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FIRST BATTALION, 410TH INF.

Place: INGWILLER, France

31 Jan. 1945Time

- 2230 Report to Regt on Patrol.
- 2308 Second Patrol to BISCHHOLTZ ordered by Regt.
- 2309 Explanation that Patrol must be in Nature of raid (S-2 to Regt).
- 2320 Warning to Co. A re 2nd Patrol.
- 2339 Instructions to CO Co. A re Patrol.
- 2348 Notification of CO Co. B of Patrol.
- 2350 Coordination of artificial moon light acct Patrol.
- 2400 Casualties: 4 Non-Battle (EM).

1 Feb. 1945Time

- 0720 Result of Patrol reported to Regt.
- 0820 Report by Co. C re situation at Front.
- 1152 CO 410 Inf and Regtl S-3 arrived at CP.
- 1335 S-2 left CP for Co A CP to arrange for raid tonight.
- 1616 Report of PW.
- 2300 S-2 to Bn CO - Patrol unable to get Eny out of basement (At BISCHHOLTZ).
- 2400 Casualties: 4 Non-Battle (EM).

2 Feb. 1945Time

- 0023 S-2 (At Co. A CP) to Bn CO- Co A, All accounted for. None left behind in town (BISCHHOLTZ).
- 0115 Report of raid on BISCHHOLTZ made to G-3 (by S-2).
- 0125 Report of raid made to CO 410 Inf (by Bn CO).
- 0850 Lt. BURR left CP to go to Co A to assume comd of the Co.
- 0850 Recd opns Instruction No. 17 fr Regt.
- 1047 Warning to Co. B of Boundary change.
- 1054 Co. A notified of Boundary change.
- 1100 Co. C notified of Boundary change.
- 1245 Inquiry of Regt re Div Patrol.
- 1250 Regtl S-3 to S-3 - Div Patrol returned at 0300 this morning.
- 1251 S-3 to CO Co C - Tell unit on left Div Patrol is in and it's all right to fire.
- 1315 Co Comdrs met with Staff at Bn CP.
- 1340 CO 3rd Bn to Bn CO - Will send staff officer to you to coordinate in about one hour.
- 1620 CO 410 Inf arrived at CP.
- 1706 S-3 3rd Bn to S-3 - Will relieve Baker Co at 1830. Will meet guides at "Spider Web" (8432).
- 1711 Co B ordered to have guides at "Spider Web" at 1830 to guide in relief.
- 1820 Ex O to CO Hq Co - Co C will release men atchd fr A and P Plat tonight (when relief finished).
- 2132 Regtl S-3 (ln O) to S-3 - Recd word from White that relief was completed at 2115.

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Place: INGWILLER, France

2253 Report on progress of relief (By Ex O from Co C CP).  
 2400 Casualties: Em - 5 LW; 3 EM MIA as of 18 Jan. 45; 6 Non-Battle.

3 Feb. 1945Time

0027 Relief by Co. B completed.  
 0215 Two PWs being sent to CP by Co C.  
 0835 Statement by PWs.  
 1037 Eny information fr PWs.  
 1428 Asst Div CG arrived at CP; Left at 1440.  
 1550 CO 410 Arrived at CP; Left at 1645.  
 1930 Overlay of defensive positions to Regt.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 LW; 4 Non-Battle.

4 Feb. 1945Time

0915 Parole and Countersign "Oval - Love" to Cos.  
 0940 Recd commendation fr CO 410 Inf on Bn's action at SCHILLERSDORF, France.  
 0955 Ex O Regt to S-3 - Have all camouflage nets taken fr helmets and saved. Fame 6 says they are not needed now.  
 1050 S-3 to Cos A-B-C - Results of raid last night on ROTHBACH by Fatima: Took 24 PWs; Killed 50 Eny. Our casualties 3 KIA; 17 Wounded.  
 1530 Critical points overlay to A-B-C-D Cos.  
 1725 CO Co. B warned of Boundary change.  
 1730 Eny reported returning to ROTHBACH.  
 1800 CO Co A warned of Boundary change.  
 1815 S-3 3rd Bn to Ex O - Plat of I on our left flank was relieved by Plat of K, Occupying same positions.  
 2035 S-3 to Regtl S-3 - Request artificial moonlight tonight. Patrol activity expected due to Eny reinforcements in ROTHBACH.  
 2036 Regtl S-3 to S-3 - Will light up but must await return Blue Bn Patrols. Will let you know time.  
 2223 Report by Regt of Gap on our right.  
 2230 Recd opns instructions No. 18 fr Regt and Copy Div Order for raid plan on BISCHHOLTZ.  
 2230 Div Order for raid plans on BISCHHOLTZ.  
 2232 Opinion by member Co K Plat (On Co B flank) as to Gap.  
 2236 Patrol ordered to coordinate with flank Plat.  
 2245 Notification of Coordination by CO Co K 410 Inf and Co B along our right flank.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - 2 LW: 7 Non-Battle.

5 Feb. 1945Time

0010 Report of intended raid by Eny.  
 0430 Regtl S-3 to S-3 - About "Krauts" observed infiltrating Co K area. Have your Cos particularly alert.  
 0907 Parole and countersign "Stalingrad - Solo" to Cos.

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Place: INGWILLER, France

Time  
 0933 CO 410 Inf arrived at CP.  
 1357 Regtl S-3 to S-3 - Have Bn alert to Maintain contact to offset poor visibility.  
 1752 Bn CO to CO Co C - Thin out your lines and increase your firepower to enhance rotation.  
 1930 S-3 3rd Bn to S-3 - Everything is all in.  
 1931 S-3 to Regtl S-3 - Relief complete at 1925 (Per opns inst No. 18).  
 2015 CO Co B to S-3 - Relief completed at 2000.  
 2100 CO Co D to S-3 - Relief completed at 2000.  
 2114 Asst Regtl S-3 to S-3 - Your plans for BISCHHOLTZ "ok" with Fame 3.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 LW; 2 MIA; 2 Non-Battle.

6 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0252 Artificial moonlight will go on at 0300 (Info fr Regt).  
 0830 An information fr Regt.  
 0925 Parole and Countersign "Telegraph - Fifi" to Cos.  
 1023 Asst Div Comdr arrived at CP; Left at 1040.  
 1112 Report of Eny actions by CO Co C.  
 1135 Arrangement for rcn by TD officer for raid on BISCHHOLTZ.  
 1145 CO 410 Inf arrived at CP; Left at 1210.  
 1153 CO Cn Co requested to rept to CP for info on opns (Raid on BISCHHOLTZ).  
 1208 CO Hq Co and CO Co D summoned to CP.  
 1340 Overlay defensive positions to Regt.  
 1447 Plan for Co A raid on BISCHHOLTZ to Regt.  
 1603 Permission granted by Regt to use 3rd Plat Co B 781 Tk Bn (on raid)  
 1608 S-3 summoned to Regtl CP by Regtl S-3. Time: 1630.  
 1930 CO Co C to Ex O - We are now tied in with new unit on left even better than with old unit.  
 2000 Recd opns Instruction No 19 fr Regt.  
 2035 Time synchronized by S-3 with COs: Co A, Co D, and Cn Co, and with 383rd FA fire direction.  
 2400 Casualties: EM 4 Non-Battle.

7 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0010 Info fr Regt that artificial moonlight goes on at 0045.  
 0710 Raid on BISCHHOLTZ by Co A (rein) jumped off as scheduled.  
 0751 Co F 410 Inf reports 11 PWs taken on BISCHHOLTZ raid. Two Co A men slightly wounded.  
 0832 S-2 (Capt. VINSON) - To CO 410 Inf - 10 or 11 PWs taken on raid. Our casualties total 2 wounded.  
 0834 CO 410 to S-2 (Capt. VINSON) - Fame 6 is coming to Regtl CP then to your CP to be guided to Co A to congratulate men on raid.  
 0918 CO 410 Inf arrived at CP.  
 0920 Parole and countersign "Barr - Vino" to Cos.

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Time  
 0930 Prisoners captured at BISCHHOLTZ identified as members of 6 Co, 2nd Bn 87th VG. Place: INGWILLER, France  
 0932 CG 103rd Div arrived at CP. OBERSOULTZBACH, France  
 0935 Report by CO Co A on raid.  
 0946 CG 103rd Div, CO 410 Inf, Bn CO and S-3 left CP for Co A CP.  
 1545 Bn CO to CO Co B - Leave one officer and 1 NCO when you pull out to show new outfit around.  
 1552 Bn CO to CO Co C - Leave one officer and 1 NCO when you leave to show relief around.  
 2023 Co A closed in OBERSOULTZBACH, France, at 1950 (Msg via TP CO Co A to Bn CP).  
 2323 Rept of stolen truck fr Regt.  
 2330 Relief of 1st Bn by elements of 411th Inf Completed. Regt in Div Reserve.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - 3 LW; 1 Non-Battle.

8 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0015 Co B closed in OBERSOULTZBACH.  
 0350 Co C closed in OBERSOULTZBACH.  
 0530 Bn CP opened at OBERSOULTZBACH.  
 0923 Parole and Countersign "Mast - Congo" to Cos.  
 1440 Bn CO and S-3 left CP for Regtl CP. Returned at 1712.  
 1730 Co Comdrs meeting held at Bn CP.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - None; O - None.

9 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0925 Parole and countersign: "Alpha - Fox" to Cos.  
 1540 CO 410th Inf at CP.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - 2 Non-battle.

10 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0945 Parole and Countersign: "Bock - Rouso" to Cos.  
 1130 New parole and countersign: "None - Floor" to Cos (Above compromised)  
 1350 Request of Regt by Bn to requarter Cos.  
 1355 Request above refused.  
 1515 Pyrotechnic SOI 2nd Bn 409th Inf Rescinded.  
 1738 AT guns held from positions.  
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle

11 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0910 Parole and countersign: "Mimi - Colo" to Cos.  
 0933 CG 103rd Div to Inspect troops.  
 1225 Inspection to include HWS.

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Place: OBERSOULTZBACH, France

Time

- 1240 Inspection time changed.
- 1530 Co Comdrs meeting at Bn CP.
- 2120 Thermite grenade to be kept in each vehicle; Tng in care of gas masks to be conducted.
- 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

12 Feb. 1945

Time

- 0845 Inspection by CG postponed.
- 0847 Above to Cos with Tng instructions.
- 0855 Arty Tng instituted.
- 0950 Thermite grenade ordered in each vehicle.
- 1030 Parole and countersign: "Chicago - Madamoissele" to Cos.
- 2400 Casualties: None.

13 Feb. 1945

Time

- 0930 Troops of Bn inspected by CG 103rd Inf Div; Inspection followed by address by CG.
- 1100 Meeting of Co Comdrs held at Bn CP.
- 1130 Parole and countersign: "Maria - spell" to Cos.
- 1530 Co Comdrs summoned to CP.
- 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

14 Feb. 1945

Time

- 0830 Inspection of Hq-A-B-C troops under Co control held at 0830.
- 1015 Parole and Countersign: "Ox - Bayonette" to Cos.
- 1330 CO 410 Inf inspected troops in ranks followed by presentation of Battle awards.
- 1853 Regt informed of Alert Co.
- 2400 Casualties: None.

15 Feb. 1945

Time

- 0850 Parole and countersign: "Fortress - Back" to Cos.
- 1625 Info to regt on Alert Co.
- 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

16 Feb. 1945

Time

- 1125 Parole and countersign "Karkoff" and "Police".
- 1815 Sweaters as outer garments authorized.
- 2400 Casualties: 1 self inflicted Wound - 1 N on battle (EM).

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Place OBERSOULTZBACH, France

17 Feb. 1945Time

0910 Range firing discontinued.  
 0945 Parole and countersign "Automobile - Josephine" to Cos.  
 1110 Use Cal. 30 Am for practice prohibited.  
 1230 Co Comdrs' Meeting held at CP.  
 1430 Inventory of Am ordered.  
 Tng Schedule, A-B-C-D Cos for week ending 17 Feb. 45.  
 2400 Casualties: One non battle (EM).

18 Feb. 1945Time

0945 Parole and countersign "Cordell - Pianissimo" to Cos.  
 1030 Mine tng scheduled for A & P Plat.  
 1415 Trucks held for alert Co ordered to 2nd Bn -- Co A released fr alert.  
 1600 Am list to reconstitute loads ordered.  
 1630 Am carried in normal load ordered listed.  
 1830 Opns instruction No 23 recd fr Regt.  
 2400 Casualties: 2 Non Battle (EM).

19 Feb. 1945Time

0900 Parole and countersign "Piano - Sock" to C os.  
 1155 Warning to Cos acct practice of c/a plan B2.  
 1200 Order fr Regt to alert Bn for c/a plan practice.  
 1201 Cos alerted per 1200 entry.  
 1255 Movement order issued by Bn CO on practice c/a plan. Order march A-B-D-Hq-C.  
 1258 Cos moved out and Bn CO went forward for practice c/a plan B2.  
 1322 CG 103rd Inf Div arrived at CP; Left at 1327.  
 1547 Bn CO returned to CP.  
 2400 Casualties: One Non Battle (EM).

20 Feb. 1945Time

1000 Parole and countersign "Bolo - sardinia" to Cos.  
 1020 S-1 ordered to Regtl CP for coordination of quartering.  
 1030 Cos notified of mine demonstration.  
 1538 Instructions to Am O.  
 1650 Notification of Cos of skit "What to do if Captured".  
 2400 Casualties: None

21 Feb. 1945Time

0830 Recd opns inst No. 24 fr regt (Elements of 409 and 411 to be relieved by 1st Bn).  
 0845 All Co Comdrs notified of meeting at Bn C P immediately.  
 0905 Parole and countersign "Nett - Flock" to Cos.  
 1000 Am DP to be moved forward.

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Place: OBERMODERN, France

Time  
 1020 Copies of opns overlay accompanying I.O. No. 24 to A-B-C-D Cos (See jr. file no. 492).  
 1835 Bn CP opened at OBERMODERN; Closed at OBERSOULTZBACH.  
 1900 Regt Notified of CP move.  
 2021 NCO Instructor to be furnished Regt.  
 2105 Co B relief complete at 2000.  
 2108 FWD TP lines ordered Simplexed.  
 2143 Co A Relief Complete at 2130.  
 2145 Notification Cn Co plans.  
 2150 Co C notified to furnish NCO instructor to Regt.  
 2222 410 Inf takes Comd of sector as of 2205.  
 2255 Report that left flank not tied in.  
 2257 Report by CO Co B Re left flank.  
 2400 Casualties: 2 Non-Battle (EM).

22 Feb. 1945

Time  
 1032 CO 410th Inf arrived at CP; Left at 1143.  
 1033 Parole and countersign "Santa - Gas" to Cos.  
 1600 Overlay A-B-C-D Defensive positions to R egt.  
 1900 Overlay Cn Co concentrations to A-B-C-D Cos.  
 2030 Report by Co B of flares in ZUTZENDORF.  
 2400 Casualties: None.

23 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0830 Report of incident by Co B.  
 1030 Asst div comdr visited Bn CP.  
 1120 Parole and countersign "Sell - Lapel" to Cos.  
 1300 Location of Mine field recd fr 2nd Bn.  
 1335 Co A informed of mine field.  
 1345 Mine and Booby trap positions overlay to A-B-C-D Cos.  
 1540 Plat of tanks to be atchd.  
 1602 Co B notified of attachment of tanks.  
 1700 1st Plat Co A 756th Tank Bn atchd to 1st Bn.  
 1727 Notification of Co B of dispatch of tanks to its town.  
 1815 Report of left flank unit RE tie-in on left.  
 1820 Report by CO Co B RE left flank positions.  
 1825 Report to 2nd Bn 411th Inf RE left flank positions.  
 1925 Request for patrol info by Co A.  
 1928 2nd Bn 410 Inf reminded of Co A Patrol.  
 1935 103rd recn patrol plan information.  
 1940 Co A informed of 103rd rcn troop patrol.  
 2040 Flare from Co B sector of ZUTZENDORF.  
 2105 Flare reported as Eminating from OBERMODERN.  
 2400 Casualties: None

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24 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0020 Patrol report, Co B.  
 0055 Patrol report Co A.  
 0915 Parole and countersign "Litvinoff - Desk" to Cos.  
 1000 Tng memo no. 1 recd fr Regt.  
 1044 CO 410th Inf visited Bn CP.  
 1200 Overlay of results Cos A and B patrol 23-24 Feb. to Regt with routes of 24-25 Feb. patrols.  
 1347 Information as to 103rd rcn troop patrol plans.  
 1640 Eny information.  
 1650 Request that tnks not fire from Co A Zone.  
 2210 Instructions fr Regt as to PW Disposition.  
 2400 Casualties: 4 Non Battle (EM).

25 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0150 Report from Company A on Patrol #1.  
 0155 Above information telephoned to Fatal 2.  
 0420 Report from Company A on Patrol #2.  
 0730 Tentative plan and overlays for atk on NIEFFERN sent to Fatal 3.  
 0905 Results of fashion patrol.  
 1025 Bn Comdr to Co B CO (msg).  
 1030 Parole and countersign, "Belt - kiss" to companies.  
 1036 Permission requested by Fatima white to test fire wpns in area 848286.  
 1610 Report from Bn OP of 3 SP rds in vic. (first report to sp fire since Bn in this sector).  
 1800 Information on arty fire recd in OBERMODERN. (msg).  
 2310 Information on flare observed.  
 2400 Casualties: 6 Non-Battle (EM).

26 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0820 Information on visit of Div comdr to Op in Bn area.  
 0920 Parole and countersign: "Tac - sec" to companies.  
 1610 Div comdr, CO 3rd Bn at Bn CP.  
 1610 Results on C Company patrols.  
 2019 Information on firing of star shells by TD's.  
 2142 Information on combat patrol in NIEFFERN.  
 2340 Information on combat patrol in NIEFFERN.  
 2400 Casualties: 3 Non Battle (EM), 1 EM - SW (accidental).

27 Feb. 1945

Time  
 0100 Information on combat patrol in NIEFFERN.  
 0117 Regtl Comdr orders investigation of heavy casualties in raid.  
 0127 Information on evacuation of wounded.  
 0127 Call for meetings of C Co Comdr, plat ldr, sqd ldrs on raid with Bn Comdr.  
 0206 Information on casualties in mine field.  
 0240 Information from aid sta on casualties.

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<u>Time</u>	
0243	A & B Companies informed C Co cleared from forward area.
0347	Bn Comdr's report on Raid to Regtl Comdr.
0922	Parole and countersign, "Box - valve" to companies.
0930	Report on Co A rcn of minefield.
1100	Report from Bn CP of men observed in minefield.
1100	Div Comdr visited Bn CP: Left 1110.
1110	C Co requests permission to send for men in minefield.
1112	Request for permission relayed to Regtl C omdr.
1112	Regtl comdr requests ldrs of NIEFFERN raid report to him.
1126	Information on evacuation of men from mine field.
1137	Information on evacuation of men from mine field.
1138	Information on evacuation of men from mine field.
1151	Information on evacuation of men from mine field.
1232	Information of evacuation of men from mine field to Cn Co.
1237	Cessation of hostilities ordered for duration of rescue mission.
1240	Regt notified relief mission left Bn CP.
1242	Above info to S-2, 2nd Bn, 411th Inf.
1243	Above info to Bn Comdr, 2nd Bn, 410th I nf.
1246	Information from Co A on arty being received.
1255	Information on rescue party.
1352	S-2 information from 42nd Div (on left) .
1433	Regt informed rescue mission accomplished.
1435	Above to companies A and B.
1436	Above to 2nd Bn, 410th Inf.
1438	Above to 2nd Bn, 411th Inf.
1445	Evacuated man arrived at aid sta.
1508	Report of interview with evacuated man.
1515	1508 entry to S-2, 410th Infantry.
1520	1508 entry to A Co.
1524	1508 Entry to B Co.
1634	Bn Comdr summoned to Regtl CP.
1817	Co Comdrs meeting to be held at Bn CP at once.
2016	Report from Co A on officer checking out posts.
2022	Above info to asst S-3, 410th Inf.
2035	Info on above from Asst S-3, 410th Inf.
2040	2035 Entry to A Co.
2115	Report unit on right flank of A Co relieved.
2400	Casualties: 6 EM-MIA, 2 EM-SW; 6 EM-LW, 3 Non-Battle (EM).

28 Feb. 1945Time

1020	Patrol and countersign: "Partisan - Tito" to Companies.
1050	Regtl Ex O requests meeting of Stf and Co Comdrs.
1100	Asst Div Comdr visited Bn CP - Left at 1120.
1134	Co Comdrs meeting called for 1500.
2400	Casualties: 7 EM Non- Battle.

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