

OHRINGEN, GERMANY

day 48

Wednesday, April 11, the 10th Armored's orders were to move 25 miles west to Ohringen. The plan was to capture it and then continue west to join the



100th Infantry, which was left behind at Heilbronn and was currently advancing east of there.

The late winter snows had turned into early spring rain, constant and cold. The fields had turned soft and muddy. The roads between Kirchberg and Ohringen weren't in much better



Present day Ohringen

condition than the fields. Pavement and concrete cracked and crumbled under the steel treads of the long 10th Armored column.

On Thursday, April 12, the 10th Armored Division entered Ohringen which was heavily defended by both the German army and civilian groups. As they entered the city, they were fired upon with a hail of panzerfaust, artillery, and small arms fire.

To counter the enemy fire, fifty two cannon of the 10th Armored Infantry Division fired simultaneously into pinpoint sections of the town. With the Reserve Command arriving in Ohringen at 9:00 p.m., the town was under full siege at dawn the next day Friday, April 13. By mid-afternoon the Nazis withdrew from the burning town. After securing the city and squashing civilian resistance, several divisions continued west and made contact with the 100th Infantry six miles east of Heilbronn.

