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HEADQUARTERS 410TH INFANTRY1 April 1945PLACE: LIMBERGERHOF, GER-
MANY.Time

- 0940 Fatal 3 to CP: Just go orders from Fame to remove cerise panels panels from vehicles.
1. Towns troops garrisoned in?
 2. Towns foot patrols or guards in?
 3. Towns covered by motor patrols? By coordinates?
- 1010 Lt. Baldus to CP: With March order and Overlay. Take organics in the morning.
- 1048 Blue 5 to Fatal 3: Bn will not move on 2 April but will attend USO show; Will move 3 April at 0800.
- 1050 Blue 3: All CO's will report to Bn CP at 0830; 2 Apr 45 and gave information to all Cos.

2 April 1945Time

- 0200 Note: Time change 1 hour forward.
- 0850 Corrected copy March Order.
- 1000 Fatal 6 in CP (departs 1010)
- 1015 Meg to S-3 giving CP's companies, and roadblocks.
- 1016 Overlay Co areas, CP's and roadblocks to Co Comdrs.
- 1700 CP open DAHN.

3 April 1945

PLACE: DAHN, GERMANY

Time

- 0820 CP closed LIMBERGERHOF.
- 0830 Troops leave LIMBERGERHOF.
- 1110 March unit closed DAHN.
- 1122 Blue 6 in CP.
- 1125 Liaison O in CP with G-2 Report.

4 April 1945Time

- Blue 3 to K and L: Want number of Doctors, Hospitals, Ambulances, and population.
- 1002 Love 6 to CP; (Change in area - ERLLENBACH to be given King -- they already have town garrisoned.)
- 1010 Liaison O with G-2 periodic report.
- 1012 Blue 6 to Fatal 6: Want to know about refugees (Move back to towns if town is under government - get list of places they want to go) LUDWIGSWINKLE, bombed out (Appoint a Burgomeister - on food deal can issue special passes to travel between towns) (You have complete authority on that).

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5 April 1945Time

- 0805 Reinforcement Company to Blue 1: Have 7 reinforcements here -- can be picked up at 1330 today.
- 0945 Blue 5 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$: Notify all Cos. that effective April 6 curfew will be changed to 2000.
- 1100 Recd G-2 report - AMG Memo #1 dated 4 April 45.
- 0828 Lt. Goodrich - Blue 5: The dead soldiers will be picked up in the morning by 411th men. The only person who knows the location is sick in bed today.
- 0830 Blue 5-King 6: Would like you to put on a guard at the end of town on the road that leads past the hospital - Their secondary purpose will be to keep an eye on the last two houses - We moved some German people out and put in some French and Russians that were used as slave labor.
- 0843 Blue 5 to Fatal 2: Reporting a large amount of German equipment (Blankets, food, etc). You can send a truck for it at any time.
- 2120 Blue 8 to Blue 5: All salvage EN or American S/A ammo to be turned in to Bn Ammo officer. All explosives to be piled up and location of piles reported to Blue 8 -- care being taken for booby traps (info disseminated to Cos).
- 2145 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: No preparation for move until further orders, perhaps tomorrow. Have quartering party stand by (No change in mission?) No Will you 6 - 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks to move when they come. Not rush job. No need to bother with rest of area on passes, just Mike area.
- 2155 Fatal 3 to CP: Your S-3 to attend meeting here at 0900 tomorrow.

6 April 1945Time

- 1145 Recevd Int Notes #10 (S) dated 2 April 45. Dist #28, I; #27, K's #30, L; #31, M; #27, File through M/C.
- 1145 Received overlay of new area.
- 1900 Liaison officer in CP with notes on move.
- 2055 Blue 6 to Fatal 3: Need some trucks to aid assembly of troops (Will see to it that you get them).
- 2130 Fatal 6 to 3: Would like your 6 - 3 and 5 up here as soon as convenient.
- 2235 O. I. # 30 Received.

7 April 1945Time

- 0845 All Companies notified to assemble in their CP towns and relieve AT trucks when complete.
- 0920 Quartering party sets out.
- 1040 Blue 3 gives movement order to Company Commanders.
- 1840 CP opened SCHONAU.
- 1850 CP closed DAHN.
- 2145 Bn closed in new area.

8 April 1945Time

- 0925 Sketch of installations M/C.

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8 April 1945

- 1025 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Situation as of date - Plans for future and action to be taken - Townsto be cleaned out - Look for cub landing field near Battalion Zone.
- 1110 Blue 3 to Mag Center: Go to all Cos but Item - Company CO's report to Blue CP.

9 April 1945Time

- 1055 Lt. Baldus in CP - Regt'l CP moving to northern part of HEIDELBERG.
- 1140 Blue to Blue 1 $\frac{1}{2}$: Regt'l CP moving to northern part of HEIDELBERG.
- 2256 Fatal 2 to Blue 5: Asks plans for demonstration and lecture scheduled for 10 April 1945 by IPW officer - (Lecture at 1000 AM - at 5 AM town civilian activity will be rounded up. Love Company's CP.

10 April 1945Time

- 1000 Demonstration Lecture called off.

11 April 1945Time

- 1430 Lt. Baldus with Periodic Report of G-2 and also notes.
- 1648 Critical points.

12 April 1945

(No entries).

13 April 1945Time

- 1030 Gen. Pierce - Blue 6 (at CP) Wants to know any problems in zone.
- 1620 Periodic report by Liaison Officer.
- 1649 Situation as of date.
- 1925 Blue 3 - Item, Mike, King: Thirty minutes of close order drill each day. Notify me what time of day it will take place.
- 1938 Blue 3 - All Cos - Close Order Drill must be in the morning.
1000 - 1030 King
0900 - Item 1030

14 April 1945Time

- 0801 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: You will have one Company motorized and ready to move on thirty minutes notice - will send trucks to you.
- 0810 Blue 3 to Bn Motor Sgt: Have the five trucks sent to Item right away.

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PLACE: SCHONAU, GERMANY

0900 G-2 Periodic Report 13 April 1945.
 0900 G-2 Periodic Report 14 April 1945.
 0930 AF Code.
 1634 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Come down to CP.
 1640 Blue 6 sends for Mike 6 and Item 6.
 1710 Blue 6 t&Co Comdrs depart for Regtl CP.
 2230 Blue 3 to CP: Notify Mike and Item to move by 0900 tomorrow. 5-6 trucks to each company.
 2232 CP to Item 6: Notified of details on Move.
 2340 Message to Love thru Message Center.

16 April 1945Time

PLACE: NECKARSTEINACH, GERMANY

0815 Trucks report to OP - sent to Item.
 0914 Chaplains Report.
 1300 CP opened NECKARSTEINACH.
 1350 CP closed SCHONAU.
 2030 Overlay Item Company and list posts.

17 April 1945Time

1030 Rec'd G-2 periodic report dated 17 Apr 1945.
 1320 6 and 3 depart. (return 1820)
 1708 Overlay to Regt. thru M/G (File)
 2227 Meetings at Fatal 3 tomorrow: 0800 - Bn S-3; 0830 - Bn S-1 & Quartering Pty.
 2245 Blue Ln Officer to CP: Have the five (5) trks at your CP, I'll pick them up at 0700. They will go to displaced persons camp. If they are released at noon, We'll pick them up and bring them back - otherwise they may not return until tomorrow evening. (Moving NE) - (36 Notified).

18 April 1945Time

0845 Blue 3 to Blue 6: Not to move until tomorrow. Only Mike & Item.
 1117 Mike relief complete 1000. Item relief complete 1100.
 1120 G-2 Periodic Report.
 1146 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: We do not move today - plans cancelled.
 1148 Item and Mike notified.
 1211 Fatal 3 to CP: Stop all movement to forward areas. As elements are relieved have them assembled in present areas.
 1314 Msg to Item by Pfc Bradsher.
 1320 Blue 6 departs for Regt.
 1512 Officer from 65th Reports to relieve road blocks in NECKARSTEINACH.
 1635 King 6 to cp: Am back in CP town - didn't locate men sent for. Capt Denges to locate guide and contact you.
 1920 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Col. May to be up tonight.
 2350 Ln 0 in CP with note on new OI - Move tomorrow - Cross IP 1400.

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19 April 1945

Time
0020 Blue 3 to King 6: Move tomorrow - 1400 IP time. Quartering party here by 0900.
0024 Blue 3 to Mike 5: Ditto above.
0030 Msg to Love and Item thru M/C.
0745 Blue CP to King 6: OO meeting 0900.
0750 CP to Fatal 3: No further information. Order will be down as soon as possible.
1027 G-2 Periodic Report.
1028 Ln O with Overlay route and area. Notes on MO.
1345 CP closed NECKARSTEINACH.
1410 Troops cross IP.
1635 CP open GEDDELSBACH.
1730 Organics closed.
1815 Personnel carriers closed.
1820 Report Bn closed.
2200 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Come down to CP for night (6 departs).
2325 Blue 6 returns.

20 April 1945

Time
1030 Warning order on move by 1200. Cos notified to serve early chow in preparation for move.
1230 Fatal 3 to Blue 6: Report to Regt (6 departs).
1332 All Co Comdrs to report to CP.
1400 Blue 6 in CP - Meeting with all Co Comdrs. Gives fragmentary order. Order march: Love and 1 plat MG, Sec 81 mm FO's; Command Grp; K Co 1 plat MG; M Co (81's); I Co; A & P; Medics; Engrs; TD's; Chem mortars; Cn Co; Radio silence until detrucking.
1442 Blue 6 to Col May: Need plat Rcn for pnt. Half attachment haven't arrived TD's and Chem mortars. Overlay issued.
1453 G-2 Periodic Report.
1515 Fame 5 in CP.
1553 Fatal 5 orders 6 to go ahead without "K" Co. 6 says to send K as soon as they receive Trks.
1600 Fatal 5 says K has trucks; will have them attache themselves to tail of column. Later - if K does not catch on our column, they will atch themselves to tail of 1st Bn column.
1612 CP to Fatal 3: Bn (minus K) cleared at 1608. K started to roll at 1610.
1618 Fatal 5: Infiltration started behind Crown - push on with utmost speed all night. (This msg given to "K" with request to deliver to Maj. Lampert).
1702 CP to Fatal 3: Red Bn with atchmt cleared here at 1701.
2015 Fatal 3 to Blue 1: Moving CP to WEILSHEIM..
2020 CP closed...GEDDLESBACH (on route Bn CP located to be UHINGEN).

21 April 1945

PLACE: UHINGEN, GERMANY

Time
0400 CP open UHINGEN.
1030 Msg rec'd approx 0130: Relay to friendly comdr with your Ln O. Do not go beyond 3412 --3613 area. Your adj on way to meet him at 3412.

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Time
1045 Co Commanders in CP - receive orders.
1108 Msg to Fatal: (Radio) Preparing to receive elements of 2d Bn, 71st Inf Div. Request your O.K.
1206 Fatal 6 in CP: Left Div bdy UHINGEN - BISSEN. Right bdy River. Move to KIRSCHHEIM. Blue 6: K, L, I Route March. HMG & Mortars on carrier. MG plat with K. To Fatal 6: will move by 1400.
1245 Fame 2 in CP: Corps moving to ALDORF.
1400 CP closed UHINGEN.
1820 CP opened KIRSCHHEIM.
1920 Column Kraut vehicles reported closing in on KIRSCHHEIM. Air working them over.
1945 Fatima Co Comdr in CP reports his unit pinned down - jeeps knocked out.
1955 Fatal 6 in CP: oriented on present situation by Blue 6.
2015 Report through Arty: Kraut white flag coming in west side of town.
2020 Blue 6 and Fatal 6 depart for OCA.
2022 Officer from C troop 90th Cav. asked for and rec'd situation. Will be ptrling this town all night.
2023 Lt. Ford oriented on situation of Fatima command group and dispatched to create diversion to assist their withdrawal.
2037 Lt Keough reports his CO tied in both side, TD's in position.
2044 243 to Blue 3: No means to contact Fatima White - Don't have channel.
2107 Blue 6 to CP: We will remain here tonight.
2201 Blue 6 in CP.
2205 Col Caspar in CP - pulled out of ambush OK.

22 April 1945

PLACE: KIRSCHHEIM, GERMANY

Time
0008 Fatal 6 departs.
0055 Lines to K, L, M expect I to be in soon.
0100 Cavalry Recon reported in CP - Defensive patrolling of town - Nothing unusual has happened.
0218 Item line is in.
0845 Msg to CO 410 thru radio: Do you have any additional orders for me?
0850 TF Hankin pulling out.
0852 CP to I, K, L: Have CO report to CP immediately (Roger 0912).
0905 Msg by 193: Change 694 frequency 4515 immediately. Acknowledge.
0940 Msg by 193: Start assembling your Bn at once. Order for movement later.
0955 Radio Msg to Regtl CO: Need 92 Rations for atchd Engrs & TD's. Urgent.
0956 Blue 6 to IKL: Start Assembling Cos. Order later.
1035 Fatal 6 in CP: (departs 1120).
1055 Overlay Regt'l zone to all Co's and attachments.
1150 Blue to give fragmentary MO to Co Comdrs in CP.
1300 G-2 periodic report 21st April.
1305 Critical points to all Cos.
1320 Fatal 2 in CP with order - one Company (k) to attack town of HARINGEN. Reported 100 Kraut there. Blue 6 attaches 1 sec MG's; 1 sec 81's; Cn Co gives mission to King.
1500 King and attachments pull out.
1700 Meeting of Co Comdrs and Attachments.
1710 Msg thru 193: Send chemical mortar man to CP 410 to draw rations for their platoon.
1712 King 6 to Blue 6: 200 yds from town. Sending patrol in from Love 6.

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Time
 1745 Ln 0 in CP with MO: Move to WEILHEIM immediately.
 1750 Msg from King 6 to Blue 6: We are sweeping woods around town. Patrols not returned yet.
 1752 King 6 to Blue 6: The town is cleared; there is nothing in it. (1744)
 1755 Blue 6 to King 6: Move your entire Co back to WEILHEIM by foot immediately.
 1800 Blue 6 to Fatal 6: Is it expected to make quick move from your town? (yes) Like to remain here in that case - would take only few moments longer to move. King and atchmts needs additional 8 lwb to move. (Move on order).
 1830 Details on move given Co Comdrs and attachments.
 1845 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Move to this town.
 2010 CP closed KIRSCHHEIM.
 2050 CP opened WEILHEIM (A D Tech).
 2115 Rec'd overlay from Ln Officer.
 2134 Msg to all Cos and attachments re: ration set-up.

23 April 1945

PLACE: WEILHEIM, GERMANY

Time
 0015 By Ln Officer: Be prepared to move on 15 minutes notice after daylight today. (23 April) by motor.
 1st and 2d Bn took towns (their objectives).
 10th Arm'd is at EHINGEN - French have column West of them.
 0027 Msg to all COs and attachments: All Cos and all attachments will be prepared to move on ten (10) minutes after 0615 today.
 0555 Ln 0: 3 or 6 rpt at Regt at once.
 0605 6 departs to Fatal 3.
 0605 All units: Your CO report to this CP at once.
 0625 6 returns: Issues march order and overlay; order of march - Plat of M; Co Comdrs; L; I; M; Cml Plat; TD's; Engrs; Cn Co.
 0700 Column rolls.
 0745 SOI: Critical points.
 0950 CP closed WEILHEIM.
 1120 CP opened GUTTENBERG.
 1140 Msg to 1 from 6: Meet me at RJ NW of town (1 and 2 depart).
 1145 Fatal 2 in CP: Fatal 5 orders road blocked E of town.
 AT; AP; Guard Plats (60 men) to outpost along crest of ridge - 3294)
 1200 COs of all attachments (except Cn Co) report at CP.
 1230 Cn Co firing short into Item - (Cn notified).
 1248 Blue 1 to Fatal OP: What is situation? (Fancy helping White)
 1345 Blue 6 in CP: Ordered to push on.
 1405 May to Blue 6: Might be able to get air on town. (I want it) Let you know before 1430.
 1408 Blue 1 to Fatal OP: Might be able to help transport prisoners from town.
 1410 Fatal 5 to Blue 6: Air Mission will be completed in 40 min. (Will secure road). Don't get within 1000 meters of town - if get further info will let you know. (How about tanks?) Going to Red's objective to hold advance at point of woods.
 1415 Blue 6 departs.
 1440 Fatal OP to Blue 1: White situation clearing up.

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- 1945 Blue 1 to Capt. Thorne: Moving to OBER LENNIGAN.
 2025 Blue 3 to CP: Want radio set up with long antenna.
 2030 Blue 3 to Fatal 2: (Situation same).
 2040 Blue 3 to CP: Move 4.2's to your town and have Officer report here (Fatal 6: What is situation?) About same. (What direction did they come from?) Came in down draw to East. At present all around us except road that leads in Item on East and South - Love South and West. King has couple platoons on hill to North. (Advise taking hill from north - are trying to hold here Istit best to hold town or pull back (think best to hold here - have something to defend).
 2050 Blue 3 to CP: Want another wire to this town (Notified wiremen).
 2114 Blue 3 to CP: Want 110 line - not simplex.
 2204 Blue 1 to Capt Thorne: (Fancy and Fatal Red holding same town) (Mission Fancy clearing ridge called off).
 2009 Blue 1 to Blue 3: 4.2's can't support you from this town. (Why?) Much better position. (Keep him here with radio and other officer there) Send Novas up with medic jeep.
 Blue 1 to CP: (Situation quiet) like to have .50 for defense of town (will try) - are Krauts behind you on ridge? (Yes).
 Bn pulling into your town and will outpost it.

24 April 1945Time

- 0926 Blue 5 to Blue 6: Attached to Fancy. 17 trks not enough. (Find out type of opposition so know what to leave).
 0928 Blue 5 to Fatal 2: (Long move - we will take care of trucks).
 0929 Fancy to Blue 5: Send small quartering party to CP - same town as MO.
 0930 Blue 5 to Blue 6: Fancy wants rcn element to go to our area (Will send Ford and Staff).
 0945 Fatal 3 to Blue 5: Assemble Bn at BOHRINGEN. All attachments relieved (all in BOHRINGEN).
 0950 Blue 5 to Blue 6: Ordered to assemble in your town.
 1000 CP closed GUTTENBERG.
 1600 CP opened BOHRINGEN.
 1640 Engrs leave to check road to URACH.
 1654 Fatal 6 in CP: probably moving tomorrow morning.
 1703 Fatal 2 to Fatal 6: 3 advisesthat Fame will not agree to switch Fancy White for Fatal Blue. Fame states switch will probably be made tomorrow (signed 1545).
 1708 Blue 3 in CP says Blue will go with Fatal.
 1722 Blue 6 returns to CP.
 1815 Ln 0 in CP with following message: Contact White 409 and tell them that they will move with Regt. Have Bn MTO to Regt CP to pick up trucks.
 1830 Msg to Fancy White by M/C.
 1920 Ln 0 with fragmentary M/O: 3d Bn moves first - 20 lwb - rcn group to regt.
 1937 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Moving immediately - within hour.
 1953 Blue 1 to Blue Ln: Sathe has $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton I need to move.
 2020 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Order will be right down - you can start moving your attachments.

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- 1455 Blue 1 to Fatal 2: (Tanks going down to Red - White reports Eny driven out of town except small portion - Easy clearing ridge - 409 to join them and clean area West of town. S/A and sniper fire from woods).
- 1503 Blue 1 to Blue 3: (Gave advice).
- 1526 Blue 3 to CP: Call up Engrs. Air mission cancelled. King working ridge
- 1532 Engrs depart.
- 1605 Blue 6 to Blue 1: Am meeting nothing - Krauts pulling back (Call changed to Fatal - busy).
- 1617 Blue 3 to Blue 1: King met resistance on top of ridge.
- 1630 4.2 Mortar men report Kraut at (273957) - don't fire - King on top of ridge, met resistance. Love started along draw.
- 1745 Blue 3 to CP; Need Radio batteries. (Will send to same place).
- 1751 Capt Burns to CP: Send L Co vehicle with ammo trailer.
- 1800 Blue 1 to Blue 3: (King on ridge, hasn't progressed much - Love sent up reinforced Platoon).
- 1811 Blue 1 to Capt Thorne: Krauts on saddle above 4.2's. Want to get them out (Will get right on it).
- 1845 Thorne to Blue 1: Fancy to comb ridge before they pull out. (Will they come down to King?) No, don't think so.
- 1901 Blue 3 to Blue 1: At 1910 would like some stuff on GRAUBERSLETTEN.
- 1905 Blue 1 to CP - will fire on 1920 - driver can't make it by that time. Will be delayed action.
- 1906 Blue 1 to CP - FO from 384 here - coming there (tell him not to bring jeep all the way).
- 1915 Blue Ln to Blue 3: Krauts digging in on hill to our west (Love drawn back to town - King on ridge).
- 1927 Blue 6 to Fatal 6: King stopped cold - c/a into south edge town - nearly surrounded. 1 Plat Love back. (Hang on - trying to button up this town) do you want me to come back there? Woudn't they cut supply? They can anyway - they hold high ground. How about 1 Company (would have to be 2 - King not in good position) They can come between us and White (What good do you do King) None - Kraut between me and him. (Can't let them cut road - if you have to pull King back part way) There is nothing on east side of draw (Dig in and hang on) Can't you pull back behind King and support them? Do you want me to outpost your town? (Not with entire Bn) Not interested in your town but am interested in MSR - you don't protect route from here) (Thinking of moving back into town to prevent attack). Our planes are strafing Kraut on hill - I'll try to hold where I am (town you're in doesn't mean anything to me - want to hold road-- it's on your responsibility -we'll hold here or get out - if you have to give ground to hold properly we'll hold - want to hold this pocket - drop back to other side of MSR if you have to. Fancy White on top of ridge. (Might prize us loose and enable advance) (Just hold on). I can move behind King and let Krauts have valley (6 to 1): Move back to OBER LENNIGAN.

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- 0055 #3 and command group minus 6 in OP.
Bn closed in.
- 0137 Fatal 6 in OP: Col. May will be down to take command of the Bn, and will issue his instructions. Will move before morning. (Departs 0141).
- 0145 Col May assumes command of Bn: Orients 2 and 3 on plans for the day's operations. Move Bn (-K) RJ near BOHRINGEN by daylight, start marching at 0515. Mission of atk from BOHRINGEN, West. Order of march: I plus 1 plat minus HMG; L plus 1 Plat HMG; M Mortar Platoon; Tactical Vehicles.
- 0200 6 issues order to Co Commanders: (See #4) Tight adv guard formation. Wpn carriers with troops until right turn before going up hill, then follow column by bounds. Bn OP remain here until town secure then move to BOHRINGEN. CP on move, head of L Co. Com by 300 radio initially. AT, Cml mortars, TD's, Engrs, follow column. On Co furnish FO with I Company, and guns remain in position. (Follow Bn by 45 minutes).
- 0513 Blue 6 and Forward Group departs.
- 0814 Fatal 6 to Blue 5: Your bn is to be stopped, assembled, and turned over to Div for motor move. Report here immediately for instructions.
- 0825 Blue 5 to Blue 6: King doesn't have motors yet (stay there and notify me of all that goes on - stay with Regt).
- 0850 Blue 5 in OP: Bn attached to Fancy - Col Mitchell taking our Bn.
Fancy MO to Blue 5: Have your MO report to OTHLINGEN. Tech immediately for trks (17).
- 0906 Green 6 - Blue 5: Relieved of atachment to you.
- 0912 Blue 5 to Fatal 2: Fancy called us to pick up 17 trks - not enough - give men some help with Division.

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25 April 1945Time

0200 Closed CP Gutenberg.
 0445 CP open LONSEE.
 0545 Bn closed.
 0740 Major Yow requisitions CP for Div.
 0842 Item platoon sent out as guard for billeting party.
 0855 CP closed - LONSEE.
 0930 CP opened - WESLERSTERSTETTEN.
 1000 Bn closed in TD's.
 1100 Col Mitchell assumes command of Bn.

PLACE: WESLERSTERSTETTEN, GER.

25 April 1945Time

1110 Meeting of Co Comdrs at 1300.
 1200 Fatal 6 in CP: Call meeting CO's. Gives Regtl bdy. Moving immediately. Same attachments (Chem Mortars last) Blue 6 instructs 3 to start Rcn for small roads to avoid conflicting traffic.
 1220 Blue 3 to Co Comdrs and Attachments: Attack order L I K Bollen HMG w/1 SOCHLEBEN HMG with King. Weapons on carrier. Move at 1300.
 1300 G-2 Periodic Report.
 1325 Column leaves WESTERSLETTEN.
 1354 Fatal 3 to CP: I & R contacted en south of BERMERSHEIN. 5 PW.
 1355 Msg to all Cos: "Turn on your 300 SCR call half-hour and on the hour.
 1416 Radio: Give us your position (1 km south of ESTALL on RJ) Have you made en contact? (We have 4 PW. 3 men wounded(En).
 1445 CP closed WESTERSLETTEN.
 1645 Bn closed JUHINGEN.
 1655 CP open JUHINGEN.
 1745 Fatal 3 to CP: Armor to cross tonight - no indication that you are not to attempt to cross.
 1755 Fatal 6 in CP - gives situation - location of advance Co. (approx) Fatal 6: Have 7 boats on trucks --discusses details of landing opposition.
 1759 Thru Artillery radio: Tanks and Inf of Fancy passed thru THALFINGEN took 15 PW's (1745).
 1810 Blue 6 departs on rcn.
 1932 Fatal 6 in CP (departs 1944).
 1945 Blue 3 discusses river crossing with Company commanders. Boats to be mounted on jeep trailers.
 2100 Blue 3 - Fatal 3: (Settle down for the night - boats being taken away).
 2114 Blue 3 to Love 6: Get present situation (Have about 15 Kraut so far, and believe to have about 20 more cornered). In case you run into any trouble be sure to call.

26 April 1945Time

0300 Lt. Baldus brings information on bridge crossing.
 0315 Lt. Baldus to Blue 3: Bridgehead established by Fancy. Estimated that bridge will be complete in 7 hours.
 0630 Meeting of Company and atchmt Comdrs 0730. Alert to move 0900.

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0740 Company commanders meet with Blue 6.
 0855 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Picture changed - you may go earlier - another bridge. See me here.
 0915 Blue 6 departs.
 1002 G-2 periodic report.
 1015 Blue ret to CP: Alert for 15 min move - Co Comdrs at CP 1045 and atchmts- Love to move to this town. Blue CP to Love 6: Move to this town - chow here - will close there approximately 1145.
 1100 Blue 3 to Red 3: (Will notify you when I pull out).
 1105 Fatal 6 in CP: (Departs 1110) - to be ready to leave 1130 following Red.
 1230 CP closed JUHINGEN.
 2130 Open CP NEIDHAUSEN.
 2145 Kraut reported by Lt. Henry in woods NE BIBERACHZEL.
 2150 Love moves out to clear next town.
 2152 Blue 6 departs for Regt.
 2200 Msg to all cos - not to strip down - may be moving on.
 2240 Message: from Fatal 6: 200 En coming out of AUTENREID (865770) toward BIBERBERG (835755) Message believed coming from recon unit to your left rear. (2142).
 2241 Message: Civilian arrived from REICHENBACH (830705) reports town full of Krauts. Get them. (2015).
 Have intercepted Msg: My Recon Patrol unit first patrol on from OBER* HAUSEN (2105).
 2400 Message: Blue 6 to Blue 3: Report present situation. Blue 6 here. Has Whipps arrived? Plan to shuttle tomorrow.

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PLACE: NEIDHAUSEN, GERMANY

Time

0030 Blue 6 to Blue 3: Pull Love back. Will have transportation tomorrow.
 0100 Blue 6 in CP: woke tips 0130.
 0300 CP closed NEIDHAUSEN.
 0430 Bn entrucked and mobile - starts on mission.
 1330 Closed BAD-WORISHOFFEN - Holding for orders.
 1800 CP opens BAD - WORISHOFFEN.
 1830 SOI Critical Points and AF Code.
 2010 Overlays new situation and FALDEN sheets issued Cos and attachments.

28 April 1945

PLACE: BAD - WORISHEIM

Time

0120 Fatal 6 to Blue 6: Prepare to move. Come to my CP.
 0135 Blue 6 departs.
 0330 Blue 6 returns with March Order.
 0500 Bn CP closed - BAD-WORISHEIM.
 0520 Column pulled out.
 1500 CP opens BIRNBEREN.
 1810 Blue 3 to all Cos and attachments: Local security only tonight.

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PLACE: BIRNBEURER, GERMANY

29 April 1945Time

0740 Meeting all Co Comdrs and attachments 0800 through M/C.
 0820 Blue 6 meets with Comdrs all Cos and attachments.
 1000 Fatal 6 in OP - movement order.
 1120 Blue 6 completes issuance Movement order to Comdrs.
 1135 Msg thru Radio: No. 2 1140.
 1140 Opns Memo #10.
 1150 G-2 Periodic Report 27-28 April
 1200 OP closed BERNBEURER.
 1600 OP open TRAUCHGAU.
 1820 Fatal 6 in OP (departs 1900).

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PLACE: TRAUCHGAU, GERMANY.

Time

0800 Alert to move on 30 min notice.
 0845 Fatal 6 in OP (departs 0900).
 0905 Blue 6 to Red 5: Sending combat patrol to ALTNAN. Have you any people there? (Yes - will notify them).
 0910 Blue 6 gives order on patrol across country to ALTNAN. Patrol to continue to move - returning all fire but not stopping. To return by same route.
 1030 Lt. Lynch sent to pick up director of factory - leader local SS.
 1230 Director in #5 in OP.
 1302 Blue 2 returns to OP from Patrol to ALTNAN. 10 prisoners. Indications of artillery leaving that territory.
 1316 Fatal 3 to Blue 3: Sending down trucks to be attended to you for movement. No indication for movement in next four hours.
 1414 Strafed by Kraut planes.
 1545 Fatal 5 to OP: Can you get Bn on trks furnished (Will try, think so - trucks just came).
 1825 G-2 Periodic Report.

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