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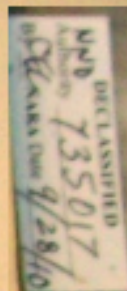
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Operational Journal
HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION
410TH INFANTRY
From: 101100 Nov. 1944
To : 121500 Nov. 1944
Place: Vic. -West of St. Die, France



Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.
10 Nov. 44
1200 Entrucked from rear assembly area (Charmoix) for front lines.
1300 Pass I.P. for front lines.
1600 CP personnel arrives at 1st Bn, 30th Inf. CP. Companies detruck. March to occupied positions.
2300 E, F & G Companies (minus weapons) physically occupy positions.
11 Nov. 44
0800 2 wounded from F Company.
1300 Battalion positions sent to Regiment.
1630 1 platoon of G Co. sent out on patrol to release a platoon of 1st Bn, 30th Infantry at La Boile, France.
1645 E Company will relieve Able LMG Squad of 30th Inf. before daylight. (By Order of Battalion Commander).
1807 2 platoons of E Company pinned down by Mortars. 1 killed, 3 wounded.
2250 E Company will remove all dead safe from enemy observation.
12 Nov. 44
0500 Able LMG left position. Cannot move wounded at present.
0800 Lt. RYERSON reports in from G Company patrol. Unsuccessful. Sent out again.
1500 60mm and 81mm mortar ammunition on truck at spider web. All that is available until 24 Nov. 1944.

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From: 121645 Nov. 1944
To : 150900 Nov. 1944
Place: Vic. - West of St. Die, France

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Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.

12 Nov. 44

- 1645 Artillery concentration 216 fired at 2 tanks(41.5-65.6).
1700 Artillery concentration 219 fired at mortars(39.9-66.1).
1930 1 platoon of G Company occupies outpost at LaBolle.
30th Infantry completely relieved.
2230 Artillery concentration 217. Fired a Battery (3 rounds
for effect) at a tank (40.11-66.09).

13 Nov. 44

- 1430 Artillery concentration 217 on tanks.

14 Nov. 44

- 0500 Received from Fatal: Two separate vehicle movements -
(39.5-68.5) and (39.25-69.20). Corps and Division
Artillery fired. Results unknown.
0730 Artillery concentration 227 fired on German OP. Reported
knocked out but not confirmed.
1000 Artillery fired on German OP in front of E Company.
1030 1 tank observed at La Montresses, France.
1255 Artillery concentration 227 fired on Germans in building.
1310 3 Frenchmen picked up by F Company and sent to Fatal CP.
1420 Artillery barrage fired on enemy mortars at (39.8-65.5).
Firing effective.
1500 Artillery concentration at (39.3-64.9). Fired on house
occupied by Germans. Reported direct hit.
1600 Friendly French report MG's at both ends of road between
LaBoille and LaTeges, France.

15 Nov. 44

- 0900 En S-6 gives Fatal 6 picture of enemy artillery during
darkness. Last night of firelight.

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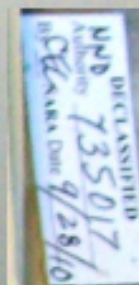
From: 150900 Nov. 1944

To : 171115 Nov. 1944

Place: Vic. - West of St. Die, France

<u>Time</u>	<u>Incidents, messages, orders, etc.</u>
<u>15 Nov. 44</u>	
0930	Bn S-6, S-3, S-2 and H Company Commander leave for O.P. to orient 411th Infantry.
1050	Received Field Order No. 1.
1140	Artillery fired on MG nest at (39.4-65.2). House neutralized.
1530	Artillery concentration 216 fired at (40.6-65.6). Very effective.
1710	1 SP fired on by artillery at (39.73-65.17). Men seen leaving vehicle.
1725	1 SP fired on by artillery at (39.09-66.30). SP pulls out.
1800	1 patrol each from E and F Companies ordered to patrol road to direct front of our lines.
<u>16 Nov. 44</u>	
0500	F Company patrol reports wire entanglement at (39.16-65.19). Laid in NW direction. Stream West of St. Die about waist-deep and 5 yards wide.
0845	Prepared artillery concentration begins.
0855	Prepared 4.2 commences firing.
1000	Platoon of G Company at LaBolle receives direct hit. House burning.
1000	1 German paratrooper and 1 French civilian returned to Fatal.
1030	O.P. reports 411th Infantry slowly advancing. Receiving little artillery.
1200	Report from 411th Infantry: Blue - 300 yards from woods. White - Just barely out of our front lines.
1500	Artillery levels all houses in LaBolle, France.
1600	MG nest at (39.30-65.09). House full of Germans at (39.50-65.45).
1615	2 platoons of E Company, 411th Infantry attacks and are now at (39.30-65.32).
<u>17 Nov. 44</u>	
0655	Received position overlay of 103d Division.
1115	3 French civilians trying to pass through our lines returned to Fatal cage.

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From: 171115 Nov. 1944

To : 191100 Nov. 1944

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17 Nov. 44

1500 1 German PW returned to Fatal CP.
1630 2 German PWs captured by 411th Infantry returned to Fatal PW cage.
1715 1 squad of E Company sent out to contact company of Fatima on left flank.
1715 1 platoon of G Company, 1 Section of HMG of H Company pulled back to our front lines from LaBoile, France.
2020 Division objective taken.
2400 2 squads of E Company unable to make contact with Fatima at Pimple. 4 squads and 1 LMG Section digging in to hold position.

18 Nov. 44

0530 Fatal reports Fatima on objective and in contact with E Company of this battalion.
0800 E Company reports in contact with Fatima.
1230 Battalion receives order to withdraw to rear assembly area.
1300 Battalion withdrawal started by marching in order of: G, F, Hq. and H Companies at one hour intervals.
2330 Battalion withdrawal completed and closed in to assembly area.

19 Nov. 44

1200 Lt. Col. SELK relieved of command of battalion. Assumes position as S-5, Fatal.
Major LAMPERT assumes command of this battalion.
1400 E Company ordered to withdraw to rear assembly area and rejoin battalion.
1600 Withdrawal of E Company completed.
1930 Bn S-6 leaves for Fatal CP to receive movement order.
2000 Bn S-6 gives movement order to Company Commanders.

20 Nov. 44

0930 Battalion crosses I.P. to assembly area West of LaSalle.
1100 1st Sergeant Clark of F Company awarded Silver Star for gallantry in action. Also receives Purple Heart (this is first such award in division).

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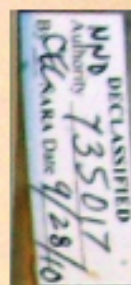
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From: 201100 Nov. 1944

To : 221800 Nov. 1944

Place: Vic - West of St. Die, France.



Time Incidents, messages, orders, etc.

20 Nov. 44

1200 Bn S-6 and Bn S-3 leave for Fatal CP.
1400 Bn S-6 gives second movement order of the day to Company Commanders.
1415 Battalion moves out for Le Hollande, France.

1500-0300 Bn crossed Meurthe River under hazardous conditions.

21 Nov. 44

0730 Battalion (minus E Company) closes in to Le Hollande.
0930 Attack pushes off with 5 Rifle Platoons and Bn Staff.
1115 1st Phase Line occupied. No enemy action.
1315 2nd Phase Line occupied. No enemy action.
1430 3rd Phase Line occupied. No enemy action.
1615 4th Phase Line occupied. No enemy action.
1700 5th Phase Line occupied. No enemy action.
2330 Patrols of platoon strength occupy towns of Rabache, Pont des Riads, and La Collette.

22 Nov. 44

0500 1 German prisoner captured by G Company.
0900 Battalion reformed to complete unit and revert to Regimental Reserve.
1000 3 Germans captured at Pont des Riads.
1545 Push patrols at once from Pont des Riads and Robach to see if they draw fire. If so, use strong patrols to clean out edge of woods East of those towns. Move your reserve company at once to woods at 41.5-68.5. Assemble remainder of your battalion same general area as rapidly as is practical. Leave platoon to hold La Collette until further orders. Your battalion may be employed to clean out North half of St. Die. Begin reconnaissance and make plans. Report through 1st Bn Cp in Marzelay.
1600 Platoons of G Company withdraws from Pont des Riads and Rabache. F Company road block remains at La Collette. Second Battalion reverts to Division Reserve.
1800 Results of above patrols finds no enemy or enemy positions present.

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From: 221800 Nov. 1944.
To : 251500 Nov. 1944.
Place: Vic - E. of St. Die, France

Incidents, messages, orders, etc.

<u>Time</u>		
<u>22 Nov. 44</u>		
1830	1	platoon of G Company sent out to patrol points along (40.8-68.5-40.7-69.2).
1830	2	platoons of G Company patrolling road from Pont des Raids to South of Raboche.
1900	3	Germans captured by F Company at La Collette.
<u>23 Nov. 44</u>		
0130	G	Company withdrawn from Battalion to Division Reserve.
1445	Bn S-6	left for Fame.
1615	Bn S-6	returned from Fame.
1730	Company Commanders	received orientation from Bn S-6.
2000		Closed out Cp NW of Roboche.
2325		Opened CP at Naymont.
<u>24 Nov. 44</u>		
0045	Message to all Company Commanders	from Bn S-6: All Companies will be prepared to march NE at 0730. Do not move out on street until so ordered. Order of march: F, E and H Companies. Hand carry weapons. Company Commanders report to Bn CP at 0700.
0700	Bn S-2	left on reconnaissance.
0730	Bn S-6	gives marching order to NE to Company Commanders.
1300		Closed CP at Nayemont.
1500		Opened CP at Frapelle.
1900	Bn S-6	left for Fatal 6.
2000	Meeting of Company Commanders	with Bn S-6.
2200	Troops	moved by foot march to Lusse.
<u>25 Nov. 44</u>		
0905	Contact made with enemy force	of about one company at (58.5-68.5).
1145	Routed an estimated company	of Russian Cossacks. Reorganizing and continuing mission. 50 enemy killed; 2 enemy wounded; 1 captured.
1400		Closed CP at Frapelle.
1500		Opened CP at Les Maison.
1500	1st Bn	passes thru 2nd Bn to continue attack. 2nd Bn following up.

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From: 251500 Nov. 1944
To : 281020 Nov, 1944
Place: Vicinity of Frapelle

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Time
25 Nov. 44
1900

All companies and Bn. CP at Norceaux

26 Nov. 44
0600

Per regimental order E Co. puts road block on west road from Norceaux. F Co. puts road block on east road from Norceaux. G Co. puts road block on north road.

0600

F Co. sent on mission to patrol all hills around Norceaux.

0900

F Company's third platoon captures 30 prisoners. Fatal 6 visits our Bn and gives the defense order for 2nd Bn.

1200

1500

Bn. moves out to occupy hills 680 and 685. E Co. on right, G Co on left, F Co. reserve

1700

E. Co. contacts slight enemy resistance on hill 680.

1900

E and G Companies ordered to send patrols to LaCondre and Brietenau.

2300

G Co. makes contact with G Co., 409th Inf. in LaCondre.

2345

E Co. patrols report heavy enemy resistance in Brietenau. Sgt. Weiskopf missing in action.

27 Nov. 44
0700

Bn. reverts to regimental reserve. Bn S-6 reports Fatal 6

1200

One platoon G Co. combs area northeast of Norceaux.

1400

Bn S-3 to Fatal 3

1600

Bn order to withdraw to Norceaux for night march.

1730

Bn moves by foot from Norceaux to Ville.

1930

Bn and Bn staff housed in Ville for the night.

28 Nov. 44
0700

Bn C.P. remained same location. Foot troops leave Ville for assembly area in woods east of Ville.

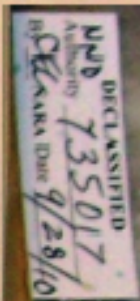
0900

Bn S-0 and staff move forward to first Bn CP

1020

G Co. and weapons hand-carried proceed at once to Albe. G-6 moves to first Bn CP at once.

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From: 281020 Nov. 44
To : 301030 Nov. 44
Place: Vic. - Norceaux, France.

Time
28 Nov. 44
1115 G Company to skirt main route of advance to North. 1st platoon of HMG attached. Contact by 300 radio.
1145 2nd Bn minus G Company follows 1st Bn by 1000 yards.
1215 Bn S-5 and remaining troops leave Ville.
1315 Bn S-5 and troops arrive and set up CP at Albe.
1445 Road blocks cleared at 72.5-72.7. 2nd Bn takes north road to Reichsfeld.
1545 Road block at 72.8-73.6. Encountered enemy action and disposed of same. 8 captured, 4 killed.
1700 Bn bivouac just east of road block.
1800 G Company reports in vicinity of Bernardville.
2300 F Company patrol reports heavy enemy resistance at Reichsfeld.

29 Nov. 44
0745 G Company reports Andlau heavily occupied with vehicular movement west.
0800 F Company pushes towards Reichsfeld.
0910 G Company reports Germans retreating East from Andlau.
0940 G Company routs estimated 1 German Company inflicting heavy casualties. Germans retreating from Andlau to Iekhoven. In need of ammunition.
1030 Reichsfeld captured by F Company.
1020 F Company reassembles with remainder of Bn west of Reichsfeld and Bn retracts line of advance so as to be able to counter-attack through 1st Bn.
1130 G Company moves to contact Bn. Move along ridge to Reichsfeld to 72.5-74.0 and down trail to 72.2-72.8.
1230 Position of G Company 75.4-75.6.
1410 Bn and staff leave on reconnaissance in 1st Bn area.
1515 Bn (minus G Company) moves from assembly area (73.2-72.8).
1615 E Company contacts enemy force and pushes forward.
1730 E Company takes Hill 411 (71.8-72.2). F Company follows up.
1915 Heavy enemy fire received by battalion.
2000 G Company returns to battalion (1 squad lost).

30 Nov. 44
0830 Bn staff returns to Fatal CP.
0900 Bn S-2, F-6 and platoon leaders reconnoiter routes to Nothalten.
1030 Reconnoitering party pinned down by fire. Artillery fire on house (Preparation 235) clears them. Lt. Goldman hit.

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From: 301030 Nov. 1944
To : 31900 Dec. 1944
Place: Vic. - Nothalten, France.

Time

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30 Nov. 44

1250 Battalion 4 rounds of artillery proceeds attack on Nothalten.
1255 Attack jumps off with G Company on left; F Company on right;
a platoon of E Company on each flank.
1330 Intermediate objective taken.
1430 Bn pinned down on Hill 363. Capt. SCOTT wounded.
1630 Bn still pinned down. Many casualties. Artillery called for
on vineyards NW of Nothalten and town of Nothalten.
1645 Enemy mortar lands in forward CP. None injured.

1 Dec. 44

0645 Artillery preparation poured on Nothalten.
0700 Bn moves on Nothalten. Lt. GIBBS assumes command of F Company.
0730 Bn enters Nothalten with little battle. Town being cleared.
0845 Bn forward CP moves into town of Nothalten.
1115 Bn S-6 receives order to move at once to seize Phase Line B
(78.0-70.0)-(78.9-71.0).
1215 Bn moves out to occupy Phase Line B.
1415 Bn S-6 called to Fatal for new order.
1430 Order received from Fatal 6. Mission to follow. 3rd Bn in
410th zone of action to Phase Line B.
1630 Bn reassembled at (78.2-72.0). Marches by foot to contact
3rd Bn.
1930 Contact made with 3rd Bn.
2000 Bn S-6 reports to Item CP to coordinate with Blue 6.

2 Dec. 44

0430 Bn marches to assigned reserve area (79.7-67.7).
0630 Bn in reserve position.
1100 Bn prepares to move north by foot march in order of
F, E, G and H Companies.
1330 Remain in present positions. Orders changed.
1630 Bn to be quartered at Bienchwiller.
1930 Bn quartered in Bienchwiller.
2345 Received overlay (Operations No.7) from Fatal.

3 Dec. 44

1600 Bn S-6 went to Fatal for movement orders.
1645 Bn S-6 returns from Fatal.
1900 Company Commanders have meeting with Bn S-6 at Bn CP.

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