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Organization: Headquarters, 2nd Bn., 409th Infantry

From: 0100, 1 NOV 44
 To : 2100, 9 NOV 44
 Place: STAGING AREA #2
 MARSEILLES, FRANCE.

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
0800		1		30 COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN A FOUR MILE MARCH. DETAILS HAVING PRIORITY OVER ANY TRAINING. COMPANIES SPENT MOST OF THE DAY CARE AND CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT. 2 NOV	S T
0700		1		BATTALION FURNISHED THE DETAIL FOR DOCK DETAIL. BATTALION LEFT AT 0630. BATTALION RETURNED AT 1830. THE BATTALION COMMANDER WAS IN CHARGE OF THE DOCK DETAIL.	S T
1830		2		THE BATTALION RETURNED FROM THE DOCK DETAIL. 3 NOV	S
0700		1		BATTALION FURNISHED THE DETAIL FOR THE DOCKS. BATTALION LEFT AT THE SAME TIME AND WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF MEN AND OFFICERS. 4 NOV	S T
0800		1		THE BATTALION SPENT THE DAY MAKING THE LAST MINUTE PREPARATION FOR THE DIVE TOLOUON.	S T
1200		2		COMPANIES TURNED IN THEIR VOUCHER FILES OF THEIR COMPANY FILES TO THE PERSONNEL OFFICER FOR SAFE KEEPING. 5 NOV	S
0830		1		BATTALION DEPARTED FROM STAGING AREA # TWO, MARSEILLES, FRANCE, 0830 BY MOTOR MARCH AS PER MARCH ORDER. 6 NOV	
0800		1		BATTALION CONTINUED WITH THE MOTOR MARCH TO CHAROLIS, FRANCE. 7 NOV	
1800		1		BATTALION ARRIVED AT CHAROLIS, FRANCE, 2100, BY MOTOR MARCH ORDER, DISTANCE TRAVELED APPROXIMATELY 500 MILES. 8 NOV	
				THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND THE COMPANY COMMANDERS WENT FORWARD AT 0900 TO MAKE A LOG OF THE FRONT LINES. 9 NOV	
0700		1		THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND HIS STAFF LEFT THE ASSEMBLY AREA FOR HOUVELIMRES, FRANCE.	
1000		2		THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION MOVED BY MOTOR AT 1000 FOR HOUVELIMRES, FRANCE. REPLACED THE 3 AVIATION BATTALION ELEMENT.	
1700		3		BATTALION RECEIVED THE CASUALTY OF THE SEVENTH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1700. COMPANY WAS IN THE BATTALION POSITION, THE COMPANY DROPPED FIRE.	
2100		4		DURING THE ASSEMBLY, PVT VAN DYKE WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHER PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED.	

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From: 0100, 10 NOV 44

To: 2300, 10 NOV 44

Place: JACQUES LE HAUT, FRANCE

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
0100		1		COMPANY "B" REPORTING EVERYTHING IS OK.	S
0015		2		COMPANY "B" REPORTED THAT THEIR LINE WAS OUT.	S
0030		3		COMPANY "B" REPORT D. EVERYTHING WAS OK. SAME FOR "C" AND "D".	S
0130		4		COMPANY LINES ARE OUT. ALL THE WIREMEN WERE SENT OUT TO CHECK THE LINES AND PHONES.	
0230		5		WE HAVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COMPANIES.	S
0700		6	0513	FR: CO "B"; TO: CO 2ND BN; MESSENGER: NO ENEMY ACTIVITY CLOSE TO US. OUT POSTS REPORT OF HEARING ENEMY MOTORS OPERATING ACROSS THE VALLEY.	CO S-3
0810		7		FR: BATTLE PATROL; TO: CO; REPORTS EVERYTHING IS OK.	S-3
0810		8		REGIMENTAL CO ENTERED OUR CP.	CO
	0825	9		REGIMENTAL CO LEFT THE CP FOR "E" COMPANY.	S
1115		10		DIVISION COMMANDER ENTERED THE CP.	S
	1125	11		DIVISION COMMANDER LEFT THE CP.	S
1230		12		MAN INJURED (HIT TWO MINES, EIGHT MEN INJURED)	S
	1225	13		FR: BN S-3; TO: CLUSTER 3; NOTIFIED CP MINE EXPLOSION.	
1300		14		ENEMY ACTIVITY BELIEVED TO BE NEAR THEIR CP. THIS WAS OBSERVED AT 321.633.	S-3
1305		15		REPORTED CP SENDING A DEAD AMERICAN, MAN WAS OF THE 7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT.	CO
1320		16		FOUR FIRE DIRECTED AT COORDINATE 321.633.	CO
1350		17		REPORTED THAT THEY WERE RECEIVING ARTILLERY FIRE.	CO
	1355	18		FR: BN S-3; TO: REGIMENTAL S-4; ASKED FOR DISPOSAL OF DEAD GI AND SEVEN JERRY TROOPS.	
1400		19		RECEIVED BULLETINS ON CENSORSHIP.	S
	1435	20		CODE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMPANIES.	S
1440		21		ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER ENTERED THE CP	S
	1450	22		ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER LEFT THE CP	S
	1500	23		THE PASSWORD WAS ISSUED TO THE COMPANIES.	S
1600	1605	24		NOTIFIED CP RATIONS FOR THE COMPANIES. COMPANIES TO SEND GUIDES TO BATTALION CP.	S
1915		25		FR: 3RD CP TO: BN S-3; REPORTED EVERYTHING IS OK.	S
2015		26		FR: PANCY BLUE MUD; TO: BN S-1; PFC PRIME BURN, SHRAPNEL WOUND IN ARM, NOT SERIOUS, MARKED DUTY.	S
2030		27		CO OF "B" COMPANY CONTACTED THE BATTALION CP. BN S-2 CONTACTED BCI EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR.	S
2300		28		ALL THE COMPANIES REPORTED IN THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT.	S

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From: 0100, 11 NOV 44

To :

Place: JACQUES LE HAUT FRANCE

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0100	1		CONTACTED "F", "G", "H" COMPANY, EVERYTHING IS OK. COULDN'T CONTACT "E" COMPANY.	S-3
	0200	2		CONTACTED "F", "G", AND "H" - EVERYTHING IS OK, COULDN'T CONTACT "E" COMPANY.	S
	0300	3		CONTACTED "F" AND "H", EVERYTHING IS OK.	S
	0400	4		CONTACTED "E" COMPANY, EVERYTHING IS OK.	S
0500		5		RECEIVED CODED MESSAGE FROM REGIMENTAL S-3. MESSAGE WAS DISREGARDED BECAUSE OF ERRORS WITHIN THE MESSAGE.	S-3
	0545	6		CONTACTED "E" COMPANY AND GAVE THEM THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE - HAVE YOUR COMPANY SEND PATROL TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH 410TH INFANTRY AT 0630 AT 372-642.	
	0600	7		BATTALION BK CONTACTED "E" COMPANY THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEND THE PATROL UNTIL DAYLIGHT.	
0640		8		SEA CALLED - RATIONS WOULD ARRIVE AT DAYBREAK. COS WILL RECEIVE 1 1/3 RATIONS.	NOTIFIED THE COS.
	0745	9		NOTIFIED THE MOTOR OFFICER THAT VEHICLES WOULD HAVE HAVE ANTI FREEZE AND WILL REGISTER ZERO. VEHICLES WILL BE DISPERSED 50 YARDS.	MTR OFFICER
	0850	10		FROM S-1 TO MOTOR OFFICER: SEND A BATTERY FOR A CP LIGHT, SET UP "H" COMPANY'S 3) CAL MACHINE GUNS AS FRONT S-2: NOT REGIMENTAL CO? QUESTIONING CP	S T
1030		11		PRISONERS DISCLOSED, THEY HAD NOT EATEN FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. TWO S1s BLEW HELL OUT OF THEIR THREE POSITIONS, ABOUT 130 MEN WERE DUTY IN AROUND THE MOUNTAIN, THE MORALE WAS LOW.	
1030		12		GENERAL BROOKS ENTERED THE CP .	
	1040	13		THE COMMANDER LEFT THE CP.	
1105		14		NOTIFY THE MOTOR OFFICER TO KEEP CAPT WHITE AT 1300.	NOTIFIED MTR OFF.
1115		15		S-2 INTERROGATED SEVEN PRISONERS WHICH WERE CAPT TURED BY "E" COMPANY.	
	1340	16		NOTIFIED MEN THAT NO FIRES WILL BE TOLERATED ON TOP OF HILLS AROUND CP.	
	1400	17		CHALLENGING PROCEDURE SENT OUT TO THE COMPANIES.	S
1600		18		COMPANIES CALLED IN AND EVERYTHING WAS OKAY.	S
2000		19		COMPANIES CALLED IN AND REPORTED EVERYTHING IS OK.	S
3000		20		RECEIVED ORD THAT LT HOAGLIN WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS BATTALION.	S
2030		21		COMPANIES WERE NOTIFIED TO CALL IN EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR TO THE SWITCH BOARD OPERATOR JUST TO CHECK THE LINE.	S

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From: 0001 12 Nov 44

To : 2100 12 Nov 44

Place: Jacques L'Hart-Place

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
0100		1		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
0200		2		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
0300		3		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
0400		4		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
0500		5		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
0600		6		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
0700		7		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
	0803	8		C. CO CANNOT BE CONTACTED.	
	0806	9		A CHECK OF REGIMENTAL TIME WAS MADE	
	0806	10		A CHECK WAS MADE TO TELL CO'S TO SUBMIT EMPTY WATER CANS.	
	0855	11		OF LINES ARE OUT	
0940		12		FR: COMM. CO: TO: CO'S MESSAGE. WE ARE NOW FANCY WHITE (NOT FANCYRED) AND ALL, TELL ONE AND MSG. COMMUNICATION SHALL BE CHANGED TO FANCY WHITE. EFFECTIVE AT ONCE REPORT APPROXIMATE NUMBER UP (BA 373) UP (BA 70s) FOR (BA 383) (SCR. 536) (BA 603) (SCR 300) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE	
	1055	13		REQUEST E CO TO SEND GRESSWELL TO AID STATION	
	1200	14		REGT. CO VISITED CP.	
	1215	15		6 REPLACEMENTS SENT TO E CO.	
1307		16		RECEIVED MEMO ON MAIL: PASSWORD FOR 13 NOV.	
	1420	17		DISTRIBUTED MEMO ON MAIL	
1425		18		EXC CP FOR 6299G ENTERED CP	
	1435	19		EXC CP FOR 6299G LEFT CP	
1535		20		RECD DIS INSTRUCTION (NON-COMBAT APPOINTMENTS BATTLE EXPERIENCED, CDM, NO 4)	
	1540	21		PASSWORD FOR 13TH NOV DISTRIBUTED	
	1545	22		1535 LIST INSTRUCTION DISTRIBUTED	
1600		23		EXC CP FOR 6299G ENTERED CP	
	1615	24		EXC CP FOR 6299G LEFT CP	
1632		25		FR: BATTLE PATROL TO: HQ CO MSGR. L GO WITH INF. PATROL CONTACTED US AT 1520 L CO MAY PUT 2 BNS IN CONTACT DURING NO CHANGE IN SITUATION	
1725		26		RECD DIS INSTRUCTION (PROMOTION OF OFFICER, 3-2 reported, wd etc)	
2030		27		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
2130		28		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
		29		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	
2330		30		E, F, G, H, CO'S REPORTED EVERYTHING O.K.	

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From: 0001 13 NOV 44
 To : 2400 13 NOV 44
 Place: JACQUES LAHAUT-FRANCE

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
0030		1		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0130		2		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0230		3		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0330		4		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
				REPT S-3 DOES NOT ANSWER CP REPORTS HEAR FIRE PROMPT COMBSS CAN NOT SHOT GUN.	
0400		5		REPT S-3 STILL DOES NOT ANSWER	
0410		6		REPT S-3 CONTACTED (S-1 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.)	
0430		7		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0530		8		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0630		9		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0700		10		RECD PASSWORD FOR 14 NOV 44 FROM REPT S-2	
	0855	11		IN CO LEFT CP FOR REPT.	
0915		12		2 enemy prisoners questioned.	
0915		13		RECD SPECIAL ORDERS NO 209 FROM REPT.	
	1020	14		DISTRIBUTED YANK NEWSPAPERS, PASSWORD FOR 14th.	
1115		15		IN CO ENTERED CP.	
1130		16		RECD 6 REPLACEMENTS.	
1200		17		REPT REQUESTED COORDINATES OF POSITION PW ARE LOCATED ON. ADVISED IT WOULD BE SENT	
1255		18		RECD G-2 PERIODIC REPORT FROM REPT.	
	1405	19		G-2 PERIODIC REPORT DISTRIBUTED.	
1405		20		PATROL RUMBLING DOWN BY BUSHY SMALL ARMS FIRE.	
	1452	21		ARTILLERY FIRE DIRECTED ON MACHINE GUN PINNING DOWN BARREL.	
1440		22		RECD DISTRIBUTION (CIB NO. 9, SHILL REPORTS BATTLEFIELD ASSIGNMENTS BATTLE EXPERIENCES, COURT MARTIAL SENTENCES PERSONNEL ESTIMATE FORM.	
		23		RECD SPEC ORDERS 1004 NO 232, BARRIAL PHOTOS.	
1445		24		STAFF MEETING	
1500	1520	25		STAFF MEETING OVER	
1700		26		RECD COPIES OF MORNING REPORT	
1745		27		MACHINE GUN REPT REPORTED.	
	1845	28		IN CO LEFT CP TO REPT BY MEETING.	
2000		29		CELEBRATION INSTRUCTIONS RECD.	
2135		30		IN CO ENTERED CP	
2200		31		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
2300		32		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
2400		33		COB REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
2445		34		IN CO REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K. REQUESTED THAT THEIR PHONE NOT TO BE RING.	

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From: COOL 14 NOV 44
 To : 2800 14 NOV 44
 Place: JACQUES LETAULT-FRANCE

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
0100		1		CO3 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0200		2		CO3 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0300		3		CO3 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0400		4		CO3 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0500		5		CO3 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0600		6		CO3 REPORTED EVERYTHING O. K.	
0745		7		REC'D PASSWORD, MORNING REPORT FORMS, & BREADHEAD NEWS	
	0950	8		PASSWORD FOR 15 NOV DISTRIBUTED.	
0945		9		REC'D 10 PHOTO MAPS, CASUALTY REPORTING PAPER,	
				CASUALTY REPORTING SEC 2, STARS & STRIPES, YANKS	
	1000	10		ASSIGNMENT OF SN SENT TO REPT.	
	1010	11		DISTRIBUTION OF SERIAL NO. 10 DISTRIBUTED	
1100		12		DIV. COMDR. ENTERED CP	
	1130	13		DIV. COMDR. LEFT CP	
	1130	14		CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE SENT OUT	
1130		15		REC'D BATTLE EXPERIENCES AND CASUALTIES REPORTING.	
	1138	16		DISTRIBUTION MADE ON SERIAL NO 15	
1332		17		FRENCHMAN QUESTIONED (THERE WAS MINOR ACTIVITY ON THE	
				REPT. FRONT-FRONT LINES REMAINED UNCHANGED. FRENCH	
	1345	18		MAN CLAIM THE ROAD TO ST DIE WAS MINED.	
				DISTRIBUTION OF G-2 PERIODIC REPORT MADE TO CO3.	
1350		19		DIV. 16 INSPECTOR ENTERED CP.	
	1400	20		MEMO FOR DIVISION HQ REPORTS SENT TO REPT.	
	1402	21		DIV. 16 INSPECTOR LEFT CP.	
1410		22		read battle experiences no. 86 AND UNDO MEMO DATED 14 NOV. 44	
	1412	23		THERE HAS BEEN MINOR ACTIVITY ALONG THE FRONT. MANY FRENCHMAN CLAIM THAT THE ROAD TO ST DIE IS	
				MINED.	
1558		24		FRENCHMAN REPORTED IN - HE CLAIMED THE BRIDGE ON THE	
				ST. DIE ROAD IS UNDER MINE PROTECTION, AND THAT THE BRIDGE	
1500		25		IS IN A POSITION FOR THE GERMANS WOULD BE ST DIE.	
				MANY REFUGES HAVE BEEN PASSING THROUGH OUR ZONE.	
				GERMANS WERE CAUSING THEM TO EVACUATE FROM THEIR	
				HOME BECAUSE OF FIRE.	
1900		26		OUR ARTILLERY FIRED ON GERMAN POSITIONS.	

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Organisation: Headquarters, 2nd Bn., 409th Infantry.

From: 0001, 15 Nov 44
To : 2400, 15 Nov 44
Place: Jacques LeHaut, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
0200		1		All companies reported in that everything was okay.	S
0300		2		All companies reported in that everything was okay.	S
	0300	3		Ln Comdr left CP for the CP.	S
0315		4		Word came from Regimental S-3 that 2 enemy 105s are located at 4130-8390.	S
0400		5		All companies and CPs reported in that everything was ok.	S
0750		6		Division Commander entered the CP.	S
	0750	7		Division Commander left the CP	S
0940		8		Companies are capturing many prisoners. The prisoners are in need of food and clothing - they claim that they haven't received anything to eat for three and four days.	S
1015		9		B and G company reported that they have passed phase line 2.	S
1025		9		Division Commander entered the CP - he commented on the work and progress of this battalion.	S
1030		9		The Hill number 3 was secured.	S
1130		10		"B" company brought in 19 PWs - 1 was wounded.	S
1420		11		"C" company brought in 25 PWs	S
1615		12		"B" company brought in 18 PWs	S
1800		13		Division Lt entered CP	S
2015		14		Small arms fire reported between CP and E Company	S

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Organization: Headquarters, 2nd Bn., 409th Infantry.

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From: 16 Nov 44

To: 19 Nov 44

Place: Vicinity of Jacques, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0730	1		Companies moved forward this morning with out much resistance.	
0800		2		Enemy mortars harassing the unit were neutralized by artillery.	
0830		3		The battalion advanced into woods along its battalion front.	
0900		4		The 2nd b c alien had seized and holding will 623. Enemy front lines are along high ground South West of St Die. Many frenchmen were evacuating from their homes.	
1700		5		After questioning frenchmen and prisoners - information received reported that there was a dysentery and dysentery epidemic in the city.	
1900		6		Frenchman claimed that over 2000 civilians from neighboring cities are supposed to have been evacuated to St. Die.	
17 Nov 44					
0725		7		Artillery barrage opened up. (from artillery before the attack).	
0730		8		The troops jumped off at 0730 after a barrage of artillery for 5 minutes.	
0830		9		Companies have been advancing meeting slight resistance.	
1015		10		VI Corps Commander entered the CP.	
1100		11		Closed out the battalion CP.	
1500		12		Opened new CP at Villa Ain-Jedine.	
1700		13		Under heavy artillery fire and close coordination between units 411th and 409th reached their objective on time. As the enemy withdrew he set many mines and booby traps.	
1830		14		Nightfall, they consolidated their positions in woods and sent out limited patrols.	
18 Nov 44					
1000		1		Closed out CP at Villa Ain-Jedine	
1200		2		CP opened at Neure FAUX, France.	
19 Nov 44					
		1		Companies still remaining under cover awaiting for further orders to move.	
				Battalion CP closed out - companies went in a forward march.	
1400		2		Companies started crossing the Meurthe River	
1500		3		Activity has been mild except for scattered arty fire.	

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Organization: Headquarters, 2nd Bn., 409th Infantry, SECRET

From: 28 November 44
 To :
 Place: With Special Task Force

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
				As battleship, the battle for Ville, France, wasn't a memorable one, except for the boys actively engaged in it. True, the town was considered an important communication center, but it won't go down in military annals as another yet. However, the action did prove what proper coordination between tanks and infantry can do to a superior force of Kraut.	
				<p> Ville was the objective of a special 103rd Division Task Force commanded by Major Lloyd L. Haase of Atlanta, Ga. Comprising a total number of approximately 80 vehicles, including two platoons of 75th Battalion tanks and 601st Battalion Tank Destroyers, the force had the mission of spearheading into Jerry resistance and acting as flank guard for other divisional units pushing forward to the Rhine. Prior to the Ville fight, the unit had met little organized resistance. Its advance had been necessarily slow, due to Kraut roadblocks, minefields, and snipers, all of which had to be cleared before the mechanized column could advance. At night red Jerry flares lit the sky, warning of the armored push. </p> <p> At the time the force had reached the outskirts of Ville, the Kraut knew what to expect. Accordingly, he had built strong roadblocks on the roads into town, and had also left considerable snipers and automatic weapon crews to further delay the attack. One thousand pounds of dynamite took care of one block, while five blasted others. </p> <p> That the infantry, a company of the 409 Regiment, commanded by Captain Bernard Teitelbaum of Chicago, advanced. Captain John S. Smith of Wilmington, Delaware, who was later killed in the action, directed the siting of the armored platoons. In addition to the tanks, the infantry company had A-2 chemical mortars supporting it. </p> <p> "We needed every bit of the armor and mortar, said Captain Teitelbaum. The Kraut was strongly entrenched in the town with machine guns, burr guns, SF guns, and a helluva lot of riflemen. Everytime we move we drew a rain of steel. I don't know how superior the Kraut were in Ville, but without these tanks we'd have needed a lot more tis. Those tanks laid fire from one end of the town to the other, and made it a lot easier for my boys." </p> <p> The fight for Ville went on furiously for ten hours. Due to the supporting armor, infantry casualties were relatively light. A tally showed approximately 40 prisoners were taken. When questioned, the Kraut admitted that the coordinated attack had made them lose all love for war. </p>	

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From: 0010 29 Nov 44
 To : 2400 29 Nov 44
 Place: Villa, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders, etc	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0700	1		Battalion Commander and Weapons Company Commander left for forward CP.	
	0730	2		Battalion attacked 0730 - slight resistance, mostly snipers.	
	0740	2		Commander of Battalion left Villa en face for Villa France. Closed the CP at the same time for new location.	
0815		4		Battalion CP and troops closed into tri-back at 0815.	
0940		5		Reported heavy resistance, many snipers, many of our men were injured.	
0950		6		Received 9 reinforcements.	
1220		7		The town of St Maurice was ready for B Company to pass through.	
1430		8		"B" company was committed.	
1730		9		Received word from F Company CO that the town was secured, encountered no opposition, 2 road blocks in town which are mined or booby trapped.	
1830		10		Received word from "B" company commander that company strength of 136, 3 were wounded and have been evacuated, met scattered resistance which caused minor casualties. SAW about 150 enemy withdrew to woods east of here.	
30 Nov 44					
	0800	1		Troops left tri-back for new location at St Maurice on foot.	
	0815	2		Closed in new CP at 0815.	
	0840	3		Major column moved forward for St Maurice.	
1100		4		A Company was committed at 1100.	
1400		5		Companies have accomplished mission and holding while preparing a defense for ground taken.	
1900		6		Companies to patrol away from position and make contact with units on right and left.	

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