "B". 2nd and 3rd Plats assembled in vic of LINGENAU (E0858). 1st Plat remained in position vic LINGENAU.

TF BOLES attacked with 1st Plat "A" to secure that portion of DESSAU in its sector. At 1630 hours the mission was accomplished and the 1st Plat was on road blocks vic E108692 vic DESSAU. No change in other elements of "A" Co.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from vic KL. KUHNNAU to E097694 vic of DESSAU.

At 0600 hours TF HOGAN resumed the attack to secure that portion of DESSAU in its sector. By the end of the period 3rd Plat was in position at E099694 vic DESSAU.

22 Apr 45 (cont'd) At 1600 hours TF RICHARDSON was relieved by elements of 60th Inf Regt and at 1700 hours 2nd Plat "C" joined "C" Co CP at E097694 vic DESSAU.

23 Apr 45 TF BOLES resumed the attack at 0600 hours to complete its mission of seizing and securing the northeast section of DESSAU. 1st Plat "A" remained in position at E108692 vic DESSAU throughout the period. 2nd Plat "A" was detached from 83d Armd Recn Bn and returned to Company control at KOCHSTEDT (E068646). At 1100 hours Lt. FERCHAUD reported that Capt JOHN W. COLE, commanding officer "A" Company and 1st Sgt Rugeroli of "A" Company were injured in a 1/4 Ton Truck accident, and evacuated.
No changes in other units of the Battalion.

24 Apr 45 At 1400 hours the Bn CP, Hq Co and "B" Company began movement from vic of LINGENAU (E0858) to new assembly area. At 1800 hours the Bn CP and Hq Co closed in assembly position at D455408 S.E. of WEISDORF. "B" Co (- 1st Plat) closed at D499541 vic ERMSLEBEN. At 1730 hours. 1st Plat closed at assembly position at D467491 vic DEGENERHAUSEN to take over guarding of German Archives stored in buildings there, relieving the elements of 29th Inf Div.

During the period 1st Plat returned to company control from TF BOLES and joined the Co. CP at E068646 vic KOCHSTEDT. "A" Co began preparations for movement to new assembly area. In "A" Co one (1) RM evacuated non-battle casualty.

During the period 3rd Plat "C" returned to company control from TF HOGAN and joined the Co. CP at E097694 vic DESSAU. "C" Co began preparations for movement to new assembly area.

Recn Co (-3 Plats) located at D452459 vic PANSFELDE.

The Battalion (less "A" and "C" Co's) began security patrols when the new assembly area was reached. 34 TD's operational in Bn (2-short).

25 Apr 45 At 0800 hours "A" Co began movement from KOCHSTEDT (E0664) to new assembly area. At 1130 hours the company closed in ERMSLEBEN (D491543). 1st Plat "A" Co, (dismounted) took over the guard of FALKENSTEIN CASTLE (D441484) relieving one Recn Plat. The Castle contained Archives of German Government. "A" Company placed a 24 hour guard on vital installations in its assembly area.

At 1000 hours "C" Co began movement from vic DESSAU (E0969) to new assembly area. At 1600 hours the company had closed in assembly position in vic WEISDORF (D461519). Two (2) M36's developed mechanical trouble on the march.

The 1st Plat Recn Co joined the Company at 0800 hours. At 0900 hours, Pioneer Plat took over the guard of FALKENSTEIN CASTLE (D441484) relieving elements of 9th Inf Div. At 1400 hours 1st Plat "A" Co relieved the Pioneer Plat of this guard. By end of the period all elements of Recn Co had joined their Recn Company.

The Bn completed the movement to new assembly area to begin a period of maintenance and rehabilitation. Security patrols were maintained throughout the area and guards were placed on vital installations. During the period 35 PW's were taken.

The Battalion was disposed as follows, in new area:

25 Apr 45 (cont'd)

Bn CP with Hq Co	D-455508	vic	WEISDORF.
"A" Co CP	D-499541	vic	ERMSLEBEN
"B" Co CP	D-491543	vic	ERMSLEBEN
"C" Co CP	D-462520	vic	WEISDORF
Rcn Co CP	D-452459	vic	PANSFELDE
1st Plat "A" Co	D-441484	vic	FALEKENSTEIN CASTLE.
1st Plat "B" Co	D-467491	vic	DEGENERHAUSEN

26 Apr 45 At 1300 hours Memo sent to all companies covering administration, personnel, security, Military Govt Regulations, Soldiers in civilian clothes, underground activities, supply, maintenance and Medical.

At 1900 hours contact was made with Rcn elements of 759th Tank Battalion vic of ERMSLEBEN. Contact will be made every four (4) hours. The Battalion captured 14 PW's during the period.

27 Apr 45 The Battalion remained in the WEISDORF-ERMSLEBEN-PANSFELDE area throughout the period, performing maintenance of equipment and vehicles, rehabilitation, and conducting patrols and guards on vital installations in the Bn area. 25 PW's captured during the period, with one (1) being evacuated through medical channels.

28 Apr 45 At 1800 hours received instructions from G-3, 3rd Armd Div to send billeting detail to his location, and be prepared to move on 29 Apr 45. Executive Officer and representative from each company departed on this mission. At 2045 hours Battalion was informed that it would move to new assembly area, approximately 1000 to 1200 hours 29 April 1945. The 4th Cavalry Group would take over guard of vital installations.

A Company Commanders meeting was called for 0800 hours, 29 Apr 45. 1st Plat "B" relieved 3rd Plat on guard duty at D467491 vic DEGENERSHAUSEN.

The Battalion captured six (6) PW's during the period.

29 Apr 45 At 0100 hours received O.M. No. 49, Hq 3rd Armd Div, dated 28 Apr 45 - new boundaries for 3rd Armd Div will become effective 291800 april 45. Units of the Division affected by changes will move to new area on 29 Apr 45. Order of March: CC "A", 36th AIR and 703d TD Bn.

The Battalion began movement to new assembly area, Rcn Co (-) crossing the I.P. (PANSFELDE) at 1300 hours, followed by "C" Company, Hq and Hq Co (-Med Det and Maint), "A" Co and "B" Co at three minute intervals. The 1st Plat "A", 3rd Plat "B" and a Hq Plat were left as guards on vital installations until relief by the 4th Cavalry Group. Upon relief to join Battalion in new area under control of Lt LIVINGOOD. At 1830 hours the Battalion closed in new assembly area and was displaced as follows:

Bn CP & Hq Co	---D576062	vic	ROSSLEBEN
Rcn Co CP	---J574925	vic	RASTENBURG
"A" Co CP	---D653038	vic	KAHL WINGEN
"B" Co CP	---J644972	vic	SAUBACH
"C" Co CP	---B566977	vic	LOSSA

Upon arrival in new area the Rcn Plats that were attached to "A", "B" and "C" Companies for guides to the area, rejoined Rcn Co.

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30 April 1945 The 1st Plat "A" Company, 3rd Plat "B" Company and the Platoon from Hq Co joined the Battalion in the new assembly area at 1200 hours. During the period the elements of the Battalion took over guard of vital installations. Enemy CWS Dump at LOSSA (J5997), 10 Carloads of bombs and material at KAHL WINKEL (J608968), and Salt Mine of machinery (J614964) in Battalion area.

The Battalion continued a period of maintenance, rehabilitation, training, security patrolling and providing guard for vital installations within the assembly area.

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