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PLACE: TRAUGAU, GERMANY

Time

0820 Training Schedule:

9 - 930 Close order drill.

930 - 1000 Calisthenics.

1000 - 1100 Preparation for Inspection.

1100 - ? Inspection

1300 Cleaning of Personnel.
to

1630 Maint of Vehicles.

1030 Blue 6 to Regiment.

1140 3 to 6: Move at 1530 to OBER-AMMERGAU. Also Regt at same town. 6 to 3
(Come back and take command of Bn - I will go to take Regt.)

Fatal 3 to Blue 6: 1st Bn moves 1300 to BAROCHANT.

2nd Bn moves 1400 to OBERAU.

385 FA moves 1445 to ETTAL.

3rd Bn moves 1530 to OBER-AMMERGAU.

Regtl Hq. moves 1600 to OBER-AMMERGAU.

Route: To STEINBADEN. Across country to main road, then SE to destination.

1225 6 Departs for Regt. (All Companies notified of move, meeting at 1315).

1225 3 assumes command of Battalion.

1300 Patrol under Sgt. Griffith of L Company departs to comb over where
sniper killed a man from 242d FA this morning.

1530 CP closed - TRAUGAU.

1900 CP open OBERAMMERGAU.

PLACE: OBER-AMMERGAU

2 May 1945Time

1130 G-2 Periodic Report.

1300 Alert for Movement to PARTENKIRCHEN.

1302 Call for Quarters Parties from Companies. Mike to notify 6th FA Grp
of withdrawal of road blocks.

1630 CP closed - OBER-AMMERGAU.

1700 CP open - PARTENKIRCHEN.

1830 Bn Closed.

2020 Report of closing to Regiment. (Fatal 2 says they are moving to
MITTENWALD tonight. We will stay here so far as he knows.)2112 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Bridge not in yet. Be prepared to move on ten
minute notice.

2221 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: Service Company report 250 SS troopers in area.

PLACE: GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN.

3 May 1945Time

0920 Fatal 3 to CP: Prepare for move to MINTELHEIM.

0925 Alerted all Companies.

1150 CP open MINTELHEIM.

1200 CP closed PARTENKIRCHEN.

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PLACE: MINTELHEIM, GERMANY

3 May 1945Time

- 1203 Bn closed MINTELHEIM.
 1410 Fatal 6 in OP (departs 1422).
 2012 Blue 6 to Fatal 6: (Word that we will probably be moving tonight. No time as yet.) What is shooting? (Supposed to be Kraut in hills sniping and Cannon Co is laying gun on them). I can see house in draw, can put .57 fire on it. 6 to White 6: Can I help you with Kraut? (don't think so) Won't bother you then.
 2040 Fatal 6 to 6: Cease firing - some Armored force men in draw.
 2050 Fatal 3 to 3: Probably move to INNSBRUCK tonight. Lights on as far as N-S. road. Trying to get the trucks - will give you. Fame in rush on it. Red Bn 409 meeting heavy resistance. Will probably get west part of town.
 2030 Fatal 6 to CP: Be prepared to move on 1 hour notice.
 2032 Liaison Officer in CP: Blue 5 and Blue 1 to report to Regt. AMG team. Send $\frac{1}{2}$ ton.
 2252 Liaison Officer in CP: Lights may be used to INNSBRUCK. You will get 15 light tanks and may ride personnel on them if arrive in town.
 2355 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Moving very shortly - pull in guards. (Is road clear?) Yes. Will call back and give you time.
 2345 Fatal 1 to Blue 1: Have quartering party at Regt as soon as possible.

PLACE: MITTENTHAL, GERMANY

4 May 1945Time

- 0215 CP closed MITTENTHAL..
 0430 CP open INNSBRUCK.
 0545 Bn closed MITTENWALD..
 0610 Blue 6 in OP.
 0640 Blue 6 departs for Regt. (Returns 0655).
 0655 6 calls meeting of Company commanders and attached commanders.
 0723 6 orients all commanders on mission: I Company assigned to first tour, supported by M, TD's; Rcn ordered for AT support, also 4.2 Chemical Mortar support. Rcn ordered for possibility of quartering Bn near area of responsibility. Motorized patrol of L W on sec (3) Tks depart on mission.
 1310 I-6 reports blocks established 1300.
 1456 Patrol with four tks (K Co) departs on mission.
 1855 Fatal 3 to Blue 1: No civilians to pass road blocks without pass signed by CIC or AMG. (To CO's thru M/C)
 1904 Fatal 3 to Blue 1: Light line North of River or along MSR within town of INNSBRUCK.
 1920 Fatal 3 to Blue 1: (Change on light line) lights may be used throughout town of INNSBRUCK.
 2037 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Bn to be committed tomorrow. Report to me here.
 2040 G-2 Periodic Report. May 3 1945.
 2042 Blue 6 departs for Regt.
 2243 Blue 6 returns.
 2255 King alerted for move 0900 to clean up towns. Tk co alerted.

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PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

5 May 1945Time

- 0845 Capt. Halpin and Tank Comdr in CP -- orders on town clearing.
 0920 Combat Team pulls out.
 0930 Order published: New 5: Capt. Walpole; New 3: Capt. Burns, M Co. Comdr: Lt. Ordoyne; Hq. Co Comdr: Lt. Cox.
 1137 Liaison Officer with G-2 Periodic Report.
 1155 Fatal 6 in CP (departs 1202).
 1402 Message from Blue 5 to Fatal 2: Have Krut General here.
 1811 Fatal CP to CP: Lights may be used anywhere within Division zone. Bridge at OHARNITZ will be out 2200 to 2400.
 1920 King Company returns from raids.
 2128 All attachments relieved of attachment effective immediately.

6 May 1945

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

Time

- 0053 Report from Fame 2 to CP: At 077 - 366 Loaded bus drove thru road block, was fired upon, but did not stop; was going North toward INNSBRUCK. Fatal 6 wants you road-blocks to intercept this bus and capture if possible.
 0058 Message to I CP: (Repeated above Msg). Contact your Co road blocks and have them especially alert to intercept and capture this vehicle.
 0800 Message to all officers thru M/C: Meeting of all officers of Bn in War-room 0900.
 0900 Meeting Blue 6 with all officers. (Possible move. New area). Maps distributed.
 1814 Fatal CP to CP: There will be civilians on street tonight as auxiliary police. Will be identified by white armbands.
 1850 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: 3 caves - 1 full of food and liquor. Russians etc looting. Lynch's platoon to handle - adjust tomorrow.
 1855 Check persons passing junction (Will do personally).
 1900 6 departs.
 1930 Overlay Company areas.
 2005 King 6 to Blue 2: Keeping Reinforced Platoon (Kala) in NATTUS and running patrols. Rest of company in town.

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

7 May 1945Time

- 0840 Fatal CP to Blue CP: Cerise panels to be taken off vehicles.
 0940 CP open - new area.
 1020 Liaison Officer with G-2 Periodic Report.
 1330 Message thru M/C: Report required to S-3 by 1800 of all installations under Guard in Battalion Area, including type of installation, such as Office, Records, Bank, Food stuffs, Merchandise Stores, Number of guards on post, Location of Company and Battalion CP's and guard-posts pinpointed. Signed Fatal 3. (Blue 3 disseminated to all Co's.).

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7 May 1945 (Cont'd).Time

- 1405 Received overlay Item posts and installations.
- 1630 Item 2nd Plat: German Grenade just hurt civilian kid. Send Jeep and Medics. (Medics notified).
- 1750 Info thru M/C on King Installations.
- 1850 Fatal 3 to CP: All captured vehicles - autos or trucks - whether registered or not will be turned in to Regtl M O at Regtl M.P. by 1200 tomorrow. Regt will be permitted to keep 8 trucks which when distributed will be: 1 to each Bn; 1 to Regtl Hq; 4 to Serv Co; Parade on the 9th of May. 3d Bn to furnish 1 Rifle Co and 1/2 Hq Co. To coordinate with 2nd Bn on Hq Co. Men to parade will have clean clothes - to be pulled from rest of Bn. Close order drill starting tomorrow morning.
- 2210 Fatal 3 to CP: The troops to participate in the May 9 review will report to Regtl CP at 1400 tomorrow for purpose of practising with the band.
- 2215 Message to all Cos thru Message Center as above. (This Hq. Will furnish location of assembly point (near Regtl Hq) by 1000 tomorrow.

8 May 1945

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

Time

- 0845 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Uniform for parade. Shirts, belts.
- 1000 Blue 6 and Blue 3 leave for Cos.
- 1120 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: 12 man front, bayonets fixed, sling arms - No BAR's have them wear rifles, next carbines, pistols, unarmed.
- 1230 Col. Mitchell will handle Bn in March. Lt Ford will be S-2 for parade. Cox to handle composition of Hq Co.
- 1720 Fatal 3 to Blue 1: Take over guard of landing-strip at REICHAU in the morning.
- 1805 Fatal CP to CP: Blue 5 to meeting Regt 2000.
- 1827 Liaison Officer with memo: Road block instructions.
- 1845 Message to all Cos: Memorandum this Headquarters dtd 9 May 45. In re handling of vehicles at road blocks.

9 May 1945Time

- 0909 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Drop by Hq around 1000.
- 1040 Blue 6 departs.
- 1100 G-2 periodic report...9 May 45.
- 1430 Bn has Co to participate in parade.
- 1845 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Road guards on road to BRENNER are permitting Italians to pass. Fatima AMG officer has reported. (Blue 3 transmits order to King Co.).
- 2015 Message to all Cos: (thru M/C) Meeting of Company Commanders at 0930 tomorrow.

10 May 1945Time

- 0930 Meeting all Company Commanders in regard: Administrative details.
- 1015 By Liaison Officer: Intelligence Bulletin #1.
- 1414 Item 6 to CP: Three or four dead Kraut in NATTERS.
- 1855 Fatal 3 to CP: Your 5 report to Fatal 6 at 2000 today.

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1905 Rec'd TM #4 - dated 10 May 45 fr division. (By liaison Officer).
2235 I 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ reports lights out at his village. (Called Lt. Hughes who said
could not raise ANG town Det. He will call them in morning about it.
(Item notified).

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