

S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0001, 1 Jan 45
 To : 2400, 1 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
0015		1	Call from Fancy 5, reporting that there was an attack in Cavalry Zone.
0100		2	OP called everything is quiet.
0145		3	Fancy 5 reports that a flight transport plane was flying in a SW direction.
	0155	4	Called Fancy 3 gave enemy situation.
0205		5	Report from OP planes heard flying in a N direction.
0220		6	Reported from OP, observed some tracer bullets and some artillery fire. No enemy patrols have been observed.
0230		7	Officer from Bridge Guard reported in the CP everything OK.
	0250	8	Called Fancy 3 and gave enemy situation.
0320		9	Call from Fancy 3 that at 250-675 one troop carrier plane dropped paratroopers.
0345		10	Report from OP that everything was quiet.
	0350	11	Called Fancy 3, and gave enemy situation.
0515		12	Report from Fame 2 - 4 Panzer Divisions are planning attack in this zone. Material received from PW was not of much help.
	0555	13	Called Fancy 3 and gave the enemy situation.
0625		14	Report from OP that it is quiet, saw one white flare.
0645		15	Received call from Fancy 3 - will remain in present assembly area until further notice.
	0650	16	Report from OP - all quiet.
	0655	17	Called Fancy 3 and gave the enemy situation.
	0750	18	Called Fancy 3 and gave the enemy situation.
0755		19	Call from Fancy 5 - 44th Division received 2 attacks, one with Battalion and one with a Company. Also 106th Cavalry withdraw from two towns.
	0745	20	Called Fancy 3 and gave enemy situation.
	0930	21	All 1st Sgts and S-1 left the CP for 1st Sgts meeting at Regiment.
1020		22	Received overlay 409th Infantry with order for Recon of positions and submit fire plan by 1430 1 Jan 45.
	1040	23	Bn S-3 left CP with Recon group to make a recon of new MLR.

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From 1040, 1 Jan 45
To 2400, 1 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
1125	1050	24	Called Fancy 3, gave enemy situation.
		25	Received information - that a friendly company was digging in to our north west. Line extending generally from 297-591 to 310-600.
1150		26	Rec group returned from rec of new MLR.
	1750	27	Easy OP reported in position and ready to operate. "G" company OP reported in position and ready to operate.
1820		28	Received message from Fancy 3 that we would consolidate the switch position. Move out at 0830. You be on the alert from 0700 to 0830. Work on AA Line, particular attention on right flank, tie in with 411th. 1200 orientation (3rd Bn) S-3 and HW Company Commander meet them at the road that goes north of town.
1850		29	Received report from OPs, 3 white flares seen at 359 degrees, AA to the NW. MG tracers seen at 23degrees. One plane went over.
2010		30	OPs submitted negative report.
2100		31	"G" OP reports very little artillery.
2215		32	"E" OP reports tracers at 315degrees at 3500 yds.
2250		33	Guard was reported checked and all is well.
2300		34	Received overlay showing 5th Ranger Battalion's positions, Photo Interpretation Report, Engineer Mine Field overlay. Bridges prepared for demolition by the Engineer Group, Barrier Defense Plan.
2300		35	Fancy 2 reported that enemy officers were dressed in American uniforms and riding around in jeeps giving false information. Said to be circulating in Div area.
	2300	36	All companies notified on Message from Fancy 2.

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From 0100, 2 Jan 45

To 2400, 2 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc.
0105		1	"G" Co OP reports limited action.
	1100	2	Bn S-3 left the CP with Company Commanders to contact the 3rd Bn for orientation.
	1330	3	S-1 left the CP with two Sgts from "G" Co to be interviewed by Fancy 5.
1355		4	Fancy 3 Sergeant called and gave the message that if we had constructed any new installations on the AA Line, we would submit some overlay to Fancy 3 by 1700 tonight.
1615		5	Fancy 3 Sergeant called and gave us orders for compliance.
1736		6	"E" Co OP reported hearing loud rumbling at 280 degrees.
1800		7	"G" Co OP reported hearing a rumbling noise and a red flare was seen at 23degrees.
1900		8	Company Commanders' meeting at 1900.
	2230	9	Company Commanders' meeting closed.
2350		10	Bridge Patrol Officer reported everything okay.

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From 0100, 3 Jan 45
To 2400, 3 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc.
	0915	1	Bn S-3 left on Rec of 3rd Bn area zone.
	1015	2	BN CO left CP.
1140		3	Bn S-3 returned from Rec.
1200		4	Six American flyers picked up in our zone after bailing out from B-24 plane.
1215		5	Battalion CO returned to CP.
	1300	6	Aviators left CP for Regimental CP.
	1300	7	Battalion CO left CP.
1910		8	"G" CP reported heavy artillery fire at 360 degrees, range 3000 - 4000.

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From 0100, 4 Jan 45

To 2400, 4 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc.
0040		1	Received overlay of new MLR, plan A-1.
0215		2	Received overlay of fire plan for new MLR.
0630		3	Received overlay showing Maginot Defenses.
	0835	4	Called Fancy 2 for correct time.
	0930	5	Bn CO, Bn S-3, Bn S-2 and Hv Wpns CO left the CP.
0945		6	Regimental Commander and S-3 visited CP.
	1050	7	Regimental Commander and S-3 left CP.
1220		8	Bn CO, S-3, S-2, and Hv Wpns CO returned to the CP.
1330		9	During course of afternoon Bn staff formulated plans for withdrawal to new MLR.
1445		10	First Sergeants' meeting on morning reports.
1448		11	Two Cameramen visited CP in order of getting permission to take pictures of defensive positions.
1700		12	Co's closed in area after working on AA Line.
1830		13	"G" OP reported two flashes of light at 10 degrees, range 1000 yards. Object moved approximately 600 yards left then again the flashes were seen.
	1915	14	Bn S-3 left for the Regimental CP to deliver the plans for occupation of the new MLR.
2045		15	Bn S-3 returned to the CP.
2100		16	Co CO meeting with special staff.

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From 0100, 5 Jan 45
To 2400, 5 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc.
	0840	1	Bn S-3 left CP with plan for occupation of the new MLR to go to 411th Infantry.
	0915	2	Bn CO left CP to inspect firing of bazookas.
1000		3	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1115		4	Bn S-3 returned from 411th Infantry.
1115		5	Fancy 4 visited CP.
1900		6	Bn CO had a conferance with all company commanders.

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From: 0100, 6 Jan 45

To : 2400, 6 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
0200		1	Received overlay and operations memo from Regimental Headquarters.
0715		2	Company Commanders' meeting and staff.
	0800	3	Company Commanders' meeting closed.
	0830	4	Bn S-3, S-2, Hv Wpns CO and Arty Liaison Officer left on reconnaissance.
1115		5	Rec party returned to the CP.
1310		6	Fame 5 and Fancy 6 visited the CP.
	1400	7	Overlay sent of Regimental CP.
	1430	8	Fancy 6 left CP.
	1600	9	Bn CO left CP to inspect test firing of wpns.
1645		10	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1830		11	Received 30 overlays with attached orders for possible future operations.
2000		12	"G" OP reported armor moving in Merlenbach.
	2005	13	Called Fancy War Room to find out if there were friendly armor in that area.
2015		14	Received 2 overlays with order from 409th Inf.

S-4 notes - drew rations, clothing and equipment at RSO at Helmer. They were distributed to companies. Picked up gas, water, mail, and ordnance spare parts and was issued to the companies.

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Private First Class Carl Belcher, Jr., 35655053, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of x x x, France, Private Belcher moved forward with the leading elements of his company in the attack on an enemy strongpoint. The advance was made under terrific enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the process of the move Private Belcher, keenly observed a wounded comrade lying helpless in the open terrain, 100 yards to his right, completely exposed to the withering enemy fire. Without hesitation, Private Belcher courageously crawled the entire distance to the side of his wounded comrade, as enemy fire raked his path. He quickly and efficiently administered first aid and on completion of this task realized evacuation from this precarious position was imperative. He picked up the wounded man and fearlessly carried him 150 yards over the fire-swept terrain to a position of cover. When he was certain his comrade was in a position of safety, he dashed to the forward elements of his company and continued the attack. Residence: Poco, West Virginia.

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From: 0100, 7 Jan 45

To : 2400, 7 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial Number	Messages, incidents etc
	0830	1	Bn S-3 left CP to make rec of positions to our rear.
0915		2	Regimental assistant S-3 visited CP to make check on overlay.
	0940	3	Regimental S-3 left CP.
1000		4	Fame 38 visited CP with the intentions of talking to Cpt Craddock about his EM in his Company.
	1045	5	Fame 38 left CP.
1130		6	Bn S-3 returned from reconnaissance.
1300		7	During course of the after noon, the S-3 section made up plans for delaying acting from the right Division boundary.
	1930	8	Plans for D1 and D2 with overlay was sent to Regiment.
2030		9	Received from 409th Infantry message to the effect that we would not use trip flares.

S-4 notes, picked up rations, wire from the RSO at Helmer. Distributed same to the companies. Returned to RSO for water, gas, and pyrotechnics- issued to companies. Arranged for bath unit for 8 Jan 45. Requested added pyrotechnics. Picked up 100 grenades.

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From: 0100, 8 Jan 45

To : 2400, 8 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
	0700	1	Companies moved out to AA Line.
	0830	2	Bn S-3 left to go to the 411th Inf to coordinate on withdrawal plan.
	0900	3	Bn Ex Officer went over to contact 103rd Rec Trps.
1000		4	Fancy 2 visited CP.
1115		5	Bn Ex Officer returned to the CP.
	1130	6	Fancy 2 left CP.
1315		7	Fancy 6 and 2 visited CP.
1345		8	Bn S-3 returned from 411th Inf.
	1430	9	Fancy 6, and 2 left CP.
1700		10	Companies returned to the assembly area.
1750		11	"G" OP checked in when in operations.
1800		12	"E" OP checked in when in operations.
2300		13	Fancy 2 called white 5 in regards to special mission.
	2315	14	Two and three companies notified not to move to the field tomorrow, 9 Jan 45.

S-4 Notes: Brought shower unit to Bn from Hellmer. Returned to RSO for clothing, broke it down and issued to companies.. Returned to RSO and picked up rations, gas, water, wire, gloves. Broke down rations and issued to companies.

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From: 0100, 9 Jan 45
 To : 2400, 9 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc
	0900	1	Fancy 2 Major Ray, CIC officer visited CP to talk with Fancy White 5 on plans for today's raid.
1100	0730	2	"E" Co moved out to the AA Line.
		3	Troops carriers arrived.
	1130	4	Troops moved out for raid on Seing bouse.
1145		5	Fancy 3, Fall 6, and Major Emering, 165 Engineer Officer visited CP to cordinate on demolitons and mines..
	1345	6	Fancy 3, Col Childs, Fall 6, and Maj Emering, Fall 3, Engineer Officer left.
1600		7	"F" and "G" returned from raid.
1630		8	White 5 returned from raid.
	1800	9	Map of Merlenback sent to Regiment for reproduction.
1900		10	Company commanders' meeting.
2200		11	Received reproduced maps back from Regiment.

S-4 Notes: Drew rations, gas, water at RSO.
 Issued rations to company kitchens.
 Brought shower unit from RSO and set up in Bn Area.
 Prepared report on CWS property as requested by regiment and turned over to Bn Gas Officer.
 Checked all Companies for shortages of T/E equipment.

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From: 0100, 10 Jan 45

To : 2400, 10 Jan 45

Place: Guenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0005		1	"G" OP reported track with lights moving east in Merlenbach at 350 degrees.
0130		2	"G" OP reported light on 350 degrees in Merlenbach. Same light was reported at 0005.
0615		3	Received call from Regimental Hqs that the Bn would move into Merlenbach and establish CP.
0730		4	Company commanders' meeting.
	0745	5	Bn S-1 left the CP to establish a forward CP.
	0800	6	Companies moved out for Merlenbach.
1000		7	Contact with the forward CP.
	1015	8	Bn CO left CP to go to Merlenbach.
1330		9	Fancy 5 visited CP to see White 6.
	1340	10	Fancy 5 left CP for Merlenbach.
1500		11	Fancy 5 visited CP.
	1515	12	Fancy 5 left CP.
1530		13	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1630		14	Received overlays from Regiment.
1730		15	"F" and "G" Company returned to assembly area.

S-4 Notes: Drew rations, gas, water, S-4 made the necessary distribution to the companies.

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From: 0100, 11 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 11 Jan 45.

Place: Muenviller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
	0330	1	"F" Co moved out for Merlenbach.
	0430	2	"G" Co moved out for Merlenbach.
	0530	3	"H" and Hqs with CP moved out for Merlenbach.
0558		4	Bn closed in assembly area and opened CP.
	0815	5	Bn CO and White 2 left on reconnaissance.
0915		6	Bn CO returned to the CP.
	0930	7	Bn S-3 left on rec with company COs.
1045		8	Received overlay from 409th Inf of 411th positions.
1115		9	Bn S-3 returned from rec with company commanders.
1315		10	Maj Emering from 165 Engineer's visited CP.
	1400	11	Maj Emering left CP.
1830		12	Lt Edwards visited CP to give purpose of giving us information of the 411th situations.

S-4 Notes: Picked up rations, gas, water, signal equipment, ordnance and property at RSO.

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From: 0100, 12 Jan 45.
 To : 2400, 12 Jan 45.

Place: Merlenbach, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0100		1	Received message from 409th Inf to the effect that this Bn would be prepared to (a) block enemy attack from direction of Forbach or Petite Rosselle (b) counter attack in the direction of Rosbuckoetin (c) Occupy positions on the 411th RRL. (d) Occupy AA positions.
0830		2	Fancy 6 entered CP with assistant S-3.
	0900	3	"P" Co took over out posts, N and E of town.
	0900	4	Bn S-3 left on rec for proposed plans.
1000		5	Liaison Officer from 411th come in with situation on overlay.
	1030	6	Company CO meeting with Fancy 1.
	1115	7	Meeting of Co CO's closed.
	1330	8	Bn CO left CP.
1430		9	Bn CO returned to CP.
1800		10	Overlay showing counter attack plan and defensive set up sent to 409th CP.
2000		11	Overlays sent to Cos showing withdraw to AA line, Counter attack plan and defensive positions.

S-4 Notes: Took inventory of ammunition set up in Bn. System for recording property receipts and distribution. Picked up rations, gas, water and ammunition at the RSO. Distributed rations, etc to the companies.

Property Books were inspected by assistant S-4. Books were found to be satisfactory. Meeting of Supply personnel for the purpose of explaining new system of property accounting.

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From: 0100, 13 Jan 45.
To : 2400, 13 Jan 45.

Place: Merlenbach, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
		1	Bn S-3 went on rec with "F" Co CO.
0930		2	Fame 2 entered the CP.
	1000	3	All officers and men in Bn took showers.
	1100	4	Bn CO left CP.
1145		5	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1430		6	Fame 3 and 8 and Aid entered CP.
	1515	7	Fame 3 and 8 and aid left CP.
1630		8	Fame 2 left CP.
	1800	9	"G" Co took over the town guard.
	1830	10	Officers and EM of Bn saw a movie prepared by special service in the town of Merlenbach.
2200		11	Received message from 409th Inf of quartering party will meet Regimental Hqs Co CO at 409th Inf CP at 0730, 14 Jan 45.

S-4 Notes: Turned in all excess and salvage material to RSO.
Picked up rations, gas, water, ordnance, demolitions at the RSO. Broke down and distributed rations and CE to Companies. Sent 3 hot meals to troops in Merlenbach. Reclaimed material left in Bn area.

S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 14 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 14 Jan 45.

Place: Merlenbach, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0635	1	Quartering Party left Merlenbach.
	0815	2	Bn CO, S-3, Hv Wpns Co CO went forward to the new area for rec.
	0945	3	Platoon leaders left for new area for rec.
	1020	4	Bn CO of the 142 Inf entered CP and notified us that his Bn was relieving us in Merlenbach.
1200		5	Quartering party entered the town of Niebardorn at 1200. Reconnaissance of area for quarters was successful. Sgt from Regimental IR notified us that we had to move on to Wort which was approximately 7 kilometers. Arrived at Wort and met advance prty composed of Bn Comm, S-3, and Heavy Weapons. Moved approximately 3 miles to 276 Inf Regiment CP planning on effective relief upon arrival of our troops which are due at 1930.
1230		6	Bn Motor column started moving to assembly area.
1350		7	409th Hqs Co motor vehicles joined column at the IP.
2000		8	Troops arrived in the town of Wort including Bn CP.
2000		9	The troops unloaded from the trucks and started moving into positions.

S-4 Notes: Picked up rations, gas, water, C/E at RSO made distribution to Bn at Merlenbach. Picked up movie unit at Hellimer and operator at Cappel, Took them to Merlenbach and set up for film to be shown to troops.

Issued rations to troops. Moved kitchens from Guenviller to Merlenbach.

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From: 0100, 15 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 15 Jan 45.

Place: Kuhbruck, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0730	1	Quartering Party left CP.
0300		2	Arrived at Mattstall 0800. Reconnaissance of area for quarters and was successful. Opened a temporary CP.
	0900	3	En CO left CP on rec with S-5.
	1000	4	CP moved up to Mattstall.
1415		5	En fire plan sent to Regimental CP.
1630		6	En S-5 returned to the CP.
1800		7	Received order for Regiment that we would stand to and move at 0715 in the morning.
			S-4 Notes: Picked up rations and ten miles of wire. Received and delivered K rations to the Aid Station. Reconnoitered new route and location for kitchen area. Issued K rations to the troops in Merlenbach. Moved En DF from Guenviller to Woerth.

S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 16 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 16 Jan 45.

Place: Mattstall, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
	0930	1	Bn CO and S-3 left CP for further rec of positions.
1215		2	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1445		3	Fancy 3 entered CP with the information that this Bn would have to extend its front.
	1530	4	Fancy 3 left CP.
1545		5	Received overlay and order from Regiment that we would extend our front.
1600		6	Bn CO held Co Commanders meeting.
	1615	7	Co Comdrs and White 3 left CP to get started on change of companies.
1800		8	Fancy war room called and wanted an account of the day's activity.
2300		9	White 3 and Hv Wpns Co Comdr returned to the CP.

S-4 Notes: Picked up gas and ammunition at RSO and 4 miles of wire.
 Spotted kitchens at Jaugen Schultzhaut.
 Picked up rations and ammunition.
 Established ammunition DP at Laugen Schultzlank.
 Companies fed a hot supper in vicinity of Mattstall.

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From: 0100, 17 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 17 Jan 45.

Place: Mattstall, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents etc
	0530	1	Called Fancy 3 to give situation and actions during the night.
0715		2	Companies held a stand too for two hours.
	0900	3	Bn S-3 left CP for further rec of positions.
1030		4	Fancy 6 and Fancy 3 visited the CP.
	1100	5	Fancy 6 and Fancy 3 left CP.
1300		6	Received fire plan from companies.
	1500	7	Overlay sent to Regimental CP.
1600		8	Bn S-3 returned to the CP.
	1730	9	Sent Regiment a report on the day's activity.
	2030	10	Overlays of mine fields, artillery concentrations and fire plan completed.
	2115	11	Patrol left from "F" company for right outpost.

S-4 Notes: Picked up gas and water cans at DF had them refilled at RSO and returned them to the kitchen area.

Picked up ammunition at RSO.

Turned in equipment (salvage) at RSO.

Delivered 8 trip flares and 50 fragmentation hand grenades to 328 Engineers.

Picked up water at RSO!

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Technical Sergeant Marlin Combs, 6888496, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment was awarded Bronze Star, for heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of xxx, Germany, Sergeant Combs, skillfully and courageously maneuvered a four man patrol into enemy territory to ascertain the exact location of hostile emplacements. Several previous patrols had been turned back as a result of the intense fire that was directed upon them as they approached the enemy strongpoints. Fully cognizant of these facts and realizing the imminent dangers confronting him, he, with utter disregard for his life, led his men forward in the face of withering fire. He purposely exposed himself to enemy observation in order to draw fire from the hostile emplacements. His boldness so confused the enemy they were forced to reveal their hidden emplacements hitherto undisclosed. After all the necessary information had been obtained, he skillfully withdrew his patrol to safety, without a casualty. As a result of Sergeant Combs' outstanding courage invaluable information relative to enemy defenses was reported to the tactical officers planning an attack, ultimately assisting greatly in the successful accomplishment of their mission. Residence: Bath, Kentucky.

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From: 0100, 18 January 45.
 To : 2400, 18 January 45.

Place: Mattstall, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0430		1	Patrol reported back in through "G" 's outpost..
	1000	2	Bn CO left CP to look over companies' positions.
1100		3	MG fire heard at 1500 yards to "E" Co's right front.
	1115	4	Bn S-3 left CP to go back to S-4 and then back to Cos positions.
1200		5	Regimental Dentist is working in our area.
1230		6	Received overlay of Regiment showing fire plan of 410th Inf. Also change in 2nd Plt "H" Co and overlay showing route of First Battalion Patrol.
1320		7	Bn CO returned to CP.
1335		8	Fox Co returned to the CP.
1335		9	Fox Co reported small arms fire 2000 yards right front.
	1445	10	White 5 went back to the kitchen area to inspect quarters and kitchens.
1615		11	"G" Co left Out Post reports snake on 25 degrees at 800.
1700		12	"F" Co reports of 4 rounds of artillery in front left positions.
1845		13	"F" Co reports white flare in front of out post.
1815		14	"G" reports 2 red flares 23 degrees 2 miles from 3rd PL.

S-4 Notes: Hot breakfast and 1/3 K rations for troops. Picked up gas at R30. Issued clean clothes to troops.
 Picked up rations at R30 and issued to kitchens.

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From: 0100, 19 Jan 45

To : 2400, 19 Jan 45

Place: Mattstall, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0040		1	Notice 1 white flare at 285 degrees. Noticed 1 white flare in a direct north direction. Noticed 2 white flares at 40 degrees. Noticed 1 white flare at 315 degrees.
0150		2	Noticed 1 white flare in direction of Wingen.
0220		3	Noticed 1 white flare - looked like white phos.
0225		4	Noticed 1 white flare in direction of Wingen.
0240		5	Noticed one red flare in vicinity of Wingen.
0300		6	Noticed one red flare.
0326		7	Noticed one red flare.
0330		8	Noticed one red flare at 20 degrees in vicinity of Wingen.
0345		9	Noticed one red flare in direct north direction.
0415		10	Noticed one red flare in direct north direction.
0422		11	Noticed one red flare in direct north direction.
0434		12	Notice one white flare in direct north direction.
	0845	13	White 5 went out to look over Company positions.
	0900	14	Bn CO left CP to go to Regiment.
1010		15	Fame 2 entered CP with three men from Rec troops.
1130		16	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1200		17	Bn CO left CP to go to Bn Supply Point.
1227		18	Received 11 replacements including 2 officers.
	1230	19	Fame 2 left CP.
1500		20	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1530		21	"F" Co OP No. 2 reports light on 356 degrees.
1910		22	Received call from Fancy 3 that all vehicàl movement in our area or to our front be reported immediately.
2320		23	Received report from "G" company that patrol ran in AP mine field, 1 was killed and 3 wounded.

S-4 Notes: Hot breakfast and 1/3 K rations to troops. Picked up C/E at RSO.
Drew Class 6 supplies and mail at the RSO.
Turned in salvage and excess property to RSO.
Drew and issued rations.
Moved Bn ammunition DP.
Hot supper fed to troops.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 20 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 20 Jan 45.

Place: Mattstall, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0830	1	Bn S-3 left CP to meet Fancy Blue 3 to tie in right flank.
1015		2	Questioned two prisoners from "E" Co which they had deserted their company since 14th of Jan 45. The two prisoners were questioned by the Bn S-1.
	1400	3	Bn CO left CP to go to Regiment for movement order.
1515		4	Bn CO returned from Regimental CP. Received over lay with route of withdrawal.
	1615	5	Quartering Party of the 2nd Bn left the town of Mattstall, France to arrange billeting of "G" Co and Hqs Co in the town of Schalkendorf, France, a distance of approx eighteen miles. Small elements of the Bn moved out to the assembly point in the town of Gangen-Soulsbach.
1745		6	Bn S-1 including the quartering Party entered the town of Schalkendorf.
1845		7	Opened CP and at the same time contacted the Regimental CP.
	2145	8	From the assembly point, the main body moved out in a blinding snowstorm and the icy chill of a winter night. As the last elements of the Bn withdrew from bridges areas, units of Co. A, 328th Eng blew the bridges to the Bn area. The withdrawal come a complete surprise to enemy forces, who had been planning a similiar retreat themselves.
	2345	9	Bn CO including Bn S-3 were the last men to leave the town of Mattstall at the same time the CP was closed.

S-4 Notes: Hot breakfast and 1/3 K ration to troops. Picked up rations and gas at RSO. Issued K rations to companies. Started shuttle movement to Shalkendorf. Move completed at 0700, 21 Jan.

S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 21 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 21 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0300	1	"G" Co which was the covering force for withdrawal pull out, started withdrawal for Schalkendorf.
0715		2	"F" and "E" Co with CP closed into new MLR.
	0800	3	Companies started organizing positions.
	0900	4	Engineers' tools were distributed to companies.
1500		5	Received "G" Company's fire plan.
1600		6	Received "E" Company's fire plan.
1700		7	Received artillery concentrations and Hv Wpns Co fire plan.
	1845	8	Fire plan sent to Regiment.
	2100	9	Fire plan made up for companies.

S-4 Notes: Went to RSO at Steinbourg for wire, gas, C/E.
 Received rations and kerosene from RSO.
 Drew 1/3 K and 2/3 10-1 rations.
 Made arrangements for kitchens to move to Shalkendorf.
 Issued full rations to troops.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 22 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 22 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0830		1	Received message from Fox Co that their outpost received 7 rounds of mortar.
	0930	2	Bn S-3 left CP for Rec on positions.
1000		3	CG visited CP to check on limiting points.
	1015	4	CG and Bn CO left CP to look over positions.
1215		5	Bn CO returned to the CP.
	1345	6	Bn CO left CP with Hv Wpms Co Comdr.
1500		7	Received 3 reenforcement officers - reporting 1 to E,Hqs, H Co.
1630		8	Bn CO returned to the CP.
1730		9	Red flare seen to our front in vicinity of Engwiller.
1845		10	Small arms fire reported to our left front.
1950		11	Two red lares seen in Engwiller and one in vicinity of Bitchoffen.
2105		12	Small arms fire from our left front.

S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 23 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 23 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkenforf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0150		1	Five man patrol reported by I Co at 917-280.
0255		2	Small arms fire to our left front.
0400		3	Fire in Nieffern was reported not to be a flare. Reported by Co 2.
	0845	4	Bn S-3 left CP to coordinate OPLR.
0945		5	Wire team fired on in vicinity of Bitchoffen.
1030		6	Fame 2 entered CP.
	1110	7	Bn S-3 returned to CP with the information that the 410th was not on the OPLR.
	1115	8	Factory 6 entered CP.
1125		9	Fox Co picked up two prisoners in LaWalck. Gave information that big attack is planned on Phaffen-noffen and LaWalck for today 23 Jan 45.
	1145	10	Factory 6 left CP.
1220		11	Time fire falling in LaWalck.
	1130	12	Bn CO left CP with Arty Liaison Officer and Hv Wpns Co Comdr.
1240		13	"E" Co reported 5 man patrol hit outpost. They killed on of them. Rest of patrol withdrew.
1250		14	Received 4 wounds of mortar fire in LaWalck.
1340		15	3rd Bn outpost hit by 50 men- Outpost had to withdraw.
2115		16	Overlay to Fancy 2 on Bn Patrol Plan was submitted.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 24 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 24 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0255		1	Received call from E Co that there out post had established contact with 410th Inf.
0445		2	Patrol checked in at outpost on its way back to the CP.
	0450	3	Report to Fancy 3 that patrol checked in outpost.
0525		4	E Co reports two white flares in F Co's sector. F Co notified.
	0545	5	Called F Co to find out 3rd Bn patrol had contacted F Co's outpost. Wire to outpost is out.
0930		6	Received from 3rd Bn patrol plans.
1100		7	Fire reported E Co outpost front by Bn OP.
	1215	8	Sent overlay and plan to Fancy 3, Fatle Blue, and Fancy Blue 2 on patrol for 24 Jan 45.
	1600	9	Report to Fancy on patrol fired on at 883-303.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 25 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 25 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0235	1	Reported to Fatal Blue this message - tanks working to our left flank. Troops in Engwiller. Number of tanks not known.
0340		2	Patrol number 2 reported in.
	0350	3	Reported to Fancy 3 that tanks moving into Bitch-offen by the way of Mitishien.
0800		4	"E" Co reported that outpost was over run.
	0830	5	Reported to Fancy 3 on loss of E Co's patrol.
1000		6	Fame 2 entered CP.
1030		7	Received report that the 410th was being attacked.
1100		8	Fancy 5 left CP.
1330		9	Received word that the 410th was retaking ground lost.
	1335	10	Fame 2 left CP.
1400		11	Fancy 5 entered CP.
	1600	12	Fancy 5 left CP.
1700		13	Armor in Kindwiller rec. Report that there was armor moving south at 888-290.
1715		14	Rec report that there was armor moving south at 888-290.
1730		15	Rec report that the 12th SS Panzer Division was in Mertzwiller.
	1800	16	All quiet to our front.
2350		17	MLR in 410th zone has been reestablished. Kraut Bn Comdr was captured in 410th zone.

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From: 0100, 26 Jan 45.
 To : 2400, 26 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0715		1	Fancy 3 called and wanted information from Patrol.
1115		2	Armor heard moving to our front.
1300		3	Received report that 410th Inf had retaken Zutzen- dorf.
1315		4	Submitted names for 3 men to be commissioned as 2nd Lts.
1530		5	American Air Force bombed and strafed Urhwiller.
	1130	6	Patrol briefed for tonight's mission.
2130		7	Report from F Co saying vehicles moving between Unwiller and Kindwiller.
	2200	8	Report to Fancy 3 of vehicles moving and white flare
2202		9	Report from Co E white flares in left flank.
	2350	10	Report to Fancy 3 that all is quiet.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 27 Jan 45.
To : 2400, 27 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0030		1	E Co reports motor movement to right flank.
33		2	Fatal Blue 2 reported that patrol was working down our way and the Kindwiller and Neifferen were burning.
0140		3	Bn OP reports white flare in vicinity of Engwiller.
0145		4	Two flares reported by Bn OP in vicinity of LaWalck Burp Gun fire in Kindwiller.
0720		5	Report from F Co that Bn patrol had just passed through the lines.
0732		6	"F" Co reports possible movement of convoy in Kindwiller.
	1000	7	Called Fatal Blue 3 about mines that were in E Co's area.
1715		8	Mortar received at these coordinates: 900 284 - 901 287. Reported by White 6.
	1720	9	Above message to Fancy 3. Also gave them the boundary for BRL.
1735		10	Two more shells reported falling at about the same place as at 1715. Reported by F Co OP.
1800		11	Above message to Fancy 3.
1800		12	E Co reports traces ammunition coming from the vicinity of Kindwiller toward LaWalck.
1940		13	Received report from E Co that they heard screaming to their front.
	2045	14	Artillery fired at 888-29.1.
2100		15	Reported Kindwiller on fire.
2445		16	Patrol No. 2 reported on its way in by F Co's outpost.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 28 Jan 45.
 To : 2400, 28 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0135		1	White OP says little fire in the vicinity of Kindwiller.
0205		2	Vehical movement in left flank. Heard two reports which might have been from flak wagon.
0225		3	Reported a fire fight in or near Kindwiller by E Company.
0235		4	Reported Artillery and MG fire in or near Kindwiller by OP number 1.
0440		5	Armor and tracer bullets on other side of F Co.
1630		6	Mortar falling in LaWalck. Reported by Outpost in town.
1700		7	Received from Fancy! One way traffic from Bouxwiller to Uttwiller from south to north. Also received overlay of Div Boundary.
1840		8	F Co reports vehicles moving in Bitchoffen.
	1850	9	Report to Regiment as to the situation of the day.
1935		10	Kraut talking in road between Kindwiller and Bitchoffen. Reported by F Co OP.
1950		11	Reported Kraut wanted to surrender, but they are being fired on.

S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 29 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 29 Jan 45.

Place: Schalkendorf, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0200		1	"E" Co reports, receiving fire.
0405		2	"E" Co still receiving fire.
	0930	3	Rec party left the CP for the town of Bueswiller.
	1250	4	Quartering party left the CP.
2305		5	All Companies entered the town of Bueswiller.
2330		6	Bn closed in at Schalkendorf for the town of Bueswiller.
2345		7	Received message on priorities of rec from Regiment.
2400		8	Reported all battalion vehicles entered the town of Bueswiller.

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Technical Sergeant Willard A. Springborn, 17156664, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment was awarded the Silver Star, for gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, when Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, was attacking in the vicinity of x x x, Germany, our advance was stopped by a strategically located enemy pillbox, heavily protected by small arms and mortars, which had inflicted heavy losses on our troops. Sergeant Springborn, taking 20 pounds of TNT, with two men similarly equipped, crossed 75 yards of open ground to a safe position adjacent to the pillbox. Detecting the maneuver, the enemy concentrated on preventing the assault team from reaching its objective. Relieving his men of their explosives, Sergeant Springborn, with complete disregard for his life, worked his way to the pillbox, placed and detonated the charge. Sergeant Springborn's gallant action resulted in the neutralizing of a serious menace, the taking of 16 prisoners and the attainment of a position from which we were able to effectively attack enemy artillery positions. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 30 Jan 45.
To : 2400, 30 Jan 45.

Place: Bueswiller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0800	1	F and H Co Finance officers went to Division Rear Ech to pick up pay rolls.
1100		2	F and H Co started paying the men in their companies.
1230		3	Showers and clean clothing were given to the troops.
1500		4	Fame 38 entered the CP.
1520		5	Fancy 6 entered the CP.
	1525	6	Fame 38 left the CP.
	1530	7	Fancy 6 left the CP.

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S-1 Unit Journal

From: 0100, 31 Jan 45.

To : 2400, 31 Jan 45.

Place: Bueswiller, France.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0530		1	Received overlay from Regiment giving us the new sector for occupation.
1025		2	Received new overlay from Regiment giving more definite information on front lines.
	1030	3	White 6 left CP to go on reconnaissance at the new sector of occupation.
1145		4	Fatima Blue 6 visited CP.
	1155	5	Fatima Blue 6 left the CP.
1230		6	White 6 returned with reconnaissance group to CP.
1300		7	Shower unit was ready for troops.
	1330	8	White 3 left on reconnaissance with Artillery Officer and F Co.

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