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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BATTALION
410TH INFANTRY

PLAc: OBERMODERN, FRANCE

1 March 1945Time

1025 Parole and Countersign, "Cossack - Karkoff" to Cos.
 1150 CO 410th Inf Arrived at CP: Left at 1215.
 1228 New curfew regulations for Civilians.
 1350 Plans for Patrol of OBERMODERN by 3rd Bn 410th Inf.
 2110 Arrangement for Tie-in Coordination on right with 2nd Bn 410th Inf.
 2400 Casualties: EM -- 4 Non-battle.

2 March 1945Time

0900 Parole and Countersign, "Bataan - Tokyo" to Cos.
 1145 Tng schedule, 5-10 Mar 45 to Regt.
 1345 Tng Schedule, 5-10 Mar 45 to Hq, A, B, C and D Cos (See Jr file No 572).
 1345 Overlay Eny mine positions vic UHRWILLER to A, B, C and D Cos.
 1430 CO 410th Inf Arrived at CP: Left At 1530.
 1445 CG 103rd Inf Div Arrived at CP: Left at 1530.
 1745 Report to Regt of unguarded bridges, 2nd Bn 410th Inf Zone.
 1753 Bn CO left CP to accept Dinner Invitation of CG 103rd Inf Div.
 1820 Received Opns instruction No. 25 fr Regt (Ordering relief of 1st Bn by 3rd Bn).
 2325 Report of Co A patrol.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 2 Non-battle.

3 March 1945Time

0900 Parole and countersign, "Benedictine - Brandy" to Cos.
 1018 Warning to Cos in OBERMODERN (Hq, C and D) RE rocket firing.
 1127 Asst Div Comdr arrived at CP: Left at 1130.
 1322 Information rec'd fr 3rd Bn that Co K to relieve Co B; Co L to relieve Co A.
 1600 Plat of Co A 756th Tank Bn released fr attachment to 1st Bn.
 2228 Return of Co A patrol reported.
 2305 Return of Co B patrol reported.
 2315 Report of Co A patrol findings.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 3 Non-battle.

4 March 1945Time

0900 Parole and countersign: "Cafe - chef" to Cos.
 1000 3rd Plat Co A 48th Tank Bn attached to 1st Bn.
 1850 Tng instructions from Regt.
 1925 Relief of Co A by 3rd Bn 410th Inf elements completed at 1925.

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4 March 1945 (Continued)

Time
 1930 Relief of Co D by 3rd Bn 410th Inf elements completed at 1930.
 1945 Relief of Co B by 3rd Bn 410th Inf elements completed at 1945.
 2012 Regt informed that relief of 1st Bn by 3rd Bn completed at 1945.
 2025 Bn Closed in OBERMODERN at 2025 (Cos A and B moved fr ZUTZENDORF upon relief by 3rd Bn).
 2400 Casualties: EM - 5 non-battle.
 1st Lt WILLIAM J. DORATO asgd to Hq 1st Bn per SO #45, Hq 410th Inf, dtd 4 Mar 45, and assumed duties of Bn S-2.

5 March 1945

Time
 1100 Overlay of AT positions for defense of OBERMODERN to Regt.
 1015 CO 410th Inf at Bn CP.
 1123 Asst Div comdr arrived at Bn CP: Left at 1141.
 1215 Notification that password compromised.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 8 non-battle: Officers - 1 non-battle.

6 March 1945

Time
 0900 Parole and countersign "Office-Boss" to Cos.
 1430 Co Comdrs meeting held at Bn CP.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 5 Non-battle.

7 March 1945

Time
 0900 Parole and countersign "Cigarette - Machine" to Cos.
 1930 Recd Opns instruction No 26 fr Regt (1st Bn to Relieve 2nd Bn night 11-12 Mar 45).
 2400 Casualties: EM - 3 Non-battle.

8 March 1945

Time
 0900 Parole and countersign "Star - Cigar" to Cos.
 0918 Asst Div Comdr 103rd Div at Bn CP.
 1055 CG 103rd Div At Bn CP.
 1135 Instructions to Bn S-1 RE courtesy patrol duties.
 1336 Regt informed of Change in Tng 9 Mar 45.
 1400 A-B-C-D Co Comdrs at Bn CP to go on ren 2nd Bn Zone.
 1954 Flares reported by Co C.
 1956 Explanation of Flares.
 2000 Explanation of Flares to Cos.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 4 non-battle.

9 March 1945

Time
 0830 Film showings discontinued; Inside gatherings restricted.
 0835 Tng Co A, Changed.

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9 March 1945 (Continued)Time

0843 Reinforcements ordered kept isolated.
 0916 Report fr Med Det on fever cases.
 0918 Asst Div Comdr arrived at CP: Left at 0937.
 0938 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP; Left at 1028.
 0950 Parole and countersign "Task - force" to Cos.
 0953 Directive on use of Countersigns with definitions to Hq-A-B-C-D Cos.
 1630 Rerun of Tnk problem directed by Regt.
 1800 Co Comdrs and staff held meeting at CP.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 2 non-battle.

10 March 1945Time

0900 Password and reply: Office - boss to Cos.
 1617 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP: Left at 1737.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 4 Non-battle.

11 March 1945Time

0900 Password and reply: Back - Bay to Cos.
 1206 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP.
 1435 Bn CP closed at OBERMODERN and opened at 868272 (Approx 1 km E of OBERMODERN).
 1455 Regt informed of Arty fire on OBERMODERN.
 1515 Co A new CP Established (at 863272); Plat in position.
 1525 Rept of arty fire to regt.
 1535 Co B Closed in SCHALKENDORF (CP at 875259).
 1545 Bn CO and S-3 left CP to go on rcn. Bn CO returned at 1724: S-3 at 1748.
 1630 Directive on use yellow, smoke, flares and pyrotechnics to Cos.
 1630 1st Bn Hq Co closed in SCHALKENDORF (CP at 874260).
 1915 Relief of elements of 2nd Bn 410th Inf completed by Co D (Co D CP in SCHALKENDORF (875259)).
 1935 Bn CP ordered moved to SCHALKENDORF by Regtl Comdr by 121200 A Mar 45.
 2100 Relief Bn AT Plat (Of 2nd Bn positions) Completed.
 2345 Co C Completed relief of 2nd Bn 410th Inf Elements (Co C CP located at 88.427.7)
 2400 Casualties: EM 6 non-battle; Officers - 2 LW.

12 March 1945Time

0830 Password and reply "Military - Dress" to Cos.
 1100 Recd overlay Cn Co concentrations (Superseding previous ones).
 1135 Bn CP closed at 868272.
 1135 Co A CP established at 868272.
 1155 Bn CP established at SCHALKENDORF.
 1205 No fire line to Co D and Cn Co 410th Inf.
 1205 Overlay new Cn Co concentrations to A and C Cos.

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Time

1300 Limitation of 81mm Mortar AM.
 1304 Supply 60mm illuminating limited.
 1430 Defense plan overlay to regt.
 1603 Bn CO summoned to Regt.
 1830 Further limitation on Mortar AM.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 4 Non-battle.

13 March 1945

PLACE: SCHALKENDORF, FRANCE

Time

0855 Bn CO summoned to Regt.
 0900 Password and reply, Cassino - Romo to Cos.
 1130 Overlay of known mine fields to Cos A, B, C, D and Bn AP Plat Ldr.
 1330 Staff and Co Comdrs meeting held at CP.
 1400 Cerise Palels ordered for all vehicles.
 1720 Regtl Comdr at Bn CP.
 1745 Report of vehicle panels required ordered by Regt.
 1904 Report to Regt on panels.
 2400 Casualties: Em - 2 Non-battle.

14 March 1945Time

0900 Password and Reply, "Catt - Milk" to Cos.
 0930 Regtl comdr, Bn Staff and Co Comdrs met AT Co A CP.
 1426 CG 103rd Inf div at CP.
 2150 Co Comdrs meeting at Co A CP ordered immediately.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 2 Non-battle; 1 self inflicted wound.

15 March 1945Time

0058 Information from Regt of atk by 36th Div, on Bn's right -- Beginning of 7th Army offensive.
 0135 Report from Bn OP.
 0305 Report from Bn Op.
 0645 1st Bn Atk jumped off in column of Cos, Co A in lead.
 0818 Eny contacted by Co A to left of UTTEHOFFEN.
 1040 Bn aid station ordered forward (msg Bn Ex O at Fwd position).
 1105 Cos B and C Committed (Msg from Bn CO to Bn CP; relayed fr Bn CP to Regt).
 1540 Instructions from Regtl Comdr; TD plat being attchd to 1st Bn.
 1940 Bn CP established at MIETESHEIM.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 KIA; 14 MIA; 2 SW; 47 LW; 1 self inflicted Wound; 3 non-battle officers - 1 LW; 1 self inflicted wound.

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PLACE: MIETESHEIM, FRANCE

16 March 1945Time

0355 Engr Mine Sweeping Sqd Atchd to 1st Bn.
 0435 Tanks and TD's atchd to Bn.
 1047 Notification Proposed Air Mission on Uttenhoffen (Msg fr Rear to Fwd CP).
 1055 Air Mission Approved (Msg fr Fwd to Rear CP).
 1123 Bn to go into Uttenhoffen (Msg fr Fwd to Rear CP).
 1125 Time of Atk Of UTTENHOFFEN 1200.
 1200 Atk on UTTENHOFFEN jumped off.
 1358 UTTENHOFFEN taken; location of Co A.
 1815 Rear Bn CP at SCHALKENDORF closed.
 2330 Bn closed in UTTENHOFFEN.
 2400 Casualties: Officers - 2 LW; EM - 2 MIA (as of 3/15/45); 2 MIA as of (3/15/45) deleted; 1 MIA; 1 SW, 4 LW; 3 Non-battle.

17 March 1945Time

0137 Opn Instructions; Bn atchd to 409th Inf; Situation (Fr Regtl Comdr).
 0530 Rec'd F. O. No. 10 fr Hq 409th Inf.
 0800 Co B reports contact with 2d Bn on Bn's left; reports GUNDERSHOFFEN cleared.
 0826 1st Bn to be relieved by 409th Inf.
 0931 Instructions for TD's with 1st Bn.
 0932 Instructions To TD Comdr.
 1003 Change in Instructions for TD's (Msg incomplete due to com failure).
 1315 Bn CP at UTTENHOFFEN closed.
 1330 Bn moved out by foot march for EBERBACH, FRANCE.

17 March 1945PLACE: EBERBACH, MITSCHDORF,
FRANCETime

1545 Bn closed in EBERBACH, FRANCE
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 MIA; 7 LW; 6 Non-battle.

18 March 1945Time

0010 Rec'd Opns Overlay from 409th Inf.
 0922 Bn CP at EBERBACH closed.
 0930 Bn moved out from EBERBACH by foot march. Order of March A-B-Hq-C-D.
 1125 Bn CP established at MITSCHDORF, FRANCE.
 1200 Bn closed in MITSCHDORF, FRANCE.
 1345 Information fr 410 Inf re developments.
 1400 Bn released from atchmt to 409 Inf; reverting to 410 Inf (410th in Reserve)
 1602 Information from Regt as to possible move.
 1654 Warning of move to CLIMBACH.
 1707 Bn ordered to CLIMBACH.
 1715 March order to Cos.
 1800 Bn CP at MITSCHDORF closed.
 1800 Bn moved out from MITSCHDORF by foot marching.

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PLACE: CLIMBACH, FRANCE

Time

2315 Bn closed in Climbach

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PLACE: CLIMBACH, FRANCE

Time

2330 Bn CP established at Climbach.
 2400 Casualties: 3 Non-battle (EM).

19 March 1945Time

0900 Password and reply, "Golf - Score" to Cos.
 2400 Bn remained assembled at CLIMBACH entire day. Regt in Reserve.
 2400 Casualties: EM - Non-battle; 1 LW as of 15 Mar; 1 LW as of 17 Mar 45.

20 March 1945Time

0930 Password and reply, "Love - Lamour" to Cos.
 1608 One Plat ordered to Lembach to gd Div CP.
 1610 Co C ordered to send Plat to Div CP.
 1807 Rcn of assembly area ordered by Regt (located vic RJ at 105496)
 1945 Warning order to Cos.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 3 Non-battle.

21 March 1945Time

0655 Movement order rec'd from Regt.
 0704 March order to Cos.
 0745 S-3 and Co Comdrs forward on rcn.
 0800 Foot trps moved out from CLIMBACH.
 0820 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP; left at 0825.
 0900 Foot trps closed in assembly area at critical point 22 (vic RJ 105496).
 0915 CG 103d Div arrived at CP; left at 0920.
 1135 Closing time reported to Regt; permission granted for maintenance to remain at CLIMBACH.
 1146 Plat guarding Div CP to be released.
 1455 BnCP at CLIMBACH closed.
 1345 Bn CP established at 105496 (Germany).
 1345 CG 103d Div arrived at CP; left at 1352.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 3 Non-battle.

22 March 1945

PLACE: 105496 (Germany)

Time

0950 Bn in reserve under orders of 103d Inf Div.
 0950 Movement Order from Div.
 0955 Warning order to Cos.
 1115 Bn CP established at critical point 129 (117537).
 1130 Troops closed at Point 129.
 1130 Password and reply, "Ask - Oscar" to Cos.
 1515 Movement order from Div.

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PLACE: 120553 (GERMANY)

Time

1615 Bn CP established at 120553.
 1640 Troops closed in at 120553.
 1845 Order from Div.
 1940 Movement order from Div (thru 409th Inf).
 1945 Warning order to Cos.
 2000 Bn moved out by foot marching for assembly area at 128563.
 2040 Troops closed in assembly area at 128563.
 2115 Bn CP established at Birkenhorst, Germany.
 2400 Casualties: None.

23 March 1945

PLACE: BIRKENHORST, GERMANY

Time

0126 Bn Comdr summoned to CP 409th Inf.
 0126 1st Bn atchd to 409th Inf.
 0138 Order for atachment to 409th Inf.
 0143 1st Bn to assume defenses of BIRKENHORST (Msg from 409 Inf CP).
 0320 Relief of defenses by 1st Bn completed (defenses of BIRKENHORST).
 0320 One plat 409 Inf AT Co and one plat 614 TD Bn atchd to 1st Bn.
 0925 Co B ordered to move into BIRKENHORST.
 1250 Eny Am Dp reported to Div G-2
 1905 Foot elements of Bn closed in KLINGENMUNSTER (Move fr BIRKENHORST by foot mrchg).
 2130 1st Bn reverted to parent unit (released fr atchmt to 409 Inf).
 2200 409 Inf notified of security.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

24 March 1945

PLACE: BIRKENHORST, GERMANY

Time

0033 Notification of release fr atchmt to 409th Inf.
 0735 Order fr regt to move to ESCHBACH, GERMANY..
 0743 Warning order to Cos.
 0805 Cos informed of time of movement.
 1445 Bn closed in ESCHBACH.
 1725 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP; left at 1605.
 2400 Casualties: None.

~~24 March 1945~~

PLACE: ESCHBACH, GERMANY.

~~Time~~~~1725 Regtl Comdr arrived at CP; left at 1605.~~25 March 1945Time

0915 Asst Div Comdr at Bn CP.
 1015 Instructions of Regtl Comdr; 103d Div in reserve.
 1030 Password and reply, "Telephone - Poll" to Cos.
 1420 Regtl CO at Bn CP.
 2400 Casualties: EM - 2 Non-battle.

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26 March 1945

Time

1130 Password and reply, "Automobile - Limousine" to Cos.
1100 CG 103d Inf Div at CP.
1142 Regtl Comdr at CP.
2137 Notification that 1st Bn will furnish security at LANDAU.
2400 Casualties: None.

27 March 1945

Time

0900 Password and reply, "Frost - Frigiditaire" to Cos.
0930 1st Bn atchd to 35th AAA Brigade; further atchd to first Armored Group.
1100 Movement warning to Co C.
1210 Warning to Cos re Improper Uniforms.
1600 Co C moved from ESCHBACH for LANDAU to guard Corps CP.
1850 Regt informed of Co C movement (Co C CP located at LANDAU).
2030 Defense Plan for VI Corps Rear Area to 35th AAA Brigade.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

28 March 1945

Time

0830 Co B moved from ESCHBACH for DARSTEIN, GERMANY to establish Rd Blocks in DARSTEIN AREA (Co B CP Located in DARSTEIN --110.7-62.1 (Central Europe 1:100,000; sheet V2).
0900 Password and reply, "Dance - Step" to Cos.
1055 Asst Div CG at Bn CP.
1600 One Plat Co A (minus 1 sqd) to NDR HORBACH and one sqd of Co A to KLINGENMUNSTER, GERMANY to out-post towns.
2400 Casualties: None.

29 March 1945

Time

1000 Password and reply "Palermo - Palace" to Cos.
2400 Casualties: EM - 2 Non-battle; 4 LWA as of 15 Mar 45.

30 March 1945

Time

0930 Password and reply, "Press - Telegraph" to Cos.
2400 Casualties: EM - 1 Non-battle.

31 March 1945

Time

0740 Co C released to 1st Bn.
0930 Password and reply "Blanca - Check" to Cos.
1040 Co C closed in ESCHBACH.

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PLACE: ESCHBACH, GERMANY

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Time

1500 Regtl Comdr at Bn CP.
1630 Curfew for civilians.
2400 1st Bn reverted to parent unit (released fr operational atchmt to 1st Armd Gp
and atchmt to 35th AAA Brigade).
2400 Casualties: 1 Officer - Non-battle.