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HEADQUARTERS 410TH INFANTRY31 March 45PLACE: RHEINGONHEIM,  
GERMANYTime

- 0700 Bn still in position and "Watch on the Rhine" very quiet.  
 0800 G Company leaves to police ALTRIPP.  
 0815 Bn S-6, S-3, Asst S-3 and Co COs leave Bn OP for Fatal to go on Ron to new area.  
 1200 All troops drawn off line and billeted in town.  
 1430 G Company returns from policing of ALTRIPP.  
 1655 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-1 return to Bn OP.  
 1700 Second Battalion, as part of the 103d Division, is on 24-hour alert to move back to vicinity north of WISSEMBERG to act as part of Army of Occupation.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

1 April 1945Time

- 0700 Bn (minus 1 platoon, Co F) remains in billeted area.  
 0825 3rd Platoon, Co F, relieves I Company in vicinity of ALTRIPP.  
 1050 Fatal 6 visits Bn OP.  
 1045 Fatal 6 leaves Bn OP.  
 1210 Bn S-6 and S-5 leave for B Battery, 383d FA for dinner engagement.  
 1400 Order received that Bn will move to area previously selected in BERZABERN sometime after 0600, 2 April 1945.  
 1515 Bn S-3 and H-6 leave for Ron trip.  
 1600 Bn S-6 and S-5 return to Bn OP.  
 1715 Bn S-3 returns to Bn OP.  
 2300 Movement order received. Organics to cross IP at 0750. Personnel carriers will move after artillery. Definite time later.  
 2345 Movement time rescinded so as to enable Bn to attend USO show sponsoring Marlene Dietrich.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

2 April 1945Time

- 0700 Bn remains in present location and "Watch on the Rhine" very quiet.  
 0900 Order received to move Bn in following order and IP times:  
 2 April 45 -- E Co, 1520 F Co, 1530 H Co, 1540.  
 3 April 45 -- G Co, 0930. Bn Hq Co. Organics will move with each respective personnel carrier.  
 1000 Bn Attends USO show starring Marlene Dietrich.  
 1130 Fatal 6 visits Bn OP to check on movement.  
 1150 Fatal 6 leaves Bn OP.  
 1500 Bn S-6 and G-6 leave on Ron.  
 1600 All troops of E, F and H Companies clear from RHEINGONHEIM in vehicles for occupational areas. E Company becomes attached to regimental HQ and has CP in ANNWEILER.  
 1715 H Company arrives in SCHWEIGHOFFEN where their CP will be located.  
 Troops being placed on guard posts.

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S E C R E T2 April 1945 (cont'd)Time

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- 1800 F Company arrives at MERGERSWEILLER where their CP will be located. Troops being placed on guard posts in morning. Patrols by vehicles during night.
- 1830 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 2030 H Co. troops located on designated guard posts (see overlay).
- 2400 Battle casualties: None.

3 April 1945Time

PLACE: BERGZABERN, GERMANY.

- 0800 F Co. troops located on designated guard posts (see Opr. overlay).
- 0900 G Co. and Bn Hqs Co. cross IP for occupational areas.
- 1100 Bn Hqs Co. arrives at BERGZABERN where Bn CP will be located.
- 1200 G Co. arrives at point west of BIRKENHORDT where CP will be located. Troops being placed on guard positions.
- 1400 G Co. troops located on designated guard posts (see Opr. overlay).
- 1440 Bn S-6 leaves for Co CPs.
- 1700 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 2400 Battle casualties: None.

4 April 1945Time

- 0700 Bn improving respective areas in zone of occupation.
- 0830 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for F Co. area to check on road guards and system of motorized patrols.
- 0945 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP to reconnoiter all roads and trails in Bn Zone of Occupation.
- 1145 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1205 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
1415. Bn S-3 and Bn Motor Officer leave for H Co. CP to check on motor situation.
- 1730 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 1910 Bn S-3 leaves for G Company to check on G Co. motorized patrols.
- 2000 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 2015 Overlay showing Bn disposition sent to Regiment.
- 2400 Battle casualties: None.

5 April 1945Time

- 0700 No disturbance during night.
- 1025 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to check on post in BERGZABERN.
- 1130 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 1330 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP for 1st Bn and At Company.
- 1510 Division IG Inspector visits Bn CP for routine check.
- 1530 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.
- 1545 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.
- 1640 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

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S E C R E T5 April 1945 (cont'd)

PLACE: BERGZABERN, GERMANY.

Time

2015 Liaison Officer arrives at Bn CP with word for Bn S-3 to be at a meeting at Fatal 3 at 0900, 6 April 1945. New OI to be issued.

2400 Battle casualties: None.

6 April 1945Time

0700 No disturbance during night.

0830 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for Fatal 3.

1010 Fame 38 arrives at Bn CP and checks on quarters.

1105 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.

1215 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP. Bn to change Occupational Areas to vicinity of DIEDESFELD and HAMBACH. Move probably to be made 7 April 1945.

1340 Bn S-1 and quartering party from each company leave Bn CP to quarter new area.

1420 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn to make Rcn of new area.

1800 Bn S-1 returns to Bn CP.

1820 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.

2215 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-1 leave for meeting at Fatal.

2400 Battle casualties: None.

7 April 1945Time

0115 Bn Staff members return to Bn CP with OI #30. Rcn parties leave for new area at 0630. Cannon Co. and B Co, 328th Engrs atchd to 2d Bn, 410th Inf in new area. Bn to move by motor to new area beginning at 1722, 7 April 1945.

0630 Bn S-6 orients Rcn parties prior to their leaving for new area.

0800 Bn O.I. #1, 7 April 1945 delivered to each company.

1600 F Company closes out CP and leaves for Bn IP.

1615 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP for new area.

1620 G Co closes CP and leaves for Bn CP.

1630 Bn CP closes out, H Co. leaves Bn IP.

1722 M.U. 1 crosses Regtl IP.

1752 M.U. 2 crosses Regtl IP.

1802 M.U. 3 crosses Regtl IP.

1945 F Company closes into new area.

2030 E Company closes into new area.

2100 G, H and Bn Hqs. Co's close into new area. New Bn CP opened in SCHWETZINGEN.

2400 Battle casualties: None.

8 April 1945

PLACE: SCHWETZINGEN, GERMANY.

Time

0830 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP to assist E Co. in screening HEIDELBERG.

0930 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to check guard posts of SCHWETZINGEN and OFFERSHEIM.

1020 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.

1030 Fame 38 arrives at Bn CP to check on our progress in this area.

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PLACE: SCHWETZINGEN, GERMANY

Time  
1210 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.  
1500 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP to pick up equipment as he will remain at E Company to further assist them on screening of town.  
1620 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP for E Company.  
1630 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP to check on progress of Bn in this area.  
1815 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

9 April 1945

0700 Each company ordered to withdraw troops into respective Company CP towns. Screening of towns in each company area will be controlled from respective company CPs.  
0815 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for AMG meeting.  
0930 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP for Cannon Co, to orient them on new policy.  
1030 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
1045 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP. B Co., 328th Engrs no longer atchd to our battalion.  
1049 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1100 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP with Bn S-3 who will direct him to AMG in MANNHEIM.  
1245 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1400 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for MANNHEIM.  
1500 Bn S-2 reports into Bn CP.  
1545 Fatal 3 arrives at Bn CP.  
1615 Fatal 6 notifies Bn S-6 that a riot is in progress by displaced persons in HEIDELBERG. G Co. ordered to send 60 men to assist in quelling riot. Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP to contact G Co, and have them start on their way.  
1715 Fatal 3 leaves Bn CP.  
1730 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1800 G Company completed screening of STELGEN. Cannon Co. billeted in MANNHEIM (same area as occupied previously by B Co, 328th Engr.).  
1930 G Co. returns from HEIDELBERG after finding situation in that town under control.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

10 April 1945

0700 Bn remains in present locations with screening of towns in respective company areas continuing. G Co. screening LEIMEN today. H Company screening KETCH.  
0800 1 Platoon, G Company, detailed to patrol HEIDELBERG during daylight.  
0920 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to contact H Company.  
0955 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to go to displaced persons camp to settle small distance.  
1025 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
1130 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1140 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to contact Company D, 759 MP Bn

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10 April 1945 (cont'd)

Time  
 1215 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 1345 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for HEIDELBERG to check on situation.  
 1415 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP for Fatal CP.  
 1700 Capt. TORRANCE assumes principal duty as Bn S-5. Major THORNDYKE leaves for AMG.  
 1725 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1800 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP. G Co platoon relieved of duties in HEIDELBERG.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

11 April 1945

Time  
 0700 Bn remains in present location. Companies finishing screening towns that they were working in on 10 April 1945. G Co. will screen EPPELHEIM.  
 0900 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP to check on charges against 3 old EM, arrested in H Co. area on 10 April 1945.  
 1045 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1055 Bn S-3 returns to Bn cp.  
 1450 Message #2, 2100 6 April 1945 received from Fatal. Refers to OI #18 of 6 April 1945 to be followed by this Bn.  
 1510 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to check on town Bn CP is located.  
 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to visit Fatal 6, E, F and G Cos.  
 1550 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1800 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

12 April 1945

0800 Bn remains in present location. The following towns are being screened today: F Co - WALLDORF; G Co - PLANKSTADT; H Co - BRUHL.  
 0915 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for F and G Cos.  
 0930 Bn S-6 and S-5 leave Bn CP for H Co.  
 1120 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1130 Bn S-6 and S-5 return to Bn CP.  
 1330 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP for SANDHAUSEN and from there will proceed to Service Company for a Court-Martial.  
 1430 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for Burgomeister's office to check on sugar warehouse reported in town.  
 1500 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1540 Bn S-6 and S-1 leave Bn CP for a presentation of awards at F Company.  
 1730 Bn S-6 and S-1 return to Bn CP.  
 1800 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.

13 April 1945

Time  
 0800 Bn remains in present location.  
 The following towns are being screened today: F Co - REILINGEN; G Co - SANDHAUSEN; H Co - ROHROF.  
 1030 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. Power plant at NECKARAU needs to be investigated.  
 1130 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
 1345 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to check on Power plant at Neckarau and check with the AMG at MANNHEIM.

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Time  
 1600 Figures on Displaced Persons submitted to Fatal 3.  
 1740 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP and recommends a squad to guard Power Plant.  
 Move at 0630, 14 April 1945.  
 2200 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP with new O.I.. Bn to take over guard posts from other 7th Army units in north part of Bn sector commencing at 1000, 14 April 1945.  
 F Company to move CP to FREIDRICHSFELD.  
 G, E, & H Companies to remain in same location and patrol towns in area.  
 Cannon Company has assistance of 11 I & R men.  
 A platoon of AT Company locates CP in town of WIESLOCH and patrols all towns in Bn southern sector.  
 Bn will screen no more towns in this area at present.

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14 April 1945

Time  
 0030 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
 0730 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for E Company to orient all companies on new o.i.  
 1230 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1330 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to help coordinate Bn occupation of new posts.  
 1345 E Company completes relief of new posts.  
 1415 Bn C-5 leaves Bn CP to investigate a Court-Martial.  
 1530 H Company comple relief of new posts.  
 1600 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1655 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1710 G Company completes relief of new posts.  
 1715 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to check on relief of that company.  
 1900 F Company completes relief of new posts.  
 Bn completely in new positions.  
 2010 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.

15 April 1945

0800 Bn remains in present location except for H company which moves to RHEINAU.  
 1045 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP for RHEINAU to check on reported murder case.  
 1200 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1345 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to check on E Company.  
 1440 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1700 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1745 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 2030 Fatal 3 phones in new instructions for Battalion.  
 G & E Companies to be relieved of guard post by I & M Companies respectively, commencing at 1000, 16 April 1945.  
 E Co to move troops to WIESLOCH & billet troops. G Co to move troops to KETSCH and billet troops. After troops are billeted, Co cmdrs will report for Operational Instruction to Bn CP.

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Time

1900 F Company completes relief of new posts.  
Bn completely in new positions.  
2010 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

15 April 1945Time

0800 Bn remains in present location except for H Company which moves to RHIENAU.  
1045 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP for RHIENAU to check on reported murder case.  
1200 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
1345 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP to check on Courts-Martial.  
1440 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to check on E Company.  
1700 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
1745 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
2030 Fatal 3 phones in new instructions for Battalion. G and E Companies to be relieved of guard post by I & M Companies respectively commencing at 1000, 16 April 1945. E Company to move troops to WIESLOCH and billete troops. G Company to move troops to KETSCH and billete troops. After troops are billeted, Company Commanders will report for Operational Instruction to Bn CP.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

16 April 1945Time

0800 Bn still in present position and preparing for ordered move.  
0840 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP to check on supplies.  
0900 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to check on Burgomeister control.  
1000 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
1150 Fame 38 arrives at Bn CP for informal check on situation.  
1320 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.  
1400 Bn (E and G Cos) close into new area.  
1415 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1600 Bn S-6 holds meeting with all staff members and Company Commanders: Administrative S-1, Screening of towns, new occupational duties.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

17 April 1945Time

0700 Bn remains in present location. E Company screening NUSSLOCH.  
0810 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP to check on E and G Companies.  
0825 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to make burgomeister check.  
1100 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
1105 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP to check on H Company.  
1115 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1220 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
1315 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to make burgomeister check.

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17 April 1945Time

1445 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP for burgomeister's office.  
 1530 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1710 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 2010 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. Warning received that Division is going into new assembly area. Quarters parties probably move out 18 April 1945.  
 2145 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
 2230 Bn S-3 receives phone call from Fatal 3 to report to Fatal for meeting at 0800, 18 April 1945.  
 2300 Companies notified of new plans.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

18 April 1945Time

0700 Bn as a unit remains in same location. E and G Companies screening RHIENAU.  
 0730 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for Fatal 3.  
 0800 Bn quartering party leaves Bn CP for Fatal 1.  
 0840 Bn S-5 leaves Bn to check on screening of RHIENAU.  
 0915 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP. Bn to move to HEPPENHEIM on order.  
 0930 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1000 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to make burgomeister check.  
 1030 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP to check on screening of RHIENAU.  
 1120 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1205 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 1400 Bn S-3 and S-2 leaves Bn CP to check on reported aircraft factory in town.  
 1430 Order received from Fatal 3 not to plan on any move to proposed assembly area. After troops are relieved, assemble in company areas.  
 1500 Bn S-5 and S-3 return to Bn CP.  
 1900 Cannon Co. relieved from post in their area by 65th Inf Regt.  
 2030 Fatal 3 phones warning order to Bn S-3. Bn probably will move by motor at approximately 1400, 19 April 1945. IP at bridge south of HEIDELBERG. March unit will be 3rd Bn, 2nd Bn, 1st Bn, Cannon Co., Regtl Hqs, etc.  
 2300 Companies notified of plans.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

19 April 1945

0800 Bn preparing for relief and movement.  
 1000 Cub airstrip post relieved by 65th Infantry Regiment.  
 1215 Bn S-6 gives movement order to Company Commanders:

<u>Serial No. 2</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>IP Times</u>
MU 1	E & F Cos.	1508
MU 2	G & Hqs Cos.	1520
MU 3	H Company	1532
MU 4	Cannon Co.	1544

Route to be marked by Regiment.

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Time  
 1330 H Company relieved of guard posts by I Company, 65th Inf Regt.  
 1455 F Company relieved of guard posts by I Company, 65th Inf Regt.  
 1500 Personnel carriers haven't arrived yet. Will not make IP times.  
 1600 Organic vehicles leave Bn area for new area.  
 1800 Organic vehicles arrive at UNTER HEINBACH.  
 1950 Personnel carriers arrive at Bn CP and sent on to companies.  
 2100 E and F Companies cross IP at HEIDELBERG.  
 2110 G, H and Hqs Companies cross IP at HEIDELBERG.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

20 April 1945

PLACE: UNTER HEINBACH, GERMANY

Time  
 0300 Bn (G Co) closes into UNTER HEINBACH.  
 0600 G Co. closes into UNTER HEINBACH.  
 0930 Bn S-3 and S-1 report to Fatal 6. Oral warning order received. Be prepared to move by motor to South to assist exploit bridgehead established, by 10th Armored Division at GOPPINGEN.  
 1045 Bn S-3 and S-1 return to Bn CP. Bn S-6 remains to receive order.  
 1100 Bn S-3 holds meeting with Company CO's and gives warning order.  
 1200 Lt. Fairgrieve takes command of E Company.  
 1500 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP and calls Company CO's for meeting. Bn to be in reserve and move by motor in rear of 3d and 1st Bn. Cross IP at 1730. 44th Division on left, 100th Division on right.  
 1715 No. 1 MU of Bn moves from UNTER HEINBACH on marked route South of SEIBOLDWIELER.  
 1725 No. 2 MU of Bn moves from UNTER HEINBACH on marked route South of SEIBOLDWIELER.  
 1730 Bn S-1 leaves for SCHWETWINGEN for administrative matter with Burgo-meister.  
 1930 MU 1 and MU 2 close up at SEIBODWIELER and wait further orders.  
 2030 At platoon leader, who was left in charge of rear CP in absence of S-1, receives word to move rear CP to WELSHEIM. Awaiting return of S-1.  
 2130 Orders received to take vehicles off MSR by dispersing them in WELZHEIM. Bn S-6 reports to Fatal.  
 2200 Vehicles dispersed in WELZHEIM. Bn CP set up in WELZHEIM.  
 2300 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP and holds meeting with all company COs and atchd unit commanders. Bn will move by motor to LORCH and detruck. Move on foot to WALDHAUSEN and clear the town. Woods SW of WALDHAUSEN WILL be cleared by our troops with E Co. on right, F Co. on left; G Co. and H Co. moving in rear. Objective: KIRCHHEIM.  
 2330 Bn S-1 returns to rear CP and prepares to move CP to WELZHEIM.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

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PLACE: WELZHEIM, GERMANY:

Time  
 0005 Bn S-6 called to Fatal for O. I.  
 0030 Rear CP leaves for WELZHEIM.

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Time

0100 Bn S-6 returns to forward Bn CP.

0130 Bn S-2 leaves WELZHEIM for road rcn to LORCH.

0245 Bn moves by motor from WELZHEIM to RATTERHARTZ.

0300 Message: CO 2nd Bn to CO 410th Inf: Moving out at 0300.

0315 Rear CP arrives in WELZHEIM.

0530 Bn arrives in RATTERHARTZ and detrucks. Prepares to go into attack.

0545 Bn S-6 gives order to company commander. Bn to clear woods West of RATTERHORTS. Same disposition of troops as ordered last night.

0600 Bn forward CP opened in RATTERHARTZ.

0630 Companies move to LD.

0615 Message CO 2nd Bn to CO 410th Inf: Bn CP now at 412218. Moving on mission from that point.

0730 E and F Companies move out from LD.

0845 F Company finds terrain very rugged. Makes contact with civilians and friendly troops and few if any Germans in area.

0900 G Company ordered to follow E Co. on ridge road. F Co. reverts to reserve.

0915 Fatal notified by radio of findings.

1100 New order received from Fatal by Bn S-5. Bn to assemble and march to UHLINGEN.

1115 E Co. not to join Bn but clear OBR BREKEN and UNT BREKEN.

1230 Bn (E Co.) leaves area North of URBACH for UHLINGEN.

1245 Message: CO, 2nd Bn to CO, 410th Inf-- Request permission to move Bn CP to UHINGEN (365135) to arrive by 1600.

1420 URBACH cleared by Bn.

1500 Rear CP leaves for SCHLIERBACH.

1520 ADEILBERG cleared by battalion.

1550 OBERWALDEN cleared by battalion.

1620 HOLTHAUSEN cleared by battalion.

1730 Battalion closes into UHINGEN.

1800 Orders received to move battalion by motor to SCHLIERBACH.

1830 E Company arrives at UHINGEN with 175 PW's. PW's taken at OBR BREKEN and UNT BREKEN. Prize catch was a full colonel.

1900 Battalion personnel carriers leave UHINGEN for SCHLIERBACH.

1915 Organic vehicles leave UHINGEN for SCHLIERBACH.

1930 Rear CP closes into SCHLIERBACH.

2015 Battalion completely closed into SCHLIERBACH. Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal.

2400 Battle casualties: None.

22 April 1945

Time

0130 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.

0230 Bn S-6 holds meeting with all Company and attached Unit Commanders. Bn to move by motor in right sector of Regtl Zone. Order of March: G, F, H, Hq and attached Units. Mission: To follow by motor RCT of 10th Armored in area prescribed.

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- Time
- 0400 Battalion moves by motor with point of G Company and attached units leading.
- 0555 Encountered MG fire at Autobahn vic - NABEN. Platoon of G Company moving to care of same.
- 0800 After determining opposing force to be friendly, troops entruck and prepare to move. E Company being released from Regimental control and ordered to rejoin battalion at WEILHEIM. Orders received from Fatal to continue advance and upon reaching Phase Line H, E Company to place road blocks at OWEN; F Company at BRUCKEN and G Company at UNTER and OBR LENNINGEN. Be cautious of enemy infiltration from NW.
- 1145 Bn CP opens at BISSENGEN and line troops continue on mission.
- 1335 F Company with road blocks in place.
- 1405 E Company with road blocks in place.
- 1445 G Company with road blocks in place.
- 1530 G and F Companies report light mortar fire being received in their respective towns.
- 1600 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP with word that new OI will be issued soon. Boundaries will be extended to East. Fatal 6 orders force to move at once to seize ERKENBRECHTSWILLER and area SE.
- 1620 G Company ordered to search ERKENBRECHTSWILLER and to provide road blocks at same also push reconnaissance to GRABENSTETTEN. F Company ordered to maintain contact with 10th Armored CP in UNTER LENNINGEN. If their CP moves out, F Company to patrol that town.
- 1630 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1900 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1925 Message: G-6 to White 6: 4 road blocks leading into town that G company is approaching. Vehicles will have to take another route. Foot troops are approaching the town.
- 1930 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 2000 Bn S-3 and S-2 leave Bn CP to contact G Company and check on reported road blocks NE of CP 180.
- 2022 Message: White 6 to Fatal 6: Location of forward elements: E Co. at CP 200, F Co. at CP 159, G Co. 1000yds NE of CP 180.
- 2110 G Company secures ERKENBRECHTSWILLER.
- 2130 Message: White 6 to Fatal 6: G Co. secures CP 180 at 2110, but had to dismount because of numerous road blocks NE of CP 180. Will send additional information on route as soon as possible.
- 2145 H Company patrol returns to Bn CP from woods SE of CP town and finds nothing.
- 2200 Lt. Lohr brings OI for 23 April 1945: Bn to attack in zone of action seizing GRABENSTEIN and advancing and placing road blocks at 271894. Also advancing further and seize HENGEN and WITTLINGEN. Further orders will then be announced.

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- 2215 Bn S-3 and S-2 return to Bn CP. Road blocks NE of ERKENBRECHTSWEILER can be cleared but road will have to be repaired.
- 2238 G Company has secured town and posted security. Reported from PW is that 6 German Companies are around town. 40 PW's taken and more coming in constantly.
- 2245 E Company ordered to send patrol to see if battalion has access to plateau south of GUTTENBERG.
- 2300 E, F and G Companies notified to be prepared to advance at dawn.
- 2400 Battle casualties: None.

23 April 1945

PLACE: BISSINGEN, GERMANY

Time

- 0400 F Company leaves area for ERKENBRECHTSWEILER to assist G Company.
- 0440 Message: White 3 to Easy 6: Be prepared to move on order by foot to town now occupied by G Company. Your vehicles will go to battalion control when you leave.
- 0450 E Company motorized patrol found no road passage for vehicles to the plateau. Road mined.
- 0500 Message: White 3 to G-6: E Company is starting to you at daybreak.
- 0600 Forward Bn CP moves from BISSINGEN to UNT LENNINGEN.
- 0645 G Company receiving counter-attack from three sides. F Company assisting to stem attack.
- 0715 E Company and Command Group leave UNT LENNINGEN for ERKENBRECHTSWEILER.
- 0845 Rear CP closes out of BISSINGEN.
- 0900 E Company at head of draw leading to town. Patrol sent North of town and ran into automatic fire.
- 0915 Rear CP opened in UNT LENNINGEN.
- 0930 Fame 6 arrives at rear Bn CP.
- 0945 One platoon, E Company, joins patrol to flush woods North of town. Fire fight develops and enemy MG knocked out as platoon occupies hill overlooking town.
- 1000 E Company (-1 Platoon) enters town to assist F and G Companies.
- 1105 Fatal 6 and Fatal 3 arrives at rear Bn CP.
- 1115 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1200 Message: ~~Enemy~~ to G company (via prisoner) Surrender the town or we will level it with bazookas.
- 1205 Message: G-6 to enemy (via prisoner) We are going to take the town.
- 1210 Message: White 6 to G-6: Don't clear West end of town. Button up and hold.
- 1215 Message: White 6 to E-6: Fox 6 saw troops moving from SE and SW towards this town. Can you verify it? I cannot see it. White 3 does not believe them to be friendly troops.
- 1216 Message: White 6 to White 5: Urgent. Artillery falling near E Co.

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- 1217 Message: E-6 to White 6: Any troops moving from SE and SW assume them to be enemy if moving towards town.
- 1237 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Fancy leaving BRUCKER at 1300. to contact us at 254978, then W and SW of ORK. Fatima leaving from NEUFFEN to REUREN.
- 1300 Fatal 6 arrives at rear Bn CP and informs Bn S-5 that a battalion of 409th Infantry and a battalion of 411th Infantry are being sent to relieve pressure on our battalion. Battalion to hold at all costs until help arrives.
- 1300 Message: White 3 to White 6: E-6 and F-6 thinks best not to clear West end of town because of too many snipers so they are consolidating their present positions.
- 1330 Message: White 3 to White 5: Enemy preparing for counter-attack on town. Ordered by White 6 to defend the edge of town and button up tight. White 6 says he has orders to hold it at all costs. Enemy troops are being cleared out of West end of town.
- 1400 Fancy jumps off at 1345.
- 1400 Message: White 3 to White 5: Cave in ravine, that they talked of so much, 40 Krauts came out into North end of town.
- 1425 Red Battalion blocking East-West road from URACH-BOHRINGEN. Then to push to MUNSINGEN.
- 1430 Fancy half-way up hill.
- 1435 Message: White 6 to White 5: Request liason plane go up to observe where enemy artillery is coming from as it is under heavy enemy fire by artillery.
- 1450 Message: White 6 to White 5: HECK cleared. Are now 2 km West of town. Mortar fire over SW part of town.
- 1455 Message: White 6 to White 5: Krauts moving in town from SE.
- 1500 Fatal 6 and Fatal 3 leave rear Battalion CP.
- 1500 Message: White 6 to Chemical Mortars: Fire 4.2s at (25.5-95.9).
- 1515 Message: White 6 to White 5: 40 Krauts coming into North end of town.
- 1525 Message: White 6 to White 5: Counter-attack broken up.
- 1525 K Company cleaning ridge NE of BRABENSTETTIN.
- 1615 Message: White 3 to White 5: Cave from which enemy is coming is to be sealed by hand grenades of a patrol to be sent out.
- 1625 After spending 20 hours to clear ERKENBRECHTSWEILER the battalion completes same after very stiff resistance. This is one of the stiffest house-to-house battles this battalion has had. Many Germans captured and killed. Situation still remains critical as woods all along South filled with many Germans.
- 1640 Fancy White 6 contacts Fatal White 6 and makes plans to advance on East side of town.
- 1658 Some of Fancy coming down to edge of town and are going to fire artillery on the woods N and NE of town.
- 1660 Town cleared and secured at 1640.
- 1730 Fancy White begins attack. Enemy SA fire received from woods East of town.

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PLACE: UNT LINNINGEN, GERMANY

Time  
1815 Heavy enemy mortar fire hnds in town.  
1930 Fancy White to dig in and protect supply route and make plans for dawn attack.  
2030 Battalion to attack at dawn to clear ridge and woods leading SE to Red Battalion.  
2400 Battle casualties: 18 BC, 14 MIA, 3 KIA.

24 April 1945

Time  
0400 Battalion receives order to await attack until Fancy White passes through town on road leading to SW. If firefight develops this battalion will have supporting fire mission.  
0725 Fancy White jumps off in attack.  
0840 Fatal 6 arrives at rear Bn CP and gives change of orders to Bn S-6 by phone. We are to take route Blue Bn was supposed to take.  
0845 Fatal White jumps off in attack on GRABENSTETTIN.  
0855 Fatal 6 leaves rear Bn CP.  
0900 Battalion moves out to clear BRABENSTETTIN, WENGEN and WITTLINGEN.  
1020 Battalion enters and clears GRABENSTETTIN.  
1030 Fatal 6 arrives at rear Bn CP with change in plans.  
1045 Fatal 6 leaves rear Bn CP.  
1050 Message: White 5 to White 6: Battalion present position is CP 161. Two towns South in zone is CP A-2. Check woods from CP 161 to CP A-2. Upon reaching CP A-2 send 2 companies to clear woods as far as road 2 km South of CP A-2. Hold 1 company in reserve. Be prepared for prompt assembly and move.  
1240 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Fancy White meeting light resistance at CP 168. Leave small blocking force on main road running East from CP 168 to catch any Krauts coming that way.  
1250 Battalion enters and clears WENGEN.  
1410 Battalion enters and one company (F) screens WITTLINGEN. E and G Cos. pull through town and advance to check woods 2 km south of WITTLINGEN.  
1645 E and G Companies complete mission and awaiting orders.  
1835 Message: White 3 to E and G Companies: Permission granted to move your companies into WITTLINGEN.  
1930 Word received trucks will arrive at 2000 to move battalion to new Division assembly area. This battalion will move to URSRING.  
2015 E and G Companies close into WITTLINGEN.  
2400 Battle casualties: 3 BC.

25 April 1945

Time  
0700 Battalion still awaiting trucks for move.  
0930 Battalion 35 arrives with transportation to move one company.  
0940 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders. E Company to move out at once. Trucks will return for others.  
1020 E Company leaves WITTLINGEN for URSRING.

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PLACE: WITTLINGEN, GERMANY

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1055 Division G-3 arrives at Bn CP. Directs battalion to move over direct East route to new area. Trucks arrive for remainder of battalion.

1115 Division G-3 leaves Bn CP.

1150 F, G, H and Hqs Companies leave WITTLINGEN for URSRING.

1330 Battalion arrives at URSRING. Ordered to remain on trucks for immediate use.

1345 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP for Fatal CP.

1355 Bn S-6 phones in order for 2 jeeps and 1 1½-ton truck. Recon point formed for immediate move. Battalion to follow.

1450 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.

1452 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company and Special Unit Commanders: Bn to move SE by motor with motorized point in command of Lt. Clark. Order of march: F, G, E, H and Hqs. Companies.

1730 Companies detruck at 695-869. Moving into THALFINGEN.

1850 Battalion closes into and prepares to set up defense of THALFINGEN.

2225 Message: Fatal 3 to White 6: (1) 409th Infantry crosses river tonight. (2) Your Bn assists 409th Inf by fire and/or activity in zone. (3) Send officer to CP, 3rd Bn, 409th Inf at OBERELCHINGEN to coordinate above.

2230 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Sit tight and rest your men. Can you come to Fatal CP for further orders?

2252 Message: White 6 to Fatal 6: Will go to Fatal CP as soon as transportation gets here.

2400 Battle casualties: None.

26 April 1945

PLACE: THALFINGEN, GERMANY

Time

0100 G Company persuaded 6 Germans to come across DANUBE River and surrender. Unit: 525th Infantry Pioneer Company. 100 men still over river.

0230 Bn S-3 reports to 3rd Bn, 409th Inf CP to coordinate fire plans for attack.

0330 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.

0600 2 more PWs captured.

0700 Night very quiet with only spasmodic firing.

0745 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Fatal to receive order for movement.

0830 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP. Bn awaits completion of bridge being constructed across DANUBE River. Will follow 1st Bn in advance SE upon completion.

0915 Fame 6 arrives at Bn CP.

0925 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Fatal.

0930 Fame 6 leaves Bn CP.

1040 Bn S-6 and S-3 return from Fatal.

1100 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders: Bn to cross river following other 2 battalions and advance in right sector of Regtl Zone. Motorized patrol of 2 jeeps in lead. Order of march: G, E, F, and H Companies.

1340 Battalion moves out of THALFINGEN.

1600 FENNIGEN cleared. Battalion moving on. G Company moves out to clear NEUHAUSEN, TIEFEUBACH and HOLZSHWANG. E Company moves out to clear REUTTI and HOLZSCHWANG. Battalion will regroup in HOLZSCHWANG.

1730 Leading elements: G Company at NEUHAUSEN; E Company 600 yards South of FINNEGAN.

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Time  
 1805 E Company passes through REUTTI.  
 1820 E Company enters HOLZSCHWANG. G Company in outskirts awaiting orders.  
 1920 Battalion clears through ERBISHOFFEN.  
 2030 Battalion clears through ATTENHOFFEN.  
 2145 Battalion closes into WEISSENHORN. Battalion transportation re-gassing and foot troops loading in ambulances, AT trucks and any transportation available so as to be able to push on fast.  
 2300 Word received an organized battalion of enemy in woods due East of WEISSENHORN. Our battalion ordered to detruck and form strong security around East side of town. Woods will be leveled by artillery.  
 2315 Bn S-6 gives defense order to Company Commanders. Battalion begins to form defense.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

27 April 1945

PLACE: BAISWELL, GERMANY

Time  
 0015 Orders changed. Battalion will continue advance and leave pocket of enemy for 411th Infantry to mop up. Bn S-6 reports to Fatal 6.  
 0145 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 0215 Order to continue move to Corps Objective given to Company Commanders. All troops will be on vehicles.  
 0300 Battalion leaves WISSENHORN.  
 1100 After a slow but sure advance through Regtl Sector, Battalion closes into DIRLEWANG. No resistance met what-so-ever.  
 1423 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Report to CP at MINDLEHEIM for orders at once. Prepare battalion to move. Gas here.  
 1630 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP. New Corps Objective assigned. Battalion to move on any transportation available from DIRLEWANG SE in right sector of Regtl zone. Order of march: F, G, E and H Companies. Move by 1800 if possible.  
 1915 Battalion moves out of DIRLEWANG.  
 2000 Battalion help up at BAISWELL awaiting further orders.  
 2030 Battalion to hold up for a few hours to gas vehicles and for men to obtain some rest.  
 2400 Battle casualties: None.

28 April 1945

Time  
 0030 Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal CP for order. Battalion to move at 0500 in right sector of Regimental Zone.  
 0900 Battalion stopped at outside of ROSSHAUPTEN because both bridges in area blown.  
 1000 Message sent to Fatal 6 to ask instructions for battalion.  
 1040 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Hold your battalion half-way between ROSSHAUPTEN and LESCHBRUCK.  
 1300 Head of battalion vehicles at outskirts of LESCHBRUCK. Bn CP located in LESCHBRUCK.

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PLACE: LESCHBRUCK, GERMANY

Time  
1530 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Have road from V to S reconnoitered and submit report my CP at R which is on same road as M and X.  
1700 Battalion awaiting completion of bridge before we can continue.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

29 April 1945

PLACE: BUCHING, GERMANY

Time  
0845 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-2 leave Bn CP to inspect bridge.  
0940 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP with movement order.  
0945 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-2 return to Bn CP.  
1000 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
1020 Bn S-6 gives movement order to Company and Special Unit Commanders: Bn to move behind 1st Battalion across bridge on vehicles. Move will be through PREM to BAYERNIEDERHOFEN where battalion will detruck. Battalion will secure line as follows: F Company at HERDWEG; G, H and Hqs Cos at BUCHING and E Company at HALBLECH.  
1250 Battalion moves out in trucks.  
1615 Message: White 6 to Fatal 6: Battalion closed in area at 1545. CP located in town SW of Point EE. Have captured approximately 100 PWs.  
1700 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6: Reconnoiter and check the towns in the area of HERDWEG, HOHEN, SCHWANGEN, FUSSEN, DEUTENHASEN and establish contact with elements of 44th Division which should be in FUSSEN.  
1745 Lt. Lawler and patrol leave Bn CP to check on towns ordered by Fatal 6.  
2145 Lt. Lawler and patrol return to Bn CP. No enemy action encountered but many PWs taken. Contact made with 71st Regt., 44th Div in FUSSEN.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

30 April 1945

Time  
0700 Battalion remains in present location. No enemy action encountered.  
0715 Fatal 6 ordered bridge at FUSSEN reconnoitered. Battalion placed on 1/2 hour alert.  
0935 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP for routine check.  
1015 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
1030 Bn S-6 and S-5 leave Bn CP to check Southern sector of Bn area.  
1200 Bn S-6 and S-5 return to Bn CP.  
1330 Bn S-6 holds administrative meeting with all Company Commanders.  
1900 German soldier, dressed in civilian clothes, gives information to Bn. Commander of pockets of SS troops in mountains. This PW and patrol will flush woods Tuesday, 1 May 1945.  
2400 Battle casualties: None.

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