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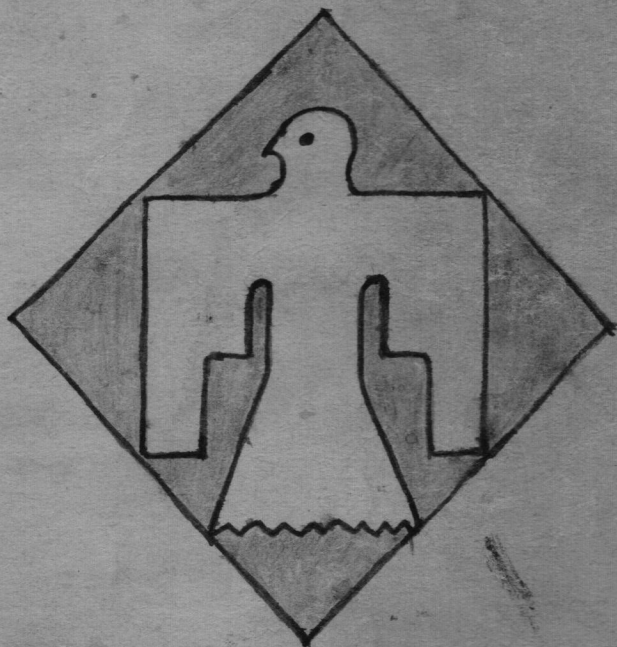
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- SICILIAN CAMPAIGN
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 10 July 43 - 9 May 45

MARCH 27---1945

Co CP moved and new CP set up in Alsbach, Germany. C.P. crossed the RHEIN RIVER at 1126 hrs. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon built a plank tread road on Regt'l MSR. Length approximately 30 yards. 1 squad on guard on captured pontoon equipment. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon plus D-7 cleared road block in Hahnen and filled up holes with rubble and also improved and marked by-pass in Zwingenberg. Three trucks to S-4 to haul engineer dump

MARCH 28---1945

Co moved and new CP located in Pflaumheim, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus tankdozer supported the 179th Inf. Several wrecked enemy trucks and vehicles and ~~numerous~~ numerous wrecked carts and dead animals were removed from MSR. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon improved and widened plank tread road on MSR. Lt Boedecker also made a bridge reconnaissance at Obernburg. Lt Dayton made a road reconnaissance and liaison with the Regiment was kept.

MARCH 29----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Obernau, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon supported the 3rd Bn of the 179th Inf. Lt Fields made a Ren and found new trail and escorted tanks up to forward elements of 3rd Bn. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon removed a road block in outskirts of Sulzbach. Also supported 1st Bn of the 179th Inf. Lt Boedecker and 1 squad of the 3rd platoon plus the D-7 bulldozer removed several wrecked enemy vehicles from main road running North and South and West of Main River. Two crater were also filled in the road.

MARCH 30----1945

Co CP located in Obernau, Germany. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon repaired and put into operation a civilian ferry across the Main River in the vicinity of Sulzbach. Also prepared approaches fro bridge that was being constructed across the river.

MARCH 31----1945

Co CP located in Obernau, Germany. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon supported the advance of the 2nd Bn. Filled road craters in the vicinity of Soden. Lt Fields and 1st platoon supported advance of the 3rd Bn. Checked Bn CP for mines and booby traps. Found German Engr O.C.S. site at coordinates 046-497. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon supported advance of the 1st Bn.

APRIL 1----1945

Co CP located in Obernau, Germany. Lt Fields and one squad of the 1st platoon put in an improvised culvert at Hessenthal. Lt Boedecker and tankdozer cleared road from Hessenthal to Strass-Bessenbach of 4 prepared road blocks and 14 destroyed enemy vehicles. Also constructed two-by-passes around blown out culverts in Strass-Bessenbach.

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APRIL 2----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Ober-Bessenbach; Germany. Lt Fields & 1st platoon hauled 15 loads of crushed rock for construction of by-pass in Strass-Beswenbach. Also constructed two wooden culverts. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon hauled crushed rock from Strass-Bessenbach to Keilberg for by-pass. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon followed attack of the 1st Bn and put in steel culverts and constructed by-pass on main road in Strass-Bessenbach. Used D-7 bulldozer to make fill. Helped Co "C" to construct by-pass in Keilberg.

APRIL 3----1945

Co moved and new CP located at coordinates 252-736. Lt Fields and 1st platoon constructed a by-pass around abatis and then removed the 15 tree abatis at coordinates 233-678. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon plus the D-7 dozer put in a wooden box culvert and dirt fill in site of demolished bridge in Heigenbrucken. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon removed 3 abatis in vicinity of Wiesen.

APRIL 4----1945

Co moved and new CP located at coordinates 403-857. Elements of the 2nd and 3rd platoons repaired road between Aura and Mittelsinn. The D-7 bulldozer was used. Lt Dayton followed the attack of the 1st Bn. He made reconnaissance for bridges and found by-passes for tanks.

APRIL 5----1945

Co CP located at same location, 2 Km's South of Rupboden, Germany. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon removed dug in road block and filled holes in Rupboden. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon plus tank dozer removed a road block at coordinates 455-954. Also removed numerous felled trees and 4 wrecked enemy vehicles between Volkers and Spelcherz. Six prisoners were captured and turned over ~~xxx~~ to the Regimental PWE. Pfc Lester was killed in action by enemy sniper fire at coordinates 438-966. The time was Approx 16-45 hours and he was shot thru the right side of waist as he was seeking cover in ditch. He was the driver of the tankdozer but had left his tank dozer when the snipers began firing. Lt Boedecker, S/Sgt Jones and T/5 Patterson were also seeking cover in the ditch but were not injured, but their peep was shot up by the snipers. This was below the town of Speicherz Germany.

APRIL 6----1945

Co moved and new CP located 1 Km North of Volkers, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus ~~xxx~~ tankdozer removed 3 road blocks consisting of felled trees in following the attack of the 3rd Bn, 179th Inf. D-7 and R-4 plus tankdozer removed and cleared road blocks and demolished vehicles in Regimental sector. Detail from the 3rd platoon demolished a Mark IV tank in Kothen.

APRIL 7--3-1945

Co moved and new CP located in Urspringen, Germany. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon followed up attack of the 3rd Bn. 1 squad plus tankdozer killed 13 Germans and took 1 prisoner in vicinity of Reussendorf. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon dispersed Mark IV tank crew with rifle fire and destroyed the tank with satchel charge. Also burned adjacent German barracks.

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APRIL 8----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Ober Lauringen, Germany. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon plus the D-7 followed the attack of the 3rd Bn. They removed numerous wrecked German vehicles and dead horses from route of advance. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon followed the attack of the 2nd Bn. The tankdozer removed numerous dead horses and wrecked vehicles from road. Also removed three road blocks on route of advance.

APRIL 9, 1945

Co CP located in Ober Lauringen, Germany. 2nd platoon destroyed a large quantity of Panzer Faust Bazooka ammunition for the 160th FA Bn. Tankdozer removed vehicles and other obstructions from road leading North from Ober Lauringen.

APRIL 10, 1945

Co CP located in Ober Lauringen, Germany. Platoon sent squad of men at a time to Bn showers. Personal equipment and platoon equipment was checked and cleaned. Firearms were checked and cleaned. Motor Pool checked vehicles for minor repairs that could be fixed by Co motor Mech

APRIL 11, 1945

Co moved and new CP located in Southern outskirts of Hofheim, Germany. Tankdozer knocked out a road block in following attack of the 2nd Bn. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon plus tankdozer followed attack of the 2nd Bn. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus R-4 bulldozer followed attack of the 1st Bn.

APRIL 12, 1945

Co moved and new Cp located in Breitbrunn, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus the R-4 bulldozer followed the attack of the 1st Bn. They removed one road block in the vicinity of Lussberg. Lt Boedecker & 3rd platoon plus the tankdozer followed the advance of the 2nd Bn. They removed a prepared road block in the vicinity of Gleisenan. Tankdozer destroyed German motorcycle and killed the driver with 50 Cal machine Gun fire. The 75mm was fired at German barracks and enemy personnel. Results not determined. D-7 bulldozer supported the advance of Regiment and cleared roads for two-way traffic.

APRIL 13, 1945

Co CP located in Breitbrunn, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus the tankdozer supported the 1st Bn in their advance. Removed road block under enemy fire in the vicinity of Appendorf. Captured one PW and turned him over the Regimental PWE. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon plus R-4 bulldozer supported the advance of the 2nd Bn. Removed road block in the vicinity north of Oberhaid. It was a 40 tree abati. Captured 4 prisoners and turned them over to the Regt'l MP's. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon removed a road block with 80lbs of satchel charge in vicinity of Sahnendorf. Six-2 1/2 ton trucks to Regt to haul infantry personnel.

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APRIL 14, 1945 & April 15, 1945

Co moved and new CP located 1 Km North-West of Amlingstadt, Germany.
Co moved and new CP located in Gosberg, Germany.

1. Filled road crater 1 Km South of Litzendorf and widened with R-4
2. Removed road blocks 3 Km West of Litzendorf
3. Repaired partially blown bridge in Memmelsdorf
4. Filled road crater at 304-160
5. Put in 3 span M-2 treadway bridge at 320-438
6. Demolished large prepared road block at 317-441
7. Removed abati at 324-448
8. Removed rubble from streets in Geisfeld
9. Removed prepared blocks from road with D-7 at 455-263

In addition main Regimental roads were cleared of rubble and vehicles by tankdozer, also, small road blocks not noted were cleared by tankdozer. The three platoons supported the Inf Bns in both day and night attacks.

APRIL 16--1945

Co moved and new Cp located 1 Km North West of Behringersdorf, Germany Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus the tankdozer removed 2 road blocks South West of Lauf. Took up 5 Schnellmines South West of Ruckersdorf and located by-pass. Took up and demolished 40 Schnellmines west of Rotenbach, also followed the advance of the 3rd Bn. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon followed the advance of the 1st Bn in the night Attack. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon plus the D-7 bulldozer removed road block at 510-088 and marked by-pass around blown bridge at 491-032. 1st Lt Harry Fields, Pfc William Farrissey, Pfc Raymond Ashmore, ~~and 5 other soldiers~~ wounded in action by enemy artillery fire.

APRIL 17----1945

Co moved and new Cp located in Rothenback, Germany. Cleared ~~xxx~~ all ~~xxx~~ prepared road blocks at 537-038 with D-7 bulldozer. Cleared abati from road at 472-018 and also destroyed enemy 88mm guns at 473-017 and also 2 20mm guns.

APRIL 18----1945

Co Cp located in Rothenback, Germany. T/5 Estrada, Pfc Pauley, and Pvt Fennell were injured in Rothenback, Germany at 1635 hours. An anti-aircraft shell that failed to explode in the air fell in bivouac area and exploded. Lt Fields and 1st platoon removed 3 road blocks in eastern outskirts of NURNBERG. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon removed 1 road block in eastern outskirts of NURNBERG. D-7 removed partially cleared road blocks in rear area. D-7 and R-4 bulldozers cleared rubble and debris from the streets in eastern outskirts of NURNBERG.

APRIL 19----1945

Co CP located in Rothenback, Germany. Rubble and debris cleared from streets in outer edge of NURNBERG. Overhanging trolley wires were cleared from road way. Three road blocks previous partially removed were cleared to allow 2 way traffic.

APRIL 20----1945

Co moved and new CP located approximately 4 Km South-East of NURNBERG, Germany. Co cleaned platoon and personal equipment.

APRIL 21----1945

Co CP located Approximately 4 Km South-East of NURNBERG, Germany. Road reconnaissance was made of forward roads.

APRIL 22----1945

Co moved and new CP located approximately 1 Km North- East of Rottenbach, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus the tankdozer removed 5 prepared road blocks and abati in following the advance of the kst Bn. Also filled one 65' crater. The tankdozer was used in doing this A 36" culvert was put in and the road corduroyed over it. Numerous partially removed road blocks were cleared and numerous wrecked enemy vehicles pushed off the road. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon plus the R-4 bulldozer removed 2 aatis in the vicinity of Wallesau. 1 abati in vicinity of Ober-Mauck, and followed the advance of the 2nd Bn.

APRIL 23----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Weiszenburg, Germany. 2nd and 3rd Plt's supported the advance of the 1st and 2nd Bn. 2nd platoon plus the tankdozer removed road block north of Weiszenburg.

APRIL 24----1945

Co moved and new CP located at 1 km South West of Deitfurt, Germany. 1st platoon filled shell holes on MSR in vicinity of 334-426. 2nd platoon plus the tankdozer filled 2 road craters on MSR. 3rd platoon constructed class 15 bridge at Pappenheim, Germany.

APRIL 25----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Wellheim, Germany. Tankdozer plus 1st platoon removed 2 abati in vicinity of Hard. 2nd platoon supported attack of the 3rd Bn. Removed crater charge on hill in Wellheim. Removed 2 road blocks approximately 2 Km South East of Bergen. 3rd platoon plus D-7 filled crater at intersection of road 1 Km west of Konstein and one crater 2 1/2 Km East of Tagmersheim.

APRIL 26----1945

Co CP located in Wellheim, Germany. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Hq platoons crossed the 179th Inf across the DANUBE RIVER in assault boats

APRIL 27----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Stepperg, Germany. 1st, 2nd and 3rd platoons continued to operate assault boats and storm boats across the DANUBE RIVER. A ferry boat, motor operated, was put into operation.

APRIL 28----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Pfaffenhofen, Germany. Co followed ~~the~~ the advance of the 179th Infantry. Lt Fields and 1st platoon repaired partly blown bridge on main road of advance in vicinity of South of ~~the~~ Pfaffenhofen.

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APRIL 29----1945

Co moved and new CP located in Eching, Germany. Lt Dayton and 2nd Plt removed numerous wrecked German vehicles on MSR from southern Pfaffenhofen to autobahn and then south on autobahn to south of Eching. Found one teller mine south of Pfaffenhofen. Filled numerous craters on autobahn just South of Allershausen.

APRIL 30----1945

Co moved and new CP located in outskirts of MUNICH, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon plus R-4 and D-7 cleared road blocks and vehicles ~~from~~ highway north of Garching. Also cleared prepared blocks from autobahn down to MUNICH. Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon plus tankdozer cleared 3 underpasses in the vicinity of 8861. Also cleared prepared blocks from river bridges. De-activated a great number of firing devices to explosives set to demolish the warehouses and ammunition sheds.

~~XXXX~~ MAY 1--1945

Co moved and new CP located in eastern Munchen, Germany. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon cleared debri from RR underpass east of river in Munchen. Reconnaissance was made on bridges in Munchen.

MAY 2----1945

Co CP located in eastern Munchen, Germany. Lt Fields and detail went to the Dachau Concentration Camp on tour. Remaining Co cleaned small arms and personal equipment.

MAY 3----1945

Co CP located in ~~western~~ eastern Munchen, Germany. Co had small arms inspection. Platoons inspected on personal appearance and given close order drill by the platoon leaders. Lt Boedecker and detail from the 3rd platoon checked ADOLPH HITLER'S HOME for booby traps and demolition charges. They also checked underground passage from Hitlers home to the GESTAPO building.

MAY 4----1945

~~Co~~ Co CP located in Eastern Munchen, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st platoon worked for Target Force Hq's in opening safes in target areas. Nine safes were blown open and documents removed and turned over to the Target Force Headquarters.

MAY 5----1945

Co CP located in eastern Munchen, Germany. Lt Fields and 1 squad opened 5 safes for Target Force Hq with demolition. Lt Dayton and 2nd Plt worked on construction of latrines for the PW stockade.

MAY 6----1945

Co CP located in eastern Munchen, Germany. Lt Fields and 1st Plt continued opening safes with demolition for Target Force Hq. Lt Dayton and 2nd platoon plus Lt Boedecker and 3rd platoon continued construction of latrines for the PW stockade.

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