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HEADQUARTERS 2ND BATTALION  
410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: SCHALKENDORF, FRANCE

1 March 45Time

- 0130 G Co reports sound of horse-drawn vehicles and digging to their front but unable to locate approximate location.
- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1000 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP and discusses defensive set-up and welfare of men.
- 1015 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP on Rcn for tonights patrol.
- 1025 1 Artillery shell falls in vicinity of G Co CP.
- 1045 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1050 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to inspect new Bn CP.
- 1145 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1230 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 1400 G Co reports receiving 4 rounds arty on left platoon position.
- 1800 F Co 10-man patrol, in charge of Lt. LAWLER, leaves for G Co OP in preparation for tonights patrol.
- 1910 Patrol leaves G Co OP on Rcn mission.
- 2115 Fatal White 3 and Fatal Red 3 arrange to have Co A and Co G meet at boundary at 0900 tomorrow to adjust contact at night.
- 2130 Patrol returns to Bn CP. Results: Mission completed but no physical contact with enemy.
- 2400 Battle casualties 282400 - Feb. to 012400 Mar. 45: None.

2 March 45Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1000 Co CO's meeting at Bn CP with Bn S-6 presiding. RE: Welfare of EM.
- 1030 Bn S-2 leaves for G Co area to orient patrol ldr of tonights patrol.
- 1100 Bn S-3 leaves for G Co area on Rcn.
- 1145 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1200 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 1500 Bn S-6 leaves for Bn CP.
- 1550 Fame 6 visits Bn CP to check on the present situation.
- 1600 Fame 6 leaves Bn CP with Bn S-2 to contact Bn S-6 at Bn CP.
- 1615 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1620 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 1630 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.
- 1650 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1700 Fatal 3½ and Fatal 2½ visit Bn CP.
- 1700 Patrol Ldr, Lt. CLARK, Co F, and 10-man patrol leave for G Co OP in preparation for tonight's patrol.
- 1730 Fatal 3½ and Fatal 2½ leave Bn CP.
- 1730 1st Plat, Co F, relieves Plat of E Co on BRL.

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2 March 1945 (Continued)Time

- 1800 E Co leaves SCHALKENDORF for relief of G Co tonight.  
 1815 O.I. #25 dated 2 Mar. 1945 received via Liaison Officer.  
 1955 E Company completes relief of G Co less 1 squad of 1st Plat.  
 2150 1 Round fired at enemy mortar position 100 yds right of Concentration #255. vic KINDWILLER. Target to be adjusted accordingly.  
 2210 Patrol Ldr and patrol report to Bn OP on return. Results: Encountered enemy mine field vic - 8845-2935. No physical contact with enemy. Reported gun flash in vic rear of KINDWILLER.  
 2225 Vehicular movement spotted by E Co at (895-295).  
 2400 Battle casualties 012400 to 022400 March 1945: None.

3 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.  
 1000 Bn S-2 leaves with patrol leader (Lt. HUSKEY, Co G) for E Co area vic mill in preparation for tonight's patrol.  
 1020 Bn S-2 returns to Bn OP.  
 1030 Bn Staff leave for Hq Co 2nd Bn EM quarters. Bn S-6 and S-5 inspect weapons. Bn S-3, S-2 and S-1 inspect cleanliness of EM and their equipment and quarters.  
 1100 Bn S-6, S-5, S-3 and S-1 leave for Bn OP.  
 1130 Bn S-6, S-5, S-3 and S-1 return to Bn OP.  
 1245 Bn staff leave for F Co EM quarters for inspection of weapons, equipment and quarters.  
 1350 Bn staff leave for H Co EM quarters for inspection of weapons, equipment and quarters.  
 1420 Bn staff leave for G Co EM quarters for inspection of weapons, equipment and quarters.  
 1500 Bn Staff returns to Bn OP from inspection of Companies.  
 1840 Patrol leader and 6-man patrol leave for starting point of tonight's mission vic - mill.  
 1900 Patrol starts out on listening post mission.  
 2330 E Co requests artificial moonlight. Fatal will comply with same as soon as they have checked that all patrols in our sector have returned.  
 2345 Patrol leader and squad leader report to Bn OP. Results: Reports flares were dropped while enroute from enemy outposts along KINDWILLER-LAWALCK Road. No vehicular movement. No physical contact with enemy.  
 2355 Artificial moonlight turned on to left of KINDWILLER And to our immediate front.  
 2400 Battle Casualties 022400 to 032400 March 1945: None

4 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.  
 1030 Bn S-2 briefs patrol leader of tonight's patrol.

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4 March 1945 (Continued)Time

- 1730 Patrol leader (Lt. RUSTEJKAS, G Co) and 6-man patrol leave for E Co area vic--mill for Ron patrol mission.
- 1900 Patrol leaves vic--mill on Ron patrol.
- 2230 Patrol leader reports by phone as results of mission. Results: 1 Flare dropped. No physical contact with enemy.
- 2400 Battle Casualties: 032400 to 042400 March 1945: None.

5 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1000 Bn S-2 leaves with patrol leader (Lt. RUCKER, G Co) for Bn OP for briefing on tonight's patrol.
- 1030 Bn S-2 returns to Bn OP.
- 1210 Fatal 6 visits Bn OP for routine check.
- 1240 Fatal 6 leaves Bn OP.
- 1520 AT Co fires 10 rounds indirect fire at steeple of church in KINDWILLER. Results: Satisfactory.
- 1530 Bn S-6 has meeting with Co CO's at Bn OP. RE: Supplies.
- 1735 1st Platoon, G Co, completes relief of F Co platoon on BRL.
- 1830 Bn S-3 leaves for Fatal 6 for administrative meeting.
- 1900 F Company completes relief of E Company on MLR.
- 2155 Bn S-3 returns from meeting. RE: Trng on patrols; discussion on .50 Cal MG school; trng on handling of PWs.
- 2300 Patrol leader and patrol leave Bn OP on Ron mission.
- 2400 Battle Casualties 042400 to 052400 March 1945: None.

6 March 1945Time

- 0315 Patrol leader and ASst Patrol leader return to Bn OP. Results: Discovered empty water-filled foxholes. Intermittent flares dropped. No physical contact with enemy.
- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1015 10 Rounds arty fall vic (88-28) to rear of F Company area.
- 1100 Bn S-2 orients tonight's patrol leader (Lt. DAVIS, E Co) on mission.
- 1600 Division G-2 visits Bn OP.
- 1620 Bn S-3 leaves for H Co position.
- 1710 Division G-2 leaves Bn OP.
- 1730 Bn S-2 returns to Bn OP.
- 1745 Patrol leaders (Lt. DAVIS, E Co-patrol #1 and S/Sgt Amsteen, E Co patrol #2) leave for F Co area vic - mill in preparation for tonight's mission.
- 2200 Patrol leader of patrol #1 returns to Bn OP. Results: Rifle grenade fired at patrol vic-(902-285). Numerous flares were dropped. Mortar located at vic-(291-904), also MG at (899-287). Mine laying mission not accomplished. No physical contact with enemy.

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6 March 1945 (Continued)Time

- 2215 Patrol leader of patrol #2 returns to Bn CP. Results: Mine laying mission accomplished at trail junction vic (8948-2960). Numerous flares from town. Artificial moonlight disadvantageous to both patrols.
- 2400 Battle Casualties 052400 to 062400 March 1945: None.

7 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 0945 Bn S-2 and patrol leader (Lt. PHEGLEY, Co E) leave for Bn OP to observe probable route of patrol tonight.
- 1000 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1900 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP to check on defensive set-up.
- 1900 O.I. #26, 7 March 1945 received via Liaison Officer.
- 2030 Bn S-3 leaves for H Co area to witness incendiary .50 Cal MG firing into KINDWILLER. Results: Satisfactory.
- 2140 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 2145 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 2400 Battle Casualties 062400 to 072400 March 1945: None.

8 March 1945Time

- 0130 Bn S-6 leaves Bn CP to accompany patrol on mission.
- 0545 Bn S-6 and patrol returns to Bn CP. Results: No physical contact with enemy.
- 0630 1 PW (Deserter) Captured by F Co vic (8815-2865). PW from 6th Company, 118th Regiment, 36th Division.
- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1115 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  visits Bn CP to check on training schedule for coming week.
- 1130 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  leaves Bn CP.
- 1410 Bn S-2 leaves Bn CP with patrol leader (Lt. REED, Co E) for F Co area to orient him on tonight's patrol.
- 1430 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for F Co area.
- 1510 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.
- 1615 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.
- 1715 2nd Plat, E Co, completes relief of 1st Plat, Co G, on BRL.
- 1730 Patrol leader and 10-man patrol leave for G Co area in preparation for tonight's mission.
- 1930 G Co completes relief of F Co on MLR.
- 2100 Patrol returns to Bn CP. Results: No physical contact with enemy.
- 2400 Battle Casualties 072400 to 082400 March 1945: None.

9 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 0900 Fame 38 visits Bn CP to check contact our Bn has had with the enemy and also of enemy mines.

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9 March 1945 (Continued)Time

- 0900 G Co reports seeing 3 Germans vic (887293). Fired mortars on same. Effective--no further movement.
- 0910 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.
- 0910 Fatal 3 visits Bn CP to check on training schedules.
- 0945 Fatal 3 leaves Bn CP.
- 1050 8 Rounds 88 fall in H Co left OP area vic (883-383).
- 1140 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.
- 1300 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1345 Bn S-3 and S-2 leave on Rcn of training area.
- 1505 Bn S-3 and S-2 return to Bn CP.
- 1715 Patrol leader and patrol leave for G Co positions in preparation for tonight's mission.
- 1730 10 Rounds mortar fell on G Co positions vic (882296). Fired concentration 202 and silenced enemy mortar.
- 1915 4 Rounds 88 time fire air-bursts fall in H Co left OP area vic (883283).
- 2130 Patrol leader and patrol returns to Bn CP. Results: No physical contact with enemy.
- 2400 Battle casualties 082400 to 092400 March 1945: None.

10 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1000 Bn S-2 orients patrol leader (Lt. FUSSEL, Co F) on tonight's Rcn mission.
- 1130 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.
- 1200 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1315 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Red Bn CP to coordinate on movement.
- 1330 Bn S-5, S-2, and S-1 leave for companies for inspection.
- 1500 Bn S-5, S-2, and S-1 return to Bn CP.
- 1730 Patrol leader and 15-man patrol leave Bn CP for G Co position in preparation for tonight's mission.
- 1900 Patrol leaves G Co positions on mission.
- 2130 Patrol returns to Bn CP. Results: Physical contact with enemy in short skirmish. No one injured.
- 2340 Small enemy patrol hits left platoon of G Co after SA fire on both sides enemy patrol withdraws.
- 2400 Battle casualties 092400 to 102400 March 1945: None.

11 March 1945Time

- 0700 All quiet on front in our sector during night.
- 1000 Bn S-2 briefs patrol leader (Lt. FUSSEL, Co F) on tonight's mission.
- 1130 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP. RE: Patrol plans.
- 1155 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1330 H Co closes out of SCHALKENDORF.
- 1400 H Co opens in OBERMODERN.

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PLACE: OBERMODERN, FRANCE

11 March 1945 (Continued)

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 1415 E Co closes out of SOHALKENDORF.  
 1430 F Co closes out of SOHALKENDORF.  
 1444 Hqs Co. closes out of SOHALKENDORF.  
 1445 Hqs Co opens in to OBERMODERN.  
 1500 F Co closes in to OBERMODERN.  
 1550 E Co closes in to OBERMODERN.  
 1730 Patrol leaves for G Co position in preparation for tonights mission.  
 1845 Bn S-3 leaves for Fatal for administrative meeting.  
 1910 Patrol leaves G Co position on tonights mission.  
 2000 G Co right position relief completed.  
 2030 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
 2230 Patrol leader reports to Bn CP. No physical contact with enemy.  
 2345 Relief of G Co completed. Co billeted in OBERMODERN.  
 2400 Battle casualties 102400 to 112400 March 1945: None.

12 March 1945

Time  
 0700 Bn remains in Regimental Reserve. Continuing with training schedule.  
 0830 Bn S-6 leaves for Fatal.  
 0915 Bn S-2 leaves with Rcn patrol leader (Lt. CLARK, Co F) for Bn Op for orientation of tonights patrol.  
 1245 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.  
 1430 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 1500 5 Tanks of 1st Plat, Company O 761st Tank Bn attached to us.  
 1800 2 Squads of E Co and 2 Squads of F Co return for running of squad problems vic--SAVERNE.  
 1830 Bn S-2 gives final instructions to patrol leader (LT. CLARK) prior to departure.  
 1835 Patrol departs on Rcn mission vic-mill awaiting departure time of patrol.  
 1900 Patrol departs on Rcn mission.  
 2400 Battle Casualties 112400 to 122400 March 1945: None.

13 March 1945

Time  
 0700 Companies continue training as per training schedule.  
 0745 Bn S-2 leaves for Blue Battalion.  
 0825 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.  
 0830 Bn S-6 leaves to observe running of squad problems vic--SAVERNE.  
 0915 Bn S-5 leaves for Fatal.  
 0945 Bn S-5 returns to Bn CP.  
 1010 Bn S-3 and S-2 leave for Fatal.  
 1330 Meeting of Co CO's and Hqs Co Staff Officers at Bn CP with Bn S-6 presiding.  
 1530 Meeting adjourned and Co CO's return to respective companies.  
 1535 Bn S-2 leaves for Red Bn.

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PLACE: OBERMODERN, FRANCE

13 March 1945 (Continued)

Time  
 1600 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.  
 1700 Bn S-2 briefs patrol leader on tonight's Recon mission.  
 1900 Patrol leaves for C Co position in preparation for leaving on patrol.  
 1920 Bn S-6 leaves for Blue Bn.  
 2015 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 2200 Patrol returns to lines and on way to Bn CP.  
 2230 Patrol arrives at Bn CP. Results: Stream rather wide but located a point for probable foot bridge. No physical contact with enemy.  
 2315 Patrol leader and members of 48 hour Recon mission patrol return to Bn CP. Results: Very satisfactory. No physical contact with enemy.  
 2335 Bn S-6, S-2, patrol leader and patrol leave for Fatal.  
 2335 O.I. #27 dated 132000 March 45 received.  
 2400 Battle casualties 122400 to 132400 March 1945: None.

14 March 1945

Time  
 0200 Bn S-6, S-2 and patrol less patrol leader return to Bn CP.  
 0700 Bn still in Regimental Reserve. Companies continue to follow training schedule.  
 1100 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.  
 1115 Company Commanders meeting at Bn CP with Bn S-6 presiding.  
 1130 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
 1200 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Red Bn.  
 1225 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.  
 1325 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Hq Co 2nd Bn for meeting of Bn Officers. RE: Packboards, etc.  
 1345 Bn S-2 leaves with Lt. CLARK for Blue Bn.  
 1420 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.  
 1430 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.  
 2200 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP and delivers O.I. #28 dated 141600 Mar 45.  
 2230 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
 2400 Battale casualties 132400 to 142400 March 1945: None.

15 March 1945

Time  
 0400 Bn crosses march IP.  
 0640 Companies at jumping off point; being shelled by enemy; awaiting favorable conditions.  
 0645 Bn crosses IP in order of E, command group, F and G companies.  
 0700 Bn advancing under cover of smoke.  
 0730 Bn completes crossing of Rothbach River. Progressing satisfactorily.  
 0745 Forward elements east of CP 36.  
 0805 Forward elements east of CP X.  
 0822 Bn at east edge of UHRWILLER at CP 72.

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- 0835 F Company 1000 yards West of OP X.
- 0844 F Company to right of E Company. E Company reconnoitering road being shelled. 5 PWs sent to rear.
- 0855 E Company 1 km West of Op X. F Company is in that town.
- 0900 Message: White 6 to White 5--Stop artillery at OP 72. (Complied with same.)
- 0903 E Company now moving to OP X.
- 0908 Message: Fatal 6 to White 6--Red nearing CP 47. Get going to protect West flank.
- 0927 G Company on hard surfaced road between ENGWILLER AND UHRWILLER.
- 0939 Message: White 6 to White 5--Advancing due North from point 500 yards West of OP X. F Company has made contact with 3rd on right side of road.
- 0949 Message: White 6 to Easy 6--1 Platoon, G Co, is at CP T. Evidently all clear between us.
- 0955 Message: White 6 to White 5--Notify artillery that 2nd Bn has 1 platoon at CP T. (Complied with message).
- 1012 Head of column reached CP Y.
- 1018 Message: Easy 6 to White 6--Ran into krauts on our right.
- 1019 Message: White 6 to Easy 6--See if you can go right through them.
- 1022 Message: Easy 6 to White 6--Impossible to go through. Pulling back.
- 1023 Message: White 6 to Easy 6--Will send FO to you for smoke.
- 1031 Message: George 6 to White 6--Platoon of G Company on right is in fire fight whith enemy.
- 1032 Message: White 6 to George 6--Will try and smoke the ridge to pass Easy through.
- 1035 Message: Easy 6 to White 6--E has suffered some casualties. If they can get smoke on left they can move through. Drop smoke vic-397325.
- 1038 Message: White 6 to White 5--Notify Fatal that we ran into enemy resistance vic CP T. Have called for smoke and will try to push through.
- 1055 Message: George 6 to White 6--Platoon of G Co at CP T can't withdraw. They will suffer too many casualties.
- 1056 Message: White 6 to How 6: Have Lt. STONE AND HIS PLATOON REPORT TO me immediately.
- 1057 Message: George 6 to White 6--Position of platoon at CP 2 is RJ at CP T. Heavy fire coming from right of CP 2.
- 1100 Bn receives heavy SA and AW fire from woods at 905320. E Company continued West and crosses main road, turns North, guiding on road and clears woods at 900329.
- 1113 Message: White 6 to White 5--We are held up by fire from both sides of woods at CP T.
- 1145 F Company pulls up along West side of road to be in position to support E Company.
- 1145 Heavy barrages of mortar and artillery begin falling on our troupes.
- 1149 Message: White 5 to White 6--Faggot receiving conflicting reports. Suggest only 1 F.O. request.

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PLACE: OBERMODERN, FRANCE

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- Time
- 1200 Message: Easy 6 to White 6--Pinned down at OR but moving forward. Request artillery.
- 1203 Message: Easy 6 to White 6--Made contact with G Company platoon in woods. Found krauts.
- 1230 Message: White 6 to White 5--Request observation from air on artillery believed to be in ZINZWILLER firing on our troops.
- 1235 Fired artillery concentration 264 at MG pinning down our troops vic - 903224.
- 1300 Enemy moving towards G Company turned into woods 1000 yards away to engage us.
- 1315 Bn located between OPs T and H strung out along road. Receiving SA fire.
- 1316 G-3 requests information concerning troops.
- 1317 Message: White 6 to Easy 6--Enemy reinforcements moving to OP T.
- 1317 Message: Easy 6 to White 6--MG that is holding up column is right across road. 60mm Mortar ineffective.
- 1400 E Company still unable to advance. Still receiving heavy mortar and artillery.
- 1403 Message: White 6 to White 5--Request tanks if possible. Smoke very effective. Request same every 6 minutes.
- 1411 Message: White 6 to White 5--Cease firing smoke for 1 minute. Do not use base-ejection shells but WP instead.
- 1455 Message: White 5 to White 6--2 Tanks being sent to you. Leaving now. Meet them between CP 72 and Y. Planes available for air mission.
- 1500 Message: White 6 to White 5-- Notify Fatal that we are moving from woods at OP T in general direction of OP S.
- 1505 Message: White 6 to White 5--Will you inform tanks to go to OP Y? Will send someone to meet you there.
- 1506 Message: White 6 to George 6--Sending litter bearers to get G Co wounded from woods.
- 1510 Message: Fox 6 to White 6--Will move straight into woods at 1515.
- 1511 Message: White 6 to Fox 6--Don't have to wait for tanks. Keep going.
- 1515 Message: White 5 to White 6--Mission for Blue Bn is to move to OP S, clear woods and capture OP 58.
- 1515 F Company pushes off from 888322 to clear woods at 905320. Heavy fighting progresses. G Company moves up on right to assist F Company. Woods half-cleared. E Company and Command group leave for woods. Many prisoners taken.
- 1523 Message: White 6 to White 5--We are moving through the woods near OP T towards OP S.
- 1526 Message: White 6 to White 5--There are few krauts in woods. Will take little time to clear them.
- 1535 Platoon of G Company suffers casualties.
- 1540 Message: Fox 6 to White 6--15 Pws captured. Sending them to rear.
- 1600 40 Men reported wounded thus far in today's engagement.

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1608 Message: White 6 to White 5--Send litters and 8 jeeps to CP T. Look on both sides of road for casualties. Woods on right side cleared.  
1610 Message: White 5 to White 6--Aid station vehicles and 2 ambulances being sent to Lt. LEVI at CP 72 at his request.  
1630 Coordinated attack with F Company on right, G Company on left.  
1730 In past hour terrific fighting took place. Enemy has many AWs, mortars, and artillery. Suffering many casualties.  
1730 Rear CP closes out of OBERMODERN. PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE  
1800 Rear CP closes in to UHRWILLER.  
1800 Bn pulls back to 906322 with F Company on left, G Company on right, E Company on both right and left flanks with Engineers and mortar platoon filling in gap for all around security.  
1830 Bn S-6 and S-2 leave forward CP for Fatal.  
1830 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.  
1837 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.  
1855 Message: George 6 to White 3--Tank coming down road towards our position.  
2000 Bn S-6 and S-2 arrive at rear CP.  
2030 Bn S-6 and S-2 leave for Fatal.  
2130 Bn S-6 and S-2 return to Bn CP.  
2400 Battle Casualties 142400 to 152400 March 1945: 10 KIA, 52 BC, 1 DOW  
3 MIA.

16 March 1945

Time  
0130 Bn S-6 receives final instructions from Fatal 6.  
0400 Bn S-6 and S-2 leave for forward CP.  
0430 Bn S-6 and S-2 return to forward CP. Companies notified that Blue Bn will pass through us at 0700 and we are to follow up.  
0500 No trouble during night.  
0645 Our artillery lays down terrific barrage.  
0710 Blue Bn passes through us and we follow up in order of G, F, E, and command group.  
0808 Message: White 6 to White 5--Bridge is out at CP 58. Is impassable.  
0814 Message: White 6 to White 5--We are tied in to end of Blue.  
0830 Bn receives word that Blue Bn has advanced to 915328.  
1045 Fatal 6 orders 2nd Bn to attack BUMBERSHOFFEN.  
1115 Bn S-6 and Co COs make plans for attack.  
1142 Forward Bn CP located between CP 71 and CP Q.  
1148 Gas and Ammo dropped at CP 72.  
1310 Bn S-5, S-1 and command group communication personnel leave to set up forward CP in ENGWILLER.  
1315 Bn jumps off in attack on BUMBERSHOFFEN in order of G, F, and E Cos.  
1340 Bn S-5 and S-1 arrive at ENGWILLER.

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PLACE: ENGWILLER, FRANCE

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- 1350 G Co tied down by MG fire and asks for F Co to be committed on right.  
 1355 F Company to go on right of G Company.  
 1408 G Company 300 yards from town. F Company closer.  
 1450 F and G Companies 150 yards from West edge of town.  
 1600 Organic vehicles leave for CP in ENGWILLER.  
 1615 E Co receives orders to advance in rear of front and to build up line of fire on high ground North of town to draw fire away from F and G Cos.  
 1700 Organic vehicles arrive at ENGWILLER.  
 1700 E Company receives no return fire. Ordered to remain in position so mortars can fire.  
 1745 81mm Mortars fire mission on guns North of town that pinned Bn down.  
 1800 G Co going to try and advance. F Co has one and a half squads in first few houses in town.  
 1815 1 Prisoner captured. Refuses to talk. First one of that type we have run across.  
 1835 Orders received to take town positively tonight.  
 1845 1 Platoon of G Company reaches edge of town.  
 2100 Progress being made in town. Casualties heavy.  
 2400 Town cleared in depth to insure bridge construction. Continuation of clearing of town to begin at dawn.  
 2400 Battle casualties 152400 to 162400 March 1945: 68 BC, 11 MA.

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- 0615 Division O.I. received. F and G Cos push off to clear town.  
 0750 GUMBERSHOFFEN completely cleared. Only 7 PWs taken.  
 0800 FANCY begins to pass through our troops and 2nd Bn reverts to Division Reserve.  
 0920 Fame 6 arrives at Bn forward CP in GUMBERSHOFFEN.

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- 0930 Fame 6 leaves Bn forward CP.  
 1000 Rear CP moves to GUMBERSHOFFEN (Command group only).  
 1045 Command group of rear CP arrives at GUMBERSHOFFEN.  
 1430 Bn S-6 receives word to alert Bn for move to NE. Companies notified.  
 1700 Troops leave to NE from GUMBERSHOFFEN.  
 1800 Forward CP (Command group only) leaves for SCHIRLENHOF.  
 1815 Organic vehicles arrive in GUMBERSHOFFEN and remain for the night.  
 1830 FORWARD CP arrives at SCHIRLENHOF.  
 2400 Battle Casualties 162400 to 172400 March 1945: None.

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PLACE: SCHIRLENHOF, FRANCE

Time

FROESCHWILLER

- 0700 Battalion remains in Division Reserve. Front lines keep pushing steadily forward.  
 1010 Troops leave woods vicinity of SCHIRLENHOF.

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WINGEN, FRANCE18 March 1945 (Continued)

Time  
 1030 Forward CP leaves for FROESCHWILLER.  
 1100 Forward CP arrives at FROESCHWILLER.  
 1220 Troops closed in assembly area in woods vic-FROESCHWILLER.  
 1300 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP for Fatal CP.  
 1340 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to CP with movement order to MATTSALL. Bn to follow Blue Bn by 30 minutes and move to assembly area North of MATTSALL.  
 1415 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP for company areas to orient them on move. Bn to move in order of E, F, G, H and Hqs.  
 1640 Bn crosses IP for MATTSALL.  
 1730 Bn S-6 receives change of orders. Bn to continue on to assembly area North of WINGEN.  
 1830 Bn CP opened at WINGEN.  
 2110 Bn closed into assembly area.  
 2400 Battle casualties 172400 to 182400 March 1945: None.

19 March 1945

Time  
 0630 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Fatal and then proceed on Rcn. This is the 2nd time that elements of 2nd Bn have entered GERMANY.  
 0700 Bn remains in Division Reserve. Front lines keep pushing steadily forward.  
 1200 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP.  
 2400 Battle casualties 182400 to 192400 March 1945: None.

20 March 1945

Time  
 0720 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for Fatal to meet with Fatal 6.  
 0800 Bn S-6 and S-3 return to Bn CP. Bn to remain in present position.  
 0945 For first time Red Cross girls appear on scene and give doughnuts to boys.  
 1000 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP and accompanies Bn S-6 to bivouac areas.  
 1215 Bn - S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 1505 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. One rcn officer per company to reconnoiter assembly area south of CP 22 immediately. Bn S-6 to report with Fatal 6 to Fame 6.  
 1600 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
 1615 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders: Task Force ROBISON contemplated by but not yet formed (To consist of 2nd Bn, 410th Inf., platoon of Engineers, 2 Companies of Tanks, Signal Section of Division). If Task Force is formed will assemble in rear south of CP 22. Order of March if Task Force is formed: E Co with section of MG as advanced guard. F and G Co with Capt. TORRANCE in charge.  
 2400 Battle casualties 192400 to 202400 March 1945: None.

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21 March 1945Time

- 0700 Bn remains in Division Reserve. Orders received from Fatal to move Bn at 0825 to assembly area vic - 082492.
- 0720 Bn S-6 leaves for Fatal 6 to obtain more information on move.
- 0735 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 0755 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave Bn CP to meet Co COs at present assembly area.
- 0850 Foot troops leave for new assembly area.
- 0930 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP. S-6 stopped at Fatal and no change foreseen.
- 1005 Troops closed in at new assembly area did and forward CP opened.
- 1545 Bn S-6 leaves for assembly area.
- 1720 Fatal 3 calls and informs us that 410th Inf. will probably relieve 411th Infantry tonight.
- 1750 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.
- 1815 Bn S-6 leaves for Fatal 6.
- 1845 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP. 410th Inf. to relieve 411th Inf. tonight S-3 to contact 2nd Bn, 411th Infantry.
- 1910 Bn S-6 reports to Fatima 6 to arrange for relief.
- 2210 Bn S-6 returns to Bn forward CP. Co COs present to be oriented on relief. E and F Co to relieve F Co, 411th Infantry who outpost Hill #7. G Co to relieve G Co, 411th Infantry in woods SE of NIEDER SCH\* LETTENBACH. Companies ordered to become oriented on ground at daylight then start pushing forward. This marks the first time 2nd Bn, 410th Inf has been committed to fight in GERMANY.
- 2310 Co COs leave Bn CP to get troops on road.
- 2400 Battle Casualties 202400 to 212400 March 1945: None.

22 March 1945Time

- 0230 2nd Bn, 410th Inf. completely relieves 2nd Bn, 411th Inf on left of Division sector.
- 0730 Bn S-6 and S-2 leave Bn CP for forward elements.
- 0900 Fatal 6 notifies Bn that an M-12 captain captured and a Lt. killed in rear of Blue Bn vic 082548. E Co to clear that area immediately.
- 0915 Above message received by Bn S-6 and reports E Co on mission.
- 1030 1 Platoon, Co C Chemical mortars, checks into CP and coordinates fire plan.
- 1030 Latest report : 3rd Bn, 411th Inf: Co I on Hill 11, Co K moving to Hill 11 Co L on Hill 4. 2nd Bn, 410th Inf: Co F on Hill 7, Co E clearing tank traps.
- 1120 2 Plats of E Co working on W side of Hill 7. 1 Plat of F Co working on E side of Hill 7. When E Co completes present mission they will advance N.
- 1245 Bn S-6 reports information to S-3. G Co sending out patrol to see if Hill 5 is occupied. NE of Hill 7 cleared. SW of Hill 7 unoccupied. E Co moving North.
- 1305 G Co patrol receives MG fire from Hill 5 and withdrawing.
- 1545 Lt LAWLER, F Co, as of this time captures 8 pillboxes.
- 1600 G Co pushes attack on Hill 5.
- 1620 Mortar concentration on Hill 3 fired when G Co receives fire from that hill.

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Time  
1645 Mortar and artillery concentration fired on Hill 5 after G Co withdraws to SE of Hill 5.  
1730 G Co captures 7 PWs and have send them back to Bn CP.  
1840 G Co reports Hill 5 completely cleared. Now hold and digging in for the night. E Co outposts road leading N from NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH. F Co occupying Hill 7. Blue Bn moving N to contact Fatimas Blue AT.  
1915 7 PWs from 3rd Bn, 57th GAF Bn all tell the same story: That co is to withdraw across the Rhine commencing at dark tonight.  
1950 Bn S-6 returns to Rear CP.  
2250 Bn S-6 and S-3 leave for forward CP to spend night.  
2345 Bn S-6 informs rear CP that move N will be made by Bn after dawn on order.  
2400 Battle Casualties 212400 to 222400 March 1945: 1 BC.

23 March 1945

Time  
0700 Bn on alert to move North on completion of bridge North of NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH.  
1020 G Co road block at ERLLENBACH.  
1045 Foot troops and organic vehicles leave NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH in move N.  
1600 Foot troops clear STEIN and move on East.  
1700 Many prisoners flushed out of woods East of STEIN.  
2230 Bn closes in for night at GOCKLINGEN.  
2400 Battle casualties 222400 to 232400 March 1945: None.

24 March 1945

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY

Time  
0200 Word received from Fatal 3 that Regimental Zone has been closed out. Expect to remain in position all day.  
0820 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. Bn to be prepared to move by motor at 1000 to BERMERSHEIM which is on the Rhine. Companies notified and waiting further orders.  
1300 Regtl Task Force that was contemplated cancelled. Awaiting further orders.  
1600 All civilians evacuated to West end of town. Fraternization strictly prohibited.  
2400 Battle casualties 232400 to 242400 March 1945: 1 KIA, 1 Bc.

25 March 1945

Time  
0700 Bn still quartered in GOCKLINGEN awaiting further orders.  
1000 Fame 38 visits Bn CP and informs Bn S-6 that Bn, as part of Div, is in Corps Reserve.  
1030 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.

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25 March 1945 (Continued)Time

- 1200 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Co COs. Notifies same that Division is in Corps Reserve. Coos will spend time cleaning up personnel and quarters. ½ Hours of orientation and a 2 hour stroll will be included during each day.
- 2200 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP. Lugers and P-38's may be worn in addition to T/O weapons. "Buddy" system must be enforced.
- 2300 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 2400 Battle casualties 242400 to 252400 March 1945: None.

26 March 1945Time

- 0700 Bn, as part of Division, remains in Corps Reserve. As of 24 March, Division completed 134 consecutive days on line.
- 0800 Bn S-3 holds meeting with Company commanders on training and items covered by Fatal 6.
- 0950 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.
- 1015 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1300 Red Cross girls pay second visit to Bn and distributes doughnuts to troops.
- 1730 Retreat formation held for Bn and will be held each evening while in Corps Reserve.
- 2400 Battle casualties 252400 to 262400 March 1945: None.

27 March 1945Time

- 0700 Bn, as part of Division, remains in Corps Reserve.
- 0800 Training schedule continued.
- 1025 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP to check on arrangement for ceremony this afternoon.
- 1040 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.
- 1300 Pvt Brown, E Co, and Pfc Elkman, G Co awarded Silver Star by Division Commander, Maj. Gen. McAULIFFE.
- 2400 Battle Casualties 262400 to 272400 March 1945: None.

28 March 1945Time

- 0010 Liaison Officer brings word to Bn S-3 that 103rd Division will relieve of the 71st Div. within next 48 hours on order. Bn S-3 and S-2 to report to Fatal 3 for rcn trip to area this Regt is to go on line. (410th Inf to relieve 5th Regt, 71st Division). (2nd Bn, 410th Inf to relieve 1st Bn 5th Regt). All rcn and coordination down through platoon leaders must be completed by dark, 28 March 1945.
- 0030 Company Commanders notified of meeting at Bn CP at 0700 today.
- 0700 Company Commanders meet with Bn S-3. Commanders notified of move. Co Commanders and 2 Platoon leaders per company to leave Bn CP at 0845 with Bn S-6 to contact elements we are to relieve.
- 0730 Bn S-2 and S-3 leave for Rcن forward.
- 0845 Bn S-6 and Company Rcن groups leave to contact forward elements.

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28 March 1945 (Continued)Time

1200 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP. Bn to move by personnel carriers sometime after 1500 today and to relieve 1st Bn, 5th Regt, 71st Div. as soon possible. However, no move may be made until further notice.

1225 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

1430 Bn Staff returns from Rcn.

1545 Fatal 6 arrives at Bn CP. No movement until further orders.

1555 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

1700 Movement restriction lifted.

1710 Organic vehicles to cross IP at 1750. Personnel carriers at 1850.

1805 Organic vehicles cross IP.

1850 1st Serial of personnel carriers cross IP.

1855 Organic 2nd Serial of personnel carriers cross IP.

2230 All personnel carriers close into RHEINGONHEIM. Bn CP opened.  
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2330 G Co, Reserve Company, closed into billeted area.

2240 Organic vehicles closes into RHEINGONHEIM.

2400 Battle casualties 272400 to 282400 March 1945: None.

29 March 1945Time

0045 E Co completes relief of B Co, 5th Regt, 71st Division.

0210 F Co completes relief of A Co 5th Regt, 71st Division.

0210 All elements of 1st Bn, 5th Regt, 71st Division completed.

0700 Bn in position and "Watch on the Rhine" very quiet.

1050 Bn S-3 leaves Bn CP to inspect security posts in town.

1115 Fame 38 visits Bn CP.

1125 Fame 38 leaves Bn CP.

1130 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.

1145 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.

1215 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

2200 2nd Bn, as part of 103d Division, becomes relieved from 6th Corps and is attached directly to 7th Army as Reserve.

2400 Battle Casualties 282400 to 292400 March 1945: None.

30 March 1945Time

0700 Bn still in position and "Watch on the Rhine" very quiet.

0925 Bn S-3 and S-2 leave for F Company position.

1015 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP to checkon guard posts securtiy.

1030 Fatal 6 leaves Bn CP.

1045 Bn S-3 and S-2 return to Bn CP.

1100 MANHEIM completely cleared. Elements of 44th Division moving South clearing East side of Rhine River.

1325 I co, 410th Inf, attached to our Bn. I Co remaining in present position.

1345 Bn S-3 leaves to contact I Co Commander.

1445 Bn S-6 leaves for 3rd Bn CP.

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Time

- 1500 Bn S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1530 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.  
2330 Order received from Fatal that Bn S-6, S-3 and Co CO's will go on  
rcn at 0830, 31 March 1945 to new area.  
2400 Battle Casualties 292400 to 302400 March 1945: None.

31 March 1945

Time

- 0700 Bn still in position and "Watch on the Rhine" very quiet.  
0800 G Co leaves to police ALTRIPP.  
0815 Bn S-6, S-3, Asst S-3 and Co COs leave Bn CP for Fatal to go on  
rcn to new area.  
1200 All troops drawn off line and billeted in town.  
1430 G Co returns from policing of ALTRIPP.  
1655 Bn S-6, S-3 and S-1 return to Bn CP.  
1700 Second Battalion, as part of the 103d Division, is on 24-hour alert  
to move back to vicinity of North of WISSEMBURG to act as part of  
Army of Occupation.  
2400 Battle Casualties 302400 to 312400 March 1945: None.

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