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SECTION VII

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6299-G
CHAMOIS, FRANCE
072300A Nov 44

OPERATION INSTRUCTION)

NUMBER 1)

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1. INFORMATION:

a. 103 Inf Div relieves elements 3 Inf Div in Z commencing night 9/10 Nov. Relief to be completed by 0600A, 13 Nov 44.

b. RCT 6299-G (- Arty) relieves RCT 30 (- Arty) plus Atchd and supporting units on night 10/11 Nov 44. CO Rct 6299-G assumes command of Z by 0900A, 11 Nov 44.

2. MOVEMENT:

a. RCT 6299-G moves via points 7, 2, 5, to Z, passes point 1 by 1300A, 10 Nov 44 moves via route 7, 2, 5 organic vehicles leading, personnel vehicles halt at "SPIDER WEB" (3466) for detrucking. 30 Inf guides meet foot troops at Spider Web leading them to position organic vehicles each Bn guided to assembly areas by HW Co CO's of respective Bns.

b. 23 - 2½ ton Trks assigned to each Bn for move will be spotted at Sv Co turn-around at 1100, 10 Nov 44.

c. M.U.'s leave Sv Co area 15 minutes prior to IP time, lead vehicle 1st M.U. cross IP 1200.

d. M.U. headways 7 mins; time gap between march serials 30 minutes.

3. ORDER OF MARCH:

1st Serial

1 MU Co H	IP
2 MU Hq Co 2d Bn & organic E, F, G.	1200
3 MU Organic Co I & Hq Co 1st Bn	1207
4 MU Co D	1214
	1221

Serial Comdr: CO Co H.

2d Serial

1 MU Organic A, B, C & Hq 3d Bn	1253
2 MU Co M	1253
3 MU Personnel Carriers E, F, G & Co I	1300
4 MU Personnel Carriers A, B, C	1307
	1314

3d Serial

1 MU Organic Vehicles K, L & Engr Co	1341
2 MU AT Co	

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3 MU Cn Co
4 Personnel Carriers K & L

IP

1355
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4th Serial

1 MU Hq & Hq Co 6299-G & Regtl Med Det
2 MU Collecting Co
3 MU Service Co

1439
1446
1453

4. OCCUPATION OF POSITION:

a. 1 Bn 6299-G, relieve & occupy positions elements 30 Inf on line HERRAVILLE (3868) (inclusive) to Rd bend at (393685) gain and maintain contact with 15 Inf on N (left) flank.

b. 2 Bn relieve and occupy positions elements 30 Inf on line Rd Bend (393685) - (382649) occupy LA BOLLE with rifle platoon Reinf relieving elements 30 Inf therein.

c. 3d Bn with one company relieve and occupy positions elements 30 Inf from (382,648) to Rd Bend (371641) gain and maintain contact with 6299-F on R flank occupy hill 621 (3765) and high ground S hill 659 (3666).

d. AT Co - occupy position AT Co 30 Inf.

e. Cn Co - occupy position Cn Co 30 Inf.

f. Co B, Engr Bn - occupy position Engr Co in Z 30 Inf.

g. Co B, Med Bn - occupy position Coll Co in Z 30 Inf.

5. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Commanders of 3d Inf Div units will retain command of respective zones until their troops vacate the area and the new commander indicates readiness to assume command.

b. Tactical positions of units to be relieved will be taken over intact. Any adjustments desired by the Comdr of the relieving unit will be made after he has assumed comd of the position.

c. Detailed arrangements for the conduct of the relief with RCTs will be made between the comdrs concerned.

d. The following 3d Inf Div personnel will report to and remain with relieving units for 48 hrs following completion of relief for the purpose of acquainting now units with details of the ground situation:

- (1) Exec Officer of regts and Bns.
- (2) Exec Officer of Co's.
- (3) 1 NCO per Plat.

e. 3d Inf Div units will provide guides for all relieving units down to include Plats, Bn, and separate unit guides will be assembled at Spider Web. Co guides will be assembled in Bn Hq, and Plat guides will assemble at Co Hq.

f. 3d Inf Div armor will remain in position until replaced by AT guns of relieving units.

g. Extra rations and small arms ammo over and above basic loads will be turned over to relieving units on positions.

h. Hq of RCT 30 down to incl Co's will turn over to comdr of relieving units concerned, detailed overlays or sketches of positions.

1. Relieving units will take over existing wire lines intact. Communications installations of relieved units will remain in operation until relieving unit's parallel installations are in operation.

5. SECURITY MEASURES:

a. Purpose: To insure the secrecy of the concentration of the RCT 6299-G (-) in its bivouac area, and to postpone for as long a time as possible, the enemy's discovery that a relief has taken place in the zone of the 30 Inf.

b. Measures to be taken:

(1) Dumps, bivouacs, command post, and gun positions will be thoroughly camouflaged prior to occupation.

(2) Work incident to the construction of positions in the open will be confined to the hours of darkness, or to daylight periods of poor visibility.

(3) Reconnaissance parties in forward areas will be held to the minimum. Recon personnel of 6299-G will display no identifying insignia of their own.

(4) Motor movements in forward areas, when conducted during the hours of darkness will be under blackout conditions.

(5) Registration of Cn Co will be accomplished by single guns moved to new positions in advance.

(6) Radios of the 6299-G and attached units will take over all AM and SCR 300 frequencies now in use by reld units of 30 Inf. 6299-G will use daily changing call signs of reld units of 30 Inf. until 0100, 13 Nov. Thereafter, call signs will be those assigned by current SOI.

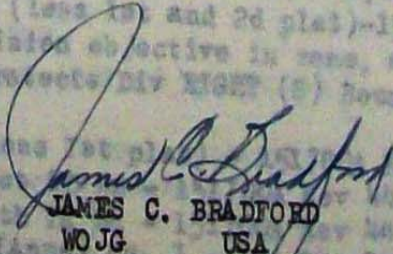
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1 Incl - Route Overlay (movement)

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(1) Atka thru 410th INF in zone (Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay).
Makes main effort on its right.
object in zone. Assists the attack of the 409th INF.
(2) One Bn remains in assembly area (Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay)
to be committed on Div Order only.
attached: 1st Plat Co B 756th Tr Bn - 151700Z Nov 44
2nd Plat Co B 756th Tr Bn - 151700Z Nov 44

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- (1) Supports atk of division with fire support
supporting fires with 411th INF
supporting fires assists the 411th INF
(2) Assembles 2nd and 3d Bns as Div
(3) 1st Bn continues to hold present
with 3d Div on B and eggs particular attention to possible
counter atk from VIC ST DIE.
(4) Maintain stocks on Hill 405 at rear of
chemical sorters.

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Date: 140035A Nov 44
Hq 103d Inf Div
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- (3) 409th IA Bn in direct support 411th INF.
General support prepared to revert to direct support of 410th INF on Div Order.
1. a. See INT ANNEX No 2.
b. Friendly:
 - (1) 36th Div holds on SOUTH (R) flank.
 - (2) 3d Div holding on NORTH (L) flank.
 - (3) The Corps Artillery and the 534 AAA Bn supports the atk of the Div.
 - (4) 12th TAC provides maximum air support, weather permitting.
 - (5) 3rd Bn 36th Engr Regt supports 103d INF DIV by assisting Div Engr in maintenance of roads and in clearing mines in captured areas in rear of Div.
 2. 103d INF DIV atks H hour D day Nov 44 with 409th INF and 411th INF abreast to seize and hold high ground SW ST DIE (Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay).
LD: PRESENT FRONT LINE.
ATTACHMENTS: Co C 601st TD Bn
Co B 756th Tk Bn
Co B 3d Cml Bn
 3. a. 409th INF
Attached: Co B 756th Tk Bn (less 3rd platoon) - 151700A Nov 44.
Co C 601st TD Bn (less 1st and 2d plat)-151700A Nov 44.
(1) Atks, seizes, and holds division objective in zone, maintains contact with 36th Div and protects Div RIGHT (S) Boundary.
b. 411th INF
Attached: Co B 3d Cml Bn (less 1st plat) - 151700A Nov 44
1st Plat Co C 601st TD Bn - 151700A Nov 44
3rd Plat Co B 756th Tk Bn - 151700A Nov 44
(1) Atks thru 410th INF in zone (Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay).
Makes main effort on its right. Seizes and holds Division object in zone. Assists the attack of the 409th INF.
(2) One Bn remains in assembly area (Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay) to be committed on Div Order only.
c. 410th INF
Attached: 1st Plat Co B 3d Cml Bn - 151700A Nov 44
2nd Plat Co C 601st TD Bn - 151700A Nov 44

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- c. (1) Supports atk of division with fire until masked. Coordinates supporting fires with 411th INF and 409th INF. Mass of the Division supporting fires assists the 411th INF.
- (2) Assembles 2nd and 3d Bns as Div Res on Div order.
- (3) 1st Bn continues to hold present position, maintains contact with 3d Div on H and pays particular attention to possible counter atk from VIC ST DIE.
- (4) Maintain smoke on HILL 468 at V412675 commencing H-5 with chemical mortars.

d. 103d DIV ARTY, reinforced, supports the atk of the Div

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- (1) Arty preparation from H-15 to H.
- (2) 382nd FA Bn in direct support 409th INF.
- (3) 928th FA Bn in direct support 411th INF.
- 383d FA Bn in general support prepared to revert to Direct Support of 410th INF on Div Order.
- 384th FA Bn in General Support.

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- (3) Arty annex, see Annex No. 3.

e. 328th ENGR Bn

Support the advance of the Div with particular attention to bridging and mine clearing. Co A in direct support of 409th INF; Co C in direct support of 411th INF.

f. Co C 601st TD Bn, See Attachments, Par 3 a, b. Commanders report to Commanders of units to which they are attached at 141200A Nov 44 for instructions.

g. Co B 756th Tk Bn, See Attachments, Par 3 a, b. Commanders report to commanders of units to which they are attached at 141200A Nov 44 for instructions.

h. Co B 3d Cml Bn, See Attachments, Par 3 b, c. Commanders report to commanders of units to which they are attached at 141200A Nov 44 for instructions.

j. 103d RCN TR await orders in present assembly area. Establishes and maintains one Division OP in the zone of the 409th INF and one in the zone of the 411th INF.

k. Div Res

- (1) Initially one (1) Bn 411th INF.
- (2) 2nd and 3d Bns 410th INF when ordered by Div.

x. (1) Contact: SOP.

- (2) Rcn limited to small parties. Utmost secrecy will be maintained to prevent any disclosure of troop movements.

4. AIM DETAILS: See AIM ORDER #1.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. 411th INF maintain radio silence until H-15 day. (D)
- b. Axis of Signal Communication: See Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay.

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c. CPs

TO: Division: No change. Infantry.

Division Arty: No change.

410th INF: No change.

Advance CPs 409th INF, 411th INF: See Annex No. 1 - Opn Overlay.

and devotion to duty. These attacks were primarily small unit fights and practically the full credit for our successes goes to your company officers and enlisted men. You have hiked until you were ready to drop and have still come up with the old "hubba-hubba" when the enemy was encountered. Keep up that spirit and we will hand the front easy through licking before we are thru.

HAFNER
Maj Gen

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/s/ Henry J P Harding
/s/ HENRY J P HARDING,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

- 3 ANNEXES: 1 - Opn Overlay
- 2 - Intelligence Annex
- 3 - Arty Annex (Later)

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HEADQUARTERS 103d INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General

4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : The Members of the 410th Infantry.

1. In addition to the commendation to the entire personnel of the 103d Division for its aggressive, rapid and successful passage of the Vosges Mountains from St. Die to Barr, Itterswiller and Dambach, the 410th Infantry is particularly commended for its action from Lusse through Ville to Itterswiller.
2. Pushing boldly by the high trails from Orden to the heights dominating Fouchy, by-passing the strong valley positions, capturing the mountain positions, surrounded by enemy strong points in all directions, you flanked the hostile Ranrupt-Climont Mountains-Fouillaupre line. This action, in penetrating rapidly seven kilometers to the enemy's rear threw him into confusion and resulted in your capture of Ville.
3. By your attack from Ville to Itterswiller in the face of the bitterest resistance, including repeated heavy counterattack, you insured the success of the flanking action of the 411th Infantry to the north.
4. These actions are both worthy of historical record and have earned for you this special commendation.
5. The Commanding Officer of the 410th Infantry will provide a copy of this commendation to each officer and will have it read to all members of his command at the first opportunity.

/s/ C. C. Haffner, Jr
/t/ C. C. HAFFNER, JR.,
Major General, United States Army,
Commanding.

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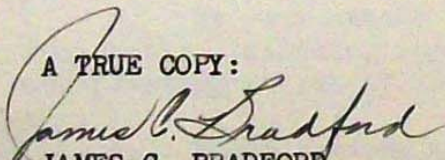
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TO: The Members of the 410th Infantry.

As Regimental Commander, all that I can add to the above commendation is to say that you have richly earned it by your gallantry, determination, and devotion to duty. These attacks were primarily small unit fights and practically the full credit for our successes goes to your company officers and enlisted men. You have hiked until you were ready to drop and have still come up with the old "hubba-hubba" when the enemy was encountered. Keep up that spirit and we will hand the Kraut many another thorough licking before we are thru.

/s/ Henry J P Harding
/t/ HENRY J P HARDING,
Colonel, Infantry,
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