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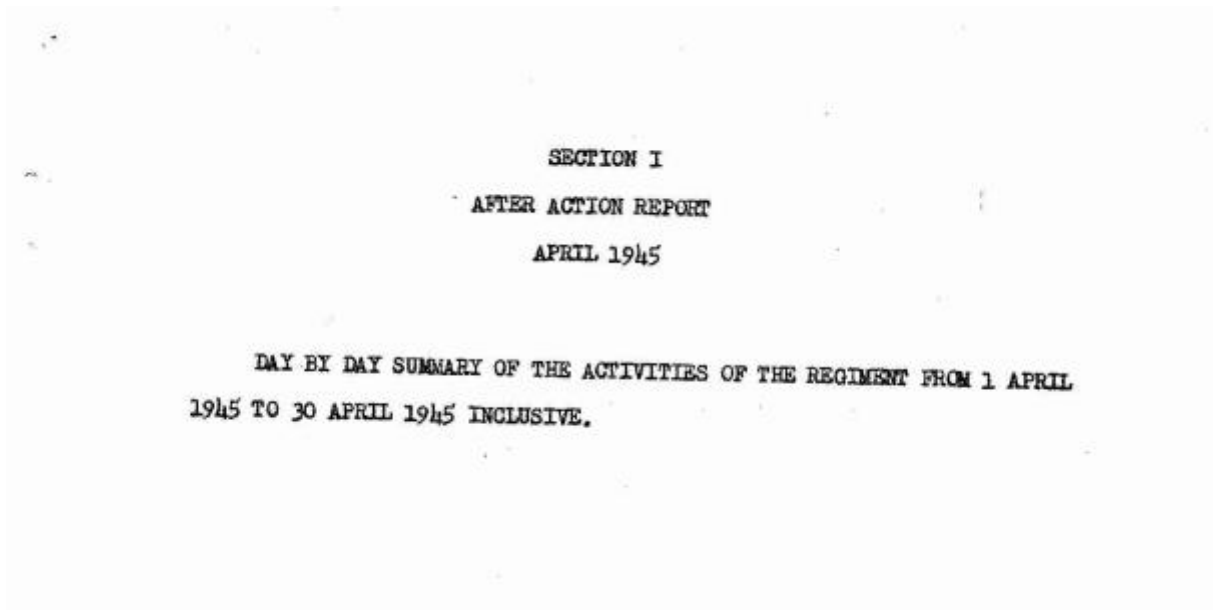
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- Samenvatting van de activiteiten van 4 t/m 11 april 1945;
- Lijst van verliezen over deze periode.

De complete After Action Reports bevatten

- Samenvattingen van de activiteiten per dag;
- Een troepenlijst;
- Een overzicht van de verblijfplaatsen;
- De sterkte;
- Een overzicht van de commandanten;
- Een lijst met toegekende decoraties;
- Verliezen.

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The 2nd and 3rd Bns, not preceded by the task force, advanced against resistance by enemy tanks and infantry defending the mountain passes and over very rugged terrain. During the day, the towns of BAD LIPPSPRINGE, SCHLANGEN, and KOHLSTADT, along with five other towns were cleared, and by evening the main enemy defenses at HORN (B8364) and VELDROM (B8259) were encountered. There then ensued an all night fight against stubborn, almost fanatical resistance by infantry and AA units, employing AA, 20 mm AA, and panzerfausts. By 0400 the following morning these towns were in our hands and the passes through the mountains secured. Total day's advance - 16 kilometers. PW's taken - 245.

5 APRIL 1945

Preceded by Task Force Ritchie, the 2nd and 3rd Bns moved out in the attack, utilizing only organic transportation to move their troops. It was this day on which the Bn Comdrs discovered that a tank or TD would hold 34 men each, and a jeep 12 men, while their few kitchen trucks could shuttle the remainder of the battalion. They also learned to their sorrow that this could only be accomplished at the expense of regular feeding, as shuttling with kitchen trucks until dark invariably means midnight suppers. During the day, the Armored Units were held up by enemy tanks along the routes and toward the end of the day by infantry with panzerfausts in the towns of SCHIEDER (B9769) and SCHWALENBERG (B9866). The stubborn resistance in each of these towns was overcome by the 1st and 2nd Bns respectively in stiff all-night fighting at close quarters. (The second night of fighting for the 2nd Bn). Result of the day's action - 894 PW's, including 744 in hospitals, and STEINAM (B9364) and 18 other towns cleared. Distance for the day - 19 kilometers.

6 APRIL 1945

The 2nd Bn moved out from SCHIEDER, secured the mountain pass to the east and permitted the debouchment of the task force to the east. Following the task force, the 3rd Bn, under Major George C. White, moved through the pass, and finding that the armored elements had moved to the east from LUGDE (C0374) and that the road to the WESER River Bridgehead of the 2nd Armored Division at GROHDE (C9681) was clear, pulled a sneak play on the armor by dashing across their bridge without waiting for clearance. By 1300, the 3rd was well on their way to HALLE (C2579), east of the WESER, without resistance. The 1st Bn meanwhile was held up behind a portion of the task force by tank fire from the vicinity of RISCHENAU (C0666). This delayed their advance the greater part of the day and it was possible only by completely rerouting most of the battalion to reach the vicinity of VAHLBRUCH (C1070) by 2200, against some resistance in several towns. By 2200, the 3rd Bn had cleared the town of HALLE and that part of the towns of HEHLEN (C1978) and BODENWERDER (C2276) on the east side of the WESER. The 2nd Bn in very stiff fighting cleared that part of those towns west of the river. Some fighting continued in a section of BODENWERDER throughout the night. (The third night of fighting for the 2nd Bn). During the day a total of 27 towns and villages had been cleared, and a total distance of 35 kilometers was covered.

7 APRIL 1945

The 3rd Bn, with the Div Rcn Trp, and the I & R platoon attached, moved out from the vicinity of HALLE to clear the part of the regimental sector between the WESER and the mountains to the east, to capture the large town of ESHERSHAUSEN (C3071) and to secure the passes at (C3175) and (C3573). By 1400 this mission was brilliantly accomplished and the battalion was driving east through the mountains toward DELLIGSEN (C4173). The 2nd Bn had in the meanwhile crossed the WESER and was pushing east toward ALFELD (C4278). During the day a huge underground factory and concentration camp was uncovered at GRUNERPLAN (C3774) by the I & R. By nightfall the forward elements of 2nd Bn had reached the vicinity of DUNGEN (C3480) and DELLIGSEN (C4173). The 1st Bn at this time was 25 kilometers away, mopping up in the regimental sector, and an adjacent cavalry unit was 10 kms to the right rear. The forward bns did not button up for the night but continued to drive.

The 2nd Bn during the night secured the pass overlooking the LEINE River at (C3878) - its fourth night operation, while the 3rd Bn worked its second successive night by making a dash to the LEINE and securing a bridge over the river at WISPENSTEIN (C4575). The total distance covered during the day was 26 kilometers over difficult terrain. 20 towns were cleared.

8 APRIL 1945

This day, crossings of the LEINE River were made by the 2nd Bn at ALFELD, (C4378), and by the 3rd Bn at GROSSE FREDEN (C4872), both bridges being found intact. The bns continued to the "Limit of Advance" line, 10 kms east of ALFELD, encountering only light opposition, and settled down to a well earned rest. During the day, a distance of 15 kms was covered, and 28 towns cleared. Many large factories and numerous foreign workers were overrun during this advance, and huge quantities of war supplies uncovered.

9 APRIL 1945

Only enemy activity of the day was a bombing and strafing incident by 6 FW 190's. Otherwise the day was spent in maintenance of vehicles and equipment and a sidestepping of the regiment 5 kms to the south to agree with new boundaries received. This day also, a new attack order was received for a drive to and past the city of HALBERSTADT 73 kms distant. Along with the attack order came another, detaching the 10 non-organic trucks which had been used to supplement the regimental transportation. From that time on, we were on our own. Upon objection by the Bn Comdrs that they were thus immobilized, the regimental commander instructed them to move as best they could, to ride tanks and TD's, to unload supply trucks and to utilize to the fullest extent the captured German transportation that they had in their possession. The bns improved on this by acquiring extra German transportation. Thus the "Ragttag Circus" was born.

10 APRIL 1945

On this day the dash to the ELBE began. The 1st Bn jumped off from the vicinity of HEIMSCHERODE (C5872), cleared the woods to the east, and seized a bridge over the NETTE River at GROSSE REUDEN (C6474). First resistance was encountered at a defended road block (C7074) and overcome in a brief firefight. A more serious fight took place at LANGELSHHEIM (C7874) in which 100 enemy defending a roadblock in front of the town were routed. The 3rd Bn on the left of the sector had cleared their portion but were held up by the inadequacy of road net in their zone. After the capture of LANGELSHHEIM the 3rd moved through to the northeast and succeeded in reaching VIENENBURG, 15 kms distant, by nightfall. Brief skirmishes took place at all towns along their route and serious resistance was encountered at VIENENBURG (C9476), where an all-night fight against stubborn resistance took place. The 1st Bn meanwhile had pushed on and taken the city of GOSLAR (C8571) after a brief fight. At OKER (C8970) fanatical resistance by young German troops with automatic weapons and panzerfausts was overcome at the cost of one tank, one TD and a small number of infantry casualties. The bn then pushed into SCHLENSCKE (C9270). The I & R platoon operating on the right of the regiment discovered that all approaches to the Harz Mountains were defended by infantry with automatic weapons and panzerfausts. All in all, despite stubborn, almost fanatical resistance in spots, the regiment advanced a total of 39 kms, cleared 29 towns and villages, including the cities of GOSLAR and VIENENBURG, and captured 2938 PW's including 2710 in hospitals.

11 APRIL 1945

Another day of rapid progress followed. The 1st drove into the town of BAD HARZBURG, while the 2nd moved by to the north and spearheaded against light resistance. Here and there, as at LANGELN, (D1072), determined resistance was encountered. Near DERENBERG (D1868) a column of approximately 700 British and American PW's was liberated. The 3rd Bn, once started, was hard to stop. They drove east from VIENENBURG, clearing one town after another. Though their zone ran to the north of HALBERSTADT (D2671) the 3rd Bn, finding themselves closest to the city, drove into the city against heavy small arms

Afkortingen

- KIA killed in action
- LWA light wounded in action
- SWA severe wounded in action
- MIA missing in action

<u>LOSSES IN ACTION</u>						
32205083	Liguori, Michael G.	Sgt	KIA	15	Jan	45
31453099	Wickliffe, John R.	Pfc	LWA	2	Apr	45
31406236	De Lucia, Peter A.	Pfc	LWA	2	Apr	45
39547864	Alcala, David NMI	Tec 5	LWA	2	Apr	45
35747253	Adams, Walter H.	Pfc	LWA	4	Apr	45
01328067	Newell, Harold E.	2nd Lt	SWA	4	Apr	45
15104396	Wilcox, Clarence H.	Pfc	KIA	4	Apr	45
36473309	Walker, Robert M.	Pfc	KIA	5	Apr	45
33359366	Marillo, Anthony M.	Pfc	KIA	5	Apr	45
37511018	Surber, James F.	S/Sgt	LWA	4	Apr	45
33694680	Pelesar, Henry J.	Pfc	KIA	4	Apr	45
34869581	Hendrick, Jack L.	Pfc	MIA	4	Apr	45
32921045	Danielson, Walter J.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
38628040	Elmore, Jodie M.	S/Sgt	LWA	5	Apr	45
33368354	Cheripka, Michael G.	S/Sgt	LWA	5	Apr	45
0392198	Bates, Hugh NMI	Capt	SWA	5	Apr	45
44040614	Bennett, Robert L.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
34836205	White, Aubry G.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
35901786	Jordan, Lawrence O.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
33054459	Kobbi, Florindo A.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
42088487	Iorio, Joseph A.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
01328167	Mc Gourley, James J.	2nd Lt	SWA	5	Apr	45
44005650	Wray, Howard O.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
42093951	Scaplen, Robert E.	Pvt	LIA	5	Apr	45
35399963	James, Charles NMI jr.	Tec	KIA	7	Apr	45
35518660	Kitcho, John NMI	Tec	KIA	7	Apr	45
35399901	Marcolletti, Angelo P.	Tec	KIA	7	Apr	45
38495225	Osborne, James L.	Tec	LWA	4	Apr	45
31412193	Hall, Robert J.	Pvt	KIA	6	Apr	45
31286335	Pessolano, Eugene J.	Pfc	MIA	4	Apr	45
32898274	Gilbert, David G.	Pfc	KIA	5	Apr	45
35869133	Hart, Arlis J.	Pfc	KIA	5	Apr	45
35522172	King, Robert D.	S/Sgt	KIA	5	Apr	45
34939086	Seitz, John E.	Pfc	KIA	5	Apr	45
34599605	Eller, Percy H.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
35296373	Bumbico, Anthony G.	Sgt	SWA	5	Apr	45
38694046	Billingsley, Wilbur N.	Pfc	MIA	4	Apr	45
36473181	Balla, William NMI	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
37645052	Pelouchek, Richard K.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
0556177	Funch, Morton NMI	2nd Lt	LWA	5	Apr	45
39467636	Hull, Milton R.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
34737294	Lesnon, Jay L.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
38599088	Farmer, William O.	Pfc	SWA	5	Apr	45
35845669	Festi, Virgil J.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
39555334	Arias, Cruz P.	Pfc	LWA	6	Apr	45
39267110	Garcia, Atanasio NMI	Pfc	LWA	7	Apr	45
31467575	Barney, Friend E.	Pfc	LWA	7	Apr	45
35665169	Lang, Robert G.	S/Sgt	LWA	7	Apr	45
33214659	Stallard, Charles C.	Pfc	LWA	6	Apr	45
34837351	Goddard, William E.	Pvt	LWA	6	Apr	45
42177463	Carey, William NMI	Pvt	LWA	6	Apr	45
35924821	Wilson, James E.	Pfc	LWA	6	Apr	45
33779415	Killian, Raymond D.	S/Sgt	LIA	6	Apr	45
39173793	Jochimsen, Elmer E.	Sgt	SWA	5	Apr	45
36452563	Gould, Benjamin K.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
35664380	Rice, Elmer NMI	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
36862455	Mc Nabb, Frank R.	Pfc	LWA	6	Apr	45
36908141	Williams, Delbert D.	Pvt	LWA	7	Apr	45
44015333	Hanby, Robert A.	Pvt	SWA	7	Apr	45
11094637	Abbott, David G.	Sgt	SWA	7	Apr	45
36473785	Wright, Charles V.	Pvt	SWA	5	Apr	45
36469922	Rhodes, Earl H. Jr.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
34921787	Ogle, Beecher NMI	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
42051648	Mirabal, Jose L.	Pfc	LWA	5	Apr	45
36776843	Franklin, James N.	Pfc	LWA	6	Apr	45
12191905	Coughlin, John J.	Sgt	LWA	6	Apr	45
42185492	Hawkins, Charlie R.	Pfc	LWA	6	Apr	45

LWA

Losses in action continued.

15011606	Furdich, Matt NMI Jr.	S/Sgt	SWA	6 Apr	45
33906780	Hammond, William E., Sr.	Pfc	LWA	6 Apr	45
01328117	Carpenter, Allen D.	2nd Lt	SWA	6 Apr	45
37596964	Wharton, Estal D.	Pfc	LWA	5 Apr	45
35931519	Rejina, Michael J.	Pvt	KIA	5 Apr	45
31376772	Wilcox, Robert L.	Pfc	MIA	6 Apr	45
39934282	Waters, Leo H.	Pfc	LWA	7 Apr	45
42083646	Salnes, Charles R.	Pvt	MIA	6 Apr	45
33663099	Lynch, Leroy NMI	Pfc	KIA	7 Apr	45
38263735	Marshall, Frank E.	Pfc	LIA	7 Apr	45
32603579	Whitehead, Frank NMI	S/Sgt	LWA	9 Apr	45
36837586	Porter, James T.	Pvt	LWA	9 Apr	45
42095479	Markell, Donald N.	Pvt	DOW	10 Apr	45
16177429	Lynhas, Ernest H.	Pvt	KIA	10 Apr	45
35879570	Zinsel, Herman H.	Pfc	KIA	11 Apr	45
01999899	Bartley, Harry E., Jr.	2nd Lt	LWA	10 Apr	45
35671341	Bussell, Ollie C.	T/Sgt	KIA	10 Apr	45
12044753	Buchanan, Franklin NMI	Pfc	KIA	10 Apr	45
36642107	Hornburg, John E.	Pvt	KIA	10 Apr	45
37628451	Devoy, Charles E.	Pfc	KIA	10 Apr	45
35089376	Hall, Bert F.	Pfc	SWA	10 Apr	45
35590375	Stepanovich, Samuel P.	T/Sgt	LWA	11 Apr	45
36765574	Buckles, Henry W.	Pfc	LWA	11 Apr	45
36473177	Savoie, Hildaige G.	Pfc	LWA	11 Apr	45
33683941	Dunn, Paul L.	Pfc	LWA	11 Apr	45
34799621	Owens, William W.	Pfc	LWA	12 Apr	45
02005387	Melton, Clifton C.	2nd Lt	LWA	10 Apr	45
37643994	Whitaker, Charley E.	Pvt	LWA	10 Apr	45
33227576	Trevillian, Robert P.	T/Sgt	MIA	10 Apr	45
36988819	Fehr, Milton E.	Pvt	DOW	10 Apr	45
33410923	Palmer, Charles M.	Pfc	SWA	10 Apr	45
37563322	Olen, Harold E.	Pfc	MIA	10 Apr	45
33355812	Chepan, John NMI	S/Sgt	SWA	11 Apr	45
33795121	Letterie, Theodore J.	Pfc	LWA	11 Apr	45
36876029	Seehorsch, John J.	Pfc	LWA	11 Apr	45
35990723	Swihart, Curtis P.	Tec 5	LWA	11 Apr	45
15054628	Bailey, Ralph NMI	1st Sgt	LWA	11 Apr	45
31128687	Tarcy, Frederick A.	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
34869484	McKenzie, Ollie R.	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
37646513	Burkey, James E.	Pvt	KIA	12 Apr	45
39599531	Randel, Lawrence W.	Pvt	KIA	12 Apr	45
36479400	Gissler, Robert L.	Opl	KIA	12 Apr	45
42023086	Morgan, Chester C.	Pfc	SWA	12 Apr	45
44030571	Spallgrove, Charles W.	Pfc	LWA	12 Apr	45
33306210	Enale, Louis F.	Sgt	LWA	12 Apr	45
34394330	Pope, Irving G.	S/Sgt	LWA	12 Apr	45
34394336	Singleton, James F.	T/Sgt	LWA	12 Apr	45
33661275	Reynolds, Henry L.	Pfc	SWA	12 Apr	45
38626435	Lyons, Jervis L.	S/Sgt	KIA	12 Apr	45
37645058	Wardenburg, Palmer J.	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
37527836	Kelley, Chester S., Jr.	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
34445995	Phillips, Dewitte NMI	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
34869457	Hart, Eddie NMI	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
39850107	Ashley, Kenneth L.	Sgt	SWA	12 Apr	45
37178850	Drong, Daniel P.	S/Sgt	KIA	12 Apr	45
13076836	Kosak, Stanley E.	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
35782639	Wilson, Arthur W.	Pfc	KIA	12 Apr	45
20748851	Marcotte, Elmer T.	Sgt	KIA	12 Apr	45
44030822	Hayes, Doyle L.	Pvt	LWA	12 Apr	45
35024461	Simechak, John J.	T/Sgt	KIA	12 Apr	45
36874707	Stahl, Richard A.	S/Sgt	KIA	12 Apr	45
35613490	Forby, Joseph R.	Pfc	LWA	13 Apr	45
35562692	Hochman, Harry L.	T/Sgt	LWA	13 Apr	45
39601644	Olson, Walter M.	Tec 5	LWA	13 Apr	45
37230731	Hendrix, Arthur G.	Pfc	LWA	12 Apr	45
36994010	Chandler, Robert T.	Pvt	KIA	14 Apr	45
38179465	Williams, Glen E.	Pfc	KIA	14 Apr	45