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TO : Commanding General, 103d Infantry Division, APO 470, US Army.
Attention: Division Historian.

In compliance with Memorandum, Subject: "Unit Histories", Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, dated 1 December 1944, the history of this unit for the month of December 1944 is transmitted herewith.

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HENRY J P HARDING,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS--DECEMBER 1944

The First of December 1944, saw the 410th Infantry continuing to drive closer to the Vosges foothills leading to the Rhine.

Company I, which had dug in the night before, was ready to move into Blienschwiller while the Second Battalion was cleaning up Nothalten. The Second Battalion completed occupation of Nothalten by 0720. Company I cleaned out Blienschwiller by 1103.

At 1200 the First Battalion was in Itterswiller, the Second was at Nothalten, and the Third was just west of Blienschwiller.

The first platoon of Company B, 756th Tank Battalion was attached to the First Battalion and the second platoon was attached to the Third Battalion. One platoon, Company C, 601st TD Battalion and one platoon, Company B, Third Chemical Battalion were attached to the Third Battalion.

The Division Commander's orders for the day, received at 0845, directed the occupation and holding of Phase Line "B" in our zone. The regiment was to be on the alert for minor counter-attacks. The Second and Third Battalions were assigned the task of occupying Phase Line "B". By 1730 occupation was completed.

One platoon, Company C, 601st TD Battalion was relieved from attached to the regiment at 2200, 1 December 44. One company medium tanks, CCA, 14th Armored Division, was also relieved from attached to the 410th Infantry at the same time. The Third Battalion CP moved to Dambach at 0850 2 December 44. The Regimental Commander returned from Division at 1030 with the order that the Regiment, less the Third Battalion, was now attached to the Second French DB, commanded by General LeClerc, which was now moving south along the Rhine--the attachment to be effective 030800 December 44. Attached to us was the second platoon, Company B, 328th Engineers, and Company B, 328th Medical Battalion. The 383rd FA Battalion was not to be taken with us. Company B, 756th Tank Battalion reverted to Division control. The Third Battalion was to remain as a separate unit under Division control as Division reserve. Our regiment, less the Third Battalion, was to be assembled in Efig-Statzheim-St Pierre area and to close in assembly area by 030800 December 44.

The Third Battalion left Dambach late in the afternoon of 2 December 44 to march to a position northeast of Selestat. Task Force Selestat called for the Third Battalion to protect the left flank of the 409th Infantry. The Third Battalion's mission was to take the NE edge of Selestat and the woods NE of Selestat. Company K and Company L were in position with Company K on the right and Company I in reserve. On the morning of 3 December 44 they attacked and captured 1100 yards of open ground to take Phase Line "R". The Third Battalion now protected the left flank of the Division while holding Phase Line "R."

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The First Battalion closed in on Statzheim assembly area at 1630 2 December 44 for the attachment to the French DB. The battalion had moved to Nothalten after the capture of Itterswiller and then proceeded to Statzheim. The attachment to the French DB was rescinded on 3 December 1944.

At 030900 December 44, the Third Battalion was occupying Phase Line "R", the Second Battalion was at Blienschwiller, and the First Battalion was marching from Statzheim toward Phase Line "R". The Second Battalion, after capturing Nothalten and taking up a defensive situation SE of Nothalten, had followed the Third Battalion several miles to the northwest of Selestat, as reserve. Then it was pulled back to Blienschwiller.

The Regiment was instructed to prepare two battalions in their present positions on three hours notice after 040600 December 44 for motor movement to a new assembly area in the Guggenheim area. At 0900 4 December 44, the Second Battalion (leading element of Regiment) crossed IP at Epfig. The Third Battalion remained in position to protect the left flank of the 409th Infantry and was to assemble on Division orders for the motor movement north.

At 1200 the new Regimental CP opened at Wingersheim (V926137). The First Battalion was at Wingersheim and the Second Battalion was at Hohatzenheim.

When the 409th Infantry took Selestat on 5 December 44 the Regiment was informed that all units in that sector would move up the 5th or 6th of December. The Third Battalion was relieved and closed into their assembly area via Waltenheim at 051630 December 44.

The 410th Infantry now rested, took showers, got clean clothes, and caught up on letter writing. Company F was relieved from the defense of the Division CP effective 071000 and reverted to Regimental control.

New orders came in on the 8th of December 44. Division Operations Instructions stated that the 103d Division would relieve elements of the 45th and 79th Divisions, and would be prepared to attack northeast. Attached to us was Company B, 756th Tank Battalion and Company C, Third Chemical Battalion. The 410th Infantry was to relieve elements of the 45th Division with one battalion (the First Battalion was designated for this) by 080630 December 44, and move a minimum of two battalions (the Second Battalion was designated as the other Battalion) by 080700 December 44. The 383rd Field Artillery was to be in direct support of the 410th Infantry. Relief was to be accomplished during the hours of darkness.

The First Battalion moved out from Wingersheim on 7 December 44 to relieve the Second Battalion of the 180th Infantry, whose CP was in Uberach. The First Battalion completed relief by 1900. Companies of the First Battalion took up positions--Company A in the woods north of Mertzwiller, Company B and Company C in Mertzwiller. The Second Battalion closed into its area southeast of Mertzwiller at 2100.

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The new Regimental CP opened at 1800 in the vicinity of Niedermörsch (920274).

The 410th Infantry began laying plans to recapture the eastern half of Mertzwiller as 8 December 44 began. The 180th Infantry had captured the town of Mertzwiller, which is divided into two sections by the Zintzer River, and then lost the eastern half of the town through an enemy counter-attack.

A Company F patrol crossed the Zintzer River at 0456 and penetrated 25 yards. The patrol heard enemy movement and withdrew to Company C CP. At 0543 there was automatic fire about 15 to 20 yards from a point about 150° or 160° from First Battalion OP.

The First and Second Battalions reported little activity during the early darkness of 8 December 44. The First Battalion received a few scattered rounds of enemy harassing artillery but no casualties. Several German patrols attempted to pierce the First Battalion area at 0832 but withdrew after being fired upon. Between 1200 and 1700 reconnaissance patrols were sent out for our own security.

At 081242 December 44 Antitank Company was at Uberach. Cannon Company was in position at (9427). Company B, 756th Tank Battalion with eight tanks, was at Ringeldorf. Company C, Third Chemical Battalion, had its CP at (962275). The Third Battalion made a motor march from Waltenheim and closed into their area in the vicinity of Grassenhorf-Morshwiller at 1730.

During the night, Company A sent out a patrol which was unsuccessful in crossing the Zintzel River because of MG fire from the vicinity of (954309). A Company C patrol crossed the river and were fired upon by three MGs from a house across the river. The patrol bypassed the house and continued on its mission without opposition. A Company B patrol crossed the river and located an artillery piece in the vicinity of (970296).

On 9 December 44, preparations and reconnaissance continued for the attack to recapture all of Mertzwiller. We had 14 tanks from Company B, 756th Tank Battalion, and 10 TDs from Company A (minus one platoon) 601st TD Battalion--all effective. As of 0900 9 December 44 a new task force, "Forest", was created by Division. On 9 December 44 the Third Battalion made a night march to the vicinity of Uberach and spent the night there in a former German work camp.

The attack to recapture Mertzwiller jumped off at 0530 on 10 December 44. The weather was rainy and visibility limited. Under heavy enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire the First Battalion crossed the Zintzel River. The river had fallen so much that Company C was able to use an overturned boat to make a bridge. Company A, on the left, received some mortar fire. At 0615 Company C moved into Mertzwiller receiving practically no fire. Company C dug in and prepared to clean out the town. The plan was to get a small group across the bridgesite by boat to form a bridgehead while the bulk swung around the rear of the town to work through the back.

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Company A cleared the north part of Mertzwiller at 0733 and captured seven prisoners. The Second Battalion crossed the river at 0730 with the two leading companies meeting only slight resistance. The mission of the Second Battalion was to protect the right flank of the Division and the Regiment. A platoon of Company C hit MG and rifle fire from the factory area at 0755. The Assistant Division Commander instructed us at 0815 to get patrols out and contact Task Force "Forest." Contact was made and maintained along the right flank at the northern edge of the Forest de Hagenau. A German counter-attack on the Second Battalion's right flank, at the southeast edge of the clearing of the railroad, died down at 1035 and then was resumed stronger than ever. By noon, after a steady drive forward, the First Battalion had two of its companies fighting in the outskirts of Mertzwiller. They had reached the railroad in the vicinity of grid square (9828).

In the afternoon the 383rd Field Artillery fired propaganda shells into the enemy ranks. At 1310 Task Force "Forest" arrived at Critical Point 1 and we were authorized to relieve our Company I. By 1440 Company A was up to the railroad station. Eighteen men of the 180th Infantry, who had been previously captured by the Germans, were recaptured by Company C. They had been living on apples for a week. By 1710 twelve of our tanks were across the river. The Third Battalion began moving into the woods at 1600. The Third Battalion Commander was instructed to try to clear all the woods northeast of Mertzwiller this night. It was now snowing. At 1725 the Battalion met resistance 500 yards inside the woods, but overcame it and advanced, still meeting resistance. With Mertzwiller captured, the new advance Regimental CP opened there at 2300.

On 11 December 44 came orders to clean out Laubach (Q9831) by 110800 December; seize Hegeny (Q0032); seize Eschbach (Q0030); seize Phase Line "L" in our zone; protect the Division's right (S) flank; and seize Walbourg (R0432) as quickly as possible.

Our attachments included Company B (minus one platoon) 756th Tank Battalion as of 110800 December 44; Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion; Company A (minus one platoon) 601st TD Battalion (SP); Company B, 328th Engineer Battalion. The 383rd Field Artillery was in direct support of us. One platoon Company B, 756th Tank Battalion, was relieved of attachment to us and was attached to the 409th Infantry as of 110800 December 44. The Third Battalion, after an artillery preparation which lifted at 0815, moved in and cleared Laubach by 0830. Company L was in the lead with Company K on the left. The First Battalion jumped off at 0940. Company B, by 1135, was 100 yards into Eschbach meeting very little resistance; and by 1255 had gone through Eschbach. Company K was in Hegeny by 1215. Company B cleared Walbourg by 1715.

At 1815 the new Regimental CP opened at Eschbach (999305).

Orders for 12 December 44 ordered seizure of Phase Line "M" in zone, and the protection of Division's right flank. The 410th Infantry made ready to continue the attack, with Biblisheim next on the list of towns to be taken from the Germans.

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G-3 informed us at 0730 12 December 44 that Task Force "England" was in operation but belonged to the Armored Force elements on our right. This Task Force had started at daybreak working north to the position of Company F and the road on the right.

Company K led the Third Battalion across the river enroute to Biblisheim. Elements of this company entered Biblisheim at 0934 and then began to occupy the high ground on the left. At 1243 Task Force "Forest" relieved men from our Second Battalion at the road block. The Second Battalion, while serving as right flank protection for the Regiment and Division, had been clearing out the woods and establishing road blocks after Mertzwiller's capture. Task Force "England" was contacted at 1145.

Company I took Holschlock at 1428 and Company L took Surbourg at 1500. Company I was to the left rear of Company L, connecting with the Second Battalion, 409th Infantry, whose front was in the vicinity of (0753260) to (075365). Our Company L occupied the right half of Phase Line "M" in the Third Battalion zone. The capture of Surbourg protected the Division's (S) flank. Task Force "Forest" relieved our First Battalion outposts at (050305) and at (066312). Our First Battalion Commander was directed to close in on the assembly area. Division Operations Memorandum of 2400 12 December 44 ordered the 410th Infantry to occupy Phase Line "A" with one battalion (which was to be the Third) thus protecting the right flank of the 409th Infantry in its attack on Soultz. We were to move one battalion (the Second Battalion) via Woerth (R0037) to an assembly area east of Woerth to serve as Division reserve. The balance of the regiment was to be prepared to move on one hour notice after 130900 December 44. Task Force "Forest" was prepared to relieve our Battalion on Phase Line "A".

The 410th Infantry, on 13 December 44, prepared to assemble as fresh Division reserve. The Second Battalion made a night march from Biblisheim to Woerth, closing in by 0700. The First Battalion started assembling at daylight in Walbourg. All tanks were relieved from attachment to the First Battalion at 13055. At 1200 the 410th Infantry, less the Third Battalion, started assembly in the woods north of Biblisheim. During the afternoon the Third Battalion was relieved by Task Force "Forest" and began its movement to the assembly area. The Regiment closed in by dark. The Second Battalion (minus Company E) reverted back to Regiment per Division Operational Instruction #30. These instructions also called for the 410th Infantry to move one battalion (the First) between Division Phase Lines "A" and "B" in the vicinity of Retschwiller (R1039) by 0900 14 December 44, and to protect the Division's right flank from Soultz (R1037) to Phase Line "B".

The First Battalion closed in at 0900 14 December 44 and relieved elements of the 409th Infantry from Soultz inclusive to Phase Line "B". The Battalion prepared to extend the right flank protecting the Division right boundary to Phase Line "C" and "D" without delay in compliance with Division order. The remainder of the Regiment and attachments (Company A minus one platoon 614th TD) closed in by 1000 in the area of Merkwiller-Lampertsloch; prepared for

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further movement on Division Order. At 1015 the new Regimental CP opened at Pechelbronn (070383). The Regiment, less the First Battalion at Retschwiller, moved to the area in the vicinity of Memelshoffen (R0940). By 1730 all elements were north of the river running from Lebsam to Soultz. The First Battalion was attached to the 409th Infantry at 1540 and moved to Birenbach. At 1500, Task Force "Forest" was dissolved and Company B, 47th Tank Battalion, was attached to the 410th Infantry.

The Third Battalion moved off at 150630 December 44 toward Climbach to contact the 411th Infantry. Company G, plus one platoon of Company F, set out to clear the underground passes of a series of the Maginot Line in the Le Hochwald Forest which had been bypassed by other units. Climbach had previously been taken by the 411th Infantry, but enemy elements had infiltrated during the night. The 411th Infantry attacked at 0730 with two battalions abreast, one on either side of the town, and our Third Battalion serving as reserve.

The Second Battalion completed searching the underground passages of the Maginot Line by 1025 and ascertained nothing was there. One of the two entrances (083432) was found blocked, but entrance was made through the other. About 100 civilians were found using it as a shelter. The searchers were ordered to join their Battalion at Drachenbronn (090430) where the new CP of the Regiment opened at 1030.

Division Operating Instructions #32 called for the 410th Infantry to be prepared to move by 0800 on 16 December 44 in the zone of either the 409th Infantry or 411th Infantry and to plan to counterattack in the direction of Wissembourg (R1548). We were to establish liaison at once with Commanding Officers of the 409th and 411th Infantrys. Without interfering with either assault regiment, we were to make preliminary plans to attack through either, or along the boundary between regiments. Any reconnaissance in this planning had to be cleared through and approved by the Commanding Officers of the 409th and 411th Infantrys.

The 410th made preparations for reconnoitering routes, roads, and areas, and began its reconnaissance on 16 December 44. We had with us 18 tanks, plus one 105 howitzer and 8 TDs, all operationally fit. The First Battalion was released from attachment to the 409th Infantry and reverted back to us at 0940. The 410th Infantry was also ordered to employ one battalion (the First) to protect the right flank of the Division from Phase Line "D" to "E" until relieved by Division order. The First Battalion marched to Oberhoffen, closing in by 1315, and prepared to counterattack to the north if needed to protect the flank of the 409th Infantry. By 1420, possibility of an enemy counterattack in the vicinity of Division's right flank had decreased.

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With the 410th Infantry now approaching the Siegfried Line, after crossing some of the most difficult terrain yet encountered, battalions began to review training on "Assault of Fortified Positions" with the Maginot Line being used for dry runs. Antitank Company and Battalion Antitank platoons began training in the use of the pack board.

On 17 December 44, the 410th Infantry remained in the same position. The First Battalion reconnoitered areas with a view toward moving from Steinseltz to Weiler, their mission to remain the same--flank protection to the northeast and east, protecting the right flank of the Division between Phase Lines "D" and "F". The First Battalion continued to protect the Division right flank from Phase Line "D" to "F". The First Battalion also installed Antitank guns and had mines ready to block roads in the vicinity of Road Junction (144479) and (145483), ready to counterattack to the north against the flank of any attack coming from the east or northeast.

Intensive training continued during 18 December 44 on the attack of a fortified position.

At 0730 19 December 44 the 410th Infantry started movement to new positions. The new Regimental CP opened in Oberhoffen (132463). The First Battalion closed in its position at 0930, occupying the right flank from Phase Line "F" north to include Schweigen. The Third Battalion moved into German soil this date. Moving from Climbach it closed in at 1000 in the area north and south of the road west of Critical Point 103 taking them into the St. Germanshof area, almost four kilometers into Germany. The battalion prepared to follow the 411th Infantry or to counterattack to the west. The rest of the Regiment was still in Division reserve this day, and battalions continued training in attacks of fortified positions.

At 0130 20 December 44 came an Operation Memo from Division attaching our Third Battalion to the 411th Infantry effective 201100 December 44. The mission of the Third was to relieve the First Battalion of the 411th Infantry and to support a continuation of the attack which was to move ahead of St. Germanshof into the line in front of the Siegfried Line. The relieved battalion was to occupy the area now occupied by our Third Battalion. The Third Battalion completed relief by 1830 20 December 44.

On 21 December 44 the Third Battalion sent out strong patrols for reconnaissance. By 1100 on this date, the Third Battalion had perfected plans to knock out its objective, a strong Siegfried Line fort. However, at 1400 the Third Battalion was told it would be relieved by elements of the 180th Infantry by 0800 22 December 44.

At 0915 21 December 44, the Commanding General of the Division gave verbal orders to the Regimental Commander that Corps Headquarters had ordered that only two Battalions of the 410th Infantry would relieve the entire elements of the 411th Infantry's line. Our Second would join our Third in the relief.

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Our other battalion, the First, was to be held in reserve. The First Battalion of the 411th Infantry was attached to us at 1340.

The Second Battalion, which was now in Germany, having crossed the Bailey Bridge at Wissembourg to penetrate a kilometer into the Reich, received orders to return to the assembly area just as it commenced to relieve elements of the 411th Infantry. The Regimental Commander received orders to assemble his troops at Hundling. The Motor Movement was started and about midday orders were received to go not to Hundling but rather to Laning.

The Regiment closed in its assembly area in the vicinity of Laning by 1200 22 December 44 after a motor march of approximately 75 miles. The new Regimental CP opened at Laning (349300) at 1030. The Third Battalion CP was at Btring, opening there at 1645. The Second Battalion closed at Biding at 1315. The First Battalion closed in Ebersing at 1045. The First Battalion of the 411th Infantry reverted back to them and our Third Battalion reverted back to us. Antitank Company closed in Biding at 1000. Cannon Company closed in Ebersing at 1110. Division Operations Instructions #36, which were received 23 December 44, called for the 103d Division to relieve the 6th Armored Division and be prepared to assume the defensive upon completion of relief. The First and Second Battalions of the 410th Infantry would do the relieving while the Third Battalion remained in the Regimental reserve.

The Third Battalion of the 410th Infantry was relieved at 0430 22 December 44 and moved back to Climbach.

The Second Battalion closed in Hundling at 0030 24 December 44. The First Battalion closed at Nousseviller at 0900. The Third Battalion closed in at Diebling at 1115. The new Regimental CP opened at Guebenhouse at 1340. By 1710 the 410th Infantry had completely relieved the 6th Armored Division in our sector. Our Regimental Commander assumed command of the sector at 1545.

At 0230 25 December 44, Division FO #4 was received. The 410th Infantry was ordered to organize and defend the right sector of the Division zone. It was to employ not less than the equivalent of one rifle company in the establishment of combat outposts; it was to maintain a reserve of at least one battalion (the Third); it was to protect the Division right (E) flank. All units were to exploit any enemy weaknesses developed by reconnaissance; to cover all roads leading into sectors by road blocks, reinforced by AT mines and defended by fire.

During 25 December 44, the 410th Infantry continued its organization for the defense of its sector. A Junkers 88 crashed at coordinates (425510) at 0440 December 26, 1944, and the pilot and the passenger were believed to have escaped. One parachute was found. All units of the 410th Infantry were warned to be on the lookout.

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Early on 27 December 44, Company C sent a patrol to Kerbach. The patrol entered the first house, found it occupied by five men and an officer who were killed. No armor was visible in the town. A Company B night patrol crossed the creek in the vicinity of (450621) which was easily crossed by foot. The patrol moved along the road, entered the town of Lixing, investigated one house which was unoccupied, then moved on into the woods north of Lixing. There they found several unoccupied positions and determined by the undisturbed snow that no one had been near them for several days. Another Company B patrol entered two houses in Lixing and found them both occupied. MG and rifle fire greeted them.

The Third Battalion, while continuing construction of positions on the Regimental Reserve Line reconnoitered for positions south of the line Diebling-Metzing, Hundling-Ippling facing south to provide for an all around defense of the Regimental sector.

Our attached tanks began to fire on Kerbach at 1710 from high positions in Company C area. An unsuccessful attempt was made to knock down the church steeple. No enemy fire was drawn. All battalions continued to improve and make readjustments of defensive positions during the day.

During the 27th of December 44, the 410th Infantry continued coordination with the 411th Infantry on the left and the 44th Division on the right to improve AT defenses, and continued to organize our sector in accordance with Division FO #4.

Night patrols continued during the morning and evening of 28 December 44. Company C's patrol reported at 2130 that it was very quiet in Kerbach. Company B reported two German guards near a house on the outskirts of Lixing. At 2208 orders were issued that gas masks were to be carried at all times.

Orders were received from Division at 1300 29 December 44 that during the period in which we were temporarily on the defense, we were to impress upon the enemy by aggressive and habitual patrolling that No Man's Land belonged to the Regiment and not to the opposing German forces.

The Regiment was ordered to conduct three raids per week, in addition to patrolling. Each raiding party was to consist of not less than one rifle platoon reinforced by heavy weapons and tanks and TD's where feasible. All possible fire support would be included. There was to be a specific mission for each raiding party which would include the capture of prisoners. The 410th Infantry's schedule for 31 December 44 to 6 January 45 was two day raids and one night raid.

The Chief of Staff informed regiment at 1530 that two Panzer Divisions and three German Infantry Divisions were available to attack our sector. It was believed the enemy might counterattack on 30 December 44 at daylight.

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The regiment was to man all gun positions by 0530 30 December 44; that all AT mines were to be checked; all ammunition was to be checked; all attached tanks were to be made available in the vicinity of our reserve Battalion (Third) for the counterattack. The 328th Engineers were told to be ready to man all positions for demolitions. The Regimental Commander was given authority to issue orders to execute the barrier plan in his zone. He in turn was authorized to delegate it to subordinate commanders.

Patrolling continued during 30 December 44. Company C captured one German soldier who said that he was a Russian laborer who had been working in Saarbrucken along with 6,000 other laborers, digging defensive positions. During the morning, the platoon of tanks ran between the Kerbach and Lixing area to see if they would draw enemy fire. None was forthcoming.

From 1100 on 30 December 44 through 31 December 44, the regiment continued to hold its positions awaiting further orders.

This concludes the operations of the 410th Infantry for the month of December 1944.

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SECTION II

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The following is a roster of the casualties incurred during the month of December 1944.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>TYPE & DATE OF CASUALTY</u>
<u>HEADQUARTERS CO</u>			
FORD, HORACE L	1st Lt	0553328	N/B, 21 December 44
<u>SERVICE CO</u>			
Peterson, Culmer W	Tec 5	36412409	MIA, 1 December 44
Franklin, Orville J	Pvt	35814802	N/B, 18 December 44
<u>ANTI-TANK CO</u>			
Buikema, Harold	Pvt	16100795	KIA, 10 December 44
Paulson, Donald E	Pfc	19135665	WIA, 3 December 44
Evans, Otto C	Tec 5	37402281	N/B, 15 December 44
<u>CANNON CO</u>			
Naquin, O'Neil P	Tec 5	34230503	WIA, 3 December 44
Vice, Byron C	Pfc	35343973	N/B, 31 December 44
<u>MEDICAL DETACHMENT</u>			
Okon, Joseph	Tec 5	36714349	KIA, 1 December 44
Puente, Joe L	Tec 5	38104008	WIA, 1 December 44
Herman, Howard	Pvt	32728455	N/B, 15 December 44
Martin, Herbert C	Pfc	32804086	N/B, 11 December 44
Morrison, Hobert H	Pvt	6929800	N/B, 21 December 44
Naifeh, Richard M	Pfc	36546016	N/B, 1 December 44
Peplinski, Stanley	Tec 4	32338947	N/B, 20 December 44
Rowe, James A	Pvt	7010054	N/B, 16 December 44
Martin, Harry W Jr	Pvt	18089903	N/B, 26 December 44
<u>HEADQUARTERS CO 1ST BN</u>			
Hattlestad, Edmond	Pfc	37277937	WIA, 15 December 44
Hausmann, Edward J Jr	Pvt	33169704	WIA, 10 December 44
Murphy, Robert E	Pfc	36763773	WIA, 11 December 44
Duarte, Edmundo Jr	Pvt	38560991	N/B, 30 December 44
Dumay, Herbert S	Pvt	32965910	N/B, 21 December 44
Gray, Dayman W	Pvt	35810078	N/B, 26 December 44
McKenna, James E	Pvt	33903156	N/B, 9 December 44
Mraz, Martin S	S/Sgt	32339486	N/B, 23 December 44
Peck, Martin D	Pfc	36412411	N/B, 28 December 44
Schaefer, Charles	Pvt	36786936	N/B, 20 December 44
Schultz, Sherman	Pvt	37589790	N/B, 20 December 44

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McNellis, Lawrence J	S/Sgt	36715096	KIA, 10 December 44
Murrell, Herbert W	Cpl	37135625	KIA, 10 December 44
Ball, Warren L	Pfc	37667060	WIA, 10 December 44
Calandrillo, John J	Pvt	42104398	WIA, 9 December 44
Grastara, Joseph F	Pvt	42088189	WIA, 9 December 44
Jeans, Lowell H	Pvt	39580641	WIA, 11 December 44
Murphy, Joseph D	Pvt	33614461	WIA, 12 December 44
Robertson, Earl K	Pvt	37636646	WIA, 10 December 44
Saboliaukas, John	l/Sgt	6144397	WIA, 10 December 44
Stinger, Wilfred K	Pfc	19019213	WIA, 10 December 44
Amick, William C	Pvt	20308361	N/B, 26 December 44
Andronico, John M	Pvt	39041119	N/B, 14 December 44
Bay, Harold L	Pvt	35234642	N/B, 1 December 44
Cranston, Hewell H	Pfc	6975512	N/B, 26 December 44
Dudones, William J	Pfc	36715263	N/B, 6 December 44
Duplechin, Eustice	Pvt	38486700	N/B, 6 December 44
Gaul, Randolph H	Pvt	10601925	N/B, 18 December 44
Helwig, Max H	Pvt	37249997	N/B, 10 December 44
Laughlan, Arnold A	Pvt	39580466	N/B, 14 December 44
LESHER, JACK L	1st Lt	01310123	N/B, 2 December 44
Parlin, Richard H	Pvt	31431106	N/B, 18 December 44
Parrilli, Joseph F	Pvt	36964694	N/B, 3 December 44
Patterson, Norwood L	Pfc	35812060	N/B, 21 December 44
Pratt, George A	Pvt	36410551	N/B, 12 December 44
Scabary, Glenn M	Pvt	37697647	N/B, 10 December 44
Schoen, Robert A	Pfc	35539723	N/B, 23 December 44
Sisson, Walter T	Pvt	16104371	N/B, 3 December 44
Sponsler, George M	Pfc	19136754	N/B, 29 December 44
Stockwell, Joseph E	Pfc	18152121	N/B, 1 December 44
Terhune, Quentin E	Sgt	12183481	N/B, 12 December 44
Tuller, Jesse R	Pvt	36713264	N/B, 2 December 44
Woods, Edward L	Sgt	36669955	N/B, 14 December 44

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Baldrige, James R	Pvt	37591268	KIA, 1 December 44
Brzyszcian, Peter	S/Sgt	36625581	KIA, 10 December 44
Garcia, Jose	Pvt	38677732	KIA, 10 December 44
Gregory, Lewis J	Pvt	34931430	KIA, 10 December 44
Harless, James H	Pvt	38470980	KIA, 1 December 44
Marsch, Carl F	S/Sgt	15103106	KIA, 1 December 44
Mascara, Frank L	Pfc	33775591	KIA, 24 December 44
Mount, Robert D	Pvt	39572645	KIA, 1 December 44
Purdy, John J	Pfc	16175092	KIA, 10 December 44
Weems, Loarn W	Pfc	18232633	KIA, 10 December 44
Ball, Kermit H	l/Sgt	6822580	WIA, 8 December 44
Collins, Theodore F	Cpl	33530656	WIA, 1 December 44

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Copeland, Jerry D	Pvt	38700784	WIA, 12 December 44
Crawford, Harold B	Pfc	38464128	WIA, 8 December 44
Distefano, Salvador V	Pfc	18246925	WIA, 1 December 44
Jones, Melby E	Tec 5	37245683	WIA, 28 December 44
Monahan, Sam F	Tec 4	36382083	WIA, 28 December 44
Neuwald, Helmuch F	Pfc	36825099	WIA, 3 December 44
Ribeiro, Frank P	Pvt	39051792	WIA, 14 December 44
Ward, Claude W	Pfc	37347518	WIA, 8 December 44
Ward, Earl W	Cpl	36555532	WIA, 9 December 44
Cook, Jess L	Pvt	36964571	MIA, 26 December 44
MORGAN, LEONARD G	1st Lt	01290109	MIA, 26 December 44
Arnold, Joseph A	Pfc	6287491	N/B, 18 December 44
Barlow, Simon C	Tec 5	36218263	N/B, 15 December 44
Berger, Bruce R	Pvt	36964698	N/B, 11 December 44
Braunstein, Robert M	Pvt	12154852	N/B, 3 December 44
Childers, Nim R	Pfc	34574580	N/B, 6 December 44
Conte, Anthony F	Pvt	33934649	N/B, 10 December 44
Corradi, Alfred L	Pvt	42143220	N/B, 18 December 44
Cosma, John	Pvt	35923711	N/B, 24 December 44
Degan, Charlie M	Cpl	39540134	N/B, 6 December 44
Dorsey, Walter L	Pvt	37697696	N/B, 18 December 44
Doyle, Paul W	Sgt	36480738	N/B, 15 December 44
DuPerron, Van More J	Sgt	36411917	N/B, 14 December 44
Eoff, Jay M	Pfc	38132126	N/B, 26 December 44
Fischer, Ernest C	Pvt	34867097	N/B, 27 December 44
Frantz, Frederick E	Pvt	36586028	N/B, 10 December 44
Fullbright, Billie R	Pvt	38700774	N/B, 21 December 44
Gaetz, Adam L	Pvt	37595460	N/B, 11 December 44
Giannetto, Antonio J	Pvt	37697363	N/B, 12 December 44
Gilley, L. T.	Pvt	38685406	N/B, 10 December 44
Greenwood, Stanley B	Pfc	36412908	N/B, 14 December 44
Guskewic, Joseph J	T/Sgt	36716150	N/B, 20 December 44
Hafer, William D	Sgt	13186325	N/B, 17 December 44
Hendricks, James E	Pvt	38629254	N/B, 13 December 44
Hiett, William M	Pvt	38685430	N/B, 26 December 44
Kolesik, Robert P	Pfc	36381609	N/B, 21 December 44
McGue, Fred C	Pvt	38667632	N/B, 11 December 44
Massey, Britt B	Pvt	34976916	N/B, 14 December 44
Moore, John	Pvt	34592904	N/B, 10 December 44
Moore, Marvin M Jr	Pvt	33852579	N/B, 1 December 44
Passafiune, Daniel J	Pvt	12219137	N/B, 1 December 44
Pokorny, Lawrence F	Pfc	37623770	N/B, 1 December 44
Rominger, Harold V	Cpl	39083082	N/B, 21 December 44
Scharf, Norman L	39621874	Pvt	N/B, 23 December 44
Stish, Henry W	Pfc	37570420	N/B, 25 December 44
Verges, James G	Cpl	36374017	N/B, 7 December 44
Watkins, Cleve	Pvt	34581683	N/B, 7 December 44
Whitcomb, Robert C Jr	Pfc	14136251	N/B, 3 December 44
Woolum, Thomas B	S/Sgt	38538121	N/B, 15 December 44

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Butler, Joseph E	Pvt	31470210	WIA, 28 December 44
Foley, Coleman V	Pfc	31305285	WIA, 28 December 44
Godfrey, Ralph A	Pvt	31420140	WIA, 12 December 44
Gold, Charles S	S/Sgt	36712937	WIA, 29 December 44
McMillan, John E	Pvt	33288889	WIA, 9 December 44
Schultz, Norman H	Pfc	37578288	WIA, 9 December 44
Silverthorn, William R	Pvt	33920943	WIA, 9 December 44
Spivack, Irving P	Pfc	11079419	WIA, 9 December 44
Williams, James T	Pfc	36900842	WIA, 10 December 44
Williamson, George E Jr	Pvt	38568249	WIA, 29 December 44
Brock, Thomas W	Pfc	16186086	N/B, 10 December 44
Cherry, Robert W	l/Sgt	19050404	N/B, 21 December 44
Christopherson, Joseph D	Pvt	37595554	N/B, 28 December 44
Ebbs, William T	Cpl	38342543	N/B, 18 December 44
Goldberg, Theodore	Pfc	32788590	N/B, 11 December 44
Grant, Homer W	Pfc	13177378	N/B, 20 December 44
Haller, Frank K	Pvt	33011988	N/B, 27 December 44
Hart, William	Pfc	42078648	N/B, 2 December 44
Iverson, Harry J	S/Sgt	36715759	N/B, 5 December 44
Pilgrim, William H	Pfc	37620894	N/B, 2 December 44
Romano, Frank L	Pvt	36964591	N/B, 26 December 44
Seedorf, Robert E	Pfc	36715737	N/B, 10 December 44
Theiss, Warren J	Pvt	42061057	N/B, 25 December 44
Weiler, Robert V	Pfc	32699124	N/B, 11 December 44
Williams, Harry	S/Sgt	37446035	N/B, 6 December 44
Yager, Robert C	Pfc	35585397	N/B, 19 December 44

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Cihlar, Fredrick F	Pvt	35046344	KIA, 26 December 44
Doris, R. J.	Pvt	32960552	KIA, 3 December 44
Gentry, J. C.	Sgt	34497640	KIA, 3 December 44
Horejs, Frank J	Pfc	36712851	KIA, 3 December 44
Hudson, Donald C	Pfc	38509704	KIA, 10 December 44
Ng, Lincoln	Pfc	32901529	KIA, 3 December 44
SanMartin, Louis C	Cpl	38408018	KIA, 3 December 44
POOLE, JERRY W	2nd Lt	0547561	WIA, 2 December 44
BARNES, HAROLD G	1st Lt	01316366	N/B, 20 December 44
Levitt, William	Pvt	36117392	N/B, 1 December 44
Lutz, Clyde C	Cpl	37250434	N/B, 23 December 44
McInvale, James E	Tec 5	17008734	N/B, 28 December 44
Mathis, Allan G	Pfc	14091924	N/B, 23 December 44
Palitz, Bernard G	Pfc	11121724	N/B, 3 December 44
Pedosuk, John	Pfc	35602435	N/B, 1 December 44
Roughton, Charlie R	Pfc	34464639	N/B, 1 December 44
Slyford, Frederick J	T/Sgt	36548245	N/B, 1 December 44
Zahs, John R	Pfc	35298968	N/B, 16 December 44

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Patterson, Joseph R	S/Sgt	32339165	KIA, 3 December 44
Moorman, David E	Pfc	37447723	WIA, 15 December 44
Ramsey, William M	Sgt	34495766	WIA, 15 December 44
Donovan, Leon P	Pfc	39201248	N/B, 25 December 44
Epston, Melvin F	Tec 5	31030174	N/B, 9 December 44
Halporn, Arnold D Jr	Pfc	32967731	N/B, 13 December 44
Hodgkiss, Robert H	Pvt	39554521	N/B, 23 December 44

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Bolyard, James F	Pfc	35757230	KIA, 8 December 44
Morse, Timothy R	Cpl	35571587	KIA, 1 December 44
Sliga, Norbert J	S/Sgt	36289304	KIA, 8 December 44
Grabowski, Bernard F	Pfc	31324503	WIA, 9 December 44
Graller, Marcus	Pfc	36413334	WIA, 1 December 44
Miller, Robert L	Pfc	39337129	WIA, 9 December 44
Ragan, Laroy	Pvt	35246442	WIA, 9 December 44
Alderson, Elton C	Pvt	36288598	N/B, 4 December 44
Aldycki, Stanley E	Cpl	32358116	N/B, 18 December 44
Brown, Troy H	Sgt	37246298	N/B, 24 December 44
Coleman, William H	Pfc	33437512	N/B, 16 December 44
Davies, Richard H	Pfc	39342063	N/B, 28 December 44
Donlon, Eugene J	Pfc	12170252	N/B, 15 December 44
Fierman, Sidney	Pfc	33463898	N/B, 1 December 44
Fisher, Harold	Pfc	6871292	N/B, 24 December 44
Grasso, Rosario J	Pvt	31454404	N/B, 17 December 44
Green, Kenneth J	Pfc	36861015	N/B, 9 December 44
Huntt, Fred R	Pvt	33889042	N/B, 31 December 44
Lawrence, Walter P	Pvt	20363830	N/B, 4 December 44
McKain, Oscar C	Pvt	36953624	N/B, 4 December 44
McKenzie, William J Jr	Pvt	39147087	N/B, 18 December 44
Matrunola, Victor J	Pvt	42125324	N/B, 21 December 44
Mau, Albert A	Cpl	36627672	N/B, 9 December 44
Mielnikowski, Eugene F	Pvt	36953883	N/B, 23 December 44
Moyik, Thomas M	Pvt	42124381	N/B, 6 December 44
Mysliwlic, Raymond B	Sgt	36716456	N/B, 1 December 44
Neal, Nenferd J	Pvt	35848445	N/B, 20 December 44
Opper, Lincoln I	Pvt	15127533	N/B, 17 December 44
Parks, Robert O	Pfc	32945052	N/B, 28 December 44
Ravey, George R	S/Sgt	37541324	N/B, 15 December 44
Rhye, John V	T/Sgt	37125231	N/B, 20 December 44
Ricker, Wesley P	Pfc	31297533	N/B, 20 December 44
Ryan, David P	Pfc	17015410	N/B, 2 December 44
Shapiro, Sidney	Pfc	13144871	N/B, 7 December 44
Shaw, Cecil W Jr	Pfc	35749668	N/B, 2 December 44
Skoz, Joseph J	S/Sgt	36715581	N/B, 18 December 44
Small, Billy R	Pvt	36965167	N/B, 23 December 44

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Smolek, Irving J	Cpl	36621016	N/B 27 December 44
Taylor, Morton	Pvt	42141391	N/B, 13 December 44
Woolridge, James M	Pvt	35779286	N/B, 1 December 44

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Damaschke, Arthur E	Pvt	36958153	MIA, 1 December 44
DeBonis, Romolo R	Pvt	36957142	KIA, 1 December 44
Hiott, Robert F	Pvt	34849857	KIA, 10 December 44
Blaschak, Daniel E	Pfc	35298337	WIA, 10 December 44
Cory, Oren L Jr	Pfc	39695091	WIA, 1 December 44
Doden, August H	S/Sgt	37447818	WIA, 1 December 44
Fertitta, Charles	Pvt	37363353	WIA, 24 December 44
Light, Frank M	Pfc	36548767	WIA, 1 December 44
Offerman, Raymond F	S/Sgt	36515296	WIA, 10 December 44
Passante, Elmer	Cpl	16093486	WIA, 10 December 44
Rizzolo, Victor A	Pvt	32927346	WIA, 1 December 44
SCOTT, CORNELIUS F	Capt	01296100	WIA, 1 December 44
Surma, Stanley J	Pfc	36579541	WIA, 1 December 44
Bazany, Michael R Jr	Sgt	36413244	N/B, 7 December 44
Bennett, George A	Pfc	38501329	N/B, 7 December 44
Binggeli, George C	Pvt	37636679	N/B, 22 December 44
Brock, Phil O	Pfc	14118888	N/B, 9 December 44
Dallara, George P	Pfc	39137056	N/B, 31 December 44
Erie, Richard E	T/Sgt	36288602	N/B, 9 December 44
Eposito, Leonard	Pfc	42089063	N/B, 15 December 44
Fecik, Andrew S	Pvt	33776350	N/B, 9 December 44
Ferris, Armando	Pfc	32871412	N/B, 22 December 44
Flagg, Robert F	Pfc	18073558	N/B, 6 December 44
Friesen, Henry D	Tec 5	19018964	N/B, 22 December 44
Fuchs, Paul T	Pfc	37466463	N/B, 22 December 44
Giccatti, Michael C	Pvt	33809559	N/B, 1 December 44
Graham, Riley L	Cpl	14094197	N/B, 7 December 44
Hastings, Horace H	Tec 5	33225251	N/B, 15 December 44
Haughts, Lindsey R	Pfc	33418315	N/B, 12 December 44
Heintz, Robert L Jr	Pfc	3695027	N/B, 7 December 44
Herget, Henry F	Pfc	11132921	N/B, 7 December 44
Hess, Charles H	Pvt	42088176	N/B, 1 December 44
Holmes, Robert R	Pfc	35297868	N/B, 9 December 44
Janowiak, Ernest	Pvt	33891044	N/B, 22 December 44
Jennings, James B	Pvt	38678012	N/B, 20 December 44
Jones, Robert E	Pfc	37447591	N/B, 4 December 44
Keefer, Robert D	Pfc	39911803	N/B, 22 December 44
Lech, Frank M	Cpl	33095576	N/B, 22 December 44
Livramento, Edward P	Pvt	39418741	N/B, 22 December 44
Lynch, George E	Pvt	32974529	N/B, 4 December 44
Morrow, Merle A	Pfc	36288527	N/B, 7 December 44

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O'Brien, James A Jr	Pfc	31224454	N/B, 14 December 44
Pavletich, Joseph A	Pfc	15109758	N/B, 22 December 44
Racey, Donald L	Cpl	36421653	N/B, 22 December 44
Riccioni, Fred R	Cpl	16016245	N/B, 7 December 44
Rude, Richard G	Pvt	39342125	N/B, 9 December 44
Saylor, William C	Pvt	35263131	N/B, 22 December 44
Schultz, Carl F	S/Sgt	20752070	N/B, 22 December 44
Seidenberg, Kenneth	Pvt	16146256	N/B, 26 December 44
Stillinger, Vance O	Pfc	7005613	N/B, 1 December 44
Wade, James I	Pvt	34850603	N/B, 14 December 44
Wallace, Anthony G Jr	Pvt	31297980	N/B, 7 December 44
Wicklein, Lewis J	Pfc	33624844	N/B, 15 December 44
Zost, Arnold C	S/Sgt	6275166	N/B, 31 December 44

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Hamilton, Stanley K	Cpl	36251396	KIA, 1 December 44
Schmidt, Frank J	Sgt	32925587	KIA, 1 December 44
Shoemake, Richard W	Pvt	38592671	KIA, 1 December 44
Spindel, Philip H	Pfc	12221388	KIA, 10 December 44
Weaver, William C	Pvt	35926870	KIA, 1 December 44
Williams, Darwin W	Pvt	12173692	KIA, 1 December 44
Barker, William C	S/Sgt	34465893	WIA, 1 December 44
Belliveau, Arthur W	Pfc	39049317	WIA, 1 December 44
Ellis, Clifford A	Pfc	37529181	WIA, 1 December 44
Holek, John A	Pvt	36589661	WIA, 1 December 44
Lepley, Lorin	Pfc	35614833	WIA, 1 December 44
Lucas, James L	Pvt	37567748	WIA, 1 December 44
Miglin, Walter A	Cpl	31338053	WIA, 1 December 44
Murphy, WAYMON T	1st Lt	01284920	WIA, 1 December 44
Nolan, William J	Pvt	32741886	WIA, 1 December 44
Rodriguez, Charles D	Tec 5	32560399	WIA, 1 December 44
Shaffer, Jack E	Pvt	35848327	WIA, 10 December 44
Stannard, Richard M	Pvt	39577563	WIA, 13 December 44
Stotzheim, John F	Tec 5	19018680	WIA, 10 December 44
Tubert, Robert F	Pfc	16042671	WIA, 1 December 44
Wade, Roy Jr	Pfc	38404618	WIA, 1 December 44
Arnold, Seth L	T/Sgt	6931021	MIA, 1 December 44
Ayers, Raymond E	Pvt	37739018	MIA, 1 December 44
Bartley, Cavitt	Pvt	33661057	MIA, 1 December 44
Flying Hawk, Joseph M	Pvt	37481210	MIA, 1 December 44
Judd, Earl J	Pfc	36449138	MIA, 1 December 44
Nicholson, Hugh J	Pfc	39206763	MIA, 1 December 44
Osler, Robert D	Pfc	17116470	MIA, 1 December 44
Ramey, Francis C	Pfc	35605297	MIA, 1 December 44
Rey, Serafin F	Pfc	37356713	MIA, 1 December 44
Rhorer, Bobby G	Pvt	39147207	MIA, 1 December 44

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Whittle, Charles L	S/Sgt	34575309	MIA, 1 December 44
Ball, A. K. Jr	Pvt	35780164	N/B, 31 December 44
Broyles, Woodrow W	T/Sgt	6282376	N/B, 12 December 44
Crandall, Ernest B Jr	Pvt	39420506	N/B, 13 December 44
Duus, Frank M	Pfc	32951857	N/B, 19 December 44
England, Roy L	Pvt	39723867	N/B, 15 December 44
Frye, Frederick H	Pvt	31466870	N/B, 13 December 44
Glover, Charles E	Pvt	33936638	N/B, 13 December 44
Gould, Bernard S	Pfc	13156627	N/B, 6 December 44
Ham, Cecil C	Pfc	38627701	N/B, 23 December 44
Handey, Edgar L	Tec 5	34394518	N/B, 15 December 44
Howard, Christopher C	Pvt	39141670	N/B, 13 December 44
Hyder, Charles S	Pvt	38327851	N/B, 19 December 44
Kondash, George	Pvt	33889458	N/B, 13 December 44
Lekar, John W	Pvt	37633315	N/B, 16 December 44
Lockhart, William R Jr	Sgt	34495022	N/B, 15 December 44
Loyd, Robert L	Pvt	37440745	N/B, 13 December 44
Mapes, William R	Pfc	12214497	N/B, 12 December 44
Morrissey, Mathew W	Pvt	33841210	N/B, 13 December 44
Moss, Charles L	Pvt	35847872	N/B, 4 December 44
Ninnuies, George H	Pvt	42140620	N/B, 16 December 44
Pate, Harold E	Pvt	38671760	N/B, 11 December 44
Peightal, Billy J	Pvt	19204207	N/B, 18 December 44
Richard, Lewis K	Pvt	33848164	N/B, 1 December 44
Rosen, Melvin M	Pvt	42052609	N/B, 13 December 44
Rudloff, Charles S	Cpl	18072456	N/B, 15 December 44
Stein, Carleton T Jr	Pfc	36546602	N/B, 3 December 44
Wallin, Raymond E	Pvt	37577656	N/B, 1 December 44
Waterman, Preston A	Pvt	37482930	N/B, 13 December 44
Weimberg, Ralph	Pfc	39287875	N/B, 12 December 44

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Deeter, Ansel C	Pfc	35765905	KIA, 1 December 44
Gardner, Ruben J	Pvt	33214668	KIA, 1 December 44
Quinn, James R	Pfc	36481290	WIA, 1 December 44
Anger, Harold W	Cpl	36548251	N/B, 22 December 44
Galata, Fred O	Pvt	37489517	N/B, 14 December 44
Hensley, Thomas A	Pvt	34920122	N/B, 7 December 44
Hughes, Melvin L	S/Sgt	19015856	N/B, 22 December 44
Malinowski, Henry J	Cpl	16176065	N/B, 27 December 44
Mayer, Everett L	Pvt	32908344	N/B, 9 December 44
Moore, William M	Pvt	18090105	N/B, 6 December 44
Morice, Virgil J	T/Sgt	37400577	N/B, 7 December 44
Murphy, John J	Pvt	42065780	N/B, 13 December 44
Schultz, Max L	S/Sgt	36716171	N/B, 13 December 44
Tava, Raymond H	Sgt	36412228	N/B, 20 December 44
Wallace, John J	Pvt	14164778	N/B, 31 December 44

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Fuson, Raymond L	Cpl	35795578	KIA, 13 December 44
Gasser, Eugene P	Pfc	17082511	KIA, 13 December 44
Hargot, Sylvester P	Pvt	37632907	KIA, 13 December 44
Beggs, Carl L	Cpl	36439424	WIA, 4 December 44
Kuam, Donald B	Pvt	37589622	WIA, 13 December 44
Pritchett, William P	Cpl	34726968	WIA, 13 December 44
LaFleur, Dewey	Pvt	38491084	N/B, 6 December 44
Mayne, Robert C	T/Sgt	20848150	N/B, 15 December 44
Nolte, Roland W	Tec 4	37250389	N/B, 25 December 44
Olander, Edward H	Pfc	36060839	N/B, 23 December 44
Olson, William A	Tec 4	36288709	N/B, 26 December 44
Pollock, John R	Tec 5	37607289	N/B, 14 December 44
Sapp, Francis M	Tec 4	36411636	N/B, 11 December 44

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Wise, Gene	Pfc	37531848	KIA, 10 December 44
Bicanek, John E	Pfc	36969039	WIA, 21 December 44
Cook, Carroll C	Pfc	18201602	WIA, 11 December 44
Glover, Willard W	Pvt	38514954	WIA, 2 December 44
Jelkin, Stewart G	Pvt	37697830	WIA, 14 December 44
Jewett, Kenneth R	Pvt	39049593	WIA, 2 December 44
Kimmel, Rabb T	Pfc	18111114	WIA, 14 December 44
Metcalf, Melbourne A	Pfc	36411620	WIA, 13 December 44
Moren, George F	Sgt	38132086	WIA, 10 December 44
MURPHY, EDWARD G	1st Lt	01296068	WIA, 11 December 44
Nye, Robert L	Sgt	34464857	WIA, 13 December 44
Porter, John P	Pfc	18232585	WIA, 8 December 44
Ross, Neal	Pvt	39616449	WIA, 10 December 44
Schubert, Talford L	Pvt	38561767	WIA, 13 December 44
Schultz, Robert T	Sgt	36410697	WIA, 2 December 44
Strohl, George W	Pfc	33827907	WIA, 2 December 44
Webster, Carroll M	Pvt	17176428	WIA, 2 December 44
Acre, John C	Tec 5	31134001	N/B, 21 December 44
Alpern, William J	Pfc	11112139	N/B, 11 December 44
Anderson, Howard E	Pfc	38307621	N/B, 16 December 44
Bloom, Murray	Pvt	36546117	N/B, 19 December 44
Bohnencamp, Lloyd F	Pfc	16162455	N/B, 2 December 44
DeLeo, Pat R	Pfc	42041261	N/B, 13 December 44
Dickson, Gordon F Jr	Pfc	32815906	N/B, 2 December 44
Dominianni, Francis J	Pfc	32812102	N/B, 2 December 44
Donaldson, Floyd	S/Sgt	6828570	N/B, 4 December 44
Donenfeld, Phillip P	Pfc	42069924	N/B, 25 December 44
Dorner, Charles A	Sgt	36716280	N/B, 30 December 44
Ficca, Gaetano	Cpl	32759748	N/B, 11 December 44
Fornell, Harold A	Pfc	39692214	N/B, 3 December 44
Gentile, Sam M	Pfc	36649301	N/B, 14 December 44

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Hiltunen, Richard A	Pfc	36964527	N/B, 31 December 44
Hyer, John W Jr	Pvt	37744613	N/B, 25 December 44
Jacobs, Ottis W	T/Sgt	34575386	N/B, 21 December 44
Jones, Perry A	Pvt	34921420	N/B, 31 December 44
Kerns, James S	S/Sgt	34492936	N/B, 24 December 44
Korody, Lewis C	S/Sgt	36714501	N/B, 17 December 44
Landolfi, John	Pfc	31384302	N/B, 2 December 44
Mannone, Tom	Pfc	36642971	N/B, 12 December 44
Marzullo, Arnold T	Sgt	36766190	N/B, 8 December 44
Medena, Ralph J	S/Sgt	36410264	N/B, 2 December 44
Miller, Ronald D	Pvt	36964848	N/B, 9 December 44
NEELY, JOHN P JR	2nd Lt	0537274	N/B, 2 December 44
Osmund, John C Jr	Pfc	18232434	N/B, 3 December 44
Staples, Ernest	Pvt	31463562	N/B, 12 December 44
Viau, Malcolm M	Cpl	39045739	N/B, 3 December 44
Vidrine, John L	Pfc	39860756	N/B, 3 December 44
Wagner, John R	Pvt	36293784	N/B, 9 December 44
Webber, Stanley W	Pfc	36547659	N/B, 13 December 44
Williamson, Laverne	Sgt	34089406	N/B, 23 December 44
Zahara, John J	Pfc	37542335	N/B, 15 December 44
Zunker, Harry R	S/Sgt	36224229	N/B, 11 December 44

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Swanson, Bernard	Pfc	39577089	MLA, 3 December 44
Auerbach, Robert	Pfc	12219224	WIA, 3 December 44
Klimkowicz, Myron A	Pfc	35282694	WIA, 21 December 44
Alexander, B. M.	Pfc	18098103	N/B, 11 December 44
Amarando, Vincent A	Pvt	12226523	N/B, 16 December 44
Back, Lawrence A	Pfc	36572362	N/B, 16 December 44
Bolser, Homer E	Pfc	15308249	N/B, 17 December 44
Collacott, Eugene T	Pfc	33355035	N/B, 26 December 44
Coyne, John W	Pfc	32937396	N/B, 2 December 44
Daniels, Archie R	Pvt	37633400	N/B, 12 December 44
Dean, Hubert H	Pvt	35778550	N/B, 20 December 44
Dorman, John H	Pfc	18232109	N/B, 2 December 44
Drea, Francis	Pfc	36289094	N/B, 6 December 44
Fletcher, Fred H	Pvt	33821765	N/B, 20 December 44
Gorino, Joseph Jr	Sgt	39468045	N/B, 26 December 44
Gray, Cecle L	Pvt	6657161	N/B, 19 December 44
Herring, Gilbert W	Pvt	34855270	N/B, 26 December 44
Hyde, James L	Pvt	34917222	N/B, 7 December 44
Morris, Patrick R	Pvt	35926148	N/B, 20 December 44
Mulawa, Joseph L	Pfc	36592525	N/B, 6 December 44
Painter, Robert B	Pfc	35217286	N/B, 7 December 44
Payne, Charles A	Pfc	35548463	N/B, 16 December 44
Rinaldi, Frank A	Pfc	12124982	N/B, 6 December 44

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Riske, Ralph	Pfc	36716173	N/B, 10 December 44
SHAMBORA, PETER R	1st Lt	01317047	N/B, 29 December 44
Shannon, Lowell H	Pfc	18133187	N/B, 20 December 44
Stroud, Marvis Z	Pvt	34926299	N/B, 14 December 44
Tennant, Charles D	Pfc	39216120	N/B, 10 December 44

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ADAMSKI, JOSEPH F	1st Lt	0375131	KIA, 1 December 44
Breitling, Fred	Pfc	39706632	WIA, 6 December 44
Manley, Elmer A	Pfc	35541547	WIA, 3 December 44
Priest, Harold S	Pfc	35341346	MIA, 5 December 44
Bach, Elbert H	T/Sgt	35501902	N/B, 7 December 44
Bosi, Lawrence N	Pfc	36626644	N/B, 8 December 44
Burtram, Dennis B	Pfc	34973539	N/B, 2 December 44
Colvin, Edsel V	Pfc	39327287	N/B, 15 December 44
Costin, Solomon	Pfc	33025513	N/B, 23 December 44
LeLaura, Donald R	Cpl	36578856	N/B, 3 December 44
Eagle, Roy D	Pfc	35848066	N/B, 2 December 44
Jarks, Reinhardt J Jr	Pfc	36955687	N/B, 2 December 44
Justice, Edgar	Cpl	20756866	N/B, 2 December 44
Kirk, Kenneth W	Pfc	36995980	N/B, 20 December 44
Kozosky, William P	Pfc	6896567	N/B, 25 December 44
Kuhn, Harvey A Jr	Pfc	34777193	N/B, 10 December 44
Looney, Luther Y	S/Sgt	39170441	N/B, 8 December 44
Lord, Britt	Pfc	34087018	N/B, 20 December 44
Megears, Burl J	Sgt	37294655	N/B, 23 December 44
Mulligan, James J	Pfc	36898555	N/B, 4 December 44
Nolak, James S	Pvt	36761777	N/B, 9 December 44
Robinson, David H	Pvt	39411346	N/B, 20 December 44
Schmidt, Louis J	Pvt	38655928	N/B, 20 December 44
Selby, Richard M	Pfc	34916746	N/B, 16 December 44
Stafford, Howard C	Pvt	39580275	N/B, 2 December 44
Stewart, Donald V	Pvt	19015601	N/B, 4 December 44
White, John P	Pfc	14130872	N/B, 23 December 44
Wyatt, Hubert N	Pfc	34581795	N/B, 4 December 44

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Paynter, Frederick W	Pfc	36412385	WIA, 13 December 44
Stephens, Alexander B	Pfc	34574018	WIA, 3 December 44

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Belcher, William M	Pfc	39854701	N/B, 17 December 44
Cohan, Sidney	Pvt	33805674	N/B, 20 December 44
Collins, Richard H	Pfc	36410335	N/B, 8 December 44
Garrett, Abram J	Pfc	18232695	N/B, 24 December 44
Goldstein, Seymour	Pfc	32816750	N/B, 16 December 44
Grant, Kenneth F	Pvt	39580978	N/B, 31 December 44
Hanaway, Morris L	Pvt	35902177	N/B, 10 December 44
McIntyre, Ernest D	Pfc	34572321	N/B, 1 December 44
Mungo, Frank A	Pfc	36681097	N/B, 10 December 44
Pratt, Gerald	Pfc	36410732	N/B, 21 December 44
Reichel, George F	Pfc	33420995	N/B, 10 December 44
Welsh, Wallace L	Pfc	37515015	N/B, 6 December 44

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<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>N/B</u>
Headquarters Co	0	0	0	1
Service Co	0	1	0	1
Anti-Tank Co	1	0	1	1
Cannon Co	0	0	1	1
Medical Detachment	1	0	1	7
Hq Co 1st Bn	0	0	3	8
Company A	2	0	8	22
Company B	10	2	11	38
Company C	0	0	10	16
Company D	7	0	1	10
Hq Co 2nd Bn	1	0	2	4
Company E	3	0	4	33
Company F	2	1	10	41
Company G	6	11	15	29
Company H	2	0	1	12
Hq Co 3rd Bn	3	0	3	7
Company I	1	0	16	35
Company K	0	1	2	25
Company L	1	1	2	24
Company M	0	0	2	12
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TOTALS:	40	17	93	317

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<u>SILVER STAR:</u>						
1st Lt	Joseph F Adamski (Posthumous)	0375131	New York, N Y	29 Nov 1944	GO #48 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Arthur W Belli- veau	39049317	San Francisco, California	30 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Wilfred H Conner (Posthumous)	01307373	Harvey, Illinois	29 Nov 1944	GO #50 12-10-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Wilbur E Humble, Jr (Posthumous)	38502537	New Orleans, La	30 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
2nd Lt	Thomas W Jones	0537860	Washington, D C	30 Nov 1944	GO #56 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Adolph A Lucc- hesi (Posthumous)	36716475	Chicago, Illinois	21 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
T/Sgt	Joseph P Majhor	19015321	Portland, Oregon	28 Nov 1944	GO #48 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Carl Marsch (Posthumous)	15103106	Ashtabula, Ohio	29 Nov 1944	GO #50 12-10-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Owen F McIllear- ney	18073379	Detroit, Michigan	29 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Carl Minnear (Posthumous)	34495763	Gainesboro, Tenn	29 Nov 1944	GO #50 12-10-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Curtis C Neely	01296408	Monroe, Michigan	29 Nov 1944	GO #56 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	William R. Par- ker	01296416	Virginia Beach, Virginia	28 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Cornelius F Scott	01296100	Duluth, Minn	30 Nov 1944	GO #78 12-21-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	William C Wea- ver (Posthumous)	35926870	Cleveland, Ohio	30 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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Cpl	Willard J Werstovshek (Posthumous)	36102802	Detroit, Mich	26 Nov 1944	GO #50 12-10-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Clifton H Whipps	01285863	Columbus, Ohio	2 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Norwood W Wilson, Jr	13186914	Hopewell, Va	29 Nov 1944	GO #50 12-10-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

S/Sgt	Ralph E Nelson	36226946	Oconto, Wisconsin	12 Dec 1944	GO #91 12-28-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
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BRONZE STAR:

S/Sgt	Harry G Alex- ander	6148419	Boston, Mass	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	James G Alex- ander	32549276	Pennyan, N Y	3 Dec 44	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Gilbert A Amendt	17151968	DesMoines, Iowa	29 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Albert W Amsteen Jr	36715422	Chicago, Illinois	1 Dec 44	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Robert A Ander- son	16106087	Ann Arbor, Mich	28 Nov 1944	GO #73 12-19-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Caesar J Bert- ulio	36578661	Detroit, Michigan	30 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
2nd Lt	Biedrzycki, Ray- mond F	01998098	Milwaukee, Wis	16 Nov 1944	GO #71 12-17-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Stanley Birke	32868239	Bronx, N Y	3 Dec 44	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Gordon R Bishop	6246019	Portland, Oregon	30 Nov 1944	GO #68 12-16-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Herbert H Brown	36548725	Plymouth, Mich	11 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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Pfc	Leroy C Bruno	38421955	Columbus, Texas	11 Nov 1944	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Wesley H Burr	01310398	Silvercreek, N Y	30 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d InfDiv
Pfc	Robert C Colby	35557965	Ft Wayne, Indiana	1 Dec 1944	GO #73 12-19-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Cpl	Theodore F Collins	33530656	South Boston, Va	29 Nov 1944	GO #54 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Arthur A Couture	36553700	Bay City, Mich	24 Nov 1944	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Salvador V Dis- tefano	18246925	Baton Rouge, La	29-30 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	John V Doherty	32302441	Hoboken, N J	22 Nov 1944	GO #45 12-8-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	William J Dorato	01310421	New York, N. Y.	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
T/Sgt	Douglas A Driver	34575160	Thomaston, Ga	28 Nov 1944	GO #73 12-19-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	VanMore DuPerron	36411917	Manistee, Mich	29 Nov 1944	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 5	Darrell D Elliott	37244667	Salina, Kansas	28 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Dominic C Favara	36548910	Detroit, Mich	29 Nov 1944	GO #71 12-17-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	James J Fiala	37246534	Linneus, Mo	21 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Louis R Foley	31355643	Boston, Mass	30 Nov 1944	GO #43 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
2nd Lt	Theodore B Ford	0547992	Columbia, Miss	24 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Charles F Foster	17175542	Kansas City, Mo	23 Nov 1944	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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1st Lt	Harry E Geckler, Jr	01323419	Franklin, Ohio	29 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Leo J Grogan	33810690	Chester, Pa	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Daniel E Halpin	024957	Scranton, Pa	27 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Earl W Hankin	36713327	Chicago, Ill	21 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Edwin Hedman	35287085	Cleveland, Ohio	26 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
T/Sgt	William C Holl- oway	38035192	Navarro, Texas	21 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Melvin L Hughes	19015856	Boise, Idaho	14 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Harry J Iver- son	36715759	Chicago, Illinois	1 Dec 44	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Joseph F Jeffries	35626009	Dayton, Ohio	28 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Robert M Johnson	38693437	Jay, Oklahoma	29 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Jerome J Kaiser	36287914	Stratford, Wis	18 Nov- 6 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Sidney Kantor	32976693	New York City	29 Nov 1944	GO #62 12-14-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Michael E Karnicki	36548190	Monroe, Mich	30 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Dick J Kasten	37399975	Cuba, Missouri	13 Nov 1944	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	George H Keene	17176333	Pratt, Kansas	27 Nov 1944	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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Pfc	Robert F Kluge	33725068	Annapolis, Mo	28 Nov 1944	GO #62 12-14-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Michael J Kom- osa	36000790	Chicago, Ill	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Harold F Korte (Posthumous)	36548619	Detroit, Mich	28 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 5	Fred L Krueger	36572143	Detroit, Mich	1 Dec 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Bruno B Lambert	0549239	Corona, LI, NY	28 Nov- 1 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Joseph F LeBeau	36549556	Detroit, Mich	29 Nov 1944	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Robert E Ledtje	37169923	Waterloo, Iowa	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	George L Lemich	37460319	Winton, Wyo	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Louis M Lischko	36715996	Chicago, Ill	30 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Luther Y Looney	39170441	San Fernando, California	2 Dec 44	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
2nd Lt	Roger C Loving	0548220	Sheboygan, Wis	29 Nov 1944	GO #43 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Lt Col	John L Lynch	0255672	Chicago, Ill	10 Nov- 2 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Cpl	Willard F Lyons	36421250	Big Rapids, Mich	29 Nov 1944	GO #54 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
2nd Lt	Clifton E Marshall	0540587	Reynolds, Ga	26 Nov 1944	GO #54 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Lloyd W Mason	34302747	Fuquay Springs, North Carolina	29 Nov 1944	GO #62 12-14-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Lt Col	Harold H May	0338747	Peoria, Ill	10 Nov- 4 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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Sgt	William T Mc- Gregor	18073379	Abilene, Texas	12 Nov 1944	GO # 73 12-19-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Joseph T Mc- Carthy	32673033	Buffalo, N Y	24 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Ernest D Mc- Intrye	34572321	Gainesville, Ga	16 Nov 1944	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Richard M Naifeh	36546016	Detroit, Mich	3 Dec 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Alfred D Nie- meyer (Posthumous)	6559874	Marsch, Oregon	1 Dec 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Bruno H Novak	36045460	Chicago, Ill	1 Dec 1944	GO #53 12-11-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Steve A Novak	36359619	Chicago, Ill	28 Nov 1944	GO #58 12-11-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Samuel A Oddo (Posthumous)	36548947	Detroit, Mich	29 Nov 1944	GO #81 12-24-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 5	Joseph J Oko (Posthumous)	36714349	Chicago, Ill	29 Nov- 30 Nov 44	GO #62 12-14-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Lucien P Ordoyne	01302868	Ponchatoula, La (Amended by GO #71 17 Dec 44)	4 Dec 44	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Rapheal P Os- bourn (Posthumous)	37246405	Clay Center, Kan	30 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Stanley S Pan- oske	36713258	Durand, Illinois	29 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Martin L Pear- sall	01294185	Caney, Kansas	29-30 Nov 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Richard A Peter- son	37327285	Minneapolis, Minn	3 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	James R Pembert- on	16153714	Bloomington, Ill	3 Dec 44	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 5	Culmer W Peter- son (MIA)	36412409	Ionia, Michigan	30 Nov	GO #54 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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S/Sgt	Edgar L Plunk	34496061	Selmer, Tennessee	21 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Frank M Pifat	36716000	Chicago, Illinois	9 Nov- 6 Dec 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	John J Purdy (Posthumous)	16175092	Chicago, Illinois	29 Nov 1944	GO #97 12-30-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 5	Joe L Puente	38104008	El Paso, Texas	30 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Robert D Quinn	35231340	Akron, Ohio	16 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Robert S Raith	01323032	Philadelphia, Pa	19 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Lawrence L Schrank	18214528	Stephenville, Tex	30 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Lt Col	Howard F Selk	0330164	Delavan, Ill	10-16 Nov 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Carmele F Serge	42087456	Amsterdam, N Y	22 Nov 1944	GO #42 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Harold W Shaeffer	33200609	Westminster, Md	25 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 4	Elwood Shirley	35623797	Dayton, Ohio	16 Nov 1944	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Mike M Shkat- ula	15010620	Clarksburg, West Virginia	17 Nov 1944	GO #84 12-26-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Tec 4	Eugene R Simp- kins	36713070	Chicago, Ill	27 Nov 1944	GO #64 12-15-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Thomas J Simp- son	18115113	Houston, Texas	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
T/Sgt	Frederick J Slyford	36548245	Port Huron, Mich	29 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Cecil D Smith	37402311	Centerville, Mo	28 Nov 1944	GO #71 12-17-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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Sgt	George L Smith, Jr	20756778	Little Rock, Ark	22 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Kenneth L Stansell	34516110	Easley, S C	28 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
1st Lt	Charles A Stiteler	01310167	Yeadon, Pa	29 Nov- 1 Dec 44	GO #54 12-12-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
2nd Lt	Hendrick G Stone	01185600	Pierson, Fla	16 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Morris B Tay- lor	36034815	Chicago, Ill	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Charles H Thompson	01296451	Vienna, Virginia	27 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	James A Vinson	01296124	Goldsboro, N C	29 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Wilbur L Wal- ton	0522343	Smith Station, Alabama	10 Nov- 17 Dec 44	GO #77 12-21-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Capt	Clifton H Whipps	01285863	Columbus, Ohio	27 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Ned O Wied- brauk	36413070	Harrisville, Mich	30 Nov 1944	GO #73 12-19-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Leo Wildmann	36018366	Chicago, Illinois	10-18 Nov 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
S/Sgt	Harry Williams	37446035	DesMoines, Iowa	21 Nov 1944	GO #45 12-8-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Levi C Will- iams	37568602	Sisselton, S D	29 Nov 1944	GO #73 12-19-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Raymond S Wilton	36401486	Jackson, Mich	27 Nov 1944	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pfc	Joseph A Woehler (Posthumous)	35727579	Princeton, Ind	1 Dec 44	GO #58 12-13-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Place of Entry Into Service</u>	<u>Date of Deed</u>	<u>No & Date of GO</u>	<u>Hq of Issue</u>
Tec 5	Donald L Wood	17169817	Newton, Iowa	11 Nov 1944	GO #62 12-14-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Sgt	Fred Wuethrich	36288896	Medford, Wis	29-30 Nov 44	GO #47 12-9-44	Hq 103d Inf Div
Pvt	Stanley Zebrow- ski	32918422	Paterson, N J	13 Nov 1944	GO #41 12-7-44	Hq 103d Inf Div

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM :</u>
Bailey, Jack W	Captain	01295331	Des Moines, Iowa
Baldus, Judson E	1st Lt	01310044	Grand Haven, Michigan
Barclay, William R	2nd Lt	0546833	Ft Sheridan, Illinois
Barnes, Harold G	1st Lt	01316366	Farmerville, Louisiana
Bedell, Laurence A	1st Lt	01320368	McKeesport, Pennsylvania
Beville, John R	1st Lt	0389691	Amarillo, Texas
Biedrzycki, Raymond F	2nd Lt	01998098	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Bork, Leroy V	2nd Lt	01998097	Chicago, Illinois
Bowen, Joseph A	2nd Lt	01324720	Bowens, Maryland
Bradford, James C	WOJG	W2108658	New Castle, Pennsylvania
Brockman, Ernest F	Major	022147	Indianapolis, Indiana
*Bruck, William A	1st Lt	01312077	Elmhurst, LI, New York
Bucek, Roy A	1st Lt	0465333	Schulenberg, Texas
Burns, Robert E	Captain	01295750	Crookston, Minnesota
Burr, Wesley H	1st Lt	01310398	Silver Creek, New York
Calhoun, Shellace T	1st Lt	01309212	Thornwood, W Virginia
Carlino, Paul P	1st Lt	01315027	Albany, New York
Chance, Hugh G	2nd Lt	01320428	Jonesville, Virginia
Clark, John S	2nd Lt	01998095	Ft Sam Houston, Texas
Cox, Joseph L	1st Lt	0460097	Belton, South Carolina
Cox, Nelson R	2nd Lt	0545145	Baltimore, Maryland
Crow, John Y	2nd Lt	0545146	Towson, Maryland
Davis, Vernon E	1st Lt	01323670	Roxana, Kentucky
Deekle, William C Jr	1st Lt	026310	East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Denges, Edward D	Captain	01296665	Seneca, Pennsylvania
Doggett, Leonard B Jr	2nd Lt	01299539	Rockville, Maryland
Dodge, Nathaniel S Jr	Captain	0302765	Orinda, California
Drivers, Douglas A	2nd Lt	02000682	Thomaston, Georgia
Dunnahoo, Jack R	1st Lt	01306076	Fort Worth, Texas
Dukes, Oscar S	1st Lt	0383122	Aiken, South Carolina
Dygert, Vincent D	1st Lt	01302789	Detroit, Michigan
Everett, Carl A Jr	WOJG	W2124208	Bristol, Indiana
Fairgrieve, William R	1st Lt	01296676	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Famighetti, Anthony D	2nd Lt	01054560	Glenhead, New York
Fehner, Kenneth C	2nd Lt	01316029	Urbana, Illinois
Felsenfeld, Nathan	WOJG	W2135416	Highland Park, Michigan
Finger, Frederick E	2nd Lt	01055286	Kings Mountain, S Carolina
**Finnecy, Frank L	2nd Lt	01058799	Brookville, Pennsylvania
Fitzgerald, Thomas E	Captain	01296349	Cleveland, Ohio
Ford, Clifford H	1st Lt	0521821	Fountain City, Tennessee
Ford, Horace L	1st Lt (CH)	0553328	Lawrenceville, Virginia
Ford, Theodore B	2nd Lt	0547992	Columbia, Mississippi

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Foster, Robert T	1st Lt	01322325	Jackson Heights, New York
Fussell, Paul Jr	2nd Lt	0547154	Pasadena, California
Genovese, Sebastian R	2nd Lt	0470274	Bronx, New York
Gibbs, Spilman B	1st Lt	01310096	W New York, New Jersey
Gilleo, Vincent J	Captain	01299874	Highland Park, Michigan
Glick, Stuart J	2nd Lt	01310833	Chicago, Illinois
Goodrich, Douglas F	2nd Lt	01326186	Portland, Oregon
Gislason, Gerhard J	1st Lt (MC)	0525588	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Grandieri, Peter D	2nd Lt (MAC)	02048636	Danbury, Connecticut
Graves, Benjamin H	1st Lt	0470473	Clarksville, Georgia
Halpin, Daniel E	Captain	024957	Scranton, Pennsylvania
Harding, Henry J P	Colonel	015179	Stevenson, Washington
Harrison, Edgar A	2nd Lt	0526277	Lawrence, Kansas
Harvey, Richard S	2nd Lt	01823444	Chicago, Illinois
Hill, Joe M	2nd Lt	01326205	Dallas, Texas
Hinkle, William J	2nd Lt	01311773	Jackson, Mississippi
Hobson, Walter M	1st Lt	0449958	Belton, South Carolina
Holloway, William C	2nd Lt	02000686	Dallas, Texas
Hughes, Thomas P	1st Lt	01299890	Phoenix, Arizona
Jaffe, Sydney	2nd Lt	0547347	New Haven, Connecticut
**Jackley, Maurice	Captain	01297779	Long Beach, California
Jason, Alfred P	Captain (DC)	01684267	Chicago, Illinois
Jones, Richard H	Captain	01296038	Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
Jones, Thomas W	2nd Lt	0537860	Washington, D C
Jones, William	CWO	W2108666	Shreveport, Louisiana
Kawa, Casmere J	2nd Lt	02000683	Detroit, Michigan
Keough, Joseph L	1st Lt	01308238	Allston, Massachusetts
Kleffman, William C	1st Lt (CH)	0543166	Omaha, Nebraska
Kraemer, Robert H	Captain	01296710	Cincinnati, Ohio
Lambert, Bruno C	1st Lt (MC)	0549239	Corona, LI, New York
Lamkin, Robert W Jr	2nd Lt	0546867	Augusta, Georgia
Lampert, Lester L Jr	Major	022100	Washington, D C
Leimbach, Kenneth L	Captain (DC)	01786009	Isleton, California
Leshner, Jack L	1st Lt	01310123	Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Levi, Robert O	1st Lt (MAC)	01545666	Dallas, Texas
Lincoln, Lewis E	Captain	01300054	Kansas City, Missouri
Lofgren, John A	2nd Lt	0545586	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Lohr, Harold R	2nd Lt	0545587	Lake Norden, South Dakota
Loving, Roger C	2nd Lt	0548220	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Lynch, Hugh J	2nd Lt	0546871	Falfurries, Texas
Lynch, John L	Lt Colonel	0255672	Chicago, Illinois
**Maas, Harry A Jr	1st Lt	01822593	Dallas, Texas
May, Harold H	Lt Colonel	0338747	Peoria, Illinois
Marshall, Clifton E	2nd Lt	0540587	Reynolds, Georgia
Mattison, Wilbur E	1st Lt	0535963	Anderson, South Carolina
Meadows, Joseph W	1st Lt	01292921	San Francisco, California
McCabe, Edward J	2nd Lt	0514511	Narragansett, R I

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Mihalakis, Agis I	2nd Lt	01318567	San Francisco, California
Miller, Clay R	1st Lt (MC)	0517428	Pensacola, Florida
Miller, Horace A	Captain	01284367	San Francisco, California
Molhoek, Harold N	Captain	01300356	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Morgan, Leonard G	1st Lt	01290109	Newton Highlands, Mass
Morgan, Winston J	2nd Lt	01322802	Brooklyn, New York
Moser, Anton	2nd Lt	01062029	West Allis, Wisconsin
Murphy, Edward G	1st Lt	01296068	Marion, Ohio
Murphy, Warren M	1st Lt	01296070	Ballinger, Texas
Murphy, Waymon T	1st Lt	01284920	Austin, Texas
McCarthy, John R Jr	Captain	01299833	Washington, D C
McCorquodale, Ralph	2nd Lt	01319302	San Diego, California
McSurley, Donald E	1st Lt	01318685	Quincy, West Virginia
Neely, Curtis C	Captain	01296408	Monroe, Michigan
Neely, John P Jr	2nd Lt	0537274	Louisville, Kentucky
Nichols, Carl G	2nd Lt	0547994	Rosedale, Mississippi
Nord, Robert D	2nd Lt	0545591	Elkton, South Dakota
Nordhausen, Robert C	2nd Lt	0550410	Mount Vernon, New York
O'Leary, Robert J	2nd Lt	01289475	New York, New York
O'Regan, Patrick P	2nd Lt	01322402	New York, New York
Ordoyne, Lucien P	1st Lt	01302868	Ponchatoula, Louisiana
**Packer, John K	1st Lt	01295263	Attleboro, Massachusetts
Parker, Robert F	2nd Lt	02000684	Mt Hope, West Virginia
Parker, William R	Captain	01296416	Baltimore, Maryland
Passaro, Francis M	2nd Lt	01321241	Baltimore, Maryland
Patrick, Nelson G	2nd Lt	01314829	Donna, Texas
Patterson, Ralph B	1st Lt	01307571	New York, New York
Paulson, Donald E	2nd Lt	0545592	Sleepy Eye, Minnesota
Perez, Charles E	Captain	01296420	Arlington, New Jersey
Petrie, Sidney A	2nd Lt	01045884	Park Rapids, Minnesota
Pierson, Jack A	Captain	01305983	Lincoln, Nebraska
Pigmon, Sidney	2nd Lt	01998096	Colson, Kentucky
Poole, Jerry W	2nd Lt	0547561	Muskogee, Oklahoma
*Poole, George T	1st Lt	01310148	New York, New York
**Price, Allen E	2nd Lt	0538358	Lee Summits, Missouri
Quinn, John F Jr	1st Lt	01289798	New York, New York
Raith, Robert P	1st Lt	01323032	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Redwine, Gordon P	Captain	01296085	Dillsboro, Indiana
Rigdon, Henry C	1st Lt	01322395	Deer Park, Ohio
Ryerson, William H	2nd Lt	01308382	Patterson, New Jersey
Rose, Matt E	2nd Lt	0546874	Decatur, Georgia
Rustejkas, Theodore W	2nd Lt	01054779	Duquesne, Pennsylvania
Sachleben, Leon J	2nd Lt	0540509	Madison, Indiana
Sadin, Jerry L	1st Lt	01322967	Chicago, Illinois
Sathe, Gordon E	1st Lt	01308386	Jackson, Minnesota
Satterfield, Lawrence E	Captain	0371729	Birmingham, Alabama
Scott, Cornelius F	Captain	01296100	Duluth, Minnesota
Selk, Howard F	Lt Colonel	0330164	Delavan, Illinois

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Shambora, Peter R	01317047	1st Lt	Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Shaw, Jack S	2nd Lt	02000685	Des Moines, Iowa
Shelley, Marvin E	1st Lt	01300537	Mooreland, Indiana
Shively, William S	Captain	01296103	Lima, Ohio
Siegenthaler, Stanley K	2nd Lt	01061859	Spokane, Washington
Silver, Norman J	Major	0453752	Brooklyn, New York
Sims, James P Jr	2nd Lt	01060638	Birmingham, Alabama
Sion, Edward G	Major (MC)	0423581	Shenandoah, Pennsylvania
Sipes, Kenneth L	Major	0344639	Phoenix, Arizona
Siskin, Gerald	2nd Lt	0550411	Yonkers, New York
Sly, Thomas S	Captain	01299953	Decatur, Illinois
Slyford, Fred J	2nd Lt	01692629	Port Huron, Michigan
Smith, Curtis O	2nd Lt	01325791	Peoria, Illinois
Smith, James D	WOJG	W2108669	Town Creek, Alabama
Sowder, Charles S	1st Lt (CH)	0547759	Billings, Montana
Spasyk, John L	1st Lt	0422142	Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Stegura, Frank H	1st Lt (MC)	0549535	Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania
Stiteler, Charles A	1st Lt	01310167	Yeadon, Pennsylvania
Stone, Hendrick G	2nd Lt	01185600	Pierson, Florida
Thomas, Earl C	Captain	01296938	Cresco, Iowa
Thompson, Charles H	Captain	01296451	Vienna, Virginia
Thorndyke, James V Jr	Major	0337401	Omaha, Nebraska
Thorne, Charles E	1st Lt	01310527	Augusta, Maine
Torrance, Alfred J	Captain	01296118	Easton, Pennsylvania
Walpole, Howard T	Captain	0416042	New Holland, Georgia
Wasko, Franklin F	1st Lt (MAC)	02049754	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Walton, Wilbur L	Captain (CH)	0522343	Smith Station, Alabama
Whipps, Clifton H	Captain	01285863	Columbus, Ohio
White, Charles L	1st Lt	01321358	Los Angeles, California
White, Wilson E	Major	0450921	Westfield, Pennsylvania
*Young, Clarence C	1st Lt	0530121	Lovelock, Nevada

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**TD, 2nd Replacement Co

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PLACE: VILLE, FRANCE (V679715)

0001 - 2nd Battalion CO called S-3 and told him that "F" and "G" Companies will attack at 0700 tomorrow after an artillery preparation. "E" Company will side slip down the road to help "I" Company at BLIENSCHWILLER.

0735 - Message received at 2300 last night by S-3 "411th has taken EPTIG. 409th has taken DAMBACH-LA VILLE with one Battalion. You will move at daylight and capture BLIENSCHWILLER. Clean up NOTHALTEN with reserve troops. You will not repeat not delay attacking BLIENSCHWILLER at daylight by waiting to mop up NOTHALTEN. Signed -

0735 - 2nd Battalion CO called and said they now occupy NOTHALTEN.

0750 - S-6 called S-3 from his Advance CP and instructed him to hold up information on 2nd Battalion. Our advance S-3 came to the phone and discussed the situation on "I" and "E" Companies. We were not informed of the situation last night and "I" Company was working on the supposition that "E" Company was going to attack BLIENSCHWILLER from the NORTH. Advance S-3 stated that "E" Company was just to be ready to carry out such an operation. We were going to try to get in touch with "I" Company and have the situation straightened out.

0840 - S-3 called Cannon Company CO and asked him if we could contact "I" Company through him. He said he was trying to communicate with them and would let us know as soon as he made contact. He also said he would like to have someone in NOTHALTEN act as observer if he got a chance to fire on BLIENSCHWILLER.

0845 - Division Chief of Staff called and gave us the Division Commander's verbal orders for the day as follows: "1. Capture Phase Line "B" in Zone. 2. Hold Phase Line "B" with minimum forces conducting an active defense. 3. Be on the alert for minor counterattacks. 4. Use your artillery in the defense. 5. Coordinating point for 409th Infantry and 36th Division is DIEFFENTHAL. 409th Infantry will establish immediate contact with the 36th Division through patrols. 6. Plan only repeat plan only to assemble Regiment less forces necessary to hold Phase Line "B" in Zone."

0855 - S-2 called Advance S-2 and gave him the above message from the Division Commander. Advance S-2 was instructed to give it to S-6. S-2 told Advance S-2 that Patterson, Radio Chief of 2nd Battalion who was reported missing, was seen in VILLE last night.

0900 - Cannon Company CO called S-3 and said he hadn't been able to contact "I" Company as yet. Cannon Company CO wants us to get the 2nd Battalion to put a 300 radio on Channel 29 and try to get his forward observer who is with "I" Company. His wire to "I" Company went out about an hour ago when they started to push. "E" Company has not moved down to help "I" Company as they were supposed to. Cannon Company had one EM and one officer wounded by shellfire last night.

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- 0917 - G-3 called S-3 and wanted to know the disposition of our troops.
- 0919 - S-3 called Cannon Company CO and learned they still haven't contacted "I" Company.
- 0933 - S-3 called Cannon Company and they still haven't contacted "I" Company.
- 1001 - G-3 Junior called and wanted to know if we could give him a guide to take him to our Advance CP.
- 1002 - S-6 called S-5 and informed him that our mission was to take Phase Line "B". We haven't time to contact 3rd Battalion so our plan is to use 2nd Battalion from NOTHALTEN to take Phase Line "B". S-6 instructed us to send someone to contact the 3rd Battalion.
- 1008 - G-3 Junior called and we informed him that our Rear CP was still in VILLE.
- 1009 - Cannon Company reports they can't contact "I" Company yet.
- 1013 - Lt. Hughes dispatched to try to contact 3rd Battalion.
- 1020 - S-5 called S-6 and informed him that the Assistant Division Commander was on his way now to our Advance CP. S-6 instructed us to contact Division and get some CIC men to ITTERSWILLER to investigate some men in civilian clothes who are believed to have been in the German Army.
- 1022 - S-5 called G-2 and spoke to Lt. Hudson. He informed Lt. Hudson that we needed some CIC men in ITTERSWILLER.
- 1025 - Report from wireman at end of "I" Company wire that "I" Company moved out at 1000 to take BLIENSCHWILLER. He heard firing but knew nothing of the situation.
- 1035 - S-6 called the following new order to S-5 "6th Corps ordered to take SELESTAT. 2. Mission of 103d changed as of 011000 Dec 44. 3. Stop assembly of troops. 4. Prepare to continue attack. 5. Orders for the attack will follow." S-5 informed S-6 of the above message about "I" Company jumping off at 1000. He told us to get word to the 3rd Battalion that they were to disregard the last change of orders and get their Battalion on their part of the Phase Line.
- 1040 - Lt. Baldus sent to HOHWORTH to contact the 3rd Battalion.
- 1047 - Cannon Company CO learned from some Engineers that BLIENSCHWILLER was clear and also learned from a 409th Lieutenant that the road from VILLE to BLIENSCHWILLER was clear. Cannon Company was going to make reconnaissance and move up.

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1052 - S-3 informed our Advance CP of 1047 entry and that we had dispatched two officers to contact our 3rd Battalion.

1103 - "I" Company has cleaned out BLIENSCHWILLER and has contacted elements of the 14th Armored Division. They are receiving some sniper fire. This report was called in to G-2 and G-3.

1112 - Lt. Hughes reports he cannot contact the 3rd Battalion. He is at the 383rd FA Fire Direction Center now. He was informed of the 1103 entry, also that the road is now clear from VILLE to BLIENSCHWILLER.

1128 - S-2 called our Liaison Officer at Division and asked him to get information on the towns of SCHERWILLER, CHATENOIS, KINTZHEIM, ORSCHWILLER.

1135 - S-6 called S-5 and informed him that the 3rd Battalion had been contacted just the other side of HOHWORTH and that they were on their way to Phase Line B. S-6 said he was trying to contact "I" Company and have them take part of the Phase Line assigned to 3rd Battalion and when the 3rd Battalion moves up they will move right in their respective positions. The Assistant Division Commander is at our Advance CP now.

1140 - Lt. Thorne sent to HOHWORTH to contact the 3rd Battalion and get them started toward Phase Line B.

1143 - S-3 called G-2 and informed him that we were now in BLIENSCHWILLER and had contacted elements of the 14th Armored Division there, that we hit Machine Guns, Burp Pistols and snipers in the town, and that we knocked out a 20 mm gun there last night. G-2 told us that the 36th Division walked into CHATENOIS and KINTZHEIM. They are on the outskirts of VALD DE VILLE.

1153 - 3rd Battalion Operations Sergeant called S-3 and wanted to know if the highway from HOHWORTH running NORTHEAST to RJ 3000 meters NORTHEAST was clear. We informed him the road was clear all the way to BLIENSCHWILLER.

1154 - Our Liaison Officer returned from Division and reports that ORSCHWILLER may not be in our hands yet. 36th Division is at RJ at VALD DA VILLE.

1210 - Lt. Thorne called and said he had contacted "I" Company and that S-6 had already instructed them to occupy part of Phase Line "B". They are on their way down there now and the rest of the 3rd Battalion is just a little behind them.

1230 - S-6 called and says the Advance CP is moving into the next town and may go into NOTHALEEN.

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1230 - 3rd Battalion CO called S-3 and informed him that "I" Company had taken the town of BLIENSCHWILLER, that 3rd Battalion is in the woods just WEST of BLIENSCHWILLER on the way to DAMBACH-LA VILLE. They started marching at daylight and have been marching thru the woods ever since. They are marching to occupy Phase Line B which they will do with two companies.

1240 - S-3 called our advance CP and gave them the above message. Advance CP says that S-6 has left for NOTHALTEN.

1305 - Cannon Company informs us that S-6 and the Assistant Division Commander were on their way to DAMBACH-LA VILLE and should be in BLIENSCHWILLER right now. Told us that 200 or 300 German prisoners were coming up from DAMBACH-LA VILLE.

1320 - S-6 called and reports that two companies of the 3rd Battalion were pushing out and should be on Phase Line "B" in one-half hour, "E" Company on the left. We told S-6 that Division Operating Instructions No. 18 were on their way down to him.

1332 - S-5 was informed by the 383d FA Battalion that the 3rd Battalion less one company was no in BLIENSCHWILLER.

1352 - S-4 called S-5 and informed him that shower units were now in operation and that Antitank and Cannon Companies can use them if they can get men up there.

1356 - S-6 called and told S-5 to move the Rear CP to BLIENSCHWILLER.

1358 - G-3 called and wanted to know if we could get in touch with the Assistant Division Commander. We checked with 3rd Battalion but they didn't know where he was. The Division Commander got on the phone and wanted to know about our 3rd Battalion. We told him that "I" Company was on Phase Line "B" at approximately 775695, that the rest of the Battalion was on the way to occupy the Phase Line.

1445 - Advance S-2 called S-3 and wanted Engineers to come up to clean a railroad underpass that was blasted by artillery. We thought it was out of our Zone and that the road from BLIENSCHWILLER to DAMBACH-LA VILLE should be used. Advance S-2 was going to check with 2nd Battalion on it. Advance S-2 says he has a reserve platoon from "G" Company and some Antitank men up with him that he didn't know what to do with.

1525 - Headquarters Commandant called S-5 and informed him that he had a CP picked out for us in BLIENSCHWILLER.

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- 1850 - Chief of Staff called and instructed us to send a Liaison Officer to Division.
- 1900 - Assistant Division Commander called S-6 and wanted to know if we had gotten our tanks as yet.
- 1910 - 2nd Battalion reports the head of their column at V779696; along the road and the head of column right at the underpass. Report they contacted the 409th Infantry at DAMBACH-LA VILLE.
- 2000 - Antitank Company reported they were right in BLIENSCHWILLER and would send a runner to Message Center.
- 2032 - 3rd Battalion called and wanted to know if we had any reports on the 411th Inf. They reported that the 2nd Battalion is going to follow the 409th Infantry.
- 2107 - Informed the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions that they would not move any transportation SOUTH of TREMBACH or BLIENSCHWILLER without clearance from us.
- 2115 - 3rd Battalion given clearance to move four vehicles.
- 2116 - 1st Battalion informed that the clearance line did not include road to VILLE.
- 2125 - The point of 411th leading elements at V815678. Some of them 1000 meters behind.
- 2130 - Informed 3rd Battalion of 2125 entry. S-6 instructs 3rd Battalion to start moving because the 411th Infantry is way ahead.
- 2147 - Our Liaison Officer reports that he has contacted the Tank Battalion and is coming here with their Company Commander. 411th Infantry has taken EBERSHEIM and is going to hold there.
- 2158 - S-5 informed 3rd Battalion CO of the above entry.
- 2200 - S-3 informed Lt. Baldus that he need not continue on his mission as we already had the information he was after.
- 2240 - G-3 called and said we would continue operating under OI No. 18.
- 2310 - 3rd Battalion called and said "K" and "L" Companies were splitting their zone with "I" Company in reserve.
- 2350 - We instructed the 3d Battalion not go go past Phase Line D.

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0007 - S-5 called S-4 and informed him that we wanted the shower units brought up. He said it would take about 4 hours to break down the unit and it would be 1400 before he could have it set up in DAMBACH-LA VILLE. While the unit was being broken down a reconnaissance could be made to find suitable positions. He was to call about it in the morning.

0105 - We called 409th Infantry and informed them that the TD's would start off at 0500 this morning. They had not heard from Tanks as yet.

0108 - G-3 informed us that there was no Tank Liaison Officer up there.

0258 - 409th Infantry 1st Battalion is reported in SELESTAT.

0315 - 409th Infantry called and wants us to hold the TD's and not send them as planned.

0345 - G-3 was informed that our "L" Company was on Phase Line "D" as of 0230.

0508 - 2nd Battalion CO called and was informed that the 409th Infantry was in part of SELESTAT and that leading elements of 3rd Battalion were on Phase Line D as of 0230. He said he would stay where he was till he received further orders.

0545 - TD officer came in. He was going to stay at the intersection till we needed him.

0710 - Division Commander called S-3 and told him we were to continue our present mission. S-6 and one Staff Officer report to Division at 020800 Dec 44.

0710 - Operations Memorandum of 012200 received from our Liaison Officer.

0735 - G-3 called and we informed him that the 3rd Battalion was on Phase Line D with 2nd Battalion right behind them. We have no contact with 411th. G-3 informed S-5 that the 409th 1st Battalion went into SELESTAT.

0845 - 1st Battalion closed at 0830. CP remains in old location until new one opens.

0850 - 3d Battalion CP moved to DAMBACH-LA VILLE.

0930 - 3d Battalion called and wanted to know where the 2nd Battalion was.

0940 - Division Signal Officer called and said the Division Advance CP would open in DAMBACH-LA VILLE. Wants all calls to 2, 3, 5, and 6 to come through there.

0950 - S-5 called 3rd Battalion and was informed their CP was in DAMBACH and they had an CP in the next town.

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- 0955 - Sent 3rd Battalion Liaison Officer to find leading elements of 3rd Battalion.
- 1000 - G-3 called and we informed him that our 1st Battalion was in NOTHALTEN and that our 2nd and 3rd Battalions were along the Phase Line.
- 1012 - Received a new Division Operations Memo which gave us two platoons of Tanks from Company B, 756 Tank Battalion.
- 1030 - S-6 returned from Division with the order that the Regiment, less our 3rd Battalion, is now attached to 2nd French DB which is General Le Clerc's outfit. They are now moving SOUTH along the RHINE. The Tank Company will be taken away from us. We do not take the 383d FA Battalion with us. We will have attached one platoon of Engineers and one Collecting Company. All our Regiment, except the 3rd Battalion, will be assembled in the ST PIERRE - STATZHEIM - EPTIG area by 0800 tomorrow morning. 3d Battalion will remain as a separate unit under Division Control. They will have attached 4.2 mortars and will send their S-4 to Division G-4 today to arrange for supplies. The Regiment will probably move into the BENFIELD area. S-6 left for STROUSEBURG.
- 1035 - S-5 called 2nd Battalion S-6 and we learned that the 2nd Battalion is at V795673. Their CP is at NOTHALTEN. He is to report here as soon as he gets some transportation.
- 1040 - S-5 called 1st Battalion S-6 and informed him about our attachment to the French. Told him to be prepared to move at 0800 tomorrow.
- 1110 - S-5 called Engineer Liaison Officer and was informed that 2 platoons of Engineers go with us.
- 1200 - 3rd Battalion front lines V805655 to 809661.
- 1210 - 1st Battalion CO is to report to Combat Group Commander of Combat Group Four in STATZHEIM. He will report for orders there. He is to have one platoon of Cannon, one platoon of Antitank, and one platoon of Engineers.
- 1310 - G-3 says our 2nd Battalion is now free to move as we choose.
- 1320 - Cannon Company informed us that one platoon is on the way to NOTHALTEN.
- 1327 - Lt. Hughes dispatched to 1st Battalion to instruct their CO to report immediately to Combat Group R for instructions.
- 1340 - 2nd Battalion informed of change in plan.
- 1422 - Division Movement Control wanted to know if we are to be motorized.

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DATE: 2 December 1944

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME

PLACE: BLIENSCHWILLER, FRANCE (V765714)

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- 1500 - Division called and gave us the light line for tonight - ANDLAU - BLIENSCHWILLER
THANVILLE.
- 1540 - Received Operating Instructions No. 19 from Division.
- 1612 S-3 called Division Movement control to find out how long it would take to get
trucks here. His Assistant said it would take about an hour.
- 1635 - Division Movement Control called and we told them we weren't sure when we would
need the trucks.
- 1645 - S-6 returned from STROUSEURG.
- 1655 - Our Liaison Officer came in and informed S-6 the Division Commander wanted to
see him.
- 1657 - S-3 called Movement Control and asked for trucks at 0300 this morning.
- 1712 - S-3 called 2nd Battalion and told them to move into BLIENSCHWILLER.
- 1717 - Everything called off about moving.
- 1727 - 2nd Battalion informed of above message.
- 1750 - Message received - "1st Battalion closed in STATZHEIM at 1630".
- 1800 - S-3 informed the 411th Infantry we had a patrol going out to meet them at 2300.
- 1800 - Message sent by S-5 to CO 1st Battalion - "Stay in STATZHEIM. Plans changed."
- 2245 - Our Liaison Officer returned from Division with OI Nos. 20, 21, and 22."
- 2343 - S-5 called Cannon Company and told them to get into position tomorrow.

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DATE: 3 December 1944

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PLACE: BLIENSCHWILLER, FRANCE (V765714)

0845 - G-3 called and wanted to know which Battalion they had strings on. We informed them it was our 2nd Battalion.

0900 - Head of column of 1st Battalion at EICHHOFFEN.

0950 - Division Artillery called and wanted to know the situation.

1030 - Message received from CO 3d Battalion - "Objective reached at 0900".

1045 - 411th Infantry called and said they were receiving artillery fire within 300 yards of their "L" Company position and wanted to know if it was from our artillery. We checked with our Artillery Liaison Officer and they were firing a mission on V824654 which was 2000 meters from the 411th Infantry.

1212 - 3rd Battalion has "K" Company on the Right, "L" Company on the Left, and "I" Company in reserve.

1258 - Informed S-6 that 1st Battalion wants to move into DIEFFENBACH, but S-6 says no. 3rd Battalion informed us that they were receiving artillery fire in the assembly area assigned them. S-6 instructed Cannon Company not to fire in that Zone which has been assigned us.

1618 - Received following orders - "2nd DB relieving 411th Infantry tonight. Establish and maintain contact with elements of 2nd DB at EBERSHEIM. Protect Division Left Flank. Protect left flank of 409th Infantry in its attack on SELESTAT. Prepare to assemble two battalions on three hours notice after 040600A Dec 44 in their present positions for meter movement to new assembly area." This message was shown to 1st Battalion CO at 1610 and he was told to make all preparations and be ready to move anytime after 0600 tomorrow.

1800 - Attachment to the French is off. We are to remain in BLIENSCHWILLER until we receive orders from Division. We informed our Battalions of this.

1915 - Our Liaison Officer brought in Operating Instructions No. 23 from Division. We are ordered to concentrate in the GUGGENHEIM area. Our 3d Battalion will remain in position and protect the left flank of the 409th Infantry and will then assemble on Division order for Meter Movement north.

2100 - Arrangements were made for our meter movement NORTH with Division Movement Control. They are sending us Quartermaster Truck Companies to make the move.

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DATE: 4 December 1944

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PLACE: BLIENSCHWILLER, FRANCE (V765714)

TIME

0500 - Regimental Movement Order No. 4 was written and distributed.

0900 - 2d Battalion crossed the IP at EPFIG.

1044 - Last elements of the Regiment crossed the IP.

1200 - New CP opened at WINGERSHEIM, FRANCE (V926137).

1715 - S-4 informed us that Water Point No. 2 would open at 1830 at WALTERHEIM (V911166). Class I, II, III, and IV are now open and V will open tomorrow. S-4 wanted to know if it would be permissible to set-up the shower Unit at a place 1.5 kilometers from WINGERSHEIM with transportation available for these too far distant. S-5 gave him permission to do so. 1st and 2nd were to be notified of this. Water Point is 1000 meters WEST of WALTERHEIM. (Between one-half and three-fourths of a mile).

2025 - G-3 called and informed us there was a RED ALERT. Unidentified planes flying over.

2100 - G-2 called and informed us that it was ALL CLEAR.

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DATE: 5 December 1944

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

DATE

PLACE: WINGERSHEIM, FRANCE (926-137)

0915 - Our Liaison Officer reported in from Division and informed us that the 409th Infantry took SELESTAT and that all Units down in that sector would move up today or tomorrow.

1130 - G-2 called and said there is a RED ALERT.

1215 - G-2 called and said there are three unidentified planes at VICTOR 99 ABLE and one unidentified plane at WILLIAM 29 BAKER.

1500 - Liaison Officer called from Division and reported that the Corps Operating Instruction had just arrived at Division and that Division is working on their Operating Instruction. Will continue in between the two Units now on line. We will not be a flank unit.

1635 - S-1 called G-3 and informed them that our 3rd Battalion closed into their assembly area at 1630.

1700 - Class I Supplies at TRUCHTRESHEIM (907-071); Class III Supplies at PFELTSHEIM (934-067); Division Water Point at WALTERHEIM (911-167); Army Water Point at MITTENHAUSEN.

2030 - Flash Call from Division - enemy planes 5 miles. All Units warned.

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DATE: 6 December 1944

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY
PLACE: WINGERSHEIM, FRANCE (926-137)

TIME

- 0925 - Movement Control called and wanted to know how many trucks we sent down to the 411th Inf. We told them they would have to call the S-4 and get that information.
- 1608 - Red Alert plane 15 miles.
- 1610 - Movement Control called and said light line within Division assembly area fender beams can be used.
- 1700 - G-3 to S-2: Fame 6 wants Fatal 6 and one staff officer report to Division at 1900 tonight. A little change in our plans as they are rushing it up a little.
- 2200 - Fatal 6 called and wanted both Fatal Red & White 6 at Fatal CP within the next half hour.
- 2202 - Fatal Red & White 6 informed to report to Fatal CP within next half hour.
- 2230 - Movement Control informed us that we would get 15 QM trucks to shuttle our Bns in a short move. Rest of the trucks to move Bn will have to be taken from Train Bivouac. QM trucks to be picked up at 0800, 7th Dec at DITWILLER (803-172).
- 2300 - Fatal 6 returned from Div with draft copy of O. I. #24 and overlay. OO 1st & 2d Bns were present.
- 2320 - Fame 3 informed us that we would use 15 trucks to move 1st Bn and they will then return to move up the 2d Bn.
- 2322 - Movement Control called and said they will prescribe a route for us. The route will be the same as I showed you this afternoon but we will send you up the West side of the loop. We will detruck at RINGENDORF. Fame 6 will prescribe route, detrucking point, and time. He has both of us working on a plan. He may have you move your Bns according to your Rcn. Motor Movement 12 to 14 miles. Assembly area from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 miles from detrucking point. The 5 trucks we were ordered to furnish to move Div Rear Echelon will not be needed.
- 2353 - Message from CG 103d Inf: "Co F, 410th Inf is relieved from defense of Div CP and reverts to Regtl control effective 071000 Dec 44. One (1) rifle company 409th Inf will effect relief."

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DATE: 7 December 1944

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PLACE: WINGERSHEIM, FRANCE (926-137)

TIME

0920 - Division Movement Control called and informed us that they have a route picked out for our movement forward, but they want us to make a reconnaissance of it. We informed them that we now have our S-3 out making a reconnaissance.

0930 - 411th S-3 called and said they would like to make a contact point with us at 2100 at the point where our two regiments meet.

0932 - G-3 called and said they wanted to use 3 of our jeeps with the 410th Infantry markings and they will let us use 3 vehicles belonging to the 409th Infantry.

1355 - RED ALERT reported by Division.

1400 - Movement Control called and informed us that they are running some artillery into PFAFFENOFFEN after us tonight.

1415 - Movement Control called and said they are going to relax the restriction on the number of vehicles that will be allowed to follow the foot troops.

1440 - S-4 called and we informed him that our CP would move sometime this afternoon, but that we would leave something in WINGERSHEIM as the 3rd Battalion and Cannon Company were not moving today.

1445 - Chief of Staff called and said Division is going into LA WALCK and that we were to keep out NORTH of the river.

1450 - Division called and said the alert is now YELLOW.

1455 - G-3 called and said that we should keep 15 QM trucks to move the 3rd Battalion tomorrow. Corps says it is O.K. if we quarter and feed the men. Said we would get trucks tomorrow to move our other Battalion. All trucks will go to the 409th when we are through with them. Wants us to send the other 10 trucks to WALTENHEIM.

1512 - 2nd Battalion S-6 called and said he was ready to leave now. He is going forward himself and set up his CP. He wants to move his AT platoon, a section of MG's, and "E" Company first. Says the troops will remain at an old German ammunition dump until dark. Wants to infiltrate his organics into EUBERACH.

1535 - S-6 called CO 3rd Battalion and told him to report to our new CP tomorrow.

1540 - S-6 called AT CO and told him in his movement tomorrow he would infiltrate his vehicles and as soon as he arrived at his destination he would immediately get his vehicles out of sight. AT reported they will move about 0930 tomorrow morning.

1620 - "A" Company and mortar platoon passed 1st Battalion CP (928277) on way to relieve "I" Company of the 180th Infantry.

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1620 - S-3 called Division Movement Control and told them that we wanted to move our 3rd Battalion late tomorrow afternoon, about 1600. Movement Control is going to check and call us back on it. Also informed Movement Control that the 411th Infantry was cutting through our route.

1650 - No change in the 180th Infantry situation.

1700 - "B" Company passed Regimental CP at 920274.

1735 - "B" and "C" Companies passed 1st Battalion CP. "D" Company and 1st Bn. Hq. Co. reported closed in new area.

1736 - "E" Company passed Regimental CP.

1800 - New Regimental CP opened at Vic NIEDERMODERN (920274).

2000 - 1st Battalion completed relief at 1900 except for AT guns. "B" and "C" Companies in towns.

2000 - Message sent to CO Antitank Company "Have one officer meet Captain Gentry (CO Antitank Company, 180th Infantry) or his representative at CP 180th Infantry (908272) PFAFFENNEFFEN tomorrow at 0830. Purpose - reconnaissance of gun positions to be taken over by your Company tomorrow."

2045 - 1st Battalion CO called and wanted us to release his kitchens to him. We told him we would check with S-6 and if it was O.K. with him we would try to get them up to him the 1st thing in the morning.

2100 - The 6 tanks going into MERTZWILLER to relieve the 6 tanks of the 180th Inf have been attached to the 1st Bn.

2115 - At 2100 the 2d Bn closed into their area.

2400 - Contact patrol of Co E, 410th made contact with Co C, 411th.

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PLACE: NIEDEBOSSEEN, FRANCE (920274)

0105 - Fatima White 2 called and they informed us that their Co "F" sent patrol to BJ (949311) and had not made contact with Fatal patrol.

0115 - Fatal 6 called Red 3 and directed them to find out if they had made contact and report.

0120 - Red 3 reported to Fatal 6 that Guide from platoon relieved had lost control with patrol in woods. Red is sending out another patrol along road and expected to make contact shortly.

0130 - Above reported to Fatima White 2.

0220 - 1st Bn S-3 reports contact patrols of Co C, 411th have contacted Co A, 410th; B Co have contacted our E Co.

0300 - 411 2d Bn 3 called and said his patrols had not made contact with our A Co.

0310 - We called 1st Bn 3 and told him to check on contact patrols and report back.

0456 - From Sq. Ldr., F Co patrol to 1st Bn S-3: Patrol crossed river penetrated 25 yds. Heard enemy movement. Shells landed close, so withdrew to C Co CP. Neg. report from Red CP.

0500 - To 1st Bn CP: Patrol out to repair wire to 411 from F Co.

0500 - 1st Bn S-3 reports that 1100 they sent 4 men and at 0100 also 4 men whose mission was to contact CP 3d platoon. Failed to contact Did contact 3d Platoon A Co CP. A Co reports that upon occupying 180th positions, discovered that 180th had 7 MG's assisting in holding position. A Co, not being able to contact platoon, presumes that the platoon Ldr drew his platoon in slightly for the night.

0540 - A Co CO rpts his patrol will try to contact 411 again.

0543 - Automatic fire - 15-20 rds from pt. about 150° or 160° from 1st Bn CP.

0830 - 1st and 2d Bns report all OK thru the night. 1st Bn received few scattered rds of enemy hazarding artillery - no casualties.

0832 - 1st Bn rpts a couple German patrols attempted to come thru their area and were fired on by our force that withdrew. 2d Bn had no action whatsoever. Company "A" patrol still has not contacted the 411th Infantry.

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1045 - 2d Bn rpts 4 bridges - 3 small ones are OK and the southremost toward Neubourg is blown - 25 feet across - Engrs could repair center pillar.

1150 - 1st Bn 3 to S-3: Co A had tied in all last night with Fatima patrol.

1220 - G-3 to S-3: It will be OK to patrol to the extent of your own security. We cannot go out beyond our present area.

1240 - CO of TD Co atchd to us came in and received instructions.

1242 - AT company at Ueberach, Cn Co in position at 9427, Col Co at Ringeldorf, Co B 756th Tk Bn with 8 tks at Ringeldorf, 6 Tks in position, Co C Chem Mort will have CP at 962275, 3d Bn at Grassendorf and Mertzwiller.

1245 - G-3 to S-6: We are to take the shoulder patches off the men doing our patrolling. It is OK to patrol with Redwood and Fame 6. They want us to use 3d Div patches on our men if we can get them.

1250 - Cn Co is in position and is sending his forward observer up now. Will be prepared to fire shortly.

1300 - S-6 called 1st Bn 6 and told him it was OK to patrol as long as the men had no shoulder patches on. Gave the same message to S-6 of 2d Bn.

1400 - Asst Div Comdr visited our CP and wants us to get out recon patrols for our own security.

1440 - 411th 2d Bn S-3 wants to put some TD guns in on our boundary. We are going to check on it and call him back.

1630 - G-1 Jr called and said that troops will not try to obtain food by buying or bartering as it is all rationed. This will be disseminated down to the units.

1635 - C/S called S-6 and wanted to know where our Tk Co was. Wanted to know if we were going to use them soon. We told him have them used when the attack started.

1640 - 1st Bn S-6 to S-6: Said they are sending out 3 patrols tonight. Have asked for rubber boats. This river is going up. Going up two to three inches an hour. Since there are no foot crossings they will have to have the rubber boats. Expect the patrols back at about 0330. If their reports are good we would like to jump off before daylight tomorrow. We told him we would have to ask Fame 6 for permission on this. Would like

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1640 - the Engrs to have some assault boats down there and some equipment to make some foot bridges. Wants to get the foot troops across before dawn and out posts and be ready to clear the town by dawn. We asked if they are going to throw both the outfits they have this side of the stream over. He said one first and the other ready to go over. We asked should we bring up a similar unit of 3d Bn. He said we might be forced to use more than one company. He says engineers could get equipment up for the foot bridge tonight. Says they are going deep with their patrols. We asked if the 3 AT guns he had would be enough for the job. He said he would like to bring all the guns across he could. We told him we would alert AT to have one platoon ready to move to his CP on call after midnight. Said we would call Div and get permission for him to do this if his recon was favorable. He wanted us to alert the mine platoon with as many mines as they could get to protect the roads. We said we would notify AT to have one platoon of guns and mine laying platoon tentatively. We told him we would take care of the Engr equipment.

1700 - 1st Bn S-2 to S-2: Smoke went off the other side of creek at 9615-2925. Boats will have to be sent up to the motor pool.

1715 - G-3 to S-6: Gave us authority to shove one Co across river to take town. All elements have been contacted but actual things will not get here tomorrow. Task Force Forrest effective 0900 Tomorrow morning ready to help you out on flank.

1715 - S-6 to CO AT Co: AT Mine plat and one Plat AT Co atchd to 1st Bn. Plat Ldr rpt to 1st Bn CP before dark. Rubber assault boats and one Plat Engrs atchd to 1st Bn Plat ldr rpt to 1st Bn CP before dark. That is if 1st Bn atks to seize the bridge & N end of Mertzwiller tonight.

1717 - S-6 to 1st Bn 6: G-6 has given authority to jump gun if in my opinion situation warrants it. When you have your patrols ready give me a ring. My planning hour will be 1800. S-6 said he told AT CO to go to your CP and bring one AT Plat and mine Plat Ldr to your CP. I talked to Engr Plat Ldr and we will have your Engr Plat Ldr at your CP tonight. On the foot bridge he thought it would be faster to use assault boats. They will have to be ferried not roll them across. In case we do go thru with it we better inform White (2d) Bn of same.

1815 - CO 2d Bn to S-3: 2 TD's are suppose to be in Co E area. These people have orders to remove them. Patrols are back. No Krauts found S of creek. There are reasonable number of the on N Bank. We have enough protection without TD.

1910 - G-3 informed that 3d Bn closed into area at 1730.

2230 - 1st Bn 2 rpts that there are 4 or 5 Mark 6's at 967-292. Corps concentration. Small arms fire reported from 1st Bn CP in Vic 2d Bn sector. We were also informed by 1st Bn 6 that the Engrs who were to build Bailey bridge wouldn't be up till morning.

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0545 - 1st Bn S-2 called and said A Co Patrol was unsuccessful in crossing river and drew MG fire from (V954309). B Co Patrol crossed river and located artillery fire at (970296). No other contact. C Co patrol crossed river and were fired on by 3 MG's from 3d house across river. By-passed town and continued on mission without opposition.

0645 - 2d Bn CO called S-3 and wanted two rubber boats as soon as possible. He will be at our CP at about 0800.

0735 - B Co Comdr of 328th Engrs visited our CP and received information as to where boats should be delivered to 2d Bn. He had only one rubber boat but said we might be able to borrow one.

0900 - Ex O of 328th Engr Bn & Co B Comdr visited our CP to discuss plans for putting in a Bailey Bridge.

0915 - S-3 to 1st Bn 3: Asked if we could get down to the buttresses of the bridge. 1st Bn 3 told us we could, but didn't know about the far side as there were Krauts over there.

0920 - G-3 to S-3: Fame 6 wants our Regtl Tentative Plan in by 1000 this morning. Bring it right to the War Tent.

0925 - S-3 to 1st Bn 3: Asked them how many mines they had. They have 30.

0930 - 1st Bn 3 called and said Engrs were moving up in 2½ ton trucks toward the bridge. We instructed him to keep those trucks away and make them walk down.

0940 - Regt Ln called 1st Bn 3 and asked if they had contacted the Mun O about mines. They say they didn't. Called AT Co and they can't use them now. AT has 60 of them.

0955 - Regt Ln to Tk Co 6: Told him our S-6 wanted to see him. He is leaving for our CP immediately.

1030 - S-6 called Lt Williams CO of B Co 328th Engrs and asked him to come to our CP.

1230 - What type of flares have you in your Co? (S-3 asked 1st Bn 3) 1st Bn 3 said Yellow smoke. S-3: This is for lifting Arty Fire, if you haven't any I'll try and get you some.

1230 - S-3 to 2d Bn 3: Check on your supply of pyrotechnics and then call me.

1250 - Fame called and said: Condition is RED.

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1430 - S-6 and S-3 went to Div CP.

1510 - S-2 to 1st Bn 2: We have a rpt that there are some Tk activity in that factory across from your town. 411 is planning to use our bridge.

1600 - Red Alert.

1725 - Fame 3 called and wanted to know when the 601st TD's closed in. We told him 1500. They want an overlay showing the location of all TD Guns.

1825 - 2d Bn S-3 called and wanted to know about attachments. We are checking and will call him back.

1825 - 1st Bn 1 called and said our S-6 was at their CP and was leaving now. Should arrive here in 15 minutes.

1855 - S-2 called 1st Bn S-2: One of A Co patrols is being held up. The other is shooting in thru direction of the town. It is reported that 411th is sending patrols up to critical pt 7. Can you check with 411th and find out what the story is on their patrols especially point 7. 411th is moving right in on us. They have placed a bridge right in our Zone. They are going to lay mines up there. Everything is all screwed up. I want to get a patrol up into that position we are going to take tomorrow. Try to let me know where the 411th patrols on our flank are going to operate tonight. I have to know as I want to get my patrol out.

1905 - S-2 called 411 S-2 and informed him of above message. Decided that the creek would be the boundary. They say we won't run into their people out there.

1915 - Called 1st Bn 2 and told him it would be OK to send out his patrols without fear of tangling with 411th patrols.

2015 - 3 TD's with 409th at La Walck; (not ours) 2 TD's 1st Bn at 951291, 1 TD at 948291, 2 TD's 2nd Bn at 946306, 2 TD's at 957283.

2030 - Red Alert reported by Div.

2228 - 1st Bn 3 informed to contact 411 at 954312 (Co A), 965318 (B), 982321 (C), 991325 (D).

2235 - 3d Bn informed of 2228 entry.

2300 - Opn Sgt from 3d Bn informed us that IP was crossed on time.

2330 - Red alert reported by Div.

2347 - Sgt Major rpted closing old CP and the new one opened at 959-274.

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0045 - CP from 1st Bn called about flashes from Arty at about 70-75°. Apparent location in woods on ridge or behind hill. Rate of fire 3 rds/10 min.

0120 - 3d Bn closed in forward Assembly Area at 0110.

0335 - Fatima (411) 3 called and said he had his TD's alerted in case we needed them.

0530 - General Pierce visited CP.

0543 - 1st Bn S-6 reports that the attack jumped off at 0530 as planned. The river had fallen so much that C Co was able to use an overturned boat to make a bridge.

0605 - A Co has not all crossed the river as yet, but are moving to objective on time. Receiving some mortar fire. A Co is the left Co and one platoon advancing critical point 7.

0615 - C Co is moving into Mertzwiller and is receiving practically no fire.

0617 - C Co is on the objective and is digging in. They are now going to clean out the town of Mertzwiller.

0620 - Fatal 3 reports that all plans are made for 2d Bn attack and they will be ready to go at 0700.

0621 - Informed G-3 of situation up to the present.

0625 - S-6 gave S-1 our plan of attack as follows: C Co small group across the bridge site by boat to form bridge head. The bulk swung around rear of town then work in thru the back. S-1 passed to Div this information.

0635 - 411th jumped off on time meeting only a little arty fire.

0640 - A Co has become intermingled with G Co 411 and company comdr is back at the River straightening them out. One platoon of A Co is headed for the factory.

0655 - A Co Platoon on critical point 7.

0720 - Instructed CO of Company "B", 328th Engineers, to have a platoon ready to move across the river.

0725 - German Tanks assembling for counterattack due EAST of critical Point 4. Milling around in that little neck of woods there. S-2 called this information into G-2 immediately and a Corps concentration is being prepared.

0733 - "A" Company is clearing the NORTH part of MERTZWILLER and has captured 7 prisoners.

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0730 - The two leading companies of the 2nd Battalion are across the stream and are pushing on. Meeting only slight resistance.

0735 - Two platoons of "F" and two platoons of "G" are across the stream and are meeting no resistance.

0755 - "C" Company platoon hit MG and rifle fire from the factory area.

0757 - S-5 informed the 411th Infantry of our situation.

0802 - Assistant Division Commander called 1st Battalion S-6. 1st Battalion S-6 informed him that there is lots of fire on the bridge, but that they are receiving very little fire.

0806 - 383rd FA Liaison Officer called his outfit to see if they had a reconnaissance plane up yet. They said no, but they are getting one up right away.

0810 - Assistant Division Commander called G-3 and informed them of our situation.

0811 - "G" and "F" Companies crossed stream at 976285. Got burp gun fire still advancing.

0815 - Assistant Division Commander called Fatal 6 and asked if we had contacted the forces of TASK FORCE FOREST as yet. We told him no. He instructed us to get patrols out and contact these people.

0825 - "A" Company is having trouble in vicinity Critical Point 8. They are putting our Cannon Company on it. "C" Company receiving some small arms fire from between Critical Point 4 and 5.

0835 - 2nd Battalion is just 200 yards short of the road. Two companies abreast.

0820 - G-3 called and said he had heard that our "A" Company platoon at Critical Point 7 was having trouble. We know nothing of this report.

0845 - "A" Company is having trouble around Critical Point 8. Red 6 says "A" Company Platoon on Critical Point 7 is not having trouble.

0845 - 2nd Battalion at Critical Point 9 running SE along the railroad. Left flank at Critical Point 9 and right flank at SE edge of the clearing along the railroad.

0900 - Motor Officer reports that he can have trucks to move battalion at our old Regt'l CP inside of two hours.

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0901 - German artillery fire falling around Critical Point 12.

0905 - 411th Infantry right flank is "G" Company at 965320. Left flank is "E" Company at 950338. Minefield has been laid by 411th at 957317 to 961319.

0905 - At Critical Point 8 "A" Company is advancing slowly against MG and small arms fire. A direct artillery hit on 36th Engineers at Critical Point 3 killed three men and destroyed their work. They have to regroup their equipment and start the bridge over.

0945 - 1st Battalion S-6 called and said he was going to alert "B" Company and push Patrol into le Zang woods.

1010 - 411th Infantry "B" Company is supposed to take GREISBACH. Their "A" Company is in our Zone fighting for BERGSCHMIEDE. 411th is worried about woods in front of our "A" Company. When they are sure woods is cleaned out 411th "G" Company will move on to Phase Line A leaving their 1st Battalion to clean out GRIESBACH.

1030 - Division Signal Officer called and asked how long it would be before their Advance CP could move NORTH.

1032 - 1st Battalion S-3 called S-5 and said that five or six hundred yards from Critical Point 7 the Germans were forming for a counterattack. They are putting a fire mission on it.

1035. - The bridge is not yet ready. Counterattack died down on 2nd Battalion right flank and then flared up even stronger than before. The road up there shows definite use by tracked vehicles.

1045 - Our Engineers say it will be 1200 before the bridge is ready for use.

1055 - Our MP Officer reported in and said he was bringing up the smoke pots. We told him it was O.K. to turn the smoke over to the 36th Engineers and 1st Battalion.

1100 - Received message from our Liaison Officer as follows: "411th "B" Company is supposed to take GREISBACH (See overlay). 411th "A" Company is now in our Zone (See overlay), fighting for BERGSCHMIEDE. 411th is worried about woods in front of our "A" Co. When they are sure woods are secure 411th "G" Company will move on to Phase Line "A" leaving their 1st Battalion to clean out GRIESBACH (Signed - Lt. Hughes - 0930).

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1050 - Sent the following message to CO, I&R Platoon: "Your message received by Fatal 6. Continue on present mission. Do not allow any enemy to infiltrate through your area without adequate warning to us (CO Fatal signed 1050).

1100- S-3 called G-3 and said that our I&R Platoon reported stone bridge is out approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers SE along the road from critical point 1 and 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards to the East are road blocks which are manned. G-3 informed us that we have all the air support we want and to please give them targets. Says there are road blocks in the vicinity critical point 13 and another S in critical point 14 and another E in 14 about $\frac{3}{4}$ kilometer and another further E just E of critical point 15. Those are the main ones.

1100 - Movement Control Memorandum for 10 December and Periodic Report No. 28 received from Division.

1112 - Movement Control called and said that the ford to the left of the bridge seems to be O.K. for tanks as it had a good hard bottom. To reach Movement Control Officer call our 1st Battalion CP and ask for Movement Control.

1115 - At this time S-6 ordered the 3rd Battalion, less "I" Company to clean the Lu Zone woods and capture their part of Phase Line A in zone.

1125 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6 and informed him that the 3rd Battalion would pass by woods trail to the N and cross above them and through their "A" Company (platoon) at Critical Point 7 and clean the Lu Zang woods and then pass on to their Part of Phase Line A down to approximately the 31 grid line. Told them to go ahead with their job of mopping up and hold what they had left of "B" Company in hand. Division reports that SCHWEIG-HAUSEN is unoccupied, but that the Jerries are dug in to the road on the N. 3rd Battalion is now approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers due E of their CP.

1130 - Tank platoon leader says he doubts that he can ford the river.

1150 - S-3 called 4.2 mortars and asked them to make a reconnaissance of area to take positions with our 3rd Battalion.

1158 - 1st Battalion Liaison Officer called and said truck with smoke pots for the 36th Engineers left our rear CP about 10 minutes ago.

1200 - S-3 called S-5 and reported our 1st Battalion down around Critical Point 3 were doing a lot of work. Reported that at Critical Point 8 they ran into some personnel carriers. Also found lots of dead Krauts from our artillery preparation fire this morning. Personnel carriers came out from critical point 8 and were going toward our critical point 4.

1225 - Our MP officer delivered smoke to the 36th Engineers. They don't want to use it unless they have to.

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1230 - Our 2nd Battalion sent out a Combat Patrol and they reached Critical Point 14. There is no road block at this point.

1240 - Motor Officer called and we told him we were calling off the motor movement of the battalion, also that there was no further need for smoke.

1245 - 383rd FA S-3 called and reported that they were going to shoot some propaganda shells this afternoon.

1245 - 1240 someone was firing at Critical Point 14 - just Left of it. 2nd Battalion S-2 asked if it was our artillery. We checked with 383rd FA and our Cannon Company and they are not firing around that vicinity.

1255 - "I" Company Outpost reports that TASK FORCE FOREST is moving in on them and they claim there is supposed to be a platoon of 409th Infantry around them. We told the "I" Company outpost we had nothing to do with them.

1300 - S-3 called 2nd Battalion S-3 and told them our Artillery was not firing on or near their positions. 2nd Battalion S-3 swears it is our artillery. They had to pull back a combat patrol on account of the firing.

1310 - S-3 called G-3 and told him that TASK FORCE FOREST had arrived at Critical Point 1. G-3 said that was where they were supposed to be. Assistant Division Commander authorized us to relieve our "I" Company now that TASK FORCE FOREST has arrived.

1340 - 2nd Battalion S-6 reports that the woods in general area critical point 9 and critical point 14 are not planned woods. They are natural woods. The ground there is generally boggy off the roads. There is no sign of armored vehicles having moved anywhere except on the roads. He was given an order by S-6 to dispatch one company to the NE to seize and hold critical point 13 (cross roads at 989302).

1340 - Bombs dropped by enemy aircraft on road by 1st Battalion CP.

1405 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6 and instructed him to be on the lookout for our 3rd Battalion. We have been unable to contact them.

1420 - 2nd Battalion around critical point 9. Has patrol moving on critical point 13. Has one at critical point 14. No opposition.

1440 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6 and told him the bridge was still under fire. "A" Company has cleaned out factory and are up to the railroad station. "C" Company has captured a 75 mm gun and lots of ammunition, also a flak wagon. He is getting lots of fire. Says the Kraut MG covering the bridge should be stopped by now. Assistant Div. Comdr. told Red 6 to keep someone watching the bridge and if the MG started up again to knock it out.

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1445 - Lt. Leshar reported to the 1st Battalion CP. They sent him back to Service Co. with instructions for him to take over the Replacement Company back there.

1500 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6. 1st Battalion S-6 reports that there is no MG down by the railroad track around the bridge. Reports they are cleaning out the town now and that it is loaded with dead Krauts. Don't know how many prisoners they have taken. Says he can't shake a complete company loose to clean out the woods on the N of town.

1500 - Movement Control just informed us that the bridge is now open. We told him our Unit is alerted and ready to go.

1505 - S-6 informed 1st Battalion S-6 that the bridge is now in and that they can start moving stuff across.

1520 - 1st Battalion S-6 reports that the information we received from Movement Control about the bridge being in is incorrect. It will be finished in about 10 minutes.

1530 - Called our 1st Battalion CP and asked if they had anyone who could see the troops crossing the bridge. Supposed to be someone from "A" Company watching. (Our MP Officer cut in on the line and said vehicles are now crossing the bridge. Receiving a few rounds of Kraut Artillery now and then). "A" Company has seen nothing of the 3rd Battalion. We instructed 1st Battalion S-3 to have someone from "A" Company on the lookout and as soon as 3rd Battalion starts across the river to let us know.

1540 - S-3 called 411th S-3 and asked if they had seen anything of our 3rd Battalion. They are going to check with their Forward CP and let us know.

1600 - S-2 reports they found 18 men of the 180th Infantry in MERTZWILLER who have been there for about a week. Have been living on apples.

1607 - Our MP officer called and said he had gotten two platoons of priority and 4 of non-priority stuff across the bridge. We instructed him to get all the 1st Battalion stuff across the bridge. 1st Battalion S-3 says they were the ones who liberated the lost platoon of the 180th Infantry.

1610 - Movement Control called S-5 and reports that so far they have sent 6 tanks, 2 TD's, 1 platoon of Bn AT guns, and one platoon of AT Co. guns across the bridge. So far road is swept as far as crater on road to bridge is filled in.

1630 - 1st Battalion S-6 says he has sent "B" Company across the river and a patrol up the river. 2nd Battalion S-5 walked into our CP and reports that "G" Company is on critical point 13 but are having a stiff fire fight. Cannon Company is firing for them. S-6 instructed 2nd Bn. S-5 that they were to hold on to critical point 13 and "B" Company would be up to seize and hold the high ground N of them.

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1635 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6 and ordered him to get his "B" Company racked up and on the move to occupy the high ground N of critical point 13.

1640 - Our Regimental Liaison Officer reports that the Southern section of HAGUEBAU is now cleared. The rest of it isn't cleared. They are patrolling to the N.

1645 - S-5 called S-3 and we gave him the situation. S-5 said the replacement company was all taken care of.

1647 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6. 1st Battalion S-6 reports that the 3rd Battalion passed through critical point 7 about 15 minutes ago.

1700 - G-2 called S-3 - "411th reports tanks going from FORSTHEIM to LAUBACH. There are about three tanks and were W of LAUBACH.

1705 - S-5 called S-6 - "G" Company has secured critical point 13. They have been told about "B" Company coming up N of them. Get exact positions of units as you will get another preparation tomorrow morning. Time of attack will have to be about one hour after daylight, about 0830. All of lead company of 3rd Battalion and most of next Co. and platoon of mortars all in woods. He has tried to contact 411th "G" Company and could not find them. All 12 tanks across the river.

1710 - 2nd Battalion S-5 came in and said critical point 13 is now ours.

1710 - 3rd Battalion S-6 called S-6: "I got part of "K" and all of "L" and one platoon of MG's across the river. "L" Company is the lead company. A&P with the mines are also across. Passed critical Point 7 about 2 hours ago and am well into the woods. It is hard to get the exact location. Meeting some resistance. Not serious yet. The stream crossing is very poor, have to take one man across at a time. Will be a bridge that will take AT guns and 3/4-ton W/C in about 2 hours. 411th is also using it. I want information from 411th about it. Haven't contacted "G" Co of 411th on the Left as yet. (S-6 instructed him to try to get all the way through the woods tonight, that "B" Co. was pushing along the edge of the woods S of them, that 2nd Battalion had seized critical point 13.)

1725 - 3rd Battalion S-6 called S-6: "Resistance met 500 yards in woods. Resistance overcome and I am now 1000 yards in woods still meeting resistance." We told him we would release his "I" Company to him in the morning and we were moving our advance CP up to MERTZWILLER. He said they got lots of 20 mm fire when they started into the woods and the Krents blew up the guns and went back into the woods about 400 yards. Then they got lots of automatic weapons fire. (Said the 20 mm's just opened up again at 1738 off to their Right flank). Said he was going to keep pushing and see how far he could get. Says he doesn't think "B" Company is making any progress.

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1800 - 1st Battalion S-6 called S-6 and we gave him information on the 3rd Battalion. He said they had advanced up to the woods at Critical Point 13 and said they are going to contact "G" Company. They won't go into the woods until they do make this contact. We informed him that the hour of attack in the morning would probably be 0830 with another artillery preparation.

2030 - Major Sion reports that a group of civilians in MERTZWILLER are injured and want care from our Medics. We have quite a few of our own men hurt and will aid our own men first. G-1 says that a Civil Affairs man will go up tonight.

2125 - Our Liaison Officer called from Division and gave us the following information. "The Southern part of HAGUENAU is reported as cleared. The Northern part is still unchanged. GAMBSEIM and BISHCHWILLER are cleared. From the town North of HAGUENAU friendly patrol activity continues by reconnaissance elements. There is no change in the 79th Division front on our Right. Captain Jones said he would be down at 0400 with a new Division Operating Instruction. Also said he would call us every hour to give us any changes in the situation.

2225 - 409th is going to take a platoon of tanks from us. 1st Platoon of tanks is going to them.

2300 - New Advance CP opened in MERTZWILLER.

2350 - 3rd Battalion S-6 was given permission to move his organic vehicles into the North part of MERTZWILLER. They will start moving at 0100 tomorrow morning.

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- 0400 - Our Liaison Officer delivered Operations Instruction 27 from Division.
- 0750 - 3rd Battalion S-5 called S-3 and informed him that at 0740 their leading Co's were about 800 yards from PHASE LINE A. "L" Company in the lead and "K" on the left. "K" in contact with flank units on the edge of woods. Arranged with 411th for contact, but so far hasn't made contact. "B" Co between critical points 6 and 13.
- 0815 - 3rd Battalion S-6 reports that the artillery preparation is lifting and they are ready to move into town.
- 0830 - LAUBACH has been cleared by the 3rd Battalion.
- 0920 - S-5 called S-3 - "3rd Battalion moved beyond PHASE LINE A. They were at LAUBACH at 0830. No contact with 411th Infantry. They haven't jumped off from LAUBACH. They are waiting for the 411th to jump off at 0930. 1st Battalion is very cautious and sent out patrols from "B" Company. 409th is in the area and will notify you when they pass through our Blue Battalion. 2nd Battalion is protecting the South flank and moving along. 3rd Battalion has buttoned up all roads with mines."
- 0940 - Gave 1st Battalion S-6 orders to shove off.
- 1005 - Vehicle bridge that was in the 2nd Battalion area yesterday has been pulled out this morning.
- 1043 - S-3 called S-5: "Reported that 3rd Battalion has taken LAUBACH. "B" Company at critical point 13 moving out, toward that town in front of them. 2nd Battalion is between critical points 13 and 14 moving out. All vehicles across bridge but about 12 vehicles of 3rd Battalion and 4 TD's. Will you send Tank Liaison Officer up to us? We are going to attach tanks and TD's to 3rd Battalion."
- 1045 - Tank Liaison officer left for the forward CP.
- 1105 - 2nd Battalion S-6 is at critical point 14 with two companies ready to move.
- 1108 - 3rd Battalion says they have coordinated with 411th Infantry on passing through their Reserve Company. 411th is going to side-slip all our 3rd Battalion except the reserve Company and they will pass through them.
- 1113 - RED ALERT received from Division.
- 1122 - "B" Company jumped off at 1120.
- 1130 - Division reports that EBERBACH had fallen as of 1040.

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1135 - The road to LAUBACH is clear of mines.

1140 - "B" Company is 100 yards in the town of ESCHBACH at 1135. Meeting very little resistance.

1145 - Division will open new Advance CP at 1200.

1215 - 3rd Battalion is now in HEGENEY with their "K" Company. They are receiving some opposition.

1255 - "B" Company has gone all the way through ESCHBACH.

1305 - "G" Company reports two road blocks; one East and One West of the RJ at Critical Point 15.

1310 - 3rd Battalion is closing up around HEGENEY. Said in 30 minutes the complete Bn. would be East of LAUBACH.

1326 - S-6 wants the CP moved to LAUBACH. 1st Battalion CP is moving to ESCHBACH.

1327 - Division Commander called and was given the situation. He ordered us to keep pushing on ahead.

1328 - 1st Battalion S-6 says "B" Company should be in WALBOURG in an hour and a half.

1330 - 1st and 2nd Battalion CP's moving into ESCHBACH. 3rd Battalion CP in LAUBACH.

1340 - S-3 called S-5 - "Co "L" in front of critical point 16. Co "K" on their right, on line with them. Co "B" to the N of critical point 19 just at edge of town. Co "F" on critical point 14 on flank. Co "G" on critical point 15. Co "C" through town ahead of critical point 13. Co "I" just ahead of critical point 6 back of "L" and "K".

1342 - Assistant Division Commander left our CP.

1345 - S-6 says LAUBACH will be our temporary CP. We will move on to ESCHBACH.

1410 - "F" and "G" Cos are moving from road E of critical point 15 (020295) to the N RJ at 019307. A platoon of "G" Co was left at (020295).

1417 - 3rd Battalion CP is at LAUBACH and so is "I" Company. Road from LAUBACH to ESCHBACH has not been swept as yet.

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1422 - TD's reported at (020292).

1430 - 1st Battalion S-6 reports: "Bridge at (030316) is destroyed. Engineer reconnaissance is now in progress. Road block about 1000 yards to the rear is being removed. Our leading elements pushing on to WALBOURG.

1430 - Artillery Liaison Officer with our 1st Battalion reports: "Friendly tanks have rolled into DURRENBACH."

1600 - 1st Battalion S-6 reports that leading elements of "B" Company entered WALBOURG at 1500. Encountered heavy small arms followed by heavy artillery fire."

1605 - S-3 directed by S-6 to proceed at once to LAUBACH and contact 3rd Battalion S-6. Secure 3rd Battalion situation and inform their S-6 that 1st Battalion has been directed to capture BIBLISHEIM. Direct 3rd Battalion S-6 to capture DURRENBACH and keep his Bn. prepared for immediate movement to the SE.

1640 - Message from 3rd Battalion S-6 - "Area near Critical Point 35 taken. I am going to try to advance to Critical Point 40 before dark. Request artillery fire near Critical Point 40 on our request only. Planning road block at Critical Point 41." Signed Blue 6 at 1600.

1718 - At 1715 "B" Company cleaned out WALBOURG.

1800 - New CP opened at ESCHBACH. (999305).

1830 - S-6 and S-3 left for 3rd Battalion CP.

2130 - Division Commander called and gave his orders for tomorrow as follows: "Seize PHASE LINE M in Zone and protect the Division Right flank." He said we didn't need to worry about the bridge being out in our Zone as we could go up to the N and then come back down in about 10 minutes. Said it would be impossible to give us a Treadway bridge as there just weren't any to be had.

2155 - G-3 called and gave us the following order: "1. Seize PHASE LINE M in Zone. 2. Protect Division right flank. X1. Maintain contact to the right and left between all front line Battalions by patrolling across the front. X2. Report without delay condition of all bridges immediately upon reaching same."

2015 - S-6 sent following message to 3rd Battalion S-6: "Unable understand your message timed 1610. Attached map indicates proper critical points. "C" has started for town East of present position as latest information your progress was apparently far behind, but was stopped on receipt your situation at 1645. Will send instructions for tomorrow later. Must know whether you have any troops now East of Eastern end of town in which you are located, in order to coordinate tomorrow's action. My CP now in town $\frac{3}{2}$ kilometers SW

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2015 - (Continued) your present location." (Signed H.J.P. Harding at 2015).

2030 - 3rd Battalion line runs N to S goes SW from Critical Point 21. The S flank is just NE of Critical Point 25.

2100 - Message to S-6 from 3rd Battalion S-6: "Message times 1610 Faggot Critical Points. Right flank of Love Company pinned by Friendly fire from right. Was withdrawn into DURRENBACH. No further attempt toward BIBLISHEIM until clarification of boundaries. I have no troops East of Town I am now occupying. Regtl Commo stopped my wire team near Laubach - Am awaiting Regtl wire in present location. Fame 6 wanted information of bridges to front - Liaison Officer has same. (Signed Fatal Blue 6 at 2100)".

2200 - G-3 called S-3: "3rd Battalion of 409th Infantry on left side of town just SW of critical point 48 just about our critical Point 21. 2nd Battalion 409th still in assembly area. "

2205 - 1st and 2nd Battalion CO's Regimental OI #9 from S-6 at Regimental CP.

2315 - Message dated 11 Dec 44 to CO 1st, 2d and 3d Bns.: "Each Bn will Rpt (1) Positions of front lines (2) Situation (3) Plans once each hour on the hour from 0700 to 1800 each day, and once each hour during night action. Negative (no change) reports desired. In case of lack of wire and/or in case of radio communications - motorized or foot messengers will be used." (Signed - CO 410th Inf at 2315 - McCarthy, Capt.).

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- 0730 - G-3 called S-3: "Task Force England is in operation but belongs to element to our right. It is a armored force. It starts at daybreak working up north to position of our Co "F" along railroad and road on the right."
- 0800 - Div Movement Control called: "Bridge at Critical Point 29 is flooded. All traffic go thru MERTZWILLER and GUNDERSHOFFEN."
- 0805 - 2d Bn S-3 called: "Co "E" moved up behind "F" at Critical Point "E".
- 0815 - Cannon Co firing mission for 3d Bn on Ateliers de reparations (043328).
- 0835 - 1st Bn CO to S-6: "Contact patrol at Critical Pt 25 reports at 0815 3d Bn crossing BIEBERACH RIVER enroute to Pt "B". Contact patrol is equipped with radio and will move forward constantly with 3d Bn to maintain liaison with them. 1st Bn starting patrols at once for Critical Pt 27 (056325) & "G" (054317).
- 0855 - S-6 notified 1st Bn S-3 & 2d Bn CO of Task Force England.
- 0915 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-6: "Contact patrol sent out contact 3d Bn came in without making contact. Sent out again with one officer to make contact."
- 0916 - F-6 to G-3: "I have notified my people about Task Force England and I want to make sure they know where my people are. I have one company dug in at Critical Point "E". G-3 said Task Force mission is to see whats in the woods & to check reconnaissance."
- 0919 - S-6 to Fame 6 - "My people are attacking BIBLISHEIM. Fame 6: The people on your right are across river. 411th has a Bn ahead of you. 409th in GUNSTETT. Don't wait for 409th just push on. 409th will push into SOULTZ. When you get to Phase Line "M" get troops to north border for contact."
- 0925 - 2d Bn CO to S-6: "I am still around Critical Pt 19. Co's E & F both ready to move. I have contacted Task Force Forest and will be relieved in about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. 3d Bn has tried to go ahead to town but bridge is out. Will go up north and cut back. I will be ready to shove something at Critical Point 27."
- 0935 - 3d Bn S-3 to S-6: Co "K" jumped off at 0800. Bridges are blown. We will go into town from west side. No enemy fire. Co "K" leading elements are now entering town. S-6: Task Force England is moving your way. When town is taken occupy high ground on left."
- 0945 - Cannon Co wants to move into town of WALBOURG. Given OK.
- 1015 - 409th has taken GUNSTETT.
- 1020 - CO 2d Bn to S-3: "Co. "E" on way to Critical Pt "G". Bridge east of Pt "D" is blown."

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- 1021 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP and learned the situation from S-6.
- 1025 - 1st Bn CO reports combat patrol is just short of objective. Road blocks will be set up.
- 1030 - S-6 ordered 1st Bn to seize Critical Pts "F" and "LL". Move bulk of Battalion up around Critical Point 27. Leave Co "A" where it is.
- 1130 - 3d Bn CO to S-6: "I have arranged contact with 409th at Critical Pt 24. At present my frontlines are: On the S, I have the town; on the N, I'll be at Critical Pt 24 at 1215."
- 1153 - Msg to S-6 from CO 1st Bn: "RR underpass at Critical Pt "E" blown. Gap of at least 20 ft reported. Road turning N just W of C.P. "E" is mined. Bridge over stream between C.P.'s "E" and 27 not blown. Patrolling continues. My CP now at C.P. 47. Send Mine Plat AT trucks forward to Bn CP immediately." (Signed: Burr, 1st Lt.)
- 1215 - S-3 3d Bn to S-6: The company on the N moving on the 2d objective. On the 1st crossing it will take a treadway bridge. Couldn't we use it best on the N bridge and bring up our stuff at Pt 24. We had some mortar fire on 1st objective. No artillery in drive.
- 1243 - 2d Bn informed us that the Task Force Forest relieved their men at the road block. The bridge built up there was out, tank tried to cross but didn't make it. At 1145 at Critical Pt "D" contacted Task Force England. There is a mined road block about 2 kilometers S of CP "G". They report Co "G" at C.P. "E"; Co "E" at pt "G"; Co "F" is remaining at Pt "D". S-6 informed them that 1st Bn would relieve them and to have Bn minus 1 Plat from each Company assemble at Co "G" area.
- 1250 - Msg to S-6 from CO 1st Bn: "Co "C" at C.P. "F". Enemy fired upon and driven to SE. Co "C" patrols active to establish and maintain contact with enemy. Co "A" patrol with 3d Bn reports 3d Bn forward elements at 05 grid, east of C.P. "C". Enemy reported by Co "C" in small groups of 3 to 4, to total 14-15." (Signed: Burr, 1st Lt.)
- 1310 - Lt O'Regan reports that he has his men working with Co. "F". S-6 told him to keep area between them and Task Force Forest patrolled.
- 1322 - Cannon Co is in position and report very little activity. They were informed that S-6 was going to 1st Bn CP and if On Co CO wanted to see him, to meet him there.
- 1326 - S-5 informed G-3 of situation. They informed us that Corps aircraft are going to bomb SOULTZ. Artillery is to lay smoke shells on town. Also they were sending other platoon of SP's to us.
- 1340 - S-3 informed 2d Bn of situation. They informed us they were now moving to C.P. "E".

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1410 - 3d Bn CO to S-3: My Bn only 500 yards from final objective. Co "I" entering objective, Co "K" is following Co "L".

1425 - S-3 informed 2d Bn that a Task Force was to relieve them by 1700 tonight.

1426 - S-6 ordered 1st Bn CO to relieve the Plat of Co "E" at C.P. "G" with one squad and to relieve the Plat of Co "F" at (050305) with one squad.

1428 - 3d Battalion reports HOLSCHLOCH fell to Co "I".

1435 - Fatal 6 dictated message to 2d Bn Comm. Officer for delivery to 2d Bn CO informing him of 1426 order to 1st Bn. Also have CO 2d Bn to proceed to the 1st Bn CP in WALBOURG where Fatal 6 would shortly contact him either personally or by telephone.

1500 - 3d Bn reports SURBOURG occupied by Co "L". Co "I" echelon to left rear of Co "L" to connect with 409th 2d Bn whose front was in vic (075360) to (075365).

1543 - Co "L" occupied right half of Phase Line "M" in 3d Bn zone.

1610 - S-6 contacted 2d Bn CO at 1st Bn CP in WALBOURG and directed him to move his Bn into BIBLISHEIM for the night. Foot troops to move by most direct route crossing at point approximately (040328). Motor vehicles less essential CP vehicles to remain in DURRENBACH unless reconnaissance indicated room in BIBLISHEIM.

1615 - 1st Bn CO informed S-6 that Task Force Forest had relieved his outposts at (050305) and at (066312). 1st Bn CO directed to pull these out and close in. He said he could assemble his Battalion with attached tanks and TD's in WALBOURG in two hours after daylight.

2040 - Task Force Forest to S-3: We are in position that is on main road just E of WALBOURG. Your Co "C" was in on tracks to SW.

2045 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: Condition of roads in our zone in good shape except for bridge blown over the RR. With small vehicles we could go from town we are in to 3d Bn CP. Route forward to Phase Line is OK. Co "C" mines still in position. We relieved units of 2d Bn at "E" and "G". Task Force Forest relieved us tonight. Co "C" mines are east of Pt "F". Co "C" informed that 1½ squad of AT Mine Plat will be relieved at daylight.

2130 - Engrs report bridge over stream just east of BIBLISHEIM is open for traffic.

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0030 - S-6 to S-6: Start One (1) Battalion from BIBLISHEIM to WOERTH. Head of column to reach there by 0700. Start assembling 1st Bn at daylight. Further orders later. 409th will take SOULTZ in morning. 3d Battalion remain in position and may push further to protect right flank of 409th. Your Tank Company attached to 409th, liaison officer go to GUNSTETT and contact CP. Armor is going to start 0200 and take SOULTZ. CO, 410th report Div CP at WOERTH at 0815.

0035 - S-6 to S-2, 1st Bn: 2d Bn moves tonight so as to arrive at WOERTH by 0700. The orders for your Battalion are as follows: Your Battalion will assemble in WALBOURG commencing at daylight - that is not later than 0730. All attached units will be assembled there with you. All tanks are relieved from attachment at once and attached to 409th. You, however, will be responsible for bringing into WALBOURG the two (2) tanks now with Co "C". Also please direct the 2 TD's now at C.P. 8 to move immediately after daylight to DURRENBACH and await further orders there.

0045 - Msg to CO 3d Bn: "Fancy (409th) attacks and captures SOULTZ early this morning, probably shortly after daylight. Mission of your Battalion is to hold Phase Line "M" (your present line) and protect right flank of 409th. If, in your judgment, it is necessary to advance slightly in order to properly cover 409's right flank, you will do so. Our 2d Bn moves so as to arrive at WOERTH (0138) by 0700. Our 1st Bn starts assembling in C. P. 25 at daylight and awaits further orders. All tanks are relieved from attachment to us at once. 14th Armored will probably pass thru C.P. "I" commencing 0200, enroute to northeast. (Signed: CO, 410th Inf).

0250 - S-3 informed Cannon Co. CO of the plan for tomorrow.

0315 - S-3 informed 2d Bn to send Liaison Officer and FO's to WALBOURG. Also informed them he thought they were to be Division Reserve.

0420 - 2d Bn informed us they began to move at 0400.

0730 - S-6 left for Division CP.

0845 - 1st Bn closed in area in vic of WALBOURG.

1130 - Msg to CO 3d Bn: "Task Force Forest has been ordered to relieve your Bn as far as SOULTZ. They are reported to be in SURBOURG now. Make liaison with Task Force Forest now in SURBOURG to relieve elements your Bn when relief complete notify regiment and assemble in new area. You must be in new area by dark tonight." (Signed: Silver, S-3)

1154 - Msg to Lt Jones, Co "B", 328th Engr Bn: "CO 328th Engr Bn told me personally this AM that your Plat would remain in support of us to help sweep new assembly area of mines. Please start at once sweeping all roads indicated on attached overlay and search area for S mines. May have to move troops in before dark. (Signed: H.J.P. Harding, Col.)

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1250 - S-3 called Movement Control and asked if it was OK to use bridge between 1600-1700.

1300 - Movement Control called back and said bridge was being used between 1600-1700 so we'll have to use it 1500-1600.

1330 - 1st Bn S-2 informed that they will move around 1500 to area N of BIBLISHEIM. Bn must close in by dark.

1335 - Movement Control called and said we could use bridge from 1600-1700.

1400 - Fame 6 called and said: "Have 1st Bn move into assembly area at once."

1410 - S-3 informed 1st Bn to move Bn by 1500.

1420 - G-3 called and said Task Force Forest less the Company of 409th is being ordered to relieve our 3d Bn on Phase Line "A" including SOULTZ. Keep liaison with Forest. Go ahead and assemble your Bn and report to us when your Bn is assembled. Wants this done before dawn.

1430 - Msg to CO, 3d Bn: "Task Force Forest has been ordered to relieve your Bn as far as SOULTZ. They are reported to be in SURBOURG now. Make Ln with Task Force Forest now in SURBOURG to relieve elements your Bn. When relief is complete notify regiment and assemble in new area. You must - must be in new assembly area by dark tonight." (Signed: CO, 410th Inf - Silver, S-3).

1457 - Our Liaison Officer informed us that Division was moving.

1516 - 1st Bn S-2 reports Bn cleared IP at 1508. Motor elements will cross IP at 1600.

1555 - S-6 left for 3d Bn area.

1600 - Msg from Div: "Div CP opens at GUNSTETT, 13 Dec at 1300."

1615 - S-3 to G-3: "At 1550 received report from 3d Bn that Forest completed relief. Other two (2) regiments are to reach Phase Line "B" tonight and patrol from "B" to "C". 411th just short of Line "B". 409th taken 3 towns around "A" line. Elements of 14th Armored still in SURBOURG.

1707 - S-3 informed 1st Bn of the situation of 409th & 411th and also that of the Magnot Line.

1710 - S-3 to G-3: AT & Cn Co & 1st Bn closed in their area. 2d Bn closing in.

1715 - Light line is at N & S road in WOERTH but can't be used in WOERTH.

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1752 - 3d Bn reported to have closed in at 1655.

2250 - Division Liaison Officer brought in O. I. #30. Battalions were informed of part they were to play in the operation.

2343 - S-3 informed Movement Control that we would be moving vehicles from WOERTH on thru DIEFFENBACH. That would be our 2d Bn less one (1) company with about 35 vehicles. Sending another Bn N of BIBLISHEIM going to RETSCHWILLER they'll use route from (055352) take road to E to SURBOURG to SOULTZ then on up to RETSCHWILLER. Road from SURBOURG to SOULTZ reserved for 14th Armored. Could go from BIBLISHEIM to MERKWILLER nothing E of that cleared. Can we go from 055352 E to BJ 176, N to MERKWILLER, E to KUTZENHAUSEN then to SOULTZ then to RETSCHWILLER close at 0800. 3d Bn moves N of KUTZENHAUSEN close at 1000. Will call back if he can get more Engrs for us.

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0010 - Movement Control informed us we could get more Engrs by calling them direct. Use road - WOEETH, DIFFENBACH to MERKWILLER. From (054370) N to road to PREUSCHDOEF and turn right.

0020 - S-3 to 3d Bn S-3: Will send overlay to you. 3d Bn had not seen Engrs but will check on them.

0025 - Div Liaison Officer left for Division.

0028 - Engrs reported that their Co "B" in DURRENBACH.

0010 - Msg to CO, 2d Bn: "2d Bn (-1 Co) close in area on overlay by 141000 Dec 44 via route on overlay with foot troops and organics. You are now back with regiment. Roads N MERKWILLER not completely clear by Engrs. We will start clearing at daylight." (Signed: CO, 410th Inf, Silver, S-3).

0116 - Msg sent to CO's 1st, 2d & 3d Bns: "You will conduct today a surprise shakedown inspection of your Bn Medical Section and recover any pistol, carbine, or M3 SMG found in possession of Medical Section. Also any watch which cannot be established as being issued under T/E. Report items recovered and name of men on whom found. Report items by Serial number." (Signed: CO 410th Inf - H. J.P. Harding, Col.)

0135 - Message sent to CO 3d Bn.: "Arrangements have been made with 383d FA Bn to furnish one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck to transport 30 men your Bn this morning to BIBLISHEIM for bath. Send guide to 383d FA Bn CP and they will have truck report at place and time you desire. Suggest the 30 men be assembled in your town under NCO before departure your Bn to save mileage." (Signed CO 410th Inf - H.J.P.Harding, Col - 0135).

0735 - 1st Bn. S-2 called S-3 and reported foot troops of 1st Bn. cleared IP at 0715.

0745 - Cannon Co. CO says he has 18 showers and 6 bathtubs with two boilers working. They are near the Battalions and ready for use.

0750 - S-3 called 1st Bn. S-2 and reported that AT CO has 100 mines to turn over to them and that will send them at once; also S-4 will give him all he wants. 1st Bn. cannot use them unless they have the transportation, or make a dump of them.

0935 - 328th Engr Bn S-3 called S-3 and wants to have Lt. Jones and platoon relieved. We told him we would send him back to his Company as soon as we could get hold of him.

0940 - Message to 2nd Battalion: "Co. A, 614th TD Bn. (- 1 Plat) atchd 410th Inf, 1st Bn with 1 Plat AT Co. 1 Plat Co A 614th TD Bn atchd moves vic REITSCHWILLER (1039) between Division Phase Lines A and B closing by 140900 Dec to protect Division Right Flank from SOULTZ (1037) to Phase Line B".

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PLACE: PEHELBRONN, FRANCE (070383)

1015 - New Regimental CP opened at PEHELBRONN.

1015 - Our Ln O returned from Division and reports that CG wants closing time on all our organizations.

1030 - Closing time of Units: 1st Battalion closed in at 0900. AT Company closed in at 0945. 3rd Battalion closed in at 0930. 2nd Battalion closed in at 0955. Cannon Company closed at 1025. 3d Platoon of 614th TD Battalion closed in at 0845 (MEREWILLER). 2d Platoon 614th TD Battalion closed in at 0930.

1110 - S-6 instructed our Communications Officer that there would be radio silence throughout the Regiment except the 1st Battalion.

1125 - CG called S-6 and told him he would probably move to vicinity MEMELSHOFFEN next.

1130 - S-6 called 3d Battalion and instructed them to prepare for immediate movement and have their CO contact us immediately.

1200 - Our I&R platoon went on reconnaissance mission to the North.

1225 - Blue 6 called S-6. Blue 6 was told of our reconnaissance to the North; also instructed to do something drastic about his communications system.

1232 - S-6 called 2nd Battalion CO and asked him about his "E" Company that was left behind. 2nd Bn. CO said "E" Company was being used for Division CP protection.

1320 - Message to CO 410th Inf.: "Bridge out at (118433), also at (106450)". (From CO 1st Bn).

1412 - Informed G-3 that our CP was in same town they are in.

1422 - C/S instructed us to move our Regiment (less one Battalion at RETSCHWILLER) to area MEMELSHOFFEN (R0940), KEFFENACH, LABSAM. All elements to be North of river running from LABSAM to SOULTZ by 1730 today. More information to follow by Liaison Officer.

1435 - S-3 alerted units for moving.

1453 - Liaison officer back from Division brought following message: "Same as 1422 entry".

1538 - Received negative report from 1st Battalion.

1540 - Division informed us that 1st Bn was attached to 409th effective immediately.

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1546 - S-6 instructed 1st Battalion S-6 that his Battalion was attached to the 409th Inf. effective immediately. Told 1st Battalion S-6 that 409th Infantry CP was in town three kilometers North of where they were.

1552 - 2nd Battalion S-6 asked S-3 if he could start before scheduled and was informed that he could.

1555 - Movement control called S-3 and S-3 informed him that our troops were moving.

1620 - 328th Engineer Battalion S-3 called and says that Lt. Jones and his platoon have never arrived. We informed him that S-6 didn't want to let them go without an additional platoon sent up to us. They are going to send Lt. Jones' platoon a relief platoon and we will then release him.

1700 - G-3 called and informed us that S-6 is to report to the CG immediately. We told him that S-6 had left for the 1st Battalion and would report to the CG from there.

1750 - AT Company closed in at 1630. 2nd Battalion closed in at 1650.

1810 - 3rd Battalion closed in at 1730.

2330 - S-6 issued orders that 3rd Battalion would move at 0700 tomorrow morning toward CLIMBACH to contact 411th Infantry and if no contact is made to send out patrols to try and make contact. 2nd Battalion was ordered to have Company "G" plus one platoon of Company "F" clear out the underground passages of the Maginot Line.

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PLACE: PECHELBRONN, FRANCE (070383)

0630 - G-3 called S-5 and ordered us to have our 3rd Battalion start moving toward CLIMBACH.

0645 - S-6 called 3rd Battalion S-6: "Start moving right away. 411th is attacking at 0730 this morning with two Battalions abreast, one on either side of the town. Looks like they will have to put in the 3rd Battalion and they will need you in reserve."

0900 - 2nd Battalion closed in their area.

1025 - 2nd Battalion S-6 reports that Task Force (Fatal Miner) has sufficiently completed searching the underground passages of the Maginot Line in his sector and is sure nothing is in there. It will take two or three hours to complete search of all nooks and crannies. One of the two entrances (083432) was found blocked, but entrance was made through the other. About 100 civilians were found using it as a shelter. Task Force was ordered to rejoin the Battalion at DRACHENBRONN as soon as combing of passages has been completed.

1030 - New CP opened at DRACHENBRONN.

1030 - 3rd Battalion closed at 1030 at Critical Point 6. Receiving a lot of artillery and mortar fire from the left. Made contact with 411th CP. Putting in road blocks with TD's facing to N and W. There are snipers in town and will be cleaned out. Sending out our reconnaissance to Critical Points 6 and 9 and in between.

1445 - C/S called and said we might have to move this afternoon.

1455 - S-6 called 2nd Battalion CO and instructed him to be prepared to move this afternoon to either 3d Battalion present area or woods N of present 1st Battalion area. This movement would most likely be after dark.

1500 - Message from 3d Battalion: "Fatima now on E. Kilometer short of Phase Line E. Our situation same as reported by Baldus". (1400).

1400 - Division OI No. 31 received. 409th ordered to reach Phase Line F and button up and contact the 411th.

1535 - G-3 reports that the 411th Infantry has two companies that have crossed into GERMANY.

1540 - Message to CO 1st Battalion: "Your Battalion is attached to 409th Infantry effective immediately. CP 409th is located at BIRENBACH (1042). Report there at once to CO 409th for orders." (Signed CO 410th Inf - HJP Harding, Col - 1540).

1545 - Message from 3rd Battalion: "Fatima now on Phase Line E. Our situation unchanged". (1455).

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PLACE: DRACHENBRONN, FRANCE (090430)

 1715 - Message to CO, 6299-G: "Situation not changed as of 1500". (Signed 3rd Battalion 6299-G at 1605).

1805 - Received Operations Instruction No. 32 from Division by Liaison Officer.

1920 - Message to CO, 409th Infantry: "Lt. Dygert, now acting as liaison officer for 1st Battalion, 410th Infantry, will also act as Regimental liaison officer (in compliance with 4 b, OI 32, 15 Dec) if agreeable to you.

In connection with Par. 4 d of above OI we plan following reconnaissance:

a Strong combat patrol to leave Critical Point 6 at 0730 and cover road running to NE as far as road bend 300 yards due E of Critical Point 16, contacting your front line troops at latter point.

b. Reconnaissance by small patrols of forest trails running generally N from vicinity of Critical Point 12 to vicinity Critical Point 16.

Request your approval. (Signed CO 410th Inf., - HJP Harding, Col - 1910).

1925 - Message to CO 1st Battalion: "Please note 1st Paragraph of attached message to CO 409th Infantry. We are required to establish liaison with both 409th and 411th Infantry at once. If you have any objections notify this Headquarters at once via Lt. Hughes. Lt. Hughes will deliver attached message to 409th Infantry if Lt. Dygert is not immediately available. (Signed CO, 410th Infantry - H J P Harding, Col - 1915).

1935 - S-5 returned from Division with additional instructions. We are to use a Company of 3d Battalion and a company of 2d Battalion to clean out the woods on the boundary line of the two assault Regiments between Phase Lines "C" and "E".

2012 - Message to CO, 411th Infantry: "Bearer, Lt. Baldus, will act as Liaison Officer at your CP in compliance with Par. 4 d, OI 32, 15 December, if agreeable to you. For your information, in compliance with VCCG, one company our 3d Battalion will leave vicinity Critical Point 6 at 160800 December and sweep through woods in E half your zone from Phase Line "C" to "E". Please notify your units which this company may contact". (Signed CO, 410th Infantry - H J P Harding, Col - 2012).

2025 - Message to CO, 3rd Battalion: "In compliance with VCCG, have one rifle company your battalion leave present location at 160800 December and clear woods in E half of 411th Inf zone, between Phase Lines "C" and "E", of any by-passed hostile groups. Mission to be completed by 161500 December (see attached overlay). Reconnaissance report on all trails N of road from Critical Point 6 to 26 desired on completion. Remainder your battalion ready to move on one-half hour's notice after 160730 December. (Signed CO, 410th Infantry, H J P Harding, Colonel - 2035).

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0940 - S-5 returned from Division with the following message addressed to CO, 410th Infantry: "1. 1st Battalion, 410th Infantry, is released from attachment to 409th Infantry. Reverts to Parent organization immediately. 2. 410th Infantry will employ one battalion to protect right flank of division from Phase Line "D" to "E" (OI 29) until released by Division order". (Signed G-3 - Thomas, Major - 0920".)

S-6 is taking this message himself down to 1st Battalion.

0945 - Report received that 409th and 411th are both along Phase Line "F".

0948 - S-6 called G-3 and informed him that our G and K Companies passed Phase Line "C" about one-half hour ago in their sweeping mission. Asked G-3 if the road that runs from Critical Point 6 NE to Critical Point 26 and then on to Critical Point 16 and then on to Critical Point 95 had been swept or probed by engineers. He said it had been for about 2 kilometers from CLIMBACH. We informed G-3 that our mine platoon would sweep it at least to Critical Point 16 and possibly on to Critical Point 95. G-3 said it was O.K. with Division as long as it was O.K. with the 409th and 411th.

1005 - S-6 and Communications Officer left for 1st Battalion CP.

1012 - 3rd Battalion reports the following message received from their "K" Company: "We have contacted "G" and are on the move. Haven't run into anything yet." (By radio to 3rd Battalion at 1010).

1020 - Message sent to CO, 3rd Battalion: "AT mine platoon will clear road from CLIMBACH to WISSEMBOURG as far as Eastern extremity of woods (425477) sweeping carefully for mines. Request you notify AT mine platoon leader when "G" and "K" have completed clearing woods between Phase Lines "D" and "E". Mine platoon will complete sweeping road when situation permits. Mine platoon is not attached to 3rd Battalion."

1100 - At 1030 S-6 issued instructions to 1st Battalion CO to put his battalion in march for the towns of STEINSELTZ - OBERHOFFEN. In the meantime to have "A" Company now in those towns push forward and secure the high ground approximately one kilometer to the NE. CP of 1st Battalion to be STEINSELTZ. From CLIMBACH on recommends that one out post "B" Company to be left at trail junction at (142440). 1st Battalion to be prepared to counterattack to the N against any counterattack moving W from WISSEMBOURG against the flank of the 409th Infantry. 1st Battalion to push reconnaissance forward in preparation for possible passing through right battalion of 409th Infantry. 1st Battalion to also reconnoiter the road from OBERHOFFEN to ROTT and reconnoiter for possible covered route for vehicles NW from ROTT to join the main WISSEMBOURG - CLIMBACH road.

1st Battalion reported that at 1030 the 409th Infantry left battalion in the town of WILLER at Critical Point 13. Right battalion is out of contact.

1110 - "C" Company started march from BREMMELBACH on STEINSELTZ at 1050. Orders issued to "B" Company to pull in road blocks and prepare for move from BREMMELBACH to STEINSELTZ.

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1140 - Message received from CO, 3d Battalion, signed at 0915: "Fatima now holds Critical Point 115 and high ground 500 yards. Resistance. Information of Critical Point 101. They wait for Units on flank to come abreast."

1145 - S-6 called G-3 and gave him information we had on 409th and 411th.

1145 - Message from CO, 3d Battalion signed 1045: "No change of situation of 411th".

1145 - CG talked to S-6 and asked how our two companies were coming that were combing the woods. Gave him all information we had on this. Wanted to know if we had any trouble getting permission to sweep road. We told him no.

1150 - S-6 called 2nd Battalion CO and asked if they had heard from "G" Company. They said the only thing they had heard was that "G" had contacted "K" Company. CO 2nd Bn. is coming down to our CP.

1243 - S-3 to 409th S-3: "Check on road to W of Critical Point 9. One that runs from Critical Points 8 to 12 to 60." S-3 409th is checking on this road.

1318 - S-6 left for Division to meet S-5 and informed G-3 that he was also going to 3d Battalion at CLIMBACH.

1319 - S-6 informed 2nd Battalion S-3 that Division is releasing "F" Company but probably not until 1400.

1321 - 2nd Battalion informed us that "G" Company was at Critical Point 26 and it was O.K. to start mine sweeping.

1326 - S-3 informed 3d Battalion S-6 of above message and 3d Battalion S-6 informed us that "G" Company had completed their mission.

1338 - 1st Battalion closed in area at 1315. "A" Company observed 14th Armored Div in WISSEMBOURG. They have reconnaissance out and are sending up overlays.

1408 - S-6 informed 1st Battalion S-6 to use as few men as possible on his outposts.

1420 - Message to CO, 1st Battalion: "CG no longer worried regarding possibility enemy counterattack vic Division right flank. Cutting down forces, protecting right flank as much as possible. Have all possible Regiment in billets. Begin plans to review training on "Assault of fortified positions" using same system as we did in States. Prepare to begin training on order". (Signed McCarthy, Captain at 1420).

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1459 - Report that our patrol pushed up to WISSEMBOURG but cannot get past WISSEMBOURG.

1550 - 2nd Battalion S-2 informed S-3 that the road from CLIMBACH to where road makes a hairpin turn is impassable at night. Jeeps may move during daylight. The road in the 411th zone is being used for supplies.

1620 - 2nd Battalion to S-3: Patrols report that between Critical Point 26 then to road out in open, no road there on to ROTT. Have to go on the way to Critical Point 95 then N then back W. They came through field with foot troops. Road to right of hairpin turn, trail that goes N skirts side of mountain. Can't pass on it by night, terrain very bad up there. Found 5 dead krauts still warm, so they started back.

1640 - 1st Bn CO called and asked Fatal 6 if he could pull in his outposts as some higher authorities were wondering what they were doing out there. Fatal 6 said he would check on it.

1700 - S-5 to S-6: Stream crossing at 103446 in bad shape apparently used by heavy traffic. At approximately (112475) huge bomb crater about 8 ft in diameter and 8 ft deep. Bend at hairpin turn another small crater. S-6 said he would have engineers fix it first thing in the morning.

1702 Div Ln Officer reports - 14th Armored on our right front lines from LAUTERBOURG to our big town to edge of woods until you get to 23 grid line and then breeches into woods and runs along border. 14th Armored has cleared WISSEMBOURG - SCHWEIGEN - RECHTENBACH. They found no heavy opposition. 45th Div on our left front lines runs parallel with ours. Their line extends to NW as far as KUMBACH. They have patrols up to river.

1715 - CO 2d Bn called and would like to leave Co. "F" in hospital area.

1750 - Report from our Liaison O that Patton has broken through the Siegfried Line and has gone about 10 miles. Said this was an unconfirmed report and he would check when Corps Ln O return and call us back.

1755 - S-4 called and asked if we wanted a munitions representative at our CP tonight. We told him if we had communications with them we would not need a representative here.

1905 - S-6 called S-4 and asked if Bns knew about bath unit being in operation tomorrow. S-4 said he told Bn S-4's. Told him we would like to have 383d FA use our bath unit. S-4 is going to take of it.

1918 - Red alert reported by Division.

1935 - S-5 returned from Division.

1945 - S-5 told Cn Co CO that he wouldn't be able to fire on Maginot Forts as there were troops in them.

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2110 - S-6 called G-4 and checked on the distribution of captured vehicles. G-4 says we turn in 50% of our captured vehicles and keep 50% ourselves. We have lost 4 peeps and 3 trailers taken by higher headquarters and 6 peeps and 6 trailers by battle casualties. G-4 is going to make arrangements to get us some peeps. They are going to take peeps and trailers away from rear installations and turn them over to tactical units.

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1000 - RED ALERT reported.

1010 - All clear on RED ALERT.

1012 - 12 German Divisions counterattacked in vicinity of LUXEMBOURG at about dusk last night in the First Army Sector.

1015 - 2nd Battalion S-3 reports that their A&P Platoon has improved bypass at (496450). Can take jeeps and vehicles with 4 wheel drive now. Engineers estimate reopening of bridge will take one and one-half days.

1127 - S-6 instructed 2nd Battalion S-6 to get his men and vehicles dispersed when we have an air attack. Vehicles not in use are to be camouflaged as well as dispersed.

1132 - S-6 left for 1st Battalion.

1234 - Condition is RED.

1235 - All Battalions have been informed of the German counterattack in the First Army Sector.

1311 - Div Ln 0 to S-3: People on our left are about 1 mile S of LEMBACH. The company closest on left up to river on boundary maintaining contact on both sides. Bridge NE of SCHLEITHAL $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile E on river another there, both in. Bn that took LEMBACH moved beyond that town where Corps wanted to put mission on it so they came back. Resistance pretty stiff, artillery light. They are using patrols, then follow up with company.

1330 - Report from 3d Bn S-2 that they had contacted the 180th Inf at Pt 21 and also at Pt 22 and was informed by their motor officer that the trail from Pt 21 to Pt 23 was muddy, poor, one way traffic all the way overcrowded at present with vehicles. They had the Engineers at work corduroying it but had not as yet finished. It would be tough for foot troops due to high banks and crowded conditions.

1345 - S-5 called S-6 and told him to be prepared to move 1st Bn in the vic of Critical Point #18. Make plans for moves of all Bns and our HQ either tonight or early tomorrow morning. First 1st Bn should reconnoiter area with view to moving from STEINSELTZ to WEILER. Their mission there will be generally the same as it is now, that is, flank protection to the NE and E. 2d Bn and Regtl HQ prepare to move to OBERHOFFEN and to take over the same mission now being performed by 1st Bn. 3d Bn to reconnoiter and be prepared to move into an area in the vicinity of (106496). Their mission there will be flank protection to the NW along the valley.

1355 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and instructed him to shove out an Quartering Party to check on the location where he might move either tonight or early tomorrow morning. Told him

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1355 - (Continued) - of contents of 1345 message and that he is not to move until we tell him to.

1358 - 2d Bn CO arrived at our CP and was told of our above message from S-5. S-6 instructed Cannon Co CO, AT Co CO and HQ Comdt that they could not go into the town of ROTT.

1400 - Blue Bn S-3 called our S-3 and was given the above message about possible movement. Gave them their area where they might move and when they might move, also mission. Told him we would notify him when he would move. S-6 talked to CO 3d Bn and told him his mission and he would not move without orders from us. CO 3d Bn said Asst Div Comdr had just left his CP.

1410 - Condition is Red.

1428 - Condition all clear.

1440 - The unit to our left now has Bns up to the river instead of patrols. Rest of the line, no change. On the right, no material change except that a couple of Bns have crossed the bridge. On our immediate right they have not proceeded any further forward than last reported. No further report on counterattack against 1st Army.

1550 - 2d Bn S-2 reported they had sent a man to check on bridge that was out. Engineers said it would take 3 hours to put it in if they could get the material. There is a court-roy road that foot troops can travel but not vehicles. That is the bridge on the main road.

1605 - Condition is Red.

1810 - Div Ln O reports: No material change on front line on right or left units since last time I called. One regiment on right stopped by dragon teeth at spot between KAPSWEIFER and STEINFELD. Unit on our right have 3 outfits on line of which one is a Task Force. Objectives for tomorrow: BERGZABERN; KAPPELLAN; OBERHAUSEN. Unit on our left will try and cross river tonight. After crossing river will continue to move in our same general direction.

1920 - S-3 called Engrs and informed him of a bridge believed to be out on road from Pt 6 to big town just out of our zone. Engrs said it was being repaired.

2007 - 2d Bn CO to S-6: "I'm sending Capt JACKLEY back to your CP." S-6 said he had Capt SATTERFIELD ready to join the 2d Bn and would probably be there tomorrow. We informed him we probably weren't moving tonight but probably would in the morning.

2054 - Div Ln O called and said there would be an O.I. out tonight.

2210 - Div Ln O came in with Div O.I. #33.

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2305 - S-6 sent this plan to Division via Ln O;a. 1st Bn, 410th Inf, will accomplish following 180800 Dec 44:

- (1) Maintain present road blocks vic Critical Pt 74.
- (2) Install AT guns and be prepared to place mines to block roads in vic of RJ at (148470) and (146473).
- (3) Continue to hold high ground at 142470.
- (4) Install AT guns and be prepared to place mines to block roads in vic RJ (144479) and (145483).
- (5) Occupy high ground vic of Critical Pt 95 with not to exceed one rifle company less one platoon.
- (6) Hold remainder of Bn in present positions, be prepared to attack to the N against the flank of any counterattack moving from E or NE.

b. All Battalions to continue training in attack of Fortified Position (2d & 3d Bns remain present position) using Maginot Line fortification for dry runs.c. AT Co and Bn AT Plats continue training in use of Pack Board (remain in present position).d. All others - No change.

2315 - Msg #1 sent to CO 1st Bn: "1. Mission this Regt for 18 Dec is: a. Protect Div right flank from Phase Line "D" to "F" with 1st Bn. b. Remainder of Regt, no change in position or mission. 2. Fatima atks in Z at 181000; Fancy at 181100. 3. a. Maintain the two road blocks in vic C.P. 74 and continue to hold high ground at 142470 with not to exceed one Platoon. b. By 180800 Dec 44, move not to exceed one rifle company (less 1 Plat) to occupy high ground vic C.P. 95. c. By 180800 Dec 44, install AT guns and be prepared to place mines to block roads vic 144479 and 145483. d. Hold remainder your Bn in present position, prepare to counterattack to the north against the flank of any attack coming from the E or NE. e. Continue intensive training in attack of fortified positions. Also secure some Pack Boards thru your S-4 and commence training of your AT Platoon, and any other personnel you consider available, in use of Pack Boards. Suggest full water cans as loads." (CO 410th Inf - H. J.P. Harding, Col. - 2250).

2315 - Msg #2 sent to CO 3d Bn: "1. Mission this Regt for 18 Dec is: a. Protect Div right flank from Phase Line "D" to "F" with 1st Bn. b. Remainder of Regt, no change in position or mission. 2. Hold present Position. Continue intensive training in atk of fortified position. Although no firing can be done, suggest sending 1 rifle company at a time (or 1 Plat from each rifle company) to Maginot Line Fortifications south of your position for dry-run practice. Also secure Pack Boards thru your S-4 and train your AT Platoon, and any other personnel you consider available, in use of Pack Boards. Suggest full water cans as loads. 3. Coordinate with Fatima and push road and trail reconnaissance as far forward as Phase Line "Y". Report results. (CO 410th Inf - H. J.P. Harding Col. - 2300).

2315 - Above messages sent to Bn's by Ln Officers.

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0305 - Condition is now Red.

0430 - Condition is all clear.

0710 - Condition is Red.

0840 - 3d Plat, Co "B", 328th Engr Bn moving to ROTT.

0913 - AT Co wanted to know if he could send up some men to Co A for instruction purposes. Lt. Hughes said it was OK.

0914 - S-6 left for Division CP.

0938 - 3d Bn wanted to know if they could fire practice rounds in hills to right of them. Lt. Hughes said that if he could give us definite position we would check with Div on it.

0947 - Received following message: "To 6299-G; "B" Co occupied positions in the vic of Critical Pt 95 at 0800." (OO 1st Bn - 0857)

1006 - S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and asked him for plans of training. He said he was making reconnaissance on pill-boxes at (093438). Co "F" is spending 2 hours from 1200-1400 and Co "G" 1400-1600. Co "H" sending observers up there with NCO's. Four men from Bn AP Plat sent with demolition charges.

1037 - Div Ln O back from Division with a copy of O.I. #33, G-3 Periodic Report and overlay.

1100 - S-3 called 3d Bn to get training plans. He said this was the plan:

1 hr of planning reconnaissance.

3 hrs of training on a pill-box or reasonable facsimile because of not enough pill-boxes in area for actual assault of fortified position. AT Plat training on going into position secretly, camouflage, the construction of position, laying on targets. Heavy weapons attached machine guns, to rifle company for training. Communication Plat working on overhead ties, splices, and training in use of ground return system wherein the captured German wire is used. Time would be left up to company.

1113 - S-6 instructed S-3 to instruct Bns to have men have a change of underclothes and if at all possible a bath.

1115 - S-3 informed 2d Bn of 1113 entry and at the same time inquired about where they were training. They were to call back.

1117 - S-3 informed 3d Bn of 1113 entry and learned from them that their training was going to take place just S of their area.

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1145 - 2d Bn reports that (099441) was the new position of their training which would start at 1300.

1150 - Red Alert.

1200 - Div Ln reports Unit on our left made crossing over river. Co "C" of one of their regiments took NIEDER-SCHOTTENBACH.

1303 - Found out from Div that light line was the same as last line last night. Bridge N of PRACHENBRONN was in.

1335 - Red alert now clear.

1347 - S-6 left for 3d Bn and 1st Bn.

1445 - Div Ln O rpts: 409th 1st Bn, Co A on left on phase line "H". Co C is 300 meters beyond phase line "H" on right of Co A. Receiving fire from pill boxes vic C/P #144. Bn on right meeting little resistance. Pill boxes in 1553 grid line square, called for artillery on pill boxes. 2d Bn moving beyond them. 3d Bn in vic C.P. #126. 411th Inf A & C on right on Phase Line "H", rest of regt echelon left rear back to left boundary on "G" Phase Line. Pill boxes in vic C/P's #119, 140, 143 holding up advance of 411th. Div on left took NEIDSCHEDDENDACH at 1100. Co's A and C up to river in their zone. Regt line runs parallel to ours about 3 kilometers left of ours. Regt beyond that, Co C west of river from town BUNDENTHAL, from there line runs N & S on grid line 05.. Armor on right (- 1 Bn) beginning to move in OBEROTTENBACH. One Bn on road beyond KAPSWEYER just beyond town. Stopped by dragon teeth, patrols moved around it up toward NIEDER-OTTENBACH. Enemy MG at (224480). Another Armored Bn moving in on MG. Another Armored Bn still on S side of river preparing to cross bridge which is intact.

1504 - S-5 returned from Div with order to be prepared to move 0800 tomorrow.

1525 - Red alert.

1527 - G-5 to S-3: "Protect from Phase Line "F" to CP 107." (Add to O.I. overlay instructions).

1532 - All clear.

1548 - S-3 to 1st Bn S-3: Extend area to protect up to town NW of CP 107. Center point of your area is (145494) with radius of about 3/8". Suggest Rcn be made of area.

1558 - S-3 to Movement Control: May move 1st Bn by road E out of town that Bn is in now. Div OK's on route to be used tomorrow.

1605 - S-6 called about our new O.I.

1620 - Called Red 3 and informed him of change in 1st Bn area.

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1625 - S-3 called 3d Bn Ex 0 and told him to be prepared by 0800 to move north to area left (101490) right (11254980).

1655 - S-3 informed 1st Bn S-3 that they are to march tomorrow at 0730. We are attempting to get a clear route through the big town for foot troops and vehicles and will call them back when we hear.

1735 - 2d Bn S-3 informed of O.I. received containing instructions to be prepared by 0800 to move to areas that were reconnoitered a couple days ago.

1740 - 2d Bn wanted to know if 1st Bn would move out in time for them to put their new CP there. S-3 said "Yes".

1747 - Ln 0 to S-3: See CP 140, 3d Bn moved up west of that. Armor hit a counterattack in vic of OBEROTTERBACH, results unknown.

1757 - Div Ln 0 reports that people on our left are sending men across river one by one and now have 4 or 5 companies over.

1925 - Red alert.

1930 - Movement Control said that 14th Armored Movement Control never called back so Div will give us clearance to use route and accept responsibility.

1945 - All clear.

2000 - 14th Armored wants 10 minutes between March Units tomorrow going thru WISSENBERG.

2105 - 1st Bn S-2 fr S-3: Fame 5 just changed your mission. Move to first area. Bulk of Bn must be in original area. Must have everything N or river that runs thru big town and everything W of big town.

2115 - S-6 fr C/S: 1st Bn will occupy assembly area first shown on overlay - not the 2d area given later. No change in mission. Remainder of Regt will move at 0800. S-6 suggested change of area in valley around boundary between Regts and was OK'd. However, all tactical vehicles must be in new area and must not block road. 3d Bn to be prepared to follow 411th promptly or to counterattack to the W up the valley on order. Co "E" to remain at Div CP.

2120 - S-3 to 3d Bn Ex 0: We are moving tomorrow at 0800. Route you can use is route N of CLIMBACH. You must close organic vehicles into new area by 0700. Foot troops move to area 0800. Closed by 1000. Area N & S of road W of CP 103. When you close into area keep prepared to follow 411th or to counterattack to W. Maintain contact with 411th CP. Wire was laid to CP #17.

2130 - S-6 to S-2, 1st Bn: S-2: "You see CP #112 that is where the main elements of 409th 2d Bn have pulled back for nite. It's a vital trail of supply. CP #126 Reserve

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2130 - (Continued) - Battalion is on that Pt. Route of supply is right thru Pt 113. Pt #105 center of area is bald. A point between #112 and #113 would be hard to get to. Trail from #111 to #112 is rough. Area around Pt 105 is OK for foot troops but no good for vehicles. Pt 107 is town where we originally planned on going. Big town would be good for vehicles.

2150 - S-6 got authority to move 1st Bn vehicles into big town.

2200 - S-6 to S-2, 1st Bn: "Can you get vehicles in big town N of river?" S-2: Yes, we can. S-6: "Area around Pt 105 will be for bulk of your Bn."

2215 - S-2, 1st Bn to S-6: Co "A" will move 0730 as ordered. Rcn will have to be made of new route for troops beginning at daylight. I can lead troops to W but it's twice as far. I will find another route for troops.

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0720 - Cn Co OO called and informed as that he was pulling out his phone and expected to cross the IP at 0800 as specified.

0745 - 2d Bn foot troops are crossing the IP.

0752 - "Co A crossed the IP at 0730."

0928 - Ln O called from Div with the following information: "The only change in the road situation is that the road from CLIMBACH to the river is now one way from North to South (yesterday it was from South to North). Our neighbor on the left now has 4 to 5 companies across the river. The two platoons of 14th Armored which were isolated in OBER OTTERBACH have been withdrawn. The rest of the front - no change."

0930 - 1st Bn closed into area and has one reinforced company in position.

0945 - 2d Bn, Cannon Company, and AT Co closed into respective areas.

1327 - Light line is from CLIMBACH to OBERHOFFEN.

1504 - The town of OBERHOFFEN will be blacked out.

1525 - We now have a wire into Service Co through Div switchboard.

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PLACE: OBERROFFEN, FRANCE (132463)

0130 - Our Liaison Officer arrived from Division with Operations Memorandum. Also gave us the following information on other Units: 14th Armored Division - elements of CCB are 12/3 kilometers S of (256486); 79th Infantry Division - most forward elements 1st Battalion of 315th Infantry which is 1 1/2 kilometers W of BUKELBURG (held up by three pillboxes); 1st Battalion 314th Infantry held up by road block at crossroads SE of BUKELBURG; 3rd Battalion 313th Infantry 2 kilometers E of 1st Battalion 314th Infantry held up by road blocks, barbed wire entanglements, small arms and automatic weapons fire. The 103d Division destroyed 17 pillboxes today. No change in situation of 45th Division and 103d Division.

0400 - Battalions were called and given information contained in Operation Memorandum. Also called Division (Lt. Young) and informed them we were going to take one of "E" Company officers for tomorrow's mission.

0758 - S-6 called 3d Battalion S-6 and informed him that he would like to meet him at the 3d Battalion CP at 1000 this morning.

0801 - S-6 phoned 2d Battalion S-6 and informed him to be at Regimental CP at 0915 this morning prepared to go to 3d Battalion CP.

0815 - S-6 phoned 1st Battalion S-6 and informed him there was no change in his situation per new Operation Memorandum received from Division. Informed 1st Battalion S-6 that he would be down to the 1st Battalion CP this morning.

0945 - S-6 left for 1st Battalion CP, then to 3d Battalion CP, then to 411th Inf. CP.

1130 - S-6 reported that he was now leaving the 3d Battalion CP for the 411th Infantry CP.

1322 - 411th Infantry S-3 called and was given locations of our 1st and 2nd Battalions.

1630 - S-6 phoned Corporal at 3d Battalion CP and the message was to be forwarded to 3d Battalion CO: "Reference your attached people, they will stay with you. However, do not actually move their weapons in until you hear further from me or Fatima 6. Cannot discuss reason over telephone."

1632 - S-6 to 1st Battalion S-6 -- Be sure to have 4 men on the bridge guard at Critical Point 18 at all times. 1st Battalion S-6 replied that he had an officer and 4 men on duty there from "C" Company. There will be 4 men on duty at all times.

1800 - Regimental Liaison Officer called Division War Room: "3d Battalion has effected relief of Fatima Red Battalion - no time - no disposition. Front lines - no change. Unit on Division left - no change. Unit on right - line running from a point 1 kilometer S of Critical Point 135 to letter "I" in Bien woods."

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1945 - S-5 returned from Division with Operations Instructions No. 34.

1950 - S-5 issued orders at 1750 to have 1st Battalion put a guard on the bridge at Critical Point 102. 1st Battalion called S-5 at 1950 and informed him that the guard was on the bridge. S-5 called C/S and informed him that the bridge guard was complete.

1930 - Message attached to O.I. No. 34 to CO 410th Infantry: "1. The attached draft of O.I. No. 34 will probably not be executed. It is given you to be used as a guide for planning purposes only. 2. Continue to prepare for relief of 411th Infantry. 3. No repeat NO troops will be moved on 21 December 1944 except on specific orders in each case by CG 103d Div." (CG 103d Div - Thomas, Major - 1930).

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0910 - Div Ln O called and reports no change in the road situation and no change in the front.

0915 - Fame 6 to S-6 verbal: "We will execute the relief as planned in O.I. #34. Get your 2d Bn less Co "E" moving right away. Co "E" will be trucked down in time to join the Bn at Critical Pt 101. Corps just called (0940) and insists that only 2 Bns of your Regt relieve the entire elements of 411th line, other Bn to be held in reserve. Contact CO 411th personally and see what regrouping he can make today to enable that to be done. Your mission until further orders will be the same as the instructions issued to 411th and 409th for today."

1010 - CO 2d Bn intends to use following route for foot troops: Road to OBERHOFFEN, NE to first RJ, NW to WEILLER to next RJ then straight N. Vehicles are to be moved by way of WISSENBOURG.

1100 - 2d Bn foot troops started marching.

1115 - S-6 left for 1st Bn CP, and CP 411th.

1200 - HQ Comdt informed us that the buildings between the 1st & 3d Bns of 411th have been obtained for 410th Inf.

1340 - S-6 called S-2 and informed him that 1st Bn of 411th was attached to us effective immediately.

2015 - Our Motor Officer reported by phone that he was at WOERTH and that no trucks had arrived there as yet.

2135 - Div Movement Control called that they had heard our trucks started arriving at WOERTH 1/2 hour ago.

2245 - Div Movement Control reports route beyond SARRE UNION changed to go W to INSMING.

2330 - No trucks have arrived at CP yet. Div Movement Control requests we get what we can started.

2345 - S-6 ordered 383d F.A. Bn to start rolling without delay.

2400 - S-5 reports that 135 trucks reached WOERTH at 2255; also that C/S says no need for S-6 to go ahead for orders.

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0045 - Trucks arrived and were dispatched to the Battalions.

ORDER OF MARCH

IP - EJ at (105446).

1st Serial - Lt Col LYNCH:

MU 1 - Co's A, B, C	- H hour
MU 2 - Organic 1st Bn	- H plus 10
MU 3 - Co D & 2d Plat, Co A, 614th TD	- H plus 20

2d Serial - Major LAMPERT

MU 1 - Co's E, F, G	- H plus 40
MU 2 - Organic 2d Bn	- H plus 50
MU 3 - Co A, 614th TD (- 2d Plat)	- H plus 60
MU 4 - Cannon Company	- 1 Hr plus 10

3d Serial - Major CROUCH

MU 1 - Co C, 411th Inf	- 1 Hr plus 30
MU 2 - Organic 1st Bn, 411th Inf	- 1 Hr plus 40
MU 3 - 1st Plat, Co A, 614th TD	- 1 Hr plus 50

4th Serial - Lt. Col. FRENZEL

MU 1 - Hq. Btry.	- 2 Hr plus 10
MU 2 - Btry A	- 2 Hr plus 20
MU 3 - Btry B	- 2 Hr plus 30
MU 4 - Btry C	- 2 Hr plus 40
MU 5 - Sv Btry	- 2 Hr plus 50

5th Serial - Captain REDWINE

MU 1 - AT Co	- 3 Hr plus 10
MU 2 - Hq Co	- 3 Hr plus 20
MU 3 - Coll Co	- 3 Hr plus 30
MU 4 - Co B, 328th Engr	- 3 Hr plus 40

6th Serial - Major WHITE

MU 1 - Sv Co	- 4 Hr
Maint Sec	

CHANGES IN ABOVE

2345 - 1st Serial - 383d FA Bn - Cross IP 0115.

2415 - 2d Serial - 5th Serial less Hq and plus Cannon cross IP at 0217.

0045 - Trucks arrived and dispatched to Battalions.

3d Serial - 1st Battalion and TD Co cross IP at 0309.

4th Serial - 2nd Battalion and TD Co cross IP at 0351.

5th Serial - 3d Serial plus Hq Co cross IP at 0433.

6th Serial - as above - cross IP at 0503.

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0300 - Advance CP group left for LANING, FRANCE.

1030 - Regimental CP opened at LANING, FRANCE (489300).

1325 - Message to CO 410th Infantry: "Report with one staff officer to this Hq. at 1400A today to receive instructions." (From CG 103d Inf Div - Thomas, Major - 1255).

1245 - S-6 and S-3 left for Division.

1300 - S-6 and S-3 arrived at Division CP. S-6 left Division CP at 1530 at the suggestion of Assistant Division Commander and CG had not arrived there as yet.

1615 - 411th S-3 called S-3 and asked where the 1st Battalion of the 411th was located. S-3 told him they were at LIXING LES ST. AVOLD. S-3 told him they were now back with the 411th and our 3d Battalion was back with us.

1710 - Our MP officer called G-3 in regard to relieving our 156 guides now posted on the route from WOERTH to this assembly area. G-3 said he could give us no definite word now as to when they could be relieved as the 409th Infantry had not closed as yet. Mp officer is to call him back at 1900.

1720 - C/S called S-5 and asked if we were serving hot chow to our troops. S-5 told him our troops were all getting hot chow.

1730 - G-3 called and said it was permissible to have bon-fires if they weren't too big.

1757 - MP officer called 411th A Co Commander and informed him that his company could not be relieved as road guides until the 409th Infantry clears.

1800 - Division Movement Control informed us that Grid line 47 was the light line for tonight. We cannot use lights in this town.

1815 - S-2 called G-3 and gave them the following information: "1st Battalion closed in EBERSING at 1045; 2nd Battalion closed in BIDDING at 1315; 3d Battalion closed in BETRING at 1800; 411th 1st Battalion closed in LIXING LES ST. AVOLD at 1545; AT Company closed in BIDDING at 1000; Cannon Company closed at EBERSING at 1110; "B" Co, 328th Engineers closed at ALTVILLER at 1315; 383d FA Bn closed at ALTRIPPE at 0945.

2140 - Lt. Eddens called from G-3 and informed us that the trucks that went back for the 409th Infantry have started returning. Major Gillman is back with the trucks and when all trucks have cleared our 1st guides he will advise guides of this fact. Lt. Eddens suggests that we dispatch our trucks back now to pick up the guides and as soon as Major Gillman gives the word to start picking them up.

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2200 - C/S called S-6 and informed him that the CG wants all AT weapons checked tomorrow morning for deficiencies, especially the batteries in bazookas. S-3 called all Battalion, Cannon, and AT CO's that they or a designated staff officer would check all AT guns and bazookas (including batteries in bazookas) for deficiencies tomorrow beginning at 0800 or before.

2325 - S-4 informed S-3 that batteries had been issued to all communications officers.

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2200 - C/S called S-6 and informed him that the CG wants all A^T weapons checked tomorrow morning for deficiencies, especially the batteries in bazookas. S-3 called all Battalion, Cannon, and AT CO's that they or a designated staff officer would check all AT guns and bazookas (including batteries in bazookas) for deficiencies tomorrow beginning at 0800 or before.

2325 - S-4 informed S-3 that batteries had been issued to all communications officers.

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1015 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and gave him the following message from the Commanding General: "Enemy air has been very active in present area. Commanders will check to see dispersion of vehicles is maintained. SMALL SMALL fires will be permitted, but will be extinguished on an air alert. Vehicles lights will be permitted on main roads - MAIN ROADS only. These roads are roads used by troops on the front, for MSR and ammunition supply and Corps has authorized the use of lights thereon. Blackout driving lights will be permitted on secondary roads." S-6 informed Chief of Staff that one of our battalions are located near German pillboxes and are training on them; also that we are short some bazookas.

1040 - G-3 to S-6: "Fame 6 wants you and one staff officer to report to Division CP at once. Alert reconnaissance parties."

1110 - S-6 and Assistant S-3 left for Division CP.

1305 - Assistant S-3 called from Division. He and S-6 will be back at our CP within one-half hour. 1st and 2nd Battalions are to go on the line relieving elements of the 6th Armored Division and 3d Battalion is to remain in Regimental Reserve. 1st and 2nd Battalion CO's are to report to our CP with one or two staff officers as soon as possible; 3d Battalion CO to report with one or two staff officers and reconnaissance party; also Hq. Comdt., AT CO, Cannon CO.

1310 - S-3 issued instructions to all Battalions to have CO and necessary staff officers report to our CP as soon as possible.

1350 - S-6 and Assistant S-3 arrived from Division.

1415 - Division Movement Control called: "We will get your definite route. 50 trucks will report to FEMESTROFF between 1530 and 1600.

1430 - 1st, 2d and 3d Battalion CO's arrived to receive orders.

1500 - Movement Control informed us of our route - BADING - BARST - PUTTELANGE - N to LOUPERSHOUSE - METZING.

1545 - Chief of Staff informed S-5 that we could have the complete company of TD's as he was releasing the other platoon to us immediately.

1600 - Condition is RED.

1650 - Chief of Staff called S-5: "Division Commander orders the relief to be completed tonight except for front line positions. They will be completed in daylight tomorrow."

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1645 - OI #30 received from Div by Ln O.

1700 - 2d Bn doesn't have their Personnel carrier yet.

1732 - S-3 called movement control about our trucks. They are checking with Maj Gillman.

1735 - AT with 3 platoons crossed the IP.

1845 - S-3 informed 3d Bn S-3 to hold his Bn in present position tonight. You move tomorrow upon order.

1900 - Fast 3 to S-3: 382d will use our route from 2130. They will follow our 2d Bn.

1935 - Movement Control called and we informed him we had not received our trucks and we were moving one battery of the 383d tonight.

1950 - From Movement Control - We have 25 trucks here ready for your use now. If you have an NCO or Officer report to me, I'll have a man show your man where to pick up trucks.

2000 - Cn Co called and asked what time he was to move tomorrow. We told him we would let him know later.

2050 - Major Gillman called and said not to release trucks at Fremestroff as they will be used by 409th.

2100 - S-3 to Movement control: You can have the other 25 trucks at Fremestroff and return them tomorrow. S-3 informed Cap Fitzgerald to take the 25 trucks he has at Div to 2d Bn and have Lt Rigdon take his 25 to 1st Bn and bring those 25 back to 3d Bn CP for use tomorrow. When we are thru release them.

2110 - G-2 to S-2: Six (6) paratroops dropped in Grid Square 71-48 at 2000. Dope came from Freedom thru Hickory.

2125 - All clear.

2130 - G-3 to S-5: Fame 6 just made this suggestion on your advance control pt. It is not an order. The town of Guebenhouse is Fame (Div Comdr) suggestion.

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2215 - Movement Control to S-5: We will use 50 trucks from Fremestroff as the other 25 were not at Div so Capt Fitzgerald will take the 50 at Fremestroff and use them keeping 25 to have 3d Bn tomorrow.

2225 - 2d Bn Ex 0 to S-3: 25 trucks have just arrived at 2d Bn CP.

2300 - G-2 & S-2: 16 German parachutists dropped at 2300 3 miles to S & E of us at Queen 4035. They may be in American uniform.

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PLACE: LANING, FRANCE (349300)

0053 - All clear.

0054 - Red alert.

0101 - All clear.

0320 - 2d Bn closed at 0030. Their organic closed at 1730.

0645 - G-3 called and wanted to know when our units closed.

0710 - Condition is red.

0730 - 1st Bn closed at 0407; 3d Bn will leave at 1000.

0750 - Msg sent to CO Cn Co - Move so as to be at Nousseviller at 0900. (CO, 410th Inf. - McCarthy, Capt. - 0730).

0805 - Msg. to CO 3d Bn - Move your Bn and TD Platoon starting 1000. Bn move into assembly area (overlay of yesterday). Organic trans move to Puttelance. TD plat continue to Metzling, Regtl Adv CP at Guebenhouse. Ret there upon completion move and use as Regtl CP as temporary Bn CP. Bn to be dispersed to assigned assembly area, and will move forward on O. (CO, 410th Inf., 0800, Capt McCarthy).

0810 - S-3 called G-3 and asked if 409th was moving intown they were supposed to according to overlay. 385570 is one Bn, 355530 is another; and another Bn in town just W of 355530. S-3 asked if town at 4054 within our zone. G-3 said he would check. Big town to SW of that, could we use it for our trains? G-3 thought it OK. We can use town at 4054 in part. 1st and 2d Bn, AT have closed in, Cn Co and TD on the move, Engrs will move shortly as will our 3d Bn.

1030 - CO 1st, 2d, 3d Bns conferred with Regtl CO as to occupation of positions.

1115 - 3d Bn closed into Guebenhouse.

1115 - Lt Young called from G-3 with the following message - There will be a meeting today at 1500 of all the 3's. Fatal 3 to come to the New Fame CP which is the town in the vic of crit pt 6. Fatal 3 will bring an overlay showing the disposition of all AT weapons, including our atchd TD Co., Cn Co, and our own AT outfits.

At 1700 there will be a unit comdrs meeting at the New Fame CP. Fatal 6 will be there by 1700.

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- 1130 - S-6 left for 411th CP.
- 1157 - S-3 informed Movement Control that we were moving out in about 15 min.
- 1340 - CP opened at Guebenhouse.
- 1340 - 2d Bn completed relief except for nite part.
- 1345 - 1st Bn completed relief except for nite part.
- 1400 - S-6 returned from 411th CP.
- 1430 - Asst Div Comdr arrived at Adv CP.
- 1510 - S-6 called 411th and arranged for meeting of representative from right Bn to meet with representative of our 1st Bn in 45 minutes.
- 1525 - S-6 left for 6th Armored CP.
- 1545 - S-6 assumed command of sector.
- 1615 - S-6 left for Div.
- 2015 - OO returned from Div.
- 2030 - the 2d Bn completed relief of the 6th Armored Div by 1710.

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PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

0230 - Liaison Officer returned from Division with Field Order #4. He informed S-3 of its contents.

0258 - Condition is RED.

0345 - Condition is ALL CLEAR.

0530 - 2nd Battalion informed us that they received the following information from their "E" Company. A Polish couple report large troop concentrations in either town of GROEBLIEDERSTOFF or KLEINBLITTERSDORF.

1305 - G-3 informed S-3 that they expected a flight over our zone soon. Planes will reconnoiter towns and roads at Critical Point 107. Artillery may lay smoke.

1600 - Chief of Staff called and said he had heard that 200 people came out of the cave today. We are checking this report with our 2nd Battalion.

1605 - S-3 called 2d Battalion S-1 and learned of the people coming out of the cave. He instructed 2nd Battalion to take these people in hand and turn them over to the Civil Affairs for clearance.

1603 - S-3 called 2nd Battalion S-3 and instructed him as follows: "When you come to the meeting at 1700 be able to show on overlay positions of all AT weapons including bazookas; also plans where you would put these weapons. All roads leading into your sector must be covered with road blocks reinforced with AT mines and covered by fire; also all principal avenues of approach covered by entrenchments, wire, and AT mines in depth. When overlay is brought to the 1700 meeting location of all AT mines, wire, entrenchments, fields of fire, and all AT weapons will be shown."

1610 - S-3 gave the above message to 1st Battalion S-1 and instructed him to inform S-3 of it.

1620 - S-3 called Cannon Company CO and instructed him to report at our CP at 1700 for a meeting. Cannon Company CO said he could give all battalions defensive fires for 150 yards in their sectors. Battalion commanders are going to work out the defensive fire plans.

1627 - 383d FA Bn S-3 informed S-3 that he would be at our 1700 meeting.

1705 - S-2 informed the Chief of Staff that CIC was taking care of the civilians in the cave and that everything was under control.

1847 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and wants our cooperation in regard to the evacuation of the civilians from the caves.

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1849 - S-6 phoned 2nd Battalion S-5 and informed him that the Civil Affairs officer might come up to see him and plan some coordination on evacuation of civilians from the caves and that they were to be furnished about 3000 "C" Rations.

1950 - 2nd Battalion S-5 phoned S-6 and informed him that arrangements have been made for the evacuation of civilians from the caves. Needs no help. Have arranged rations for the civilians. Have patrol between towns checking on civilian movement.

2045 - S-3 checked with Cannon Company to see if they had any bazookas. They did have, but had loaned them to 2nd Battalion.

2205 - S-3 Liaison Officer informed AT Co., Cn. Co., Sv. Co., TD Co., all Battalions, 382 and 383 ~~IA~~ Bns. as follows: "Road from METZIG to QUEBENHOUSE S to BJ to be used for one-way traffic for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and up. MP will direct traffic. Effective noon tomorrow."

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0600 - G-2 called with following message: "A JU-88 crashed at coordinates (425510) at 0440A this morning. The pilot and whoever else was in the plane got away. One parachute was found." (We immediately called this information to 1st, 2d and 3d Battalions, AT and Cannon Companies).

0645 - 2nd Battalion reports that their OP #2 picked up the sound of horses moving in vicinity RILCHINGEN. (S-2 called this in to G-2).

0645 - 1st Battalion reports the following from their patrols: "C Company reports patrol entered town of KEFBACH and went into the first house. It was occupied by five men and one officer who quickly dispersed to the barn. No armor was visible in the town. At 2300 "B" Company reports one of their patrols crossed the creek in vicinity (450621). Reports the creek is very easily crossed by foot. Moving along the road from that point they entered the town of LIXING. Went into one house in the town which was unoccupied. They then moved from there up into the woods N of LIXING. Came across several positions on that slope and they were unoccupied. They could determine by the undisturbed snow around the positions that no one had been near them for several days. Another report from "C" Company on their patrol - Bridge out at 437628. Bridge out at corner of woods at 449621 and bridge between this point and LIXING also out. Heard the sound of a tank at 4563. No other enemy activity in that area. "B" Company reports as of 0410 three of their men hadn't returned as yet. Patrol reports a mine field running 350 yards N by S and 120 yards E by W with center at 468614. They entered the town of LIXING and entered two houses. They found them both occupied and got into quite a fight with MG's and lots of rifle fire. MG's in one of the houses and rifle fire more from the center of town." (S-2 called this in to G-2 at 0715).

0950 - Captain Jones called from Division and said he would be down in a few minutes with some verbal orders that would not affect the tactical situation.

1000 - 1st Platoon, Company "A", 43rd Tank Battalion of 12th Armored Division has five tanks ready for operation.

1040 - Captain Jones returned from Division with the following verbal orders from Brig. Gen. PIERCE: "Improvement on saluting, wearing of the uniform, dispersion of vehicles and men, avoid placing installations on skyline, etc., also attention will be brought to all commanders to be certain that orders are carried out to the letter." (S-5 informed all Battalion Commanders of this message).

1300 - S-6 instructed 3d Battalion CO by message: "While continuing construction of positions on Regimental Reserve Line, reconnoiter this afternoon for positions S of the line - DIEBLING - METZING - HUNDLING - IPPING, facing S to provide for all-around defense of Regimental Sector. 3d Battalion to plan on defense of line - TENTEILING - DIEBLING - to road S of HUNDLING. Remainder new line to 2d Battalion." (Signed by CO 410th Infantry at 1300).

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 1335 - Chief of Staff visited our CP and went to 3d Battalion CP to meet S-6.

1420 - TD's can be contacted through 3d Battalion switchboard - call sign WOLF.

1500 - 2nd Battalion S-5 called S-5 and informed him as follows: "Evacuation of cave is started. Will be only conducted during daylight. Will use only the main road by the river. Evacuation will be completed by 1700 on Saturday. Division is furnishing MP's through to WELFERDING. Are evacuating 200 at a time. Have been living in cave since 1 September. Corridors are 15 feet wide and 30 feet high. 18 entrances to cave. Entrances are carved from solid rock."

1530 - S-6 called S-3: "Have Tank Platoon leader precede the tanks and report to me at NOUSSEVILLER at 1st Battalion CP. I will issue orders to him there."

1703 - S-3 instructed 1st Battalion S-3 to have Lt. Burr report what he finds on his mission.

1900 - At 1710 Tanks began to fire on KERBACH from high positions in "C" Company Area. 14 rounds were fired. Attempt to knock down church steeple in the town was unsuccessful. 3 or 4 rounds fired SE of City. Remainder of rounds were fired while tanks were moving from one position to another. No enemy fire drawn at 1830. Tanks were on their way to 2d Battalion.

1953 - Cannon Commander informed S-3 Jr. that he has a total of about 22 concentration points. We informed him it was O.K. to use different symbols from artillery system and O.K. to send it in in the morning.

1958 - G-3 called S-3 and said we still have 3 57's missing on our overlay. We told him they were all accounted for. We informed him of the guns that were in position and also informed him that we were going to send him an overlay on defensive obstacles such as wire and entrenchments. Chief of Staff then talked to S-6 and said FAME 38 was not at all satisfied with AT coordination and boundary between regiments. Not satisfied with location of MLR, too many avenues of approach not covered and does not present appearance of defiladed flanking position with mutually supporting flanking fire. Not satisfied with location as indicated on RRL because they do not seem to have them placed to fill gaps on MLR nor are they placed to get defilade and mutually supporting flanking fire. Chief of Staff then said that he told FAME 38 that we were restudying plans for changing positions of AT. He suggests placing guns between Battalion and Regimental Reserve Line. He went further on to say that each Battalion in Regt. will submit an overlay showing exactly (repeat exactly) how they are occupying (repeat occupying) their positions to include squads by 270830 on a 1/25,000 map. Told us to send them straight in from Bn. and not to consolidate them. S-6 told Chief of Staff he thought our tents and vehicles were pretty well off the skyline and those that weren't were AAA vehicles. C/S said we could do as we liked about that - also that these people wanting to go from town to town would be handled by Civil Affairs.

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2020 - S-3 instructed all Battalion S-3's to record all mine positions and send report in; also that they were to have overlays at this Headquarters showing positions of all defenses by 0745 27 December 1944.

2040 - S-5 asked 2nd Battalion about the firing down by the river. They are to call back on it.

2046 - S-3 Jr. called 2nd Battalion and informed them that we were getting AT HE shells and making an equal distribution to all Battalions, also 25 or 50 WP rockets. We are trying to develop signals for artillery of a different color than red. Check to see what color flares you have.

2051 - 2nd Battalion reports that they have only red flares.

2101 - Cannon Company Commander informed S-5 that he had 867 rounds HE, 155 rounds WP, and 82 rounds HEAT ammunition on hand. Fired about 300 rounds last night and about 80 today. Plans to do a lot of firing tomorrow.

2240 - "E" Company reports they hear a gasoline motor in vicinity 515575.

2257 - Assistant Communications Officer reports that we have about 8 miles of wire on hand at present.

2320 - 1st Battalion called and informed us they observed 3 flares - two almost together and one a little later, in the 2nd Battalion area. Called 2nd Battalion about this and they report seeing one white flare, but last night had seen many of them. They didn't think it meant much and we passed this information on to 1st Battalion.

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0057 - G-2 called and reported the unit on one of our flanks had seen 18 enemy flares since midnight and the unit on other flank reported a large plane flying over their zone. G-2 wants us to report any flares or any enemy planes in our zone. (Called all Battalions and instructed them to report any enemy flares or planes observed by them).

0205 - 2d Battalion called and reported: "E Company OP #2 reports that at 0134A on an azimuth of 86 degrees and approximately 1000 yards or possibly a greater distance away they heard the sound of a motor which they believe to be a tank." (Called in to G-2 at 0210).

0225 - Received overlay from 3d Battalion showing positions of Regimental Reserve Line.

0233 - Condition is RMD.

0245 - 1st Battalion reports: "Our OP in the B Company sector reports that at about 0235A they observed one red flare approximately 400 yards to the Left of KERBACH." (Called in to G-2 at 0250).

0435 - Condition ALL CLEAR.

0600 - 2d Battalion called and reported: "E Company OP #2 reports artillery flashes observed on an azimuth of 10 degrees from a range of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 miles". (Call in to G-2 at 0605).

0700 - Received overlays from 2d Battalion showing plan of defense.

0705 - Received overlays from 1st Battalion showing plan of defense.

0705 - Received overlay from Cannon Company showing normal barrage and concentration points.

0745 - Dispatched overlays from Battalions to G-3 by Special Messenger.

0810 - At 0730 "E" Company OP #2 reports tracked vehicle movement in grid square 5160.

0825 - Division received Battalion overlays showing plan of defense.

1015 - G-3 (Captain Cox) called and wanted estimate of time for completion of the following: 1. Prepared gun position for each gun. 2. Installation of wire. 3. Preparation of one alternate position. 4. Preparation of minimum number of obstacles. S-3 informed Captain Cox that it should be completed tonight with the exception of the wire.

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1200 - S-3 of 328th Engineer Battalion informed us that they have 100 rolls of wire available for us.

1300 - S-3 called all Battalions and informed them: "We have 100 rolls of wire to divide among battalions. Division wants all defensive obstacles including wire which you have not yet shown, mine fields, both AT and AP, shown on both the overlay and Engineer survey - also road blocks and bridge demolitions. Note all changes in overlay and have them down here by dark or sooner. Want a report on number of bazookas. For each crew served weapon there must be an alternate position." (S-3 gave the following to AT and Cannon Company as well as the Battalions). "On any movement of vehicles the following will govern while we are here. - 10 minutes interval between march units, 30 minute intervals between serials, 60 yards between vehicles, no scheduled stops between Corps or Division area."

1340 - Movement Control informed us of light line for tonight: "SARRE UNION - ALTVILLER - FRANCALETTOFF - RJ 245380 - MORHANGE."

1410 - 2d Battalion S-2 called and informed us that he was sending a woman down to our S-2 who claims to be a Russian but whose papers are in German.

1437 - S-3 informed 3d Battalion S-3 that we were sending them 35 rolls of wire. Division Engineer insists that all mines be laid by the Engineers. S-3 told 3d Bn. S-3 that if they wanted AT ditches dug they must coordinate with Engineers attached to them. (S-3 informed other Battalions of Division Engineers wishes).

1525 - S-3 called S-6 (at 3d Battalion) and informed him of a bridge blowing mission of bridge at 487623. S-6 said he wanted 2d Battalion to plan on the job.

1540 - Liaison Officer returned from Division.

1553 - 3d Battalion informed us that S-6 was leaving for the 1st Battalion.

1713 - S-5 learned from 2d Battalion that the best observation point on the bridge at 487623 was OP #3.

1745 - Message from CO, Company A, 614th TD Battalion: "On a reconnaissance of the front this AM in the area of 485625 I could hear the sound of motors and later the clapping of lumber or boxes (seemingly lumber). I believe they are rebuilding the bridge over the river. I have a reconnaissance platoon from my battalion attached with one section in WELFERDING". (Signed 1745).

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1755 - Message from CO, Company A, 614th TD Battalion: "Request authority to try Star shells at 1830 on 28 December 44 over area 485625. Request FO's report as to effect. Gun position 415590. Plotting will be completed." (Signed 1750).

1830 - 1st Battalion S-2 reports that patrol sent to area where self-propelled was reported at RJ 4263 received three rounds of fire. Couldn't see any vehicle. The three rounds fell 200 yards short of patrol.

1840 - S-6 called Assistant C/S: "There is no point in sending men to town at Critical Point 107. Artillery liaison officer with 2d Battalion and FO are confident that with an 8-inch battery they can do anything we want them to do with bridge. Engineer Lt. who observed bridge this afternoon says it will take 500 pounds of TNT to wreck bridge. Towns at Critical Points 107 and 129 have pill boxes and it would take a company patrol to go into town. Our Engineer Company CO says he would not attempt to send any platoon leader to bridge, he would go himself."

1900 - S-6 called 2d Battalion CO: "I brought the bridge job up to Fame 5." Asked CO of 2d Battalion if he wanted patrol to go to bridge for information, and 2d Bn. CO said he didn't think a patrol could gain any information that he couldn't get from his OP's. Said he hadn't been sending anyone down to the river and could see anyone trying to come across the river.

1925 - 1st Battalion reports that 411th patrol moved off OP near our "C" Company area, so "C" Company had to take over the OP again.

1930 - S-5 called 411th S-3 and reported that 411th patrol had moved off OP in our area. S-3 of 411th didn't know they had moved out.

1944 - 2nd Battalion S-2 informed us that there were some vehicles heard in GROSBLIEDER-STROFF. They were fired on and movement stopped. Information from OP #5.

1605 - 411th called and informed us (S-5) that their "F" Company had established contact with our "C" Company. "C" Company backed off, but probably went back at dark.

1613 - A German patrol of 4 men came up to the bridge at IPPLING. They were fired on and driven off by guards at bridge.

2040 - 2d Battalion received a report at 2026 "E" Company reports that 18 degrees from OP #1 artillery flashes were observed. Time between flash and sound 3 seconds.

2130 - Condition is RED.

2152 - Condition CLEAR.

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2155 - S-2 Jr. (calling from 1st Battalion) informed S-2 that "B" Company sent out two patrols from town they are in to vicinity of LIXING. Both patrols report two guards on each side of town. Claims to have seen vehicles and flashlight in town. "C" Company patrol looking for vehicles in position at 419629, 4 or 5 enemy tanks in vicinity of EJ. Going to throw Corps artillery on it.

2210 - S-2 Jr. (calling from 1st Battalion) informed S-2 that they were going to put TOT on target mentioned in 2155 entry. The reason they can't observe is because they were drawing fire from the Krauts.

2225 - Liaison Officer returned from Division.

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 0220 - Sgt DELIASANDRO from G-2 called again and wants us to check our report on the "C" Co patrol report we gave them at 2150. Corps is afraid the Germans are preparing a counterattack.

0230 - Called 1st Bn and received the following information on patrol action:
 The "C" Co 1st Sgt took his patrol up in vicinity of RJ at 419629. He heard tanks on the road leading N and E into BEHEN LES FORBACH. The patrol was then fired on by MG and automatic weapons. The patrol returned to their company and reported what they saw. Co "C" CO called 1st Battalion and asked for fire on that cross road and two hundred yards right and 200 yards forward. This mission was fired for him. Then our Cannon Company put 48 rounds from the RJ on into town and 36 rounds right into the heart of town. Results could not be observed. At 2130, Co "B" heard from their two (2) patrols. The left patrol reported "observed for 35 minutes." Saw 3 Krauts on edge of town of LIXING. One light observed in center of town. Nothing in draw. Heard guards and light vehicular activity. Right patrol reports: "Heard guards, light vehicular activity, and weird scream coming from vic stream. One man who had heard a panther scream said it sounded just like that. The other men said they had never heard anything like it." At 0017 our Co "C" OP reported a red flare 1500 yards distance to the left front. (Called all this information into Sgt. DELPHINO at G-2 at 0240).

0605 - 1st Bn S-2 reported as follows: "Co B sent two patrols to LIXING at 0400. They observed for 45 minutes. Heard the sound of a motor they believed to be a tank. One of the patrol members was an ex-tanker and said they were charging the battery on the tank. They placed it on the edge of town or in the gravel pit. They are now firing artillery mission on concentrations 2, 3 and 9. Both patrols reported the same. Saw 2 tracked vehicles and saw personnel standing around them." (Report phoned to Sgt DELPHINO at G-2 at 0630).

0650 - 2d Bn had no patrols out last night except in their rear areas. A German patrol of 4 or 5 men tried to cross bridge at 483568 last night at 1900. Guards fired on them and threw hand grenades. Results unknown. (Called into Sgt DELPHINO G-2 at 0653).

0945 - S-6 called 2d Bn CO and told him he was going to have S-5 check with Div as to firing the 8" battery on bridge. 2d Bn report they have 20,000 yds of wire, and will wire Co "F" position first. As to estimated 4 man Kraut patrol last night the men came from the S to the bridge. Our guards drew 1 round of rifle fire and returned the fire and the 4 man patrol ran at high speed to the S. Men were never seen and so don't know if they were army or civilians. Unit on our right have whole company in town where we have Plat.

1020 - 2d Bn CO informed us visibility is not suitable for firing on bridge as yet but should be OK in an hour.

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1025 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP and learned situation from S-5.

1140 - S-5 told 2d Bn Arty Ln O that Div had given us the OK to fire on bridge.

1400 - Msg from Div: "Re Plans 27-1 & 27-2. Submitted for your information only. No recommendations required at this time." (Signed: G-3, 103d Inf Div).

1600 - S-3 informed TD CO that star shell firing would have to be called off tonight.

1647 - S-3 to 3d Bn CO: Give us an estimate as follows: (1) How long would it take to assemble your Bn from positions on RRL into vic of METZING? (2) How long to assemble Bn where you are now at (DIEBLING) with Co "I" being furnished with transportation. This is only for planning for higher HQ and information will be disseminated to everybody. His answer to (1) was 4 hours; (2) 1½ to 2 hrs.

1717 - 3d Bn CO to S-3: He thinks the AT positions are no good and won't put them there unless he gets a direct Regtl Order. On right flank where positions were to be dug, they have sufficient positions there. Artillery thinks they can complete their plan by tomorrow. He said he was disturbed by the fact that his men had to take out charges on the bridge at Col CHILDS request. Another thing was that he wanted to booby trap a stream but Col CHILDS refused. We were to check with Capt WILLIAMS on it. About AT Positions, 3d Bn CO thinks that AT CO should work out AT situation and he will accept it.

1732 - Capt Cock of G-3 called and said that we should cooperate with Fleet on a RRL - suggested railroad.

1750 - Cn Co CO to S-6: Said he was getting 500 rounds from 409th who have not much use for them. S-6 said he would have to check with us before firing any missions, but after Cn Co CO said he could keep his fire down to 100 rounds, S-6 said he would lift restriction till noon tomorrow, but he should keep record on missions.

1815 - S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and asked how long it would take to have his Bn assemble in woods S of town they are now holding. He was to call back.

1830 - 2d Bn S-3 reports it would take 8 to 12 hrs to move Bn to woods S of HUNDLING.

1930 - 1st Bn S-3 called and wanted to know if he was supposed to dump ammunition on positions and how much. S-3 said he was suppose to dump the ammunition but would call him back on how much.

1943 - Cn Co CO said it would take him about an hour to withdraw to a secondary MLR about 7 miles away.

1947 - AT Co CO report it will take approximately 4 hours to move his guns 9 miles to the rear.

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2020 = 411th AT Co report their listening posts report they hear many tracked vehicles at Co #60 (FORBACH). Above phoned to Bns, AT, and TD Co.

2100 = Co Co called and said they obtained 500 rounds of 105-mm from 409th Inf.

2115 = S-2, 1st Bn reports that one man from Co "G" patrol stepped on an AP mine. The rest of patrol standing guard awaiting litter bearers and will probably continue on mission.

2130 = Co. "G" patrol #1 report very quiet in KERBACH. Heard one (1) vehicle (truck) which moved out of KERBACH toward N.

2130 = Co "B" east patrol report no enemy activity. No activity in gravel pit near LIXING.

2140 = Co "B" west patrol report 2 guards near house on outskirts of LIXING. No other activity.

2200 = Co "G" patrol #3 upon reaching HARDTWALD one (1) man stepped on S mine (Bouncing Betty); 2 men injured were evacuated. No further enemy activity.

2208 = Div informed us that gas masks were to be carried at all times. They were to be issued as soon as possible. This information was passed on to S-4.

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0045 - Liaison Officer (Captain Jones) returned from Division with following message addressed to CO, 410th Infantry, ATTENTION S-3: "You will report to this Headquarters by 291200A Dec 44: a. Any additional barriers desired in your zone. b. Your recommendations as to whose responsibility it shall be to execute any barriers in your zone. c. Your recommendations as to what troops shall execute any of the barriers in your zone (Example: 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, 409th Infantry). d. Final complete barrier plan will be issued by this Headquarters 301200A Dec 44." (Signed by CG, 103d Infantry Division - Thomas, G-3 - at 2000A).

Upon receiving this message S-3 immediately contacted all Battalions and instructed them to report to us by 290900A Dec 44 and instructed them to send in their overlay showing their barrier defense plan at that time.

0100 - "C" Company patrol went out and upon reaching vicinity HAED WALD they received rifle fire from forest. Patrol returned.

0300 - Captain Jones returned to Division with overlays on Regimental Defense Plans 43-1, 36-1, 36-2 and concentration of fires.

0315 - Captain Jones delivered above-mentioned plans to Lt. Eddens in G-3.

0600 - "B" Company East patrol reports no enemy activity.

0600 - "B" Company West patrol could not obtain PW at LIXING due to extreme visibility. No other enemy activity.

0830 - Received 5 overlays from 3d Battalion on their plan for counterattack.

0910 - 1st Battalion S-5 reported that they had requisitioned 5,000 mines to cover entire front and no additional barriers were needed.

1300 - O.I. No. 37 received from Division.

1310 - 1st Battalion S-3 called S-3 Jr. We informed him that the AT positions talked about were primarily alternate positions to seal up the whole Battalion front on all sides. 1st Battalion S-3 said some of the positions suggested couldn't even be gotten into. We suggested dummy positions. We were to check with the Engineers on pneumatic drills for drilling holes as the ground was too hard.

1338 - 2nd Battalion S-3 called S-6 and reported that the bridge West of Critical Point 107 is believed to be completely out as cement was seen flying all over. S-6 told him that we had a report that the West pier was out and they were still working on the other.

1350 - General Pierce visited our CP.

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1355 - Captain Jones informed us that he delivered the Memorandum "Additional Barriers Desired" to Lt. Young in the Division War Room at 1350.

1500 - S-6 informed Cannon Company Commander that there would be no more cannon firing until ammunition question is settled.

1530 - Chief of Staff called and informed us that Corps G-3 was worried about a counter-attack tomorrow at daylight. Daylight is a critical time tomorrow morning. Chief of Staff asked us to pass this information on to General Pierce and our S-6, and to have General Pierce call him as soon as possible.

1550 - S-3 contacted S-6 at 1st Battalion and informed him of above message. We were unable to contact General Pierce and called Chief of Staff and informed him of this.

1621 - Division Chemical Warfare Officer called and wants us to have Regimental and Battalion Gas Officers at his CP at 1800 today. (Lt. Hughes phoned this information down to the Battalions).

1710 - Major Brockman is now at Service Company and is coming back to the 1st Battalion.

1800 - "F" Company reports noises around stream in front of them (6165-4840) which sound as though the enemy might be trying to build a bridge.

1815 - 1st Battalion S-2 reports that a civilian was picked up who came down from SAARBHUCK through LIXING. He reported there were only a couple of Germans in LIXING. 1st Battalion S-2 thinks his patrol reports have been exaggerated. Said there would be two patrols each from "B" and "C" Company tonight and patrolling would be mostly road reconnaissance and counterpatrol.

1855 - Operations report was phoned in to Lt. Young at Division War Room G-3.

1902 - S-6 called 2nd Battalion CO and informed him that our Cannon Company had to cease firing due to the ammunition situation; and if 2nd Battalion needed fire to call for artillery instead.

1920 - Cannon Company CO phoned S-5: "Experimented firing HE as direct fire. It is more devastating than AT shells and will even start fires. Had only two duds out of twelve shells fired."

2025 - Platoon leader from tanks can be contacted through 2nd Battalion - call sign is FRIGID 1A.

2030 - S-5 informed all Battalion Ex O's: "Between 2230 - 2300 you will receive one truck load ammunition at your CP. People carrying it will unload it at your CP door if you don't have personnel there to take care of it. Truck must be back by 0400."

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2100 - Captain Cook of G-3 wants us to call every hour on the hour about the enemy situation.

2315 - Captain Jones returned from Division with Operations Memorandum.

2345 - S-3 Jr. called all Battalions and informed them of contents of Operations Memorandum received from Division.

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0045 - Report of patrols:

- No. 1 Co "C" returned at 2100. Reported no contact.
- No. 2 Co "C" did not go out.
- No. 3 Co "C" returned at 2115. Reported no contact.
- No. 4 Co "B" returned at 2100. No contact.
- No. 4A Co "B" returned at 2130. No contact. Found fox hole occupied by one enemy just N of Critical Point 78.
- No. 5 - 2d Bn returned 2200. Received fire from burp gun and LMG after being challenged by enemy sentry. Patrol returned at once.
- No. 6 - 2d Bn returned 2300. Saw 4 enemy (499580) also heard 2 light enemy vehicles leading N. Noticed lights in houses along road and upon seeing more enemy emerge from house patrol returned.

0100 - Capt McCarthy gave Lt Eddens at G-3 a negative report on enemy situation.

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0300 - Called Lt Eddens at G-3 and gave him a negative report.

0320 - Lt Jones, Engr Plat Ldr, can be reached at 3d Bn CP. He is putting in the charges on the bridges now.

0400-0500-0600 - Called Lt Eddens at G-3 and gave him a negative report.

0630 - 1st Bn reports all morning patrols are back in and they have only a negative report. 2d Bn sent no early morning patrols out.

0700 - Enemy patrol came close to Co "C" OP last night. Fired on enemy patrol and will check this morning to see if they got any of them.

0700 - S-3 called Lt Eddens at G-3 and gave him a enemy negative report.

0755 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and told him our tank platoon leader would be down there this morning. He wants to do some demonstration firing up there this morning.

0805 - OP #1 report they seem to be able to hear quite a number of armored vehicles around grid square 51-59.

0930 - Co "C" report they have captured one (1) Kraut. Purple flare seen near BEHREN.

1045 - S-6 to 1st Bn CO: 1st Bn would rather not put tank demonstration on. Also they are still working on positions. Have the mines which they will install in Co "C" area. S-6 told them there was no increase in enemy activity, so run tanks between

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1045 - Continued - KERBACH and LIXING and see if they will draw any enemy fire. The tanks will do no firing.

1145 - S-2 informed 1st Bn that prisoner of Co "C" is Russian laborer who has been working in SAAARBHUCKEN. About 6,000 laborers have been working there. He has been digging in defensive positions. Claims he and 4 others were shot at about 0200 this morning.

1210 - S-3 to G-3: Our tanks are out on demonstration in 1st Battalion area.

1310 - S-3, 2d Bn called and said he was contemplating a daylight or night raid just outside our right flank at approximately (498582). Hears sound of generator and vehicles there. He wants permission of outfit on right to do that and assurance that they have no troops or patrols in there.

1315 - 1st Battalion informed us that their tank demonstration drew no fire.

1440 - Cannon Co CO reports that the 409th Inf came back for their 105-mm ammunition. Also that he had sent back about 70 miles for some ammunition he heard about.

1600 - G-3 to S-3: Stand by alert will be repeated tomorrow from 0530 until 1 hr after daylight. G-3 wanted to know how many men do you have to get out within enemy observation that you can't move until after dark. (Above called to all units by S-3).

1900 - S-3 to G-3 (Cpl KEAGER): Operations report for period called in. Following weapons report submitted:

Weapons Operationally Unfit:

Hvy MG Cal. 30	- 2 in ordnance (1st Bn)
Bazookas	- 14 lost in action & on requisition (5 - 1st Bn; 8 - 2d Bn; 1 - 3d Bn)
81-mm Mortar	- 2 in ordnance (2d Bn)

2035 - 2d Bn Ex O reports cave situation all taken care of. Would like to know what is to be done about entrances to cave.

2040 - S-5 passed information from 2035 entry to G-5. G-5 was to check with the Engrs on possibility of blasting entrances.

2105 - S-4 called and said he was able to get 400 pickets. Breakdown was to be 300 to 1st Bn and 100 to 2d Bn. The Bns were informed that they were going to get them in the morning. We also called Engrs and they were going to try and get more for us.

2107 - Lt Hughes called G-3 about the mine situation.

2255 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: On raids: 2d Plat plus 2d Squad of 3d Plat, 1st Plat in support. Plan for medical control is as follows: 2 company medics attached to raiding platoon, 2 litter squads to follow closely by bounds. Should unforeseen develop,

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2255 - Continued - heavy artillery or mortar, causing heavy casualties, will have to use smoke and AT. Informed us that their mine laying started this afternoon.

2340 - Msg to CG, 103d Inf Div: "Two copies of raid plan to be accomplished by 1st Bn attached." (Signed: SILVER, S-3).

2350 - Msg to CG, 103d Inf Div: "The following additional barriers will be accomplished by dark 31 Dec 44 in zone this regt. (1) Abatis #37; (2) Abatis #38; (3) Crater #25; (4) Overpass #24; (5) Overpass #18; (6) Overpass #19; No's 1 & 2 to be executed by 1st Squad, 2d Plat Co "B", 328th Engr Bn; No's 3 & 4 by 2d Squad; No's 5 & 6 by 3d Squad. Responsible Commander - C. O. Reserve Bn, 410th Inf." (Signed: SILVER, S-3).

2350 - Msg to CG, 103d Inf Div: "Attached is overlay of additional barriers started afternoon 30 Dec 44 executed by 3d Plat, Co "B", 328th Engr Bn. Responsible Commander - C. O. Left Bn." (Signed: SILVER, S-3).

2400 - Negative enemy report made to G-3.

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0018 - Captain Jones came in from Division and brought in O. I. #38 and G-3 Periodic Report.

0100 - Captain Jones returned to Division.

0120 - Captain Jones delivered S-2 overlays to Sgt Kiecker in Division War Room.

0500 - Gave G-3 a enemy negative report.

0700 - Patrol reports for the night:

Co. "C" Patrol #1 made a negative report.

Co. "C" Patrol #1A made a negative report.

Co. "B" Patrol #2 made a negative report.

Co. "B" Patrol #3 made a negative report, however, much time was spent preparing for execution of Plan "X".

Co. "B" Patrol 2A made a negative report.

Co. "B" Patrol 3A made a negative report.

Co. "B" reports one of their warning booby traps was set off and this accounts for the firing of ammunition in their area.

0715 - S-2 reported above information to G-2.

0810 - Overlay and report of Mine Fields received from Division Engineer.

1025 - S-6 called 1st Bn and informed them that what information we had got from PW captured this morning may change the raid plan.

1040 - C/S to S-6: Asst Div Comdr wants to borrow our AT officer for today and tomorrow. He will check the 411th Inf AT positions and the 411th Inf will check ours. AT Co CO will report to Warrior CP at Critical Point 83 at once.

1050 - G-3 to S-3: Asst Div Comdr and Corps Comdr are on way to visit your CP.

1055 - G-3 to S-3: Asst Div Comdr wants on these raid plans the following:
 (1) Directive issued by your HQ for plan. (2) Directive issued by Bn CO. (3) Detailed plan of raid leader. (4) Whether all artillery fire will fall on signal. Also in Par 8, better wording could be used as to casualties. G-3 is sending down a disinterested officer to check MG's on MLR. Would like Bn S-3 or S-2 to go along with him. Will be done around noon.

1058 - S-6 ordered CO AT Co to report to Regtl CP at once.

1110 - G-3 to S-3: Continue to stand on your positions until further notice. C/S says to cancel order to have AT CO report to Warrior CP. (S-3 notified all units).

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1125 - S-6 ordered 3d Bn to assembly area at DIEBLING ready to move on short notice.

1205 - Co "C" of our 1st Bn report a first class war going on at GAUBIVINGEN which is in 411th Inf area. He reports paratroopers falling in artillery area.

1210 - S-3 to G-2: Above information given to G-2. He said parachutes are too small to support a man.

1215 - Our 1st Bn now report that Co "G" of 411th was test firing MG's and forget to notify 411th Co "F". (Above information given to 2d & 3d Bns).

1230 - S-3 informed 3d Bn that Div was sending a disinterested officer to check MG positions and he should have someone there to show him where they are.

1235 - S-3 informed 2d Bn of 1230 entry. Also told him the reason he didn't get those pickets was because the Engrs turned in an erroneous report to S-4.

1304 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and asked what could be done with men he is now not using if we could get a clearance from Div. They said wire could be laid and positions worked on. We were going to call Div and let him know.

1308 - S-6 talked to G-3 (War Room) and asked about 1304 entry. The party he spoke to was to check and call back.

1333 - G-3 to S-6: They said it was OK to put those men in 3d Bn to work. G-3 wanted to know between what coordinates these men would be operating. S-6 said between CP 98-96-95 and woods N of CP 92.

1335 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: Informed him of 1333 entry.

1345 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP and learned situation.

1407 - S-3 asked 1st Bn S-3 to check and call back information as to concerning area 411th Inf is suppose to be occupying that our Co "C" has been occupying for them.

1416 - S-3 Jr called Engrs and asked about pickets. He said S-4 was making the breakdown.

1441 - S-3 to 1st Bn S-3: We informed him that General Pierce was on his way to 411th Inf to straighten out left flank situation.

1450 - S-6 refused when Cn Co CO wanted to fire at some German positions for Co "C" due to limitation of ammunition.

1528 - S-3 Jr informed the Bns that Corps Comdr & General Pierce would not be around today. He also said that a new system was being devised when alerts were announced and S-6 would let them know of it.

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1545 - S-6 left for Battalions in following order: 1st, 2d & possibly 3d Bn.

1800 - Weapons Report to G-3 (Capt Cox): Weapons Operationally Unfit:

- 2 - Cal. 30 HMG - 1st Bn.
- 1 - 81-mm Mortar - 2d Bn.
- 14 - Bazookas - 5 - 1st Bn; 8 - 2d Bn; 1 - 3d Bn.

2010 - TD's called in and informed us that some civilians passed thru their outposts, were halted then there was some confusion, one of his men thought he saw a Kraut among them and fired on them. The people took to the woods, a couple of them get shot up and may be dead. They believe there were about 15 Krauts behind the civilians.

2037 - G-3 to S-3: Change in plan. Make Reserve from where it's shown to ST JEAN ROCHBACH.

1700 - Msg to CO 1st Bn: "Prepare revised plans to raid that part of LIXING south of the church at, or shortly before, daylight 2 Jan 45. 1st Plat, Co "A", 43d Tk Bn attached to you for this operation only. Up to 4 Bns Div Arty is available for fire support. Other than above, support raid with your own organic and attached weapons. Size of raiding force not to exceed 2 reinforced rifle platoons. Mission: a. To dominate no-man's land. b. To destroy all enemy vehicles, automatic weapons, and supplies in raided area. c. To capture at least one prisoner, together with such documents as may be found." (Signed: Henry J. P. HARDING, Col.)

1720 - Msg to CO 1st Bn: "Until further orders, following will govern holding of your positions; a. All outposts to be fully manned at all times. b. Any position which cannot be entered in daylight to be fully manned from 1 hr prior to daylight until after dark, and to be garrisoned by at least 1/3 full strength during the night. c. All other positions to be manned by approximately 1/3 full garrison at all times. Remaining 2/3 of garrison to be employed on further construction and improvement. Remaining 2/3 must be able to occupy position within not to exceed 40 mins after receipt of alert order from Regtl Cmdr at your CP. (Signed: Henry J. P. HARDING, Col)

1900 - Msg to CO 2d Bn: "Prepare and submit plan to raid enemy position vic 499582. Raid to be conducted at 1830 on 2 Jan 44, simultaneously with raid to be made vic 514580 by 114th Inf. 1st Plat, Co "A", 43d Tk Bn attached to you for this operation only - coordinate directly with CO 1st Bn re' availability of Plat Ldr for planning and reconnaissance up to 4 Bns Div Arty are available for fire support. Other than above, support raid with your own organic and attached weapons. Not to exceed 2 reinforced rifle platoons to be employed. Mission: a. Dominate no-Man's land. b. Capture at least one prisoner, together with such documents as may be found. c. Effect maximum practicable destruction of enemy personnel, vehicles, weapons and supplies in raided area. (Signed: HENRY J. P. HARDING, Col.)

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1930 - Msg to CO 2d Bn: "Until further orders, following will govern holding of your positions: a. All outposts to be fully manned at all times. b. Any position which cannot be entered in daylight to be fully manned from 1 hr prior to daylight until after dark and to be garrisoned by at least 1/3 full strength during the night. c. All other front-line positions to be manned by approximately 1/3 full garrison at all times. Remaining 2/3 of garrison to be employed on further construction and improvement. This 2/3 must be able to occupy positions within not to exceed 40 minutes after receipt of alert order from Regtl Cmr at your CP. d. Res Co must be able to be assembled in 40 mins after your receipt of alert order." (Signed: HENRY J. P. HARDING, Col.)

2115 - Msg to CO 3d Bn: "Until further orders following will govern alert status of your Bn: a. Entire Bn, less bridge guards and garrison of IPPLING, to be alerted at DIEBLING at daylight each morning, ready to move on 15 mins action. If no orders are received from Regtl Cmr by 30 mins after daylight, you will phone Regtl CP for permission to move work parties to positions. b. After this permission is granted, troops may be sent to construct or improve positions in any part of your area of responsibility from which they can be reassembled in DIEBLING in one hour after receipt at your CP of an alert order from the Regtl Cmr." (Signed: HENRY J. P. HARDING, Col.)