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AFTER ACTION REPORT

36TH TANK BN

8TH ARMORED DIVISION

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April 45 thru May 45

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BN 36th Tr Bn
APO 758 US Army
Hasselfelde, Germany
4 May 1945

**SUMMARY
PERIODIC REPORT**

April 1-3 This unit moved with the Div to the N and E around a route that has been cleared by other units to Sande Germany to close the pocket and preventing the Germans from escaping.

April 4 This unit moved to Salzkitten and on to Dedinghausen preparing to relieve CC R.

April 5. Orders received to pass through CC R which was done - Bn attached and captured Lehmen.

April 6. Bn took Bad Sassenorf without opposition. at 1300 moved on an end run to the town of Ost Ounen to cut the escape route from Seest. In this operation, traveling some 10 miles into enemy held territory destroying 4 enemy tanks, 10 ammo trucks and various other types of vehicles. in moving to Ost Ounen

Apr 7. Bn took west Ounen in preparation for taking Werl.

April 8. Bn took Werl at 1900 and Buderich at 2130.

April 9. Bn started on a march to Unna. Took Hemmerde and West Hemmerde and Steckum

April 10. moved south and took Ostburen and west taking Kesselburen at about 2130.

April 11. Relieved by CC A D Co attached to CC A ; A Co given mission of protecting left flank of CC A ; Relieved at 1800.

April 12-13 Bn moved to Wolfenbittel and SE to Marsleben with the mission of protecting the S Flank of XIX Corp.

April 14. Moved to Hedersleben - Mission same. Through April 19

April 20 Moved to Strobeck into CC Reserve.

April 21. As a part of CC B attacked and took Blankenburg.

April 22 Took town of Cattenstedt.

April 23-30 Occupied and governed assigned area - Blankenburg- Hasselfelde Stige and vicinity.

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Maj., Cav
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1 April 1945 **Selm Germany**
0700 After an all night march the Bn arrived in Selm Germany
1500 No special events up to this time. Men are getting some rest and sleep.

2 April 1945
1800 Bn arrived in Delbruck and halted for two hours
2400 Bn arrived in Sande Germany Plan is for the Bn to remain here for the night and await plans for action to be taken in the morning.

3 April 1945 **Delbruck Germany**
Bn to move S East to close pocket and stop any hostile force from breaking thru pocket.

4 April 1945
0500 Bn departed from Sande Germany to move to an assembly area
0730 Bn arrived in Salskotten Ger and Billeted there
1745 Bn to move within two hrs. Orders are to move east to aid CCR who is in action against Lippstadt
1930 Bn arrived in Dedinghausen

5 April 1945
0200 Orders received to release CCR by attacking thru CCR at 1200 TFV captured town of Lohnen at 1930 Remainder of Bn to move in and hold town
2300 Bn now occupies the town of Lohnen.

6 April 1945 **Lohnen Germany**
0900 Bn recieved orders to take the town of Bad Sussendorf.
1030 Bad Sussendorf was taken without opposition
1200 Orders were received to take area in Vic of Ost Onnen
1800 As forward Elms of TFV by passed Berlingsen three Ger. tanks came out of that town and opened fire on the leading veh of the CP and trains clm 1st plat A Co 36th Tk Bn acting as R flank guard knocked all three tanks
2000 Bn closed in Ost Onnen (See overlay for route of march)
Weather cloudy occasionally rain with visibility poor

7 April 1945 **Ost Onnen**
Bn to take town of Werl. Civilian reports that 10 German tanks are guarding East approaches to town
Bn closed in West Onnen Very little opposition was met up to this point

8 April 1945
Bn departed from West Onnen to take Werl
Werl was taken at 1900
Bn closed in Werl at 2000.

9 April 1945
0500 Bn departed from Werl to march to Unna and capture that town.
0915 30 Germans and 2 tiger tanks reported on outskirts of Holtum
1300 Holtum fell in our hands
1930 Bn closed in Stockum to remain here for the night
(See S-3 Periodic Report covering action of the day)

10 April 1945 Stockum Germany
 Bn to remain in present location awaiting outcome of Action taken by TF Roseborough who moved out to Unna at 0730

1700 Wapt Shaw reported that his Co knocked out and killed approx 50 Germans and two scout cars in Vic H of Kesserburen. Apparently this was a German CP
 Bn received orders to take Ostburen - Kesserburen and cut all roads going into Southern portion of Unna

2100 Kesserburen fell - Bn CP and Hq Co & D Co closed in Ostburen. Remainder of Bn remained in Kesselburen. (see Periodic report and overlay for this period.)

11 April 1945 Ostburen Germany
 TFV relieved by CCA. Co D 36th Tk Bn atchd to CCA. CCA jumped off to take Unna at 0745.
 A Co guarding SW approach to Kesseburen. Unknown number of tanks reported in Bellhurick.

1900 Bn rec orders that Div will move at approx 1200 12 April to march to Vb of Alfred.

12 April 1945
 1200 Bn departed from Ostburen Germany.

13 April 1945
 0815 Bn arrived in Wolfen Mitten
 1530 Bn alerted to move out at 1600
 1845 Bn departed from present position to march to Harsleben

14 April 1945
 0100 Bn closed in Harsleben with D Co in Kitfurt and C 49 in Westerhausen.

15 - 16 April 1945 Harsleben Germany
 No specialevents- Bn still holding line in its respective area

17 April 1945
 1800 C Co 49 AIBn returned to TFR. A Co 36th now holding position held by C 49 Two plat of Trp B 88 Cav Ron Sq to Join TFV. (see S-3 Periodic Report and overlay covering this period)

18 April 1945
 1030 Contact made with Elms of 9th Inf Div who were coming up from the south.

20 April 1945 Strobeck Germany
 0630 A Co and C Co departed to support in action against Blankenburg. Troops entered Blankenburg at 1800.
 All of Bn closed in at 1900
 See S-3 Periodic Report and overlay for details.

21 April 1945
 Both plats of TD's and Plat of 53 Engr detached from this unit and C Co 49th AIBn returned to this unit.

22 April 1945

Bn received orders and overlay of area it is to occupy and govern.

Bn Closed in Hasselfelde at 1600 and proceeded to set up a government.

(See Periodic Report and overlays for more details)

Note: From this date on refer to Records and Reports under file on Occupation and Military Government.

HEADQUARTERS
THIRTY-SIXTH TANK BATTALION
APO 258 USA

30 April 1945.

S-1 MONTHLY REPORT - April, 1945.

1. Inspections:
 - a. Frequent inspections of feet of attached infantrymen made by their platoon leaders and sergeants.
 - b. Maintenance inspections of vehicles, heavy weapons and small arms.
 - c. Inspection of personnel during non-tactical periods for personal appearance.
 - d. Inspection of areas for conditions of displaced persons and prisoner of war points.

2. Casualties:

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Officer MIA | 5 Enlisted Men KIA |
| 3 Officers WIA | 33 Enlisted Men WIA |

3. Prisoners of War: Approximately 2,000. (A conservative figure - in any day 700 were captured at one point).

4. Replacements: 17 Enlisted Men

5. Officers & EN

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| 7 Gains |
| <u>Gains & Losses:</u> 51 Losses |

6. Officer Promotions: 1 1st Lieutenant to Captain
3 Enlisted Men to 2nd Lieutenants.

7. Strength Status for end of period:

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| 675 Enlisted Men |
| 39 Officers |

ROBERT O RICHARDSON
2nd Lt., Inf
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**HEADQUARTERS
THIRTY-SIXTH TANK BATTALION
APO 258 U. S. Army**

From: 31 2400 March 1945
To : 30 2400 April 1945
Place: Hasselfeld
Date: 02 1200 April 45

S-2 Intelligence Report

1. Enemy situation at end of period: No contact.
2. Enemy operations during period:

The 36th Tank Bn. as part of GCB, was employed to attack and clean out the northern flank of the Ruhr pocket. The enemy executed delaying action at the following places:

- a. 06 1800 April 1945: As forward elements of Task Force Van Houten passed Berlingsen three German Tanks came out of that town and opened fire on the leading vehicles of the battalion headquarters and train column. Enemy tanks were destroyed by fire from 1st platoon of A Company.
- b. 08 April 1945: 200 Germans put up light resistance in town of Werl. Heavy Artillery fire received from south flank.
- c. 09 April 1945: 30 Germans and Tiger Tanks reported on outskirts of Holtum. Holtum was taken with no difficulty.
- d. 10 April 1945: 50 Germans killed and 2 scout-cars destroyed Vic. of Kesserburen.

On 20 April 1945, on the northern flank of an enemy pocket of the Harts Mountains, elements of the 11th S.S. Panzer Army were attacked after a big air and artillery preparation. There was no organized defense and town fell quickly. Enemy surrendered in large numbers without fighting.

On 26 April 1945, General of Artillery Lucht and his staff surrendered to Service Company 36th Tank Bn.

3. Section operations:
 1. Evacuation of P.W.'s
 2. P.W. Interrogation
 3. Military Government

4. Weather: Terrain:

Sketches: S-2 Jourtab map of Germany

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Selm, Germany
1800 30 March 1945
1800 1 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Germany 1:50,000 Sheet 76

Our front lines: None

Location of Troops: Selm, Germany

Information of supporting and adjacent troops:

At 2300 30 March B Co 36th Tk Bn was attached to 49 AIBn and
at the same time C Co 49 AIBn was attached to 36th Tk Bn.

Weather: Cloudy

Visibility: Fair

Our operations for the period:

At 1800 31 March this Bn departed from Vic of Kirchhelen
to march to Vic of Westerholt Germany. At 1930 31 March
the Bn arrived in Westerholt. Orders were received at
2000 to move north of Dorsten on Div Orders. At 2330
this Bn departed for Westerholt and marched north to
Haltern then east to Selm Germany and arrived in Selm
at 0700 1 April

Combat efficiency: 95%

Result of operations

JOHN PASCO JR
Maj S-3

Hq 36th Tank Battalion
Ost Onnen, Germany
2400 3 April 1945

Maps: Germany 1:50,000 Soest Sheet 127

Our front lines: None

Location of troops: See Overlay.

Information of adjacent and supporting troops: None

Weather Cloudy - Cold - Occasional rain.

Visibility: Fair

Our operations for the Period:

Tank Force Van Houten departed from Lohren Germany to march to and take objective Vic of Ost Onnen, Germany. Some opposition was met during the march. (See overlay for route of march)

Combat Efficiency: 95%

Result of operations:

Bn had no losses. Platoon of 53rd Bng (attached to this Bn) lost one halftrack with five killed and five wounded.

Enemy losses were as follows:

Vehicles knocked out were as follows

3 Mark IV Tanks

1 Mark V Tank

4 AT Guns

11 Trucks

1 Radio Car (C and R Type)

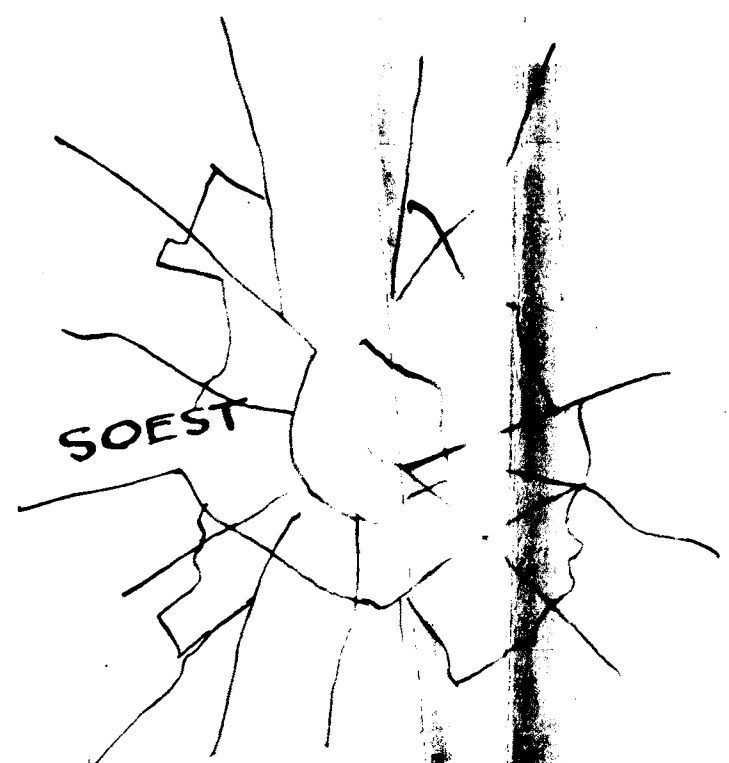
6 Halftracks

3 Box Cars

5 Red Cross Vehicles were captured

500 Prisoners taken

JOHN BAIRD JR
Maj 3-3



LOHNE

BERNGHAUSEN

ARENGESKOPPE

HERRINGSEN

ELLINGSEN

WULLINGSEN

BERGHAUSEN

ENTROP

OST ONNEN
 3rd closed here
 for the night.

3 GERMAN TRUCKS
 1st CO 121 P
 OUT ALL

9.36 TR. 3rd
 Route of March
 cutting all roads to Soest.

MAP: GERMANY 1:50,000
 Sheet - SOEST # 127

March 1945

Hq 36th Tank Battalion
Steckum, Germany
2000 9 April 1945

Maps: Germany 1:50,000 Hamm Sheet 97

Our front lines: Seeatchd Overlay

Location of troops: Bn Maint and Med Det and Co D remained in Westhemmerde; Hq and Hq Co, A Co, C Co and C Co 49 AIBn Remained in Steckum. (See Atchd Overlay)

Weather: Cold and very misty until approx 1100 then it cleared up considerably

Visibility: Poor to Good

Our operations for the day

This Bn jumped off from Werl, Germany at 0545 to take Obj Unna, Germany. Trp B of 88 Cav Ron Sq was ordered to move ahead of us but at approx 0730 CG ordered the re n off. TF Van Houten then moved toward Unna. We were proceeding in Cln and reached point just S of Hemmerde and the lead tank was knocked out by fire from a tank located in Hemmerde. (C Co was leading tank Co) At this time supporting arty laid hvy barrage on the town. C Co 36th Tk Bn and C Co 49 AIBn deployed, Atk and took the town of Hemmerde at approx 1200. During oper the left flank was protected by Asst Gun Plat, 36th Tk Bn and TD Plat 809 TD. A Co gave supporting fires. Hvy Arty fire was received in Hemmerde which delayed action on W Hemmerde. About 1500 Atk was launched with A Co 36th Tk Bn and C Co 49 AIBn leading, proceeded by artillery preparation and aided by the left flank of our Atk. W Hemmerde was taken, same force then moved on to take Steckum which fell to us at 1830.

Combat efficiency: 80%

Result of Operations

Losses during the operation

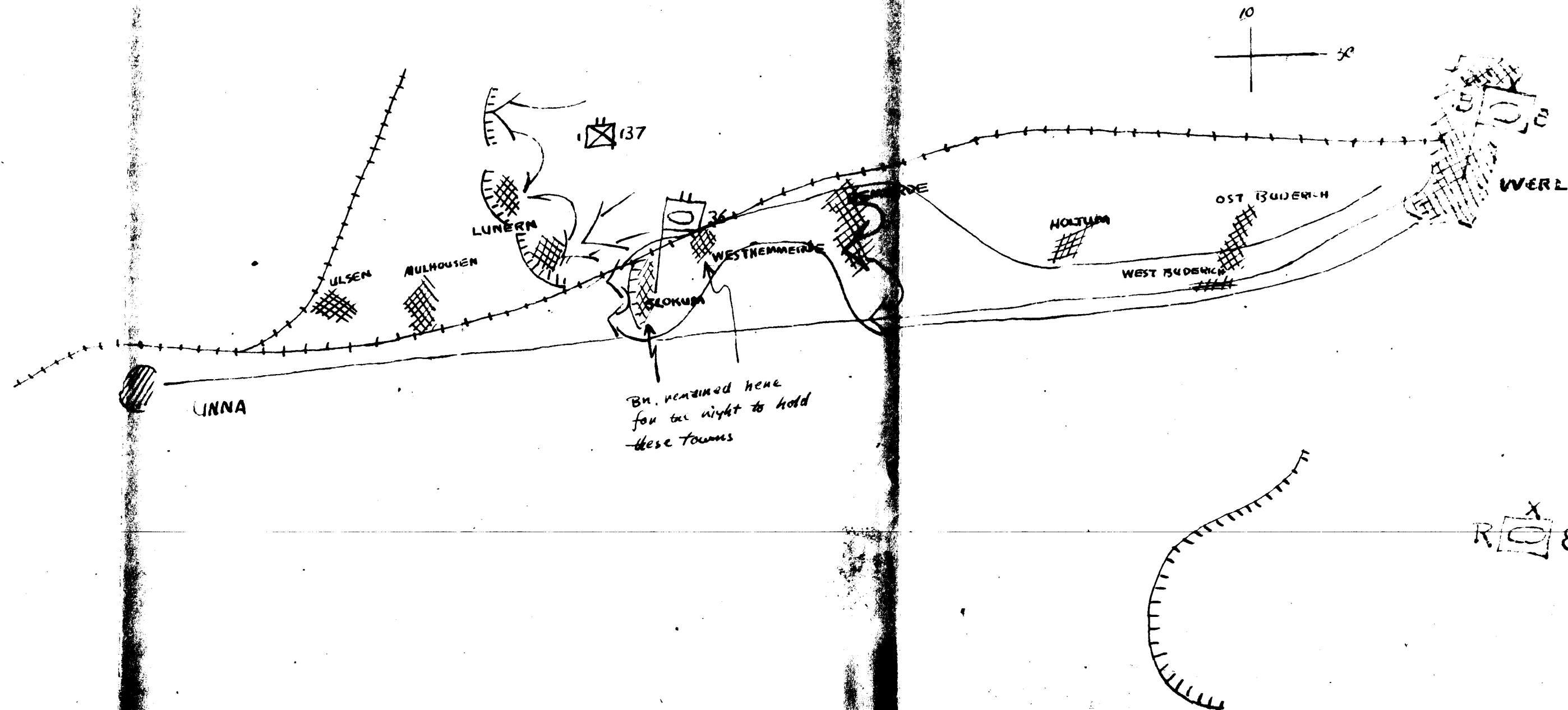
3 EM Killed
6 EM Wounded
1 Off Wounded

1 Med Tank 76mm
1 Half Track

Enemy Losses
200 Prisoners
50 Killed

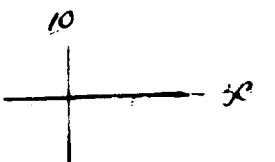
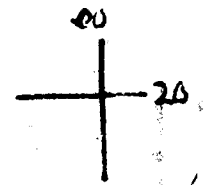
1 Suspected Tank

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Bn. remained here
for the night to hold
these towns

FRONT LINES AS OF April 1945
MAP: G.E. 11,000
Sheet 77
SCALE: 1:50,000



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Hq 36th Tk Bn
Werl, Germany
7 April 1945
8 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Germany 1:50,000 Hann Sheet 97

Our front lines: See atchd overlay

Locations of troops: See atchd overlay

Information of supporting and adjacent troops: None

Weather: Cold

Visibility: Fair

Operations for the period:

On 7 April Co C 36th Tk Bn and C Co 49 AIBn as assault troops with the assistance of the assault guns and mortars and Co A 36th Tank Battalion took the towns of Lawieke and West Onnen.

On 8 April the towns of Ostuffeln and Werl were taken by C Co 36th Tk Bn and G Co 49th AIBn with A Co 36th giving support.

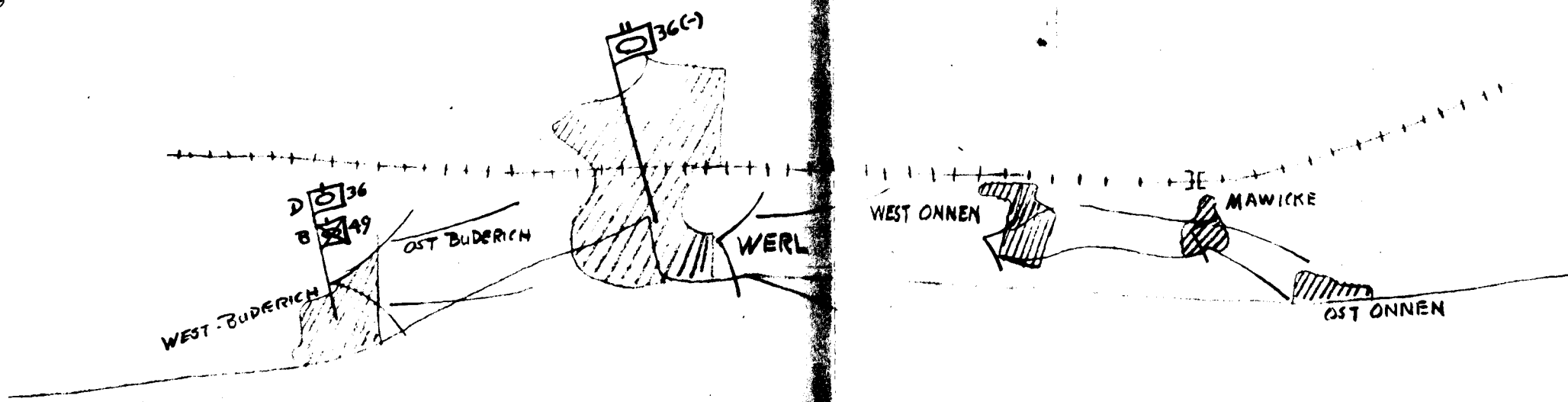
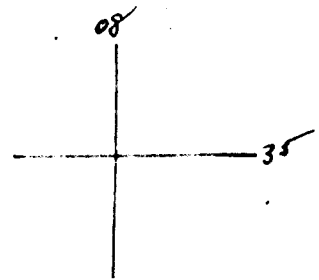
On the same day Ost Buderich was taken by D Co 36th Tk Bn and B Co 49th AIBn with Mortars supporting the attack.

Combat efficiency: 85%

Result of operations:

This task force sustained (11) casualties.
Enemy losses were 250 prisoners for the two days.

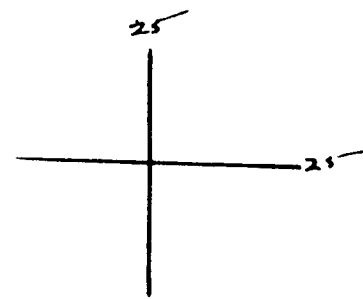
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Hq. 36 Tank Bn.
Location of troops

Maps: 1:50,000
Sheets - 97 & 127

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Hq 36 th Fk Bn
Kesselburga Germany
10 April 1955

Maps: Germany 1:50,000 Hann Sheet 97

Our front lines: See atchd overlay

Location of troops: See Atchd overlay

Information of supporting and adjacent troops: None

Weather: Warm

Visibility: Good

Our operations for the period:

This Bn departed from Stockum Germany with the mission of capturing Ostburen and Kesseburen and to cut all roads leading into the southern approach of Unna

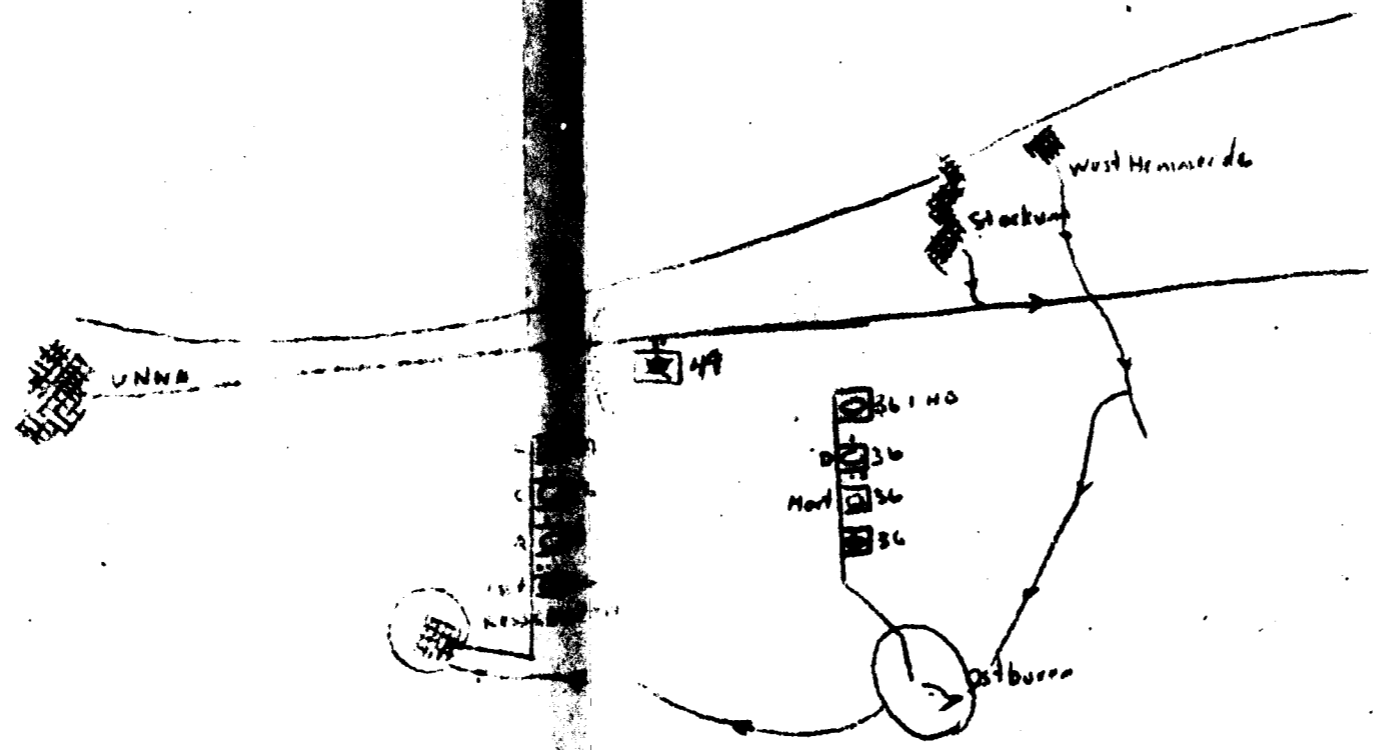
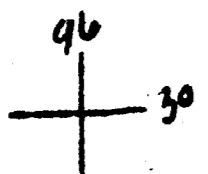
Combat efficiency: 85%

Result of Operations

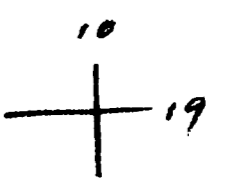
Kesseburen fell at approx 2100 and the Bn coiled up in both Ostburen and Kesseburen for the night.

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Hq 36 Tank Battalion
Route of March
Location of troops
MAP GERMANY
HAMM Sheet 497
SCALE 1:50,000
10 APRIL 1945



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Hq 36th Tk Bn
Harsleben, Germany
11 April 1945
14 April 1945

Maps: Central Europe: 1:100,000 Sheet P5

Our front lines: See Atchd overlay

Location of troops: See Atchd overlay

Information of supporting and adjacent troops: None other than what is indicated on atchd overlay.

Weather: Warm

Visibility: Good

Our operations for the period:

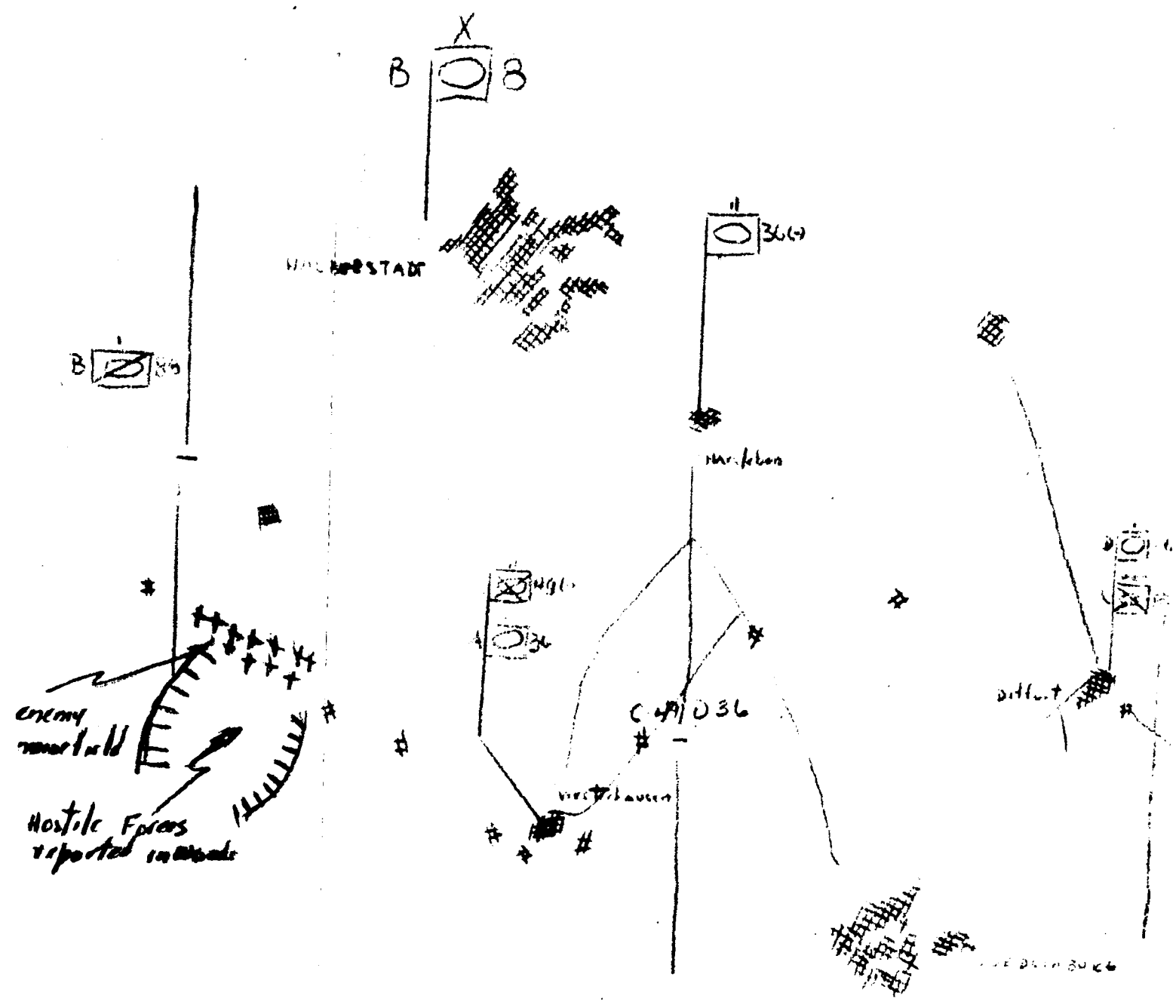
11 April 1945, Tank Van Heuten was relieved at Ostburen, By CCA. Co B 36th Tk Bn was atchk to CCA at 0700 11 April. At 1900 11 April 1945 this Bn received orders that it would move as part of the Div to Vic of Alfeld, Germany. (March to begin at approx 1200 12 April 1945)

1200 12 April this Bn departed from Ostburen to march to Alfeld, Germany.

0815 13 April this bn arrived in Wolfen Butten and prepared to take the town in our control. At 1530 the same day Bn was alerted to move at 1600. At 1845 13 April this Bn departed from WolfenButten and marched to Harsleben arriving in Harsleben at 0100 14 April 1945 (See atchd overlay regarding location of troops)

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HQ 36 TH ABN
 Location of Camp 036
 maps Central Europe
 11/20/46
 SMC LT PVT

Final location of Camp 036
 by US Army in their respective areas

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Hedersleben Germany
1200 14 April 1945
1200 14 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets P5 - P6

Our front lines: See atchd overlay.

Location of troops: See atchd overlay.

**Information of supporting and adjacent troops:
None other than what is indicated on atchd overlay.**

Weather: Clear

Visibility: Good

Operations for the Period:

At 1630 14 April TF Van Houten recieved orders to move to Vic of Hedersleben Germany and relieve Elms of 130 Inf regt there.

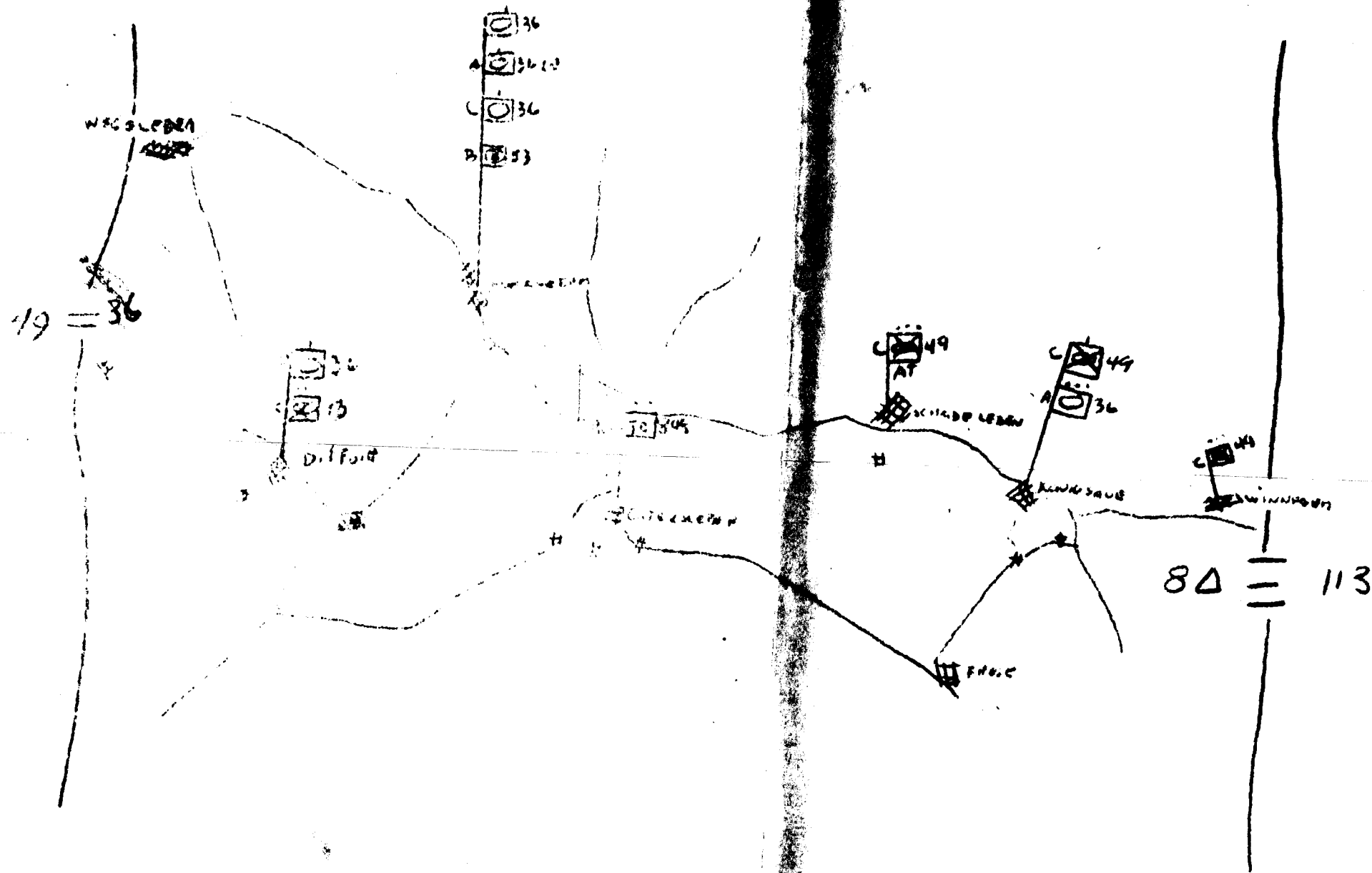
At 2000 14 April TFV closed in Hedersleben with the exception of Co C 49 AIBn and 1 plat Co A 36th Tk Bn, who where still waiting to be relieved at Westerhausen.

Combat efficiency: 85%

Result of operations:

TFV set up deffenses and road blocks in its area and is prepared to defend the area (See atchd overlay)

**JOHN FASCO JR
Maj S-3**



19 = 36

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1st Cav
 LOCATION OF Troops
 1400 14 April 1945

MAPS: GERMANY 1:50,000
 sheets P 5 & 26

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Hedersleben, Ger
1300 17 Apr 1945
1800 18 Apr 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets P5 and P6

Our front lines: See atchd overlay.

Location of troops: See atchd overlay.

Information of supporting and adjacent troops:
None other than what is indicated on atchd overlay.

Weather: Clear and warm

Visibility: Good

Operations for the period:

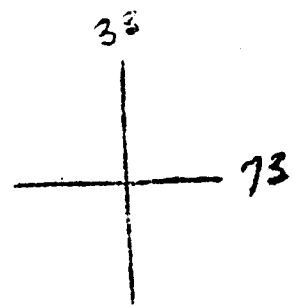
At 1800 17 April 1945 the following relief was completed:
A Co 36th Tk Bn relieved C Co 49th AIBn, who returned
to the control of TFR, two (2) platoons B 88 Cav Ron Sq
joined TFV to take positions formerly held by C Co 49th
AIBn. A Co 36th Tk Bn less one platoon then returned to
Hedersleben.

At 1030 18 April 1945 Contact was made by Elms of 88 Cav
Ron Sq (part of TFV) with Elms of 9th Inf Div. (see atchd
overlay for location of contact) Elms of 9th Inf Div
then swung westward.

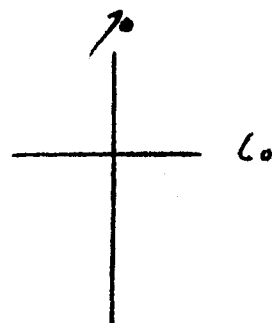
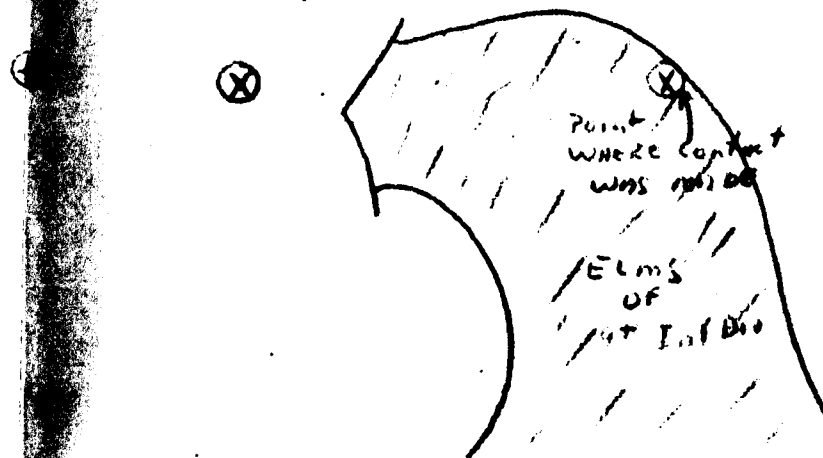
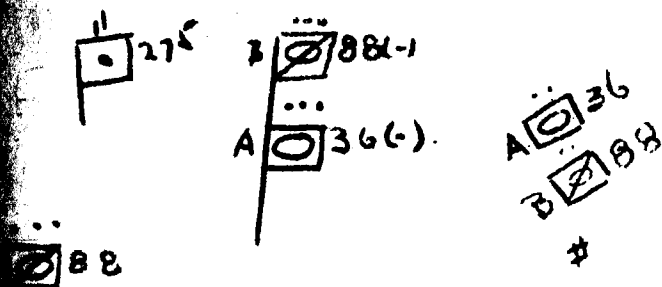
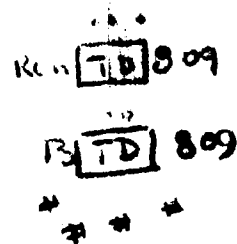
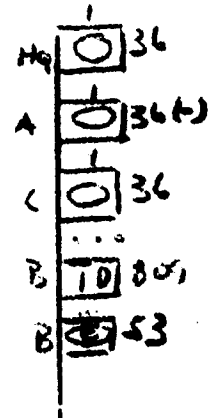
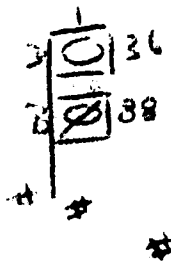
Combat efficiency: 95%

Result of operations: None

JOHN PASCO JR
Maj S-3



TFR = TFV



HQ 307K PW
17 APR 1945
LOCATION OF TROOPS AND
ROAD BLOCKS

MAPS: C. Europe
1:50,000
SHEETS PS 875

→ ROAD BLOCKS
○ CONTACT POINTS BETWEEN
TFV AND 4th Inf

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Hq 36th Tk Bn
Strobeck, Germany
1800 18 April 1945
1800 19 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets P5

Our front lines: None

Location of troops: See atchd overlay.

**Information of supporting and adjacent troops:
None other than what is indicated on atchd overlay.**

Weather: Clear and warm

Visibility: Good

Operations for the period:

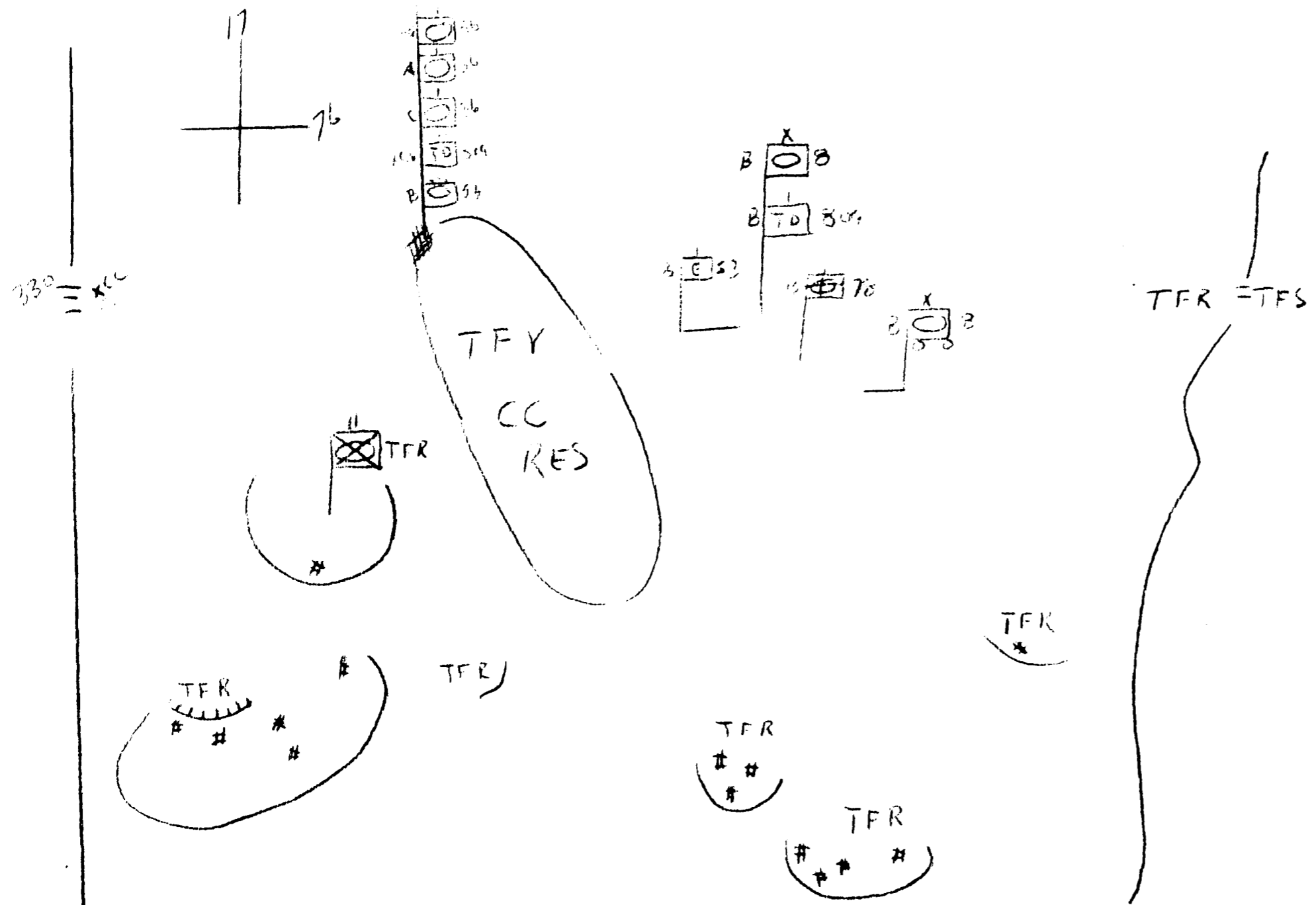
At 1000 19 April Task Force Van Houten less D Co and one plat of 809th TD departed from Hedersleben, Germany to move to Res Pos Vic Strobeck, Germany. TFV closed in Strobeck at approx 1230 19 April 1945 to remain in CC Res. D Co 36th Tk Bn and one Plat Co B 809 TD remained under control of 88 Cav Ren Sq.

Combat efficiency: 95%

Result of operations:

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Maj 8-3

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HO 3574201
 Position of Troops
 19 April 45
 Map 1:100,000
 Sheet 75

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Blankenburg, Ger.
1800 19 April 1945
1800 20 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets F5 and Q5
Germany 1:25,000 Sheets 4131,4132, 4231,4232

Our front lines: See atchd overlay No. 2

Location of troops: See atchd overlay No. 2

Information of supporting and adjacent troops:
None other than what is indicated on atchd overlay No. 2

Weather: Clear and warm

Visibility: Good

Operations for the period:

A Co 36th Tk Bn moved to Westerhausen and arr. there at approx 0900 and displaced in position to fire on Blankenburg (see atchd overlay No. 2 for firing position) and appear as a strong force in the attempt that was made to make the city surrender. They moved in position at location indicated and fired 5 rds per tank into Blankenburg just as an air strike began.

C Co 36th Tk Bn moved down to give aid to A Co 36th at approx 1000. They were in Westerhausen as a Res.

About 1530 one plat of A Co 36th Tk Bn with a plat of B Co 49th AIBn, which became a part of TFV at approx 1300 This force swept the woods which run SW of Blankenburg picking up prisoners.

At 1730 C Co 36th on the right of the Rd and A Co 36th on the left of the Rd Westerhausen-Blankenburg with a part of B Co 49th AIBn Atk the town and took S half of the town as per order of CCB

At 1930 we had cleaned our section of Blankenburg and the remainder of the Bn closed in. (See Atchd Overlay No. 1 for route of march.

Combat efficiency 90%

Result of operations

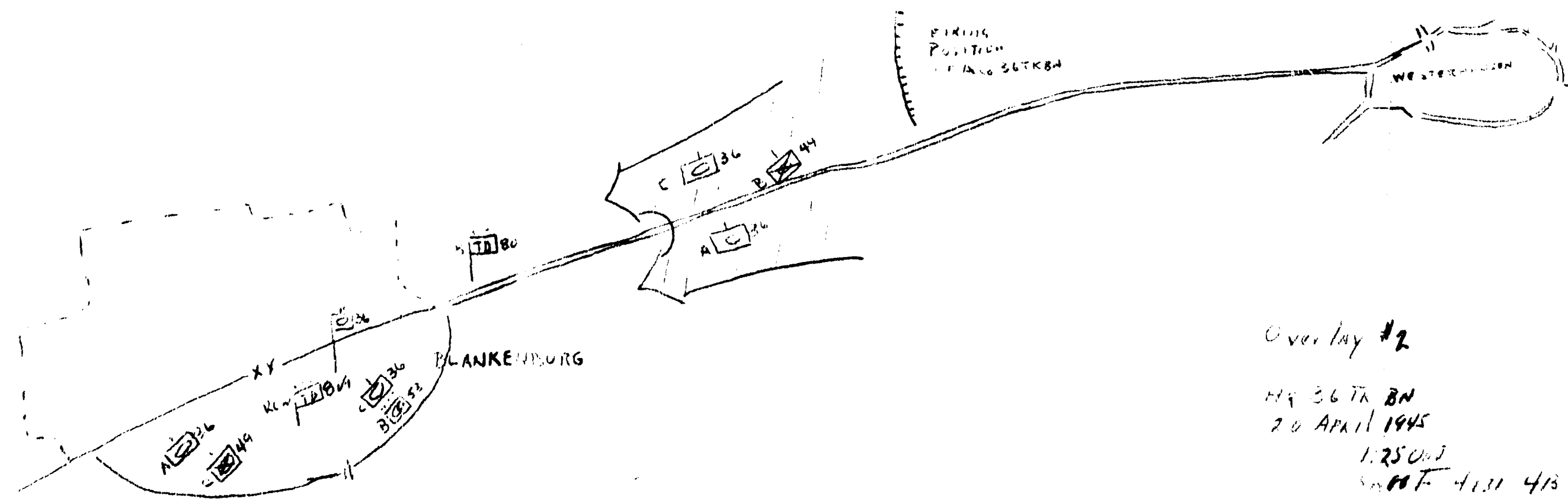
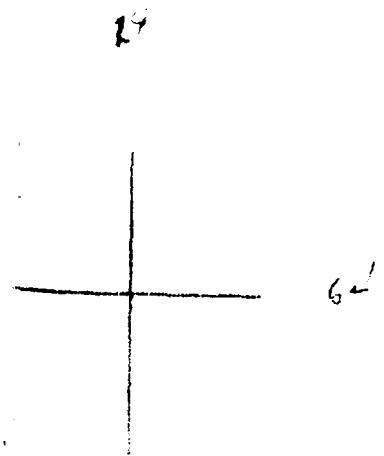
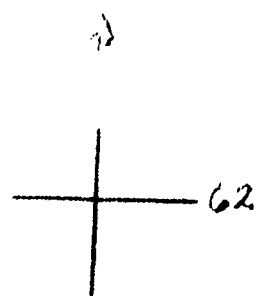
Unit losses were as follows

1 EM killed

Enemy losses

1 QM Co of 40 wagons w/supplies and 127 horses, two trucks and 100 men was captured

Total of 700 PWs including 20 officers were captured and 5 men killed



Overlay #2
HQ 36TH BN
20 APRIL 1945
1,250M
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4231 4232

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Blankenburg, Ger
1800 20 April 1945
1800 21 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Same

Location of troops: Same

Information of supporting and adjacent troops:

Plat of B Co 53 Armd Eng detached from this unit
Ron plat TD and TD Plat of B Co 809 TD Detached
from this unit
Co C 49th AIBn rejoined this unit.

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rains

Visibility: Fair

Operations for the period:

TF Moore consisting of Ron Plat of TD assaulted and
captured the of Ottenstedt at 0800
Weeds around Blankenburg were cleaned out during the day.

Combat efficiency: 95%

Result of operations:

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S-3 Maj

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Hassfelde, Germany
1800 21 April 1945
1800 22 April 1945

A-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets P5 and Q5

Location of troops: See atchd overlay.

Information of supporting and adjacent troops.
None other than indicated on atchd overlay.

Weather: Cloudy with quite a bit of rain and hail

Visibility: Poor to fair

Operations for the period:

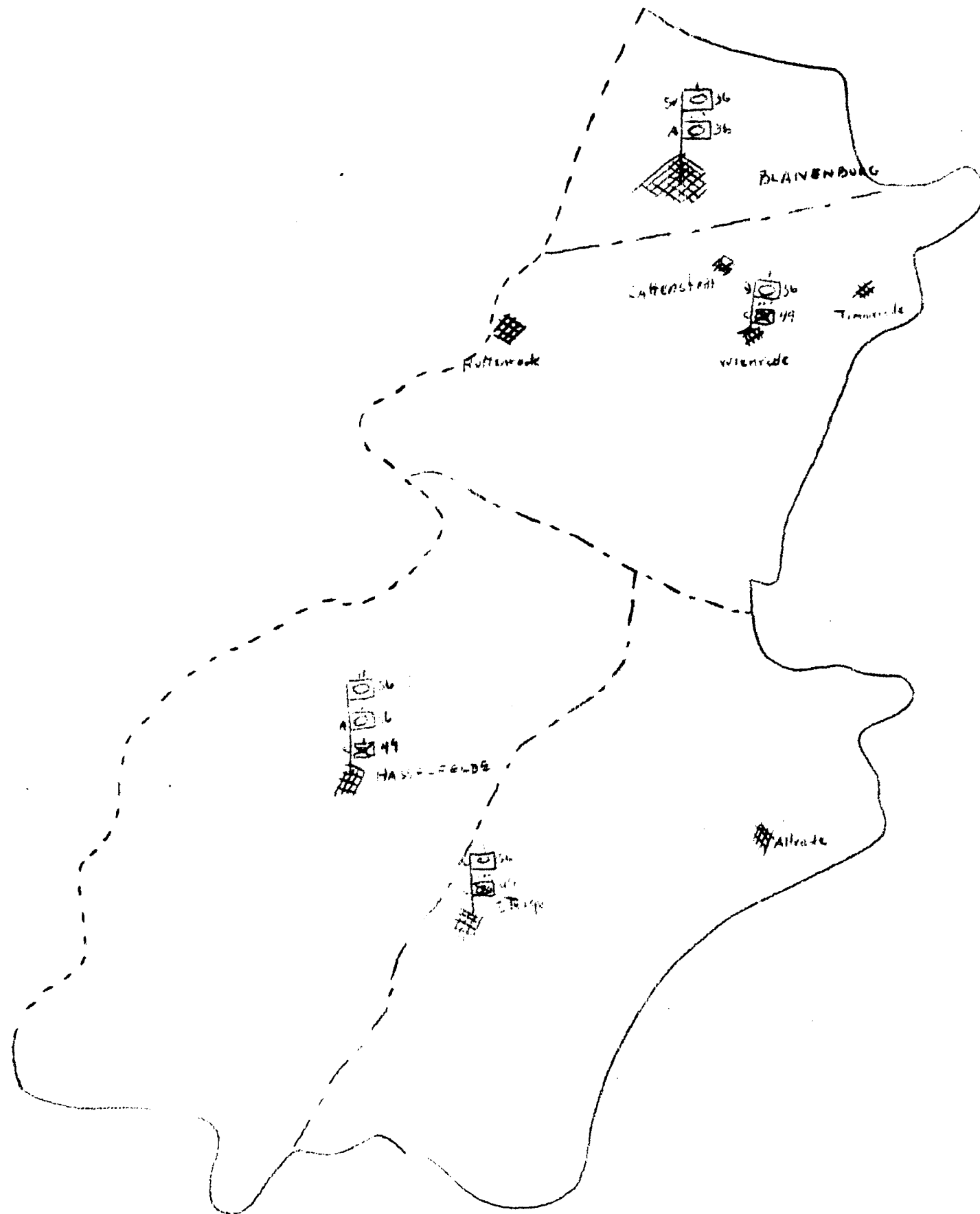
TFV was given an area to occupy and govern. TFV departed from Blankenburg and companies occupies their respective areas. (See Atchd overlay for areas allotted to each company)

Combat efficiency: 90%

Result of operations:

TFV completed its occupation at approx 1600 and steps have been taken to start a military government

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Maj S-3



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Hq 36th Tk Bn
Hasselfelde, Germany
1800 22 April 1945
1800 23 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheets P5 and Q5

Location of troops: Same

Information of supporting and adjacent troops: Same

Weather: Cold and cloudy

Visibility: Fair

Operations for the period:

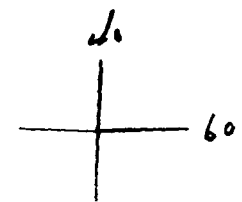
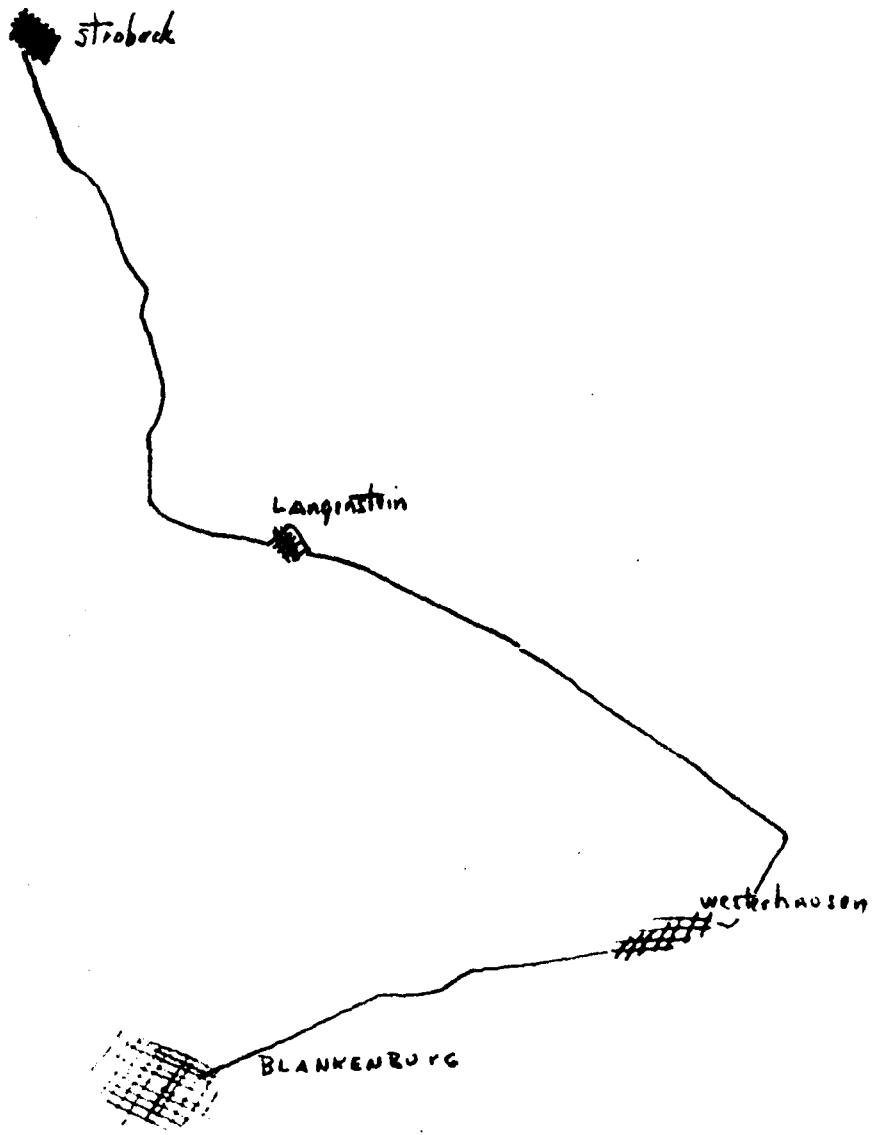
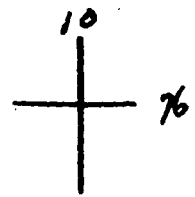
Search was made of area for arms and demolitions
Roads were patrolled and inspected for obstacles (see
atcd overlays and reports regarding these inspections
and as to what roads were inspected)
Areas also were cleared, see atcd overlay as to location
of these areas

Combat efficiency:

Result of operations

Demolitions and arms found were disposed of and PWs
were taken.

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Overview

HA 36
20 APR 1950
ROUTE
MAP Central Europe
1:250,000
SHEET 1-5

Hq 36th Tk Bn
Hasselfelde Germany
23 April 1945

Reference sheet to overlay

Red:

- No. 1 Bridge out
- No. 2 Crater - 15 ft deep - 25 ft wide w/civilian truck
in same.
- No. 3 Road block of trees for span of approx 30 yds
- No. 4 Road block of trees felled for span of 50-100 yds
- No. 5 Road block of trees felled.
- No 6 Felled trees

Blue:

- No 1 Felled trees for span - 100 yds (at this pt. there is a
by pass)
- No 2 Crater needing attention

Routes that have been patrolled and investigated

see atchd sheet for remarks

Hq 36 Tk Bn
22 April 45
Map Germany
1:100,000
Sheets P5 45

Routes that have been patrolled and investigated
(see atchd sheet for remarks)

Hq 36th Tk Bn
23 April 45
Map Central Europe
1:100,000
Sheets P5 45

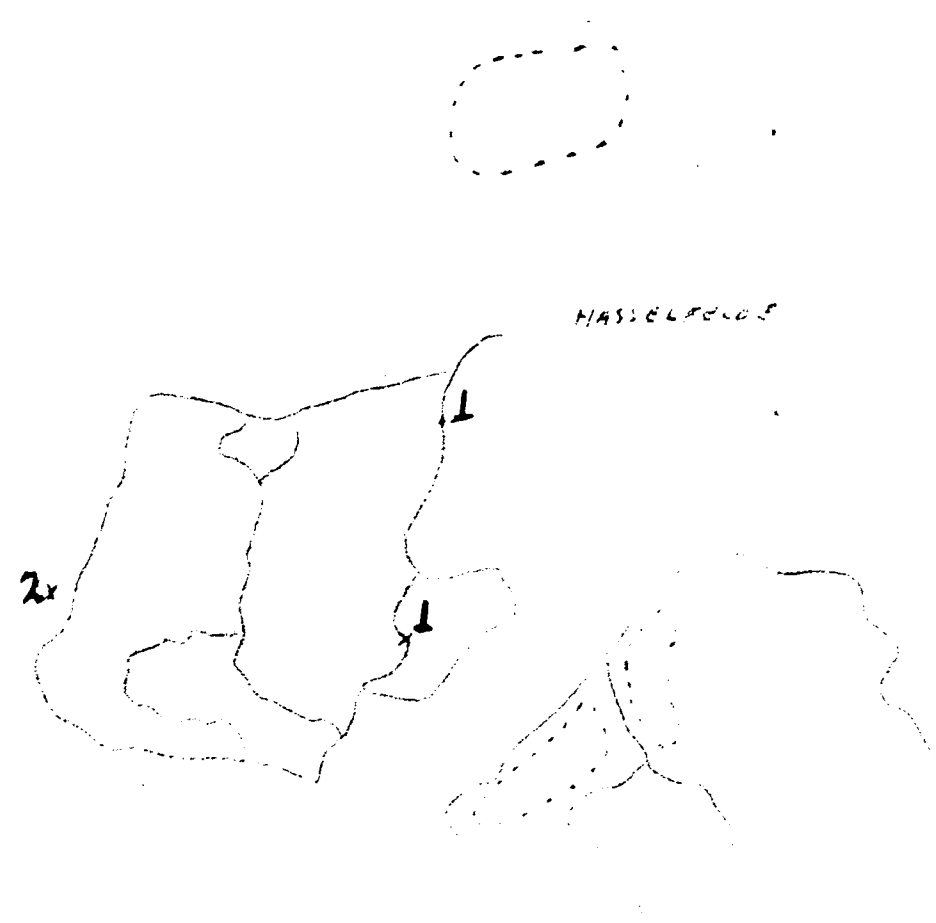
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**Hq 36th Fz Bn
Hasselfeld Germany
23 April 1945**

Reference sheet to overlay

Red:

No. 1 Road block and felled trees

No. 2 Bridge out, also felled trees. This spot is not in our area.

Blue:

No. 1 Road Block. There is a By-pass at this point.

Areas circled with dotted line are areas that have been cleared.

**JOHN PASCO JR
Maj 8-3**

S-4 MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL, 1948

1. **SUPPLY:** The rapid movement of our forces lengthened supply lines so much that the acquisition of Class II and III supplies was difficult, especially during the first three (3) weeks of the month. Grease and Oil were not available during this period for proper maintenance of our vehicles. Class V Depots were moved toward using units more rapidly, and resupply of ammunition presented no unusual problem.

2. **TRANSPORTATION:**

Good. Recommend that advantage be taken of this static situation to stress the necessity of constant vehicular maintenance to insure our ability to move unhampered by mechanical deficiencies. We have at this time One (1) 1/4 Ton Truck and Two (2) 2-1/2 Ton Trucks at the 130th Ord Bn for 3rd Echelon repair work.

3. **EVACUATION:**

Good. Personnel thru 78th Medical Battalion.

Vehicles thru Company "A", 130th Ord Bn.

4. **ROADS AND CIRCULATION:**

Good.

5. **SALVAGE:**

No salvage was handled this month for reasons outlined in paragraph 1 above.

6. **CAPTURED MATERIEL:**

See attached sheet.

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1st Lt., 36th Tk Bn
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Twenty-One (21) Sedans, Civilian

Twenty-One (21) Trucks, German military

Four (4) Sedans, German military

Three (3) Jeeps, German military

One (1) Ambulance, German military

Four (4) Pack Howitzers

Also, one (1) room full of electrical and radio equipment was located in Bldg No. 25, Timmenrode. Most of this equipment is new and packed in crates.

HEADQUARTERS
THIRTY-SIXTH TANK BATTALION
APO 258 US ARMY

30 April 1945

RESULTS of OPERATIONS

The results of the operations during the period, 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945 were excellent. The Task Force was employed as advance guard, flank guard, a maneuvering element of a coordinated attack, a supporting element of a coordinated attack, a combat reserve and separate missions securing objectives either in its zone or within the Combat Command zone.

From my point of view this organization functioned in an excellent manner in executing each and all of the missions assigned it. The fine point of coordination between the infantry and tanks with the supporting arms (artillery, assault guns, and mortars) was developed. Formations involving the tank-infantry team were improved. The tanker learned to appreciate the infantryman and the infantryman, the tanker.

Combat efficiency at the end of the period: 90%

Comments on the employment of the Unit: During the period the most outstanding day for this organization's employment was 6 April when the Unit made a 25-mile end around-sweep to secure Ost Doren, Germany, west of Soest, Germany. The unit was employed that day according to the books which preach strictly of armored elements to cut the enemy's routes of communications and supplies and attack his rear area and installations.

An action, not a desired employment but necessary to accomplish the missions of the Combat Command, occurred in the middle of the period when the Combat Command was given the mission of protecting Corps' right flank. This Task Force was spread over a 15-mile front and necessarily had to deplete its force by establishing numerous road blocks. It is believed that if possible the tanks should have been held as a mobile reserve and cavalry or reconnaissance units used to establish the screen along the front.

JOHN H VAN HOUTEN
Lt Col., Cavalry
Commanding.

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THIRTY-SIXTH TANK BATTALION
AFC 258 US ARMY

AFTER ACTION REPORT

0001 1 May 1945
2400 24 May 1945

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HC 35TH TANK BN
0001 1 May 1945
2400 31 May 1945
Korea, January

AFRER ACTION REPORT

C-1 TANK COMPANY

1. Inspections: Personnel, physical, weapons and inspections of vehicles.
2. Casualties: None.
3. Prisoners of War: None
4. Replacements: 15
5. Officers and EM Gains and Losses:

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Officers Gained | - 4 |
| Officer Lost | - 1 |
| Enlisted Men Gained | - 22 |
| Enlisted Men Lost | - 22 |
6. Officer Promotions: 1 EM appointed to 2nd Lieutenant (Satisfied)
7. Strength as of End of Period: 689.

WESLEY S. BULLER, JR
1st Lieut-Cavalry
Adjutant.

Hq 88th Tank Battalion
0001 1 May 1945
2400 31 May 1945
Northeim, Germany

S-2 INTELLIGENCE Report

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period:

None.

2. Enemy Operations During Period:

None

3. Section Operations:

a. Section continued operation and supervision of Military Government set up at Hasselfelde from 1 May 45 to 7 May 45. Upon arrival of Battalion at Northeim, Military Government of Kreis Northeim was taken over and operated by this battalion until 2400 12 May 45 when Military Government was turned over to detachment from SHAEF, Paris.

b. Compass course and range estimation courses were set up for the training of Officers and Enlisted men.

4. Weather and Terrain:

a. Hasselfelde area -- Warm weather and hilly terrain.

b. Northeim area -- Warm weather and hilly terrain.

DAVID B. KELLY
Capt., Infantry
S-2

Hq 36th Tank Battalion
0001 1 May 1945
2400 30 May 1945
Nertheim, Germany

S-3 Periodic Report

Maps: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet P4 and W4
Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet P5 and Q5

1. FRONT LINES AT END OF PERIOD: None
2. LOCATIONS OF TROOPS: See attached overlays 1 and 2.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: None
4. OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD.

From 30 April to 7 May 1945 this Battalion occupied area in Hartz mountains (see attached overlay No. 1). While in this area this battalion cleared woods of all hostile resistance, of which there was little, and maintained road patrols daily throughout the area. Enemy road blocks were cleared and enemy ammunition dumps were disposed of.

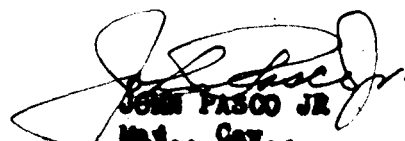
Up to the time this battalion departed from this area work on concentrating all displaced persons in designated sectors and transferring them out of the area was accomplished.

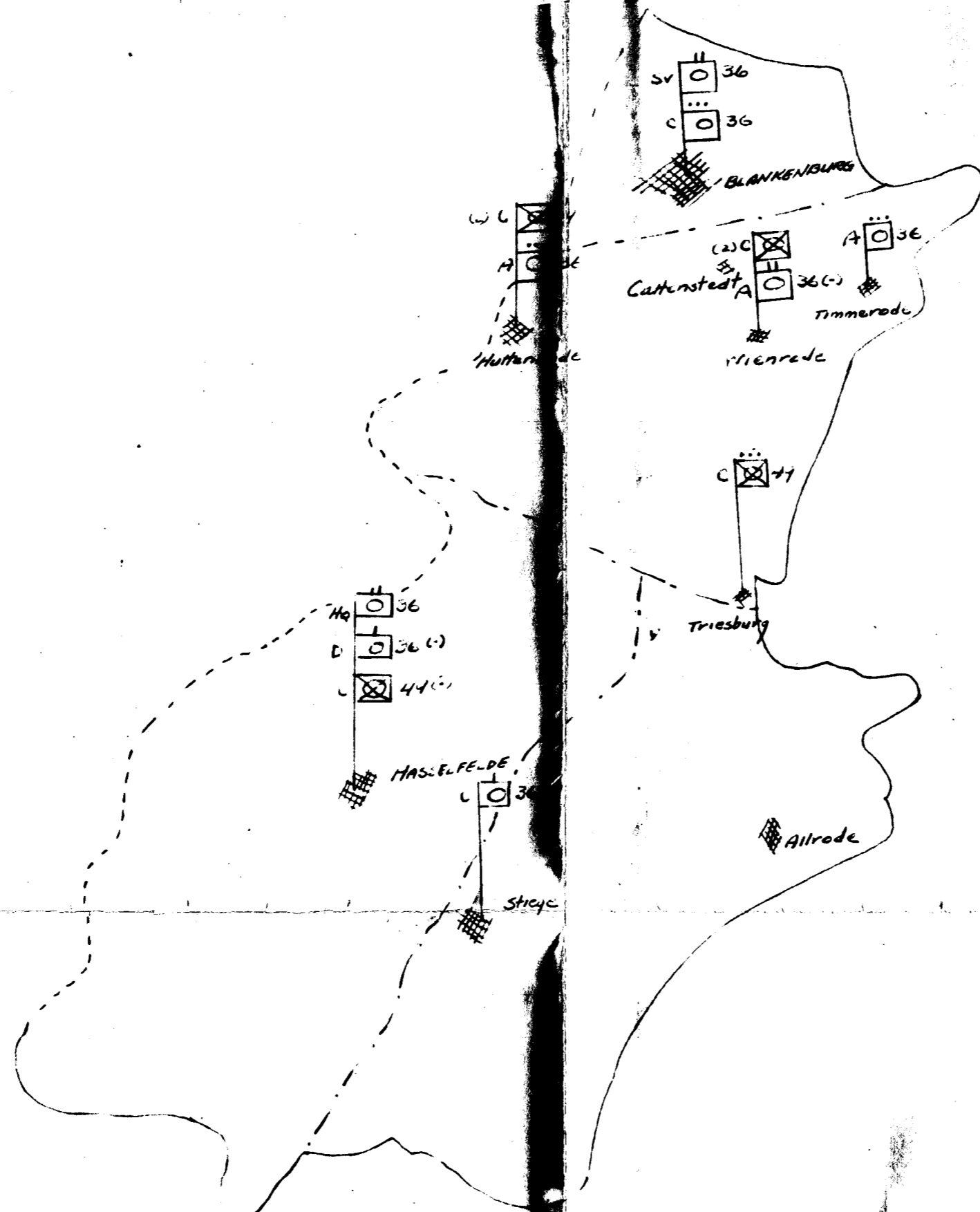
Elements of the 35th Inf. Div. relieved this battalion in this area on 6 May 1945.

On 7 May 1945 this battalion moved to Nertheim, Germany and Vic (see overlay No. 2) to relieve Elms. of SS Coy Recon Sqd. 8th Arm Div and to take over the Military Government from these units.

On 12 May 1945 a Military detachment from SH&F relieved this battalion of Military Government responsibilities.

From 12 May 1945 to 30 May 1945 this battalion then devoted its time to a Military training and athletic schedule. Things stressed in training were Gunnery and Range estimation and orientation. Tank Firing was accomplished during this time with satisfactory results.


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Maj., Cav.
S-3, 36th Tk Bn



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OVERLAY No. 1
Hq 36 TR BN
22 APRIL 1945
MAP: Central Europe
1:100,000
SHEET R5 Q5

S-4 MONTHLY REPORT - MAY, 1945


1. SUPPLY: The acquisition of all classes of supply was exceptionally good for the period ending 31 May. There were minor shortages of Wool OD's at the beginning of the month but this condition was overcome, and the supply during the third week of the month was adequate to meet Battalion demands as they occurred.
2. TRANSPORTATION: The status of Transportation in the Battalion was good. Every advantage was taken of our static position to emphasize maintenance, and as a result, our full complement of vehicles was ready for any operational requirement at the end of this period.
3. EVACUATION: Personnel: Attached Medical Detachment
Vehicles: 130th Ordnance Battalion
4. ROADS AND CIRCULATION:
Good
5. SALVAGE: Salvage of individual clothing and equipment, and organizational equipment was light.
6. CAPTURED MATERIEL:
None

Henry H. Stevenson
HENRY H STEVENSON
1st Lt., 36th Tr Bn
S-4

Hq. 36th Tank Battalion
COCI 1 May 1945
2400 24 May 1945
Nertheim, Germany

C O M M A N D

1. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: results of the Battalion's mission of Occupying and Governing various areas in Germany was very successful. Military Government was executed by staff officers and company commanders under coordination of the Battalion Commander and staff. Although the officers were not specifically trained for this type work all did a commendable job.
2. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 100%
3. COMMENTS ON EMPLOYMENT OF UNIT, etc. No Comments.


JOHN H. VAN HOUTEN
Lt. Col., Cav.
Commanding

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