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From: 311930 Dec 1944
To : 11230 Jan 1945

Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.

31 Dec 44

1930 (con'd) d. Res Co must be able to be assembled in 40 mins. after your receipt of alert order.

2. Prepare and submit plan to raid enemy position Vic 499582. Raid to be conducted at 1830 on 2 Jan 45, simultaneously with raid to be made vic 514530 by 114th Inf. 1st Plat, Co A, 43rd Tk Bn attached to you for this operation only--coordinate directly with CO 1st Bn re availability of Plat Ldr for planning and reconnaissance. Up to 4 Bns Div Arty are available for fire support. Other than above, support raid with your own organic and attached weapons. Not to exceed 2 reinforced rifle platoons to be employed. Mission: a. Dominate no-man's land.
- b. Capture at least one prisoner, together with such documents as may be found.
- c. Effect maximum practicable destruction of enemy personnel, vehicles, weapons and supplies in raided area.

2300 15 man patrol reported heading S to WELFERDING. Believed to be only civilians trying to obtain passage thru our lines. At this time 39 civilians have been picked up and returned to Fatal PW cage.

2330 Following report from Fatal 3:

Enemy attack in zone of Mustang. Received heavy arty fire and report 1 tank. 44th Div in center of zone and on right Regt. Enemy strength as 1 enemy Bn against center of Div and 5 enemy cos against right Regt.

1 Jan 1945

0030 One French civilian captured by F Co. Believed to have been former French officer. He reports following: SP's in vic of ZINZINGEN. These vehicles move to GROSBLIEDERSTROFF and LININGEN to fire on our troops. Bridge at 48.7-66.8 definitely out.

0330 Co E OP #1 reports 1 enemy vehicle moving in vicinity of hospital.

0500 Fatal 3 reports PW captured by 44th Div reports 4 panzer Divs set to attack 103d Div.

0600 Message received from Fatal 6 that MG positions must be manned on MLR as well as OPLR. Overlay of all MG positions must be in to Regt by 0900.

0850 40 more civilians picked up by Co E. Returned to Fatal PW cage.

0900 MG position overlay sent to Fatal 6.

1230 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP. Bn S-6 and Fatal 6 agree on defensive positions of MG's. Plans for night raid submitted to Fatal 6. Copy of plans also sent to Co G.

1315 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

1500 Division Chief of Staff visits Bn CP.

2100 Summary of Day's fighting of adjacent units:

44th Div - Heavy Inf combat all day supported by 5 to 7 tanks with no Arty preparation preceding attack. Enemy have made slight penetration on right to coordinates 60-56. As of 1815 44th Div unable to take back lost ground. PW captured states large attack to be made 2 Jan. Seven Inf Bns identified but strength unknown.

100th Div - In small arms combat most of day but no ground lost. Reports

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tank column penetration at 1730 to coordinates 79-42 near MUDERHOUSE, however, Corps reports this as only a patrol. Air activity heavy over HUMBERG - 15 enemy planes shot down. MUSTANG - Enemy has been reinforced in this sector but except for little skirmish at 1700 the attack is quieted down.

2 Jan 1945

- 0700 Action during night very quiet.
 0900 Bn S-2 leaves for Co E to inspect defensive positions.
 0900 Message from Bn S-6 to H-6: Continue work as you did yesterday. Check to assure each firing position has stakes out, range cards prepared, and positions equipped with grenades. Situation unchanged in general. Tonite's raid set back one hour to 1930.
 1015 Message from Fatal 6 to Bn S-6: In event of receipt of orders from this Hq to withdraw Bn CO's are authorized to execute all barriers in their Bn sectors north of the Regimental Res Line inclusive. All other barriers in the Regtl sector will be executed only upon authority of the Div Engr.
 1100 Message from Bn S-6 to CO's Co's E and G: Co G will relieve elements of Co E in rt sector of Bn Zone during daylight hours, relief to be completed by 1700 3 Jan 45. Relieving Co will take over present Co E installations and continue improvements of all positions. Co E will revert to Bn Res Line; also will be called on to furnish town guards and necessary patrols called for. Ex O and 1 NCO per plat, Co E will remain with relieving elements, Co G for period of 24 hours to facilitate relief at 0900 3 Jan 45, CO CO G, plat ldrs and plat guides (or Plat Sgts) will meet Co E CO and 1 Plat Guide per plat at Co E CP to plan and make Rcn for relief. Security measures will be given strictest attention. Present Ammo loads on position, range cards, AP mines and other fire data will be turned over to relieving unit.
 1130 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
 1300 G-6 leaves Bn CP for front to make final preparations for night raid.
 1400 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for 3rd Bn to reconnoiter Regtl Res Line.
 1500 Lt Pierce, 328th Engr, leaves for mill to contact G-6 to make final preparations and arrangements for proposed river crossing.
 1715 3rd Plat, G Co, leaves HUNDLING for assembly area prior to raid.
 1730 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
 1800 Bn S-2 and Arty Ln O leave for mill.
 1900 Bn S-5 leaves for raid area.
 1935 Night raid jumped off at 1930 as planned.
 2015 Raid on schedule. Crossing completed. Searching first buildings.
 2037 Message from Flapjack Blue 5: Holding up night raid for more light.
 2115 Raiding party still searching buildings. Bn requests 1/2 hr reports. Reported progress phoned to Fatal 3.
 2130 E-6 reports sound of siren to NE of Co E. CP #2 at considerable distance. Message from Flapjack Blue 5: Our raiding party to jump off at 2200 providing better light.
 2145 No enemy contact reported by raiders as yet.
 2200 Rear elements of raiders reported at coordinates 50.0-57.6. No enemy contact reported.
 2215 No enemy action. Enemy flares fired at considerable distance from front. Message from Flapjack Blue 5: Raid called off--too dark.
 2240 Raiding plat reached objective. No enemy action. Patrol returning.

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- 2250 Co F captures 1 prisoner in vicinity of road block. PW states he is one man of 5 man patrol: 3 killed by Arty, 1 lost and he gives himself up. He also reports 2nd patrol ordered to leave at 2400 on same mission.
- 2300 Raiding Flat re-crosses SAAR River to our lines. Nothing found except evidence that Germans pulled out 2 days previous. Above reported to Fatal 3 and Flapjack Blue 2.

3 Jan 1945

- 0700 Everything quiet. Bn still defending right sector of Regtl zone.
- 0915 Co E captures 2 prisoners.
- 0950 Fatal 6 arrives Bn CP and leaves following message: In view of unsuccessful raid tonight, conduct rigorous and aggressive patrolling tomorrow night and develop plan for conducting another raid not later than 5 Jan. Place for new raid to be recommended by you.
- 1000 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1130 Fatal 6 returns to Bn CP.
- 1400 2 squads of Co E ordered to send patrols to following vicinities: 488614 and 482616. Patrol leaders briefed by Bn S-2 on mission.
- 1445 Bn S-3 and S-2 and patrol leaders leave for Co F area to reconnoiter routes and observe.
- 1645 Bn S-3 and S-2 return to Bn CP. Patrols all ready to go out on mission.
- 1700 Relief of Co E completed by Co G.
- 1945 Co F patrol of 4 men leave Co CP to reconnoiter cave 400 yards to front.
- 2010 Both Co E patrols contact outpost enroute on mission. Squad leaders jumped off from Co F CP instead of Co F OPs.

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- 0215 Co E patrol leaders return to Bn CP. No Germans contacted. Still lacking information on strength of enemy SW of GROSBLIEDERSTROFF.
- 0700 Action during night very light. Bn still in defense on right sector of Regtl Zone. 3rd Bn now on our immediate right.
- 1100 Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1130 Bn S-3 contacts 114th Inf on result of their patrols last night.
- 1200 Fatal 5 leaves Bn CP as Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1300 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 1315 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1330 Bn S-2 briefs squad leaders of Co E who are to make 2 patrols tonight to 485615 and 485617. Mission: to find exact position of enemy. Use fire power if necessary and enter town completely to accomplish mission.
- 1630 2 squads of Co E leave for Co F OPs.
- 1900 Enemy tanks reported at critical point 93. FATIMA moves tanks, TDs and bazookas to eliminate same. Reported to FATAL 3.
- 2045 Patrols of Co E pass through Co F outpost.

5 Jan 1945

- 0030 Patrols of Co E return through Co F outpost.
- 0200 Patrol leaders reported to Bn CP. Result of Patrol: Location of MG spotted at Vic of RJ at coordinates 479614. 1 sentinel in Vic 485-616. No enemy captured.
- 0700 Action during night very quiet. F and G Cos made contact by patrols during night. Bn still in defensive action in right zone of Regtl sector.
- 0900 Started defense plans on night raid to be conducted by 1st Plat, Co E.

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- 1100 First Plat Ldr. Co E, Bn S-3 and Bn S-2 discuss plans.
- 1130 Fatal 6 confers with Fatal White 6. Consents for us to conduct raid night of 6 Jan 45.
- 1230 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.
- 1315 81mm mortars report registration complete with concentration numbers given: 55(483616) and 56(479615).
- 1400 Fatal 6 and Bn 6 leave to inspect Co F area.
- 1630 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 1930 Plans for night raid, 6 Jan 45, submitted to Fatal.
- 2215 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. Cancels raid scheduled for 6 Jan 45.
- 2250 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

6 Jan 1945

- 0010 Bn S-5 ordered to report to Fatal 5 at 0800 6 January 45.
 - 0745 Bn S-5 leaves for Fatal 5.
 - 0900 Bn S-2 leaves for Co G to orient them on plans for night patrol to vicinity of hospital.
 - 1000 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Co G. Night raid plans for 7 January 45 submitted to Fatal.
 - 1115 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP and prepares plan for night patrol.
 - 1145 Plans for night patrol 6 Jan 45 submitted to Fatal.
 - 1500 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
 - 1845 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
 - 1950 G-6 reports their patrol has returned. Will report at Bn CP to give information.
 - 2030 Co G 6-man patrol runs into German outpost near hospital Vic (50.0-58.35).
 - 2110 Order issued to Co G to repeat raid staged 2 Jan 45 at 0530 7 Jan 45. One section LMG and one BAR team of Co E attached to Co G for raid.
 - 2115 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- Note: Promotions of officers effective 1 Jan 45: 2nd Lt Harrison to 1st Lt; 2nd Lt Doggett to 1st Lt; 2nd Lt Petrie to 1st Lt, 1st Lt Lamber to Capt.

7 Jan 1945

- 0500 Bn S-5 leaves Bn CP for raid area.
- 0530 Raid pushes off on time.
- 0730 Raiding party returns and results as follows: Very satisfactory: 3 prisoners taken, all Germans; Prisoners report no troops with 3 km. They were MG OP for German Co.
- 1230 Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1300 Lt Doggett reports to Bn for final instructions concerning tonight's raid.
- 1315 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave to inspect HMG and mortar positions with H Company.
- 1450 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1500 Bn S-6 has meeting with Co CO's on Sanitation, Weapons and Equipment.
- 1530 Bridge guards, east of IPPLING, manned by Co G, will be relieved by Co E at 1600 8 Jan 45.
- 1545 Fame 5 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1630 Fame 5 leaves Bn CP.
- 1645 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1705 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1830 Raiding party, 1st Plat Co E leaves ROUHLING. Communications all right.

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2320 Raiding platoon reports passing of objective #1 and #2. House at objective #1 recently occupied. Telephone found.

2325 Raiding platoon request artillery concentration "E".

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0230 Raiding party commander returns to Bn CP. Results of Raid: Enemy OP at Objective #3 routed. No prisoners captured. However, artillery and mortar fire very effective. Patrol returns in their parkas, used by troops in last few raids, proved very satisfactory in camouflage as well as warmth.

0700 Other than raid, night very quiet. Co G reports single shot fired from across river. G Co doubled guard.

0915 Bn S-2 leaves for Co G.

0930 Bn S-6 and Bn S-3 leave for meeting with E-6 and H-6 to prepared new positions.

0945 Bn S-2 returns.

1045 Division G-2 arrives at Bn CP.

1115 Division G-2 leaves Bn CP.

1315 Bn S-6 and Bn S-3 return to Bn CP.

1400 February 6 pays visit to Bn CP.

1500 February 6 leaves Bn CP.

1530 Bn S-3 reports to Fatal 5.

1635 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.

1700 Message from Fatal 6 to Fatal White 6: Investigate report that German ammunition is stored in cave at approximately 489604. If found, take steps to remove it into our lines in priority: (1) Panzerfaust (2) Grenades (3) Other ammo. Submit plans for removal at least 12 hours in advance; include any assistance needed in removal of this ammo.

1710 Message from Fatal 6 to Fatal White 6: Your recommendation for repeating raid Vic GROSBLIEDERSDORF night 9-10 Jan, without change in plans from those of night raid 7-8 Jan on same area, is approved. Plans need not be resubmitted. Coordinate direct with 383rd FA Bn.

1715 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

1730 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP. Demonstration postponed until 10 Jan 45.

1830 Rcn patrol of 6 men, Co E, leave on listening post mission to GROSBLIEDERSDORF.

2200 Patrol returns. Report no German activity Vic of cemetery.

9 Jan 1945

0700 All quiet in "No Man's Land" during night. Bn continues to defend right sector of Regtl zone.

0900 Message from Fatal White 6 to Fox 6: Send patrol to cave Vic 489604 to investigate German Ammo reported there. Notify this Hqs as to amount and type if found: (1) Panzerfaust (2) Grenades (3) other Ammo. Estimate any assistance needed to remove same.

1000 Bn S-5 leaves for Fatal meeting.

1050 Fatal 3 arrives at Bn CP.

1145 Covering force plan of withdrawal submitted to Fatal 3.

1300 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.

1345 Fatal 3 leaves Bn CP.

1540 G-1 reports 6 88mm shells landing 250 yards in front of their area--two of which were duds coming from NE.

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- 1620 G-1 reports 3 rounds of artillery or 88s falling vic of large cave from NE appear to be zeroing in on mouth of cave.
- 1630 G-1 reports 8 rounds artillery falling vic of his OP and large cave coming in from NE.
- 1630 Message from Fatal White 6 to Fatal 6: Investigation of cave vic 489604 reveals: 200rds 88 amm; 200 rds mortar; 50-75 rds AT; 2000 rds rifle; 50 boxes sub MG; 200 boxes P-38 pistol; 23 55 gal drums gasoline.
- 1730 Message from Fatal White 6 to Fatal 6: Will attempt to remove ammo from cave tonight of 10 Jan 45 beginning 1830. 1 sqd, Co F, to act as guides and covering force; 2 squads, Co E and Bn A&P Plat, will serve as carrying party to remove ammo to point in woods vic 483597 where it will be loaded on one 2 1/2 ton truck under direction of A & P Plat Ldr.

1920 Bn S-3 leaves for Co F CP.

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- 0205 Lt Doggett leaves with platoon for Co F CP.
- 0315 Received word I&R patrol encountered SA, burp gun and MG fire east of GROSELITTERSDORF.
- 0430 1st Plat, Co E, arrives at Co F CP. Raid cancelled as time required to complete raid insufficient. Hazardous night driving reason for being late.
- 0830 Bn S-6 leaves for Blue Bn CP for meeting of Bn COs. Bn S-3 leaves F Co CP for Blue Bn for same meeting.
- 0930 Message from Fatal White 5 to H-6: Four 50 cal. MG with crews will report to Fox Co CP as close to 1000 today if possible (take reasonable amount of ammo). Detail will be for today and tonight. Bring necessary equipment.
- 1150 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
411th Inf to attack in their zone of action at 1315 for approximately 2 km.
410th Inf mission is to hold present positions and support by fire 411th advance.
- 1200 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Co COs orienting them on above information.
- 1430 Bn S-2 leaves to contact February 2.
- 1600 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1630 Fatal reports 411th Inf on objective and occupied with little resistance. 4 H Co 50 cal MG released to be returned to company control.
- 1730 6 rounds 88 land in front of mill in WELFERDING occupied by G Company.
- 1740 Tank movements in front of Co G OP #1. Unable to determine number.
- 1800 Farewell letter received from Maj Gen Haffner. Gen Haffner relinquishes command of division due to ill health after commanding division since it was activated on 15 Nov 42. Brig Gen McAuliffe, former commander of 101st Airborne Division, assumes command of this division.
- 2200 Detail to evacuate ammunition from cave Vic 483597 finds job impossible due to hazardous terrain for night work. 1 man injures back in attempt to complete mission.

11 Jan 1945

- 0030 Patrol of Co E that had mission to reconnoiter enemy positions south of AUERSMACHER failed. Rubber boat that was to carry men across SAAR River became punctured before crossing was completed.
- 0700 Bn mission unchanged. On defensive in right sector of Regimental Zone.
- 0930 Bn S-2 leaves for unit on right.
- 1030 Co F ordered to place 2 men on cave to their front during hours of darkness for protection.

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- 1045 E-6 ordered to plan on raid to GROSBLITTERSDORF for tonight.
 1055 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
 1415 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for mortar OP in Co F area to view fire of 81mm mortars.
 1500 Fatal 2 arrives at Bn CP.
 1530 Fatal 2 leaves Bn CP.
 1645 Small patrol of Co E postponed. Raid to GROSBLITTERSDORF all set to jump off at 0300 12 Jan 45.
 1730 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.

12 Jan 1945

- 0300 2nd Plat, Co E, leave Co F area for raid on GROSBLITTERSDORF.
 0400 4 man patrol, Co G, leave Co area for 24 hour listening post on east side of SAAR River.
 0400 Raiding party report from cemetery. No enemy action.
 0510 Raiding party begins to withdraw.
 0900 Report on Raid: Encountered MG fire from houses and as raiding party approaches Germans take off. Wire entanglements now in draw that approaches town.
 0945 Bn S-2 and S-3 leave Bn CP for unit on our right.
 1120 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
 1230 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
 Bn S-2 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
 1335 Co G ordered to send small patrol to south of AUERSMACHER tonight.
 1430 Small patrol, Co E, oriented to patrol North-South road east of SAAR River.
 1450 Bn S-2 leaves for Co G.
 1515 Fatal 8 arrives at Bn CP.
 1655 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
 1800 4 man patrol from Co G return from east side of SAAR River. No Germans found. Very little activity.
 1900 Bn S-6 holds Company Commanders meeting at Bn CP. Subject: Defensive tactics and Welfare of Men.
 1950 G-3 OP receives 2 rounds of 88s.
 2000 Fatal 3 leaves Bn CP.
 2210 Co E patrol reports in to Bn CP. Encountered 12 man German patrol at (48856134). After engaging in fire fight our patrol withdraws.
 2210 Co G patrol finds hill south of AUERSMACHER unoccupied.

13 Jan 45

- 0700 Action during night very limited. 3 TDs, 614th TD Bn, to be placed in this Bn Zone today. 1 TD placed vic ROUHLING and 2 TD placed vic IPPLING.
 0920 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Co F CP to meet General McAuliffe.
 1100 Bn S-6 and S-3 return from inspecting tour of troops with Gen McAuliffe.
 1230 2 squads, Co E, to form ambush at vic 490612 to catch reported nightly patrol of Germans tonight.
 1400 Squad leaders, Co E, oriented on tonight's operations.
 1545 Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP to inspect Co E.
 1830 2 squads, Co E, leave on patrol mission.
 2110 Order received from Fatal that this unit reverts to VI Corps. OI later.
 2115 Fatal 5 leaves Bn CP.
 2130 Patrol, Co E, after finding lumber yard vacated pushes on to houses north and after fire fight withdrew. No prisoners captured.

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2250 Bn S-6 receives order and destroys same as ordered.

14 Jan 1945

0700 Action very limited during night.

0930 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP to contact unit on right.

1000 Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP. Leaves order for advance party of 1 officer per letter company and 2 officers per BnHqs to be on alert for move to area vic REICHOFFEN. Mutual relief to be inacted by this unit and TF Heron on date to be announced.

1045 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.

1115 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders and informs them of planned move.

1615 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.

Advance party to leave Fatal CP at 0830 for new area, 2 1/2 ton truck to be furnished by Fatal. Companies to be on alert for German attack that PW's report to take place on 15 January 45.

1700 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

1715 1 squad, Co F, to patrol to front during night; 1 squad, Co G, to patrol to front during night. Above notified by Bn S-2.

1900 Bn S-2 reports to Fatal CP.

2000 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.

2330 Bn S-1, 70th Infantry, arrives at Bn CP to make plans for relief.

15 Jan 1945

0700 Action during night very limited.

0730 Bn S-2 and advance party leave for new area vic REICHOFFEN.

1200 Plans for our move received from Fatal.

1500 Rcn elements of 2nd Bn, 275th Inf Regt, arrive at our CP.

1530 Co E, 275th Inf, leaves Bn CP to begin relief of Co G.

1610 Lt Rose killed by mine at road block.

1645 Co F, 275th Inf, leaves Bn CP to begin relief of Co F.

1655 Bn S-6 leaves with Lt Col BARTEN of 2nd Bn, 275th Inf, to go over Bn positions.

1735 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.

1955 Reserve company relief completed.

2145 Relief completed. F and G Companies returning to HUNDLING.

2200 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.

2300 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

16 Jan 1945

0015 Bn all closed in at HUNDLING.

0215 Movement Order #5 received via Lt. Lohr. Cross Division IP at 0505. IP at Rj SW of HELLIMER.

0800 Bn S-6 and S-1 leave HUNDLING for new area at NIEDERBRONN, France.

0915 Personnel carriers leave HUNDLING for new area at NIEDERBRONN.

0930 Organic vehicles leave HUNDLING for new area at NIEDERBRONN.

1200 Bn S-6 and S-1 arrive at NIEDERBRONN.

1350 Personnel carriers arrive at NIEDERBRONN.

1450 Organic vehicles arrive at NIEDERBRONN.

1500 The condition of bldg "De Dietrich & Cie" upon our occupation was very untidy. Signs of looting, dirty living, and improper care of civilian equipment was very obvious on part of troops of 45th Div that preceded us.

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- 0030 Two German artillery shells land in Co E area, one shell made direct hit on 3rd Platoon CP of Co E injuring two men.
- 0835 One German artillery shell lands at 934389. All windows on south side of Bn CP knocked out.
- 0930 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Fatal CP.
- 1050 Bn S-6 and S-3 return from Fatal CP.
- 1100 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders:
- (a) 410th Regt (less 1st Bn) in Division and Corps reserve.
 - (b) Each company to form 2 Rcn parties to reconnoiter routes to front. Find all road blocks and mine fields.
 - (c) Officers in charge of Rcn parties:
Co E - Lt Shelley; Lt Doggett.
Co F - Lt Clark; Lt Morgan.
Co G - Lt Ryerson; Lt Rustejkas.
Co H - Lt Biedrzycki; Lt Crow.
 - (d) Rcn parties to begin upon receipt of maps and orders from Fatal.
- 1300 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. Guides of 274th Inf will be picked up at 1315.
- 1325 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1330 4 Rcn officers meet with Bn S-3.
- 1800 Rcn officers report back to Bn CP.
- 1930 Rcn plans for 18 Jan 45 submitted to Fatal 3.

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- 0030 Inspection by Gen McAuliffe cancelled. Bn S-6 to report to Fatal 6 at 0900.
- 0800 Bn Rcn parties leave Bn area.
- 0845 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Fatal 6.
- 0915 Fatal 5, Lt Murphy, Lt Fairgrieve and Capt McCarthy leave Bn CP to reconnoiter Regtl MLR positions.
- 1000 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1130 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP to reconnoiter possible enemy penetrations from NW.
- 1200 Fatal S-5 and group return to Bn CP. Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1300 Fatal 5 leaves Bn CP.
- 1430 Plans to block enemy penetrations from NE submitted to Fatal.
- 1600 Reconnaissance parties return to Bn CP. Bn S-6 leaves for Fatal 6.
- 1635 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.

19 Jan 1945

- 0700 Night very quiet. Bn remains in Division reserve.
- 0940 Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal 6.
- 1125 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1130 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Co COs. Companies must be prepared to move on 1/2 hour notice during day and one hour notice during night.
- 1200 Three reconnaissance patrols leave to reconnoiter possible approaches for a battalion counterattack.
- 1245 Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1330 Fatal 5 leaves Bn CP.
- 1600 Three reconnaissance parties return to Bn CP.
- 1800 Overlay of reconnoitered routes sent to Fatal.
- 2355 Orders received for Bn to be on 2 hour alert, prepared to move in any direction. Companies notified.

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- 0700 Bn remains in Division Reserve, although on 2 hour alert for movement in any direction.
- 1330 Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal 6.
- 1430 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1445 Bn S-6 holds meeting of Co Commanders: Bn to move by foot march after dark from NIEDERBRONN to occupy OPL and MLR in vicinity of OFFWILLER, ROTTBACH, BISCHOLTZ and MULHAUSEN.
- 1545 Bn S-6 and Co COs leave Bn to reconnoiter OPL and MLR.
- 1805 Bn foot troops leave NIEDERBRONN.
- 2000 Bn CP set up at SCHILLERSDORF. Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP to assist in coordinating contact between units.
- 2150 Foot troops arrive at ROTTBACH. Co COs pick up troops and begin setting up defensive positions.

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- 0745 Fatal 5 leaves Bn CP to contact Blue Battalion.
- 0800 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP to coordinate MLR.
- 0845 Contact made on right flank with Blue Battalion. Contact made on left flank with 36th Combat Engrs during night.
- 1200 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1345 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for OPL.
- 1520 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1535 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1715 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 2030 Defensive position overlay sent to Fatal.
- 2400 Co E reports 3 artillery shells fall in rear of their OPL. Co G verifies Co E report as three artillery shells land in ROTTBACH.

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- 0015 16 artillery shells land in riverbed on Co G left flank.
- 0800 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for further organizing of OPL, MLR and BHL.
- 0930 Platoon, AT Co mine platoon, reports to this Bn CP and given orders to lay two mine fields vic (857-329) and (857-335).
- 1215 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1530 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1550 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1630 Enemy reported in ZINSWILLER by Fasion patrol.
- 1700 Corps artillery fired on horse-drawn vehicles at point SE of ZINSWILLER.
- 1745 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
- 1755 Corps artillery to be fired on reported 200 vehicles in ZINSWILLER.
- 1800 Overlay of Bn defensive positions given to Fatal 3 1/2.
- 1845 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1850 5 man German patrol contacted and fired on by Co E OP vic 877-344.
- 1900 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Co COs: Co E to fire red flare if outpost line hit by enemy. Co E to fire green flare if forced to withdraw.
- 1925 Three man German patrol reported in OFFWILLER. Co E sends out patrol to search out same.
- 2035 Co E radios in CP cut off. Ask for orders to withdraw.
- 2051 Co E gives "roger" for withdrawal order.
- 2052 Lt Hill reports civilian fired on Co G guard in ROTTBACH at 2037.

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- 2130 Co E reported pulling back through BISCHOLTZ.
 2200 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Bn OP.
 2212 Bn S-6 reports in from Bn ammo dump headed for Co G CP.
 2217 Regained contact with Co G. Hit up draw south from ROTTBACH. Company reorganizing and hitting back through draw. 1 communication vehicle verified knocked out at bridge in ROTTBACH.
 2255 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP for Bn OP.
 2325 Bn S-6 reports from Co G that he is moving Co E in rear of Co G. S-6 reports on way back to CP.
 2330 Co E all back behind MLR except Co E Hqs and few stragglers. Capt Satterfield, Lt Shelley, Lt Pheninger and Sgt Woodbeck missing. Lt Doggett assumes command.

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- 0030 Co G and 36th Combat Engrs make lateral contact.
 0045 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
 0108 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
 0230 Lt Doggett reports to Bn CP. Losses of OPL at this time: 4 jeeps and trailers; 1 300 radio; 2 LMGs and 2 81mm mortars; sleeping bag, Artillery F.O. Co G loses 2 LMG.
 0700 Co G engaged by enemy infantry with plenty of heavy weapons from left platoon to vic-cemetery. Co F has no contact with enemy.
 0715 Artillery concentrations 210 and 211 laid on cemetery. Fire very effective, MGs silenced.
 0900 Blue Battalion reports contact on OPL with enemy.
 0910 Fame 6 arrives at Bn CP. Picture of last night's action presented. Fame 6 gives order for 1 platoon tanks and 1 rifle company to attack ROTTBACH. Fatal 6 gives mission to Red Battalion.
 0930 Fame 6 leaves Bn CP.
 0950 Column of Infantry reported moving towards ROTTBACH on road from OFFWILLER.
 1100 Lt Col Robison and Red Battalion S-3 arrive at Bn CP to coordinate plans for attack on ROTTBACH.
 1135 Air mission reports 800 men moving in vicinity 987302.
 1215 Artillery liaison plane reports heavy concentration of enemy vehicles vic 871372. Co G captures 1 prisoner.
 1224 Fame 38 arrives at Bn CP.
 1225 Co F receives 10 rounds mortar vic left platoon.
 1230 Co G calls for artillery concentration 211.
 1235 Red Bn 6 arrives at White Bn CP to coordinate attack on ROTTBACH.
 1255 Report received from prisoner captured by 409th Inf. Says imminent attack in vicinity of LAWALCK late today.
 1305 Church steeple in OFFWILLER reported knocked out.
 1307 Prisoner of Co G reports the following: 7 companies, 11 regiments, 3 battalions to regiment; 2 battalions in ROTTBACH; Company strength 40-50 men.
 1330 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP to coordinate with Fame 38, Red 6 and White 6 on attack on ROTTBACH.
 1345 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.
 1400 Red 6 leaves Bn CP.
 1605 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

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1800 New Normal artillery barrages:

NB 9 (84.80-34.18)	NB 8 (85.53-33.53)
EB 9 (85.19-34.05)	EB 8 (85.52-33.66)
NB 7 (86.23-32.75)	EB 7 (86.77-31.7)

2000 Casualty report on action in this phase: 1 KIA, 42 MIA, 6 BC.
Contact between F Company on MLR and Co L on OPL to be made on the hour.

2030 5 man patrol fired on at BISCHOLTZ.

2045 Regt I & R platoon patrol (rear roads) checked in at Bn CP.

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0500 Action on front during night was exchange of small arms fire and harassing fire from mortars. Germans move about 1 company strength into BISCHOLTZ.

0600 40 rounds of mortar fall in vicinity of Bn OP.

0800 Fatal reports about 1 company of enemy moving into MULHAUSEN.

0815 Artillery concentration 210 fired. Three enemy tanks in ROTTBACH. Mortar concentration fired on BISCHOLTZ.

0850 Corps TOT fired on ROTTBACH.

0900 Three enemy tanks leave ROTTBACH up valley to NE.

1115 German 88s firing on BISCHOLTZ.

1120 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.

1300 MLR still in direct contact with enemy. Tanks firing from ROTTBACH. 88s firing on Co F. Concentrations of artillery being laid along MLR.

1415 10-12 tanks along road from OFFWILLER to ROTTBACH sighted.

TOT to be fired along ridge (84.75-34.75) to (84.8-34.55).

1455 2 tanks reported knocked out by Bn AT gun on road north of ROTTBACH.

1545 TOT on tanks reported effective. Tank fire silenced. 2nd TOT on same tanks to be fired along (84.7-34.7) to (85.2-34.5) at 1620.

1555 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Co G CP.

1557 Small groups of enemy spotted approaching OFFWILLER from woods.

1630 2nd TOT very effective. Tanks have completely back off and have ceased firing.

1800 Battle casualties in this phase from 232000 to 241800 Jan 45: MIA 7 BC 5.

1840 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.

2030 Lt Petrie, Co G, killed in action.

2040 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to orient Co E where to prepare 2 squad Reserve positions.

2210 Patrol of Co E were fired on by a burp gun trying to enter BISCHOLTZ.

2230 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.

2345 Co F patrol continued on towards BISCHOLTZ and after being fired on by MGs withdrew to company positions.

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0300 Co G receiving heavy artillery and tank fire. Co F receiving extremely heavy artillery, mortar, SP and MG fire. Lt Gibbs requests and receives cannon support on town of BISCHOLTZ.

0345 Co F still receiving enemy fire but has quieted down some.

0415 Blue 6 reports enemy break-through in Co K area. Estimated 40 enemy heading in direction of SCHILLERSDORF.

0430 Green 6 report enemy on outskirts of SCHILLERSDORF.

0445 Bn Hqs and Hqs Co evacuate bldgs and begin fighting delaying action.

0600 Bn Hqs group withdraws from SW section of SCHILLERSDORF and set up defensive line along woods SW of SCHILLERSDORF.

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- 0600 Bn S-5 and Operations Sgt take off on foot to inform Fatal of situation.
- 0630 Lt Doggett and small platoon gives stiff battle in northern section of SCHILLERSDORF and due to their action Bn Medics were able to evacuate town with no loss.
- 0710 Bn S-5 leaves Fatal to take command of defensive set-up along woods NW of SCHILLERSDORF.
- 0715 Love Company begins counter-attack on SCHILLERSDORF.
- 0720 Bn S-6 leaves defending forces to report to Fatal 6.
- 0730 Bn S-6 reports to Fatal 6.
- 0800 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-2 leave Fatal for new forward CP at "spiderweb."
- 0815 Bn S-6 checks in with Lt Col Robison, officer in charge of Red Battalion counter-attack.
- 0845 A and C Companies counter-attack commences on SCHILLERSDORF. Two squads of Co E build up line of fire on right flank of Co F to assist protection of Battalion flank.
- 1000 Co G receives fire from tanks in ROTTBACH. Artillery concentration fired.
- 1400 1 Squad, Co E, buildings up small counter-attack on infiltrations of Germans in rear of Co F. 12 enemy killed.
- 1545 Infantry and tank attack on small pocket of Germans on Co F right flank pushes off. Infantry support consists of two squads, Co E and I & R Platoon Co B, support platoon follows attack up.
- 1615 Infantry and tank attack successful. Co B support platoon fills in gap between F and B companies previously held by enemy. Tanks continue into MULHAUSEN firing on enemy troops.
- 1630 Tanks return and ordered to report to Red Battalion.
- 1700 AT Mine Platoon and I & R platoon attached to Bn to form reserve.
- 1730 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-2 return to new Bn CP at INGWILLER.
- 1900 B Company attached to Second Battalion.
- 2200 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for B Company to assist in setting up defensive positions.
- 2400 Battle casualties in this phase from 241800 to 252400 Jan 45: 1 MIA 2 KIA 3 BC.
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- 0200 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 0730 Due to stiff back received from bad fall S-6 remains in bed and S-5 takes command of battalion.
- 0920 Fame 6 and Fatal 5 arrive at Bn CP.
- 0945 Fame 6 and Fatal 5 leave Bn CP.
- 1000 Bn S-5 and S-3 leave Bn for forward CP.
- 1030 Platoon of tanks attached to Bn assembled at "spider."
- 1200 Word received from Fatima White that a squad patrol will enter MULHAUSEN and patrol road NW to BISCHOLTZ. Patrol to leave defensive area at 1330.
- 1300 Red Battalion completes cleaning out of SCHILLERSDORF.
- 1430 Bn S-1 returns to SCHILLERSDORF and reclaims 99% of CP equipment.
- 1500 Bn S-5 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
- 1600 Bn S-3 and H-6 contact Fatima White to make plans for relieving B Co to Fatal.
- 1800 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 1915 Bn S-5 leaves CP for Red Battalion to coordinate relief of B Co.
- 2030 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.

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2230 Bn S-5 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Co F CP. Mission to place Co G, 411th Inf, in positions occupied by Co B, 410th Infantry.

2400 Battle casualties in this phase from 252400 to 262400 Jan 45: 21 MIA, 4 KIA, 8 BC.

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0130 Bn S-3 and F-6 return to Bn CP. Lt Gibbs ill. Lt Clark in command of Co F.

0230 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.

0700 Front extremely quiet this morning.

1200 2 tanks fire on barn in front of Co G. Tanks draw no enemy fire.

1310 Corps TOT fired on MULHAUSEN.

1430 Fame 2 and Fatal 2 arrive at Bn CP. Orient Bn S-2 on patrol mission of tonight. I&R to raid MULHAUSEN; L Co to raid UHRWILLER.

1515 Fame 2 and Fatal 2 leave Bn CP.

1545 War correspondents report to Bn CP for story of SCHILLERSDORF fight.

1615 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for forward CP to meet Fatima to tie in battalion right flank better.

1810 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.

1850 Fatima White reports 20 man patrol moving on Co F right flank.

1930 Artificial moonlight placed on our front lines.

2000 Our Bn has made no contact with reported 20 man patrol.

2400 Co G reports 1 German tank leaving ROTHBACH for OFFWILLER. Battle casualties in this phase from 262400 to 272400 Jan 45: MIA 2, BC 2.

0330 Co G CP receives direct hit. None injured. Fortune returns from raid on ROTHBACH. 1 man injured and 1 prisoner captured. I & R platoon raid on BISCHOLTZ pinned down.

0400 Co K raid on MULHAUSEN unsuccessful. 1 American tank knocked out. I & R raiding platoon returns. Mission not completed. 1 man seriously wounded.

0930 2 civilians trying to pass through our lines picked up by Co E.

1100 Overlays showing all Bn defensive positions submitted to Fatal 3.

1358 F.O. OP #1 receives 3 direct hits from mortars. No one hurt.

1400 Bn S-6 reports to Fatal 6.

1425 TOT fired on ROTHBACH.

1630 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.

2053 TOT fired on woods NE of MULHAUSEN.

2100 Fatima patrol returns after having fire fight in MULHAUSEN. Patrol reports movement N of MULHAUSEN.

2400 Battle casualties in this phase 272400 to 282400 Jan 45: None.

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0015 Tank platoon alerted per order from Fatal 6.

0300 Tank platoon released from alert.

0700 Action in our sector very light during night. Co F receives no fire after 2400. Co G has tank movement in ROTHBACH. 2 MG positions located at (84.75-33.98) and (84.59-33.92).

0915 Fatal 5 arrives at Bn CP.

1030 Fatal 5 leaves Bn CP.

1115 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave to meet Fame 5 to E Co CP.

1220 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.

1230 BAR man of Co G killed or wounded 5 or 6 enemy in one burst on 28 Jan 45. Co G estimates they kill or wound 25-30 Germans per day.

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1435 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP for forward CP to meet Fatima White 2.
 1500 Lt Col ROBISON assumes command of Second Battalion, 410th Infantry. Major Lampert reverts back to Regtl Hqs to assume functions as Fatal 3.
 1530 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
 1610 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave to reconnoiter and visit company positions.
 1700 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
 1755 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP. Plan of relief mentioned.
 1840 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.
 1900 Results of Co K raid on NIEFFEN: 16 PW's; discovered 36th Division opposing this division.
 2400 Battle casualties in this phase from 282400 to 292400 Jan 45: 6 BC.

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0700 Front very inactive during night. Both front line troops in contact with enemy.
 0845 Company Commanders ordered to report at "spiderweb" at 1000 to orient Red Battalion Company Commanders as to situation and make plans for relief.
 0855 Companies notified of Blue Battalion 8 man patrol this morning going between critical points 39, 51 and 67 (SCHILLERSDORF, MULHAUSEN and ZUTZENDORF).
 0955 Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Red Battalion CP to arrange for relief of battalion.
 1115 Fame 2 arrives at Bn CP and gives indication enemy is digging in along our front.
 1125 Fame 2 leaves Bn CP.
 1130 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP. Relief of Co E, Reserve Company, to commence at 1500. Co E will take over road guards of INGWILLER. Relief of front line companies, F and G, will commence at 1900. Bn will reassemble in INGWILLER.
 1145 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to orient our companies on relief.
 1430 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
 1530 Reserve portion of Co E relieved by Co B.
 1545 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Fatal CP.
 1615 Bn CP moves to new location in INGWILLER (81.25-30-32).
 1700 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to New CP.
 1800 Bn S-3 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Co E CP to coordinate relief of battalion.
 1930 AT Platoon relieved and closed in to INGWILLER.
 2130 H Company relieved by Co D. H Co enroute to INGWILLER.
 2230 F Co relieved by Co C. Entrucked for INGWILLER.
 2345 Co G ~~relieved by Co C~~ and remainder of Co E relieved by Company A. Entrucked for INGWILLER.
 2400 Battle casualties in this phase from 292400 to 302400 Jan 45: 1 BC.

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0035 Bn completely relieved by 1st Battalion, 410th Infantry, and closed in to Regtl Reserve area at INGWILLER.
 0800 Received OI #16, 31 January 45.
 0920 Fame 6 arrives at Bn CP. Fame 6 very satisfied with work of Second Battalion. Orders troops to rest for 24 hours. Physical exercise to include walks and runs after rest period. Fame 6 will return to inspect Bn area in a couple of days.

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- 0940 Fame 6 leaves Bn CP.
0950 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders. Items below stressed:
(1) Cleanliness and military courtesy.
(2) (Problems of future operations: camouflage, sleds or tobaggans for MGs and evacuation of wounded; method of attack cross country in winter and use of packboards.
1335 S-6 leaves CP to inspect quarters.
1510 S-6 returns to Bn CP.
1515 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP.
1530 Lt Col Alvis arrives at Bn CP.
1550 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
1640 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP for dinner engagement with Gen McAuliffe.
2100 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP. Lt Col Alvis leaves Bn CP.
2400 Battle casualties 302400 to 312400 Jan 45: None.

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