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To: War Department
CG, 12th U S Army Group, Advanced
CG, 6th Army Group, Main, Vittel, France
CG, 6th Army Group, Advanced
Headquarters, 15th U S Army
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 19041 12 April 1945

This is G 2 summary number 102 Part 1 dated 12th
April * 1945 covering period 102400B to 112400B. Ref nr
FWD 19041 from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHQBI.

Para 1.
Operations. Resistance still strong Nineteenth Army
front. Enemy reported withdrawing through minefields between
* and Rhine. Allied attack east of Pforzheim met heavy
going. German attitude defensive along Kocher River and re-
action to Allied bridgehead area Niedernhall (S3679) weak.
Pressure area Graillsheim eased somewhat. Prisoners of war
claim 300 SS troops Oberstetten (S 6088) make strongpoint of
250 enemy southwest of town. After stiff enemy defence Allies
captured Merktbibart (N 9420) where air and civilians had re-
ported about 24 enemy tanks. After slow filter fighting enemy
lost Schweinfurt.

In thrust of 15 to 20 miles east and south Allies
captured Neustadt (O 4197) and Coburg (O 3089) enemy with-
drawing over river at Wohlsback (O 3394) and blowing bridge.

In Arnstadt Erfurt area one Allied wedge drove five

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miles southeast to Stadtilm (J 3547) while another reached junction of Autobahn with road and rail line three miles south of Uzna.

Enemy holding stiffly Erfurt; night 9th/10th April heavy fighting vicinity J 2766 southwest of town where counter-attack repulsed. Allied thrust by passing on south entered northwest outskirts Weimar. South of Harz Mountains opposition generally mild and scattered. North of Erfurt heavy resistance from artillery and automatic weapons but after breakthrough no enemy action hindered 30 mile push to Kosen (J 7889). Three other Allied drives encountered light going took Bad Frankenhausen (D3412) and Kellebs (D 4594) cleared Sondershausen (D 1913) and Nordhausen (D 1227) without resistance. Prisoners of war say 100 tanks moved east via Sondershausen night 6th/7th April. West of Harz enemy maintaining salient Northeim Finbeck area and Allies slowed by road blocks heavily held by dug in Infantry with tank and self-propelled gun support.

Southern flank of pocket resistance very light with all types fire meagre and scattered. Allies gained up to six miles taking 3000 to 4000 prisoners of war. Sieburg (F 6344) cleared Germans falling back without appreciable increase in resistance.

On east flank stiff resistance from strongpoints in towns and on high ground continued but delaying actions

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in open terrain considerably lighter. Heavy defence Over-
trop (B 2810) Feienohl (B 3008) and Elspe (G 2284); latter
cleared but equally dogged resistance continued in north-
west. Heavy anti-aircraft covering high ground Schlipruethen
(G 2493) and Grevenstein (B 2700). Prisoners of War Panzer
Lehr state all armour ordered assemble Hagen (A 8107).

On north resistance varied light to stiff as Allies
cleared Utna (A 9626) and Essen; at former about 1000 enemy
with tank self-propelled and heavy mortar and artillery fire
fought violently. Enemy withdrawing from north and south-
western parts Dortmund. Ruhr bridges Mulheim (A 4014) and
Kettwib (A 4407) in Allied hands intact.

Almost unopposed new Allied drive reached Magdeburg.
South of Brunswick enemy cleared from Wolfen ~~Bustel~~ while
north of town Allies took Gifhorn (X 9136) and Fallersleben
(Y 0329) and drove north to Fhra (Y 0645). No indication
so far enemy will make strong defence Brunswick. Last ele-
ments of opposition Hannover being mopped up. Enemy being
cleared area west of Celle (X 5849) and Aller River; bridge
captured intact at X 3056. Rothen area (X 1167) sharp fight-
ing against counter attacking Naval troops. Night 10th/11th
April 15th Panzer Grenadier Division counter-attacked south
of Bremen at Wildenhausen (V 9578) but division was quiet
yesterday and Allies captured latter town. Allies gained
six to 15 miles Lemforde Popenburg (V 7798) area as II Para-
chute Corps withdrew towards Oldenburg. Estimated few enemy.

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left between Ems and Ijssel. Allies launched two thrusts from Coevorden area making 10 to 12 miles north and northwest and capturing Westerbork (V 2474) while third drive from Nijverdal area reached Grier (V 1469) northeast Moppel. An attack over the Ijssel at Z 9302 met light Naval forces no mines some artillery. Naval troops reported have good morale but untrained.

Weather good whole front.

Night 10th/11th, sortie by enemy battalion Dunkirk area. Withdrew after penetrating to H 1978. Enemy patrolling La Rochelle sector and light artillery activity Royan.

Para 2. Order of Battle. Document dated on 10th April shows LXIV Corps controls 106th, 257th, 16th and 716th Divisions. 106th Division includes elements from both 708th and 716th Divisions and possibly also from 189 elements of which have been contacted in same area.

Elements of 9th Panzer and Panzer Lehr outside pocket in Harz area and small elements of 3rd Panzer Grenadier: An attempt was being made to reform at least the two former.

Deserters state there exists division Kammler ZEV under command Kammler GOCV weapons.

Para 3. Movements. No activity seen on line

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Dresden Leipzig.

Para 4. Prisoners of war. G.I. figures not complete. Prisoners captured 8th April: 53856. Accumulative total since D day: 1591944.

Para 5. General. Weakness of enemy's centre still further exposed: New armies he was attempting to form in process of being overrun and main north south communications cut. Central front now definitely falling apart.

Stop press: Prisoners state whole of 183rd Division left Rhine for east of Ruhr pocket (area G 0657) by 9th April possibly relieving 59th Division which not contacted recently.

Officer prisoners of war state Wehrkreis VI has now become VI Corps and holds sector centering on C 7260 (Harz). Landesschuetzen elements in Pforzheim claim to be under command of 716th Division. All informed.

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, LOG

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TO: War Department

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FWD 18932 to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff
and to AMSSO for the British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower.
This is SCAF 273.

I am preparing a general estimate of the situation
as we see it developing, particularly with regard to the
scope and extent of future operations, and will submit this
shortly.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm. Leahy; Gen. Arnold; OPD; Gen. Bissell;
Adm. King; C of S

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after heavy resistance from anti tank fire and rockets.
Arnstadt (J 2653) cleared but heavy fighting northwest of
town in evening following counter attack by 80 enemy infantry.

To north Allied advance on 15 mile front towards
Erfurt (J 3070) gained four miles against unaggressive enemy.
East of Goettingen (C 5328) Allied Forces pushed east 12 to
25 miles reaching Bleicherode (C 9719) and clearing Heiligen-
stadt (C 6711) and Duderstadt (C 7627).

Prisoners of war state Himmler ordered Hartz Mountains
held at all costs with Nordhausen (D 1026) as focal point.
South of Hattorf (C 7442) 50 infantry and unknown number of
tanks offering some resistance. Northheim (C 5748) cleared
and advance north along Autobahn reached Echte (C 6057).

East of Hildesheim (C 5296) Allied forces made two
 thrusts of 18 and 12 miles reaching Hornburg (C 9785) and
Salder (C 8897). To north advance of 10 miles cleared Peine
(X 7016) and continued north of town to reach Eltze (X 7321).

Prisoner of war reports commander Hannover garrison
ready to surrender but Gauleiter forced continuation of
resistance.

North of Hannover Allied troops reached Wietzenbruch
(X 5547). South of Bremen determined resistance from II
Parachute Corps held Allies to no gains. Haseluenne (V 8353)
cleared. 100 enemy remaining in Deventer (Z 9308) surrendered.

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In Ruhr pocket southern sector resistance generally light with some increase in delaying action from anti aircraft, self propelled and tanks, and Allies made advances of two to three miles on south and east of pocket, terrain proving greatest obstacle. Local counter attacks repulsed north of Kirchhundem (G 2475).

South of Lake Moehne Allies impeded by road blocks, mines and booby traps. Southwest of Hamm advances were made to within about two miles of Unna. Large part of Ruhr industrial area cleared down to Ruhr River at Steele (A 5317) where resistance considerable.

II. Order of Battle. Officer prisoner of war states that on 31st March XIII Corps commanded, from left to right, 559th, 352nd, "Heidelberg" Division (that is, remnants of 719th) and elements of 9th, and held sector N 1920 to N 2500. LXXX Corps was on its left.

Documents dated 7th April shows LXXXV Corps commanding 347th, 159th and Division "Frankel"; 347th Division had headquarters H 9557 and sector H 8662-H 8666.

Comment: Frankel unknown.

In Ruhr pocket elements 183rd Division moved across from Rhine to southeast corner. Panzer Lehr, 3rd Panzer Grenadier and 116th Panzer still in firm contact.

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8th Parachute Division in area Quackenbrueick (W 15).
709th Regiment of 249th Fortress Command and 219th Regiment
of 256th Coast Defence Command, both from west coast of
Holland, identified recently in Ijssel fighting. Civilian
reports 493rd Regiment (presumably of 219th Division) left
Schagen on 4th April.

Civilian reports elements 58th Parachute Regiment
at the Hook on 5th April.

Comment: Presumably of embryo 20th Parachute Divi-
sion. Appears likely that the embryo 10th and 11th Parachute
Divisions forming in north Holland were renumbered 20th and
21st and regiments renumber accordingly. Good sources report
Lt General Diestel now commanding XXX Corps and General Kleffel
Twenty-Fifth Army.

III. Movements. 80 tanks reported observed in area
Vienenburg (C 9477).

IV. Prisoners of war. (G-1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 7th April: 48,029. Accumulative total
since D Day: 1,538,088.

V. General. In Army Group G area enemy still trying
to retain cohesive front as far north as Schweinfurt and
fighting hard. Between Thurishia Wald and Harz enemy appears
to refuse to appreciate our strength and has failed to put
sufficient forces on ground to prevent rapid advances. In-
tends obviously to hold wooded areas as blocking points and

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presumably will attempt counter attacks into flanks of our spearheads from them. No evidence any worthwhile divisional formations being available for this. Quite incomprehensible why enemy is prepared to see an important industrial area overrun freely.

North of Harz position similar with insufficient forces to stem our advances. Enemy faced with loss of northwest Germany and northern Holland in near future and again has insufficient troops to cause serious delay. Holland now to all intents a fortress which enemy will hold to last.

All informed.

End

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
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CG, 6th Army Group Main, Vittel, France
CG, 12th Army Group, Main,
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward, Rheims, France

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From ETOUSA action to AGWAR info to US Strategic
Air Force; Sixth Army Group; Twelfth Army Group; and
SHAFF forward, signed Eisenhower ref nr EX-31100.

Order of battle, ETOUSA, as of 31st March 45, as fol-
lows:

HQS, ETOUSA.

Assigned HQS, ETOUSA are the following:

Twelfth Army Group
Sixth Army Group
Ground Force Reinforcement Command
United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe
First Airborne Army (attached SHAFF for Opera-
tional Control)
XVIII Corps (Airborne) (attached First Airborne
Army for Operations)
31st (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade
47th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

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50th (Attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade
51st (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade
52nd (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade
56th (attached USSTAF, further attached
Twenty First Army Group for
Operations) AAA Brigade
74th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade.

Assigned Twelfth Army Group are the following:

First United States Army
Third United States Army
Ninth United States Army
Fifteenth United States Army
71st (attached XII Corps) Infantry Div.

Assigned First United States Army are the following:

32nd FA Brigade;
49th AAF Brigade
85th (attached XXII Corps for Operations) Inf Div
III Corps
7th (attached III Corps) Armored Div
28th (attached III Corps) Inf Div
99th (attached III Corps) Inf Div
V Corps
9th (attached V Corps) Armored Div
2nd (attached V Corps) Inf Div

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69th (attached V Corps) Inf Div
VII Corps
3rd (attached VII Corps) Armored Div
1st (attached VII Corps) Inf Div
8th (attached VII Corps) Inf Div
9th (attached VII Corps) Inf Div
78th (attached VII Corps) Inf Div
104th (attached VII Corps) Inf Div.

Assigned Third United States Army are the following:

1st TD Brigade
33rd (attached XII Corps) FA Brigade
38th AAA Brigade
4th (attached XXI Corps) Inf Div
10th (attached VI Corps) Armored Div
13th (attached Sixth Army Group) Armored Div
VIII Corps with 76th, 87th and 89th Inf Divs
XII Corps with 4th and 11th Armored Divs and
26th and 90th Inf Divs
XX Corps with 6th Armored Div and 5th, 65th
and 80th Inf Divs.

Assigned Ninth United States Army are the following:

34th (attached XVI Corps for Operations)
FA Brigade
55th AAA Brigade

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102 (attached Fifteenth United States Army
for Operations) Inf Div
XIII Corps
5th (attached XIII Corps) Armored Div
84th (attached XIII Corps) Inf Div
95th (attached XIX Corps and further attached
XIII Corps for Operations) Inf Div
XVI Corps
8th (attached XVI Corps for Operations) Armored
Div
29th (attached XVI Corps) Inf Div
35th (attached XVI Corps) Inf Div
75th (attached XIX Corps) Inf Div
XIX Corps
2nd (attached XIX Corps) Armored Div
30th (attached XIX Corps) Inf Div
83rd (attached XIX Corps) Inf Div.

Assigned Fifteenth United States Army are the following:

54th AAA Brigade
51st FA Brigade
16th Armored Div
20th Armored Div
66th Inf Div
106th Inf Div
XXII Corps
94th (attached XXII Corps) Inf Div
97th (attached XXII Corps) Inf Div.
XXIII Corps

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Assigned Sixth Army Group are the following:

Seventh United States Army
44th AAA Brigade
79th (attached XVI Corps) Inf Div

Assigned Seventh United States Army are the following:

13th FA Brigade
34th AAA Brigade
36th Inf Div
70th Inf Div
103 Inf Div
VI Corps
100 (attached VI Corps) Inf Div
35th (attached VI Corps) AAA Brigade
XV Corps
3rd (attached XV Corps) Inf Div
14th (attached XV Corps) Armored Div
44th (attached XV Corps) Inf Div
45th (attached XV Corps) Inf Div
XXI Corps
12th (attached XXI Corps) Armored Div
42nd (attached XXI Corps) Inf Div
63rd (attached XXI Corps) Inf Div.

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Assigned XVIII Corps (Airborne) are the following:

13th Airborne Div
82nd Airborne Div
101st Airborne Div
17th (attached XII Corps) Airborne Div.

Assigned United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe
are the following:

8th Air Force
9th Air Force
Eastern Command
Air Technical Service Command
IX Engineer Command
IX Troop Carrier Command
63rd Fighter Wing.

Assigned 8th Air Force are the following:

1st Air Div with 1st, 40th, 41st and 94th Combat
Bomb Wings and 67th Fighter Wing
2nd Air Div with 2nd, 14th, 20th, 95th and 96th
Combat Bomb Wings and 65th Fighter Wing
3rd Air Div with 4th, 13th, 45th, 92nd and 93rd
Combat Bomb Wings and 66th Fighter Wing
VIII Air Force Service Command
VIII Air Force Fighter Command

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325th Photo Wing Reconnaissance.

Assigned 9th Air Force are the following:

9th Bomb Div (M) with 97th, 98th and 99th Combat
Bomb Wings
IX Tactical Air Command with 70th Fighter Wing
XIX Tactical Air Command with 100 Fighter Wing
IX Fighter Command with 84th and 303rd Fighter
Wings
IX Air Force Service Command with 8th Air Force
Composite Command
IX Air Defense Command.

Assigned Air Technical Service Command are the follow-
ing:

Base Air Depot Area
9th Base Air Depot Area with 302 Transport Wing.

Assigned IX Troop Carrier Command are the following:

50th, 52nd and 53rd Troop Carrier Wing.

Assigned 63rd Fighter Wing are the following:

71st Fighter Wing
XII Tactical Air Command with 64th Fighter Wing
and 42nd Medium Bomb Wing.

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Assigned Communications Zone are the following:

5th Engineer Special Brigade
6th Engineer Special Brigade.

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To: War Department

Nr: FWD 18908 10 April 1945

All informed. For action (2) AGWAR (5) ~~Six Army~~
Group Main (6) Six Army Group TAC (7) TAC 12th Army Group
info (10) AFHQ (13) Fifteenth Army from SHAEF Forward from
Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI FWD 18908. This is G-2
summary number 100. Part 2 dated 10 April covering period
002400B to 092400B.

1. Order of Battle.

Identifications.

By Prisoner of War: All 9th April:

106th Division: Anti Tank Battalion and Alarm
Company south Karlsruhe.

16th Volksgrenadier: 223rd Regiment S 0862 state
elements under command 2nd Mountain Division in Heilbronn
area.

79th Volksgrenadier: Battle Group B N 8011 state
comprises remnants division.

11th Panzer: 111th Regiment J 1643, reconnaissance
J 1045, replacement H 9545 and J 1830, artillery J 1630,
110th Regiment J 0026, Tank Regiment J 1626 and Signals J 1728.

26th Volksgrenadier: 39th Regiment H 4397 and
reconnaissance H 5993.

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C 4504 - 166th Volksgrenadier: 593rd Regiment attached
H 5199.

Division Donau: Elements H 5993.

2nd Parachute: 23rd Regiment B 0525.

190th Infantry: 1225th Regiment area unspecified.

116th Panzer: Sizzero and 156th Regiments south
and north of Main.

325th Division: 952nd Regiment W 5051.

7th Parachute: Elements west of Quakenbrueck
W 0237.

6th Parachute: Elements 18th Regiment Holten V 1010
and elements Deventer Z 9207 state 16th and 17th Regiments
now battle group Zeller with 80 strong.

2nd Naval: I Battalion and 14th Company 5th
Regiment on Weser between Verden (X 0082) and Nienburg
state another regiment 3,000 strong area Schlarmedt (X 2755).

346th Infantry: II/858 Regiment E 8076.

63rd Division: I/492nd Regiment E 1751.

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All 8th April:

246th Volksgrenadier: Battle Group Schrader S 0772.

553rd Volksgrenadier: II/1120 Regiment S 2782 and
elements south of Nordheim.

17th SS Panzer Grenadier: Elements S 0862 *
headquarters Lampoldshausen S 2175.

9th Volksgrenadier: 57th Regiment S 5670 state
division headquarters Wermutshausen S 6093.

Division Donau: Artillery regiment H 5993.

Panzer Lehr and 338th Volksgrenadier: Saalhausen
G 3080.

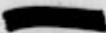
By reliable source: 8th April important installation
Seventh Army, possibly command post, Coburg (O 2989).

By document:

5th April 416th Division responsible sector bounded
on north by line running due east through N 426 (?) and on
south by line running east through north N 5242 to N 7543.

22 March Battle Group Fuchs under command 20 ZBV
Brigade.

8th April Battle Group Wolpert (commander is a
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major general) shows Battle Group Forich holding sector Ommen (V 1036) to Heemse (V 2394), and battalion Weichsel to form defence line from inclusive Nijverdal (V 1519) down west bank of Regge to river bend V 1231 thence northeast to inclusive Beerze (V 1836). III/31 Parachute Regiment and III/Artillery Regiment 6th Parachute Division under command Battle Group Wolpert.

7th April Battle Group Wolpert directly under LXXXVIII Corps and IV/31 Parachute Regiment on right boundary with 6th Parachute Division road Nijverdal to Rierden (V 2218).

2nd April. Headquarters LIII Corps Lenneplaetze (G 5286), LXXIV Corps Afholderbach G 2860, and 272nd Volksgrenadier Division Holgenrath G 3159 and boundary between LIII and LXXIV Corps from Dorlar G 3491 through G 4088 to Hallenberg G 6279.

By PW statement:

All 8th April: 212th Volksgrenadier Division Headquarters Rothenburg S 7889. 982nd Regiment 272nd Volksgrenadier Division area Offenson C 3434 and remnants 167th and 277th Volksgrenadier absorbed by 272nd Division.

All 9th April: 2nd Panzer Division moved northeast from N 6898 and division received new tanks and fresh troops. Elements 11th Panzer Division Erfurt J 3170 and Angstadt J 3238.

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Notes:

7th April: Para Regiment Hemmer was formerly
38th Parachute Regiment and became 62nd Parachute Regiment
as from 28th March.

Comment: Change confirmed by paybooks.

PW state division Donau known as Shadow Division
Donau and at least part of division connected with 407th
ZBV Division.

2. Movements.

9th April.

Northwest Germany: Little railway movement line
from Denmark (Flensburg - Hamburg) but considerable number
Red Cross trains. Possible medium tank train at Buchen Ueizen
leading southeast from Hamburg.

Brunswick - Halle area: About 1400 motor transport
including 10 tanks, 4,000 troops area Hildesheim-Brunswick-
Nordhausen, movement mainly east. Loading at Magdeburg
exceptionally heavy, but no movement seen on lines west to
Brunswick and south to Halle.

Southwest Germany. Several part loaded military
trains Regensburg area, no direction of movement indicated.

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Ruhr pocket. Columns 4,500 troops moving northwest from Ketwig (western Ruhr). Westward movement area Olpe-Siegen, 300 MT including AFV observed.

3. Prisoners of War. G-1 figures 6th April (G-2 figures 8th April): 1st April no report; no captures on 2nd April. (No report).

Seventh US	5306	(3585)
Third US	10827	(no report)
First US	5654	(no report)
Ninth US	20505	(no report)
Fifteenth US	73	(no report)
Second British	2039	(4062)
First Canadian	509	(283)

4. Miscellaneous.

Number of documents attest general enemy policy of refraining from protection Allied airmen from rage of public. Gauleiter Hoffman, responsible for defences in Westphalia and intimate of Doctor Robert Ley issued such orders 26th February 1945, to all official agencies and Volksgrenadier Volkssturm in his area, on 18th June 1944, similar order of Wehrmachts garrison Munster enjoined military personnel from demanding surrender of enemy airmen from civilian population. *WS*

Stop press. On 7th April both surviving regiments (941st and 943rd) of 353rd Division identified in east of Ruhr pocket at G 3063: Probable whole division this area.

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Elements 3rd Parachute Division identified as
far east as F 8244.

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This is G-2 summary number 100 part 1 dtd 10th April 1945 covering period 062400Z to 092400Z. From Strong ref nr FWD 18898 signed Eisenhower cite SHQBI.

Part 1. Strong resistance continued south of Karlsruhe. Allied bridgehead across Enz River west of Vaihingen expanded to Iptingen (N 8533).

Operations. Enemy apparently attempting to hold Neckar line while withdrawing to Kocher River. At Heilbronn artillery fire destroyed Allied bridge. Enemy attempt to cross canal to west S 077658 south of Neckar was repulsed but heavy fighting continues in area. Crailsheim supply corridor kept open with difficulty but enemy continues to infiltrate into towns along route. Moderate resistance encountered in Allied advance northeast of Bad Mergentheim and Weikersheim (N 5700) reached. Iphofen (N 8225) cleared. Disorganized light resistance north of Schweinfurt. 75 enemy attacked Allied battalion command post area Wernrichshausen (N 8085). Small group of dug in enemy around Serrfeld (O 0283) otherwise only straggler contact.

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In Gotha (J 0865) area mopping up continues in rear areas while Allies made small gains in consolidating forward line. Small enemy counter attack Stutzerback (J 2130) repulsed. Resistance along Ruhla (H 8558) Wutha (H 8566) line wiped out as Allies established line Suhl (J 0928) Gotha (J 0865). Langensalz (J 0383) cleared and Allied advance reached Graefentonna (J 0981).

Allies thrust northeast through Goettingen (C 5328) 8 miles against light opposition and to west of town an 18 mile advance reached outskirts of Northeim (C 5748).

Holzminden (C 1860) entered against moderate resistance. Company enemy infantry pocketed at C 2470 being mopped up. Allied patrols encountered no opposition on entering Gendersheim (C 5866).

Enemy lost ground generally along whole perimeter Ruhr pocket except on Rhine. Between Siegburg and Kirchhundem (G 2475) Allies pushed inward 2 to 5 miles. Woods south Ruthen (B 4822) cleared, Allies reaching line Meschede (B 3805) to east edge Mohne Dam. Werl (B 1328) cleared as Allies reached Ruhr River to south. Some progress against heavy resistance registered Dortmund. At 1715 hours, after heavy preparation, enemy counter attacked at A 7927 northwest across Dortmund Ems Canal: A few succeeded crossing. Another small counter attack repulsed southeast Castrop. 2 small bridgeheads over Rhine Harne Canal pushed into Herne and Gelsenkirchen against scattered small arms fire. Light opposition to Allied push to Ruhr River at Steele. Borbeck

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area, estimated enemy platoon driven back in unsuccessful infiltration attempt vicinity A 4022.

Civilian states large enemy concentration east of Hildesheim at C 7595 preparing attack west and north. Major General Erich Buchler, former commander 861st Regiment, 347th Division captured trying evacuate family from Bielefeld.

Hannover ringed except on east and northeast; enemy forward of city not holding. Lightly contested, Allied crossings effected over intact Leine River bridges at X 4110 and X 4307 during morning; however, during afternoon, considerable artillery, mortar, anti tank and anti aircraft fire laid down by enemy and unknown number enemy aircraft active. Small enemy pockets, as at Neinstedt (X 1708) continue harass Allied rear. Secure Allied bridgehead over Leine at X 2027 where enemy reaction continued negligible. Battery 1088 millimetre taken intact northwest outskirts Hannover at X 3029. Captured document shows city defenses consisting 8 infantry companies supported by anti tank and anti aircraft guns. Another Leine crossing Neustadt made good gains to northeast and area Neustadt-Lichtenhorst (X 1358)-Nienburg-Steierberg cleared. PW says 3000 troops Schwarmstedt (X 2755). North of Syke Allies gained 6 miles to within 4 of Brehen, and made progress towards Wildeshausen (W 9678) against increased resistance Bassum area (X 1773). Personnel from Hannover Officers School fighting violently area Neuenkirchen (W 0624); equally heavy fighting by 7th Parachute Division west of Quakenbrueck but Allies gained about 5 miles towards town and cleared Haseleunne (V 8454) further west. Gains up

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to 15 miles made north and northwest of Meppen, reaching Ahlen and Soegel without opposition. 200 enemy from Assen recaptured Westerbork (V 2474) from SAS troops. General slackening of resistance southeast of Zwolle; Allies cleared area south of road between Almelo and Raalte (V 0023) and made gains towards Deventer, still held stubbornly by estimated 200 infantry. Document orders battalion Wiechsel defend on line excluding Nijverdal (V 1519), (in Allied hands yesterday)-west bank Regge River to bend (V 1231)-northeast including Beerse (V1836). Mopping up in Zutphen.

Order of battle. Elements 106th Division identified south Karlsruhe, presumably reformed after destruction on east front. Document of 5th April shows 416th Division in sector on main river between Wurzburg and Lohr.

Panzer Division reported moving from Osthelm (H 71) sector northeast towards Erfurt. 26th Volksgrenadier re-contacted south Göttingen. 593rd and 594th Grenadier Regiments offering organized resistance between Göttingen and Mulhausen likely to be components of newly formed division. PW from 85th Division states elements enroute to Doeberitz from Wild Flecken detained at Mulhausen instead. Only 1 regiment reformed by 22nd March.

Two Naval division identified on Weser River between Verden and Nienburg. Four battlegroups from Panzer School Bergen contacted west of Hannover. Elements 2nd Parachute Division now operating with 116th Panzer Division East Unna. Remnants 9th Panzer Division seem concentrated north of Siegen in Ruhr pocket.

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Captured document, dtd 2nd April, shows command post
53 Corps at Lenneplette (G 5286) and Command Post 74 Corps
at Afholderbach (G 2860).

Ambitious and ruthless General Major Tolstriff
Commanding General 340th Volksgrenadier Division known
to have left remnants his division in Ruhr pocket while
himself attempting to escape eastwards toward Kassel.

*Movement. Trains carrying tanks observed in area
southeast of Hamburg. Comment: Possibly bringing up tanks
from Bergen training area. Continued heavy rail traffic
in area Magdeburg-Halle seems nonmilitary and may be con-
nected with removal of industrial plant.

Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete). Prisoners
captured 6th April: 44913. Accumulative total since D Day
(excluding First French Army 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th April):
1490023.

Stop press. XII Corps (presumably Lehrkreis XII Staff)
shown on document dtd 2nd April with left boundary along H 12
northing. Prisoner states 16th Division now under 19th Army,
indicating extension of Army area to northeast. Remnants of
79th Division area southeast of Wuarzburg (N 800). All
informed.

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Group TAC 7 TAC Twelfth Army Group info 10 AFHQ 13 Fifteenth
Army. FWD 18849.

1. Operations. This is G 2 summary number 99 part
one dated 9th April covering period 072400B to 082400B.
Continued strong opposition south of Karlsruhe but enemy
lost Pforzheim (R 7133) and Allies hold line Enz River
east to Vaihingen (R 8938). Enemy counter attack area
Hohenstein (S 0150) repulsed.

Enemy resistance to Neckar crossings area Heilbronn-
Odheim unabated: Half of Heilbronn cleared. Heavy
artillery fire on Heilbronn bridgehead. Attempted counter
attack at Widdern (S 2302) dispersed by Allied artillery.
Allied crossing of Jagst River area Krautheim (S 3789)
repulsed enemy infantry attack supported by armour but
heavy fighting continues. Attempts to cut Crailsheim
corridor and infiltrations by enemy northwest Bartenstein
(S 5586) continued. Small advance west from Crailsheim
reached Croeffelbach (S 5264) against scattered resistance.
Advance east from Bad Mergentheim reached Roettingen (N 6204)

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where house to house fighting in progress. In main bend north of Kitzingen (N 7529) Allies hold west bank north to Garstadt (N 7556). Area northeast of Hammelburg (N 5470) advance of five to fifteen miles on 20 mile front met negligible resistance clearing Bad Kissingen (N 6780) and Ostheim (H 7709). Six enemy tanks destroyed at Steinach (N 6890) and small counter attack Bocklet (N 6787) repulsed during night.

Wildflecken (N5599) large gas munitions dump uncovered; about 1,800,000 six inch shells located so far.

Thrust south of Suhl (J 0928) cleared Hildburghausen (J 1307). Strong enemy combat patrol made unsuccessful counter attack on Oberhof (J 1038). Stubborn enemy resistance unslackened at Tambach (J 0143). Roads crowded with motor transport moving west from Weimar (J 5170). Counter attack repulsed south of Macolterove (J 0596). Concentration of 100 tanks and self propelled guns with 60 to 100 motor transport confirmed area C 9710 northeast of Muehlhausen.

Enemy offering little resistance east of Weser and Allied advance cleared Gottingen (C 5328).

Crossing of Weser at Bodenwerr (C 2377) advanced against slight opposition to reach Städtoldendorf (C 3067) and Alfeld (C 4478).

Enemy held Allied forces to small gains in Ruhr pocket. Counter attack with 150 infantry and three tanks

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repulsed south of Friesenhagen (G 0556). West of Castrop
unknown number of self propelled guns operating are A 655285.

Considerable opposition from 88 S and bazookas area
Buckeburg (W 9008) overcome, Allies reaching Autobahn to
east and clearing Stadhagen (X 0015) to northeast. After
initial breakthrough area Steinhudermeer, Allies met no
resistance reaching Leine River east of Wunstorf (X 1735)
and in Neustadt area, while thrust on west side of lake
cleared Rehburg and drove six miles beyond. On Weser's
west bank, Allied thrust from area Steyerberg (W 8742) met
only light enemy defence and reached just west of Nienburg
(W 9950). Verden, formerly Weser ferry point for Germans
this area, cleared, and weak pockets south of line Verden-
Syke (W 7380)-Bassum (W 6673) wiped up; resistance developing
north this line forward of Bremen. Movement northeast,
including 20 tanks, may indicate 15th Panzer Grenadier
crossing Weser at Bremen. East of Lingen Allies reached
Forstenau but resistance stiff.

Opposition strong Meppel, Wierden (west of Almelo),
Zutphen, Deventer. Slight progress towards last where
paratroops defending fanatically. Westerbork (V 2474)
reported captured by Allied paratroops. Civilian report
6,000 paratroops Friesland and Mongols mutineered on Texel
Island which fired on by Denhelder guns yesterday.

PW taken near Cherbourg 7th April says three rafts
found west coast Cotentin Peninsula night 4th/5th April
used by 18 man sabotage party from Guernsey. 12 PW captured

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this area.

First seven days April nearly quarter million
Germans captured.

2. Order of battle. Elements of 6th SS Mountain
Division still behind Allied lines, probably including
division headquarters. Fate and location of 9th Panzer
uncertain: Small fragments identified in several different
sectors in east of Ruhr pocket but division apparently was
overrun and some units at least were ordered to exfiltrate
towards Cassel in civilian clothes.

325th Division called "Jutland" contains 590th and
592nd Grenadier Regiments in area northeast of Osnabrueck.

15th Panzer Grenadier now being identified in area
Bassum Bremen. 8th Parachute still out of contact.

Documents dated 25th March and 30th March put
headquarters LXXXV Corps at Frankfurt and LXXXII Corps at
Heinrichsthal near Aschaffenburg respectively.

Present commander of Fifth Panzer Army is Colonel
General Herpe formerly commander of Army Group A.

3. Movements. Military trains westbound between
Dresden and Leipsig. Comment: Could be coming from
eastern front and suitable enough for 18th SS Panzer

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Grenadier.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete).
Prisoners captured 5th April: 31880.
Accumulative total since D Day: 1,445,110.

5. General. In north though troops remaining in
contact still fighting toughly enemy seems to be with-
drawing rapidly across Weser to northeast and Ijssel to
southwest. Elsewhere no change. All informed.

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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No. FWD 18790 8 April 1945

This is G2 summary number 98. Part 1 dated 3th April 1945 covering period 062400B to 072400B. FWD 18790 from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

1. Operations. Strong enemy resistance encountered South of Karlsruhe. Durlach (R 5445) cleared and enemy counterattack repulsed sres Koenigsbach (R 6441). Enemy disengaging Northeast of Pforzheim and Muehlacker (R 8328) and Mauleronn reached against weak opposition. Radio Stuttgart in Muehlacker captured.

At Heilbronn ground taken by enemy was regained by Allies during night. Two further enemy counter attacks were repulsed. Sniper and artillery fire hindering construction of bridge at 3 0760. Estimated 600 dug in enemy infantry giving determined resistance to Odheim (S 1072) bridgehead. Counter attack at Buchof (S 1147) beaten off. Allied thrust Roth (S 5091) reached Crailsheim (S 7062) and fighting in progress in town. Enemy counter attack later at Roth repulsed, fighting continued at Hollenbach (S 5088). Bad Mengentheim (N 4801) cleared but Southwest of town enemy

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reentered Althausen (S 4598), Tillstadt (S 4796) and Wechbach (S 4895). Enemy patrols reoccupied Geichsheim (N 6511) and small group still entrenched near Ollingen (N 6811). Ochsenfurt bridgehead expanded against light resistance. Wuerzburg cleared after heavy fight and advance North continued against moderate opposition to reach Weigolshausen (N 7255) clearing Gunterslegen (N 5643) and Rimlos (N 5942) where enemy groups surrendering without resistance. Southeast of Fulda advances of 1 to 12 miles east on a 30 mile front encountered moderate resistance.

Themar (J 0415) cleared against scattered opposition mainly from defended road blocks and bazooka fire. Enemy giving considerable resistance area Hildburghausen (J 1207). SS patrol captured one mile East of Suhl (J 0927) reported 800 SS troops in Schmiedefeld (J 1727) to attack Suhl with tank support. Ruhla (H 8557) cleared but bitter house to house fighting continued Friedrichroda (H 9955), Farnroda (H 8663) and Thal (H 8760). Enemy counter attack with infantry and armour repulsed area Katharinenburg (H 7689). Strong enemy counter attack area Struth (H 7995) with 1000 infantry and 16 tanks lasted all morning after which enemy withdrew North and Northwest. During attack nine enemy tanks destroyed, 250 enemy killed and 150 PW taken.

Northeast of Kassel resistance generally light. Attempted infantry counter attack area Almerode (C 4205) dispersed by Allied artillery. Crossing of Weser, north of Hann Mueden (C 3315) encountered only small arms fire and

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infantry counter attack area Bursfeld (C 3128) quickly re-
pulsed. Strong opposition area Carlshafen (C 1839) where
enemy apparently attempting to hold open escape route for
elements of Westphalia Group.

Sniper fire reported from Holeminden (C 1860).
Isolated enemy pocket of one infantry company supported by
one tank stubbornly resisting at Felkenhagen (C 0867).
South of Hameln (C 1191) Weser crossing greatly expanded
and thrusts East have reached Hildesheim with two thrusts
reaching about eight miles South of Hannover.

Thrust East from Petershagen advanced 22 miles
around Steinhuder Meer to reach Neustadt (X 1735). Two
thrusts North from Siegenburg against light opposition
reached Verden (X 0082), 15 miles Southwest of Bremen, and
Pelde (W 8185). Advance from Sulingen reached Apelstedt
(W 6868).

Bridgehead across Ems at Lingen meeting light
opposition and thrust East reached Handrup (V 8843). Heavy
opposition continues in Zutphen (E 9595).

Several ineffective counter attacks easily repul-
sed area Erndterbrueck (C 3665) and town cleared. Allied
forces engaged in bitter fighting with soldiers and civil-
ians in Schmallenberg (G 3883). Enemy troops reported
concentrating at Wäschede (B 3905). PW states enemy preparing
to blow dam Western edge Mohne Talsperre (B 22). Soest
(B 0541) cleared. Advance South from Mengede (A 7531)

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reached Dortmund where house to house fighting in progress. Thrust South from Bottrop has reached Northern outskirts of Essen.

2. Order of battle. 11th Panzer and elements 2nd Panzer now in sector Gotha-Chrdgruf. A regiment of a re-formed 5th Parachute Division contacted West of Huhlhausen, and Division Headquarters stated to be Goettingen.

In Southeast corner of Ruhr pocket, 12th Division left of Siegel and 59th right of it, with elements of 272nd and 9th Panzer also on left. 62nd area Betzdorf. 353rd and 363rd have each contributed at least a regiment to this corner. 183rd and 3rd Parachute both still on Rhine.

Document dated 26th March shows 11th SS Panzer Army at Nuremberg, connected with sending of replacements to 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division.

3. Movement. Some activity on lines in from Denmark via Hamburg to Stendal: Activity in yards at Magdeburg and Halle.

4. Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete).
Prisoners captured 4th April: 36,157. Accumulative total since D Day: 1,413,230.

5. General. Russian General Staff states 18th SS Panzer Grenadier Division has been out of the line for some time refitting, and may well go to West.

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Observed buildup of tank force in area North and West of Mulhausen, and presence of 5th Parachute Division this area, points to possibility of continued counter attacks into Allied flank from North towards Eisenach.

All informed.

End

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INFO : CCS
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Following is counter intelligence summary number 25 for week ending 6th April 1945.

1. Evidence of further concentration of GIS Headquarters in Thuringia and general eastwards move of Kommandos and Truppe.

2. While Kommandos and Truppe are urgently engaged on tactical espionage missions and may also be used to fill gaps in stay behind network, GIS as a whole is increasingly engaging in sabotage and terrorist activities.

Interrogations show main terrorist activities centered in Werewolves and being planned regionally under higher SS and police leaders; recruiting for this appears so far to have been indiscriminate and inefficient.

3. Linecrossers now operating in small self-defending

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bodies, and field units may be used for espionage purposes in view of increasing difficulties Kommandos and Trupps transport and communications.

German PW states agents being trained to attack Allied personnel to secure identity papers and insignia.

4. Since the occupation of Germany, 27 Abwehr and SD schools have been over - run.

Espionage.

A. Two Dutch linecrossers arrested near Rees had done four weeks training course at Haan.

B. Surrendered WT stay behind agent at Kaiserlautern had recruited and set up three similar operators and has given information further network.

C. French WP agent parachuted and captured near Challenges. States five saboteurs with pipe line mission also dropped from same flying fortress.

D. Agents captured Monte Carlo (summary nbr 23 espionage A) had been landed in collapsible boats from parent craft.

E. Parachute operation believed to have taken place Bayet, Haute Savoie, 31 March.

F. Ill - trained Sipo and SD Rhine crosser arrested with mission collection of information on civil

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administration of Neuss. Another agent with similar mission arrested.

Sabotage.

A. Member of SD stay behind group with sabotage mission arrested Cologne.

B. Three stay behind saboteurs arrested Huelz had bunker prepared that area.

C. Possibility reconnaissance for sabotage targets carried out near Gorinchem by group of 12, one of whom captured.

D. Two swimmer saboteurs captured Three US Army after failure to destroy bridge near Oppenheim were members of Schreiber Group which has operated in Italy.

E. Twelve French members of a Skorzeny Unit arrested in uniform near Kurtscheid, 28th March. Stated they came from Wuerges where forty Frenchmen and forty Germans same unit located. Mission infiltration by night, mining of roads, destruction of vehicles and tanks.

F. Germans using new type explosive tyre-buster. Child caught using one.

General security and political factors. France:
PPF round up recently occurred in Paris with arrest of 18 members believed connected with GIS.

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Belgium:

Strikes in Liege district mines almost general and only three out of twenty two pits working normally. Now considered that Socialists and not Communists are instigators and that former are exploiting discontent of miners for electoral purposes. Strikes not yet spreading to other districts or industries and situation quite calm.

End.

ACTION: Gen. Bissell

INFO : CC/S; Gen. Arnold; Gen. Hull; Adm. King; Col. Park;
OSS (Gen. Magruder); Log

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

5 April 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN JOSIAH MARVEL

Subject: Air Supply to Third Army

1. On 3 April 1945 the Combined Air Transport Operations Room of SHAEF organized an air supply mission to the Third Army advanced positions in Germany. 1,955 tons of gasoline and probably additional dry cargo were flown in by 1,744 aircraft. On the return flight prisoners were evacuated, presumably liberated Allied prisoners.
2. It is of interest to note that 1,955 tons of gasoline represents 684,000 gallons. This quantity would fill over 4,000 individual tanks equipped with fuel tanks of 160 gallons each. There are three armored and 4 mobile infantry divisions of the Third Army in forward positions. This quantity of gasoline would be capable of moving these entire 7 divisions a distance of 100 miles. ✓
3. The incident illustrates what our Air Forces could do in a few hours' time if an emergency arises. ✓

MMR

RAY W. SMITH
Major, Air Corps

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Headquarters, 15th Army Group, Italy
Headquarters, 6th Army Group, Main
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Headquarters, 12th Army Group

No: FWD 18632 5 April 1945

This is G 2 summary number 95 Part 1 dated 5 April 1945 covering period 032400Z to 042400Z. Ref nbr FWD 18632 from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

1. Operations.

Enemy fire from casemated positions forced Allied withdrawal from Karlsruhe, but resistance became negligible later in period and town was occupied by Allies. Enemy garrison at Eppingen (R 8661) strongly resisting Allied thrust east towards Heilbronn.

Considerable enemy artillery activity between Heilbronn and Marktbreit (N 7421). Strong enemy counterattack with artillery support against Necker bridgehead area Neckarsulm (S 0867) regained some ground. Allied forces restored situation and heavy fighting continued. From Moekkmuehl (S 1882) northeast along Seebach River entrenched enemy reacting with heavy small arms fire. At Ochsenfurt and Wuerzburg enemy stubbornly contesting main crossings. Advance through Speiser Mountains continued against scattered resistance and Rieneck (N 3767) and Ober Sinn (N 3480) were occupied.

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Moderate enemy small arms and bazooka fire overcome in Suhl (J 0927) and Oberhof (J 1138) as both towns cleared. Mopping up continued in Eisenach where estimated 800 Infantry supported by tanks defending northern outskirts. Enemy group bypassed and double thrusts to east cleared Ohrdruf (J 1153) and Gotha (J 0865). Kreuzburg (H 7675) cleared and advance east from Wanfried (H 7090) reached Langula (H 8887). Railway bridge over Werra River at C 521040 reported intact but heavily defended by anti tank fire. Heavy fighting in Kassel ended early yesterday. Enemy infantry strength unknown encountered west of Kassel but Allied units from east and west joined up at Liebenau (C 0724). To north of Kassel 100 enemy infantry supported by ten 88 millimeter guns resisted Allied advance and counter attacked twice during evening but were repulsed. Some 15 enemy tanks active in this area.

In southern sector of Ruhr pocket enemy continued to infiltrate Allied lines and regained some ground north of Siegen (G 2053).

Netphen (G 2557) was cleared against heavy resistance. Seven counter attacks were launched by enemy in this area only one of which was supported by armour. Oberkirchen (G 4584) again counter attacked by enemy infantry with tank support. Thrusts north and south of Detmold (B 7872) bypassed town and reached Sonnenborn (B 9980) and Lemgo (B 8083). West of Lippstadt Allied thrust into northeastern corner of

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pocket advanced five miles across Lippe River against heavy resistance: Prisoner has stated 116th Panzer Division with probably 180 and another were about to attack this area. Enemy planes are believed to have landed in the pocket.

East of Osnabrueck only scattered resistance. South of town eastward thrust of 35 miles reached Minden (W 8011), not quite linking up with finger north from Herford. To north three bridges were captured intact over Ems-Weser canal area W 3517 and second thrust east cleared Diepenau (W 6725) and reached Bohnborst (W 7327). Stiff resistance continued in Ibbenburen (V 9908) area from troops of Hennever NCO school. Bentheim still holding out (8th Parachute Div). Bridge at Altenlingen (V 6738) captured and Allied troops crossed Ems River entering Lingen (V 7236) from north.

Hengelo (V 3508) and Borne (V 3312) cleared. South of Zutphen (E 9595) Allies closed up to Ijssel River with exception of two small pockets.

In the Rochelle area on the Atlantic coast enemy reconnaissance in force caused withdrawal of Allied outposts area Ferrieres (T 5342). Some indications enemy reinforcing La Rochelle area by sea from garrisons at Lorient and St Nazaire.

2. Order of battle. Prisoners from an unknown 592nd Grenadier Regiment reported in Osnabrueck area, who state they came from Denmark. Prisoners from group of schools

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personnel fighting at Ibbenburen (east of Rheine) state
under command of 471st Division, a staff belonging to Wehrkreis
II.

Correction: In stop press of yesterday's summary for
"Division or group Bayern" read "Regiment Bayreuth".

3. Movements. Heavy road movement in Unna-Soest area,
probably indicating concentration of XLVII Panzer Corps south
of Hamm.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 1 April 45:
26,283.
Accumulative total since D Day:
1,318,870.

5. General. Enemy must by now be resigned to failure
of his attacks out of Ruhr pocket, both of which firmly
driven back by Allies. Consequently is faced with problem
of creating entirely fresh forces with which to build up a
front from Bremen to Weimar. Denmark and the home training
Army are only obvious resources. Scratch units now fighting
in this sector such as officer and NCO schools and flat, not
to mention SS and Panzer training units, are putting up some
of the stiffest resistance being encountered.

While reinforcements from eastern front always a
possibility, especially as the two fronts draw nearer together

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it is clear that Russian approach to Vienna should preoccupy all forces, notably Sixth SS Panzer Army, on the south, while in north, fall of Danzig, Gdynia and parts of Konigsberg pocket will set free a large Russian forces to augment the threat to Berlin and Dresden in the centre. All informed.

End

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INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; OPD; Adm King; Col Park; Log

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To: War Department
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Headquarters, 6th Army Group
Headquarters, 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

DTG: 041755B 4 April 1945

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1. Operations.

Upper Rhine crossing continue to make steady
progress east and south. Unteroewisheim (R 6861) and
Oestrigen (R 7169) cleared. Allied units attacking
Heilbronn from north against continued heavy resistance
have reached Neckarsium (S 0867).

Main river crossed at Ochsenfurt (N 6721) and
Wuerzburg with stiff fighting in latter town. Initial
light resistance increased later to Ochsenfurt crossing.
Line Wuerzburg-Loehr (N 3256) cleared to southwest.
Resistance in Aschaffenburg slackened and now only sniper
activity continues as town by passed and Allied forces
advanced 3 to 12 miles to east.

In area south and southeast of Wenings (N 0499)

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estimated 2,000 enemy Infantry trapped in two pockets. Large column enemy vehicles, including armour and Infantry reported south of Neuhoef (H 3308), direction of movement unknown.

Bitter opposition encountered clearing Fulja. Thrust southeast from Tann (H 6290) by passed Meiningen (H 9022) reaching outskirts of Suhl (J 0927). Advance eastwards of 15 miles by passing Eisenach to north met moderate resistance. Enemy ground attack aircraft unusually active during period.

Advances of 12 to 25 miles from Fulda bridgehead at Melsungen (H 2683) cleared Wanfried (H 7090) and reached Bad Soonen (H 5699) against moderate opposition. Enemy counter attack with 200 Infantry and five tanks failed in effort to stop Allied forces from entering Kassel where heavy fighting is in progress.

Enemy artillery active along line west of Siegen (G 2053) which was cleared with enemy resisting southwest of town. Enemy attempting infiltration this area. Build up of enemy armour concentrated in Winterberg (G 5689) area continued with repeated probing attacks in attempt to find weak spot for breakthrough.

Strong enemy counter attack area Oberkirchen (G 4584) with heavy artillery preparation repulsed.

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Two counter attacks area Olsberg (B 5309) repulsed and enemy destroyed his tanks on withdrawing. Sharp fighting area Paderborn where enemy making extensive use of tanks and artillery.

Scherfede (B 8927) cleared after stiff resistance from SS Troop.

Mopping up continues in Muenster where most resistance now overcome. North of Gutersloh (B 4468) thrust by passed Bielfeld on north and Herford on south and reached Weser River at W 7602 where Autobahn bridge found blown. Chief opposition was from road blocks, small arms fire and bazookas.

Opposition stiffened in northern Teutobergerwald as Allied forces advanced on eight mile front to Osnabruck (W 2208). Bridges at Halen (W 1415) captured intact. Rheine (V 8009) cleared. Enemy holding firm against Allied advance area Rheine-Bentheim (V 6112).

North of Nordhorn Allied armour broke through reaching Ems River west of Lingen (V 7136). Bridge at V 7035.

In Polland Allied forces crossed Twente Canal west of Locher. (A 1097).

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Zevenaar (E8672) cleared against light resistance. Eastern tip of Rhine Island cleared to Nederrijn, west to Zetten (E 6173).

2. Order of battle.

905th Division reported absorbed by 16th Division: This accepted.

Battlegroup of 2nd Mountain Division in action south of Heidelberg and ditto of 6th SS Mountain Division between Aschaffenburg and Fulda. Deserters from a division or group "Donau" in Wuerzburg sector.

Elements of 15th Panzer Grenadier Division contacted area Rheine. Dutch SS Division in action in sector west of Arnhem.

3. Movements.

Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War.

(G-1 figures not complete). Prisoners captured 31st March 1945: (30,249) Accumulative total since D Day: 1,292,491.

5. General.

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Enemy still producing no counter to Allied advances
in center towards and past Eisenach.

Enemy apparently still refuses to call a pocket a
pocket. Is still attempting completely without success to
reform Army Group H front to north and Army Group B front
in center by means of two separate attacks mentioned
yesterday. No signs yet of coherent hedgehog defense plan
for pocket. Although movement from Holland into Germany
no evidence any intention to give up country.

Prisoner reports that on 31st March all higher
headquarters in area Gotha and Ohrdruf were ordered to move
south to join Wehrmacht's Fuehrungsstab in area
Berchtesgaden.

Stop press: Division or Group "Bayern" contacted in
area south of Wuertzburg N 6010. All informed.

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Trapped enemy repulsed in efforts to drive east at Budingen
(M 9889).

Fulda (H 3718) cleared against intense anti-tank and
mortar fire and thrust east captured Kaltensundheim (H 7226).
Bridge captured intact Grimmenthal (H 9177). At Wultgenborn
(N 0989) 300 enemy troops mostly SS encountered in mopping
up area.

Crossing Fulda River on four mile front area
Melsungen (H 2683) an advance east of eight miles cleared
Spangenburg, and met heavy resistance area Quentel (H 3390).
Polish civilian reported considerable enemy withdrawal towards
Eschwege (H 6290). Counter attack south of Kassel with
estimated 200 Infantry supported by five tanks repulsed late
in period.

Delaying action and counter attack by enemy area
Netphen (G 2557) unsuccessful. Heavy pressure in morning
from enemy concentrated area Breidenstein (G 5258). Enemy
armour and infantry in area Winterberg (G 5585) continue
probing for breakout point. Northwest of Warburg enemy
launched series of counter attacks along line Rimbeck (B 9226)-
Kleinenberg (B 9032) in early morning with 2,400 Infantry
supported by armour. Paderborn cleared.

Hamm (B 0543) cleared and north bank of Lippe River
held by Allies Hamm to Lippstadt. At Mastholte (B 4551)
Commanding Officer surrendered entire 1st Battalion of 6th
Landesschuetzen Regiment without fighting. Prisoner of War
from General Headquarters Tank Unit stated mission was to
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attack Nietburg (B 4857) with nine Tiger tanks. Infantry support for tanks withdrawn to meet Allied thrust to Paderborn.

Advance northeast from Gutersloh met scattered resistance in reaching Herford (B 6492). Bad roads with numerous road blocks hampered movement. Muenster and Warendorf (B 1874) cleared.

Demolitions slowed Allied advance from Landbergen to Lengerich (B 0798). Allied armoured unit reached Tecklenburg (W 0603) but was forced to withdraw by strong enemy counter attack. Strong resistance and counter attacks met high ground area Ibbenbueren (V 90). South of Gronau advance east cleared Epe (A 5398) where opposition light but many mines. Thrust northeast from Enschede reached Nordhorn (V 5526). To west Hengelo cleared and reconnaissance elements reached Zutphen. North of Emmerich further Allied gains made towards Doesburg.

2. Order of battle.

Good source reports on 30 March composition of XVIII SS Corps as follows:

189th Div north of Swiss border, then 1005th Brigade, then 716th Div (Headquarters Mulheim V, 19th), then Brigade Bauer, and then 805th Div.

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257th and 16th Divisions recontacted in area Bruchsal
• SS Panzer Grenadier due north of Heilbronn.

In Ruhr pocket 176th Infantry has moved eastwards
to join 3rd Panzer Grenadier in area Winterburg; Panzer Lehr
with remnants 5th Parachute to north of this. 116th Panzer
shifting eastwards and probably in area Hamm.

84th Div only identifiable division in whole sector
Bielefeld-Rheine. Unconfirmed report of "113" Division in
area Gutersloh.

15th Panzer Grenadier and 7th Parachute still missing
in north.

172nd Division staff reported left for Groningen to
act as coast defence sector Friesland at end of 1944. Prisoner
states General Manteuffel, Commander of Fifth Panzer Army,
left for eastern front on 1 March.

3. Movement.

Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War: (GI figures not complete)

Prisoners captured 30th March: 24,077. Accumulative
total since D Day: 1,262,200.

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5. General.

17th SS Panzer Grenadier apparently trying to cut off Allied salient to Wutzburg from south.

Still no opposition crystallizing against Allied advance to Eisenach and north and south of it.

Enemy forces in Ruhr pocket still drifting eastwards. Main attempts to break out apparently taking shape as two:

One by Corps Bayerlein northeastwards from Winterberg to meet southwestward push by Westfalia Group (and possibly 166th Division) down from Warburg:

Other by a force of which 116th Panzer Div is evidently nucleus, now assembling somewhere between Hamm and Paderborn. This latter will probably strike north in attempt to join up with the parachute force which is still capable of counter attacking southwards.

All informed.

End.

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CG, 15th Army Group Tactical
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 18481 2 April 1945

This is G-2 Summary Number 92 Part 1 dated 2nd
April 1945 covering period 312400A March to 012400A April.
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1. Operations.

Stop press: Battlegroup Wesfalia identified area
Warburg (B 92) consisting of two Infantry Regiments with tank
support.

Civilians report 116th Panzer concentrating area
Geseke (B 53). Captured order dated 31st March shows 9th
Panzer to assemble Sondershausen (C 20) just east of Kassel.
All informed.

Enemy unable to hold in upper Rhine Valley but
advance between Main and Neckar Rivers meeting more opposition
as enemy apparently attempting to stabilize line.

Bridgehead south of Speyer cleared Philippsburg
(R 5372) against light resistance and reached Russheim (R 5064)
and Wiesenthal (R 5970).

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Advance south along Autobahn from Walldorf (R 67) drew artillery and anti tank fire but Bruchsal (R 6359) cleared against light opposition and thrust turned east to reach Heilbronn.

In early morning 14 enemy fighters bombed and strafed south of Heidelberg. East of Neckar, Moekkmuehl (S 1882) reached against heavy small arms and anti tank fire.

Fresh reinforcements dug in, in area Bozburg (N 3800), estimated at one Battalion Infantry.

Bad Mergentheim (N 4701) and Gruensfeld (N 4514) cleared while west of Wuertzburg advance reached Hettstadt (N 4935) where enemy counter attack with Infantry and four tanks was repulsed.

Schweinheim (N 0251) cleared but enemy infiltrated back during night.

Stubborn resistance continued Aschaffenburg with no change in line.

Northeast of Rorbach (N 027272) defended road block was reduced and fire fight in progress Gelnhausen area.

Enemy pocket near Usingen (M 5693) cleared and mopping up continues in area.

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Northwest of Siegen (G 2152) enemy continued resistance with Infantry groups in strongpoint supported by individual tanks. Counter attack with armour and infantry at Ernederbruech (G 3665) repulsed.

West of Eisenach, in which town prisoner of war reports Volkssturm organizing, strong resistance encountered from unknown number of tanks area Herleshausen (H 7071) where bridge reported blown and Sallmanshausen (H 6669). Hersfeld cleared. Fulda bridges between H 3769 and H 3473 blown.

Area Rotenburg (H 4068) heavy resistance along river. Captured document indicates enemy main line of resistance along east bank of Fulda River from Hersfeld to Guzhagen (H 2290).

Northwest Felsberg (H 1883) 35 enemy tanks or self propelled guns active.

At Rimbach (B 9126) heavy fighting with estimated 1,000 enemy infantry attempting to hold open escape route to east.

To southwest probing attack with 150 infantry and four tanks on road Kustelburg (G 6092) Medebach (G 6789) repulsed with capture of infantry and two tanks destroyed and one damaged; remaining enemy armour approximately 20 tanks observed moving northwest through Kustelburg.

Some prisoners of war captured with US uniforms under German uniforms. Strong resistance continues Paderborn

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[REDACTED] area. At Geseke (B 5338) unspecified number enemy tanks engaged with two destroyed and one damaged, but advance of Allied Forces continued west to join up with Lower Rhine bridgehead at Lippstadt.

Enemy combat patrol attempted to cross bridge at Oberhausen (A 369212) where fighting continues. Recklinghausen captured. Some 170 millimeter fire received in Buer (A 5231). Stiff resistance met in advance to Lippstadt from the west.

To north Guetersloh cleared and advance along Autobahn reached point four miles southeast of Beelefeld.

Bridges across Dortmund Ems Canal captured intact at A 9890 and V 9505 with resistance this area from heavy flak units.

Niuenkirchen (V 7505) cleared and outskirts of Rheine reached.

Advance from Neede cleared Enschede against heavy opposition. Borculo (A 1742) cleared and thrust reached Lochem on Twente Canal.

2. Order of Battle.

198th Division Seill east of Mannheim and 47th in contact east of Speyer.

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Remnants of 26th, 272nd, 326th and 340th Divisions
all on south side of Ruhr pocket so far as yet entirely
overrun.

5th Parachute Division and 6th SS Mountain Division
considered destroyed. No Division from Fifteenth Army out-
side pocket except 11th Panzer. 116th Panzer Division
believed possibly changing location.

Identification of 160th Division withdrawn. 15th
Panzer Grenadier still out of contact.

361st Division contacted by Allied advances
westwards from Doetinchem.

General Von Oriola, commanding XIII Corps,
captured in Wuerzburg sector.

3. Movements.

Nothing of special significance.

4. Prisoners of War (G-1 figures not complete).

Prisoners captured 29th March: 18,520.
Accumulative total since D Day: 1,238,069.

5. General.

No change in enemy's general position in south,

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except that Allied motoring to Heilbronn should loosen up
last remnants of Odenwald defense line.

In center Eisenach which Allies now approaching
clearly a critical point: At crossing of Werra Weser River
line and of Thuringian Mountain ridge and Nodal point on road
net eastwards downhill towards Weimar.

Enemy in Ruhr pocket still feebly attempting
thrust out to east: Probably thinning out further on Rhine
but still holding fairly firm on Rhine Herne Canal.

Parachute Corps has not yet launched any counter
attack against Allied thrusts to Enschede and Rheine but is
still capable of doing so.

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Headquarters, 12th Army Group
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Nr: FWD 18444 1 April 1945

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1. Operations.

Enemy resistance to Rhine crossings south and east of Speyer negligible to strong. Landing on small island R 4973 repulsed by strong enemy fire. East of Speyer crossing unopposed.

Stubborn resistance encountered Hardt Forest (R 6282) where Allied advance reached Walldorf (R 6782). Thrust east from Amorbach (N 0780) advanced 40 miles reaching Main River five miles south of Wuffburg while another wide wedge drove to within three miles of Jagst River, southeast of Amorbach, clearing Vorchstetton (N 2805) and Rosenberg (S 2697).

Small gains area southeast of Aschaffenburg where strong enemy resistance continues. Enemy continued to defend Schweinheim (N 0251) stubbornly and three counter attacks this

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area repulsed and town nearly cleared at end of period. Indications enemy intends withdrawal this area.

Negligible resistance in wooded areas northwest Frankfurt where mopping up continues with 3,000 prisoners of war rounded up yesterday.

Gelnhausen (N 0479) cleared and enemy collapsed area Bad Soden (N 1681) Ulmbach (N 1998) while Allied forces advanced to outskirts Fulda. Scattered resistance met Allied advance to Hersfeld (H 4904) where fighting for town in progress.

Enemy pocket holding out area Usingen (M 5703).

Homburg (H 1772) cleared and advance reached Pelsberg (H 1883) with reconnaissance units at Kassel.

Thrust north from Bad Wildungen (G 9781) cleared Volkmarzen (B 9614) and Warburg (B 9823). To west another thrust cleared Nieder and Ober Marsberg (B 7818) and Brilon (B 5812) and continued north reaching Paderborn Gesoke Highway two miles west of Paderborn.

GHQ Tank Battalion identified this area with 12 Tiger tanks and bitter fighting from SS Units reported. Prisoners of war report enemy armour to attempt to break out at Winterburg (G 5589) and another group would try to break out 60 miles north of town. Siegen (G 2053) captured against

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determined enemy efforts to hold town.

Advance east along north bank of Emscher Canal cleared Buer (A 5233) and reached within one mile of Recklinghausen against stiff opposition. Bridgehead over Dortmund Ems Canal greatly expanded; double thrusts east from Ludinghausen (A 8054) cleared Beckum (B 2152) and Sendenhurst (B 0662), latter thrust reaching Wiedenbdueck (B 4061).

Breakthrough enemy defenses northeast of Dulmen unopposed as Allied troops reached Rozel (A 8974) and advanced to two miles west of Muenster. Other thrusts to north cleared Greven (A 9288) reaching Dortmund Ems Canal at (A 9789) and Burgsteinfurt (A 7394). East of Burgsteinfurt advance continued to Riesenbeck (V 9307).

Sharp opposition north of Vreden (A 3883) Ahaus (A 5087) area. Groenlo (A 2383) cleared and Allied troops reached Neede (A 2394) and Ruurlo (A 1387).

Varseveld (A 1272) and Etten (A 0370) entered in morning with light opposition, bridges north of Varseveld blown. Slow progress west of Emmerich as Allies advanced one to two miles.

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2. Order of Battle.

47th Division reported by prisoner in area east of Speyer.

11th Panzer still in contact in area west and southwest of Fulda but 17th SS and 2nd Panzer not in contact.

6th SS Mountain Division completely pocketed between Frankfurt and Giessen.

3rd Panzer Grenadier and Panzer Lehr in counter attack eastwards area Winterberg (G 08).

Fragmentary Tiger Tank and SS Units gave some trouble in area south and southwest of Paderborn.

116th Panzer in old area still but 15th Panzer Grenadier out of contact and probably shifting northeastwards.

160th (Training) Division from Denmark in action in area Winterswijk Rheine.

3. Movements.

No rail movement of special significance but some road movement with northeasterly tendency in Holland towards Zwolle and Hengelo.

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From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
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4. Prisoners of War. (G-1 figures not complete).
Prisoners captured 28th March: 16,392.
Accumulative total since D Day: 1,219,549.
5. General.

Allied drives in southeast Wurzburg and towards Stuttgart find Army Group G at the end of its resources.

Remainder of Army Group B and two corps of Army Group H are to all intents and purposes encircled: Only plan discernable is still a counter attack eastwards by Panzer elements of Bayerlein Corps towards Kassel probably in conjunction with similar attacks by armoured elements from Paderborn training area further north.

In addition 116th Panzer and two parachute divisions in north of bag are capable of counter attacking flank of Allied finger towards Gutersloh. However no such attacks have any real prospect of success. At the same time no evidence yet of any willingness to abandon generally the Ruhr, the Rhine and the Sieg and pull out eastwards. Only result can be that Model's forces will fight and finally collapse where they stand.

To north only surviving fighting force is II Parachute Corps which may plot counter attack into Allied flank but is in physical process of being pushed northwards.

Prisoners of war taken during March approach 350,000. All informed.

ACTION: G-2

End.

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