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After Action Report

358 Inf

1 April 1945 - 30 April 1945

1 APRIL 1945

Throughout most of the day the regiment maintained positions occupied on the 31 March 1945. Verbal orders from the CG, 90th Division, ordered the regiment to stand fast and push reconnaissance forward in the zone. Later in the day, the 2nd Bn was moved forward in the zone to protect the division right flank in the vicinity of the towns of Bodes (418470), Rothenkirchen (389378), and Eisterfeld (454423) - occupying the positions by 2200. The mission of the 2nd Bn was to protect the division right flank; blocking all routes, and patrolling all roads in the area.

Excerpt from F M 62 Hq 90th Inf Div 011830 April 1945

- 3. 358TH INF:
  - a. Continue adv to NE 020700A.
  - b. Clear en in zone.
  - c. Secure phase line V.
  - d. Protect Division right flank.
  - e. Est road blocks (see overlay).
  - f. Maintain contact with 26th Div on right.

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HQ 358TH INF  
012000 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: 3

TO : See Distribution

- 1. 90th Inf Div continues atk to NE 020700A 45 following adv of 4th Armd Div.
- 2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Continue adv in Z to Pl "V" beginning at 020700A.
  - b Establish and maintain rd blks along R flank until uncovered by fwd movement of 11th Armd Div or 26th Div.
  - c Maintain contact with 26th Inf Div on R and 357 on L.
- 3. a 1st Bn: Atchmts: No change.
  - (1) Continues adv within Z crossing Pl "P" at 020700A.
  - (2) Clearing all towns and rds within Z adv to Pl "V".
  - (3) After securing Pl "V" be prepared to continue adv to NE.
  - (4) Contact 357 on L.
- b 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - (1) Establish and maintain rd blks 1 through 6 until relieved on order, by fwd movement of friendly elms on R.
  - (2) Be prepared to establish rd blks 7 through 20 to cover R flank as Regt advances to Pl "V".



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- c 3rd Bn: atchmts: No Change.
- (1) Continues adv within Z crossing Pl "P" at 020700A.
  - (2) Clearing all towns and rds within Z adv to Pl "V".
  - (3) After securing Pl "V" be prepared to continue adv to NE.
  - (4) Contact elms 26th Div or 11th Armd Div on R.

d Other Units - No change in mission.

4. Allotment of Transportation -
- |              |                |                     |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1st Bn - 10, | 2 1/2-ton trks | (ki)                |
| 2nd Bn - 10, | 2 1/2-ton trks | (QM)                |
| 3rd Bn - 6,  | 2 1/2-ton trks | (ki)                |
|              | 5,             | 2 1/2-ton trks (QM) |

5. a No wire will be laid.  
b 284 voice radio will be command net opening at 020700A.  
c Positions will be reptd by ck pt and Pl in the clear.

x. (1) All towns and woods will be entered and thoroughly searched. Towns will be reported as soon as cleared by ck pt. Leading Bns will split forces into small task forces to accomplish this mission until Pl "V" is reached.

(2) Opns Overlay - referred to accompanied F.M. 2, this Hq, 31 Mar 45.

(3) The bridge at ck pt 77 is out.

BEALKE  
COMDG

OFFICIAL:

STOTLER  
Maj, S-3

Total PsW captured during days operations: 97

2 APRIL 1945

The advance of the regiment continued at 0700. The 1st Bn moved out with companies B, A, and C, followed by Hq and D. The Bn's armor was split between the two leading companies - the TD's operating with A Co and the tanks with B Co. The route of the Bn passed through the towns of Wehrda (362396), Rhina (375424), Nuekirchen (383431), Meisenbach (394450), Odensachsen (396461), Bodes (418471), Fischbach (430480), Erdmannrode (446479), Wustfeld (463493), Schenksolz (473513), Motzfeld (495522), Friedewald (492558), Herfa (538566), Wolferhausen (588555), Bengendorf (578570).

The 3rd Bn proceeded at 0645 in its zone. At 1645, a K Co patrol captured 44 PWs after a fight at Bengendorf. After overcoming scattered resistance, K Co reached Ransbach (530495), and L Co closed in Ausbach (533516). I Co reached Heimboldsheim (560530) along the Werra River.

The 2nd Bn continued its mission of securing the division rt flank, and at 1930, F Co, reinforced, established road blocks ( nos 1 to 7 ) while the remainder of the Bn closed for the night in the vicinity of Malkomes (466524).

At 2300 the 1st Bn reported securing a railroad bridge across the Werra river with some troops across on the opposite side. Though the bridge was suitable only for foot troops, it was desirable in anticipation of an early crossing of the river on the following morning.

The remainder of the battalion was disposed as follows: A Co on the rt holding the high ground south of Wolferhausen (586554) along the river; B Co on the left holding the northern half of Wolferhausen (586554) and Begendorf (578570); C Co in the town of Wolferhausen. The Bn CP remained in the vicinity of Herfa (538566).

With the close of the days operations, the regiment made plans to attack to the E across the Werra river on the following morning.

Excerpt from F M 65 Hq 90th Inf Div 022300 A Apr 1945:

3. 358TH INF on the Right: 315th Engr C Bn - Direct Support.

- a. Continue the atk within Z not later than 030730A to seize and secure Phase Line A.
- b. Be prepared to continue the atk to Phase Line B.
- c. Leave one (1) Bn W or S of the Werra R.
- d. Protect the Div rt flank.
- e. Maintain present road blocks until uncovered by the adv of elms of the 26th Div on the rt.

Total PsW captured during days operation: 174.

3 APRIL 1945

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HQ 358TH INF  
030001 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE:

TO : See Distribution.

1. a 100 SS troops reported in the VACHA - PHILIPPSTHAL area. 25 SS Troops reported in HERINGEN (6056). Some Volksturm and SS in UNTERBREIZBACH (5848). The SS troops are from a trucking company replacement regiment and are not up to regular SS standards. None of these troops have artillery support.

b 90th Inf Div atks to SE, 3 April 45 to secure brhd across WERRA RIVER.

2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.

a Atk to secure brhd across WERRA RIVER, 3 April 45 prior to 0730B.

b Holds one (1) Bn on W side of river uncommitted.

c Hold road blocks along Div R flank until uncovered by adv of friendly troops.

d Maintain contact with 357 on L.

3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.

a Secure brhd across WERRA RIVER within Z by passing through brhd of 357 or on RR bridge within own Z prior to daylight.

b Continue atk to seize and consolidate on Pl "A".

c Contact 357 on L.

d Be prepared to continue to Pl "D" on order.

4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.

a Maintain present road blocks until relieved on order by adv of friendly elms on R.

b Hold remainder Bn in present pos prepared to displace fwd to area indicated (see overlay).

c Be prepared to establish and maintain lettered road blocks (see overlay).

5. 3rd Bn: Atchmnts: No Change.

a Continue atk 030730B to seize Pl "A" capturing and securing VACHA.

b Consolidate on Pl "A" prepared to continue to Pl "B" on order.

c Establish contact with 1st Bn on L.

d Protect Regtl R flank.

6. Artillery:

344 FA Bn in Direct Support.

345 FA Bn (155) Reinf Fires.

775 FA Bn (4.5) Reinf Fires.

All fires on call Bn Comdrs.

7. Other Units - No change in mission.

BEALKE  
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

STOTLER  
Maj., S-3

At 0600 the 1st Bn crossed the Werra River with Co B following the 357th Inf at Widdershausen (602593), Co C following later at the same site. B Co proceeded to Hiringen (597567), Lengens (590541), Harnrode (573536), and Phillipsthal (598616). C Co followed B Co as far as Hiringen and then moved SE through the woods to capture Oberzella (621515) at dusk. Meanwhile, A Co crossed the river at 1300 at the RR bridge site at 588561 and attempted to follow C Co but met stubborn resistance in the woods causing some delay and effecting some casualties. Contact was eventually made between C Co and A Co, however, and at 1900 the two companies abreast attacked the town of Oberzella. C Co remained in Oberzella while A Co continued the attack to secure the high ground on Pl B. B Co and the Bn CP were established at Phillipsthal (598616).

The 3rd Bn moved out at 0700 with I on the left, K Co on the right and L Co in reserve. The town of Unterbreizbach (580488) was set afire by artillery when civilians in the town offered resistance. By noon K Co had reached the town of Vacha (610500) and was engaged in a fight at the outskirts. Heavy mortar fire and some 20mm fire was received in the town from the high ground on the left as the battalion fought its way through. By 1800, the entire town of Vacha had been cleared. By dark the companies were in position along Pl B which followed, generally, the Felda River.

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The 2nd Bn continued its blocking mission along the rt flank, moving forward to occupy a block as the designated location was reported cleared by elements of the assault battalions. The Bn CP was established at Ramsbach (530495).

The regimental CP staged forward to Lautenhausen (512545) and later to Heimbaldshausen (560530). At 1800 an enemy plane flew directly over the town and crashed some distance away from the regimental CP. As it flew over, it detonated a boxcar loaded with explosives. The explosion demolished most of the buildings in the town and caused heavy casualties among the various headquarters of the attached units and in the headquarters company of the regiment.

Excerpt from F.M. 64 Hq 90th Inf Div 0319Z 3 April 1945

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue atk to E 040700B to Phase Line C.
- b. Be prepared for further adv to the E.
- c. Clear en in Z as far as ULSTER R and S to Div rt bdy.
- d. Upon completion of mission in Para 2.c. above assemble one Bn in res to be committed only on Div order.
- e. Protect Div rt flank.
- f. Maintain contact with the 357th on left.

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HQ 358TH INF  
032200 APR 45

F.M. No 5

Maps: GERMANY, 1:100,000

1. 90th Inf Div (-) continues atk to E with 2 regts abreast, 359th Inf on L, 358th Inf 6n R.

2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.

- a Continues atk 040700B to Pl "C".
- b Be prepared for further adv to E
- c Clears en in Z as far E as ULSTER RIVER and S to Div R bdry.
- d Upon completion of mission in Para 2.c. assembles one (1) Bn to be committed only on Div order.
- e Protects Div R flank.
- f Maintains contact with 357 Inf on L.

3. a 1st Bn: Atchmts: No change.

- (1) Continues atk 040700B to Pl "C".
- (2) Be prepared for further adv to the E.
- (3) Maintain contact with 357 Inf on L.

b 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No change.

- (1) Beginning 040700B clear ey in Z as far E as ULSTER RIVER and S to Div R bdry.
- (2) Upon completion of mission, assemble as Regtl Res vic AUSBACH.

c 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No change.

- (1) Continues atk 040700B to Pl "C".
- (2) Be prepared for further adv to the E.
- (3) Maintain contact with 1st Bn on L.

d Other Units:

No change in mission.

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4. 90th Rcn Tp, with 2 plats 712th Tk Bn atchd, will screen and clear ey E of ULSTER RIVER from 358th Inf R flank to Div S bdry. They will maintain contact with 328th Inf on R and 358th Inf on L.

BEALKE  
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

STOTLER  
Maj., S-3

Total PsW captured during days operation: 230

4 APRIL 1945

The regiment continued the attack to the east at 0700 as the 1st Bn captured Springen (665550) and released 89 British PsW. A company moved to the road junction at 693536. C Co followed B Co, and captured Kieselbach (680519). B Co moved NE from there to the road junction at (693536), then SE to Tiefenort to Offerrohn (742523) and Gumpelstadt (799520) where it closed for the night. C Co proceeded to Witzelroda (797503) and closed for the night. The 3rd Bn attacked with I Co on the left, L on the rt and K in reserve. A K co motor patrol contacted enemy at Immelborn in midafternoon - marking the first enemy contact for the Bn in the day. Some artillery fire landed on a crossroad near Kaiseroda which later proved to be friendly fire. I Co crossed the Werra River and secured Barchfeld, while L Co moved to Immelborn followed by the Bn CP. K Co was dispatched to secure the bridge captured at Bad Salzungen. The co crossed the bridge and joined I Co at Barchfeld.

The regimental CP after stopping in Vacha and setting up at Merkers was finally established at the Kurhaus in Bad Salzungen. During the days operations, the 3rd Bn captured a salt mine that proved to be of great importance - for found in the mine was the entire Reich gold reserve and a storehouse of priceless art treasures.

The 2nd Bn assembled in the vicinity of Tiefemont.

Total PsW captured during days operations: 146

5 APRIL 1945

Excerpt FM 65 Hq 90th Inf Div 042300B APR 1945

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue atk within Z 050700B Apr.
- b. Secure Phase Line G.
- c. Maintain contact with 357th Inf on the left.
- d. Protect Div rt flank.

Continuing the attack to the E at 050700, the 3rd Bn pushed into Bad Liebenstein and captured the high ground east of the town, prior to the close of the period. The 2nd Bn passed through the 1st Bn at Witzelroda, meeting no resistance and clearing the town of SCHWEINA, moving to the high ground E thereof. The regiment was ordered to halt there pending further instructions. Per verbal instructions, CG, 90th Inf Div, the regiment made plans to assemble south of the Werra river early the following morning.

The total PsW captured during the days operations: 253

6 APRIL 1945

At 0600 the 1st Bn moved on foot into an assembly area at Wildprechtroda (768473) and remained there for the day. The 2nd Bn was relieved by elements of the 87th Div and assembled in Langenfeld, with elements of G Co remaining to guard the bridge at Bad Salzungen. Relief of the 3rd Bn was completed by 1400 by elements of the 345th Inf of the 87th Div,

and the Bn assembled in its area, vicinity of Immelborn. The regimental CP remained at Bad Salzungen.

Total PsW captured during days operation: 119

7 APRIL 1945

Excerpt F M 66 071700B APR 45 Hq 90th Inf Div

3. 358th Inf:

Atchd: Co A 712th Tk Bn  
Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Co B 315th Med Bn  
1 Plat, Co C, 91st Cml Bn  
Co B 315th Engr Bn (For march only)

- a. Moves by motor 7 Apr to assembly area shown on overlay prepared to continue adv on right of Div sector.
- b. Maintain guard on ALLENDORF bridge until relieved.
- c. 343rd FA Bn will furnish 30 trucks at 080800B

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HQ 358TH INF  
071500 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 6

MAPS: Germany, 1:100,000

1. a XII Corps continues atk to SE direction HOF 9 Apr 45.  
b 90th Inf Div moves by mtr to assy area vic ZELLA MEHLIS prepared to atk to SE, 9 Apr 45.
2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: Co A 712th Tk Bn 1 Plat Co C 91st Cml Bn  
Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Co B 315th Med Bn  
Support: Co B 315th Engr Bn  
a Departs present area 081000 to move by mtr to assy area vic GOLDLAUTER.  
b Prepares to sweep Z to Pl "A" prior to darkness 8 Apr 45.  
c Prepares to continue atk to SE 9 Apr 45.
3. a 1st Bn: Atchmts: (on arrival assy area)  
1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn  
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(1) Move by mtr to assy area indicated 8 Apr 45 (see March Table)  
(2) Be prepared to sweep Z to Pl "A" prior to darkness 8 Apr 45 or relieve elms on Pl "A" 8 Apr 45.  
(3) Be prepared to continue atk to SE, 9 Apr 45.  
b 2nd Bn: Atchmts: (On arrival assy area) Support:  
1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn 1 Plat Co C  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn 91st Cml Bn  
(1) Move by mtr to assy area indicated 8 Apr 45 (see March Table).  
(2) Be prepared to sweep Z to Pl "a" prior to darkness 8 Apr 45 or relieve elms on Pl "A", 8 Apr 45.  
(3) Be prepared to continue atk to SE 9 Apr 45.



c 3rd Bn: Atchmts: (On arrival assy area)  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn  
1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
(1) Close in assy area indicated 8 Apr 45.  
(2) Be prepared to move to Pl "A" initially as Regtl Res  
prior to darkness 8 Apr 45.

d Co A 712th Tk Bn:  
Atch one (1) plat to ea Bn on arrival assy area.

e Co B 773rd TD Bn:  
Atch one (1) plat to ea Bn on arrival assy area.

f Co C 91st Cml Bn, 1 Plat:  
(1) Assign FO to ea 1st and 2nd Bns on arrival assy area.  
(2) Rcn pos in support of 2nd Bn on Pl "A".

SCHULZ  
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

STOTLER  
Maj, S-3

All Units of the regiment maintained present positions during  
the day.

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 22

8 APRIL 1945

The regiment moved motorized to the new assembly area in  
the vicinity of ZELLA MEHLIS (0633). The Regimental CP opened  
in Goldlauter (130300) at noon. The 1st Bn assembled in that  
vicinity at 1145. From there, the Bn passed through the 359th  
Inf and attacked to the east in a column of companies. Heavy  
resistance was encountered at 150305 effecting some casualties.  
After overcoming the opposition, the Bn moved to Stutzerbach  
(2130), defended primarily by the Volkstrum, and remained  
there for the night.

The 2nd Bn from its assembly area at Goldlauter moved at  
1500 to secure Pl A. By night, the Bn had reached the RR  
tracks NE of Schmiedeldeld (1828), after meeting slight  
resistance consisting mostly of s/a and a/w.

The 3rd Bn moved to Heidersbach (120305), and then sent  
K and L Cos to Stutzerbach, with I Co and the Bn CP remaining  
at Heidersbach.

Great difficulty was experienced in clearing hazardous  
supply routes through the mountains. Road blocks presented  
the greatest obstacle in extremely rugged, wooded terrain.

Excerpt F M 67 Hq 90th Inf Div

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue atk 090730 to secure Phase Line A within Z.
- b. Outpost high ground E of Pl A.
- c. Patrol to the E.
- d. Maintain contact with 26th Div on the right and 359th  
Inf on the left.

Total PsW captured during days operations: 49

9 APRIL 1945

During the day, the regiment moved its command post to Stutzerbach. Units of the regiment consolidated on Phase Line A and prepared to move on the following morning to the E.

HQ 358TH INF  
092000 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 7

MAPS: Germany, 1:100,000

1. 90th Inf Div continues atk to SE 100730B Apr with 2 Regts abreast to secure Pl "B".
2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.  
Atks 100730B with 2 bns abreast to secure Pl "B" and high ground to the E.
3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Continues atk 100730B within Z.
  - b Clear all ey within Z to Pl "B" contacting elms 2nd Bn at CR ck pt 133, rd "Y" at (256277) and CR ck pt 134.
  - c Secure Pl "B", MOHRENBACH, and Hill 809 and 745 to E.
  - d Contact elms 359 on L.
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Continues atk 100730B within Z.
  - b Clear all ey within Z to Pl "B".
  - c Maintain contact with 1st Bnat CR ck pt 133, rd "Y" at (256277) and CR ck pt 134.
  - d Secure Pl "B" GROSS BREITENBACH, OELZE and Hill 695 to E.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Initially remain present pos.
  - b Be prepared to move by bounds behind assault bns on order.
  - c Be prepared to assist either assault bn or to furnish flank security.
6. I & R Plat:  
Maintain contact between 1st Bn 358 and elms 359 on L.
7. Co B 315th Engr Bn:
  - a Place one (1) plat initially in support ea 1st and 2nd Bn for road clearance.
  - b Maintain one (1) plat with Regtl CP as res and for clearance MSR.
8. Other Units - No change in mission.

SCHULZ  
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

STOTLER  
Maj, S-3

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 32

10 APRIL 1945

At 0730 the 1st Bn moved out in column of cos with co B leading to 233280 where B Co moved NE along the main road in the sector. Co A proceeded without resistance to hill 766 (280275) where it remained for the night. B Co after eliminating scattered light resistance moved abreast of A Co and closed on hill 271 (277288) for the night. Co C and the Bn CP moved to Neustadt (264252). The 2nd Bn with G and F Cos leading moved to Neustadt and Altenfeld (280230) where E Co and the CP closed for the night. F Co occupied hill 810 while G Co took over hill 820. Some nebelwerfer fire was encountered during the day along with s/a and a/w fire. The 3rd Bn maintained its positions and continued in reserve status.

Excerpt F M 68 Hq 90th Inf Div

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Secure line within Z.
- b. Protect to E and NE.
- c. Gain and maintain contact with 359th Inf.
- d. Protect Div R flank.

Excerpt F M 69 Hq 90th Inf Div

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue atk in Z to Phase Line B commencing 110730B
- b. Be prepared to continue atk on order.
- c. Maintain contact with 359th Inf on left.

Total PsW captured during days operations: 109

11 APRIL 1945

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The attack continued at 0730. The 1st Bn proceeded with all three cos moving abreast. A and B Cos moved NE to take Mohrenbach (305298). C Co, meanwhile, attacked from Neustadt to capture the road junction at 299266 and the high ground about a kilometer to the north of the junction. Co G then continued NE taking Gillersdorf (321280) and, later, Bohlen (340260). A Co then moved east from Mohrenbach to capture hill 809 (323295) and then through the town of Gillersdorf to capture Friedersdorf (335280), and Willdenspring (345276). B Co staged forward to Gross Brietenbach (312251) with the battalion CP and became the reserve co. The cos remained in these positions for the night and later tied in with the 2nd Bn on the high ground 1 Km SE of Bohlen (340260).

Cos E and F continued the assault, negotiating the surrender of Gross Brietenbach. Co F pushed on to Oelze (334216) in the afternoon while Co G went on to Neuselbach, Co E capturing Katzhutte and occupying the hill east of the town. The Bn CP remained in the town of Katzhutte (350220).

The regimental CP and the service installations remained in Gross Brietenbach during the days operations.

Excerpt F M 70 Hq 90th Inf Div 112000B Apr 45

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue adv 120730B
- b. Seize Div initial Obj in Z.
- c. Be prepared to continue adv to the SE.

HQ 358TH INF  
112130 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 8

MAPS: Germany, 1:25,000  
Sheets: 5332, 5333, 5432, 5433.

1. 90th Inf Div:  
Continues atk to E 120730B with two (2) Regts abreast -  
359 on L, 358 on R.
2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.  
a Atks within Z 120730B with two (2) Bns abreast to P1 3.  
b Continues adv to E on order.
3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
a Atks from present pos at 120730B and adv within Z to P1 3.  
b Continues adv to secure Obj 1 and 2 on order.  
c Gain and maintain contact with 359 on L.
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change  
a Atks from present pos at 120730B adv within Z to P1 3.  
b Continues adv to secure Objs 3 and 4 on order.  
c Gain and maintain contact with 1st Bn on L.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
a Assemble vic Mohrenbach beginning 120700B.  
b Be prepared to displace fwd mtzd on order or block to the  
N.  
c Be prepared to assist either assault Bn in adv with Regtl Z.
6. Anti-Tank Co:  
a Place one (1) plat in support of ea bn.  
b On halting, org AT defense within Regtl Z in depth.
7. Other Units: - No change in mission.
- x. a Towns and woods will be thoroughly searched.  
b Maximum use will be made of mtzd patrols and organic  
transp to facilitate rapid fwd movement of Inf and mopping up  
of isolated areas.

SCHULZ  
Comdg

OFFICIAL:

STOTLER  
Maj, S-3

Total PsW captured during days operations: 142

12 APRIL 1945

The 2nd Bn moved out to the SE at 0730, Cos E and F leading, passing through Lichtte, taking Wallendeerf and Spechtbrum. By 2000, the Bn had consolidated on objectives 7, 8, and 9 with the Bn CP established at Spechtbrum.

The 3rd Bn was given the mission of capturing the town of Graphenthal. At noon the bn moved out with K Co in the assault mounted on tanks and TDs. Dusk found the Bn completely closed in Graphenthal after meeting slight resistance. About 30 Km

About 30 Kms were covered by the Bn, road blocks constituting the chief obstacle.

The reserve Bn remained in Gross Breitenbach, prepared to move after 0730 on the following morning. The regimental CP moved from Gross Breitenbach to Muselbach to Lichte and closed for the night with the remainder of the special units at Lippelsdorf (480195).

Excerpt F M 72 Hq 90th Inf Div

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue adv in Z 130730B to seize Phase Line "F".
- b. Clear en in Z.
- c. Protect Div rt flank.

HQ 358TH INF  
122200 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 9

MAPS : Germany, 1:25,000  
Sheets, 5433, 5434, 5435  
5533, 5534, 5535, 5536  
5636.

1. 90th Inf Div:

Continues atk to SE 13 April 45 with 2 Regts abreast - 359 on L, 358 on R.

2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.

- a Continues atk to SE 130730B with 2 Bns abreast.
- b Clears ey within Z to Pl "F" prepared for further adv to SE.

3. 2nd Bn: Atchd: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn

2 Plats Co B 773rd TD Bn

1 Plat Co C 91st Cml Bn

Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn

- a Atks within Z 130730B.
- b Clears all ey within Z to Pl "F".
- c Prepares for further adv to SE on order.
- d Gain and maintain contact with 3rd Bn on L.

4. 3rd Bn: Atchd: 1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn

2 Plats Co A 712th Tk Bn

Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn

- a Atks within Z 130730B.
- b Clears all ey in Z to Pl "F".
- c Prepares for further adv to SE on order.
- d Gain and maintain contact with 359 on L.

5. 1st Bn:

- a Assemble present pos beginning 130730B.
- b Be prepared to stage fwd mtzd within Regtl Z or block on order.
- c Be prepared to assist adv of either assault Bn.

6. Anti-Tank Co:

- a Place 2 plsts in support of 2nd Bn, 1 plat in support 3rd Bn.
- b On halting, coordinate AT defense within Regtl Z.

7. Other Units - No change in mission.

x. a Assault Bns will utilize res co and hvy wpns co 1/4-ton

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trks to sweep all areas by-passed by adv lms.

b Adv will be preceded by armored and rcn patrols.

c Allotment of Transp:

1st Bn - 7 2 1/2-ton trks	Sv Train
2nd Bn - 6 2 1/2-ton trks	344 FA Bn
3rd Bn - 7 2 1/2-ton trks	Sv Train

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OFFICIAL:

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Maj, S-3

Total PsW captured during days operations: 118

13 APRIL 1945

At 0730 the attack continued to the SE. The 2nd Bn proceeded against slight resistance taking Rattersdorf with E Co and Brennersgrun with G Co. Towards the end of the day, the Bn moved its headquarters to Wurzbach, with Cos E and G outposting along Pl "F".

3rd Bn moved, likewise, against little resistance through Schlaga, Grossgeschwenda, Lichtentanne, Steinbach, Schmiedebach, Ossla, Klettigshammer and Wurzbach.

The reserve bn was shuttled up to the forward areas during the day, occupying Brennersgrun (650109) with A Co, Lehesten (634150) with C Co. B Co was given the mission of blocking all roads in the vicinity of 624134. The Bn CP displaced to Lehesten (634150). The headquarters of the regiment displaced from Lippelsdorf to Grafenthal to Ludwigstadt to Lehesten during the days operations.

Excerpt F M 73 132330B APR 45 Hq 90th Inf Div

2. 358th Inf:

- Contine atk in Z 140730B to seize Phase Line 6.
- Be prepared to relieve 90th Rcn Tr commencing at daylight at any bridge it may capture intact on SELBITZ or SAALE rivers with a mtz'd task force of not less than two (2) cos Inf with supporting tanks and TDs.
- Clear en in Z.
- Protect Div rt flank.

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HQ 358TH INF  
131900 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 10

MAPS : Germany, 1:25,000  
Sheets: 5435, 5535, 5536  
5635, 5536

1. 90th Inf Div:

Continues atk to SE 14 Apr 45 with 2 Regts abreast, 358 on R, 359 on L.

2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.

a Atks within Z 140730B with 2 Bns abreast to seize brhd across SAALE RIVER.

b Continues atk to secure Pl 6, prepared to continue to SE on order.

3. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Continues atk within Z 140730B
  - b Driving rapidly fwd attempts to secure bridges at ck pts 50 and 68.
  - c Secures brhd at ck pt 50G to allow passage of 3rd Bn in the event bridges in Left Z are blown.
  - d Continues atk to secure Pl 6.
  - e Gain and maintain contact with 3rd Bn on L.
  - f Be prepared to continue to SE on order.
  
4. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Continues atk within Z at 140730B to seize LOBENSTEIN.
  - b Drives rapidly on to secure bridges at ck pt 50B and 51A.
  - c In the event both bridges are blown, contain W bank of SAALE RIVER until relieved, then cross through brhd of 2nd Bn.
  - d Continue atk to secure Pl 6 prepared to continue to SE on order.
  - e Gain and maintain contact with 359 on L.
  
5. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a Assemble vic LEHESTEN beginning 140700B.
  - b Be prepared to stage fwd mtzd on order, or block to flanks.
  - c Be prepared to exploit brhd of either assault bn on order.
  
6. Other Units - No change in mission.
  
- x. a Assault bns will utilize res co to sweep all rds and towns not cleared by leading cos.
- b Collecting Co will be located at Flag Location of Regtl CP.
- c Allotment of Transportation:
 

1st Bn - 7	2 1/2-ton trks	(ki train)
2nd Bn - 6	2 1/2-ton trks	(344 FA Bn)
3rd Bn - 7	2 1/2-ton trks	(ki train)

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OFFICIAL:

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Maj, S-3

Total PsW captured during days operations: 163

14 APRIL 1945

The 2nd Bn dispatched a motorized patrol at daylight to relieve the 90th Recon Troop at the bridge site on the Saale River. This relief was accomplished by 0630 and at 0730 the Bn, motorized, moved by two routes SE to the Saale River. A crossing was made and the advance continued to the SE, F Co taking Birkenhufe (847909), Co G capturing Rudolphstein (865892), and E Co occupying Blankenberg (826080). The bn moved its headquarters to Blankenberg in the afternoon where it remained for the night. Resistance in the bn sector was slight throughout the day with a few rounds of artillery landing in the area.

The 3rd Bn crossed the Saale River behind the 2nd Bn and continued E blocking to the south. The Bn headquarters was established in Berg with the towns of Bruck, Schlegal, Rudolfstein, and Eisenbuhl cleared during the days operations.

The 1st Bn continued its blocking mission on the rt flank of the regiment.

The regimental CP moved from Lehesten to Wurzbach to Lobenstein, closing at Blankenstein for the night.

Excerpt F M 74 Hq 90th Inf Div 142300B APR 45

2. 358TH INF: Dtchd: 1 Plat, Co C, 91st Cml Mortar Bn.
- a. Commencing at daylight seize brhd E of SAALE R at HIRSCHBERG (9008) with not less than one (1) Rifle Co.
- b. Atk Hof (9799) commencing not later than 151000B with Task Force consisting of not less than one (1) Rifle co reinforced with Tks and TDs.
- c. Be prepared to reinf Task Force if necessary to seize obj.
- d. Assist debouchment of 359th Inf N into its Z commencing 0645B.
- e. Protect Div S Flank.
- f. Gain and maintain contact with elms 26th Div on rt.
- g. Be prepared to continue atk to E on order.

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HQ 358TH INF  
142300 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 11

MAPS: Germany, 1:25,000  
Sheets: 5536-7, 5636-7

1. 90th Inf Div:  
Continues atk to SE 15 Apr 45 expanding brhd over SAALE River and capturing HOF.
2. 358th Inf: Atchd: Co A 712th Tk Bn  
Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Co B 315th Med Bn  
90th Rcn Tp  
Atks 150700B to SE secures HIRSCHBERG and captures HOF.
3. 2nd Bn: Atchd: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
2 Plats Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn  
a Dispatches one (1) co at 150700B to secure HIRSCHBERG on W Bank Saale River.  
b Upon passing elms 359 through brhd, continue atk to clear ey within Z to Pl "H".  
c Be prepared to continue to Pl "R" on order.  
d Gain and maintain contact with 359 on L.
4. 3rd Bn: Atchd: 90th Rcn Tp  
2 Plats Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn  
a Atk 150700B with Task Force consisting of one (1) reinf Co and atchd armor to seize HOF, if lightly held.  
b Clear enemy within Z to Pl "H".  
c If HOF strongly defended, contain until elms remainder Bn comes on line. Then atk on order.  
d Secure brhd across all intact bridges in HOF.  
e Gain and maintain contact with elms 2nd Bn on L.



5. 1st Bn:
  - a Assemble less C Co 150730B ISSIGAU, REITZENSTEIN, HADERMAMNSGRIN.
  - b Upon passage elms 359 through C Co assemble Co with Bn.
  - c Clear ey to W Bank Saale River from Autobahn to HIRSCHBERG and LAMITZ.
  - d Be prepared to assist 3rd Bn in capture HOF!
6. 344th FA BN:
  - a Provide close support to 3rd Bn Task Force in capture of HOF with one (1) btry.
  - b Supporting fire over Regtl Z.
7. Other Units - No change in mission.
8. Allotment of Transportation:
 

1st Bn -	7	2	1/2-ton	trks
2nd Bn -	7	2	1/2-ton	trks
3rd Bn -	7	2	1/2-ton	trks (344th FA Bn)

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Maj, S-3

Total PsW captured during days operations: 335

15 APRIL 1945

The attack on Hof, a town about 4 kms square, by the 3rd Bn began shortly after noon when the troops first reached the edge of the town, after the battalion had eliminated stubborn resistance in the vicinity of Koditz, on the way to Hof. Fighting continued in the town for several hours - requiring complete mopping up in all sectors. By 2300 the companies had occupied their positions for the night. Some activity took place during the night as the town still was not completely cleared.

The 2nd Bn, motorized, moved to Hirschberg with E Co while F Co took Frossen. Later in the day, F Co moved from Hirschberg to 979089 while E Co occupied Tonen (939070). Co G moved to Hirschberg with the Bn CP and remained in that location for the night.

The 1st Bn was moved early to the vicinity of Koditz (925005) and then was given the mission of holding a line between the 2nd and 3rd Bns. A Co contacted the 3rd Bn at Hof (976001). B Co contacted A Co at (968019), along the railroad and extended along the road north to the autobahn where it contacted 2nd Bn. The Bn CP was established in Unterkotzau (960013) for the operation.

The regimental command post proceeded first to Berg and later in the day to Koditz where it was established for the night.

In Hof the 3rd Bn captured a small arms factory, parachute factory, and several military hospitals. Also a great many PsW were captured during the day.

Excerpt FM 76 Hq 90th Inf Div 152300B APR 45

3. 358TH INF

- a. Continue atk within Z 160630B April.
- b. Mop up HOF.
- c. Secure high ground E of restraining line.
- d. Protect Div rt flank.
- e. Maintain contact with 359th Inf on left.

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 1192

16 APRIL 1945

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HQ 358TH INF  
160030 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 12

MAPS : Germany, 1:25,000  
Sheets 5637-8

1. 90th Inf Div:  
Continues atk 16 Apr 45 to secure Pl "R" (Overlay) and high ground to SE with 359 on L, 358 on R.
2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change:  
a Completes mop-up of HOF with 2 Bns beginning 160730B.  
b Continues atk to SE to secure Pl "R" and high ground to E.
3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
a Beginning 160130B moves mtzd to clear S portion of HOF.  
b Sweeps HOF to SAALE River in area bounded on N by ck pts 35-x, 37-x, 38-x, (HOF Town Plan) and on S by Regtl bdry.  
c Assembles in area (980975) as Regtl Res.
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
a Continue atk 160630B clearing ey within Z to Pl "RR".  
b Continue on order to secure Obj "A" and outpost line indicated.  
c Gain and maintain contact with elms 359 on L.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
a Continues mop-up of HOF in area bounded on S by 35-x, 37-x, 38-x, (Town Plan).  
b Continue atk on order to secure Obj "B" and outpost line indicated.  
c Gain and maintain contact with 2nd Bn on L.
6. Other Units - No change in mission.

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Shortly before noon, the 3rd Bn moved out to take Leimitz (998998) and the high ground to the east. By 1330 the mission was accomplished and the town was reported clear. I Co outposted the area between Neu Tauperlitz (008977) and Dohlau (000953). K Co from Neu Gatten (032990) to Dohlau, while L Co remained in reserve in Leimitz.

The 2nd Bn moved forward to Gumpertsreuth (018022) with E Co, while G Co occupied Trogen (998046) and F Co the town of Uttled (018041). G Co occupied Trogen (

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The 1st Bn moved into the town of Hof early in the day with the assignment of completely mopping up the town and establishing a thorough guard system.

Excerpt F M 77 Hq 90th Inf Div 162115B APR 45

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Organize and defend Z in depth.
- b. Garrison and control the city of HOF.
- c. Reconnoiter with strong combat patrols E to Rcn line and determine presence or absence of enemy.
- d. Maintain contact with 359th Inf on the left and the 26th Div on the fight.

The regimental CP and special units moved to the city of Hof, during the morning.

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 216

17 APRIL 1945

All units of the regiment maintained positions occupied on the previous day. ~~114~~ PsW were captured during the day.

18 APRIL 1945

Elements of the 358th Infantry entered Czechoslovakia during the course of the days operations - these elements being the first of the western allies to enter the country in the drive across Germany. Both the second and the third bn sent motorized patrols across the border against scattered resistance.

In the afternoon the 2nd Bn moved to an assembly area vicinity of Regnitzlosau. All the cos together with the bn headquarters assembled in the vicinity of 069982.

The 3rd Bn moved out in the attack at 1400 in a column of cos with L Co leading followed by K and I. Co K outposted Wuritz while Co I occupied Kautendf with I outposting the line between the two companies. The Bn CP moved to Dohlau.

In the late afternoon, the 3rd Bn organized a task force and dispatched it to secure the highground south of Kuhschwitz (038948). At 1800 the remainder of the bn moved along the same route taken by C Co. B Co went on the line to the left of C Co and A Co captured and occupied the town of Draisendorf (043958)

Excerpt F M 79 Hq 90th Inf Div 181130B APR 45

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Atk 190630B to seize Phase Line 2, prepared to continue atk to SE.
- b. Clear enemy in Z.
- c. Protect Div left flank.
- d. Maintain contact with 2nd Cavalry Group to left rear.

HQ 358TH INF  
181600 APR 45

FIELD ORDER: No 39

MAPS : Germany, 1:100,000  
Sheets, 8-6, T-6

1. Issued Separately.

b. 90th Inf Div continues adv to SE 19 Apr 45 with 358 on L, 357 on R, 359 in Res. Secures successive Phase Lines - protects Corps L flank.

2. 358th Inf: Atchd: Co A 712th Tk Bn  
Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Co B 315th Med Bn

Support: Co B 315th Engr Bn

- a. Continues adv 18 Apr 45 to secure Pl "1".  
b. Atks 19 Apr 45 with 3rd Bn on R, 1st Bn on L to seize REHAU and secure Pl "2", prepared to continue atk to SE.  
c. Clears all ey in Z.  
d. Protects Div L Flank.  
e. Maintain contact with 2nd Cav Gp to L rear. Bdrys, Phase Lines, Objs - See Overlay.

3. a. 1st Bn: Atchd: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn

Support: 1 Plat Co 315th Engr Bn

- (1) Pass through elms 2nd Bn 18 Apr 45 to secure line indicated prior to darkness (overlay).  
(2) Continues atk within Z, H Hour 19 Apr 45 to seize REHAU.

(3) Secures Pl "2" prepared to continue to SE.

(4) Clears all ey in Z.

(5) Protects Regtl L Flank.

(6) Maintains contact with 2nd Cav Gp to L rear.

b. 2nd Bn: Atchd: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn

Support: No change

(1) Assemble vic VIEDERNBERG 18 Apr 45, blocking all rds to E and SE.

(2) Initially remain vic VIEDERNBERG 19 Apr 45 as Regtl Res.

(3) Be prepared to move by bounds behind 1st Bn on order.

(4) Protect Regtl L flank and rear.

(5) Be prepared to block to L or assist assault bns.

c. 3rd Bn: Atchd: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn

Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn

(1) Adv to secure line indicated (overlay) prior to darkness 18 Apr.

(2) Continue atk within Z H hour 19 Apr 45 to secure Pl "2".

(3) Clear all ey within Z.

(4) Be prepared to continue to SE.

(5) Maintain contact with 1st Bn on L.

d. Anti-Tank Co:

Atchd Task Force Spiess as security Guard.

- e. Co B 315th Engr Bn:  
 (1) Atch one (1) plat to ea assault bn for rd clearance.  
 (2) Maintain one (1) plat with Regtl CP in general support.
- f. Artillery:  
 344th FA (105) direct support  
 915th FA (105) reinf fires  
 345th FA (155) reinf fires  
 (1) Maintains close support within Z.  
 (2) Protective fires Regtl L flank on call.  
 (3) All fires on call Bn Comdrs.
- x. 90th Rcn Tp will be prepared to screen Div L Flank or recon Div Z in front of 358th Inf.
4. a. Kitchens will remain on ground after serving breakfast 19 Apr 45.  
 b. Allotment of transportation:  
     8, 2 1/2-ton trks - 1st Bn  
     7, 2 1/2-ton trks - 3rd Bn  
 c. Other details - issued separately.
5. CPs : See Overlay  
 Axis of Sig Com:  
 Regtl CP opens KAUTENDF 190900B Apr 45.  
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OFFICIAL:

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 Maj, s-3

Total PsW captured during days operations: 231

19 APRIL 1945

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 The advance to the SE continued as the 1st Bn moved out to take the town of REHAU (065918) with B and C Cos leading. The town was cleared by 0930 and C Co continued SE through the woods and by 1800 had captured the town of Schonwald. B Co continued to the SE meeting stubborn resistance in the vicinity of Heinersberg (083917). After dispersing a tank attack with artillery and ambushing a German task force, the co continued and cleared Berghenbach (130880). Some delay was caused in mopping up a by-passed enemy artillery units, and the town of Selb was not attacked during the day, as planned. A Co occupied the factory district in the vicinity of 127858 while C Co captured and occupied the town of Vielitz (120850). B Co later assembled with A Co in the factory district. At 0730 the 3rd Bn with K Co on the left and L on the right moved out with the mission of clearing the enemy within the assigned zone. During the day, the companies cleared approximately six sq kms of woods and at dusk outposted the woods SE of Ober Weissenbach (105830).

The 2nd Bn continued its mission throughout the day of protecting the east flank. At 2200 the Bn closed for the night with F Co at 130880 and G Co at 130886.

The headquarters of the regiment moved from Hof to Kautendorf in the morning and closed at night at Rehau (065916) with the special units.

Excerpt F M 8. Hq 90th Inf Div 192230B Apr 45

2. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue adv within Z 200730B to Phase Line "B".
- b. Be prepared for further movement to SE.
- c. Clear en within Z.
- d. Protect Div left flank.
- e. Maintain contact with 2nd Cav Gp.

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HQ 358TH INF  
192100 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No. 1

MAPS : Germany, 1:50,000  
Sheets 15 E and W  
22 E and W

1. 90th Inf Div continues atk to SE 20 Apr 45 with 357 on R, 358 on L, 359 in Res.
2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Atks 200630 to SE with two (2) bns abreast, 1st Bn on L, 3rd Bn on R, 2nd Bn in Res.
  - b. Captures SELB and continues to SE clearing all ey in Z to Pl "B".
  - c. For bdrys, Objs, Phase Lines, (See Overlay).
3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Atks 200630B to capture SELB.
  - b. Drives rapidly on to seize successive Pl to "B".
  - c. Clears all ey in Z.
  - d. Maintains contact with 90th Recon Tp on L.
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Initially, remain present pos.
  - b. Be prepared 200700B to assist 1st Bn in capture of **SELB** or follow immediately behind to accomplish mop-up.
  - c. Move by shuttle march on order behind assault bns.
  - d. Be prepared to assist assault bns or to block to left.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Atks within Z 200730B to seize Pls to "B"
  - b. Clears all ey within Z.
  - c. Maintains contact with 1st Bn on L.
6.
  - a. I and R Plat will recon in front of 1st Bn
  - b. 90th Recon Tp will maintain contact with 1st Bn and recon to L.
  - c. 42nd Cav Sqd will recon to Asch and to Regtl L rear.
  - d. Elms 359 will block to L rear.
7. Other Units: No Change in mission.
8. Allotment of Transportation:

5,-	2	1/2-ton	ki	trks	1st	Bn
5,-	2	1/2-ton	FA	"	"	"
5,-	2	1/2-ton	ki	"	3rd	Bn
5,-	2	1/2-ton	FA	"	"	"
4,-	2	1/2-ton	ki	"	2nd	Bn

- x. 1. Units will utilize use of mtrs to facilitate rapid adv.  
2. Assault Bns will operate mtr patrols to front where practicable and clear all roads and towns in Z not covered by adv elms with mtzd patrols.

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Total PsW captured during days operations: 159

20 APRIL 1945

The 1st Bn commenced its attack on the town of Selb at 0630 with C Co on the right and A Co on the left. Considerable resistance slowed progress through the town as C Co advanced against small arms and small pockets. After the town was cleared the battalion moved on through Neheuse (205765), Kothigerbibersbach (162742), Rosenbuhl (178735), and Schacht (180730). A Co then captured Schlottenhof, followed by C Co, followed by a coordinated attack on Arzburg (185715), while B Co proceeded on to Rothenbach, about 2 Kms to the west.

The 3rd Bn attacked at 0730 with K on the left and L co on the right. The town of Thierstein (122766) was cleared and the line Kobersdorf-Rothenbach was secured by 1800, after stubborn resistance resulting in some casualties for the battalion.

The 2nd Bn late in the day moved by motor to Dietersgrien and established road blocks to the east. E Co at 192657, G at 199750, and F Co at 200730.

The regimental command post hopped from Rehau to Oberwiesbach to Thierstein and finally to Thiersheim, along with the rest of the special units.

Excerpt from F M 81 Hq 90th Inf Div 202230B APR 45

3. 358TH INF:

- a. Continue atk within Z 210730B Apr 45 - Seize and secure Obj 4 and Phase Line B-1.
- b. Maintain contact with the enemy to the front with strong combat patrols.
- c. Protect Div L flank.
- d. Clear enemy in Z.

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HQ 358TH INF  
202120 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 2

MAPS : BAVARIA, 22 E, 30 E, 1:50,000

1. 90th Inf Div:

Continues atk to SE 21 Apr 45 with 358 on L, 357 on R, 359 in Res blocking to L rear.

2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.

- a. Continues atk within Z, 210730B seizing Obj "4".
- b. Clears al ey in Z to Pl "B-1"
- c. Maintains contact with 42nd Cav Sqd on L.

3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
 a. Atk within Z 210730B to seize KONNERSREUTH and MITTERTEICH.  
 b. Continue atk within Z to secure Pl "B-1"  
 c. Clear all ey in Z.
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
 a. Assemble bn vic 77-B beginning 210730B  
 b. Be prepared to assist adv of either assault bn or to move mtzd thra right Z to capture Obj. "4".  
 c. Be prepared to move by bounds in Z of L Bn or to block to L.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.  
 a. Dispatch task force at 210700 to relieve 90th Recon tp at bridges (173620), (199607), (196603).  
 b. Continue atk within Z to seize successive Pl to "B-1".  
 c. Clear all ey within Z.  
 d. Maintain and gain contact with 1st Bn on L.
6. Other units - No change in Mission.
- x. a. 90th Recon Tp, upon relief by elms 3rd Bn, will recon to Obj "4".  
 b. One (1) bn 359 will assault WALDSASSEN simultaneously with 1st Bn on MITTERTEICH.  
 c. Six (6) 2 1/2-ton ki trks will be allotted to 3rd Bn to mtz task force to secure bridge. The remainder of the ki trucks will remain under control Regtl MTO.

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OFFICIAL:

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Total PsW captured during days operations: 433

21 APRIL 1945

The attack continued over extremely rugged terrain at 0730. The 1st Bn attacked in a column of companies with C, B, and A in order, meeting defended road blocks and experiencing some difficulty with woods and rugged terrain. The town of MITTERTEICH was cleared without opposition followed by the capture of Leonberg (261598) and Grofsensees (281577). After the capture of Tirschenreuth by the 90th Rcn Troop, the Bn was moved up to the town to defend it.

The 3rd Bn moved out with L Co on the rt and I on the L clearing Falkenberg and reaching the line Perk-Falkenberg for the night. About 28 Kms were covered through swampy, wooded terrain.

The 2nd Bn with the same mission of protecting the E flank with road blocks was moved from its present position to Konnersreuth and closed for the night at Mitterteich, with Co G on road blocks and E and F Cos in the town.

The regimental CP moved from Thiersheim to Arzberg to Konnersreuth and finally to Mitterteich at the end of the days operations with the remainder of the special units.



Excerpt F M S. Hq 90th Inf Div 212130B A. : 45

3. 358TH INF:

- a. 90th Rcn Tr attached.
- b. Continue atk within Z 220730B
- c. Seize and secure Phase Line "C"
- d. Protect Div left flank.
- e. Clear en in Z.
- f. Maintain contact with the 359th Inf.

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HQ 358TH INF  
212230 APR 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 3

MAPS : BAVARIA, 1:50,000  
Sheets, 30E, 22E.

1. Continues atk to SE22 Apr 45 with 358 on L to secure Pl "6" and 357 on R to secure Pl "6-1". 359 will block to L and rear.
2. 358th Inf (90th Recon Atchd)
  - a. Atks 220730B with 3rd Bn on R and 1st Bn echeloned to L Rear.
  - b. Clears all ey in Z to Pl "6".
  - c. Protects Div L flank. For bdrys, Z, Assy Areas, see overlay.
3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Atks within Z 220730B to secure Obj indicated.
  - b. Clears all ey in Z.
  - c. Upon relief of blocks at ck point 152 and 150-c, assembles in area indicated and block to S and immediate flank.
  - d. Gain and maintain contact with 90th Recon Tp on L.
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Beginning 220700B relieve 1st Bn road blocks at ck pt 116 and place additional blocks at ck pt 113, and at GROFS KLENAU.
  - b. Be prepared to place additional blocks to S on order as relieved on N blocks by elms 359th Inf.
  - c. Gain and maintain contact with elms 359th Inf on L.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Atks within Z 220730B to secure Obj indicated.
  - b. Clear all ey in Z
  - c. Gain and maintain contact with 1st Bn on L.
6. 90th Recon Tr:
  - a. Initially block roads to E and SE from TIRSCHENREUTH.
  - b. After 1st Bn secures Obj., be prepared to place blocks indicated on order.
7. Other Units - No Change in mission.
8. Allotment of Transportation:

5	2	1/2-ton	trks	delivered	1st Bn	220730B
"	"	"	"	"	2nd Bn	220630B
"	"	"	"	"	3rd Bn	220800B

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Total PsW captured during days operations: 510

22 APRIL 1945

The attack continued to the SE at 0730 as 1st Bn moved along the main road from Tirschenreuth to a point 1 km south of the railroad where it turned to Liebenstein (301471), captured without opposition. In midafternoon the bn assembled, following the capture of Plossberg (290416), and after relief by the 3rd Bn, with A and B Cos in Schonkirch and C in Liebenstein and remained in those positions for the night.

By 1430 the 3rd Bn had closed in its area with I co between Plossberg and Ellenbach, L Co between Ellenbach and Puckersreuth and K Co in reserve at Wildenau.

The 2nd Bn continued its mission of blocking to the east and assembled during the afternoon in the vicinity of Tirschenreuth.

The headquarters of the regiment moved from Mitterteich to Falkenberg in the morning and later closed in Schonficht for the night with the rest of the special units.

23 APRIL 1945

The attack to the SE continued with 3rd Bn leading, the 1st and 2nd Bns blocking to the east. During the course of the days operations a large concentration camp at Flossenbergl with 1,160 inmates and a capacity of 16,000 was liberated. The route of the Bn was through Waldthurn, Konnersreuth, Gosen, Altenhammer, Plankenhammer, Niederfloss, Floss, Flossenberg, Hofen, Goldbrun, Frankenrieth, Ottenrieth, Wottenrieth, OberBernrieth, Neuenhammer and Lannesrieth. The Bn closed for the day with I Co outposting the Neuenhammer-OberBernrieth line and K Co in the town of Waldthurn with L Co and the Bn CP.

The 2nd Bn moved to the vicinity of Wildenau for the night with E co in Kalmreuth (270368), F Co in Ellenbach, and G Co in Schlatten.

The 1st Bn, with companies A and C established road blocks in the vicinity of Flossenberg while B Co occupied Altenhammer and the Bn Hq occupied Plankenhammer (288355).

The regimental CP and service installations moved to the town of Floss.

Excerpt F M 84 Hq 90th Inf Div 232030B Apr 45

3. 358th Inf:

- a. 90th Rcn Tr atchd.
- b. Continue adv within Z 240730B to secure Phase Line "D-1".
- c. Protect Div left flank with particular emphasis on road center vic WAIDHAUS (643326).
- d. Clear en in Z.
- e. Be prepared for further movement to SE.
- f. Maintain contact with the 359th Inf.

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MAPS : BAVARIA 1:100,000 Sheets, U-7

1. 90th Inf Div continues atk to SE 240730B with 357th Inf on R, 358th Inf on the L, 359th Inf in res blocking to L rear.
2. 358th Inf: Atchmts: No Change.  
358th Inf atks within Z in column of bns to secure Pl "D-1" prepared to continue to "D-2".
3. 1st Bn: Atchmts: No Change
  - a. Remain present pos blocking all rds to E from ck pt 187 and 166
  - b. Upon relief by elms 359, assemble vic ck pt 185B as Regtl Res.
  - c. Be prepared to assist adv of 3rd Bn.
  - d. Be prepared to stage fwd on order or block to E.
  - e. Be prepared to extend present blocks to include ck pts 192c, 187, 191, 192b on order.
  - f. Dispatch mtr patrols at 240730B to recon WALDTHURN (405335) and LOSIMTAL (415335).
4. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Initially, remain present pos.
  - b. Initiate recon 240700 to WALDTHURN area prepared to displace to this location on order.
  - c. Be prepared to assist adv of 3rd Bn or to block to E.
5. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: No Change.
  - a. Atk within Regtl Z 240730B clearing ey within Z to Pl "D-1".
  - b. Be prepared to continue adv to Pl "D-2" on order.
  - c. Protect immediate L flank and rear by blocking all rds to E as uncovered.
6. 90th Recon Tp:
  - a. Rcn and hold if not defended PLEYSTAIN and MIESBRUNN prior to darkness 230730B.
  - b. Initiate recon with R zone at 240730B to Pl "D-2" prepared to recon to Pl "E" on order.
7. Other Units - No Change in mission.  
Allotment of Transportation - Regtl MTO will deliver five (5) 2 1/2-ton trks to each Bn at 240700B.

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Total PsW captured during days operations: 222

24 APRIL 1945

Further advance to the SE continued as the 3rd Bn with K on the rt and I on the left moved out. S of the town of Pleystein (370270), K co became engaged in a fight with the enemy causing some casualties in the company, but after eliminating the resistance, the Bn moved and by 2000 the entire Bn was closed in Eslarn (455205).

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The 2nd Bn continued its mission of blocking to the east and moved forward to positions behind the 3rd Bn. E Co occupied Hintbrunst (400320), F Co occupied Hagendorf (412280), while G Co occupied Waidhaus at (433268).

The 1st Bn was relieved by elements of the 3rd Bn of the 359th Inf and moved to Pfreucht (433240) a distance of about 15 miles. A Co established road blocks around the town, and B Co followed the 3rd Bn into Eslarn and established road blocks around that town. C Co arrived at 0100 on the 25 March 45 in Eslarn.

The regimental CP moved first to Waldthurn and later closed in Pleystein for the night with the rest of the special units.

Excerpt F M 85 Hq 90th Inf Div 242030B APR 45

2. 358TH INF:

a. Do not continue present blocking mission until relieved by elements 2nd Cav Gp.

b. Be prepared to block Div left flank successively in rear of 359th Inf.

Total PsW captured during days operations: 232

25 APRIL 1945

At 1100 C Co moved out to capture Isendorf (504209), Eisendorfska Hut (509189) and a village at 502178. No opposition was encountered and the task was completed by 1400. The 42nd Cav relieved the 1st Bn, completing the relief by 1900, at which time the Bn assembled in Eslarn.

Elements of the 359th Inf passed through the 3rd Bn during the morning and during the afternoon road blocks were established by the 3rd Bn in the vicinity of Friedrichshang and Stadlern. The headquarters moved to the town of Dietersdorf at the end of the day.

The 2nd Bn was moved to the vicinity of the town of Schonsee (455120), G Co occupying Lamb (460139), while G and F Cos and the Battalion CP occupied the town of Schonsee.

The Regimental CP moved to Eslarn and finally to Schonsee during the day.

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 221

Excerpt D M 86 Hq 90th Inf Div 252000B 45

3. 358TH INF:

a. Block Div left flank between 359th Inf and 2nd Cav Gp.

b. Upon relief by 2nd Cav Gp occupy defensive positions in Z facing CZECHOSLOVAKIAN border with not to exceed two (2) Bns.

c. Send strong combat patrols to NE in Z to contact the en.

d. Hold on (1) Bn in Div res.

26 APRIL 1945

During the day, operations were limited to establishing of road blocks and blocking to the east. 2nd Bn moved to Weidmunchen (605984) with F Co blocking roads to the SE of the town. G Co blocked roads NE of the town. E Co remained at road blocks 23, 24, 25, vicinity of 582030.

The 3rd Bn took the town of Schwarzach-Svarcava (550110) after leveling the town when it refused surrender terms. L Co took over 3 rd blocks at Dol Hut (553100), Hor Hut (555092), and Paadorf (563085), inside the Czech border.

The 1st Bn was moved first to Weiding (498095) and later to the vicinity of Hiltersried (510985), where the Battalion headquarters was established. A Co assembled in Premeischl (502965), B Co at Tronsendorf (521972), C Co at Loitendorf (527980).

During the day the regimental CP moved from Schonsee to Teffelstein and finally closed at Schonthal for the night with the special units.

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 192

27 APRIL 1945

At 0900 the 1st Bn began the relief of the 3rd Bn in place, completing the relief by 1800. A Co, reinforced, occupied a village at 540095, with 1 platoon in the woods at 538108 and the remainder of the company defending and blocking all roads around Stadlern (528120). C Co had 1 platoon blocking at Paadorf (563084) with the remainder of the company, with a platoon of tanks, blocking in the villages of Steinlohe and Klein-Steinlohe (552062). B Co occupied the town of Breitenried (530052).

By 1810 the 3rd Bn had closed into its assembly area with K Co at Katzelreid (505000), I Co in Loitendorf, and L Co in Stein. The Bn CP moved to Hiltersried (510985).

The 2nd Bn remained in place throughout the day and improved positions.

The total PsW captured during the days operations: 359

28 APRIL 1945

During the morning C Co sent a reinforced platoon from Paadorf (562084) to follow a route through Frautbrunnhutte (578096) to Neld (580108) - the patrol to return immediately. The platoon became engaged with the enemy in the woods short of Frautbrunnhutte and suffered casualties. In the afternoon, A Co, reinforced, was sent out towards Rybnik (573133). No resistance was encountered and 82 PsW were captured.

The 2nd Bn continued patrolling to the front but otherwise positions did not change.

In the reserve battalion area, a K Co jeep patrol proceeded through the reserve area without incident.

Total PsW captured during days operation: 125

29 APRIL 1945

Operations were extremely limited during the day. Active patrolling took place, however, the results of which substantiated the report that the woods to the east was strongly defended.

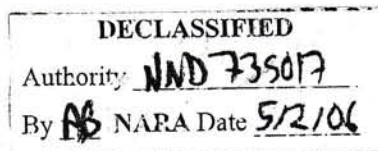
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291900 APRIL 45

FIELD MESSAGE: No 5

MAPS : BAVARIA, 1:100,000  
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1. 90th Inf Div atks 30 April 45 to secure limited obj (overlay) 358th Inf on L, 359th Inf on R.
2. 358th Inf: Atchd: Co A 712th Tk Bn  
Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Co B 315th Med Bn  
Support: Co B 315th Engr Bn
  - a. Atks 300800 to secure obj indicated with 2nd Bn on R and 3rd Bn on L.
  - b. Secures new defense line (overlay) with two (2) bns, maintaining one (1) bn res vic ASP.
  - c. Maintains contact with elms 97th Inf Div on L.
3. 2nd Bn: Atchmts: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn
  - a. Maintain blocks 23, 24, 25 until relieved by elms 1st and 3rd Bns by 300700.
  - b. Atk within Z indicated 300800.
  - c. Clear ey within Z.
  - d. Secure limited obj indicated.
  - e. Relieve elms 3rd Bn prior to 301800
  - f. Secures new defense line indicated, blocking all roads leading into Z with 2 cos, maintaining one (1) in res.
  - g. Gain and maintain contact with 1st Bn on L.
  - h. Maintain active patrols to front within Z.
4. 3rd Bn: Atchmts: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn
  - a. Relieve elms 2nd Bn on blocks 25 and 24 by 300700.
  - b. Atk within Z indicated 300800.
  - c. Clear ey within Z.
  - d. Protect L flank along defense line indicated.
  - e. Secure limited obj indicated
  - f. Upon relief by elms 2nd Bn, assemble as Regtl res vic ASP, HOCHABRUNN, MOOSDORF, HERZOGAU.
5. 1st Bn: Atchmts: 1 Plat Co A 712th Tk Bn  
1 Plat Co B 773rd TD Bn  
Support: 1 Plat Co B 315th Engr Bn
  - a. Relieve elms 2nd Bn at road block 23 prior to 300700B.
  - b. Maintain and improve present road blocks.
  - c. Gain and maintain contact with elms 97th Div on L.
  - d. Maintain active patrols to front within Z.



6. Co B 315th Engr Bn:
- a. Place one (1) plat in support of ea 2nd and 3rd Bn for road clearance.
  - b. Later assist 1st and 2nd Bn in laying mines and preparing obstacles for road blocks.
7. Artillery: Direct Support: 344th FA Bn (105)  
Reinf Fires : 244th FA Bn (2 btrys - 155)
- a. No preparation fires.
  - b. All fires on call Bn Comdrs.
8. Other Units:
- a. No Change in usual mission.
  - b. Be prepared to displace fwd on order.

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Total PsW captured during days operations: 190

30 APRIL 1945

At 0800 the regiment attacked to secure a new line as indicated with 3rd Bn on the left and the 2nd Bn on the right. Both of the assault cos of the 3rd Bn encountered stubborn resistance, including heavy tank and SP fire with s/a and harrassing mortar fire. At least 2 tanks and 7 MGs were reported holding up the cos. During the action, 2 of the 3rd Bn tanks were knocked out. It being impractical to attain the objective before dark, the bn closed in and buttoned up in place in the vicinity of Capartice (662032).

The 2nd Bn likewise met stiff opposition with an estimated 4 enemy tanks holding up the advance. Chief resistance in the 2nd Bn sector was in the vicinity of 675015. After dusk the Bn buttoned up where it was preparing to continue the attack in the morning.

The 1st Bn occupied two additional towns during the day, Hazelberg (584076), and Pila (587060), these changes completed by 1900, and affecting only two platoons of C Co. Contact was made with the 97th Div and plans were made for relief by elements of that division on the following day.

Total PsW captured during the days operations: 136

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