

BRUCHSAL, HEILBRONN AND LAUFFEN, GERMANY

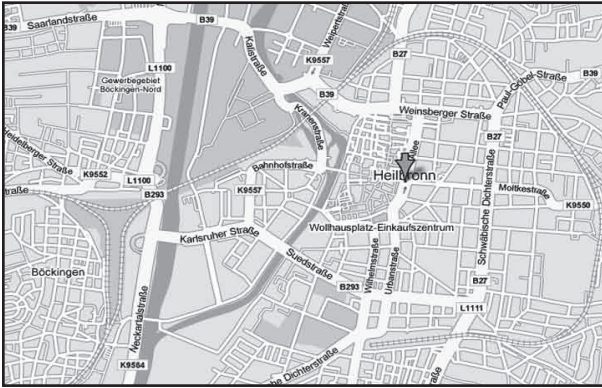
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By Monday, April 2, CC B had executed its plan to join CC A and CC R. Turning abruptly east,



Present day Bruchsal

CC B moved into the small berg of Bruchsal, capturing 3000 prisoners in the process. With the village safely in hand, CC B continued east towards Heilbronn and their rendezvous with CC A. With CC R positioned north of Hei-



Present day Heilbronn

Heilbronn.

Wednesday, April 4, while awaiting orders to proceed with the attack on Heilbronn, CC B encountered a small number of German infantry trapped on the west side of the Neckar River. After a short skirmish the German infantry realized the futility of further resis-

tance and surrendered themselves and their wounded.

Soon after their surrender, CC B was ordered about four miles south of Heilbronn to Lauffen. It was reported by airmen that a bridge across the Neckar River at that city remained intact. A detachment was sent to secure it, if it did exist, and if at all possible.

While CC B was in Lauffen, Heilbronn was attacked from the north by CC R and from the west

by CC A which crossed the Neckar River just west of Heilbronn along with the 100th and 63rd U.S. Infantry Divisions.

Heilbronn was heavily defended by the highly respected 17th Panzer Grenadier Division. However, this division was outdone by the two 10th Armored Divisions. Immediately after the initial attack on Heilbronn, CC A continued moving east to Crailsheim. CC B stayed behind temporarily with the 100th Infantry to break through the remaining defenses and establish a permanent foothold in Heilbronn before continuing the drive east.

