AFTER ACTION REPORT

99th Arm Troops
April 45

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.
THRU: Commanding General, 99th Infantry Division, APO 449.

1 May 1945

a. Section I - Authority: paragraph 10, change 4, AR 345–105, 10 Aug 1944.

b. Section II - Introduction:

1. During the period 1–30 April 1945, the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was an organic part of the 99th Infantry Division. The Commanders were:
   a. 99th Infantry Division - Major General Walter E. Lauer.
   b. 99th Reconnaissance Troop - Captain Roy C. Lueders.

2. Composition of the 99th Reconnaissance Troop:
   a. Units detached - On 16 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the Provost Marshal 99th Infantry Division, to guard and escort prisoners of war to higher echelons.
   2. On 20 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the 394th Infantry Regiment.
   3. On 23 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the 394th Infantry Regiment.
   b. Units attached - On 23 April 1945, one I & H Platoon of the 394th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 99th Rcn Troop.

3. Maps: Marburg - 1/100,000 Sheet R-3
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BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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c. Section III - Report of Operations:

a & b 1. On April 2d and 3rd, 1945, the 1st and 2d Platoons conducted security patrols in the morning and afternoons to the west of Division zone to determine the presence of friendly or enemy troops. No enemy were contacted.

2. On 4 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop conducted route reconnaissance and contacted the Ninth Division in the north and the Eighth Division in the south. No enemy contact.

3. On 5 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was given mission of flank security and contact patrols on the south flank of the Division zone. Troop reconnoitered area bounded by towns of Raunland (G45705), Werderhausen (G43565), Laspe (G475590), Ludwigshütte (G540585), Wolfsen (G609660), and Schwarzhansen (G520699). Five prisoners captured.

4. On 6 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was given mission of maintaining contact with the Eighth Inf Div on the left flank of Division zone and securing the rear and flank of 393 Inf Regiment on left flank of Division zone. Area reconnoitered bounded by towns of Buggelhausen (G430710), Hemschlar (G446685), Werdenhausen (G430660), Schamda (G430630), and Puppershar (G405625). Four prisoners captured.

5. On 7 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was given mission of maintaining contact with the Ninth Inf Div on the left flank and reconnoitered rear area and left flank of Division zone. Reconnoitered area bounded by Wengeshausen (G399745), northeast to G417743, southeast to G417743, Raunland (G458703), Hemschlar (G446685), Schamda (G430630), Buggelhausen (G430710), and Aue (G395725). One enemy killed and one captured during period.

6. On 8 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact on left flank with Eighth Inf Div until 0900 hours. Reconnoitered areas bounded by G307783, G337783, G389749, G360110, G347740, G327750, G335768 and G330778.

7. On 9 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact on south flank of Division zone and screened rear area and south flank of Division zone. Reconnoitered area bounded by Oberhuchen (G310765), G350778, G385783, G383784, G396697, Bukefuhl (G393882), Berkelback (G375685), G317765, G317739, and G328750. No enemy contact.

8. On 10 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact with the 86th Inf Div on left flank and screened area in rear of 393rd and 395th Inf Regiments bounded by Fleckenburg (G367820), Saalhausen (G333800), G274-815, Altenhunden (G277787), Werdenhausen (G275765), Oberhunden (G310767). One platoon reinforced with two sections secured town of Altenhunden (G210785). Maintained contact with 86th Inf Div on left flank until 1300. No enemy contact.

9. On 11 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop screened area in rear of 393rd and 395th Inf Regiments bounded by Selberhe (G290773), Forntentrop (G260768), Altenhunden (G210785), Weiss (G233090), Haldenphon (G282850), Bracht (G230855), Werntrop (G323887), Saalhausen (G309380). One platoon reinforced by two sections secured town of Altenhunden (G210785). Maintained contact with 86th Inf Div on left flank until 1300. No enemy contact.

10. On 12 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop screened area in rear of the
10. 393rd and 395th Inf Regiments. Reconnoitered area bounded by Neubruck (G160860), Ostentron (G260885), Fretten (G220884), Oberlauer (G217884), Barmack (G265830), Laringe (238788), Fauke (G215795), Trevenbruck (G200830). No enemy contact.

11. On 13 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop screened area in rear of 393rd and 395th Inf Regiments. Reconnoitered area bounded by Fretten (G220885), Affeln (G089975), Ienhausen (G163894), Altenaffeln (G102971), Allendorf (G153983), Hagen (G160960), Rommesprin (G017914). Thirteen prisoners captured.

12. On 14 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact between 393rd and 395th Inf Regiments. Two platoons established road blocks at 002018 and 0027017 at 0630 hours. Thirteen prisoners taken.

13. On 15 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact between the 393rd and 395th Inf Regiments. Three officers and 114 men taken prisoner.

14. On 16 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop conducted dismounted patrols in vicinity of Ihmtz Germany, 55 prisoners taken.

15. On 17 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop conducted dismounted patrols in vicinity of Ihmtz Germany, 97 prisoners taken.

16. On 21 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the 39th Inf Regiment and executed reconnaissance line to Roth (T5u0778), Schwand (T461830) and Wendelstein (T755895). Troop screened movement of the division. Four prisoners taken.

17. On 22 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop continued to screen movement of Division, occupying line running from Rothe (T5u0778), Schwand (T461830), Wendelstein (T755895). Six prisoners taken.

18. On 23 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop with an I & R Platoons of the 39th Inf Regiment attached, executed reconnaissance in zone bounded by Schwand (T5u1830), Furth (T85845), Neureuth (T513893), Altersburg (T545780), Hilpoltstein (T515713) and Nembuhl (T526765). Three prisoners captured.

19. On 24 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained liaison with the 32d Cavalry Squadron and 39th Inf Regiment on left flank of Division zone. Troop screened zone behind the 2d and 3rd Battalion, 39th Inf Regiment.

20. On 26 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact and liaison with the 32d Cavalry Squadron and 39th Inf Regiment on left flank of Division zone. Troop screened the zone behind the 2d and 3rd Battalions, 39th Inf Regiment. Seven prisoners captured.

21. On 27 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop maintained contact and liaison with the 32d Cavalry Squadron and 39th Inf Regiment on left flank of Division zone. Troop screened the zone behind the 2d and 3rd Battalions, 39th Inf Regt. Fourteen prisoners captured.

22. On 29 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop given mission of protecting left rear flank of the 39th Inf Regiment. 37 prisoners captured.

23. On 30 April 1945 the 99th Reconnaissance Troop given mission of screening rear area of 39th Inf Regiment at 1330 hours. 95 prisoners captured.
c. 1. The enemy forces encountered by the 99th Reconnaissance Troop during the period 1 April through 30 April 1945, consisted of a miscellaneous assortment of German organizations including personnel from the Transportation Corps, Volkstrum, Anti-aircraft units, Replacement Battalions, SS troops, and Volks grenadiers.

d. The enemy made little use of mines, but blew up many bridges at key points. Many road blocks were encountered consisting of blown trees.

e. During the mopping up of the Ruhr pocket there was little employment of enemy air force. The only air activity consisted of after dark reconnaissance by a single plane. Very little artillery fire was encountered. The enemy was very much disorganized and rear units were mixed with combat units, all trying to withdraw.

f. German troops captured by this organization were willing to talk and tell everything they knew, although a lot of the information volunteered by the prisoners was found to be untrue.

g. The majority of the civilian population seemed to be reconciled to the situation of troops occupying their homes, towns and country, and no hostile acts have been committed in the open. A friendly attitude seems to prevail among the civilians but they definitely cannot be trusted.

h. The terrain in the eastern part of the Ruhr pocket in the vicinity of Berleburg (G460722) was hilly and heavily wooded. The weather was warm and clear, with a few wet days. The terrain south from Nurnberg (T420995) to Landshut (U 260025) was fairly level with rolling hills and scattered woods. It has been chilly and snow fell on 30 April 1945.

i. Special weapons - None.

j. Assistance from supporting artillery in the Ruhr pocket was not needed due to the rapid movement of the organization. Assistance from the Engineers was needed in the case of blown bridges.

In the area south of Nurnberg (T420995), the enemy resistance being more organized, assistance from the artillery was needed to reduce enemy positions. Assistance was also needed by the Engineers to clear road blocks and build bridges which had been blown.

k. Use of bayonets, grenades, flame-throwers, etc - Nothing to report.

D. Section IV - Supply & Evacuation.

1. Quartermaster - All Quartermaster functions have been good. The Quartermaster has kept supplies up even though the troop has been making rapid progress.

2. Ordnance - Ordnance supply is good. Most parts are plentiful. Very few parts are un-obtainable.

3. Transportation - Nothing to report.

4. Engineer -

a. Water supply: Water supply is no problem and can be obtained easily.
b. Traffic, condition of road nets - The roads are good and there is a good road net in the Ruhr. The area south of Nurnburg (742000G) has a good road net but due to rapid movement of troops and construction of bridges, traffic has been very heavy.

c. Construction and Maintenance - Most maintenance work has consisted of repairing of punctured tires due to shell fragments, bullets and all kinds of metal objects.

(5) Evacuation of Casualties:

a. Number treated by unit surgeon - Seven.

b. Number evacuated to clearing station - Nine.

c. Number returned to duty - Seven.

e. Section V - Personnel.

(1) Casualty Report.

a. Killed in Action; no Officers, one enlisted man - Total One.

b. Missing in Action; no Officers, no enlisted men.

c. Wounded in Action; no Officers, four enlisted men - Total Four.

(2) Replacement received and casualties returned to duty.

a. Replacements; no Officers, two enlisted men - Total Two.

b. Returned from Hospital; no Officers, Seven enlisted men - Total Seven.

(3) Prisoners of War - None.

f. Section VI - Annexes.

(1) Lessons Learned - Nothing to report.

(2) Comments by Commanders if any - Nothing to report.

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