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1 Feb. 1945

Place: OBERMODERN, France

Time

- 0845 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Need Engr sketch of mines on your front (Think you have it - Engrs did it all) Ok will check.
- 0926 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Rcn will do some 37mm firing 12 rd vic (826-259).
- 0956 Positions overlay.
- 0958 G-2 Report 24 Jan. 45.
- 0958 G-2 Report 29 Jan. 45.
- 1055 Fancy white 3 to Blue 6: What ammo is being left for us? (Only ammo on position) None in Dump? (No - that has been straightened out with company commanders.
- 1136 Red 2 to Blue 6: Have you set time for tonight? (Around 1800) We'll probably be a little behind that. (Thought your job all complete?) We're taking a little stroll tonight. (We're not doing anything like that - doing same thing you did the other night).
- 1143 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: Which Co on left? (King) White planning some stuff tonight, all set with fancy. (Oh yes - just waiting for it to happen now.
- 1206 Blue 6 to new CP.
- 1222 Item 5 to Blue 3: Can you get one of the Fatima companies here in s released, there isn't room here for us if they stay.
- 1224 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: How about getting Fatima George moved out - no room up there. (Yes - I'll get them moved out).
- 1227 Blue 3 to Item 6: Going to move George out to make room for you. How about ammo list? (I'll check with platoon).
- 1258 Item 6 to Blue 3: 1385 rds 50 cal - 36 Bazooka WP - 20 rd Bazooka AT - 60 rifle AT grenades 200 rds 60 mortars - 2cs 30 cal bandoleer - 2,000 rds MG ammo.
- 1402 Fancy white 3 to Blue 3: Our Easy in where King was. Want guides 1 NCO per platoon and 1 officer per Co.
- 1407 Blue 3 to Item 6: New outfit wants 1 officer per Co and 1 NCO per platoon - can you leave them? (Yes - will take care of it).
- 1409 Blue 3 to Love CP: We have to leave one officer and 1 NCO per plat - get in touch with Capt. WHIPPS on it.
- 1556 Blue 3 to King 6: Send in overlay your positions - either this CP or New one.
- 1732 Blue 3 to Love CP: Got your guides all ready (Yes Sir - I'm staying over myself) Let me know when relief is finished.
- 1817 Blue 3 to Blue 10: Have you made any arrangements for picking up wire left here? (Have some wire here that looks more promising for tomorrow, but will take care of that) Notify their Com O what you intend to do.
- 1857 Blue 5 to Blue 6: Like to know approx time on Fancy deal (already well started - will let you know).
- 1930 Mike 6 to Blue 6: Relief completed Mike Co.
- 2100 Blue CP to Item 6: Relief well in progress both Item and Love - About 3/4 done.

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- 2106 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Relief about 3/4 complete - Mike finished.
 2114 Item CP to Blue 3: Relief complete.
 2115 Baker Co to Blue 3: Want to check on coordination - moved MGs today and can cover only as far as trees indraw (Call King - I haven't had opportunity to see sector).
 2119 Blue 3 to Blue CP: Co on right is complete.
 2130 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: (Sending company over tomorrow - you're taking part of Baker's sector).
 2145 Blue 3 to Love CP: Relief completed.
 2147 Blue 3 to Item CP: (Pulling out Tommy) No still have some men out - let you know when all back here.
 2002 Blue 6 to Blue 3: (All set - Fancy white 6 just took over) (will get in touch with Tommy, He can get packed up and come on down).
 2015 Old CP Closed.
 2352 Fatal 3 to Blue 3 - Moon will not be turned on - Our own people are diffing and real moon is bright now.

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New CPTime

- 1115 Advance CP opens MENCHOFFEN.
 1218 Blue 6 to CP.
 1237 Lt. Col. CASPAR in Cp - Departs 1257.
 1410 Blue Ln 0 in CP w/G2 Periodic rpt dated 1 Feb 45 and memo on low flying obsn plane 31 Jan 45.
 1425 6 to adv CP: Am at King. Will go back to OBERMODERN from here - have a Kraut.
 1426 Rcd AF Code #2266 - #2263 - #2634.
 1428 Overlay Regtl AT position.
 1433 Fatal 6 to CP: King has kraut - can't find out about him. Get info where, when, etc., Vital to future plans. Every minute counts.
 1437 Rcd Cn Co plan of fires overlay.
 1439 Blue 5 to Blue 6: Fatal 6 wants to know about that PW (can't discuss over phone. Fatal interrogator in there questioning him now) (Info will be brought to him by Lt. RITTMAN).
 1442 Blue 5 to Fatal CP: Inf in preceeding no. 10.
 1445 Amm Report.
 1535 Blue 6 in CP.
 1545 Overlay Co boundries to Regt by Fatal 2.
 1633 Blue 5 to Fatal 1: Request council books of Cos and inspection forms (Don't think we will get Lt's back - are giving them to other divisions).
 1638 Lt. JAFFE to Blue 1: Our men were in time for mine school. It was 1st Bn who was not there. (Think A and P platoon has been pulling too much guard, Men are complaining).
 1700 King defensive pos. overlay.
 1717 Blue 3 to Blue 1: What's situation? (all quiet) Are Cos all in (not yet) 6 will be back in a little while.

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- 1800 Blue 1 to Blue 10: What is 284 doing (in 24 hr net).
- 1802 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: @1745 Baker Co obsd what appeared to be a msgr on foot moving from ROTHBACH to BISCHHOLTZ, moving fast, not able to say what house he entered in BISCHHOLTZ.
- 2020 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Blue CP: What progress on relief (will check and let you know).
- 2033 Blue CP to King 6: Please send someone to I CP to get report on progress of relief.
- 2045 Blue CP to Fatal 3: Not able to contact rear CP to see if anyone has been sent to contact Item.
- 2100 Blue 3 to CP: Anything doing (Nothing except Regt called about progress of relief).
- 2107 Rear CP to CP: About 3/4 finished with relief. Inf from Item 6.
- 2115 Blue 3 to Blue CP: Tell Fatal 3 that the right Co was finished at 1930.
- 2127 CP to Fatal 3: The right Co was finished at 1930.
- 2200 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: (All set - major assumed command) Have I-6 rpt here when he gets in.
- 2205 Blue CP to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Relief completed and other outfit assumed command at 2200. Trs moving, will inform you when they close, Ok).
- 2214 Item 6 to CP: All complete, am ready to move out.
- 2216 Rd OI no 17 - also overlay Red Bn position.
Red to raid BISCHHOLTZ - in progress now. Heavy A/W fire from both sides. 1 hr ago considerable activity observed in ROTHBACH, are dropping Arty now. Raid by 2nd Bn on MUHLHOUSE to be assisted by King diversion. When A Co raid is over do you want moonlight till 0400 (time 2nd Bn Raid).
- 2225 CP to Ln 6: Do you want moonlight between parties tonight (Yes, by all means).
- 2227 CP to King 6: Do you want moonlight between parties tonight (Yes).
- 2236 Blue 1 to King 6: Are you all set on 2nd Bn deal? (Yes, we throw fire into right end of it - Lt. Gibbs was down and we went over it together.)
- 2244 Item 6 to Blue 3: Am in here, Co not all in yet. (Col wanted you to come on in here) Ok after we close in will be over.
- 2309 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Item of Info: The able party is over, no PW's. You are in favor of moonlight to time of next party? (The Co comdrs are much in favor of it) (Our item partially closed in - will inform you when completely closed) Ok.

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- 0204 Fatal CP to Blue CP - Have you anything to report? (Nothing - all is quiet).
- 0450 King 6 to Blue CP: Fox Co deal looks ok. King started fire in town and continued firing for 15 minutes before withdrawing as planned. Too far away to tell much but looks as though things going alright.
- 0900 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: What luck did Fox co have? (No luck at all - Krauts were wide awake - pinned them down before they got anywhere).
- 0911 Blue 3 to Red 3: Do you have new OI (No - know about it tho) How much have you in that area (Need 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 platoons, might get by with one and section heavies, night job)

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- 0911 (Continued) (Eny has 3 our heavies and 1 50 cal) No run in daytime possible. (We have 4 sq., 1 sec LMG, 1sec heavies, and 2 50 cal. (Will give you 1 man per squad to guide men in) (1 sec heavies on left and sec lights on right) (50's firing down draw).
- 0952 Fatal 3 to CP: Going to be Tommy gun firing 1045 today at (807-270) By wasp (About 1½ hrs).
- 0952 Rcd G-2 periodic rpt dated 2 Feb 45; A- Anti-airborne defense; B- Patroling; C- Security Tng.
- 0953 Recd Am Rpt.
- 1035 Blue 3 to Blue 10: How do we stand on wire? (Salvaging now) Keep me posted.
- 1036 Blue 3 to Red CP: Do you know about tonight? (yes) Halpin in charge-platoon Item coming. Meet them at spider at 1200.
- 1059 Red alert.
- 1113 Fatal 2 to Blue 3: Do you know whether Herchnule Farm is occupied? (No) Going to send someone down there tonight - let you know what time.
- 1114 Fall Baker 2 to Blue 3: Want some concertina - too close to string wire. (Will come up - how many yds you need?).
- 1206 Condition Red.
- 1214 All clear.
- 1217 Blue 2 to Red 2: What is status BITCHOFFEN (Est str 25-30 - No identification - We got in there, no luck).
- 1325 Red 6 to Blue 6: Could you have staff O come over to coordinate tonight's move (yes).
- 1352 King 6 to Blue 3: Boundary runs right down top of ridge opposite side of draw. (They will cover other side of draw - no - I'll check on that).
- 1355 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Will others stay on other side of ridge - they're under the impression that they pull out. Why no they hold other side. (Will you give Red a call) let you know on it. Have some dope on this - particularly important that it be accomplished in time specified.
- 1402 Overlay pos Red Bn. 409 Inf (Defensive fires).
- 1432 Red alert - (All clear 1454)
- 1440 Rpt of prcht N of here.
- 1442 CP to L and K: Get az of prcht and approx distance.
- 1445 K to CP: Az 85° Distance 2½ to 3 mi. From (857-311). What Co you putting in there tonight? One plat I plus sec each of LMG, HMG - 50's) What does that leave you for rec? (I(-) 1 plat of L) (would like to get locations of AT guns on left) Don't think they can get one gun out.
- 1727 Fatal 3 to 3: Fatima green will register tomorrow on BISCHHOLTZ. - 36 Engrs will be using flares tonight.
- 1732 2 to Fatal 2: About I & R ptrl - will be at K 1800 and return about midnight.
- 1734 2 to L-6: Info on I & R ptrl.
- 1800 White 3 to 3: At 0650 arty will fire - at 0655 F Co will jump off BISCHHOLTZ raid for PW's.
- 1804 2 to K-6: Info contained in 1800.
- 1808 King 6 to Blue 3: EES not here yet (It's on the way).

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1920 Overlay Love co positions.

1950 Blue 3 to AT platoon ldr - 88.3-34.6 suspected mortar position in woods - one lower corner, one upper corner, and one in middle. Saw mortar flash. About a 81.

2007 Mike 5: Relief complete so far as Mg's concerned.

2017 Blue 3 to Fatal 3½: HMGs and 50's have been relieved - will call you about rest.

2026 Baker 6 to Blue 3: Phone connected thru my board - will have lateral con as soon as King lays wire. Leaving right flank intact.

2033 Fatal 3½ to 3: Any news yet? (No more than previously rptd - in the process).

2050 K-5 to CP: OP's just rpt having horse drawn vehicles in MULHAUSEN, There is a no fire line till 0200.

2120 3 to I-1: Have you completed releif? (Yes at 2115).

2127 3 to Fatal 3½: Releif completed at 2115.

2128 K-6 to CP: Platoon all in (any incident?) Burp pistol fired at Com Sgt as he tied in wire - not hurt.

2137 Lt. O'LEARY to 3: Releif complete, don't like setup, too quiet will throw some mortar to let them know someone is up here. Quite a big gap. (Do you know about party in morning?) Yes.

2258 Fatal CP to CP: Anything to rpt? (All quiet so far).

2339 Red alert.

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0830 Fancy white 3 to Blue 2: My left platoon reports your extreme right platoon is pulling out. Will you give me story. (Will Check).

0833 Blue 2 to Love 6: Am pulling squad out of that platoon to get dry and warm.

0834 Blue 2 to Fancy white 3: Pulling squad to get dry and warm.

0839 Blue CP to Fatal 2: Raid went off well - captured 6 Kraut (6th Co - 87 Inf) 36 Div., casualties (3 walking-1 litter). Relief of SS Mountain Div. made last night.

0900 Love 6 to Blue 6: What happened on deal last night? (took 6 Kraut - nothing special except they made a relief down there).

0920 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: Relief of 1 Bn 12 Rgt and 3 Bns 11th Rgt.

0950 Fame 6 in CP: (Departs 1000)

0955 CP to Fatal white: Give info on raid (1 KIA; Estimate of Eny killed - 15 seen by CO - Grenades in houses, not obvd.)

1005 L-6 to 3: Are you coming up here? (Yes 6 will be up).

1010 Lt. JONES to 3: Just showed 409 my mines - (Come down and fix bridge here).

1015 King 6 to Blue 6: When is 3 coming up? (I'm coming up in about hr. Have Bud and Keough meet me your CP in about 1 hr.)

1016 Blue CP to Mike 6: Blue 6 wants you here at CP in about half hr.

1017 G-2 periodic reports 3 Feb 44. Ln O: Eny minefield (800-315).

1100 Ammo Report.

1117 Fatal 3 Fashion firing bazooka now till noon at (826-259). Fatima Blue firing S/A 1330 to 1630 (788-276).

1208 K-5 to CP: 6 directs Sgt Weillman and 2 come to K CP at once.

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1228 6 to CP: Have 1 deliver one each heating stove and pyramidal tent to K Co today.

1303 OP #1 Com in - visibility.

1423 AT overlay - positions.

1428 Fatal CP to Blue CP: Fatima Cn Co will register in on BISCHHOLTZ between 1500 and 1600 this afternoon.

1430 Blue CP to King CP: gave message rcd 1428.

1440 Blue 2 to Fatal 2: Can you send up for 2 Krauts? (Can you send them back here) Yes - No one in Mill, but they send patrol down every night - We'll just wait for eny) 3rd Co CP located.

1450 OP #1 Arty set house on fire in MUHLHOUSEN.

1639 Fatal 2 to Blue 1: About 300 yds from cen. near North town - TD's working in there 0200. I and R moving thru King to south town - road to OFFWEILER going to vic of bend near 211. Leaving about dusk.

1641 Blue 1 to King 5: Couple of patrols tonight. I & R going out to bend in road to OFFWEILER then about 0200, TD's working SE of South town 300yds SE of cemetary.

1647 Blue 1 to Love 6: Little activity to your left - going thru King. I & R working out to bend of road to OFFWEILER, TD's - SE of South town - 300 yds. SE of Cemetary. Blue 6: Any questions on your deal? (No - all set).

1652 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Making some switches tonight - Love on right King on left - Item intact on left - All Love on line - 2 King, Slight change in MLR to save little distance - consolidating positions on left so can cover with one platoon. Will have 1 platoon King covering long draw, another plat on side of draw to other draw. Want to shift Love position up to North to swing around nose but can't do it with available men. (Do you know about business on left?) No (Fatina has something doing, may last quite a time. - just wanted you to know) Kraut patrol makes regular trip to little mill on road to NEIFFERN. Going to try to pick it off - will let you know if we make it.

1705 TD representative checks in CP regarding patrol.

1716 Fatal 6 in CP.

1718 Fatal 6 to Fatal 2: Better cancel I & R - all afternoon Faggot been firing at personnel targets there (The north one?) yes (already called off) Suggest Faggot is valuable source of info. I picked up.

1723 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: Prisoners today were from 165th not 87th.

1728 Blue to King 6: Item taking little deal I talked to you about - warn your people.

1739 Blue 1 to King: Little activity in large town up to left - people in South town might react either way, Keep alert. Should finish relief within hr., Left 2045.

1755 Blue 1 to Love 6: Send in overlay new positions (Ok) Big show in large town up to left - look out for it.

1920 I-5 to 2: Any new dope? (Nothing to add) (Except the TD ptrl - orients on ptrl).

2115 K-5 to CP: Releif of Item completed.

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- Time
- 2017 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6: Relief of I by K at 2015. Defensive fire plan overlay will not be in until tomorrow. Some changes will be made in sector of fire and 3 sec of MG's.
- 2050 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Do you need any 81 HE light? (Yes all we can get) Will give you 150 rounds.
- 2057 M Mortar OP to 2: Hear mortar, Right edge of MUHLHOUSE.
- 2059 L-6 to 2: Have a kraut will you pick him up? (Right away).
- 2117 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Give rpt on burp gun firing.
- 2119 CP to Fatal 2: I rpts burp gun firing away out in front of MLR NE - CP #1 Rpts it is about 3 Km. N.
- 2132 K-5 to CP: Mortar OP claims heard Trks in MUHLHOUSE, and MG firing from both ends of town, sounded like a burp gun and one of our own MG's.
- 2139 CP to K-5: Sounds like Tks are in town to left.
- 2140 CP to Fatal 3: rpt of #44 - (Think probably SF 75's the Eng G-2d the situation wrong).
- 2150 I 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Burp guns keep firing in ROTHBACH, don't hear any of our own (Keep us informed).
- 2229 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: At 2222 had taken first 4 houses, 10 PW's, CO B Co wounded and some men. Krauts shooting red and white flares.
- 2230 1 PW in CP for interrogation.
- 2239 Have one SS for you, come get him, 13 C o.
- 2250 6 to Fatal 2: 200 to 300 men in UHRWILLER belong to Luftwaffe - who were lack of planes. 13 Co was rear guard in Schillersdorf. Better ask for photos tomorrow of all this area. 2 Cannon and 1 MG location - 11th Regt on right, 12th Regt on left dug in around UHRWILLER. 11th came from CZECHOSLOVAKIA in Jan - 12 came from FINLAND in Dec. Two Regts left 9 Sept marched through NORWAY, boat to DENMARK, to here and CZECHOSLOVAKIA stationed in Prague.
- 2326 I-5 to CP: Prtl returned, were pinned down by flares close to mill. Did not get up to mill, just laid and listened. Heard dogs barking and met in MUHLHAUSEN and NIEFER. Lots of activity up towards ROTHBACH. Afraid of MG in corner house. (Gave info of message in 2250.).
- 2340 K-6 to CP: Was up front and obsd largest white flare I ever saw. Heard MG's firing, probably from our Tk's, and Kraut HMG in counter fire. Heavier Arty thrown by Kraut than have heard before, but most of it over. A couple of 88's come in while I was there. Our Arty hit BISCHHOLTZ after we heard Mortar there but before we had asked for it. Heard screaming (Info on raid).
- 2345 CP to Fatal 3: Rpt of info contained in 2340.

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- Time
- 0825 Blue 6 to Fatal 2: How did Rothbach raid go? (24 prisoners - they cleared all krauts at 0400 - no report casualties except 1 Co CO and man wounded). Very dark - cordination difficult, Had quite a fight in cemetary - took it once and lost it back to krauts then retook it. (Who were they). 51st Luftwaffe Bn - only ident - RITTMAN checking. (I was a bit concerned about them) Yes - krauts tried to bring help from OFFWEILER.

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- Time
- 0825 Cont. No luck on trip to mill - too much doing. (Flares are terrific - Bldg burning in MUHLHAUSEN had whole front lit up.)
- 0837 King CP to Blue 6: Road between SHILLERSDORF and MUHLHAUSEN - Mortar fire - about 1 rd per 8 minutes - right smack on road. No location of guns. Definitely interdictory fire. (The road we went our yesterday?) Yes (Maybe obsn plane pick 'em up (No - not one time in 500) Nothing else to report.)
- 0850 White 2 to Blue 6: Any deserters etc. today (Will couple last night but none today) Arty fired propaganda (Neither of two last night came in with leaflets) Fatina did good job last night - they say cleaned out town, but Baker says they didn't.
- 0854 Fatal 2 to Blue 6: Just wondering about BISCHHOLTZ (Krauts still there) You did get fire from there last night (Yes) (They've shown no signs of leaving towns) Thought they might pull out and go back to high ground (No sign of it).
- 0910 OP #1: Visibility very poor.
- 0912 Blue 6 to Love 6: Gave report on ROTHBACH raid. Item found flares too great. (I think this bird here had been laying around for few days) He says not - 11th Rgt digging in on left, 12th Regt on right.
- 0917 Recd an rpt.
- 0944 Recd G-2 rpt dated 4 Feb 45.
- 0955 Fatal 5 to Blue 6: Fame 6 wants all camouflage nets taken off helmets and saved until they are needed.
- 0957 All companies notified of message of 955.
- 1004 Blue 1 to All companies: Send in overlay.
- 1007 Blue 2 to Fatal 3: Did Fame mean white cloths or nets (Think white is still permissable - just take off OD nets).
- 1019 Blue 2 to Item 5: Regt says remove OD nets.
- 1125 Blue 2 to Fatal 2: Any report on Fancy (No good - alert - no casualties) sending overlay on few things in your zone.
- 1145 Fatal 2 to Blue 3: Any report of bombing of BISCHHOLTZ. (No - No report).
- 1225 Blue 2 to Blue 3: Item not familiar enough with mines - like to have A & P go along to handle mines. (when do they leave) About 2200 (Will have men there by 2130).
- 1230 Defensive fires overlay.
- 1300 Patrol plans overlay - I & R platoon and TD Bn.
- 1347 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Can you make a diversion by fire on MUHLHAUSEN before 2400 tonight (Will contact white 6 and cancel all other activities in that vicinity) Can't it be done on way out? (Not that kind of mission) (TD's giving in on left?) Don't think so - 6 was just in here - wanted wpns spotted. Better talk to DENGES about it.
- 1350 Blue 6 to Fatal 2: All this rcn stuff is off for tonight. Just got orders from Fatal 5 to shoot hell out of MUHLHAUSEN (Think there is a change of plans - let me check and call back).

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- 1401 Fatal 2 to Blue 6: Forget firing and go ahead with plans (Have had plans changed thru lack of coordination by higher Hq) (Will try and get them changed, you can't just walk out and start firing - come down and I'll take you out on ground and show you why it can't be done.) Go ahead with your original plans (Just what do you want me to do?) (Have had so many changes and cancelled so many plans will have to get with my 2 and see what we can salvage) (Your staff and mine is made to go forward - can't send my staff back - why don't you come down and get together with us - anytime after dark is when we start planning for the following days) Ok will be down.
- 1456 Blue 3 to Fatal 2: On this overlay you sent down on the patrols - Major RHEA said this one on the rcn troop will be called off. (That's right - understand you are going to do it - that overlay is for arty so will leave it as is) Then #1 and #2 are still going as planned? What is route of 614th (Understand that has been coordinated with you) That's right - it has. (ok)
- 1420 Fatal 1 PW to Blue CP: Want exact coordinates of position where SS prisoner was picked up (will call back).
- 1424 Blue CP to Love CP: Coordinate SS prisoner (854 - 309)
- 1426 Blue CP to Fatal 1 PW: Coordinates position SS prisoner was captured are (854 - 309).
- 1630 Blue 3 to Lt. RAITH: Give dope on shift to right - tentative - Thought I'd give you a call so you'd know how to plan.
- 1635 Blue 3 to Lt. RAITH: Send info I just gave you to Capt. HALPIN - tell him to hold up on wire and SO's tonight.
- 1705 Overlay Regt'l fire plan.
- 1815 Red 5 to Blue 1: Hear there is a gap about 1,000 yd between us. (Draw there covered by sec heavies and sec of lights) How much is gap? (Oh - about 500 yd) How can that be covered at night? (Same way) I heard platoon of Item was put in there, this pulled out leaving gap (Item platoon was pulled out and replaced by King Co - done last night. Just temporarily was Kings area all along).
- 1819 Overlay patrol - Fancy white 2.
- 1954 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Can we get some 4.2 to help in the situation? (Contact unit on our left) (Dont believe they can reach your zone) If you can get some for us we will use them. (Getting order up now on zones) (Will have more room - order will be down to you tonight).
- 2006 Fancy 2 to 3: Left Bn trying to contact you on raid (Have overlay, well contact our Cos on it.)
- 2009 Blue 3 to Love 5: Info on raid proceeding msg.
- 2049 Fatal 2 to Blue 2 - Was coming down tonight but something will occur that makes it useless. Will come tomorrow.
- 2137 Item 5 to Blue 2: Anything to interfer with our patrol? (Info on 409 raid).
- 2157 Ln 0 w/o I #18.
- 2202 Red alert.
- 2219 Fame 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Had any kept on my patrol? (Not yet - well call you back).
- 2220 CP to King 5: Will you contact OP and get report on any firing. (ok).

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- 2223 Heard five shots from one of our own s Mg's - just about 5 min ago - King 5 to CP.
- 2227 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Got report that gap exists between your left flank and Red of 1,000 yds. (No, some one is always there 500 yds is covered by fire) Get together with Ace, and get a physical contact out there and check on Halpin.
- 2230 Love to Blue 3: I and R group going back - reached road, did not notice anything much. Noticed a little activity thought they heard a Kraut ptrl, could not be sure.
- 2232 Blue 3 to King 6: How big is that gap? (w/2-50's out there, there is no gap) Regt said you said it was 1,000 yds, Said for you to get patrol out there and make physical contact (Did have phone contact - have it now) Call him and talk to him. (Ok will call you back).
- 2237 Red 3 to Blue 3: (Already called Don, he has phone connections) Deekle has patrol out to make contact (Will let you know about what arrangements they make).
- 2244 Blue CP to Fame 2 $\frac{1}{2}$: Report of msg of 2223.
- 2245 King 6 to Blue 3: Same set up they had w/the two 50's we brought up is better than before. (Did you contact Deekle?) No Favoria (Deekle on line) (What can we do about it a patrol) (To satisfy Regt. will send out patrol. AP mines out there, can go around and contact Flat CP, and arrange a meeting place for ptrls. There is a fence line in the woods where I used to get rations is that OK?) Yes (Ok will contact at 0100 and 0400) (Did you get msg?) Yes but 50's were already in position so I left them there.
- 2257 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Reported msg of 2257 at 2245.
- 2330 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Answers questions about tie-in-point, time of relief, (Do you need duck-boards) Will let you know. (Do you want moonlight?) Will let you know when the patrol comes in and there - yes).

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- 0058 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Blue 6: Just got a report that TD's recon raided the mill and got 6 PW's - interrogation brought forth the following information - Krauts intended to raid hill 235(853 - 318).
- 0102 Blue 6 to King CP (Lt. MARSHALL) - Gave info of 0058. Probably coming from BISHOFFEN. Will check with Regt and will get move Regt. - Will notify the Bn reserve to back you up.
- 0108 Blue 6 Item 6 in CP- gave him the information. - (Told blue 3 to awaken 246 and get arty planned for them).
- 0112 Blue 6 to 243 - Gave him info of 0058. Orders that he wants fire in a minutes notice. 243 then call his unit and gives instruction.
- 0113 Blue 6 to King CP - No further information - get men out there to keep look out for I would like to stop them before they get started - Have arty planted all over the area. Just let us know when and where.
- 0115 Blue 6 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: Are all our men out of the area so that I can throw arty? (Yes every one is back) One PW taken to aid station and he said he was left behind by SS.

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Place: MENCHOFFEN, France

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- 0118 Blue 6 to King CP: Have you any info of your left CP - (No we'll contact them now.) (Have seen nothing or heard nothing as yet).
- 0120 Blue 6 to 243: Asks if it wouldn't be a good idea to throw some interdiction fire in BISHOFFEN.
- 0124 Item 6 to Item 5: Info #1 - Asks time patrol is due in (0200) Alert one platoon of LMG's to be ready.
- 0127 Blue 3 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: Get moonlight ready to go on about 0215 (Will do that).
- 0129 Blue 6 to King CP: Arty will throw in interdiction fire and WP 81mm will be thrown into BISHOFFEN. Moonlight will go on in a minutes notice. We have one plat of LMG ready to back you up.
- 0132 Blue 6 to Green 6: Gave him info and inquires on WP. Will fire 81mm WP and if necessary will call you.
- 0139 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Blue 6: Information from PW. One man from 6th Co.-87th Regt told them that they were going to try to take the high ground and hold it. Was in BISHOFFEN - strength not known.
- 0141 Blue 6 to King CP (lt. MARSHALL) Gives him info of 0139 - Not very apt to take place but one can never tell but make sure all the men are ready. Ask where King 6 is (Told he is on the line). Get him back to handle the reserve platoon and also the Item plat that will be attached if anything breaks.
- 0147 Blue 6 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: I'm throwing WP into BISHOFFEN and also Arty. King is moving their reserve up close to that point and I have Item's one plat and LMG's ready to go. (It may be a rumor) (Red has been notified) Any further information would be appreciated on the PW report.
- 0152 Item 5 to Blue 6: Patrol is in. Went down to their position, laid there - all was quiet and could not see a thing due to the darkness. Everyone is ready now in case anything breaks.
- 0200 King CP to Blue 6: Desires the moon to be turned on.
- 0201 Blue 6 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: Asks for the moon to be turned on and then gave him the results of the Item patrol #16.
- 0218 King CP to Blue 6: Lights are now revealing their own position. (Blue 6 will lower the beam and then check it).
- 0220 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: The moon is shinning on our own position and the men can see only about 25 yds to their front. (Will have them fixed as they can see about 400 ft to 500 ft to the front).
- 0237 Lt. CALHOUN to Blue 6: Got a report back and I lit the town up. Blue 6 said that he will check and see if it will be necessary to throw and WP.
- 0239 Blue 6 to King CP: Checked on the effects of the 81mm WP (All was fine as yet cannot tell if any fires will be started) How is everything now. (Moonlight is 100% better and everyone is ready in case anything would happen.)
- 0247 Sgt Savarra to Blue 6: Is the mill still occupied by our men? (No) Would like it be set on fire. (Could not hear over the phone so 6 told him he would look into it and called King CP and explained the situation.)
- 0249 Blue 6 to King CP: Explains that arty has no WP - Cannon has mixed lots and 81mm is limited - If not necessary would like not to use it. If FO would direct the fire I will have Cannon fire it but it would be rather dangerous.

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Place: MENCHOFFEN, France

- Time
- 0258 Fatal 3¹/₂ to Blue 6: Ask how lights are. (Blue 6 tells fatal 3¹/₂ the lights are fine now).
- 0306 Lt. NORD to Blue 6: Decided that it would not be necessary to fire WP.
- 0307 Blue 6 to Lt. CALHOUN: You can come back and pick up WP and throw some on the mill.
- 0310 King CP to Blue 6: There are Krauts believed to be assembling in orchard left of road leading into BISHOFFEN. Blue 6 decided to throw in arty in and called off the WP.
- 0314 Blue 6 to Lt. NORD: Have you anyone there that can observe that area. (Plat Sgt) Lt. NORD will relay if Plat sgt will be able to ajust fire. (Sgt. reports at least 12 are in the orchard.) (Reserve is up now) (Will give you the time to start for some men are out of their holes.
- 0322 King CP to Blue 6: Men are all ready for the arty (Blue 6 will give you answer on the way.)
- 0332 Art was fired - Reported that the Krauts were coming up draw thus making the fire going over them about 150 yds. Blue 6 wished to loop them off. Use the Co reserve and the reinforced platoon of Item will be there.
- 0402 King CP to Blue 6: We got two PW's and one states that they are planning to counterattack. Desire arty on town (will do).
- 0412 King CP to Blue 6: Can you send for prisoner - (right away).
- 0413 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Just picked up couple krauts - give same info - counter attack (Do they know anything about strength or time?) No body speaks enough kraut to find out up there - getting them back here.
- 0415 King 6 to Blue 6: Things pretty quiet - don't know if they will attack (What about 12 krauts) Might be 6 men on two patrols I sent up contacted Baker. (Want to take no chances) Been sick all evening (Will send stegura up).
- 0429 Blue 6 to King CP: Any more on est 12 krauts in rear (No none heard) Report now that 2 prisoners came from town - not part of patrol.
- 0430 King CP to Blue 6: Can we get 3rd light out? (They had trouble with 2nd one turned 3rd one on in place of it).
- 0440 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: How are lights now?
- 0453 King CP to Blue 6: Prisoner on the way. (Have you seen 12 Krauts?) No sir - think it might have been EW rcn ptrl.
- 0500 Prisoners in CP.
- 0505 Blue 6 to King CP: Prisoner states 10 men out there want to give up.
- 0515 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Krauts say attack was then OFFWILLER and ROTHBACH and made by SS troops relieved by then day before yesterday - get on that and I'LL give you anything else I get.
- 0517 Blue 6 gives prisoner info to King CP.
- 0616 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: Any further dope (no) How about 12 krauts (King lost them) RITTMAN will give you report.
- 0945 OP #1 Visibility poor.
- 0913 Green 6 to Blue 2: Was not able to help last night visibility 100 yds (6 into line)(They have 60 or 70 men in BISCHHOLTZ. Got 2 PW's out of there last night)(Explains last night's raid and PW info) Can throw in some HE in there now (Not necessary now).

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Place: MENCHOFFEN, France

- Time
- 0947 Recd Chaplain rept.
- 0920 Recd am rept.
- 0945 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: Info on ptrl? (not much to rpt) Any objection to us giving out tonight. (No)
- 0950 Blue 1 to 16: How is Capt HALPIN (Pretty bad shape - needs a rest and I don't mean maybe. Has a bad chest cold and GI's - 6 informed says (Pull him out).
- 0952 Blue 1 to King 6; Get your stuff together and come back here. Going to fix you up with a rest.
- 1030 Blue 6 to Blue 3: Depart for Fancy white.
- 1100 Recd G-2 periodic report Feb. 5, 1945.
- 1101 Recd note from Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- 1120 Blue 2 to Fatal 2: If I bring these 2 prisoners back now can I sit in on questioning? (Sure can - come on down - RITTMAN will be down).
- 1125 Two PW's to Regt - 1st Co, 165th Regt, 36 Div.
- 1135 Fatal 3 Ln 0 to CP: How much 81 HE light do you have? (246 in position - 150 in dump).
- 1207 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Msg for 3: The two trucks will be down at 1730. Fancy said they could give a list of Am on position. Have A & P officer check to make sure list is correct and Capt. Perry will replace like amount.
- 1210 Blue 3 to King 5: 2nd Plat of Fox will relieve you. Have 1 guide per squad and mortar and MG's at spider to meet them at 1830. Take 2 50's and leave two.
- 1215 Blue 3 to Blue 11: Have driver go to ZUTZENDORF contact Lt. JAFFE and have him contact Am O 2nd Bn 409 to check A m.
- 1218 Blue 3 to Fatal Red 3: Is 1830 all right for us to have guides (Yes).
- 1350 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Did 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ get there (yes, just now) Visibility poor, want to be sure about alertness accts of PW rpts (Visibility about 500 yds, just can from there)(Am disturbed about people coming into my area without checking in thru this Hq. If it can be arranged). Don't want so many people back eating chow and resting that they can't get up there. Have 50% in the daytime and 100% at night on positions (This is an order) Yes. (To have them all up tonight, they were up all night last night, and to make the relief tonight and keep them up all day tomorrow - I wan't have any men left - They have to sleep sometime. They've been 33 days on the line). Yes I know. (Makes it pretty rough on the men) Yes, think when visibility poor should go on a night basis (Yes they all know that) Ok good bye.
- 1401 Blue 6 to Blue 3: Just got a call from Fatal 6 - ordered 50% on position days and 100% night.
- 1404 Blue 6 departs for new CP with Fame 18.
- 1445 OP #1 - visibility 1,000 yds - 409 mortars firing into NIEFERS.
- 1458 Item 5 to Blue 5: Moving out to make relief at 1505. Can contact me at King.
- 1507 King 5 to CP: Just heard thru grapevine that I was to take over security of the town (Will check) start with 5 - he is said to have started it.
- 1522 Blue 6 to King 5: You will have to take care of both towns. You are CO of Bn res, will get around and talk to you later after relief is completed. Will go to I and iron out any difficulties. Come down to new CP and will

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- 1522 (Cont.) orient you. 6 to 3: Tell K-5 where new CP is when we get thru w/relief and will give him Bn Res setup. Did you get the dope on that other deal on the left? (Yes fatal 3¹ left for Regt). If anything like that happens again, think I will call for IG inspection.
- 1552 Blue 6 to Fatal 6: Did 3¹ get back? Will leave that Plat in 'till I get word from you (have plat of white ready to go in) Div might want to look at it, I want everyone satisfied before pulling them out. (Div is not in this - just between you and me and the gatepost). Want to get over to I to be there when they get in.
- 1555 Blue 6 departs from old to new CP.
- 1610 Blue 6 to Blue 5: Tell King not move the left plat until we notify him and don't tell him until we get word from Fatal 6.
- 1614 Blue 5 to King 5: Tell King not to move the left plat until we notify him.
- 1710 Arty Cpl (Dumsick) rpts seeing about 50 krauts w/hands on heads marching SE on Shillersdorf Obermodern road.
- 1738 Fatal 6 to CP: Ok to pull left plat out. Will see you tomorrow and explain the trouble.

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- 1400 New CP opened (OBERMODERN).
- 1715 Blue 10 to Blue 1: All come in.
- 1720 Blue 1 to Old CP: Come in - you can close old CP.
- 1805 Blue 1 to Blue 6: Release from Regt one King platoon. Silver says no one has contacted him with regard to relief. (Will send Blue 3:)
- 1811 Blue 1 to Fatal 3: New CP location OBERMODERN (85.15 - 27.70).
- 1912 King 5 to Blue 5: Relief complete. Like to have as little moonlight of possible (If it doesn't interfere with something - will get it).
- 1914 Blue 5 to Blue 6: Quinn's men out, He'd like to have moonlight (I have no objections, but Red might) That's what I thought (Will check with Regt).
- 1916 Blue 5 to Fatal 3: Is it possible to get moonlight for a short time - would help platoon get out (By the time I could get it, then they'd probably be back) (Do you want any rest of night) No don't think so.
- 1930 Fatal 3 to Blue 5: Red had a kick on light - they're digging in.
- 1934 Blue 5 to King 5: Red doesn't want light - they're digging in.
- 1955 CO 3rd Bn assumes command of sector at 1930 - Regt notified.
- 2017 Red objects to lights tonight - will hold on call in event you have to have them. Was deal between Item and Fatina completed? (Yes)(1930) How about tanks? (We have 1 plat - can't get any more.
- 2030 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Is element of Love in vic town we were in this afternoon? (Yes) Element King NE of CP? (Also in other place) Oh (part already there will stay there) What on line? (Item Love, 1 platoon King - Just CP Love in town) Actually res is 2 plat King.
- 2123 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: What about deal on M (I & R tonight thru Love and stay until 0500 - Red Bn in B starting 2400 - just looking) 6: Did you hear rumor about 50 krauts. (Yes - found out what it was - PW cage let Engrs have them for work gang - so they weren't new krauts) Been checking on patrolling - looks far from promising - no people to do it with. Rcn has to (How about stream 20-70 Ft wide), occupy and guard towns (Going to have help from rcn and I & R).

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Place: OBERMODERN, France

- Time
- 2140 Lt. QUINN in CP: made CO Bn Res. - oriented by Blue 6.
- 2134 Item plat closed in SHILLINGDORF.
- 2144 Blue CP to Fatal 3: Platoon closed in (What time) 2140 (Ok).
- 2150 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Fame wants to know numbers of King platoons: (Lt MARSHAL SHILLERSDORF. 2nd Plat ZUTZENDORF Sgt Paulsen 3rd Plat)
- 2230 Overlay Item positions (Capt. BURNS).
- 2235 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: That sec of heavies is in. How about lights? (Not until Red is thru - they start 2400 be out couple hours) Well let us have lights as soon as possible.

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- 0130 Fancy Red 3 to Blue 3: We are going to use moonlight. Is it ok with Blue Bn? Yes - but clear through Regt. Our Red Bn has some patrols out in your area. Is your Bn on right - Yes.
- 0200 Blue CP to Fatal war Room: All is quiet.
- 0300 Blue CP to Fatal war Room: All is quiet.
- 0948 Batal 2 to Blue 2: Report arriving TD's that a 410th patrol observed negro soldier bodies stripped - could be moral problem (Don't know anything about it but will let you know if I hear).
- 0950 G-2 periodic report - 6 Feb 45.
- 0951 Dist Intelligence notes.
- 1004 SOI - Critical points.
- 1006 Am rpt.
- 1011 OP #1 - visibility good.
- 1016 Msg: Fashion reports they will fire S / A at 826 - 259 at 1330.
- 1111 Fame 38 in CP (Departs 1125)
- 1211 Blue 3 to Love 6: Don't want to make any changes -- Fatina making relief - No OI yet.
- 1212 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: on 81 HE - want to give corrected dope - we have 236 rds - 100 rds dump plus 150 rds 409th left. HE Heavy - 261 rds - 88 rds they left.
- 1216 OP #1 - Nothing to report.
- 1227 Item CP to Blue 6: Was limiting points on right ever moved back? (Yes moved back to where two platoon positions join) Capt just wanted to know.
- 1413 Fame 2 to 6: Could we send fashion through you tonight? (Yes, what time) Will have them contact you.
- 1425 Fatal 6 in CP: (Departs - 1520).
- News of relief - Bouxwiller - trade CP' s and installations (Inspection - shaves - other shoes) Figure on insp in two or three days - over 100 rpl at Regt. 2nd Bn having 30 cases frostbite. Job in BISCHHOLTZ tomorrow AM - are you going to do any ptrling tonight? (Don't have the men to do it - orient on situation) Going to leave 1 officer per Co? (Arranged to have the men in Co's request what they want - will give them what the Co CO asks for) Will give route later. After we are back will arrange for tks to show to trs.

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Place: OBERMODERN, France

- Time
- 1458 Fatal 6 to Fatal 1: What split between Bn's in BOUXWILLER? (No split made yet) Get them split in a hell of a hurry! (Any obj to Blue trading w/Fatina white - already cased by units - you're 6 hrs late. You want SHIVELY to come up (yes).
- 1502 Blue CP to King CP: What was that coming in up there (About 3 rds fairly heavy arty).
- 1522 Blue 3 to Red 3: What about your deal (Won't be near your zone) How close (Going down draw - 540 - 500 yds from your left bdy).
- 1544 Blue 3 to Mike 6: Any changes in MG positions? (No - overlay correct).
- 1545 Blue 3 to Red 3: Our King putting wire and trip flares in draw tonight - better coordinate with us on deal tonight) (Going in town - straight up to cemetery) that will be ok I think (Also going to place TD's West) That won't interfere with us.
- 1550 Blue 3 to Item 5: Must have sketches for new people - squad, platoon, - all different got to have them in (Do one best to get them there by 1400 tomorrow) Engrs set wooden stakes (Will call Engrs).
- 1607 Blue 3 to Fall Baker: Want pickets for wire and also crew to set up concertina tonight. (Will clr with 2 and call back).
- 1610 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Come down this afternoon.
- 1640 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: Anything doing? (Nothing but Arty - 3-4 rds in S - pretty big stuff) We are not getting info - in static situation might as well do that - do you think have periodic reports - hourly etc (Might be necessary).
- 1646 Defensive fires overlay to regt.
- 1715 OI # 19.
- 1735 Blue 3 to Barclay: Come up around 0930 to check with Fatina.
- 1737 Blue 3 to Fatina white: If you come up around 1000 will have my people here.
- 1842 OP #1 - Quiet - a fire to left front. S/A fire to left front.
- 1843 Blue 2 to King CP: All quiet - will check with OP. Haven't heard S/A to left but some in M.
- 1848 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Did fancy turn over Engr sketches on mines? Bn 3 said they were at Regt. I have overlays (No I don't) will call and have them sent to you (Oh - I do have them and will turn over to their 3 tomorrow.
- 1849 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: On flame thrower school - want one O and 11 EM. Send them back here and will furnish transportation.
- 1906 Blue 3 to Love, Item, King: 4 riflemen for flame throwers school. King furnishes 1 O and 3 EM.
- 1915 Blue 1 to Mike 6: Want you to furnish guides for movement tomorrow.
- 1925 6 departs for Aid station and returns.
- 2000 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: Fancy thinks they can see mortar flashes to front and left of UHRWILLER (Will check with OP).
- 2001 Blue 2 to OP #1: Rpt from Fancy of mortar front and left of UHRWILLER (Haven't seen anything - no mortar fire being recd - will call if see anything).
- 2004 Blue 2 to Fatal 2: Op says hasn't seen anything but our stuff is on alert and will let us know of anything up there.
- 2006 Blue 2 to Love CP: Firing in ROTHBACK area probably was couple krauts sneaked up to hole and tossed a couple of grenades then beat it (getting brave aren't they?).
- 2025 OP #1 W flares observed to NE beyond trees - ground flares.

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 2048 OP #1 Another white flare same location - another fire in MUHLHAUSEN.
 2206 Lt. CALHOUN to CP: Has arty been firing any air bursts into us? May be "shorts". (Will find out and let you know) Burst about 2150.
 2210 Lt. "AXEL" to K-5: All clear here. No incident except a few flares went up after we left the area.
 2218 6 to CP: Get clearance from I and to turn moonlight on until not later than 0100, Item says.
 2225 CP to Fatal 3: Rpt info in 2206. (Recheck for more info) No more info after check made.
 2330 OP #1 to CP: Another flare to the NW. Hear burp gun about same location very faintly, about two Km away. Rain just stopped.
 2337 OP #1 to CP: Another flare same place approx.
 2355 OP #1 to CP: Two more flares same place. Starting to rain again.
 2400 OP #1 to CP: Three more flares about same place. Lights up here enough to read by.

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Time
 0010 Fatal 3 to CP: Red Bn thinks small kraut ptrl penetrated their lines, had fire fight, moonlight 0045.
 0015 I-K and L notified: I wire laid.
 0056 Op to Blue CP: All is quiet.
 0059 Blue Oper Sgt to Fatal CP: What is dope on Red deal? (They are running patrols back - will call on any information we obtain).
 0157 Fatal CP to Blue CP: Have you anything to report? (Nothing) - Concerning the krauts that were reported at 0010. They did not get thru but instead went back to their own lines.
 0530 Love CP to Blue CP: Ptrl back in now.
 0900 Fatal 6 to Blue Able Co job finished - 10 or 11 prisoners - 1 man wounded. Your front quiet (Yes - nothing more than normal) At east end of town yd full of junk - (East end out of my zone) Fixed up for tonight (Not yet - Co Comdrs due 1200).
 0530 Love CP to Blue CP: Ptrl back in now.
 0915 Fatal 2 to Blue 2: Able took 11 prisoner - 2 casualties. Recd mortar and S/A. One Pw was 6th Co 81 Regt.
 1000 Recd G-2 Periodic rpt dated 7 Feb 45.
 1016 3 to I-6: 411 will be up to see you. Going to releive all your plats an one of Love.
 1020 Recd Am rpt dated 7 Feb 45.
 1045 OI #5 sent to all companies.
 1048 Overlay of Regt'l at position.
 1126 King CP to Blue 6: What about guard of this town? Who relieves us? (Their George Co) Will they come in this afternoon? (They will contact you).
 1355 King CP to Blue 3: Do you know anything about my relief? (It will be taken care of).
 1420 Col CASPAR in CP: Depatrts 1430.

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Place: OBZEMODEN, France

Time

- 1435 6 and 3 depart. (Return 1810)
 1535 Fame 38 in CP: 5 orient on situation (D eparts 1545).
 1620 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Your Bn responsible for security (will be late getting back) 7 7/8 responsible will call one you for manning posts. (Can you contact 1 at the new place) Yes, will have 7 7/8 contact him there.
 1625 Item 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Blue 5: Have sick people here - medics were to be here at 1500 but have not been here (Will try and contact them).
 1640 Blue 5 to 6: Have medics go to I CP and look at the sick people. (Ok M rumor disappeared).
 1647 Blue 5 to Mike 5: (Don't know about runner - just had three men and they are up there).
 1657 Blue 6 and 3 depart for new CP.
 1902 Blue 3 to Fatal 2: All MG out - and R gtl at Plat, 81 plat.
 1910 King 5 to King 2: I-6 said my plat could leave any time.
 1920 King 5 to King 6 $\frac{1}{2}$: (Waiting to get get guard relieved, waiting for Sgt in charge to show up) Is everything quiet? (Yes) when you are ready to start call call me here (L-6 will give you clearance on Paulson).
 1932 Love 6 to Blue 3: (Think it will be 15 min yet.) Ok.
 1940 King CP to CP: Just cleared guards and will leave in 10 min. Jeep will come down later. Starting w/fast trs.
 2000 Item 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Item relief complete at 2000. Last ELms leaving now.
 2002 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Item relief complete at 2000.
 2009 King 5 to CP: (Have wpns on jeep are ready to pull out now) Ok.
 2025 CP to Fatal 3: King relief complete at 2009.
 2028 Love 6 to CP: All complete at 2010. Will leave here in 15 min.
 2030 Blue 3 to Fatina white 6: (All complete, assume command as of 2000).
 2032 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: All complete. Fatina white 6 assumed command as of 2000.

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- 1630 CP opens BOUXWILER.
 1735 Red alert.
 1857 Blue 1 to Mike 5: No need for road guard - Regt taking care of all guards for tonight.
 1918 Fatal 1 to Blue 5: Cerfew 1800 - Strictly enforced - a little trouble with G I's taking girls for walk. Trouble with Fatina boys on theft - CA will show us where to cut wood.
 2001 Blue CP to King: How much is in (2nd and part of 1st) Let us know as soon as complete.
 2003 Blue 6 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: We had some screaming mumers in area while pulling out - first time - about 2 hrs ago - hit one house - three in town, one out of town - Arty fired at Btry, think they got it. (Interesting to know they're in there - Any injuries? No one hurt. (Do you think they knew what we were doing?) Will no - they 'd have done more than that (A re you in here?) Well about 2 Cos and Hq - Love and 1 plat King to come - Will report.
 2015 Blue 5 to Fatal 1 $\frac{1}{2}$: What is deal on R egt. (About 20 for you this time - We have 60 coming - you'll get a good share of those. Should get part of first bunch tomorrow.

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Place: BOUXWILER, France

Time

- 2025 Item closed as of 2015.
 2317 Fatal 3 1/4 to CP: 2 1/2 T trk floating around - 28 x - S - 47 6x6 WD 4150427
 Alert for truck - arrest occupants regardless of rank, hold both truck and
 occupants under guard.
 2325 Above msg to Sgt Rohrback, Sgt Mayne.

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- 0004 King 6 1/2 to CP: All closed in.
 0009 CP to Fatal 3: Rpt K closed in.
 0031 Blue 11 reports Love runner back after guiding CO to billets - Co is all in.
 0044 Blue 1 reports Bn closed.
 0046 CP to Fatal 3 1/2: Bn closed in as of 072345.
 0915 G-2 Periodic report.
 1010 Blue 1 to Item, King, Love, Mike: All vehicles under Bn control - will be
 camouflaged and dispersed.
 1026 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Have you recd training memo? (What kind of tng?) Mostly
 up to you. We only prescribe 4 subjects - 6 hr per day (Must be in by Sat-
 urday - starts Monday).
 1042 Memo re tng program.
 1100 Fatal 6 wants 3 and 6 at meeting at 1400.
 1150 Fatal 3 to CP: S/A fire all day at following (751-243) and (7945-2455) Co's
 notified thru M/C).
 1252 K-5 to 3: Have relieved that MP Post.
 1445 6 & 3 depart to Regt (return 1710).
 1800 Ln O W/percission of 2nd Bn, 409 Pyrotechnic SO 1. And 14 A - 2nd Bn 410
 ptrl overlay.
 2025 Fatina White 5 to CP: 2 men from M were found on our front line inebriated
 and want to get transportation to our CP to pick them up (will send).
 2058 Blue 6 to Mike 6: How can you explain those two men being absent? (May have
 wandered off today, shows, etc.) Don't your plat ldrs have any control over
 them? Don't give them any punishment until I have the story. - May want to
 try them.
 2110 Mike 5 to CP: These boys don't belong to us - one is G-410 the other is H
 know he was in quardhouse at Houze. Will trun them over to Regt.
 2217 Prisoners turned over to Albach of MP's.

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- 0900 Mess line check.
 0945 G-2 periodic report.
 1105 Fatal 3 to CP: A p-51 will be flying low over this area 1200 to 1400. Don't
 shoot at it. The Uttwiller - Bouxwiller road will be closed for repair.
 (I, L, K, Hq, notified).
 1450 C/S thru Fatal 5: From 7 7/8 all guards who are challenging vehicles on
 village road blocks must be intelligence, neat, properly uniformed, shaved,
 clean, etc.

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Place: BOUXWILER, France

Time

1520 Counter attack plans from Regt.

1537 Fatal 3 to CP: Tk M 4A-3 available 0900 to 1000 tomorrow. Pick out area to accomodate as many men as possible - Bn Ln O guide from 2nd Bn Area.

10 Feb. 1945Time

0920 G-2 periodic report.

1115 On line strength report.

1116 AF Code changes.

1118 Memo on censorship.

1210 Fatal 16 to Blue 6: What do you think about men changing to leather (good idea when inside - but in mud pacs keep feet dry.) Probably 50% command have shoes available - if we could get them would you care for that? (Would be fine).

1211 Tng schedule to all companies.

1430 Overlay switch position.

1432 Overlay secondary MLR Defense.

1610 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Do you know where roundhouse is on rr? 2-300 yds from station going west - from 800 to 1500 lb explosives - Gov't stuff - dangerous mixture - dynamite and TNT (Will get on it right away) It's getting wet - ruining - nothing to prevent anyone from taking it and raining - hell - no guard on it. (Will look into it).

1835 Item 5 to Blue 5: Major told outpost here not to let anyone use road off to left of road going to Obermodern. Do you know anything about it? (No will check).

1837 Blue 5 to 7 7/8: Gave #10 (Will check - might be Maj. Gillman - wait).

1840 Blue 3 to Fatal CP: Was range approved? (Yes sir it was).

1851 Blue 5 from 7 7/8: Maj. Gillman did order traffic stopped - road under repair.

1852 Blue 5 to Item 5: Road is being repaired - traffic is to be repaired.

2000 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: All ok - tell 6 Explosives being taken care of.

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0930 Fatal 6 to Blue 1: Inspection by G eneral tomorrow 1100 pick out place and let Lampert know.

0930 Overlay route to Range to Co's and R egt.

0950 G-2 Periodic report.

0951 Memo on shoes.

1231 Fatal 5 to 3: For the inspection tomorrow Hvy wpns including wpn of K Co's will be laid out, either at rear of Co or at flank. (Notified I, K, L, M, Hq).

1233 3 to Fatal 36: Are you going to fire AT? (yes, will send overlay and take care of it for you, tell Blue 36 to construct targets of some kind.) Are there any long ranges for MG back there? (Yes lots of places against the hills near ERNOLSHETM).

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Place: BOUXWILLER, France

Time

- 1439 57 and Bazooka firing - each platoon on own hook - bring own ammo - Barkley make 2 targets maps Saverne 3 x 4 1/25,000 Coord 74.1 - 19.1. Early as possible Tue. morning.
- 1845 Fatal 3 to 3: You will have the detail of M trgt Co on 30 min alert and the plat for Div CP (This must be neat and clean and have an officer Plat Ldr will be for the Co for 2 or 3 days) Have them ready to pick up vic your CP at 1430. Will also send 6 trks for the Co white will be under command of Swift 6. He will contact you.
- 2035 Fatal 3 to 6: Fatal 6 just come through your area found blackout no good. Thinks M Co area. Has been kraut plane over dropping flares. (Will send out and check it) Will have PA system from Red brought over - have a guide same place you will be at 1000.
- 2102 Fatal 3 to CP; (1) Ref tng memo #2 ETO dated 25 Jan 45 "Care of the Gas Mask" Fatal 3 want 1/2 hour this subject next week tng schedules. (2) Road SW from HATTMATT to RJ (761-201) will be closed until further notice. (3) A thermite grenade will be carried in each vehicle (If not enough in Bn Am dump, secure from Capt. PEREZ).
- 2115 Fashion 6 to CP: May i borrow for 24 hrs - 2 BAR's w/belts of magazines? Will be there to pick them up before noon tomorrow. If not available please call me.
- 2140 Sgt Stuff rpts town blackout has been checked and is now Ok.
- 2153 Fatal 6 to CP: Second house on left coming from GAIESBACH near (road block) was devoid of any shades, no blackout at all, looked like gasoline lamps inside. Guard said it was 2nd Plat of M CO he thought. Looked like any house in any city in peacetime. (We have a rpt from Int Sgt as of 2140 that town has been checked, and is now Ok) Probably because the town lights went out. (Will see that it is corrected to prevent recurrence.) How are you fixed, are you all set for inspection tomorrow? (Hope there is nothing we have overlooked, think we are all set).
- 2158 CP to M-6: Info contained in msg of 2153.

12 Feb. 1945Time

- 0845 Recd strength rpt dated 11 Feb.
- 0847 Fatal 3 to 3: Insp postponed until tomorrow, same time and place.
- 0855 CP to all installations: Info of msg in 0847 - The schedule as originally planned will be followed.
- 0922 Fatal 5 to CP: Flatten all cans and see they are dumped in proper place.
- 0927 Blue 6 & 3 depart on Rcn - range, etc.
- 1004 Msg to Blue 6 by NCO Co L.
- 1010 Memo range firing.
- 1011 G-2 periodic report.
- 1024 Fatal 6 to CP: Has battle casualty report been turned in on 57 you are short? (I think so sir - will check and give accurate report).
- 1025 Blue opn sgt to 36: Squad ldr says turned in - Lt. BARCLAY not here.
- 1110 Blue CP to Fatal CP: Item alert Co - Kingalert platoon for CP guard.
- 1145 King 5 to CP: First platoon - Lt. MARSHALL - alert platoon

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Place: BOUXWILLER, France

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Time
 1147 Blue CP to Fatal 3: gave info of 1145.
 1252 Chaplains's report.
 1255 Info given to all companies re blackout checkup.
 1330 Fatal 3 to Blue CP: Transportation for King platoon will be at CP at 1430 (King notified).
 1451 King 5 to CP: Platoon left for division.
 1500 Trucks reported to Item.
 1730 Red 3 to Blue 6: Located place to fire 57's - Ok for Wed afternoon - have 3 phone me - (Will have him call tomorrow afternoon).
 1757 Fatal 3 to 3: Meeting here at 1900.
 1905 Sgt Stuff and reported to CP: All bldgs in town blacked out except Bn CP bldg.
 2000 Blue 2 to Msg Cen * Have Reed and Lincoln report to Bn CP immediately.

13 Feb. 1945

Time
 0945 Ln 0 with G-2 periodic report.
 1000 Reinforcements at Regtl motor pool - send guide.
 1447 Fatal 6 to CP: Is 6 there? (Yes sir) Will be there in about half hour.
 1545 Lt Cox to CP: 2 trucks will report to Item at 0800 tomorrow.
 1610 Fatal 6 in CP (departed 1810). Universal bad condition BAR Magazines in inspection this morning. Shaves to be expected - not too bad. Keep working on firing to zero in new carbine sights.
 1913 3 to all Co's: Have officer at CP 0945 tomorrow for rcn.
 1930 3 to Fatal 36 and Blue 36½: Firing tomorrow at 1st Bn Range. Will let you know in morning 0900.
 2002 CP to mtr Pool: Have two (2) jeeps at CP tomorrow 0930.
 2003 Fatal 3 to CP: (1) Catholic ash Wed services at town church tomorrow 0815 (Info to Sgt Major). (2) F Co will detonate some at mines and other explosives 1000 to 1200 tomorrow at (824-247) (Info to all units thru M/C).
 2032 Sgt Stuff rpts blackout secure.

14 Feb. 1945

Time
 0950 G-2 periodic report.
 1107 Red alert.
 1330 Fatal 36 to Blue 3: AT firing this afternoon - 1 platoon at a time about 1500 - will phone him and guide at my place.
 1350 Blue CP to Fatal 3½: Item Co will take over alert Co from Love at 1500 today.
 1820 Blue 2½ to Love: Service Co trks tied up - can't send 2 2½'s to Love tomorrow - can send 3 1½ ton trks (Will be okeY).
 1830 Strength report
 1831 Photo Interpretations report.
 1832 Handling friendly mines -- Memo.
 1925 Sgt Stuff reports blackout secure in Bn area.
 1930 Fatal 3 to CP: 6 wants to present Bronze star to boy in Item Co. - one Plat from Item present - phone time and place. Item released from alert at 1500 - rpt trks to 1st Bn Mtr 0 by 1500. Plat of King released from alert 1500 relieved by 3rd plat Baker

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Place: BOUXWILLER, France

14 Feb. 1945 (Continued)

Time
 2012 Blue CP to Item CP: You are released from alert 1500 tomorrow - send trucks to 1st Bn Mtr Co by 1500 tomorrow - they are to be there then.
 2015 Blue CP to King CP: Your platoon is to be relieved tomorrow - 1500.
 2032 Blue 5 to Item 5: What time do you suggest for presentation Bronze star? (Suggest 1500 in front CP).
 2232 Fatal 1 to 1: Rpt from Fatal 5 that jeep M-9 drove through guard near Fatina while CP (OBERMODERN). Between 2200 and 2230 O think he may be drunk.
 2300 M 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1: Jeep missing driver of jeep here - checking to see if driver not accounted for.
 2303 1 to Fatal 1 $\frac{1}{2}$: Info to date on jeep- (Give us info in morning on outcome of investigation.
 2317 36 to 1: Lovell must be driver of jeep was seen by another driver in OBERMODERN.
 2357 Blue 6 departs.

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Time
 0005 Fatal 3 to CP: Fame 2 reports an 8 man kraut patrol behind Fatina lines - last seen in vic of SCHILLERSDORF.
 0135 Blue 6 returns to CP: Asks Lovell for story: I took jeep and went to OBERMODERN was halted twice going out of town. Drove in shed at OBERMODERN and was there when Mtr Sgt found me. 6 to Capt. BURNS: Kepp this man under guard until tomorrow.
 0145 Blue 6 states msg of 0005 an error - was a MG squad is being relieved.
 0150 Blue 6 to Fatal CP: Was up at front tonight. Saw new type of flare - a pink one. Bridge has been repaired - vehicles were seen crossing it.
 1015 G-2 report.
 1140 Blue 6 to Fatal 5: Any chance of getting band (Sure it's been released to come forward - go thru Lt. GOODRICH).
 1345 Counter attack plans to I, K, L, M, and A rty Lno.
 1842 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: tomorrow morning Red will destroy 2 German vehicles with thermite grenade. Do not be alarmed at smoke.
 1845 #8 to all Cos thru Msg Centr. (1842)
 1847 Blue 5 to Wegland: Wanted to make date for concert 1400 tomorrow. (Sure - I will have to make arrangements thru Fame 1) (Will send trucks there by 1300 - 2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton) Unless you hear from me will be set to go.
 1937 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Have division band - will have concert 1400-1430. Will get in touch with 2nd and invite them (What about show?) Won't interfere with us - like to have whole works there if not too many people (Suggest you hold just to Bn - 6 would object) Will tell second and they can see Weigland and make arrangements. 6 just stopped in and wants to see you 2,000-2,030 (Will be there).
 2057 Memo - Hq 3rd Bn 410th Inf.
 2155 All Co Comdrs, All 1st Sgts, and Bn Sgt Major rpt to CP tomorrow to discuss personnel problems - 1300 I - K - L - M - Hq.

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16 Feb. 1945S E C R E T

Place: BOUXWILLER

Time

- 0938 G-2 periodic report.
 0950 AF Code.
 1010 Mike 6 to Blue 3: PEREZ sending up new type mortar shell to be test fired.
 1430 Band concert to 1535.
 1438 Blue 6 departs.
 1620 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Cut firing to bone - just found we've expended 4 years training allowance ammo (How about MG firing?) Go ahead - 30 rds per man or so.
 1630 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: How about parade Tues morning using Division band. (Ok - good idea). Will settle details and let you know.
 1934 Sgt Stuff rpts blackout secure.

17 Feb. 1945Time

- 0910 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: All range firing will cease until further notice. Only men with new sights on carbines may fire. (3 to Maj LAMPERT: How about that?) (Will worse than looks, have to cut it out until further notice) Will come by about 1030.
 0922 Regtl SSO to Blue 1: Will have band Monday morning - figure to start ceremony 1000.
 0947 G-2 periodic report.
 0947 Memo re: Stoppage range firing.
 0950 Tng schedules to Regt.
 1553 Fatal 3 to Blue 2: Only 4 hr tng required for next week - if you want you can submit change to schedule.
 1610 Memo re: Critical ammo supply.
 1625 Fatal 3 to CP: 1st Bn will be firing on range Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri, s/a and mortar.
 1927 Sgt Stufft rpts blackout secure.
 2000 Fatal 8 to Blue 3: Trying to figure way to continue firing - how much do you need? (Have only some long range MG firing) Don't see why can't fire - would 20,000 be enough? Will try for salvage ammo. If you need more call for it. Try to fire it all up. Tell JAFFE to call by Monday for it.

18 Feb. 1945Time

- 0920 G-2 Periodic report.
 1035 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP: Want A & P platoon at depot tomorrow 1400 for instruction on American and British Mines.
 1137 Blue 3 to all Cos: Give right away no of men who saw tng film and names of men who did not see it with reason they did not see it.
 1445 Item report to Regt on no men not seeing "Your job in Germany".
 1710 6 Departs (returns 1753).
 1945 OI No. 23.
 1950 Memo mine tng.
 2045 CP to Fame 2: Anything on firing (Only report is SA and AW at (867296) 1950.
 2050 CP to Fatima 3: Anything on activity to front? (Raid into NEIFFERN - ran into quite a bit of fire - pouring arty into town now. Think arty will quieten things down).

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Place: BOUXWILLER, France

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2103 CP to Fatima white CP: What is story on raid? (Have raid going in - about 12 men - be thru about 2400 or little later. Arty was to quiet - s/a firing agains defensive positions above towns. Object patrol - PW's).

19 Feb. 1945Time

0910 Chaplains weekly report.
 0920 G-2 periodic report.
 0940 Blue 3 to Fatal 2: What is dope on raid? (Pretty disastrous - 1 officer killed, DURAND hit - 3-4 men wounded. Didn't get into town) Let me hear if you get anything more.
 1000 Reinf at Regt'l parking lot - send runner to pick them up.
 1205 Fatal 3 to Blue 2: Counter attack plan B-2 take effect immediately. Designate one Co to take over alert Co from 2nd Bn. 6 and 3 to report to CP at once. Practice alert.
 1210 CP to all Co's: Counter attack plan B-2 to take effect immediately.
 1211 Blue 2 to Item Co: Item to be alert Co effective immediately - vehicles to be brought up as soon as possible.
 1213 Blue 5 to all Co's: Bn CO wants each Co Comdr with runner to report Bn Cp as soon as possible.
 1214 Blue 6 departs for Regt. Returns 1227.
 1230 Blue 6 changes alert Co to King - relieving Item.
 1231 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Alert Co changed to King - (When 6 2½ ton trucks report, send present vehicles back to AT Co and Cn Co.)
 1237 Blue 6 gives order to all Co Comdrs except Love - orient on situation. We move towards North of NEIDUSHULTZBACH. Order march I,L,M,Hq. IP corner by theater. 6 wants AT protective assg area - Mike 6 get ovvicer ready to go with Blue 1. No vehicles in assg area. (Complete 1243).
 1258 Assumed enemy situation overlay.
 1259 Blue CP to all Cos: Assemble Co and report by phone as soon as ready to move.
 1306 King reports ready to move.
 1308 Mike reports ready to move.
 1311 Item ready to move.
 1316 Love ready to move.
 1320 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: Item moving on road - (Yes, theyve assembled).
 1328 Hq Co complete - ready to move as of 1320.
 1347 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Able cleared town - rest of outfit should be clear very soon - will give you call.
 1350 Blue 3 to Fatal White 5: your people left? (Yes - 1305).
 1351 Blue Ln - White cleared RJ.
 1352 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Since white cleared shall we move out (No want Cn and AT to move yet).
 1358 Fatal 3 to Maj. GILLMAN: Contact Fatal 3 - forward CP (Blue Bn ready since 1320 - I am moving up with Bn CO).
 1416 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Ready to move (yes - sir) Move out immediatly and let me know when tail crosses IP. Want a headcount taken after Co's get out there.
 1417 Blue CP to All Cos: Move out execute c/a B-2 plan immediately. Love move out and contact tail of Item.

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Place: BOUXMILLER, France

Time
 1420 Fame 38 in CP. (Departs 1423).
 1620 Blue 6 returns to CP - Problem complete, with drawal begun.
 1626 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Is overlay range O k (Will check).
 1702 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: King relieved from alert Co - reverts to George - release trucks to go back to service Co.
 1703 Blue CP to King CO: Released from alert - send trucks back to service Co.
 1727 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Bn closed as of 1715.
 1729 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: How about head count? (Will cal back).
 1732 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Count was 471 - without K of course.
 1805 Fatal 3¹ to CP: Range approved.
 1932 Sgt Stuff rpts blackout secure.
 2000 Red alert. (All clear).
 2105 3 to Fatal 3¹: Can we fire mortars (81) tomorrow? (Forget it) Is it ok to fire LMG's 21st? (Yes).

20 Feb. 1945

Time
 0925 Blue 6 departs. Returned 1040.
 0926 Ln 0 with G-2 periodic report.
 1040 All Co's notified: Quartering party rpt to CP at 1245, w/own transportation.
 1125 Fatal 3¹ to 6: You are CO of trs for ceremony tomorrow. Presentation of Silver Stars. Town square, about 6 plats w/band in Hollow square formation. Rehearsal at 1000. You rpt here at 1300 today.
 1220 Fatal 3 to 3: Have 6 R Plats rpt to me at town square at 1330. One officer, about 30 men plats.
 1223 Notified L and K to send 3 each 30 man plats to town square at 1330. Lt. FINNECY "K" in charge. Rpt to Maj. LAMPERT.
 1252 Blue 6 departs for Regt (Ret 1340).
 1300 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Need 1 platoon and 1 Officer as part of presentation to be on square at 1000 unif shoe pacs, jackets, OD trousers, officer wear suspender. Send K Co man to be presented award.
 1332 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: At 1000 want guideon bearer from each Co and K man to be decorated, off and platoon to be there at 1045. 6 platoons are for this afternoon only.
 1337 Memo re firing.
 1645 Red 1 to Blue 1: Change quartering town. 2nd Bn took CHATEAU, BOUXMILLER road dividing line - west side yours, east mine (Not enough room for Bn -) I know (Will have Blue 6 check.)
 1650 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Is your sect handling quarters in OBERMODERN - SHIVELY says can't get Bn in with new line. C an you get up there and re-divide (yes sir) TD - FA and AA in where we go (Can SHIVELY be here 0800) Will have him there.
 1656 Blue 1 to Fatal 3: Is miller right about division - us west of BOUXMILLER road? (No-wait) Will send THOMAS with you and MILLER to straighten it out.
 1658 Recd Co M Equipment rpt.
 1734 Fatal 6 in CP (Departs 1747).

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Place: BOUXWILLER, France
OBERMODERN, France

Time
1752 Ln 0: Msg in re precautions against theft of vehicles to all Cos.
1800 Blue 1 to all Co's: In re quartering party.
1810 CP to all Co's: It is Co Comdrs responsibility to see that all billets are policed properly and all trash removed before leaving any area.
1925 Fatal 3¹/₂ to 3: Change in PW Tng. Whole Bn to rpt at RR sta 1300 tomorrow. Have majority there, MG firing is Ok as is. (All co's notified).
1931 3 to Lt Paulson: Have the 2 - 2¹/₂ trks back by 1200. Send them in with first group that finish firing.
2123 3 to Fatal 3¹/₂: Is it ok to move in daylight? (Yes it is all right).

21 Feb. 1945

Time
0835 OI #24.
0920 G-2 periodic report.
1450 3 to Fatal 3¹/₂: Can we take off guard posts on road (Will have MP's relieve soon as possible).
1455 3 to all Co's: MP's will relieve guards soon as possible.
1550 Fancy blue 6 arrived 1550.
1630 Blue CP to Fatal 3: New CP open.
1647 Blue CP to Fatal 3: Bn closed as of 1645.
1905 Red 3 to 3: In re coordination of town defense. Will get together tomorrow.
1921 Fatal 2 to CP: Red bn just got 10 rounds of mortar in A sector at 1915.
2010 Fatal 3¹/₂ to 3: Fatal 6 has experimental plan for 120 reinf. 4 day plan. Your Bn furnish following (1) EM, one NCO to instruct BAR, rpt to Regt 0900 tomorrow. (2) Wpns one LMG; one rifle grenade launcher; one bazooka; one Thompson submachine gun. Capt. PEREZ will pick up at your CP 1000 tomorrow.

22 Feb. 1945

Time
0756 Blue 3 to Love 6: Furnish NCO for tng in BAR - be here 0915.
0757 Blue 3 to Item 6: Like to borrow LMG to use tng replacements - will send for it.
0758 Blue 3 to King: Furnish Bazooka, BAR, and Grenade launcher - will send down in about 30 minutes.
0759 Blue 3 to Mike 6: Can you furnish Thompson sub? (No stocks on them) Will be ok, will send for them in about 20 minutes.
0955 Sketch of installations in town.
1004 G-2 periodic report.
1005 Blowup at NIEFFERN.
1130 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: Unable to get fire plan from people on right - you might run a rcn over there with view of what you would do (already have Howard and Ln 0 working on it.) Will get plan from Fancy who occupied area at one time. (Am working on c/a plans - have penetrations yet to figure - will drop by this afternoon).
1145 Fatal 6 in CP (Departs 1215).

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Place: OBERMODERN, France

Time
 1317 Positions 409th Inf prior to relief by 14 A.
 1415 Fatal 3 to 3: Road between your town and next big town to East is not safe to drive on. (Red handles that, we will have our guards warn them.)
 1515 Blue 6 to Mike 6: Take an officer and make plans for defense of this town from both right and left. Give overlays on aerial photo, using 3 Sec MG and 3 Sec LMG.
 1518 K 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6: Would like to suggest Div fund be spent on beer, pipes, candy, etc.
 1832 Overlay route patrols.
 1900 Blue 6 leaves CP.

23 Feb. 1945

Time
 0945 G-2 periodic report.
 0945 Overlay - AT and TD gun positions.
 0945 Overlay - Engr mine fields.
 0955 AF Codes.
 1004 Fame 38 in CP (departs 1011).
 1203 Fatal 6 in CP (departs 1220).
 1435 Red alert (all clear 1511).
 1700 Overlay - Route patrols tonight.
 1700 Msg re garbage pickup.
 1822 Overlay RRL - 409th Inf.
 1823 Overlay RRL - 411th Inf.
 1824 Training Memo #1.
 1825 Overlay - Defensive fire plan.
 1835 C/A Plan to regt, arty Ln O, and I,K,L,M.
 2026 3 to all Cos: Tng schedule for tomorrow.
 2100 Red 3 to CP: Flare rpt vic your town check please.
 2108 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to CP; In re AT guns: Want to get them on line tomorrow. Fatal 36 will be around early tomorrow. Will atch one of your guns to White Bn, other vic your CP.
 2111 CP to Red 3: Flare in direction of and about over PFAFFENBUFFER. (Ok, jibes w/other rpt).
 2200 Overlay - Mike Co gun positions - defense of OBERMODERN.

24 Feb. 1945

Time
 1020 Blue 36 to Blue 1: Would like to fire .50 (Call tomorrow - will have it for you).
 1025 Fatal 6 in CP: Re ammo atk NEIFFERN - Should be able to replace 300 rds HE light - Cn Co will be available - limit 450 rds. TD's may be used - very willing to provide HMG's or heavily armed squad. (Departs 1040).
 1100 G-2 periodic report.
 1325 Blue 3 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: Would it be possible to get 4.2 mortars in job 6 talked about? (Don't know, will check).

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Place: OBERMODERN, France

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Time

1400 6 to Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$: Div has camera, can we get pictures taken from cub plane? (Yes, will get on it right away - your C/A Plans are excellent) Think. should have a plan for deeper penetration will write and send up.

1515 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: On job we're planning how much smoke does green have? (Has 75 on hand - 250 in dump). Check with 6 and see how many he will allow to be used.

1520 Blue 3 to Mike 5: How many rds smoke? (40).

1541 Overlay: routes patrols and results previous patrols, 410th Inf.

1645 RRL overlay and Tng schedules to Regt.

1815 AT to TD positions by Ln O (overlay).

1815 Proposed plan atk NIEFFERN and overlay OBERMODERN defense to Regt by Ln O.

1815 Notes fr Ln O: Possibility of chem mortars slight. Pictures of NIEFFERN being taken tomorrow morning. 409 has German film which can be used tomorrow afternoon and evening.

1845 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: On shipping out rcn from outfits on front, I'd like to get as much information on AT and AP mines as possible. (Have you contacted Brad) No (I'll be sure they send everything they get. - Would you like to send some people with patrols?) Yes - talked about that today. How do you like plan? (Calls attention to possibility of discovery right group) Can run up if anything on your mind. Not using any Arty except Spot conc (Other people using preparation - may queer things if you don't - or might be just the thing to put them off the track.) That place is pretty beaten up (Think you're right) How about photo? (Will be taken care of.)

1900 Photo Interpretation report.

25 Feb. 1945

Time

0853 Ammo report.

0934 G-2 periodic report.

1134 Blue 2 to Red 6: How about patrols (Had 2 out - one rpt'd no additional inf. other went further found double row box mines about 100 yds from town extending across road and on each side - evidently AT.

1520 Fame 38 in CP: Afraid we're falling back on Sniper training - might be better idea for it to be handled by Regt. (Will get on that right away) Stress fire and rcn of fire - men just don't shoot often enough. (Departs 1640).

1533 Fatal 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Blue 3: Which time do you want movie? (Mon and Tues) Oh will send the whole works to you at the CP. 3 films on German wpns (Found kraut MG, mortar and another wpn turned over to us by FFI) Your C/A plan Ok'd by 6 and sent to Red and White, also your town defense plan. (Will work on getting RRL fixed up tomorrow.)

1735 Fatal 6 in CP (Departed 1804).

1800 5 Reports: 4 or 5 rounds of Meemie S of town (Red 3 says 88's, and Lt. WHITE got a scratch on the nose.

1805 Request rpt on the Arty from "L" road block.

1902 Overlay BRL.

1910 3 to Red 6: Request permission to use bldg No. 40. (ok).

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Place: OBERMODEM, France

Time

- 2030 Msg from L-6 - Shell rpt.
 2130 Recd reinf tng memo and nine copies aerial photo of NIEFFERN. Verbal msg by Ln 0 from Fatal 3: Contacted Engrs re arrangements for AP mines and minning NIEFFERN.
 2400 This completed 111 days in action, 67 days in line, 43 days in res, 1 day transit. This is 18th day in res.

26 Feb, 1945Time

- 0902 Blue 2 to Red 6: Could we coordinate with you on patrol to examine road (Come down and talk to Yates).
 0944 G-2 periodic report.
 0950 Fatal 2 to CP: (Will have Engrs up by noon - a man and probably Plat Ldr. - would like I & R man to accompany patrol (Regt I & R).
 1030 Fatal 6 in CP (Departs 1100) At same time you atk NIEFFERN, 411 take MULHLAUSEN. You have AT gun out there. Want detailed plan of redcovery by night following atk. One more C/A plan - down valley to W PFUFFEN-HOFFEN. 14-Across oital high ground.
 1319 Chaplain weekly report.
 1600 Overlay patrols (25 Feb. 45).
 1907 Recd Ln 0 - 2 Ptrl overlays dated 25-26 Feb 45 - Also Stars and Stripes and Beachhead news.
 2305 Blue 1 to Red 6: Any reports on tonights actions? No final reports have had several casualties. Mines, MG, etc.
 2400 This completed 112 days in action, 67 days in line, 44 days in Res, 1 day Transit. This is 19th Consecutive day in reserve.

27 Feb, 1945Time

- 0824 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Send one of each type NIEFFERN photo back here right away. Raid last night not good. 4/5 killed, 14-15 wounded - no prisoners.
 1032 Blue 3 to Item CP: How do you stand on RRL? (Nearly through).
 1035 Blue 3 to Love CP: Love nearly finished RRL.
 1040 TM - Training films.
 1155 G-2 Periodic report.
 1220 Memo - S-3.
 1252 Blue 2 to King 6: Send men for tonight's patrol to CP.
 1400 Patrol in CP: Oriented on map by 6. S situation, location know mines, MG's. Results of raid by 1st Bn. Blue 6: Your mission is to examine in minute detail for direction location, and information of any type of mines found in the road. That is all, you do nothing else but that. Examine all the road down to the road junction or little farther. No fire-fight - no prisoners. Need the information because I want to know how much work our Engrs will have to get tanks in the town of NIEFFERN. Tanks can travel only on roads, so check only road - not shoulders - Check for dug-in as well as surface mines. No fire fight except in your own protections or to affert with drawal.

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1400 Cont. (Sgt. Viani - 184)

Time: 0300 Arty on call, Pyro to call for arty - use two green flares.

1510 Blue 2 to Fatal 2: Request no lights be used vic ptrl obj tonight.

1607 Love 6 to Blue 3: Arty apparently fr woods NW ENGWEILER - fell 200 yds over my rd block - 8 rds every 4/5 min.

1610 Blue 3 to Fatal 2: Rpt #10. Any dope on 1st Bn raid. (Know pretty well how mine fields set up - will send dope down to you. Injured man had been treated by Germans had info I'll send to you. Lt. THORNE: Man in mine field picked up, rpt krauts had picked him up but MG drove them off. After the business took place he saw 100-150 krauts down there - saw 75 come out of cellars. 100 came over hill from North. Sent out a 20 man patrol - evidently East to mill. 1st Sgt says patrol goes down every night. (mill). Officer came out to man - spoke English. Sgt then wanted to kill man but officer wouldn't let him. Emplacements behind town not occupied. While recovery group down there saw patrol 5 krauts - didn't fire on them.

2228 Pvt Catron rpts a jeep he challenged had proper counter sign - said a S/Sgt was driving - said he had a wounded man in back seat. Man in front seat with driver said "Godddam it were in a hurry". Drove off at very rapid speed. Sentry thinks driver was drinking. No identification of vehicle, but was headed West. (Sentry said he inquired how injured - said "Artillery shrapnel"). (No arty had been falling this area).

2240 Rpt info in msg of 2228 to Fatal 7 7/8.

2400 Completes 113 days in action; 67 days in line, 45 in res, 1 day transit. This is 20th Consecutive day in reserve.

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0519 Blue 2 to CP: Our men have just ret'd to our lines.

0535 Ptrl back in CP - too light to venture near town, rpt hammering over to right. Op before ptrl left rpt explosions in town.

0545 Blue 2 to Fatal 2: Ptrl back in got within 350 yd RJ. Will phone details later.

0950 Msg given to all Cos: "Keep civilians away from guard posts".

0951 Overlay defensive fire plan - revised.

0952 G-2 periodic report.

0957 TM #1.

1035 Fatal 5 to 6: Meeting for Co Comdrs and Staff your Bn at 1400 your area. Subject ltrs from higher Hq. At officer will be there.

1055 Fatal 3 to CP: Will arrive at 0900 tomorrow to check tng w/Capt. WALPOLE.

1057 CP to M/C: Disseminate info in #8.

1355 Blue 3 to Fatal 3: Little experiment with prime cord this afternoon - detonation AP mines.

1420 Meeting with Col. SELK - entire Bn staff and Co Comdrs.

1435 Fatal 3¹/₂ to CP: Put guard post on road leading out SW into woods. (Detail to I Co.).

1700 I-6 to CP: Road block established.

1730 Blue CP to Item 6: Sgt will be kept couple extra days.

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- 1735 Blue CP to Fatal 3: Sgt sen back as instructor will be kept 2 more days then ret to org.
- 1740 Recd from Ln O: Int notes #8 - Ptrl overlays blue and white - F/W rpt.
- 1906 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Have you hear about "reinforcement fever" in red? Your Bn surgeon knows about it. None of the Doc's have been able to diagnose it. All new men and only those from certain depot and of certain date. If you have any of the batch, want you to segregate them - very high fever only symptom have to be evacuated. Tng to keep your people and Red's separated - no movies together etc. Not an epidemic as yet, but don't want to take any chances. (Thomas will let me know if I have any?) Yes - get together with Red 6 on that. Training Ok? (Yes - had demonstration this afternoon) SELK told me about it. Going to move bath unit back to this towns - (Wont effect us - can transport men).
- 2030 Fatal 6 to Blue 3: Recd C/A Plan F - looks good - had any star shells in area (None rpt) (Some to East - out of our zone).
- 2033 Notes from Ln Officer: Has been suggested 1 more plat in Hv wpns - 50 cal plat. If you want one, start familiarizing men on that wpn. Should be used more. If air atk imminent guns go back to T/O mounting.
- 2217 Ptrl in - Comments of members: Moon too bright - got 500 yds past our mine-field. Quite a bit of commotion in town, sounded like re arranging mine fields - Heard wagons, bird calls (imitations), found no mines got to 100 yds of RJ down to steep embankment where trees thin out. Sound of dragging something metallis, sound of metal on metal from 1st house on left. Nails being driven in and pulled out. Founding like building something. Change of direction of sound indicated movement in town. Think we can get down there on darker night. 6: Can get tks down to drop-off, direct fire on towns. 6 to 2: Warn all men on ptrls not to talk in presence of civilians or among themselves. Definite leak in this area.
- 2400 Completes 114 days in action: 67 days in line, 46 days in res, 1 day transit. This is 20th consecutive day in reserve.
- 2400 Blue 6 to Blue 2: (1) Consider putting motorized ptrl on ridge to get there fast to location of flares. Also watching posts to accurately locate origin of flares. (2) Ptrl 3 men and driver at CP w/jeep to envestigate flares. (3) Wire ptrls for daily policing of lines in daylight - no need for accarcy publicity would discourage topping. (4) Roving patrols in town we occupy. (Stationery guards not satisfactory except on military personnel). (5) Guards on all modern bridges. (6) Make inspection of all CP's tomorrow to see that conversations cannot be overheard and caution Co Comdrs about leakage info. (7) See if we can get a couple of BRUNTEM POCKET TRANSITS tomorrow from arty.

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