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BN HQ: As the period opened the CP was located at WEIBERSBRUHN, Germany, having left RUCK at 1915 hrs and closing into new area at 2200 hrs. Tel comm and local security established. The battalion staff was active in carrying out continual reconnaissance to keep up with the rapidly moving situation. On 2 April the CP remained at WEIBERS-BRUHN. 3 April the CP moved to FRAMMERSBACH, leaving the old area at 1015 hrs and closing into new area at 1700. The detachment moved with an armored unit convoy. Tel comm with Div was established by 1800 hrs. On 5 April the CP moved from FRAMMERSBACH to BERGSINN, Germany. Closed at new area at 1615 hrs. Local security established. The CP departed BERGSINN at 061415 and closed at SCHONDRA 061645. 8 April CP moted from SCHONDRA at 1415 hrs and closed at BAD KISSINGEN at 1700 hrs. CP established and in operation by 1730 hrs. Staff was continually reconning the forward areas. Several 500 1b bombs were found near the main road leading E from BAD KISSINGEN. Bombs were disarmed and taped off. 9 April CP departed BAD KISSINGEN at 1740 hrs and moved to MASSBACH. closing at 1900 hrs. As the period closed, the CP was still at MASSBACH. Div had been ordered to clean up rear areas, therefore the halt of one day.

H & S Co: The company was located at HIMMELTHAL as the period opened. Three water 0 points were in operation and Div Engr Supply was engaged in the hauling and issuing of W supplies. The operations section was engaged in painting signs for Div Hq. The rapid m advance of our troops had all but exhausted the present stock of signs on hand and many signs were being made. Difficulty was experienced in getting the signs made as the company hardly remained in one area long enough for the paint to dry. On 3 April the company left HIMMELTHAL at 0700 hrs and closed at ROTHENBUCK at 0830 hrs. Local security was established. Ten cargo trucks were sent to Div Transportation at 1230 hrs. April 10 more trucks were sent out for use in hauling FWs. 5 April company left ROTHEN-BUCK at 1345 hrs and moved to LANGENPROZELTEN, closing at 1500 hrs. On 6 April company remained in this area. Five cargo trucks were sent out for hauling infantry units. Local security was maintained. Company moved to SCHILDECK on 7 April, leaving old area at 1200 hrs and closing into new area at 1600 hrs. On 8 April, 2 trucks and 4 men left area for TOUL. FRANCE to pick up engineer supplies. Company moved from SCHILDECK at 1430 hrs and arrived at BAD KISSINGEN at 1700 hrs. Six enemy FM captured by 2 FM of the company in an abandoned shed adjacent to the area. PWs taken to PW enclosure. 9 April company spent in cleaning and repairing equipment. Div Engr Supply continued to draw and issue supplies. Operations section worked on 150 signs for Div Hq. On 10 April 8 cargo trucks left area for Div Trans Off to haul Div Adm Ctr to new area. Local security was maintained.

Co A: As the period opened the company moved from STREIT to WINTERBACH at 0900 hrs. 3d Platoon worked in support of the 7th Inf. Rest of company cleared roads in the area. At 1700 hrs 1 April company left WINTERBACH and arrived at ROHRBRUNN at 1900 hrs. Company moved from ROHRBRUNN at 1700 hrs. 2 April and arrived at RECHTENBACH at 2000 hrs. The whole situation was moving rapidly. The company was unable to bivouac except for a few hours in each area. Numerous roads cleared during the period by the 1st and 2nd platoons and the tank-dozer. Approximately 42 kms of road covered. log road obstacles

Were removed from road at N-100388 and N-068372. Five trees cleared from road at N-005355. 3 April company remained at RECGTENBACH. Reconnaissance was made of a supply route for 2nd Bn, 7th Inf. One squad with 2nd Bn, 7th Inf with 10 rubber boats. 21 kms of roads cleared. 4 April one officer and the radio car were at LOHR as Bn contact party on Bailey bridge which was being constructed. D-7 dozer cleared main street of IOHR. Lt EIMORE made a road recon from IOHR to LANGENPROZELTEN. Bridge blown out at LOHR-approx 80' gap. One squad with 10 recon boats crossed 2nd Bn, 7th Inf over Main River in the vic of RODENBACH. 33 kms of road were cleared. On 5 April the company was still at RECHTENBACH. It SLEETH made a road recon. 10 men from 1st platoon, 3/4T truck with 10 assault boats and air compressor sent to the 7th Inf for river crossing. Tank-dozer was repaired. On 6 April the company moved 61 miles from RECHTENBACH to PLATZ. 2nd and 3rd platoons were in direct support of the 1st and 3rd Bns, 7th Inf. On 7 April company remained at PLATZ. 3rd platoon reld from duty with the 7th Inf by the 1st platoon. Road recon made from PLATZ, ZALLBACH, BARKARDROTH, FRAUNENROTH, AS-CHACH and STEINBERG by way of the main road. All roads were found in good condition. 48 kms of road cleared. On 8 April company moved from PLATZ to ASCHACH. Company repaired damaged bridge at N-666874, but were driven from the bridge by sniper and SP fire. Six casualties sustained. One platoon in support of 3d Bn, 7th Inf cleared trees from road vic N-660910 and road-block and rubble in town of STEINECH. 1st platoon built footbridge in support of 3d Bn, 7th Inf. 2nd platoon worked on by-pass in vic of ZALIBACH. Placed plank roadway over near and far-shore arches for additional support. On 9 April company moved from ASCHACH at 0900 hrs and arrived at new area at WETTRINGEN at 1530 hrs. 1 EM injured in motorcycle accident near BURGHAUSEN at 0100 hrs. 50 kms of road were checked. Bridge at POPPENHAUSEN was repaired. On 10 April a detail from the 1st platoon picked up assault boats at STEINACH and returned them to H & S Company. Remainder of company rested in the bivouac area.

Co B: As the period opened the company was located at MEIMBUCHENTHAL where it had moved at 1000 hrs. The 2nd Platoon departed at 1600 hrs to support the 15th Inf. 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained in company area resting. On 2 April the company moved to ROTHENBUCH at 1300 hrs. 2nd Platoon in support of an Inf Task Force. 1st and 3rd Platoons worked on roads in the area. 41 kms of road were cleared and a road crater was filled at N-124494. Fallen trees were removed from across road at N-128492. On 3 April the company moved to FRAMMERSBACH at 1400 hrs. 1st Platoon repaired bridge W of FRAM-MERSBACH. 2nd Platoon constructed a temporary wooden bridge at PARTENSTEIN. 3rd Platoon remained in reserve. 33 kms of road were cleared. At 1530 hrs, 4 April, the company moved to FEILEN. Germany. 1st Platoon worked in support of the 3rd Bn, 15th Inf. 2nd Platoon worked on road repair. 3rd Platoon worked in support of the 2nd Bn, 15th Inf. 49 kms of road were cleared. A 60' Cl 40 timber bridge was constructed at N-370-745. By-pass was constructed at N-368678. Company left FELLEN 5 April at 1400 hrs and moved 14 miles to WEISSENBACH. 1st Platoon cleaned and repaired individual arms and equipment. 2nd Platoon worked in support of the 1st Bn, 15th Inf. Company received their pay. On 6 April 1st Platoon and 2nd Platoon remained in biwouac area and cleaned and repaired arms and equipment. 3rd Platoon worked in support of the 1st Bn, 15th Inf until 1030 hrs and then went over to the 3rd Bn at 1300 hrs. 54 kms of road were checked. Prepared to place 48' of Armored Force Treadway bridge at N-536990. On 7 April the company moved to 12 miles NE WILDFLECKEN, 0900 hrs. 1st and 2nd Platoons worked with the 15th Inf in the attack on NEUSTADT. 3rd Platoon constructed 48' supported Armored Force Treadway bridge at N-536990. Roadblock of RR cars at N-551000 was removed. Road crater was filled and trees were removed from road at N-646019. 35 kms of road were cleared. One EM captured 8 enemy soldiers near bivouac area. At 081430B the company moved to NEUSTADT. 1st Platoon worked in support of the 3rd Bn. 15th Inf. 2nd Platoon worked with the 1st Bn, 15th while the 3rd Platoon remained with the company. Vehicles were cleared from road between BISCHOPAHEIM and NEUSTADT.

On 9 April the company moved to a new bivouac area at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles NW RENNUNGEN at 1200 hrs. All line platoons moved with the company and in the afternoon the company made preparations for pending operations. 16 kms of road were cleared. Booby-trapped bomb was disarmed at N-715741. On 10 April the company remained at same area. All three line platoons remained in area cleaning and repairing equipment. One D-4 dozer cleared roads N of SCHWEINFURT.

Co C: As the period opened the company was i mile W of WEIBERSBRUNN. Company moved to this area from SHIPPACH, closing at 2100 hrs. By-passes were completed in WORTH. One platoon of the company assisted Co B in clearing roads. On 2 April the company cleaned and repaired arms and equipment. Checked trails for mines. On 3 April the company moved from WEIBERSBRUNN to BISCHBORNHOF, closing at 0945 hrs. Company was in general engineer support of the 30th Inf on 4 April. At 1730 hrs the company moved approx 15 miles to RUPPERTSHUTTEN. 5 April the company moved at 0930 hrs to RIENECK. Supported 30th Inf and maintainedregt'l supply routes. On 6 April the company moved to WARTMANNSROTH, closing at 1230 hrs. 7 Road-blocks were removed. Regt'l supply routes were maintained and a ford kept in good condition at N-4371. 32 kms of road were cleared. Rubble was cleared in WAITZENBACH, and trail from N-370680 to N-420698 was improved. On 7 April the company moved from WARTMANNSROTH to THULBA. Company was in direct support of the 30th Inf. 45 kms of road were cleared. A ford was prepared at N-528735. 6 bomb craters in road were filled. Craters between RJ N-534716 and RJ N-556744. Blown bridge at N-556700 was repaired to take jeep traffic. 8 April the company moved to BAD KISSINGEN. Blown overhead RR bridge was cleared from road. Bridge across Saale River in BAD KISSINGEN was reinforced to Cl 16. Three road craters were filled at N-685784, N-687781 and N-689779. 9 April moved to RANNUNGEN, traveling approx 8 miles and closing at 1600 hrs. Two 500-1b bombs that were to be used as demolition for blowing culvert at N-7373 were defused. On 10th April the company remained at RANNUNGEN. Two vehicles were removed from the road in town. 39 kms of road were cleared.

## Period 11 April thru 20 April

Bn Hg: While the Inf Regts of the Div were clearing out the rear area thru which the Div had just passed on 10 April, the CP remained at MASSBACH. Most of the day was spent in cleaning and repairing equipment. On 12 April the CP moved to KNETZGAU. across the Main River, which had been crossed during the day. CP left MASSBACH at 1400 hrs and closed into new area at 2100 hrs. CP in operation at 2130 hrs. 13 April the company moved to TRABELSDORF, leaving the old area at 1445 hrs and closing into the new area at 1650 hrs. Continual reconnaissance was being carried out in the forward areas to keep up with the rapidly-moving situation. 14 April the CP moved to FRENSDORD, closing at 1545 hrs. CP was estab and in operation at 1615 hrs. 15 April at 1430 hrs the CP moved to ROTTENBACH, closing at 1700 hrs. At 1820 hrs, 16 April the CP moved to NEUNKIRCHEN, closing at 1940 hrs. Several enemy planes were over and dropped AP bombs near the area, but none landed in immediate vic of CP. Enemy planes came in off and on for about an hour, boming and strafing. On 17 April the CP moved to BUCHENBUHL, closing at 1700 hrs. Some shelling in the vic took place from the AA defenses near NURNBUEG. Enemy planes were over again and straffed near the area. On 18 April the CP remained in BUCHENBUHL. 19 April the CP moved into the outskirts of NURNBURG at 1915 hrs. Just as the CP moved in, some S/A fire came into the area. A check was made of the immediate vic for snipers, but none were found. Shots could have been stray ones from the street fighting that was going on not too far off. Just before dark several enemy planes came over, but no bombs were dropped. It LINDLEY, Bn Recon Off, was promoted to 1st Lt as of 16 April. On 20 April the CP remained at

NURNBURG. Normal duties were carried out. Reconnaissance was made of the city to check streets and to get those that were blocked cleared out.

H & S Co: As the period opened the company was in the process of moving to VOLKERTS-HAUSEN from BAD KISSINGEN, closing into the new area at 1330 hrs. Mr BREWER, Bn Motor Officer, left on TDY to the rest camp on the Riviera. On 12 April 4 enemy soldiers were captured by the company. The PWs were attempting to hide in a nearby wooded area. At 1400 hrs the company moved 1 mile W of UCHENHOFEN, closing at 1530 hrs. Local security was estab. On 13 April the company moved to TRABELSDORF; leaving the old area at 0100 hrs, bivouacking enroute due to the tactical situation, and closing into the new area at 1500 hrs. 14 April the company moved to ERIAU, leaving the old area at 0900 hrs and closing at 0945. Three water points in operation -- also Div Engr Supply dump. 15 April the company moved to ADELSDORF at 1400 hrs and arrived new location at 1600 hrs. Two PWs taken in woods near area. On 16 April the company remained at ADELS-DORF. Supplies were hauled and issued. 17 April the company moved to NEUNKIRCHEN. leaving the old area at 0700 hrs and closing into the new area at 1000 hrs. CP and Div Engr Supply dump estab. Three water points in operation. On 18 April the company remained at NEUNKIRCHEN. All vehicles were cleaned and new markings painted on bumpers. Bn Hg vehicles were also repaired and checked insofar as possible. On 19 April one EM was killed and two wounded when the tank-dozer crew was fired upon by an enemy bazooka in the outskirts of NURNBERG while attempting to clear a road-block in the 7th Inf sector. On 20 April the company moved into the outskirts of NURNBERG, leaving the old area at 1445 hrs and closing into the new area at 1630 hrs. CP estab. local security and Div Engr Supply dump also established.

Co A: As the period opened the company was located at WEETRINGEN. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons moved out in support of the assault Bns of the 7th Inf. 1st Platoon was attached to Co C and made preparations for constructing a footbridge across the Main River. At 1800 hrs the remainder of the company departed from the old area and arrived at HOLZHAUSEN at 0130, 12 April. At 1000 hrs 12 April the company moved to HASZFURT. 2nd Platoon with 1st and 2nd Bns, 7th Inf. 3rd Platoon with 3rd Bn, 7th Inf along with the tank-dozer. 41 kms of road were cleared. Road-blocks at N-977630 and N-965627 were removed and a by-pass constructed at N-979629. Footbridge across Main River at N-941609 was constructed. At 2100 hrs company departed from HASZFURT and closed at WOHNAU at 0030 13 April. On 13 April 30 kms of road were cleared and checked. 144 ft of footbridge was dismantled at N-941609. At 1700 hrs the company departed from the old area and arrived at LISBERG at 1900 hrs. On 14 April the company moved from LISBERG at 1330 hrs and arrived at UNT AURACH at 1415 hrs. 1st Platoon repaired culvert. 2nd Platoon was attached to Co C, and one squad and 3 volunteer demolition men sent out with Div Task Force. On 15 April the company moved from UNT AURACH to ROTTENBACH. 1st Platoon attached to Co C for river crossing. I squad of 3rd Platoon built duckboards for footbridge. 1st squad of 3rd Platoon with Elliott Task Force. 3 EM with Roseberry Task Force. Company alerted to the 7th Inf across the Regnitz River in the vic of BAIERS-DORF. On 16 April the company left ROTTENBACH at 1240 hrs, crossed the Main River on a treadway bridge and stopped at BUBENREUTH at 1415 hrs. At 1500 hrs company left BUBENREUTH and traveled to ERLANGEN, closing at 1530 hrs. Three EM with task force returned to the company. Task force was attempting to capture bridge intact at BAIERS-DORF, but the mission was unsuccessful. 1st and 2nd Platoons on duty with Co C at Main River crossings. 1st squad of 3rd Platoon with 7th Inf task force. On 17 April company moved from ERLANGEN at 1430 hrs and closed at TENNENIOHE at 1500 hrs. 3rd Platoon worked in support of the 7th Inf. 22 kms of road were cleared. Supply section shuttled last load of supplies across river in the morning. 18 April the company departed from TENNENIOHE at 1230 hrs and arrived at BUCH at 1330 hrs. 3rd Platoon worked in support of 7th Inf. D-7 dozer with 7th Inf. 1st Platoon reld 3rd Platoon at 0800

hours. 14 kms of road cleared. Rubble was cleared in suburbs of NURNBURG. On 19 April the company remained at BUCH. 1st squad of 3rd Platoon cleared 6 road-blocks in NURN-BURG. 1st Platoon and D-7 dozer cleared 6 road-blocks and filled 3 craters in 1st Bn, 7th Inf area. 2nd Platoon: 1 squad with each Bn of the 7th Inf checking for mines and booby-traps in NURNBURG. On 20 April 3rd Platoon cleared streets in NURNBURG with Tank-dozer. Two road-blocks removed in 2nd Bn, 7th Inf sector. One squad with each Bn still checking for mines and booby-traps. Tank-dozer was fired at on 19 April by an enemy bazooka at 0-413018. One EM killed and two wounded.

Co B: On 11 April the company, at 1400 hrs, moved from vic of RANNUNGEN to VOLKERTS-HAUSEN. Line platoons remained in the company area preparing for river crossing across the Main River. On 12 April company crossed Main River, one platoon manning assault boats for the crossing. At 0930 hrs company moved to KNETZGEN. 1st and 2nd Platoons worked with the Inf clearing and repairing roads. 3rd Platoon remained with company. On 13 April company moved to TRUNSTADT at 1330 hrs. 1st Platoon remained in reserve. 2nd Platoon worked with 2nd Bn, 15th Inf in the attack along the Main River. 3rd Platoon worked with the 1st Bn. 15th Inf. 75 kms of road were cleared. Crater was filled at 0-040545. 4 gasoline-powered "doodle-bugs" were disarmed at 0-202448, and one at 0-181516. Five exploded "doodle-bugs" were found at 0-181516. The company moved to GAUSTADT at 1900 hrs on 14 April. All 3 line platoons worked in support of the 15th Inf in the attack SW along the Main River. On 15 April company moved from old area at 1700 hrs and convoyed 10 miles to ROBERSDORF. At 1800 hrs company moved out from ROBERS-DORF and traveled to HEROLDSBACH. 1st and 3rd Platoons remained in support of the 15th Inf. 2nd Platoon remained in reserve. Bridge at 0-351353 was repaired to Cl 8. At 1330 hrs, 16 April, company moved from HEROLDSBACH to NEWNKIRCHEN. 2nd and 3rd Platoons left company at 0200 hrs this AM to work in support of the 15th Inf. At 1000 hrs, 17 April, company moved to HEROLDSBERG. 1st Platoon with D-7 dozer worked in support of the 1st Bn, 15th Inf. 2nd Platoon left company after arrival at new area to work with the Inf near BUCHENBUHL. 600 yds of fallen trees were cleared vic 0-4607. 73 Panzer Schnell mines were removed from the same area. On 18 April company left old area at 1330 hrs and moved 4 miles to SCHAHOF. Three line plateons worked in support of the 15th Inf vic of NURNBERG. On 19 April company remained in present location and continued to support 15th Inf in the outskirts of NURNBERG. 9 kms of roads were cleared. Road-blocks at 0-430020 and 0-428018. As the period closed the line platoons continued to work with the 15th Inf in the attack on NURNBERG. Rubble was cleared from the streets and mines and road-blocks were removed.

Co C: As the period opened the company was in direct support of the 30th Inf, preparing to man 30 assault boats for the Main River crossing. The river was crossed with assault boats and footbridges in the vic of UNT THERES AND OB THERES. All roads in the regt 1 sector were cleared. At 1930 hrs company moved approx 9 miles to BUCH. On 12 April company continued in support of 30th Inf. Approx 300 yds of felled trees were removed from road vic N-972518. By-pass and culvert at 0-123437 were constructed. Footbridge was maintained across Main River. Road recon was made of roads in regt'l sector, At 1530 hrs company moved across Main River to new area at UNT SCHWAPPACH. On 13 April company continued in support of 30th Inf. Two road-blocks were removed at WESTHEIM. A fill and culvert were installed at SCHONBRUNN. Two road-blocks removed at SCHINDEISEE. Company moved to new bivouac at 1430 hrs, closing at FALSBRUNN. On 14 April a ford for tanks was constructed at 0-2439. The bridge at MEDBACH was reinforced. A by-pass was constructed at HOCHSTADT. At 2015 hrs the company moved to ETZELSKIRCHEN. Performed ground recon of Regnitz River, vic of MOHRENDORF. Company stood by with 30 assault boats and 20 6-man rubber recon boats and 204' of M-1938 footbridge. On 15 April company supported 30th Inf for crossing the Regnitz River. Also maintained by-pass at HOCHSTADT. At 1230 hrs company moved to ROTTENBACH. On 16 April company continued supporting 30th Inf in their crossing of Regnitz River. Removed road blocks, reinforced bridges and

filled craters along the axis of advance. At 1700 hrs company moved across river on Armored Force Treadway bridge and continued on to NEUNKIRCHEN. On 17 April company stood by to support 30th Inf in attack on NURNBERG. Company moved to HEROLDSBERG at 1530 hrs. Filled 3 bomb craters. On 18 April company worked in attack on NURNBERG. 10 kms of road were cleared and a by-pass was opened abound blown RR overhead crossing, at 0-463027. Rubble was cleared in the suburbs of NURNBERG. On 19 and 20 April company remained at NURNBERG. Work continued in clearing streets of rubble and road-blocks. On 20 April a glag-pole was erected in Adolph Hitler Square for a Div ceremony.

## Period 21 April thru 30 April

Bn Hq: As the period opened the Bn CP was located at NURNBERG. The staff was active in making recons of the city for roads and bridges that needed repair. All vehicles were being checked and touched up with paint. CP prepared to move with the rest of the Bn the following day to a rest and training area. On 22 April at 1530 hrs the Bn moved as a body to the vic of OBER RIMBACH approx 70 miles SW of NURNBERG. closing at 2230 hrs. CP was estab and in operation by 2245 hrs. Only radio communication with Div advance section was available. On 23 April at 1530 hrs the CP moved to CREGLINGEN closing at 1630 hrs. CP was moved because a better area was available. CP in operation by 1700 hrs. On 24 April the CP moved again, this time due to the fact that Div orders had been changed and the Div was not being reld. This time the move was made to KIRS-CHEIM, CP slosing at 2130 hrs. Radio comm estab with Div. On 25 April CP moved to KICKLINGEN at 1400 hrs. Comm was estab with Div at 1700 hrs. On 26 April CP left KICK-LINGEN at 1845 hrs and arrived at WERTINGEN at 2000 hrs. CP estab and in operation at 2030 hrs. Tel comm with Dit was in at 2030 hrs also. Entire situation seemed to be breaking up somewhat. Moves became rapid and frequent. On 27 April CP moved from WERT-INGEN to AFFALTERN, closing at 2000 hrs. Comm and CP estab by 2030 hrs. 28 April CP moved into the outskirts of AUGSBURG. There was little work to be done in the city other than checking, repairing and installing some bridges. It was necessary to clear out some road-blocks, but these were not numerous. CP arrived in AUGSBURG at 1830 hrs. Comm with Div was estab by 1930 hrs. On 29 April CP departed AUGSBURG at 1830 and moved to FURSTENFELDBRUCK, closing at 2130 hrs. On 30 April the CP moved to AUBING, a suburb of MUNICH. There was little enemy activity in the area from the enemy AA defenses on the far side of town. CP moved into AUBING at 1500 hrs. That night recon was sent into the city which had surrendered. Recon was to check routes and bridges. Much festivity in the city was noted.

H & S Co: As the period opened the company was located in NURNBERG. Repair and maintenance of equipment was being carried out insofar as possible with the limited time available. On22 April the company left NURNBERG in Bn convoy for vic of OBER RIMBACH. Distance traveled was approx 70 miles. On 23 April the company moved over into CREGLINGEN where a better bivouac area was available. Company departed at 1600 hrs and closed at 1730 hrs. On 25 April company departed CREGLINGEN for KICKLINGEN, closing at 2000 hrs. Distance traveled—120 miles. Company remained at KICKLINGEN on 26 and 27 April cleaning and repairing equipment. 28 April the company departed KICKLINGEN at 1230 hrs and arrived at GERSTHOFEN at 1730 hrs. CP and Div Engr Supply dump estab. Capt JOSLIN, Co Comdr, departed for TDY in U.S. On 30 April the company moved to NEUAUBING, departing the old area at 1400 hrs and closed into new area at 1615 hrs. CP and Div Engr Dump established.

CO A: As the period opened the company was occupied in clearing the city of NURNBERG. Company cleaned and repaired vehiclesaand equipment. On 22 April company moved in Bn convoy to vic of OBER RIMBACH, setting up bivouac area in SCHMERBACH. Only one mishap

occurred during the move when a pole-type trailer pulled loose from the hitch. All vehicles completed the move. On 24 April company left SCHMERBACH at 1530 hrs and moved to KIRCHHEIM. closing at 2140 hrs. On 25 April company left KIRCHHEIM at 0300 hrs and arrived KICKLINGEN at 0700 hrs. On 26 April company left KICKLINGEN at 1230 hrs and moved to HIRSCHBACH, closing at 1300 hrs. 1st Platoon in support of 1st Bn, 7th Inf with footbridge and assault boats. 2nd and 3rd Platoons in support of the respective Bns. Preparations made for crossing Lech River. Company remained at HIRSCHBACH on 27 April. 2nd Platoon supported 1st Bn, 7th Inf. 3rd Platoon supported 3rd Bn. Fixed jeep and 12 bridge at HOLZEN and fixed by-pass at ALIMANSHOFEN. Footbridge equipment and assault boats in company area. 28 kms of road cleared. 27 April company moved to HERBERTSHOFEN. Company left HERBERTSHOFEN at 2000 hrs and moved to BAHNHOF-GABLINGEN airfield at 2100 hrs. 1st Platoon was in support of 7th Inf river crossing. 2nd Platoon in support of 2nd Bn, 7th Inf; 3rd Platoon in support of 1st Bn. 25 kms of road cleared. Blown bridge at Y-280858 was repaired and damaged Armored Force Treadway bridge (dry) at Y-284948 was fixed. On 29 April company moved from old area at 0645 hrs to FURSTENFELDBRUCK, closing at 1900 hrs. All vehicles completed the trip. Company moved from old area to GRAFELFING. 1st Platoon supported 3rd Bn, 7th Inf Task Force. 3rd Platoon in direct support of 2nd Bn, 7th Inf. 2nd Platoon maintained by-pass and filled craters.

Co B: As the period opened the company was in the process of cleaning up the city of NURNBERG. On 22 April the company moved in Bn convoy to FINSTERLOHR in the vic of OBER RIMBACH. 1st Platoon remained in NURNBERG and washed vehicles. 2nd and 3rd Platoons worked on auditorium and parade ground in NURNBERG before move. On 24 April company moved to KIRCHHEIM. 1st Platoon left area at 1800 to work in support of 15th Inf. On 25 April company moved 52 miles to 1 mi SE DILLIGEN. 1stbPlatoon returned to bivouac area at 1100 after working in support of 15th Inf. 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained in bivouac cleaning and repairing equipment. 3rd Platoon relieved 1st Platoon at 1100 hrs. On 26 April company moved from old area at 1030 hrs and closed at LAUGNA. 2nd Platoon repaired bridge over the canal in WERTINGEN by putting in planking over original decking. 3rd Platoon worked in support of 2nd Bn, 15th Inf. 54 kms of road were cleared. At 1115 hrs 27 April company moved to AFFALTERN. 1st Platoon worked in support of 3rd Bn 15th Inf. 3rd Platoon continued to work with 2nd Bn, 15th Inf. 57 kms of road were cleared. On 28 April company moved from old area to KRIEGSHABER at 0930 hrs. 1st Platoon constructed by-pass, repaired roads and inspected bridges in support of 2nd Bn. 15th Inf. 2nd Platoon repaired bridges, removed charges from bridges and checked for mines in support of 1st Bn, 15th Inf. On 29 April company remained in present area but cleared roads and removed mines from around AUGSBURG. One platoon with 14 assault boats prepared for river crossing operation. On 30 April company moved to FREIHAM. at 2100 hrs. 1st Platoon constructed by-pass on autobahn E of AUGSBURG. 2nd and 3rd Platoons remained with company.

Co C: As the period opened the company was helping clean up the city of NURNBERG. On 22 April the company moved in Bn convoy to ARCHSHOFEN in the vic of OBER RIMBACH. On 23 April company cleaned and repaired equipment. 24 April one platoon moved out in direct support of the 30th Inf and the remainder of the company moved to NERESHEIM—a distance of approx 75 miles. On 25 April the company moved to KICKLINGEN. 8 Schu mines were removed and road craters filled. 2 by-passes were built around booby-trapped road-blocks. On 26 April company moved to WERTINGEN. Bridge in town was repaired. One platoon in support of 7th Inf for river crossing. Platoon working under Co A. On 27 Apr two bridges repaired at EISENBRECHTSHOFEN. Company alerted for river crossing. Blown bridge at Y-283943 was repaired. On 28 April on platoon prepared to move with task force Company moved to LECHHAUSEN. On 29 Apr company moved to FUSBERG. 1 platoon with task force. 1 platoon in direct support of 1st & 2nd Bns 30th Inf/ Close of period company

was located at MUNICH-LAIM. One Platoon continued in support 30th Inf task force. 12 100-lb bombs were removed from bridge at Y-6661. One road-block and debris was cleared from bridge.

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