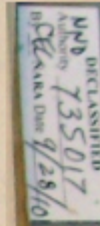




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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
410TH INFANTRY  
From: 21900 Dec. 1944.  
To : 81145 Dec. 1944.  
Place: Vic. - Blieschwiller, France  
Hohatzenheim, France



Time 3 Dec. 44 Incidents, messages, orders, etc.  
2200 Bn S-3 receives orders for motor march to Hohatzenheim.

4 Dec. 44  
0900 Motor March crosses I. P.  
1145 Bn and Bn staff quartered in Hohatzenheim.  
1300 Fatal 6 visits Bn CP.

5 Dec. 44  
1100 Fatal 6 and 5 visit Bn CP to present Bronze Star Medal to the following: 2nd Lt. Leonard P. Doggett, Jr.; and Sgt. Joe J. Reith of E Co; Pfc. Edward J. Patricko and Cpl. John P. Marrs of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn and Pfc. Ashton W. Weaver of G Co.

6 Dec. 44  
1100 Meeting of all officers of Bn at Bn CP with Fatal 6 presiding.  
1400 Bn S-2 attended meeting with Fame G-2.

7 Dec. 44  
0020 Bn S-6 and S-3 return from Fatal.  
0830 Company Commanders have meeting with Bn S-6 at Bn CP.  
0900 Bn S-2 left on reconnaissance.  
1255 Bn S-6 and Co. Commanders leave for Fatal CP.  
1430 Bn S-6 returns to CP and issues movement order. Order of march: E, G, F, H and Hq. Companies.  
1500 Bn S-6 presedes Bn to 180th Regtl CP at Rfaffenhoffen.  
1800 Bn S-6 arrives at Baker Co., 180th Inf. CP located at (96.0-27.4).  
1830 AT Platoon completes relief of AT Platoon, 1st Bn, 180th Inf.  
1900 E Company begins relief of Baker Co., 180th Infantry.  
2000 Remainder of Bn closes in to assembly area at 96.2-27.5.  
2030 E Company completes relief of 1st Bn, 180th Infantry.  
2100 Patrols of Easy Co. ordered to contact 1st Bn on left on the odd hours.

8 Dec. 44  
0900 Bn S-6 and S-2 leave for Fatal CP.  
0930 Bn S-6 receives report that E Co. Outpost #1 received casualties of 2 killed and 2 MIAs. During previous night. Cause undetermined.  
1145 Bn S-6 returns to Bn CP.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
410TH INFANTRY  
From: 91530 Dec. 1944  
To : 111000 Dec. 1944  
Place: Vic. - East of Zintzel River, France.

Incidents, messages, orders, etc.

Time  
10 Dec. 44  
0335 Received F.O. #2 and message: Radio silence lifted at 0530, 10 Dec. 44.  
0530 En leaves rear assembly to assembly area immediately east of river.  
0700 F and G Companies begin crossing river in assault echelon.  
0716 Message to White 6 from White 5: 1 platoon Able Co. at Point 7 at 0710.  
0730 Elements of 1st En reported at points 5 and 7.  
0740 Tanks reported at woods in Y road junction south of point 4. Corps artillery concentration fire.  
0747 F Co. completes crossing river.  
0757 G Company completes crossing river.  
0820 1 German prisoner (artillery) captured by F Co.  
0845 Front lines (97.8-28.9)-(98.4-28.3).  
0900 Forward CP moves forward to coordinates 98.2-28.4.  
0905 G and F Cos. coordinated on east bank of river ready to advance with G using 2 platoons and F Co. 3 platoons.  
0950 En obtains intermediate objective with road blocks on right and left flanks mined. F Co captures 1 German (approximately 14 yrs. old).  
1045 1 platoon of E Co patrols to point 13. En awaits orders.  
1200 E Co. patrol seizes approximately 12 Germans withdrawing through point 13. patrol has to withdraw to G Co. area because of artillery.  
1420 Message to White 6 from White 5: Has force been started to critical point 13?  
1500 G Co. ordered to move out and seize points 13 and 14.  
1514 Message to White 6 from White 5: Report when 13 occupied.  
1600 G Co. occupies point 14. No enemy encountered.  
1630 G Co. occupies point 13 after small skirmish with platoon of Germans. 6 Germans killed and 4 captured.  
1800 En staff returns to rear CP.  
11 Dec. 44  
0530 O.I. received from Fatal.  
0730 En S-6, S-3, and S-2 leave for advance CP.  
0900 F and G Cos. assembled at critical point 14. E Co. reverts to Regimental control.  
1000 G Co. pushes east, seizes and holds critical point 15.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
410TH INFANTRY  
From: 111000 Dec. 44.  
To : 122330 Dec. 44  
Place: Vic. - SE of Eschbach, France.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Incidents, messages, orders, etc.</u>
11 Dec. 44	
1230	Bn S-6 receives order to push on seizing each road junction and placing road blocks where deemed wise.
1245	G Co. less 1 platoon pushes forward. Forward CP and F Co. march East.
1400	G Co. seizes and holds with 1 platoon.-Critical point 90. Remainder of G Co. moves into assembly area at Eschwilder Railroad Station.
1500	F Co. passes thru G Co. on east to critical point 92. Encountered slight enemy action in seizing point. 1 German captured and 1 killed. Road block at railroad station found to be mined.
1530	Road block cleared by Engineers. E Co. reverts to Bn control and assembles in Bn assembly area at railroad station.
1600	Bn. CO reports to Red C. P. for conference with Fatal C.
1700	Contact patrols between 1st Bn. and F Co. operating on the hour during night. Remainder of Bn. dug in assembly area.
1800	Bn. staff returns to rear C. P. for night.
2230	Bn. CO. reports to Regimental C. P. and receives C. I. for 12 December 1944.

12 Dec. 1944

0630	BN C. O. gives attack order to company CO's by phone.
0800	Bn staff leaves C. P. and at Eschbach for forward C. P.
0915	Easy Co. displaced to rear of Point D and ordered to push forward to seize and hold point D.
1030	G Co. outpost at point E.
1100	Easy Co. at point G.
1145	Contact made with task force England at point D.
1215	Two TD's at point D awaiting completion of blown bridge and then will move to point G.
1330	<del>2330</del> Bn. less 1 platoon of F Co. at point D and 1 platoon of E Co. at point G ordered to assemble at point E.
1600	Bn ordered to billet for night at Biblesheim.
1930	Bn quartered at Biblesheim.
2330	Bn. receives order to revert to Division reserve at Woertl.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
410th INFANTRY

From: 122330 Dec. 44

To : 152045 Dec. 44

Place: Vic. - Memelshoffen, Drachenbronn.

Time

13 Dec. 44

0200 En movement order issued to company commanders.  
0330 En moves for Woerth.  
0700 En. arrives at Woerth and quartered in West section of town.  
1000 En. staff leaves on reconnaissance for counterattack plans.  
1200 E Co. reports to Division C. P. for C. P. security.  
1300 En. S-6 and company commanders leave on reconnaissance for counterattack plans.

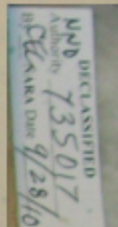
14 Dec. 44

0115 En receives O.I. for 14 Dec. 44.  
0630 En S-6 gives movement order to Company Commanders. En moves by foot to Merkwiller. Cross I.P. at 0800.  
0800 En crosses I. P.  
1000 En closes in Merkwiller.  
1535 En receives movement order. En alerted to move from Merkwiller to Memelshoffen.  
1545 En moves out for Memelshoffen.  
1700 En closes in at Memelshoffen.  
2045 En S-6 and S-2 report to Fatal 6 for O.I. for 15 Dec. 44. G Co. plus 1 platoon of F Co. to move at 0200 and to explore by-passed tunnels of Maginot Line at Pts(09.5-42.6). Remainder of bn to move by foot march at 0730 to assembly area at Drachenbronn.

15 Dec. 44

0130 En S-6 and S-2 return to En CP.  
0200 G Co. and 1 platoon of F Co. move out.  
0715 En staff leaves Memelshoffen to join G Co.  
0730 Remainder of En leaves Memelshoffen for Drachenbronn.  
1100 En Staff returns to En assembly area.  
1245 G Co and 1 platoon of F co. completes mission to organize to move to En Assembly Area.  
1345 G Co. and 1 platoon of F Co. arrives at En assembly area.  
1400 En S-6 reports to Fatal 6.  
1430 F Co. to join E Co. for Division CP security.  
2045 Fatal 6 gives En S-6 O.I. for 16 Dec. at En CP.  
G Co. to move at 0730 to comb woods NW of Drachenbronn and contact F Co. at (09.2-45.2).  
En remains in present position.

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410TH INFANTRY  
From: 152045 Dec. 44  
To : 200430 Dec. 44  
Place: Vic. - Drachenbronn

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16 Dec. 44  
0700 G-6 reports to En. for orders.  
0745 G Co. moves out.  
0800 G Co. contacts K Co. at designated points.  
1300 En S-6 reports to Fatal 6.  
1310 G Co. completes mission.  
1600 F Co. relieved from Division CP security. Reverts to En control.

17 Dec. 44  
0700 En ordered to remain in position til further orders. En S-6 orders companies to have review training on attack of fortified positions.  
1300 En S-6, S-3, S-1 report to Fatal 6. Suggested move to Steinseltz proposed.  
1400 En S-1 leaves for Steinseltz to reconnoiter area.  
1600 En S-1 returns from Steinseltz.  
2000 En receives order that they will not move as suggested.

18 Dec. 44  
0830 En S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal 6. to receive O.I. for 18 Dec. 1st En to protect Division right flank. 2nd En to remain in position and train on attack of fortified position.  
1000 En S-6 gives O.I. to Company Commanders.  
1300 F, G and H Companies receive training in Attack of Fortified Positions using pillboxes NW of Drachenbronn.  
2000 En S-6 receives warning order that En may move before 0800, 19 Dec. 44.

19 Dec. 44  
0030 O.I. for 19 Dec. received. 2nd En to move by foot to Steinseltz at 0800. Upon arriving to conduct training on Attack of Fortified Position. E Company remains as Division CP security.  
0755 En crosses I.P. on road to Steinseltz.  
0940 En closes in to Steinseltz.  
1300 G, F and H Companies continue training on Attack of Fortified Positions.

20 Dec. 44  
0430 O.I. received by phone for 20 Dec: 2 men from Fatal staff, 1 from White staff and 1 Officer per company to report to 411th Infantry CP at 0900 to receive orders from Fatima 6 on relieving 411th Infantry Regiment.

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410TH INFANTRY  
From: 200430 Dec. 1944  
To : 212200 Dec. 1944  
Place: Vic. - Steinseltz, France

Incidents, messages, orders, etc.

Time  
20 Dec. 1944

0800 Bn S-6 receives order to report to Fatal 6 at 0915 with Bn S-3 and S-4 for reconnaissance forward.

0815 Bn S-2 and Executive Officer of each company report to Fatal 6 for order reconnaissance.

1100 Bn S-6, S-3, S-2 cross into Germany proper on reconnaissance.

1600 All reconnaissance parties return to Bn CP.

1900 Bn S-6 holds orientation with Company Commanders. 2nd Bn to relieve 3rd Bn, 411 Infantry by 211700 Dec. 1944.  
E Company relieves I Company, 411th Infantry.  
F Company relieves L Company, 411th Infantry.  
G Company relieves K Company, 411th Infantry.  
Movement Plan: Company Commanders report to Bn CP at 0900, 21 Dec. 44 to accompany Bn Staff to frontline positions.  
Organic vehicles to cross I.P. at 0930 and move to forward Motor Pool.  
Fact troops to cross I.P. at 1000 in order of Hqs, G, F and H Companies. E Company to fall in rear of column at road junction north of Rott. (E Company to be relieved of Division CP security by 211000 Dec. 1944.)

2030 Bn S-3 reports to Fatal 6 and presents plan. Plan okayed but battalion ordered not to move until given go ahead signal by Commanding General.

21 Dec. 1944

0900 Company Commanders given instructions to await further orders.

1000 Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal 6.

1030 Bn S-6 returns from Fatal and issues movement order to new position.

1100 Bn Staff moves forward to contact Fatima 6.

1145 Bn S-6 arrives at Fatima 6 and receives orders to assemble troops on Road Junction NE of Weiler. Our Bn receives orders not to relieve Fatima but to await further orders.

1230 Bn. all closed in to designated assemble area. This is the initial complete entrance into Germany proper by this Battalion.

1330 Bn. S-6 reports to Fatal 6 for change of orders.

1600 Bn S-6 notified that a movement by personnel carriers will be made to NW during hours of darkness.

2200 Bn. S-6 receives movement orders to NW.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
410th INFANTRY  
From: 21200 Dec. 1944  
To : 241600 Dec. 1944  
Place: Vic. Weiler, France and Biding, France

Time:  
22 Dec. 1944

- 0355 Bn. personnel carriers cross IP SW of Oberhoffen.
- 1145 Leading elements of Bn. close into Biding, France.
- 1400 Entire Bn. closed into Biding, France.
- 1600 Fatal 6 gives Bn. S-6 situation.

23 Dec. 1944

- 1000 All Bazookas and AT Guns test fired and all serviceable.
- 1330 Bn. S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal 6.
- 1430 Bn. S-6 returns to S. P. and gives movement order from Biding to Metzling and movement to be made by motor at 1630.
- 1530 Bn. staff and Co. CO's move forward to contact staff personnel of 6th Command Reserve.
- 1630 Fatal 6 and Bn. S-6 meet at 6th Command Reserve C. P. Plans laid for relief of 6th Command Reserve outfit.
- 1700 Bn. S-6 contacts Major Kennedy of 60th Tank Bn. at Hundling.
- 1730 Organic vehicles arrive at Metzling and ordered to disperse for night.
- 1830 Bn. S-6 contacts Lt. Bird, Troop A, 66th Rcn, and makes plans for Easy Company to relieve Lt. Bird's outfit by 1400, 24 Dec. except for 2 platoons in Weiferding which will be relieved by 1730, 24 Dec. 1944.
- 2100 Bn. S-6 contacts Major Root, 50th Armored Inf. Bn. and makes plan for Fors to relieve his elements by 1400, 24 Dec. 1944.
- 2200 Bn. S-6 meets Co. CO's at Bn. C.P. at Hundling and presents above plans.

24 Dec. 1944

- 0030 Troops arrive by personnel carriers at Hundling and prepare billeted for night.
- 0700 Fox Co. marches by foot to Rouhling and proceeds with relief of 50th Armored Inf.
- 0800 Easy 6 moves forward to contact Co. A, 66th Rcn troops. Foot troops to follow on order.
- 1000 Easy company marches by foot to Ipping and proceeds with relief of Co. A, 86th Rcn Troops. Bn. S-6 reports to Fatal and presents plan to Fatal 6.
- 1400 Physical relief of daylight elements completed.
- 1600 Lt. Doggett and patrol enter cave occupied by 3000 French civilians. No enemy action reported. Woods reconnoitered and all clear.

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410TH INFANTRY  
From: 241600 Dec. 1944  
To : 261000 Dec. 1944  
Place: Vic. - Hundling, France.

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Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.  
24 Dec. 44

1730 Entire physical relief completed.  
2000 Bn S-6 and S-3 report to Fatal 6.  
2330 Bn S-6 and S-3 return from Fatal 6.

25 Dec. 44

0001 2nd Bn, 410th Infantry wishes Merry Christmas to all forces ready to push forward to Berlin.  
0700 Outpost reported hourly during hours of darkness. No enemy action reported. Red alert at 0300. No enemy action.  
0900 F Co. makes contact in Welferding with 44th Division on our right flank. F Co. tied-in with our 1st Bn on left flank. E and F Companies use alternating patrols to keep contact between companies.  
1000 Bn S-6, G-6 and H-6 leave to reconnoiter Bn Reserve Line.  
1300 Bn S-6, G-6 and H-6 return. New plan submitted for Bn Reserve Line and digging-in begun.  
1500 Fame 38 pays visit to Bn CP. Very satisfied with progress.  
1600 Bn S-6 and H-6 leave for Fox 6.  
1700 Bn S-3 reports to Fatal 3.  
1815 Bn S-6 and H-6 return from Fatal 3.  
1830 Bn S-6 holds conference with Company Commanders. E Company to reconnoiter better defense positions along zone of action. F Company to hold present positions until S-6 and Fox 6 reconnoiter positions on 26 Dec. for better defensive set-up. G Company to dig in double positions as will be shown on attached overlay.  
1900 Plans completed for evacuation of all civilians in cave in front of E Co. position. Evacuation to be supervised by C.I.C. and French Civil Affairs.  
PLAN: Commencing at 0600, 26 Dec. 44 100 civilians per hour to be marched from cave to Welferding.  
E Company will guide them through town and the civilians will proceed to Sarreguimines.  
No civilians will be allowed to stop in Welferding.  
2015 Bn S-3 returns from Fatal 3.

26 Dec. 44

0700 Action during night was very limited. Outposts reported in on the hour. Only thing reported were flares going off in front of 1st Bn area, also heavy vehicular movement on East side of river from Grosblieberstoff to Sarreguimines.  
0815 Bn S-5 and S-2 leave for cave in which civilians are to be evacuated.  
1000 Bn S-6, and S-3 leave to reconnoiter and supervise F Company positions.

2045 Cont.

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410TH INFANTRY  
From: 292100 Dec. 44.  
To : 300900 Dec. 44.  
Place: Vic. - Hundling, France

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Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.  
29 Dec. 44  
2200

Patrol #2 of C Co. reports in to Bn CP.

Report of Patrol #2:

At 1800 patrol moved out under cover of 81mm mortar fire (fired 3 rounds at intervals). Ran 400 yards of wire connected with F Company #3 CP. His reel and sound power phone at point known to each patrol member. Reached RJ (40.7-61.2) at 1835 as last 6 rounds of 81mm mortars fell into cemetery. Report stone piles along right or east side of road running out of woods. Piles may be firing positions. Patrol moved on to cemetery investigating houses along route with no enemy contact. Heard noises of running motors apparently coming across river (Kleinblittensdorf). Patrol leader and scout peached cemetery and as they opened door of same, were challenged and fired on by "burb gun" from vicinity North of cemetery (40.4-61.5). Being on high ground and fearing enflanking action patrol leader instructed men to crawl to rear. Returned by rushes and were fired on by MG from vicinity NE of cemetery. Reorganized in edge of woods and connected phone to inform Fox #3 CP they were coming through. Reported in to Bn CP at 2215. Believed encountered German outpost.

Report of Patrol #1:

Upon leaving E Co. front lines patrol crossed SAAR River by water lock and proceeded to investigate buildings at 50.0-57.6. Buildings found unoccupied but 2 Germans on guard in street. Upon coming closer to guards patrol hears 2 light German vehicles pull but hearing North. The patrol advances 2 blocks further and locates larger group of Germans. Upon determining that the vicinity was fairly well occupied the patrol returned to friendly lines.

2330 Bn S-2 returns and informs Fatal 2 of results of patrols #1 and #2.

30 Dec. 44

0700 Action during night extremely quiet except for reoccurrence of vehicular noise heard on east side of SAAR River. Bn to remain in defensive position today.

0900 Bn S-2 receives word that main alert is lifted but for companies to be especially watchful for information that might lead to suspicion of a German offensive.

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410TH INFANTRY  
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To : 311400 Dec. 1944  
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Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.  
30 Dec. 1944.

1000 Bn S-2 leaves to pick out OP for Bn Staff.  
1130 Bn S-2 returns to Bn CP.  
1330 Bn S-2 and S-3 and G Co. CO leave for WELPERDING to reconnoiter terrain for night raid.  
1530 S-3 returns to Bn CP.  
1600 Word received from Fatal 3 that same alert that was in effect during early morning hours of 30 Dec. will be in effect for same time 31 Dec. 44.  
1730 Bn S-3 and Bn AT Platoon Leader leave for a meeting at Fatal 3.  
2000 Bn S-6 holds meeting with Company Commanders and explains defensive and withdrawal plans in case of large-scale attack.  
2030 Bn S-3 and AT Platoon Leader return to Bn CP.

31 Dec. 1944.

0700 Bn went on alert for German attack at 0500. No offensive movement of Germans yet noticed. Action during night extremely quiet with our artillery firing intradictory fire.  
0900 Bn notified that main alert for German offensive is lifted.  
0945 Bn S-3 and Lt. HIGHERS leave for 114th Inf. Cp to coordinate plans for coming raid.  
1000 Bn S-2 called by E Company CP #2 to come at once to help observe.  
1030 Bn S-6 and Company Commanders of E and F Companies leaves Bn CP to reconnoiter withdrawal routes.  
1100 All Staff personnel return to CP.  
1115 Bn placed on alert for believed German counter-offensive.  
1300 Bn S-3, 2nd Bn, 114th Inf. visits our Bn to coordinate plans on proposed raid.  
1400 Bn S-3, S-1 and G-6 make plans for forthcoming coordinated raid on enemy.

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