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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 182

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I. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

a. Enemy Front Lines: CCA fwd elms SULZA (J 7358). CCB fwd elms KUNITZ (J 7469). Res Comd - MELLINGEN (J 5766). 25 Cav - LEGEFELD (J 4965) - MILDA (J 6257) - ZIMMERTZ (J 6557).

b. Units in Contact:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEANS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
595 Med Transp Bn	LEGEFELD (J 5065)	PW	11 Apr
Hq, 6 Bn Volks Arty Corps	BUCHA (J 5560)	"	"
1 Co, 2 Bn, Volkssturm WEIMAR	MECHMERODA (J 5663)	"	"
CT Heinrich, JENA	CCA Zone	"	"
59 PG Tng Bn	"	"	"
71 PG Tng Bn	"	"	"
604 Signal Regt	"	"	"
180 Pz Signal Repl Bn	NOIRA (J 4668)	"	"
3 Btry, 71 AA Regt	" "	"	"
4 Co, 81 Pz Tng Bn	GELMERODA (J 5068)	"	"
CT ZIRKEL	DENSTEDT (J 5673) -	"	12 Apr
CT SCHMIDT	HOHLSTEDT (J 6369)	"	"
33 AA Repl Bn	" "	"	"
1 PG Repl Bn	" "	"	"
279 AA Tng Bn	" "	"	"
CT KONNINGS	" "	"	"
SS Guards BUCHENWALD	" "	"	"

Note: 59 PG Regt in units in contact G-2 Per Rpt No. 181 should read 59 PG Tng Bn.

c. Defensive Organization:

- (1) Air Observation: An en arty J 668625 (S COPPANZ), 111730b.
- (2) Pw stated Autobahn mined both shoulders fr J 5376 (S GROB-OBERINGEN), S and SE for approx 15 km, 112310L.
- (3) Unknown number en dug in J 620585 (N MILDA), 121015L; en OP J 620-596 (N MILDA), 121000b.

d. Reserves and Other Forces Capable of Intervention:

- (1) Undated marked German map capt'd vic J 46674 (E OTTSTEDT) 11 Apr indicates 5 SS WIKING Div mvg S toward RASTENBURG (J 5893) from QUERFURT (D 69-16). (See O-Notes Par III).
- (2) Seventh US Army rpt'd capt'd doc dtd 26 Mar mentions Hq Eleventh SS Pz Army in NUREMBERG (O 40). It is commanded by SS Obergruppenfuehrer (US Lt Gen) STEINER. (Comment: According to higher Hq, Eleventh SS Pz Army believed committed on Eastern Front).
- (3) Capt'd docs and PW statements indicate that the comdr and staffs of recently dest divs are being placed in command of misc units and KGs hastily committed in effort to stabilize W Front. 26 VG Div has already been ident in this capacity and evidence exists that 347 Inf Div, 11 Pz and 2 Pz Divs are now performing in this role. The current difficulty in determining en channels of command again stresses the importance of accurate and immediate unit idents and detailed interrogation of PW as to the ident of their command organization. (Source: (2) and (3): 3d US Army G-2 Per Rpt No. 304).

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(4) Tac/R rpts at 121045b marshalling yards full E 8147 (Fm ... 000) 8 train sections comprising 400 or more flats loaded with armor. 15 plus engine steam up train 75 flats loaded with armor and MT mvd S into yard.

II. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

a. General: CCB adv against mod opposition to E bank SAALE R against SA, bazooka fire. At close of period were clearing KUNITZ (J 7469) bridgehead area CCA enc SA, bazooka and 20mm fire in their MAUA (J 7259) bridge site and reached SULZA (J 7356) at close of period.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Inf: CCA met SA and bazooka fire in MAUA (J 7259), 120400b; bridge site J 7259 (MAUA), 120900b; L resistance vic J 550640 (SE OETTERN), 12-0830b; SA and 20mm AA fire on bridge site J 7259 (MAUA), 121028b; 10 man en ptr. dispersed J 722593 (MAUA), 121225b; SA and bazooka fire J 7558 (ZOLINITZ), 12-1450b; J 760565 (GROSSLOCKEDRA), 121557b; dug in Inf J 730580 (S SULZA), 121530. CCB Lt resistance vic J 5374 (N WEIMAR), 111920b; SA and bazooka fire vic J 573-740 (Sw ULRICHSHALLEN), 112300b; J725893 (W KUNITZ), 121235b, bridge site. 25 Cav dispersed 15 en vic J 538656 (SE VOELERODA) and 25 en vic J 544558 (SW ALTDORNFELD), 112133b.

(2) Arty: CCA recd HE fire vic J 6261 (GOTTERN), 111715b. CCB recd arty fire vic J 6569 (ISSERSTEDT), 120812b.

(3) AT: CCB recd direct fire fr S LEBESTEN (J 6971), 120925b.

(4) Engrs:

(a) Bridges In: J 5965 (MELLINGEN), 121300b.

(b) Bridges Out: BURG AU (J 7162) and GOSCHWITZ (J 7160), 111850b; all brs over SAALE R (J 7258 to J 7674) blown, 112225b; OLKNITZ (J 7256), 120935b; KUNITZ (J 755720), DORNDORF (J 7675), 121150b.

(c) Road Blocks: On Autobahn (J 670591) SE OSSMARITZ, and J 693-595 (SE LUCHA), 120935b.

(d) Mines: English PW rptd both shoulders autobahn fr J 5376 (S GROSS-OBERINGEN) S and SE for approx 15 km, 112310b mined.

(e) Demolitions: Civ rptd overpass J 372633 (N SCHELLRODA) prepared for demo, 120835b.

(5) Air:

<u>No & Type Plane</u>	<u>Obsvd or Atkd</u>	<u>Dest</u>	<u>Probables</u>	<u>Shot by</u>	<u>Time</u>
2 FW 190	WALLICHEN (J 3874)	0	0	C/489 (RC)	111900b

(6) Supply: 25 Cav rptd 21 new airplane motors and misc equip in barn in ISSERODA (J 4467), 111930b; CCA rptd installation along ridge J 700588 which appears to be a generating plant, 121410b.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Weather: Contd fair with scattered clouds. Max Temp: 56°. Min Temp: 56°.

b. Password and Reply:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Password</u>	<u>Reply</u>
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c. PW's Capt'd to Date: 61,683. PW's Capt'd since 111600Z: 437.

d. Enemy Materiel Capt'd or Dest 11 Apr 45:

(1) CCA: Est 40 killed, 10 wounded. Dest 3-38mm guns, 8 trks, 3 staff cars, 4-20mm guns.

(2) CCB: Est 35 killed, 50 wounded. Dest 2 Mk III tks, 6 tks type unknown, 3-88mm guns, 1 MT, 1 staff car, 1 mtol, 2 trailers, 6 MD vehs.

(3) 25 Cav: 6 vehs dest.

e. Tactical Air Reconnaissance 12 April 1945:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Locn</u>	<u>Movement or Installation</u>
120820B	J 9569	10,000 personnel on road.
	K 0563 - K 0555	30 - 40 MT. some towing guns, heading S.
120835B	K 4494 - K 4797	700 RR cars, mixed. Solid string on single track. appear serviceable.
121145B	J 8796 - J 8899	25 plus MT and 5 tks mvd S.
121248B	E 8147	8 Tn Sections comprising 475 plus flats, loaded with MT and armor. 15 plus engines, steam up.

f. Hitler's Super Concentration Camp: CCB capt'd EUCHEWALD Concentration Camp vic J 466743 (NW WEIMAR). Approx 21,000 Russians and Poles, and 120 American and British PW internees. German guards were overthrown and 140 capt'd incl 69 SS men and 71 Wehrmacht men. Internees are organized and have established Ln with elms of CCB/4AD. Until 10 Apr, camp contained approx 47,000 internees guarded by 2600 SS Totenkopfverband (Death Head Guards) of which one half were former Wehrmacht men forced into SS. On 10 Apr over half the internees and majority of guards were evacuated E to unknown destination. According to internees, camp averaged 50,000 persons with monthly death rate of approx 5,000.

g. Wehrpass and Soldbuch: Res Comd picked up many Luftwaffe PWs carrying both Wehrpass and Soldbuch. PWs stated they were given Wehrpasses in case they became stragglers, so that it would be very easy to change to civ clothes and show proof of civ status.

h. OB Notes:

(1) 5 SS WIKING Div: Last rptd in TAFOLCSA, HUNGARY 25 Mar. Div part of 6 SS Pz Army. Combat str better than 3,000 men according to higher 's. Has many racial Germans from BALKANS. Components: 5 SS Pz Regt, 9 SS Pz Gr Regt GERMANIA, 10 SS Pz Gr Regt WESTLAND, 5 SS Pz Regt, 5 SS Pz Recon Bn, 5 SS Pz Engr Bn, 5 SS Pz MT Bn. Proximity to Russian Front may mean meeting replacement elms intended for this Div. (OB Team 24, 4 AD).

(2) German Divs Central Russian Front: Available for possible commitment against XX Corps by shuttling btwn E and W Front:

4th Pz Army (LEIPZIG - CHEMNITZ - DRESDEN - TORGAU Area)

21 PD	174 ID	320 ID
25 PGD	214 ID	342 ID
74 ID	253 ID	359 ID
88 ID	269 ID	561 ID
173 ID	291 ID	100 Lt ID

1st Pz Army (MAGDEBURG - DRESDEN Area)

16 PD	68 ID	252 ID
10 PGD	72 ID	253 ID
18 SS PGD	96 ID	254 ID
20 PGD	154 ID	540 ID
17 ID	168 ID	97 Lt Div
	208 ID	

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