

SECRET S-1 Unit Journal

From : 0001, 1 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 1 May 1945.
 Place: Parten Kirchen, Germany.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0300		1	Call from Fancy telling of bridge blown S of Mittenwald, Ger. The town of Mittenwald surrendered to 10th Armor Div. Estimated 200 G.C.S.s planned to defend this town.
0630		2	Bn alerted to move by motor using Arty vehicles just as they had previously moved. 928th Arty. was to pass 2nd Bn CP in Parten Kirchen at 0755. Bn CP alerted attached units and made necessary preparations.
	0700	3	White 16 closed Aid Station.
	0715	4	White 4 closed DP.
	0750	5	Bn CPs were closed.
0800		6	Bn S-1 and quartering party arrived at Mittenwald, Germany.
0901		7	Radio: At this time C.O. 409th reported in Mittenwald, Germany.
0915		8	Radio: Head of Blue Vicinity of Gerold. Recon elements have entered Scharnitz. Signed: C.O. 409th Inf.
1116		9	Radio: Using your Rec elements and 2 jeeps with MGs reconnoiter road from Mittenwald to Reindler. Report results to Blue 6.
1121		10	Radio: Men will not talk or fraternize with civilians or Pws of any kind. Signed: C.O. 409.
1340		11	NRI Recon returned. Received MG fire at 628-748, also large land slide completely blocking road for 60 yards.
1400		12	If you see Fame 2, ask him to please come at Fancy CP.
1445.		13	Information from Fame: Scharnitz taken. Engrs working on road block, bridge.
1445		14	Radio: From White 2 to White 6: By all appearances we will be here for a few hours. Bridge span is out at 664-716. 1st Bn at S edge of Scharnitz.
1830		15	Bn moved from position held on road to new quarters at Mittenwald Germany.
2000		16	Radio: Clear out snipers around Scharnitz at once. Watch local security. Rept when completed. From Fancy 6.
2030		17	Battalion closed in area. White 16 established Aid Station. White 4 established CP. Location of COs CP: House No. 108. 3-1s : House No. 706. Effective Strength: 35 - 743

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From : 0001, 2 May 1945.
 TO : 2400, 2 May 1945.
 Place: Mittenwald, Germany.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0830		1	Bn received order to alert the Bn to move.
	1100	2	White 16 closed Aid Station.
	1145	3	CPs were closed.
1200		4	Bn crossed into Austria.
1215		5	White 6 and 3 stopped at Scharnitz.
1230		6	White 6 and 3 returned to the Bn which was on vehicles.
1515		7	Bn CPs were opened in Seefeld, Germany.
	1515	8	One Plt from "F" Co ordered to report to Major in center of town.
1515		9	From 2 French Prisoners who had left Telfs: 1. Germans have ruined roads between Telfs and Mosern. 2. Three Km W of Mosern, there are 2 mines, 30 meters long, buried 2 m deep. 3. Many trees are fallen near Seefeld. 4. Main road from Telfs to Innsbruck is okay.
1515		10	Tank dozer stuck in crater. Location of COs CP: Haus Helios. Location of S-1 CP: House No. 106. Effective Strength: 35-789

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From : 0001, 3 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 3 May 1945.
 Place: Seefeld, Germany.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0800		1	Recd order fr Fancy to move to Telfs.
0855		2	Company Comdrs' meeting.
0930		3	Company Comdrs' meeting adjourned.
	0950	4	White 6 and forward elements moved out with E, G, and H, to Telfs.
1305		5	White 6 arrived in Telfs. "E" Co moved across river to secure the roads and bridges coming into town.
	1445	6	Bn recd orders to move E on the N side of river. Bn started moving by foot, 3 fr Telfs. Bn moved to outskirts of Zirl. White 6 moved forward to get Regimental Order at Zirl, Ger.
	1600	7	Rear CPs were closed.
	1600	8	Mtr column left for Zirl, Ger.
	1830	9	Bn Comdr returned to front column and gave new order. Order was: move by foot thru Zirl to assemble at stone quarry 1 mile E of Zirl, Ger.
2045		10	Bn foot troops and mtrs closed in assembly area.
	2145	11	Bn recd order to move to Innsbruck, Ger. Bn loaded in Arty vehicles and moved to Innsbruck. Bn mtrs moved behind troops.
	2145	12	Bn quartering party left immediately after Bn recd order to move.
			Effective Strength: 35-787

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From : 0001, 4 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 4 May 1945.
 Place: Innsbruck, Germany.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0100		1	Opened CPs.
0830		2	White Bn had little activity after closing in area
	0930	3	Closed Aid Station for new location.
	1200	4	"F" Co pulled into Innsbruck, Ger. Upon arrival were given mission of setting up a road block on W side of river. "F" C.O. left CP to make recon area. Six road blocks were established in the town.
	1315	5	White 16 evac 1 EM fr "E" Co for foot infection.
	1330	6	White 6 left for Fancy to get the situation.
	1345	7	White 16 evac 1 EM fr "H" Co, 410 Inf. for injured knee.
	1500	8	Fancy 5 returned with White 6.
	1900	9	White 16 evac 1 EM fr "G" Co for LW of scalp concussion.
	2130	10	White 16 evac 1 EM fr "H" Co, unit unknown, Armbruster, Donald 36012644, alcoholism, acute. Effective Strength: 35-785

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From : 0001, 5 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 5 May 1945.
 Place: Innsbruck, Austria.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0800	1	The Battalion troops were reorganized and many were requartered.
	0830	2	Cos spent the day in care and cleaning of equipment. Cos took surveys of their equipment for losses.
	0830	3	Cos prior to this time had no wire because of shortage. At this time wire was gotten to Cos for communications.
0900		4	A Dentist was set up in "G" Co area. S-1 made a schedule for the Cos to follow.
1000		5	Red Cross Girls served doughnuts and coffee at the Cos. Cos. furnished the coffee.
	1300	6	Lt. Berry was selected for Finance Officer for the Battalion.

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From: 0001, 6 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 6 May 1945.
 Place: Innsbruck, Austria.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0500		1	Received overlay showing zone of occupation.
0830		2	Received warning order from Regiment that we would move at 1400. Bn was to move to Wattens, Austria.
	1000	3	Bn S-1 left for reconnaissance of Wattens, Austria.
1200		4	Submitted name of 1 clerk and investigator for AMG.
1230		5	Bn-S-1 returned from Wattens, Austria.
1400		6	The motor column moved at 1400. The Bn was shuttled except "G" Co. The 83rd Chemical Mortars trucks were used along with Bn transportation.
1500		7	CPs were opened in Wattens, Austria.
1545		8	White 16 opened Aid Station.
1645		9	Kitchen trucks arrived at 1645.
	1815	10	Bn CP in Innsbruck, Austria was closed.
	1845	11	White 16 evac 1 EM from "G" Co for (FUO).
2000		12	Bn closed in new area at 2000.
	2045	13	White 16 evac 1 EM from "E" Co for burns and 1 EM from "H" for hepatitis.
			Effective Strength: 34-776

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From: 0001, 7 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 7 May 1945.
 Place: Wattens, Austria.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0800	1	Bn S-3 called for the number of DPs, Hospitals, and report on ammunition from the Cos.
	0900	2	White 6 visited the Cos.
	1015	3	White 16 evac 1 EM fr "H" Co for march fracture.
	1145	4	White 16 evac 1 EM fr "F" Co for Hepatitis.
1400		5	Fancy 6 visited CP.
	1500	6	Fancy 6 left CP.
	1600	7	White 16 inspected Co Aid Stations.
1700		8	S-3 prepared a training schedule.
	2200	9	Submitted name of 1 Interpreter and Investigator for AMG.
			Effective Strength: 35-772

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BATTALION, 409TH INFANTRY

MPO 470, US Army
7 May 1945

Subject: Training Schedule for the following days.

To : Company Commanders.

Hour	Training	Inst.	Unif & Equip	Area	Pers.
<u>Tuesday, 8 May 45</u>					
0640-0700	Physical Hardening	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0800-0930	Four mile fast march	Co Comdr	Of the Day	D	All
0930-1000	Care of Feet	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1000-1030	Security Training	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
1030-1200	Extended Order Drill (Able, Baker, Charlie)	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
1300-1320	Dismounted Drill	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
1320-1600	Organized Athletics	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
1600-1700	Prep for Retreat	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1500-1600	Motor Stables	Mtr Off	Of the Day	E	Mtr Off
1700	Retreat				
<u>Wednesday, 9 May 45</u>					
0640-0700	Physical Hardening	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0800-1500	Range	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	C	All
	All Cos will conduct behind the line instruction including 20 minutes of Dismounted Drill, Military Courtesy and Discipline, and Fraternization Policies, Repatriated Prisoners of War - see letter, Publicity in Connection with Escaped, Liberated, or Repatriated Prisoners of War, to include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries, WD, dated 29 March 45.				
1500-1600	Motor Stables	Mtr Off	Of the Day	E	Mtr Off
1600-1700	Prep for Retreat	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1700	Retreat				
<u>Thursday, 10 May 45</u>					
0640-0700	Physical Hardening	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0800-1200	10 mile march	Co Comdr	Of the Day	D	All
1300-1330	Care of Feet	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1330-1400	Dismounted Drill	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
1400-1600	Organized Athletics	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
1500-1600	Motor Stables	Mtr Off	Of the Day	E	Mtr Off
1600-1700	Prep for Retreat	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1700	Retreat.				

Subj: Training Schedule continued:-

Hour	Training	Instr.	Unif & Equip	Area	Ref
<u>Friday, 11 May 45</u>					
0640-0700	Physical Hardening	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0800-0820	Dismounted Drill	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0820-1200	Orientation and Fir- ing Course- Marching Fire.	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	C	All
1300-1430	4 mile fast march	Co Comdr	Of the Day	D	All
1430-1500	Care of Feet	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1500-1600	Motor Stables	Mtr Off	Of the Day	E	Mtr Off
1600-1700	Prep for Retreat	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1700	Retreat				
<u>Saturday, 12 May 45</u>					
⁰⁷⁰⁰ 0640-0820	Physical Hardening	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0820-0850	Dismounted Drill Security Training	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	B	All
0850-1000	Care and Cleaning of Equipment	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1000-1200	Inspection of Per- sonnel Quarters	Plt Ldr Co Comdr	Of the Day	A	All
1300-1500	Demonstration of Inf Wpns	Lt Kepler	Of the Day	C	All
1500-1600	Motor Stables	Mtr Off	Of the Day	E	Mtr Off
1600-1700	Prep for Retreat	Plt Ldr	Of the Day	A	All
1700	Retreat				

Notes:

1. Close Order Drill: One twenty minute period each day with instruction being limited to a single drill movement each day to develop the highest degree of precision and accuracy in all movements.
2. Ten mile marches will be at a normal speed. Four mile marches will be at a fast rate.
3. Every effort will be made to obtain a maximum amount of organized athletics during duty hours. Each Company will appoint an Athletic Officer and NCO.

Legend

- A - Company Area D - Overlay
 B - Training Area E - Motor Pool
 C - Range

By order of the Battalion Commander:

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BERNARD TRITELKUM
 Capt

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From : 0001, 8 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 8 May 1945.
 Place: Wattens, Austria.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
0800		1	Twenty EM and 2 Officers went on a sight seeing trip up the mountain. It was sponsored by Div. Men could ski, skate and drink.
	0900	2	One officer and 3 EM left for SD with MG.
1530		3	Company Commanders meeting.
	1600	4	Company Commanders meeting closed.
2200		5	Rec Quota of 2 officers and 25 EM for Great Britain.
2200		6	Rec word that Lt. Peurach to rpt to Lt. Campbell at Reinf Co tomorrow. Effective Strength: 34-784

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From : 0001, 9 May 1945.
 To : 2400, 9 May 1945.
 Place: Wattens, Austria.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0830	1	Cos made a continued check on displaced persons. Orders from higher headquarters were to get as many DPs to their country as possible. The French had priority over others. Men not on guard followed training schedule.
	0830	2	White 16 evacuated 1 EM fr "H" for hepatitis.
	0930	3	White 16 evacuated 1 EM fr "E" for headaches.
0930		4	S-1 received quotas of 2 Officers and 14 EM for furlough to Britain.
	1100	5	White 16 treated 21 EM and examined 14 EM who were going to England.
	1430	6	White 16 evacuated 1 EM from "H" for (FUC) and 1 EM fr Hqs Co for urethritis.

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From : 0001, 10 May 1945.
To : 2400, 10 May 1945.
Place: Watters, Austria.

In	Out	Serial No.	Messages, incidents, etc.
	0800	1	Two officers and 18 EM from the Bn left for a trip to the Mountain Area. They will receive skating, skiing and mountain climbing lessons.
	0800	2	Cos following training schedule.
	1000	3	White 16 treated 15 EM evacuated 1 EM from "F" Co, for NYD.
	1300	4	White 16 inspected water supply in Volters, Austria Effective Strength: 34-811