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ETO ORDNANCE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 285

SUBJECT: Mud Grouser for Bergepanther Recovery Vehicle

Observations by: Capt. G.D. Drury, Ord.Tech.Intell.Team No. 1

1. General:

A Panther Bergewagen examined recently in First U.S. Army territory was found to be carrying mud grousers in addition to the previously reported chevron type grousers. A tag tied to one of them gave the name of "Berge Greifer".

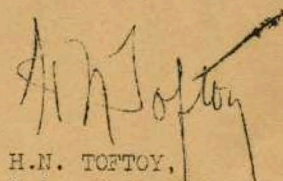
2. Description:

The grousers are cast steel and are of the single blade, snap-on type. The method of attachment is identical to that of the chevron type grouser described in ETO Ord. Tech. Intell. Report No. 118. Some of the grousers had been modified by welding small reinforcing plates between the base and the traction plate. (Photos 1 and 2, Appendix "A").

3. Dimensions:

Width.....	16-5/16 ins.
Length (along track, including stud, which protrudes 1/2 inch)...	3-1/2 ins.
Projection of grouser above sole bar of track.....	2-3/16 ins.

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Inclosure:

Appendix "A".. Photos 1 and 2

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Photo 1
Underside of base, showing spring-loaded catches and attaching lug. Grouser No. 1 is the modified type. Arrow points to weld of reinforcing plate.



Photo 2
Traction side of grousers showing reinforcing plate modification. Arrow points to weld.



