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PLACE: ESCHBACH, GERMANY.

1 April 1945

Time
0900 Password and reply "Promenade - Rendezvous" to Cos.
1455 Red Panels ordered removed from vehicles.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

2 April 1945

0200 Time moved forward One Hr; "B" Time now in effect in place of "A" Time.
1000 Password and reply "Lost - Basket" to Cos.
1300 Overlay of Areas assigned for garrison and police rec'd from Regt.
2400 Casualties: None

3 April 1945

Time
0925 Wearing of gas-masks discontinued.
0927 Order to Cos re Gas Masks (Via S-1).
1030 OG 103d Inf Div arrived at CP; left at 1045.
1030 Co B CP established at WALDROHRBACH (1169 - 635) (Moved from DARSTEIN).
1100 Password and reply "Fuss - Button" to Cos.
1140 Movement of Co A to new area completed. (CP located at BILLIGHEIM, 266-602).
1148 Arrangement with 383d FA Bn Re Relief Bn AT plat on rd blocks at LANDAU.
1150 Co D closed in positions (CP located in WOLLMESHEIM, 254-64.25).
1330 Bn AT plat closed in ESCHBACH.
1412 Bn AT plat ordered to man rd blocks in ESCHBACH.
1535 Order re disposition of confiscated wpns to Hq, C and D Cos.
1555 Order re disposition of confiscated wpns to CO Co B; report of wire-cutting.
1630 Report to Regt of French Army personnel moving into 1st Bn asgd area.
1640 Instruction from Regt re French.
1900 Overlay of area control by 1st Bn and report of other units in Bn's area; to Regt.
1920 List of critical points asgd towns within Bn area to Cos.
1925 Lt. John K. Packer (1st Lt, 01295263) in comd of Co A.
1945 Co D vehicles requisitioned for use of A and B Cos.
2400 Casualties: 1 Non-battle (EM).

4 April 1945

Time
0930 Password and reply, "Brady - Lake" to Cos.
1100 Civilian passes to be issued at discretion of Bn.
1625 Public water supply in ESCHBACH approved.
2400 Casualties: EM - 2 Non-battle.

5 April 1945

Time
0930 Password and reply "Snail - Food" to Cos.
1500 Notification by Co A of activities of French Army personnel.
1640 Data on towns in Bn area to Regt (Population, Drs, etc).

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5 April 1945 (cont'd)

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Time
1040 Warning from Regt of impending move.
2400 Casualties: EM: 2 Non-battle.

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6 April 1945

Time
0830 Password and reply "Dagwood - Bumper" to Cos.
0905 Asst Div OG at Bn CP.
1410 Reserve Co (Co C) ordered to relieve Cn Co at RAMBERG; notification of division's moving eastward.
1430 Co A ordered to assemble.
1615 Co C closed in RAMBERG.
1616 Notification by Co A of shooting of civilian.
1900 Report by Bn surg on wounded civilian.
2000 Opns Inst No 30 rec'd from regt.
2015 Instruction of move (See 051040 Entry) to be disregarded.
2200 Bn CO, S-3 and S-2 ordered to Regt'l CP.
Maj Ernest F. Brockman 022147, rel fr asgmt to HQ 1st Bn, and asgd to HQ 410th Inf; Capt James A. Vinson, 01296124, rel fr asgmt Co B, and asgd to HQ 1st Bn (Par 4, SO 63, HQ 410 Inf, 6 Apr 45).
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

7 April 1945

Time
0120 Quarters guides and Gds ordered; Cos ordered to assemble for move.
0930 Password and reply "Buckeye - State" to Cos.
1445 Regtl CO arrived at Bn CP; left at 1520.
1924 Bn Organic crossed IP.
2330 Bn Organic closed in EBERBACH, GERMANY.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

PLACE: EBERBACH, GERMANY

8 April 1945

Time
1000 Bn closed in asgd areas; Bn CP, HQ Co and Co A in EBERBACH. Co CP's: Hq., 90.2 - 96.8; Co A, 90.7 - 96.8; Co B, (STRUMPFELBRUNN) 97.4 - 97.2; Co C, (LOHRBACH) 90.0 - 101.8; Co D, (WALDKATZENBACH) 95.5 - 97.3. See Jr File No. 694 for trp dispositions. Capt Vinson in comd of Bn (Lt Col Lynch TD, AMG; Maj Parker TD VI Corps Rest Center, Nancy, France).
2155 Co A trps alerted.
2400 Casualties: None.

9 April 1945

Time
0950 Password and reply, "Seabee - Corps" to Cos.
1220 Maj Parker fr TD VI Corps Rest Center to Dy; assumes comd of 1st Bn.
1730 Overlay of trp dispositions and motor patrol routes to regt.
1750 American plane reported down in flames.

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Time
2155 Regt informed of evacuation of bomber pilot.
2400 Casualties: EM - 3 Non-battle.

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10 April 1945

Time
0930 Password and reply, "Magic - Lantern" to Cos.
1100 Memo HQ 35th AAA Brigade rec'd.
1111 Report on test firing of automatic carbine to regt.
2400 Casualties: 2 Non-battle (EM).

11 April 1945

Time
0845 Password and reply, "Sarah - Lou" to Cos.
1324 Association of trps with displaced personnel prohibited.
1325 CG 103d Inf Div arrived at CP; left 1434.
1735 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP; left at 1820.
2200 Report of arty pieces and diesel engines to regt.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

12 April 1945

Time
0840 Non-Fraternization order to Hq and A Cos.
0900 Password and reply "Thorn - Side" to Cos.
1040 Non-fraternization order to Co C.
2400 Casualties: None.

13 April 1945

0830 Password and reply "Water - Channel" to Cos.
0900 Report of barges on NECKAR RIVER to Regt.
1145 Asst CG 103d Inf Div arrived at CP; left at 1320.
1225 Western European displaced personnel to be evacuated.
1527 Tng instructions to Cos.
1800 Patrol of EBERBACH RR yds ordered.
2122 Information to regt of munitions at EBERBACH RR yds.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

14 April 1945

0900 Grain on NECKAR RIVER barges requested for EBERBACH.
1000 Password and reply "Class - School" to Cos.
1010 Ruling on grain not available from regt.
1205 Regtl CO arrived at CP; left at 1340.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.
Dys of 1st Bn Ex. O. assumed by Capt James A. Vinson: S-3 by 1st Lt Wm J. Dorato; S-2 by 2d Lt Robert C. Nordhausen (Hq Co 1st Bn).

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15 April 1945

Time

0845 Information to Regt of reported underground factory.
1100 Password and reply "Griddle - Pan" to Cos.
1320 Request for CIO investigation of suspected Gestapo member held by 1st Bn.
1730 German planting and rationing control to be continued.
2400 Casualties: Officer, 1 Non-battle.

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15 April 1945

Time

1730 German planting and rationing control to be continued.
2400 Casualties: Officer, 1 - Non-battle.

16 April 1945

Time

0900 Password and reply: "Yalta-Victory" to Cos.
2400 Casualties: EM: 2 Non-battle.

17 April 1945

Time

0900 Password and reply: "Arrow-Head" to Cos.
1500 Order to Mtr O Re: Speeding.
1610 Regtl Comdr Arrived at CP; left at 1640.
1830 Information of disturbances and Enemy wounded in area adjoining Co C area.
2220 Bn S-3 and S-1 ordered to report to Regtl CP.
2400 Casualties: EM: 3 Non-battle.

18 April 1945

Time

0840 Information of Move (From S-3 at Regtl CP).
0843 Warning of movement to Co D.
0900 Password and reply: "Inquiry-Report" to Cos.
0942 Warning of Movement to Co C.
1050 Movement order to Co A.
1148 Move to LAUDENBACH cancelled.
1149 Move by Co A cancelled.
1320 Quarters party ordered to return to EBERBACH.
1335 Information from Regt to assemble Bn by Cos.
1340 Co B ordered to assemble.
1341 Co C ordered to assemble.
2250 March order from Regt.
2300 Quarters parties ordered.
2400 Casualties: EM: 2 Non-battle.

19 April 1945

Time

0900 Password and reply: "Gary-Cooper" to Cos.
0908 Marking for MU lead vehicles.
0945 Lt. Col Howard F. Selk to dy with 1st Bn and assumed command.
1115 Movement information to B and C Cos.
1207 Movement order to Bn Surgeon.
1245 Orders to MU Commander.
1425 Trucks delayed.
1500 Guard on factory to be maintained.
1502 AT Platoon ordered to guard factory.
1915 Additional delay in arrival of trucks.
2400 Casualties: None.

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20 April 1945

Time
0430 1st Bn cleared from EBERBACH.
0530 Crossed IP.
0900 Bn closed in assembly area vic HALDEN, GERMANY.
0930 Password and reply: "Bogey-Wheels" to Cos.
1400 Oral order by Bn Comdr to Company Commanders.
1445 One Plat (-) Co B, 328th Engrs attached to 1st Battalion.
1500 Companies ordered to move out at 1550.
1520 One plat Co A, 83d OML Bn atchd to 1st Battalion.
1555 Platoon Co A 614th TD Battalion attached to 1st Battalion.
2000 Battalion closed in WELZHEIM, GERMANY.
2145 Bn CP established at DREITENFURST, GERMANY.
Ln Sec 103d Rcn Troop attached to 1st Battalion.
2400 Casualties: EM: 1 Non-battle.

21 April 1945

PLACE: DREITENFURST, GERMANY

Time
0815 Platoon of Co C to be relieved by AT Mine Platoon.
0920 Bn to move to OBERBACH.
0955 Cos A and B in UTTERBACH.
1020 CP at DREITENFURST closed.
1110 Bn CP established by PHUNDERHAUSEN.
1115 Password and reply: "Century-Day" to Cos.
1330 Bn moved out from PHUNDERHAUSEN via motor and foot march.
1350 Bn CP at PHUNDERHAUSEN closed.
1515 Bn closed in UHINGEN.
2115 Bn moved out from UHINGEN via motor.
2345 Bn CP established at WEILHEIM, GERMANY.
2400 Casualties: Officers: 1 Non-battle; EM: 1 Non-battle.

22 April 1945

PLACE: WEILHEIM, GERMANY.

Time
0030 Co C ordered to clear NEIDLINGEN; Co B to clear HEPSISAU.
0940 HEPSISAU cleared by Co B.
CP at WEILHEIM CLOSED.
0950 Hq, A and elements of Co D cleared WEILHEIM.
1345 Bn CP established at SCHOPFLOCH (SCHOPFLOCH cleared by Co C at 1200).
1500 Hq, A and elements of Co D closed in SCHOPFLOCH.
1645 Opns instructions from Regt.
1700 Location of Units of Bn reported to Regt.
1705 Cos A and C moved out from SCHOPFLOCH: Co A to clear BOHRINGEN; Co C to clear ZAININGEN.
2220 Opns instructions from Regt.
2400 Casualties: Officers: 1 Shock; EM: 2 Non-battle, 1 KIA, 1 MIA, 4 SW, 8 LW, 10 Shock, 1 Shock (Severe)

23 April 1945

Time
0137 ZAININGEN cleared by Co C.
0745 Bn CP at SCHOPFLOCH closed.
0800 Co B closed in ZAININGEN.

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PLACE: SCHOPFLOCH, GERMANY

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Time
0137 ZAININGEN cleared by Co C.
0745 Bn CP at SCHOPFLOCH closed.
0800 Co B closed in ZAININGEN.
0830 Co A moved out from ZAININGEN to attack BOHRINGEN.
0845 Bn CP established at ZAININGEN.
0930 Ln Sec 103d Rcn Troop released from attachment to 1st Battalion.
Co A held up outside BOHRINGEN by enemy fire.
1000 Password and reply: "Thatched-Roof" to Cos.
1040 Co C committed to right of Co A.
1042 Co B relieve Co C outposts at ZAININGEN.
1052 Co C moving from ZAININGEN to attack BOHRINGEN.
1455 Co A moving into BOHRINGEN.
1515 Co B 781 Tank Bn atchd to 1st Battalion.
1515 Operations instructions from Regiment.
1540 Clearing of BORINGEN completed by Co C.
1945 Town of GRUORN cleared by Co B.
2000 Co B moved from GRUORIN for TRAILFINGEN.
2015 Co C closed in GRUORIN.
2400 Casualties: EM: 6 LW, 1 Non-battle.

24 April 1945

PLACE: ZAININGEN, GERMANY

Time
0945 Operations instructions from Regt.
0940 Co C ordered to TRAILFINGEN.
0952 Co B ordered to attack MUNSINGEN.
0955 Password and reply: "Valentine-Day" to Cos.
1100 Information re MUNSINGEN from PW to Co B.
1105 Instructions by Bn CO re MUNSINGEN attack (Bn Ex O. at Co B CP TRAILFINGEN).
1107 Attack on MUNSINGEN held for Co C to move into TRAILFINGEN.
1143 Permission rec'd from Regt to move Co A to GRUORIN.
1148 Order to begin attack on MUNSINGEN.
1250 Attack on MUNSINGEN jumped off.
1448 Notification of friendly unit approaching MUNSINGEN.
1520 Regtl Commander arrived at OP; left at 1630.
1532 OG 103d Inf Div arrived at OP; left at 1536.
1642 OG 103d Inf Div arrived at OP; left at 1650.
1805 Regtl Comdr arrived at OP; left at 1835.
1955 Attached elements to make move with 1st Battalion.
2035 Co C notified of approach of friendly unit.
2125 MUNSINGEN cleared.
2225 Co B to be relieved by 411th Inf.
2315 Order of march rec'd from Regt.
2400 Casualties: EM-4 Non-battle; 2 LW; 1 Non-battle as of 23 April 1945.

25 April 1945

PLACE: ZAININGEN, GERMANY

Time
0912 Order from Regt to begin move.
1000 Password and reply: "Rough-Rider" to Cos.
1045 Attached tanks with Co A cleared from ZAININGEN (-A Co).

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Time
 1102 Co B relieved in MUNSINGEN by 411th Inf.
 1130 Regtl I and R to guide 1st Battalion Convoy.
 1155 Co B ordered to assemble.
 1445 Bn CP at ZAININGEN closed.
 1500 Bn cleared ZAININGEN.
 1915 Bn CP established at JUNGINGEN.
 1930 Bn closed in JUNGINGEN.
 2400 Casualties: EM: 1 Non-battle; as of 20 Apr 45--1 Non battle.

26 April 1945

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY

Time
 0100 Co B, 824 TD Bn attached to 1st Battalion.
 0110 Above msg relayed to TD Comdr at 781st Tnk CP.
 0830 Co Comdrs and Comdrs of atchd Units met with Bn staff at Bn CP; On Co 410 Inf atchd to 1st Bn.
 0900 Bn CO, ExxO and S-3 ordered to report to Regtl CP; Warning of move.
 0910 Warning of movement time to Hq, A, B, C, D Cos.
 0913 Warning of movement time to atchd units.
 0915 Lt. Col. Harold H. May assumed command of 1st Bn (Lt Col Selk evacuated).
 0930 Password and reply: "Birth-Rate" to Cos.
 1140 Bn and atchd units (Task Force May) moved out from JUNGINGEN.
 1145 Bn CP at JUNGINGEN closed.
 2230 Bn CP established at TAFFERTSHOFEN, GERMANY.
 2400 Casualties: EM: 4 Non-battle.

27 April 1945

PLACE: KAUFBEUREN, GERMANY

Time
 0545 Task force moved out from TAFFERTSHOFEN.
 0600 Bn CP at TAFFERTSHOFEN closed.
 1900 Task forced closed in KAUFBEUREN, GERMANY (15.5-24.5).
 2400 Casualties: EM; 1 Non-battle.

28 April 1945

PLACE: ROSSHAUPTEN, GERMANY

Time
 0600 Bn CP at KAUFBEUREN closed.
 0615 Task force moved out from KAUFBEUREN..
 0900 Bn CP established at ROSSHAUPTEN, GERMANY (24.0-99.0)
 0930 Password and Reply: "Dorothy-Lamour" to Cos.
 1500 Order from Regt to Patrol Lech River for ford.
 1700 Asst CG 103d Inf Div, at CP.
 2000 Patrolling of river to be continued.
 2400 Casualties: EM: 1 Non-battle.

29 April 1945

PLACE: FRONTRETTEN, GERMANY

Time
 0755 Opns instructions to Co C.
 0840 Regtl Commanders at Bn CP.
 0845 Movement warning to Cos and atchd units.

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PLACE: OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY

Time
 0945 Operations instructions from Regt.
 1115 Task force moved out from ROSSHaupten, GERMANY.
 1415 Bn CP established at FRONTRETten, GERMANY (Co B in SCHoBER; Co C (-) in REITERSAU; Co A (-); Co D (-); Cn Co, Plat 83d Cml Bn, Plat 614th TD Bn and plat 528 Engrs in FRONTRETten).
 1745 Regt Comdr at CP.
 Forward Bn CP established at OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY.
 2400 Casualties: Officers, 1 Non-battle; EM: 3 Non-battle; 1 Non-battle as of 28 April 1945.

30 Apr 1945

Time
 0720 Rear elements of Bn on half-hour alert.
 0759 Engr squad ordered to STEINGADEN by Regt.
 1600 Task force held up by Road Block.
 1602 Engineers ordered to OBERAMMERGAU.
 1925 Patrol by Co C ordered.
 2130 Results of C Company Patrol.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 LW; 1 SIW; 2 Non-battle as of 29 Apr 45 chgd to LW.

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