**Hammelburg Raid Research Module**

**Definition**: Attempt to liberate American prisoners from German POW camp with an armored task force in 1945.

**NOTE**: The references below provide information relevant to this engagement. Use these references and supplement with your own research.

**HINT**: The decision to execute the Hammelburg Raid remains controversial to this day, given the personal connection between General Patton and one of the POWs. Keep your focus upon the tactical aspects of this operation rather than the controversy surrounding its origins.

**Electronic References listed by file name:**

 4AD AAR Extract

* Entries from the 4th Armored Division History compiled from wartime reports

37th Tank Bn AAR Extract

* Select entries from the battalion’s wartime AAR, covering the period FEB- MAY 1945
* **NOTE**: This source indicates Schweinfurt as the start point for the operation and the focus of a covering force that cleared a path through the town for TF Baum to pass. This reference is incorrect. It should be Schweinheim, which is very close to Aschaffenburg. Schweinheim is also referenced by other sources, including accounts by the American task force commander.

***Recommended Websites:***

<http://www.benning.army.mil/Library/>

* This is the website of the Donovan Research Library, which features an online catalogue and a host of different services, including JSTOR, through which to conduct research and access source material

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