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DATE: 1 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 2400

PLACE: NEURODEN, GERMANY (503916)

0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.

0630- MP officer called S-5 and asked if there was any possibility of our moving today. S-5 told him that he hadn't heard about it. MP officer said that he had all of the perimeter defenses well organized now.

0940- G-3 called and said to take all cerise panels off vehicles. Notified Bns. and special units.

1340- G-3 called and said the movement to our new area starts tomorrow morning at 0600.

1430- Div. Movement control says as soon as we know the time length of initial column, send it in. (107 minutes.)

1735- White 3 called S-3 and wanted to know what time his Bn. would leave tomorrow. S-3 told him he was starting the organics at 0710, and he would let him know tonight when his Bn. would move out.

1745- Major Gillman called S-3 and told him to have a ten minute interval between march units instead of the previous five. S-3 said he would take care of it.

2035- S-3 to Fatal 34-S-3 said we could get along with 15 men (7 posts.)

2215- C/S called S-6 and said we couldn't move out at 0600 tomorrow because movement must be held up until after movie star show.

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DATE: 2 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 2400

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

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- 0100 to 0600- Negative reports to G-3.
- 1400- 383rd. FA Bn. started movement to new area via LANDAU.
- 1530- Advance CP opened at ANNWEILER (171672).
- 1600- 383rd. FA Bn. closed into new area vic LANDAU.
- 1635- Cannon Co. closed into new area vic ALBERSWEILER.
- 1645- Antitank Co. closed into new area vic HAVERSTEIN
- 1715- Co H closed into new area CP at SCHWEIGHOFER
- 1722- Co. B, 328th Med. Bn. closed into LANDAU.
- 1800- Co B, 328th. Engr. Bn closed into LANDAU.
- 1800- Co. F, closed into new area, CP at HEIGERSWEILER.
- 1900 to 2400- Negative reports to G-3.

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DATE: 3 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1035

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

0100 to 0600- Negative reports to G-3.

0840- Recd. Adm. Memo No. 1, Hq. 410th. Inf dated 2 April 45, Bulletin No. 26, Hq. 103 Inf Div., dated 1 April 45; signal operating instructions--critical points--item 33B-10, Hq. 103 Inf. Div. dated 2 April 45.

0927- S-3 called Red 3 and asked if they had received their 8 1/2 ton trucks from AT and Cannon yet. D Co. has started to move and A company is starting. Will send in an overlay 1500 showing the disposition of all troops in the area.

0930- S-6 called Div. AMG officer and asked if it would be permissible for us to deal with the AMG set-up in FIRMASENS. AMG officer said it would be O.K. for us to deal with them.

0935- S-3 called 383rd. Bn C.O. and was informed that our attached AA Battery is now set up tactically in LANDAU. They have four radios and can operate tactically with two radios. Two radios can be turned over to one of our Bns. S-3 told 383rd. Bn CO that we would check with Div. Signal officer and see if we couldn't obtain radios through him and we wouldn't have to bother the AA radios.

0945- Division commander visited CP and left at 1000.

1000- Elements of 3rd. Bn. are passing through ANNWEILER

1005- Recd. G-2 Periodic Report No. 134, G-3 Periodic Report No. 143, and Intelligence notes No. 10, Hq. 103 Inf. Div. dated 2 April 1945.

1010- 3rd. Bn CO visited CP. Says he can use 25 prisoners to help clean up his area. 24 towns in 3rd. Bn area to police.

1015- S-5 arrived from NEUHOFEN.

1035- MP officer says all March units have closed. Says he is putting more sign up directing people to our CP.

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DATE: 3 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1036 to 1745

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

- 1040- 383d. FA Bn CO reports that in LANDEAU there are five box cars loaded with TD ammunition, small arms ammunition, and chemical warfare supplies. They are putting a guard on them temporarily and want us to contact higher headquarters and get them to remove it.
- 1042- Capt. Jones, Displaced persons officer wants a 2½ ton truck to go to apill box and get some rations for his camp. (Hq. Co. kitchen truck will be used.)
- 1145- White 3 Fatal 3 - White closed in our area at 1100. Will have phone connection in another ½ hour.
- 1150- 383d. FA Bn reports they have picked up 20 soldiers. They were turned in by the Burgermaster of LANDAU.
- 1200- 3rd. Bn. closed at 1110.
- 1200- G closed at 1200.
- 1220- Gave closing time of Bns. to G-2 and Div. Movement Control.
- 1310- S-6 called Div. ordnace officer and informed him that there is five carloads of explosives in LANDAU that can bepicked up.
- 1340- S-6 left for PIEMASENS to visit AMG.
- 1640- Lt. Loring, Cannon Co., called and reported that he interrogated the civilians of military age at RAMBERG today. One man came in who has a pass from the allied Military Government. He has been furnishing information to them. He reports that his son saw two Germans soldiers in uniform yesterday and they told him there was organized resistance at 210 750 and also in the little town at 215747.
- 1645- Cn. Co CO reports that his patrol picked up six German soldiers in uniform N. of EUSSERTAL.
- 1745- Blue 3-S-2- Blue 3 wanted to know if Two could located some American flags for him. S-2 said he would check with Lt. Hughes.

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DATE: 4 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1740

PLACE: ANNEWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

- 0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.
- 0820- Asst. S-3 called all Bns. and asked them how many PW's they could use to work. The Bns. will call back. AT and Service Co. don't want any. Cannon Co. will call back.
- 0910- Hq. Co. will take four prisoners.
- 0920- 2d. Bn. will take twenty-five prisoners.
- 0925- 3d. Bn. will take fifty prisoners.
- 0935- Cn. co. doesn't want any PW's.
- 1100- S-6 reports that we may have to send C Co. up to LANDAU as hundreds of armed Russians are being shoved on them there and they want to shoot the civilians. Only a few men in the Displaced Persons camp and they can't control them.
- 1245- Fatal 36-S2- Two Red-cross girls (French) are in the town 36 is located, and want to draw some shoes. S-2 said they couldn't get them unless they had a written order.
- 1250- Sgt. Major at Fagot called and said Fagot 6 will return to Fagot Hdq. at 1330, and S-6 can call him there.
- 1340- Cn. Co. CO reports that he needs 23 horses (with or without saddles) to patrol his area.
- 1430- AT Co. CO wants to know if the civilians can start the shoe factories down in their town. S-2 told them to go ahead and start it.
- 1740- Green 6 called Fagot 2 and reports a range with plenty of ammo, including 500 lb. bombs and small arms, SE of DUNBACH. Also Kraut vehicles. Fagot 2 said he would give the above information to S-3.

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DATE: 3 April 1945

TIME: 1746 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

- 1750- S3 to S-1- Lt. Mihalakis told S3 that he has no guard to post on gasoline dump across the street from CP. S1 said he would call MP officer personally.
- 1810- L Co. has three German soldiers they have picked up.
- 1810- Rec . Training Schedule of Co. E.
- 1835- 383d. FA S-6 reports that 20 SS troops in full uniform heavily armed and with automatic weapons plus one officer reported in NEUSTADT, yesterday. Last night they were in HANBACH and forced the people to feed them. They are working their way through LANDAU back across the Rhine to join the German Army. Not seen in 383rd. Area.
- 1850- S-6 returned from PIRMASSENS.
- 1905- Cn. Co OO called S-3 and reported that he was sending four truckloads of Pw's in. Said there were thirty more Germans in the woods. They are afraid to surrender. Will not go after them as it is getting dark.
- 1950- Red. Memo HQ. 1 Bn. Eschbach, Germany, dated 3 April 45, subject: "Troops of other units in First Bn. Area."
- 2110- Fatal 10 reports that he needs a Jeep badly. One of his vehicles in deadlined and one crew idle.
- 2145- S-3 White 3 White reported to S3 that looting is going on in town A 56.

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DATE: 4 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1741 to 2400

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

1900- Major Kramer called and reported that there will be an evacuation of seven hundred Russians to NEUSTADT tomorrow.

2120- 383rd. FA CO called and wants to know if you have to tag confiscated weapons with the owner's name. S-3 is checking.

2150- S-3 called Fagot 6 and told him he checked into the matter of tagging confiscated weapons, and there is no such report. As far as he knows, nothing has been issued to that effect, unless someone has our SOP confused with that of the French Army.

2200-2400- Negative reports.

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DATE: 5 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1850

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

0100 to 0600- Negative reports to G-3.

0840- Faggot 6 called and wanted to know what arrangements had been made for the sound truck. Said he understood it was to be used by him today to screen several towns to the N. of LANDAU but that the CIC arrived and said they were going to use it in LANDAU today. Wants to know the story on it.

1020- Lt. Chance of E reports any enemy ammo dump at 1165-6549 along the highway up to the mountains. It is covered by dried brush and in good shape. (Sugar 8 notified of above.)

1300- Lt. Eddins called and said for the S-3 to report to G-3 between 1330 and 1400 today.

1400- S-3 left for Div. to attend a G-3 meeting.

1440- 2d. Bn. S-3 reports that there is an 88 in very good condition at DEUTSCHEOF.

1615- S-6 reported in from 2d. Bn C.P.

1645- S-3 returned for Div. C.P.

1710- 383d. FA CO said AMG was asking for eight of his men to go ahead to different towns and make arrangements to requisition flour for the refugees at NEUSTADT. S-3 told him he would probably be moving tomorrow. Said we would send him the information as soon as we could get it out. 383d. FA CO said if he didn't hear from S-6 he would go ahead and haul the flour tonight to NEUSTADT.

1815- G-3 called and told us our new boundary. Said it was tentative and we were not to move without orders from them. Probably will be tomorrow sometime.

1850- Blue 5 called and said the schoolhouse at DAHN was full of German Army blankets and rations. Will probably take 1 2¹/₂ ton truck and 1 1¹/₂ ton truck to haul all of it away. 3d. Bn. has it locked up.

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DATE: 5 April 1945

TIME: 1851 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

- 2105- Capt. Jones reports that AMG wants to move his Displaced Persons team outside of ROT 410 Area. Capt. Jones doesn't want to move.
- 2125- 393d. FA CO says he thinks he can get the AA Bn. and Engr. Co. up where his northern boundary is.
- 2205- S3 called "E" 3 and told him they had a mission to perform tomorrow. Said he would give him full details if he would be at CP at 0800 tomorrow morning.
- 2210- S3 to I & R - S3 wants I&R to take over # Co. rd. blocks tomorrow. Would like Lt. O'Reegan to come to CP in the morning at 0800 for more details.
- 2230- S3 called Lt. Rigdon and wanted him to see if he could arrange to get trucks to each of the Bns. in case of a move tomorrow. S3 would like Lt. Rigdon to be here at 0800 tomorrow morning for a meeting where more detailed information would be given.
- 2230- S6 called Fatal 10 and wants him to be at CP at 0900 tomorrow morning for a meeting.
- 2240- Capt. Perez called S3 and wants him to get the following information to Special Units: Anything above 20 mm. of Jerry Ammunition will not be moved. Also explosives, such as T.N.T. , and Hand Grenades will not be moved. On items not to be moved, send in location and coordinates to Capt. Perez. Below 20 mm. ammunition will be turned into Capt. Perez. German weapons regardless of their condition will be turned in.
- 2245- S3 called Red 3 and informed him we may be ordered to move tomorrow, and wants him to have a quartering party ready. Red said he would alert his men, and be ready to move as soon as notified by S3.
- 2250- Informed Bns. and Special Units, Regtl. Surgeon Mtr. Officer, Capt. Thorne, Lt. Hughes of meeting tomorrow morning at 0900 at Regtl. C.P.

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- 0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.
- 0905- G-3 called S-6 and said the straight line was the boundary, the same boundary he gave Capt. Mc.Carthy yesterday afternoon. We have no set time to move but we must use our own transportation. We lost ALBERTSWEILER and ANNWEILER. We are to get some of the 41th. area. Also have lost EDENKOBEN.
- 1040- Div. Movement Control would like to know where the greatest part of our movement will be today. Told him we would cut the main road S. of Neustadt.
- 1130- G-2 called and said he had recd. a warning order from Seventh Army that the whole division would probably cross the Rhine tomorrow.
- 1545- Major Gillman called and said the whole Div. is going to move across the Rhine tomorrow. Same route we used going up there-Hafsloch, Mechenheim, Museensadt and across the river. We will get ten Q.M. trucks. It will be a shuttle move. Fatima and then we will fall in behind. 10 minutes between march units, 30 minutes between Serial. S-3 to Maj. Gillman: I will let you know where we want those 10 Q.M. trucks to report. Maj. Gillman said he would have more information later.
- 1625- Div. Movement Control said we would probably move tomorrow night. S-3 had been informed by C/S that our move would probably take place day after tomorrow.
- 1630- G-3 says that he is sending an overlay down showing where we are going. Coordinates 6798 is where we are going. Town that begins with S. Says that we will probably move day after tomorrow. Stay in our present CP and have the same mission.
- 1631- S-3 told 383d. FA to stay right where they were and they would move day after tomorrow.
- 1633- Called Regt. Commo. O. and told him our CP would not move from here until day after tomorrow, that our attachments would hold fast. Gave him our new order and told him to hold his job and get down to our new area.
- 1640- S-3 called 3d. Bn. S-3 and told him that day after tomorrow we move across the Rhine. Ordered 3d. Bn. to move in this town with us, starting tomorrow morning.
- 1710- Called Red 1 and told him day after tomorrow we move across the river. Told him to go ahead and occupy the two town assigned to him.

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DATE: 6 April 1945

TIME: 1711 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

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- 1712- S6 called S3 and told him we will start to move at 1600 tomorrow.
- 1725- Major Gillman called S3 and wanted to know what town he want to make his IP. S3 told him he would make it MAIKAMER. Movement to start 1600 tomorrow. Major Gillman said we would have ten Q.M. trucks in addition to our own. They will be used by Fatima and then they will come to us.
- 1905- E Co. moved out at 1145 and unloaded from trucks at RAMBERG at 1215. Moved by foot to castle at 2145. Found no signs of Germans. Moved down to town of MAIDENBACHBERG and surrounded it. Found it occupied by a QM movement, remount outfit. Moved to castle at 258-756 and found it occupied by a Radar outfit and part of the 12th T.A.F. Returned to area at 1815.
- 1915- C Co. started movement to RAMBERG at 1515 and closed into new area at 1615.
- 2030- S6 returned from Division.
- 2100- Blue 6 called and wanted to know if he could borrow 6 trucks in the moving to assemble his Bn. Wanted to know if he could assemble in the morning. S3 said he would call back on it.
- 2130- Major Gillman said that we will not get the 10 Q.M. trucks but instead will get 40 Army QM sounds. They will be moved with our convoy number "Sugar 1311." The lead vehicle of each march unit must bear that convoy number either on bumper or any other prominent place so that it will stand out. These sounds will report tomorrow at 0900 at MAIKAMER. Have an officer there before 0900 to guide them back.

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DATE: 7 April 1945

TIME: 0100 to 1115

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

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- 0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.
- 0830- Capt. Williams called S3 and wanted to know when he could pull the water point. S3 said he would check with S4 and call him back.
- 0845- Capt. Williams notified to pull water point at 1600.
- 0915- Blue 3 called S3 and wanted to know if we had recd. the Light Line yet. S3 said he hadn't.
- 0945- S3 called Fall Baker 6 and asked him to have the water point moved to HIRSCHORN; coordinates 84-95.
- 0945- Cn. Co. CO wanted to know if he couldn't get rid of his 105 ammo. Has 1000 rds. and wants to get rid of 600 rds. S3 told him S6 would have to give the decision on that. Cn Co CO said he would turn 600 rds. in to Regtl. ammo officer. S3 O.K.'d this.
- 0950- Our Div. Ln. O reports that the Light Line is the Rhine River.
- 0954- White Bn. line is back in now.
- 1005- S3 called Blue 3 and told him the Light Line was the Rhine River. Use lights as far West as the River.
- 1015- G3 told us to plan to use our lights all the way. Army hasn't set a light line for tonight, and we will have to put them out if anyone stops us.
- 1100- IG called and said WO Ramsey would be checking our area today.
- 1115- S3 called Movement Control and tried to get the Army QM truck deal straightened out. The order the army QM truck outfit says they are to make only one trip. Movement control says we can use them until the release time. Movement Control is going to call army on it.

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DATE: 7 April 1945

TIME: 1116 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: ANHWEILER, GERMANY (171672)

- 1124- Blue 3 says his first Mu will leave at 1700, 2d MU will leave at 1710; and 3d Mu will leave at 1720.
- 1150- Div. Ln. O reports that all he could find out about orgns. in our area is that 6th. Corps and 6th. Army Group is there. Div. has not selected a PW cage as yet. Passes are not available as they have to be printed.
- 1245- Major Gillman called and said we could pull in our route markers as soon as our own units close. Don't have to leave them out for other units. Has taken care of the matter of us sending trucks to G-4 tomorrow.
- 1315- Capt. Fitzgerald informed S3 that he definitely wanted the arty. trucks for transportation.
- 1340- Major Gillman informed us he was moving to new C.S.
- 1830- CP 410th. opened at Schrieshein
- 1945- Fagot closed.
- 2130- White Closed.
- 2300- Co. C Engr. Bn. closed

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DATE: 8 April 1945

TIME: 0100 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: ANNWEILER, GERMANY (1717672)

- 0110- Fatal 6 to Co. 2d. Bn.- Cadet directs we take over tomorrow the guarding of all installations in Herdelberg now guarded by Co c 1269 Engrs. Bn. whose CP is at Gasthaus. Have Co. E take over early tomorrow.
- 0200-0600- Negative reports to G-3.
- 1134- S3 called G-3 and told him the Red Bn. closed in at 1000. Told him our E Co. would relieve C Co. of the 1269 Engr. Bn. Said we would check on A Co of the same Bn and send enough men to take over the installations they are guarding as shown on order from Seventh Army.
- 1145- Co B, 328 Med Bn. closed at 0930.
- 1150- Msg. from S3 to S4: S4 wants the truck and trailer originally requested for Ag at 0800 tomorrow. To be sne to Div. Rear Echelon as soon as possible.
- 1230- The First armored Group at Redwood and 30 AA at Redwood have rd. blocks in our area. We can either take them over or disregard them.
- 1340- S2- Fast 2- S6 wants to know how to mark strips and landing fields. Fast 2 said the first thing we do is to located possible landing fields. There is no way to mark them We spot them by observation. Their range is about 2 hrs.-speed 70 miles. Must establish gas dumps. Have Capt. Preston pick out a strip and put in usable condition.
- 1345- S3 Cannon Co - Send one truck and trailer to report to Div Ag at Neustadt as soon as possible. Propose to move part of Div. rear Echelon. No. of troops not specified. Give driver instructions to telephone here if more than one trip is required.
- 1920- OI 79 recd. from Div.
- 1920 to 2400- Report negative reports to G-3.

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DATE: 9 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME:

PLACE: SCHRIESHEIM, GERMANY (673979)
NEUBHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600 - Submitted negative reports to G-3.

0915 - Major Gillman, Division Movement Control, called and said they still hadn't received our trucks up at the 409th Infantry. S-3 told him that our Regt'l Motor Officer personally went out to pick up these trucks at 0400 this morning and thought he would be there by 0430. 409th now has men out looking for these trucks and we are sending a man out.

0930 - S-2 called G-2 about what procedure to follow when we take over a German Military Hospital. G-2 isn't sure on the procedure, but thinks that we should arrange for the food of this personnel the same as we would for PW's. Will check and call us back on it.

0945 - S-2 called CIC and told him we were going to send some Nazi Party Leaders up for him to screen. Asked CIC if they could aid us in the screening of towns. CIC says they can't possibly do it.

1400 - Regimental CP opened at NEUBHEIM (694913).

2250 - Captain Jones (Displaced Persons) called Major Kraemer, Division Military Governor and asked if he was working for the 410th Infantry. Major Kraemer told him he was.

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DATE: 10 April 1945

TIME: 0001B to 2400B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 - Negative report to G-3.

0200 - Negative report to G-3.

0300 - Message No. 7, dated 9 April 1945, to S-2, 410th Infantry: "Demonstration screening will be held by this Battalion in town of 'L' Company CP at 1000 tomorrow (10 Apr)." Signed CO 3d Bn 410 Inf - Time signed 1800 - Barclay 2d Lt.

0300 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0900 - 3d Battalion S-3 called Assistant S-3 and wanted to know if he was going to get the 6 artillery trucks that had been promised him. He was informed he would probably get them this afternoon.

0938 - Major Kraemer called S-3 and reported some trouble at a big Displaced Persons Camp on the outskirts of MANNHEIM. There are only a couple of officers and EM up there and they can't control the people.

0946 - 2d Battalion CO will take care of the trouble in MANNHEIM.

0950 - 383d FA Bn CO called and said he had heard that there is a German Camp in his area that is in the woods and is heavily camouflaged. He is going to send 25 or 30 men out, heavily armed, to check on it. If they meet heavy enemy resistance there they are going to withdraw and ask for Infantry support.

1000 - 3d Battalion S-3 notified of above message and given advance notice that they were the Battalion in case the 383d FA Bn needed help.

1010 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 1100.

1030 - Division called and wanted to know the coordinates of the plane crash. We called 1st Battalion and they said the crash was at 9601 (MANNHEIM map, U-3).

1200 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 1258.

1635 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3 and informed him that the 383d FA Bn is going to pull a screen on WEINHEIM day after tomorrow. Wants 3d Battalion to use either "L" or "M" Company and block all exits leading from the town.

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DATE: 11 April 1945

TIME: 0001B to 2400B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0915 - Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 0935.

1045 - Our Division Liaison Officer called regarding report on German hospitals in this area. Division wants a report on all personnel in the hospital (including all wounded, nurses, and Doctors). All walking wounded that can be evacuated will be evacuated through PW channels. We should place a guard on the hospital, notify Division and they in turn will notify Army. Army will send a guard down.

1510 - S-3 called Regt'l Ammunition Officer and reported a German ammo dump mined and booty trapped at coordinate 66550-01760. S-3 also asked Regt'l ammo officer if we could get a supply of the new British 57mm ammo.

1530 - Captain Dalcher (G-3) called S-3 and wanted to know if he could use radio in the screening of towns tomorrow. S-3 said Army would not permit it.

1531 - Assistant Adjutant wanted to know what town our "L" Company is located in and he was informed.

1900 - S-6 started back from the Battalions.

1930 - 383d Field Artillery S-3 reports that an MP on post was fired on by mortar at coordinate 682068.

2305 - 1st Battalion reports a German plane strafed the road outside EBERBACH at 2302.

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DATE: 12 April 1945

TIME: 0001B to 2400B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY.

PLACE: NEUMUNSTER, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0835 - S-6 called 3d Battalion S-3 and instructed him to make sure "X" Company checks and marks all the river barges in their area. "I" Company area was checked yesterday and they have already taken care of this. The barges which have food stuffs should be noted.

0915 - 2d Battalion S-2 called Assistant S-3 and wanted to know the procedure for registering a motorcycle. Assistant S-3 told him they could not be registered.

1135 - S-6 returned from Battalions.

1140 - 2d Battalion reports a Tiger Tank blocking traffic at coordinate 607279. Assistant S-3 informed Captain Perez, and instructed him to take care of it.

1415 - Reported supply of food at Biblis coordinate 5121.

1635 - Cortez called S-3 and reported some signal equipment, also teletype equipment, in bunkers in vicinity of 383d Field Artillery Battalion "B" Battery area. Said he would call S-2 later and give him the full information. S-3 told Regt'l Communications Officer.

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DATE: 13 April 1945

TIME: 0001B to 1800B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600 - Negative reports submitted to G-3.

0850 - 2d Battalion S-2 called S-2 and told him he was sending the Mayor of HOCKENHEIM to us for investigation. S-2 told him to wait until tomorrow and he would send our IPW Officer down to HOCKENHEIM to investigate the Mayor.

0925 - Major Kraemer called Assistant S-3 and told him that tomorrow he would have room in BENSCHHEIM for 250 French Displaced Persons.

0935 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 0956.

1015 - Lt. Fairgrieve called Assistant S-3 and wanted to know if the Notary Public in the 2d Battalion CP town could reopen his office. Assistant S-3 told him he would check and call him back.

1022 - Assistant S-3 called Lt. Fairgrieve and told him it was O.K. for the Notary Public to reopen his office.

1107 - Assistant S-3 notified the Battalions that the Anti-sabotage demonstration had been called off.

1230 - Assistant S-3 called the Battalions and asked for a report of an estimated number of French, Dutch, Belgium, Polish, and Russian displaced persons in their area.

1417 - S-6 left for MANNHEIM.

1530 - 1st Battalion reports that they will have close order drill each morning from 0900 to 0930. Retreat at 1730. Formal inspection in ranks before retreat by an Officer, or a senior non-com.

1548 - S-6 called S-3 and reported that he is 383d Field Artillery Battalion CP and will return in approximately one-half hour.

1700 - Hq. Co. will have close order drill each morning from 1130 to 1150. Retreat at 1700. Evening meal at 1730. Formal inspection in ranks at retreat.

1715 - S-6 returned from 383d Field Artillery Battalion CP.

1800 - 1st Battalion reports a landing strip located at 965-965 to left of road on 1/100,000 map.

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DATE: 13 April 1945

TIME: 1801B to 2400B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

2110 - Message from S-3 to 383d FA Battalion S-6: "1. Relieve Seventh Army Security Command guards on posts listed below beginning 141000B Apr 45:

<u>Guard</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>No. Posts</u>	<u>No. Men</u>	<u>Installation and Location</u>
1st Bn	65th Inf	2 Mtz	30	Class V Dump ASP 428 VIENHEIM (M597030)
1st Bn	65th Inf	-	-	Chemicals, medical equipment (M533035)
698 FA Bn		4	16	Hospital at WEINHEIM (M675064)

2. Man for man relief not ordered provided security is not hindered by use of less men.
3. Notify this Headquarters upon completion of relief.
4. CP of 1st Battalion 65th Inf at (M652361).
5. CP of 698 FA Bn at (R687916)."

2130 - S-6 and S-3 left for 2d Battalion.

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DATE: 14 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001B to 1700B

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0035 - 2 bombs were dropped by an enemy plane in vicinity of bridge site on NECKAR RIVER connecting HEIDELBERG and NEUENHEIM.

0040 - 2d Battalion reports an enemy plane over their area.

0100 - Negative report to G-3.

0110 - S-6 and S-3 returned from 2d Battalion.

0200 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0855 - S-6 left for Battalions.

1000 - 2d Battalion S-6 called Assistant S-3 and told him Cannon Company and "H" Company couldn't take over their new posts because the outfit in there said they had received no word of a relief. Assistant S-3 said he would call G-3. The outfit in there is Hq. 1st Battalion 65th Infantry.

1020 - Assistant S-3 called G-3 and gave him above message. G-3 said he would take care of it.

1130 - S-3, 383d FA Battalion called and said that the 65th Infantry didn't know anything about our relieving them of their posts.

1155 - CO, 2d Battalion called and said that the posts which "F" Company were to take over have not been previously occupied by troops of the 65th Infantry.

1355 - Captain Ketchings (Division CWS) called and said all chemical equipment is to be delivered to Depot No. 107 at WORMS.

1400 - Company "F" CP moves to FRIEDRICHSFELD. One platoon of AT Company takes over WIESLOCH.

1650 - 383d FA Battalion reports their relief of guards on posts (3) of 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry and 698 FA Battalion completed at 1630 (G-3 notified).

1700 - Colonel of Military Government EIC3 called Lt. Hughes and said that about 7 vehicles of his outfit would move into 2 houses in HOCKENHEIM. Colonel would like us to have a mine detector crew at the NAZI Bergermeister's house in HOCKENHEIM tomorrow at noon.

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DATE: 14 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY.

TIME: 1701B to 2400B

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

1810 - Major Gillman (Division Movement Control) called Assistant S-3 and wanted to know how long it would take us to get ready to move if trucks were delivered to Battalion CP's. Assistant S-3 gave him an estimate of from 3 to 4 hours.

1900 - 2d Battalion completed relief of guard posts of 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry.

2315 - Enemy plane over NEUENHEIM and HEIDELBERG. Dropped no bombs but fired three bursts from his machine guns. No reported casualties. Flew around until 2345 and then left the area.

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DATE: 15 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001B to 2400B

PLACE: WEINHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0900 - 2d Battalion called Lt. Hughes and wanted to know if it would be O.K. for him to pick out a range for firing. Lt. Hughes said it would be O.K. with Regiment, and that he would notify Division.

0920 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports a hard surfaced road not in use at coordinate 60758875, 60208940.

1145 - 383d FA Bn. S-3 called S-3 and said they are going to start the factories in WEINHEIM and wanted to know if the people in suburban towns could get passes to get to work. S-3 told them it would be O.K.

1638 - S-6 ordered 3d Battalion S-6 to come in here with such personnel as he desires to make a reconnaissance before dark in preparation for a possible relief of "E" and "G" Companies.

1800 - Post in the museum in HEIDELBERG now being manned by "E" Company has been relieved. Post will no longer be maintained. MP Platoon of Regiment will man Security Security target, University Library across the street from St. Peters Church in HEIDELBERG. It is necessary to use 12 men as there are 12 posts.

1830 - S-3 called I&R and told them that tomorrow in HEIDELBERG an order stating that a curfew of 1900 will be observed will be posted. In regard to curfew violators; (1) Each violator will be asked to produce identity cards. Those having identification cards - take their name and address, send the people home, and report the names and addresses to this Headquarters. (2) Those not having identification cards will be brought to police station and names given to this Headquarters.

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DATE: 16 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1630

PLACE: NUERNBERG, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600- Negative reports to C-3.

0900- Fame 3 called Asst. S-3 and said the report we turned in yesterday on troop dispositions was "entirely satisfactory."

0902- First Bn. called Asst. S-3 and wanted to check on the relief today.

1038- Fagot called and reports they have found some ammo in 410th. Area. He is sending the coordinates and complete information down by Capt. Parker.

1050- Fame 38 arrived at C.P.

1100- Capt Parker called Asst. S3 and reports the location and no. of men in their battery. A has one motorized patrol of twelve men---class 5---ASP Dump////ASP no. 428 B Battery---One motorized patrol...12 men...class 5...ASP Dump 428. C...Chemical and medical equipment. Change 3 to 1 and 12 to 6. Service...two motorized patrol--24 men change 1 and 12.

1115- Fame 38 left C.P.

1312- Fagot Operations Sgt. called Asst. S3, and gave him the coordinates of six enemy plane motors located in their area. Coordinates are 66.61-04.80. Two of the motors are new. As to the report on enemy 109 plane; no one seems to know anything about it.

1440- Second Bn. called and said G co. closed at 1200 and E closed at 1400.

1442- Third Bn. called Asst. S3 and said they were closing out of their old location.

1600- S6 left for Service Company.

1630- Se called Fame 3 and gave him the following information: M co. relieved B. M CP moved to HEIDELBERG; I relieved G (same set-up). All this completed by 1200. G moved to KETSCH. Closed at 1200. E moved to WIESLOCK. Closed at 1415. Ch. co. took over the post that the I & R plat. had at the telephone exchange in MANNHEIM at 1200. I took over the post that the regtl. MP Plat. had at the library in HEIDELBERG at 1200. Third Bn. CP moved from SCHONAU to NECKAR STEINACH. Closed at 1400. AT Co. plat. which was at WIESLOCH moved out at 1415 when E arrived there. AT co. plat. was sent over on the mission of guarding the ordnance plant.

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DATE: 16 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1631 to 2400

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY

1715- S-3, Second Bn. called S-3 and informed him of a large Kraut Engr. Depot in flour mill E of REILINGEN. Two man guard of Co. G posted on same.

1745- S6 returned from Service Company

1830- Msg. to Bns. & Special Units: "The Regtl. CO wanes you to take immediate and positive action to stop the present speeding and reckless driving. We have had 15 motor accidents since 4 April which require evacuation of the vehicle to a higher echelon for repair. At this rate, we will soon be unable to perform our mission for lack of transportation. Almost all the vehicles involved in these accidents appear to have been traveling at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred. Get the drivers, and the passengers, fully aware that the speed limit for each type of vehicle must be observed except in an emergency which definitely justifies additional speed.

1930- S6 left for 383rd. FA Bn.

2245- S6 returned from 383rd. FA Bn.

2300- S3 called Major Gillman and informed him that the route on the planning memo recd. today was OK all but the rd. between WARRENSCHWEND & EINBACH is poor. A better road is go up to MUDAU TO OBERUNDORF to BUCHEN. There are two bridges (one way traffic) in at WERSBURG. Total milage from Regtl. CP is 87 miles.

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DATE: 17 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1930

PLACE: HEWENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600- Negative reports to G-3.

0845- S6 left for Division.

1230- S-6 returned from Division

1415- S6 left for Red and Blue Bns.

1450- Fatal Liason Officer gave S3 the following information: Army boundary has been shifted to a line, DARMSTADT to WURZBURG. Division assembly area will be in vic. of REINSHEIN. Time of the relief is unknown, possibly will start tomorrow. Relief will be from N to S., expected to be piece-meal. Probably will take a week to assemble the Division. In the meantime, keep deployment statements up to date.

1530- S6 left for First Bn.

1610- Fame 5 called and asked S6 to call him.

1610- S3 told S6 to call Fame 5.

1745- S6 returned from First Bn.

1745- Capt. Rosenstel called and said the MP's were pulling out of MANNHEIM tomorrow at 1300. They have 4 jeep patrols, 2 posts at bridge across NECKAR river; 2 guards at the ferry across NECKAR RIVER. Posts at bridge are from 0600-1900; guards at ferry on 0700-1900.

1915- S3 called 36 and told him the 65th. Inf. Regt. was going to take over post from the platoon that was guarding the food warehouse.

1930- Asst. S3 notified Fame that "B" of 383d. has taken over a post at 55.5 01.1 It's a BBC factory.

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DATE: 16 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1631 to 2400

PLACE: NEUMENHEIM, GERMANY

1715- S-3, Second Bn. called S-3 and informed him of a large Kraut Engr. Depot in four mill E of REILINGEN. Two man guard of Co. C posted on same.

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1930- S6 left for 383rd. FA Bn.

2245- S6 returned from 383rd. FA Bn.

2300- S3 called Major Gillman and informed him that the route on the planning memo recd. today was OK all but the rd. between WAGENSCHEWEND & EINBACH is poor. A better road is go up to MUDAU TO OBERUNDORF to BUCHEN. There are two bridges (one way traffic) in at WERSBURG. Total milage from Regtl. CP is 87 miles.

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DATE: 17 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1931 to 2400

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

1940- Asst S3 notified Blue that that all of "M" Co. was being relieved by the 65th. Inf. Regt.

1940- Major Gillman called and said on any moves with more than twenty five vehicles we are to allow ten minutes between March Units. We are to pick our own roads.

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DATE: 18 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1420

PLACE: NEURNHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

0100 to 0600- Negative reports to G-3/.

0845- S3 called Fatal 8 and told him the Third En. has some mortar ammunition (250rds. of 81) they want to dispose of. S3 wants to know if 8 can pick it up and distribute it among Bns. Capt. Perez told S3 to have the Bns. bring it to him, and he will take care of it.

0920- S3 called Fame 3 and asked if it would be O.K. to leave Sv. Co. and Sv. Btry. in their present location. Fame 3 said it would be O.K.

0923- S3 gave the above message to Fagot and Sugar.

1100- S3 called Green 6- Green informed S3 they were being being relieved tonite at 1830 by the 65th. Capt. Foster is going to call back on what cos. are relieving him.

1100- Co. I reports that I and M Cos. have been completely relieved by Co. L of the 65th. M relieved at 1000, and I at 1100.

1101- Fame 3 notified of above message.

1145- G3 called and said not to move any troops to our new area. Change in orders. Upon relief, assemble troops in vic. of present area.

1146- Notified Bns. of above message.

1200- Fatal 3 called from Fame with this message: Fame asgd. back to Corp. Stop all movement to the new area. Upon relief assemble in vic. of your present area.

1202- Notified Bns. and Sp. Units of above.

1420- Second En. reports a food warehouse at coordinates 565-927. "H" Co. has placed a guard on it.

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DATE: 18 April 1945

TIME: 1421 to 2100

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUBENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

- 1430- Capt. Foster called S3 and reports that F, H, Cn, AA will be relieved by I of 65th. by 1730.
- 1500- S3, Second Bn, called S3 and said they had investigated a small factory on the outskirts of SCHWETZINGEN. Factory has small electric motors used for aircraft purposes. S3 said to rept this to air corp people in SCHWETZINGEN.
- 1620- Sgt. of "M" called Asst. S3 and told him AT Platoon was relieved at 1200 by L Co. of 65th.
- 1710- Fatal called Fame 3 and told him that AT Plat. was relieved at 1200 by L Co. of the 65th.
- 1740- Capt. Cocke called Asst. S3 and wanted a status on relief. Lt. Hughes gave him all the latest information we had.
- 1742- Asst. S3 called Bns. and Special Units and checked to see if they had any reliefs to report. All gave a negative report.
- 1830- S3 called Second Bn, S3, and was informed that Co. I of 65th. Inf. will start relieving our Co's F,H, and Cn and AA Btry tomorrow at 0900.
- 1835- 410th Ln. Officer called and said RCT most likely will move tomorrow. He will be down tonight at midnight.
- 1837- S3 called G3 and told him the only relief completed so far is our Co M, Co. I, and one AT Platoon that was guarding ordnance plant in HEIDELBURG, by Co. L of the 65th. Inf.
- 1915- Movement Control called and said we are going to receive 60 (2 co's) ducks from corp tonight, between 2100 and 2200. S3 told him that our Motor Officer would meet the ducks at NECKARGEMUND. (S3 called Lt. Rigdon and gave them the above information.)
- 2100- S3, Second Bn called and said Cn. Co. relieved by Co. I of the 65th. Inf. at 1900. (G3 notified.)

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DATE: 18 April 1945

TIME: 2101 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY (694913)

- 2140- Major Gillman called S3 and gave him the following: " You will move tomorrow at 1400. In addition to the 60 ducks you will have the following: 8 SWB from 928th. FA Bn; 10 LWB from 411th. Inf; 5 LWB from Div. QM. Trucks will be at SCHRIESCHIM at 1000. Route marking party must get out early. Leave your CP at 0800. Engrs, Div. Arty, and TD's will leave before 410th. Route marked from HEIDELBERG on this side of river. 10 minutes between March Units; 30 minutes between serials. Div. FP is 48 miles from HEIDELBERG. Trip will take two hours travel time plus the CT length. Trip will take about 8 hours. Lights may be used up to Div FP, which is edge of assembly area. Speeds; 23 MPH serial control; 25 March Unit; 30 to catch up. 410th is first CT to move. Route--Cross bridge at HEIDELBERG run along E to NECKARGEMUND then runs S to SINSLEIM. IP will be south end of bridge. Engr Co will not move with us. AA Btry to move with artillery.
- 2215- Fatal 3 Sugar 35-We are moving at 1400 tomorrow. At 1000, Lt. Rigdon is to pick up 8 SWB trucks from 928th. FA Bn; 10 LWB from 411th. and 5 LWB from Div. QM at SCHRIESCHIM at 1000. Breakdown on trucks later. All tops down on vehicles.
- 2220- S3 called MP Platoon and told Sgt. in charge to have Plat. ready to move at 0730. Each man take 2 K rations. 410th. moving at 1400. Your marking party will have to leave early. Don't know how many men you will need. Will give you the route about 0600 tomorrow. It might be necessary to add some of I & R Plat. but they will have their own transportation.
- 2225- S3 called I & R Plat and said they may have to furnish route marking party tomorrow at 0800. Will call back at 0630 tomorrow.
- 2230- S3 called 2d Bn S3, and gave him information in entry of 2140. Order of march: 3rd, 2d, and 1st. Bn. Going into an assembly area. Kitchen trucks will move under Bn. control. About 25 additional trucks to each Bn. Quartering party leave at 1000. Tops down.
- 2240- S3 called G3 and was told that we will leave guards on security targets until we get relieved.
- 2340- Fagot 3 to S3- The "A" Btry of 534 AAA Bn has been released at 1900. Notified G3.
- 2345- Fatal 3 to "M" CP- Have Co. L of 65 relieve Mp's on post in front of HEIDELBERG. Notify us when relief is complete.
- 2345 -2400- Negative report.

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DATE: 19 April 1945

TIME: 0100 to 1300

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUERHEIM, GERMANY

- 0145- 9I S1 and Div. Movement order recd.
- 0910- Se called G3 and was informed to leave all the men on 7th. Army Security Guards and Army Group posts behind.
- 0940- Div. Comdr. arrived at CP.
- 0950- Div. Comdr. left CP.
- 0958- Fagot called Asst S3 and gave him information on Displaced persons in their area.
- 1007- Se called G3 and wanted to know where A Btry attached to us now, are going to go. G3 said they would stay with us until we reached new area; then they would be attached to Sixth Corp, but that they would be in support of us.
- 1005- Capt. Redwine called Asst S3 and wanted to know if he could pull his post out of MANNHEIM. Asst Se said it would be OK.
- 1050- S3 gave G3 the time of our March Units.
- 1120- G3 called Asst. S3 and told him he called Sixth Corp about the ducks. Corp said they would check on it. If we can't get the ducks, arrangements will be made to pick up some trucks at SCHRIESHEIM.
- 1145- S3 called Major Gillman and informed him we havn't recd. the ducks as yet. G3 said he had called corp and that they were definitely on the way.
- 1210- Lt. Holt gave S3 the following information: 25 ducks at UNTERSCHWANZACH. Major Gunderson at Army is the authorization for the use of the Ducks. Tell Drivers to take rations.
- 1215- Major Gillman said that 35 ducks on the way.
- 1300- Second Bn S6 reports to S3 that two locations of F have not been relieved. Class one dump; 14 men. The rest of F has been relieved and so has H.

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DATE: 19 April 1945

TIME: 1301 to 1800

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: NEUENHEIM, GERMANY

- 1305- S3 called Fame 13 and wanted to know if air panels should be displayed on vehicles. Fame 13 said yes.
- 1330- Second Bn S5 called S3 and wanted to know if he could pull his men off the post at the factory. S3 said it would be O.K.
- 1345- S3 called Second Bn. S3 and told him he would have to move without their personell carriers. Some of At are on their way to relieve F Co.
- 1407- Fagot 3 reports that he has pulled his guards from the hosp. in WEINHEIM. S3 asked him to move his time up to 1616 for crossing the IP.
- 1422- S3 informed Capt. Redwine that he is to pick up the guards on the three posts still not relieved.
- 1425- S3 called G3 and told him our present situation. Three posts to be relieved. S3 also informed Div. that Third Bn. are on their way, and Second Bn. is moving, minus their personell carriers. Informed Div. we have pulled our guards off HEC factory at coordinates 901-974.
- 1433- S3 gave the latest report on relief to Major Gillman.
- 1555- S6 left for Advanced CP.
- 1605- Second Bn. reports that F Co. has been completely relieved. AT going back to own area.
- 1610- S3 notified G3 of above message.
- 1700- Regtl. CP opened at ADOLZFURT. (G3 notified)
- 1800- Third Bn. called and notified us that the closed at 1815 in GIDDELSBACH.

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DATE: 19 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1801 to 2400

PLACE: NEUBUNHEIM, GERMANY

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- 1825- OO Co B stopped in and gave us his CP location which is BRETTACH.
- 1850- Cn. Co closed at 1840 in ADOLZFUHT. (Fame notified.)
- 1955- Fall 6 wanted to know if our Service Co. brought up the water pump. S3 is to call him when he finds out.
- 1956- 383 PA closed at 1940 into SCHEPPACH. (Fame notified.)
- 2030- Major Gillman said we would have to split some of our ducks with 411th. He wants to know how many it would take to move our service truck. S3 said he would call him back. Major Gillman wanted to know when Second Bn. was leaving; S3 told him Second Bn. personell would cross the IP at 2100.
- 2030- Second Bn S3 notified us they were pulling their phone and would cross the IP at 2100.
- 2100- Major Gillman called and said he wanted 15 trucks at HESSENHEIM tomorrow morning, instead of the Div. CP as he requested this afternoon. Have the trucks ready at 0630.
- 2105- S3 called Capt. Fitzgerald and told him there would be a guide at Service Co. in the morning at 0630 to pick up the fifteen trucks.
- 2145- S3 informed Lt. Rigdon that he is to give 15 trucks to QM in the morning. They will send someone for them. Instead of taking the ducks to LOHR, they are to be turned into Div. QM at our new area. Our First Bn. will have to move tonight.
- 2146- Following message from S6: " The trucks from Fagot have been directed to report to your CP before reporting to 411th. If necessary to use them to complete our move, do so, they can go to 411th. later. This has approval of Div. Comdr. We must close by daylight."
- 2200-2400- Negative reports.

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DATE: 20 April 1945

TIME: 0100 to 1100

ORGANIZATION: 410th. INFANTRY

PLACE: ADOLZFURT, GERMANY

- 0115- Second Bn. S6 reports that his first march unit of his foot troops was in, but it would be 30 or 45 minutes before the Bn. closed. Said a Kraut plane was up and made them travel blackout.
- 0410- Second Bn S3 called and said his Bn. closed at 0300. Part of G isn't in as they were separated from the convoy.
- 0555- First Bn. cleared the IP. (Div. notified.)
- 0607- Capt. Cocke reports that our First Bn. crossed the IP at 0500.
- 0650- Capt. Cocke reports that we may move about noon. S2 told him we would need between 75 and 100 trucks to move us. Agreed about 120 would be right considering what we have sent back to move 411th.
- 0830- Fame Movement Control-S3- Fifty trucks are assembling at BITZFELD, in charge of an officer. Send an officer up there when we are ready to use them.
- 0845- S6-Fame 38- Tried to get contact with the unit on our left with noresults. Have my I & R plab. looking for them.
- 0850- Capt. Cocke called S3 and said that the Engr. Co. will be assembled. Also, you will have a TD Co. attached. Don't know which one.
- 0910- Informed G3 that our First Bn. closed into HOLLEN at 0900.
- 0915- Capt. Cocke called S2:- Upon inquiring, we informed him that we were going to hold on to the vehicles that brought the first bn. up.
- 1000- Sv. co. closed into BRITZFELD.
- 1021- Capt. Thorne informed G3 that we have an officer on rd. recon and when he gets back we'll send up an overlay.
- 1100- CP closed at NEUENHEIM.

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DATE: 20 April 1945

TIME: 1101 to 1506

ORGANIZATION: 140TH. INFANTRY
PLACE: ADOLZFUERT, GERMANY

- 1115- Capt. Thorne informed Capt. Cocks that we could get by with 50 LWB trucks except we need four trucks for AA Btry. He said he could probably get four more from someplace. 10th. armored CP is reported at LORCH.
- 1140- S6 and S3 left for Div.
- 1155- We were informed that 15 trucks had come in. S2 told Lt. McCabe to hold them and wait for the rest.
- 1200- Asst. S3 called and said to get the Bn. and Special Unit Co's at the Regtl. CP at once. (all units notified immediately.)
- 1340- AT closed at 1325.
- 1417- S6 left for the forward.
- 1430- Capt. Cramer called S5 and said he gave 6 trucks to K Co, 19 to the 3rd. Bn., 24 to second bn, and has 18 trucks in reserve. S5 said 4 of the trucks were going to the AA Btry.
- 1435- C/S to S-5: He wants movement started as soon as possible of all troops.
- 1440- Third Bn S6 called S5 and said he doesn't have all his attachments yet but is preparing for movement.
- 1445- Information on March Order: Geddelsbach IP Order of March-3,1,2nd Bn.
- 1450- S5 to Third Bn. S-6: Informed him that IP time is 1530. If they can leave sooner, they should.
- 1455- S5 to First Bn S5: Informed him that his IP time is 1600.
- 1457- S5 informed Fagot that their IP time is 1630.
- 1506- C/S visited CP

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DATE: 20 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1507 to 2120

PLACE: ADOLZFURT, GERMANY

- 1507- Third Bn. was instructed to start as soon as possible.
- 1518- S5 to Blue 3- C/S is on his way to your CP. Third Bn. S3 said they havn't recd. the trucks as yet.
- 1532- C/S to S5; He said the Third Bn. havn't got their trucks yet, and we should send the first bn. out first. S5 informed First Bn. S6 of this. In the meantime, third bn. got their trucks, so they were to pull out first.
- 1600- S5 informed G3 that our Third Bn. had started.
- 1612- Third Bn. cleared at 1608.
- 1615- S5 informed the First, Second, and Third Bns. that Div. learned of infiltration behind Tenth Armored Div., and that we should push on with utmost speed.
- 1644- Co. H cleared Third Bn. town.
- 1701- First Bn. with attachments cleared GEDDELSBACH.
- 1705- G3 said we could lift radio silence at 1830.
- 1715- Second Bn. cleared their area. (G-3 notified.)
- 1750- Msg. to CO 410th. Inf. " Infiltration has started rear of tenth armored. Corp orders push with utmost speed during the night. Bns. have been notified. Fatal 5-1750
- 1755- Div. Ln. Officer called and said he would bring down an OI tonight.
- 1900- Msg. recd. " Rpt. CP and front line locations.
- 1932- Msg. to CO 410th. "Request present position and instructions, movement of CP."
- 2015- Informed G3 we are moving rear CP to WELZHEIM. G3 said the 411th. third bn. two hours ago started pushing S from vic. Div. CP. Will push all night. Maybe very close to our first and second bn. C/S wants Regtl. CO to know about this.
- 2105- Advance CP opened at WELZHEIM.
- 2120- S6 told AT Commander to remain in this town for tonight.

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TIME: 2100 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: WELZEBIM, GERMANY (390-325)

- 2100- Ramshackle Officer called and gave us a no fire line. Coordinates 32.33 to 32.20.
- 2150- Ramshackle called S6 and gave him the point of contact. Following coordinates:
21.37; 24.34; 27.35; 31.37; 35.34; 35.35 (grid square.)
- 2215- First Bn. Liaison Officer reports that A and B Co. are in the woods.
- 2241- Following message to CO Third Bn: Do not advance beyond area WEINGEN--ALBERSHAUSEN until further orders. Tie in with 71st. Inf. bridgehead on your left and report situation.
- 2245- S6 and S3 and Lt. Hughes left for First Bn.
- 2246- Century Div. reports to S6 they are going to continue the push tonight.
- 2330- CO 324th. wants Liaison from our elements to contact their third bn at FLUDESHAUSEN (37.23).
- 2355- S6 returned to CP.

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DATE: 21 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 0900

PLACE: WELZHEIM, GERMANY (390325)

- 0030- S3 called G3 and told him our present situation.
- 0045- S6 to CO 2nd. Bn: 2nd. Bn. move without delay via, from WELTZEIM via BREITENFURST PFAHLBRONN to LORCH detruck and move SW to vic BREICH; clear the wooded ridge S of UNTERUNBACH. Report for further orders upon completion, be prepared to move at once, on orders, and clear out woods and town in Regtl zone to FELS river. Upon arrival at river establish rd. block of one reinforced plat. vic 345-147, cross FELS river and relieve Third Bn. in the area WHINGEN ALBERTHAUSEN.
- 0140- First Bn report they picked up on radio that Co C CP report hearing two or three tanks leap frogging toward town Co C is outposting.
- 0220- First Bn. Ex reports that Co B have found road net in woods not what it is on map. They think they have reached their objective and so are digging.
- 0315- Msg. to CO fr 2nd. Bn: " We are moving out." 0200.
- 0510- G3 called and said that 3rd. Bn of 411th had contacted the enemy at HEDERSBURG (318336). Estimate 1-75 mm; 2 LMG's, bazookas and rifles. Two RCN jeeps damaged and two casualties. Time.0156 (First Bn. notified.)
- 0555- S3 called G3 and told them our Third Bn. closed into WHINGEN at 0330. Second Bn. at 0430 was detrucking S of LORCH. First Bn not so sure of situation but are moving toward their town.
- 0628- 2nd. Bn CP now at FATTENHARZ(412218). Move on mission from shot point.
- 0630- Message from CO 2nd. Bn " Bn. CP now at 412218. Moving on mission from that point.
- 0640- Informed Fatal Advance of above message.
- 0645- Regtl. CP opened at LORSCH(435-230)
- 0815- S6 arrived at CP
- 0900- Second Bn. Rear closed WELZHEIM at 0305.
- 0900- First Bn. CP to be at PLUDERHAUSEN (370-235)

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DATE: 21 April 1945

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TIME: 0900 to 1155

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: WELZHEIM, GERMANY (390325)

- 0908- G2 gave Capt. Thorne the following information: 411th. Third Bn is moving into coordinates 315-245. Second Bn. is backing them up.
- 0920- First Bn S5 asked us to inform our people in PLUNDERHAUSEN that they are moving to the town of OBERBACH.
- 0920- Msg. to S6: "Have encountered no enemy have determined from friendly troops that there are no enemy in this area. Will continue along ridge and occupy objective. We will await further orders. CO, Second Bn.
- 0945- A and B Co. in town of OBERBACH. Meeting no resistance. Have made contact with friendly armor. Rd. blocks have not been cleared in the town; and only small vehicles can get through.
- 1003- Major Gillman called S3 and said we are getting fifty new trucks from Army.
- 1010- C6 visited CP and learned situation from CO.
- 1010- First S5 called S5 and said they are moving into the town of PLUNDERHAUSEN.
- 1045- C6 left CP but before leaving instructed CO to keep pushing.
- 1115- Major Gillman called and said the trucks we are supposed to get from Army will be delivered to WELZHEIM in about two hours.
- 1145- Message to CO from Capt. Thorne: " Fifty trucks to arrive from Army 1300 at present rear CP. Same to be exchanged for transportation now being used. Advise as to location trucks used by Blue. Time 1145 .
- 1155- C6 visited CP and instructed S3 to keep Bns. moving and forget about trucks. Have Executive officer be with forward CP. Have First Bn start moving without trucks and to proceed cross country.

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DATE: 21 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1155 to 1641

PLACE: WELZHEIM, GERMANY (390325)

1500-CP opened at UHINGEN (365 135)

Message to CO First Bn: "Upon arrival UHINGEN check to see if town is being outposted to W by AT Co. If not, hold up at UHINGEN and ALBERHAUSEN until AT co. or Second Bn. reaches UHINGEN. Then move to SCHLIEBACH and await orders. HJPH 1315

Message to S3-410th. "Unless First Bn. can move promptly, send AT co. to UHINGEN to outpost town West. HJPH 1235

Message to CO AT; "On arrival UHLINGEN, establish rd. blocks on main rd. to W (the road to BIERBACH and on rd. to HUMZWANGEN and on rd. to W running between these two. Relieve Lt. Jones' Engr. Plat. to rejoin his (3) Bn. HJPH 1320

Message to Lt. MacShurley: "Should Second Bn arrive at UHLINGEN before First Bn, you will direct CO Second Bn to carry out the mission assigned in message to CO Red Bn. In above case, you will direct CO Red Bn. to close into UHLINGEN and await orders. HJPH 1330

Message to S6; "C Co. motorized moving to UHINGEN at present time. McCarthy. 1340

Message to C.G. 103rd. Div; "At 1500 Third Bn at SCHLIEBACH marching toward town 7 kilometers S of REICHENBACH. Motorized elements First Bn holding rd. block on W side of town four kilometers of PJ W of OBERWALDEN. Remainder First Bn not yet arrived. HJPH 1530

1620- Overlay showing new boundary recd. at 1610 from G-3.

1628- Capt. Cocke called S3 and wanted to know the disposition of Third Bn. We can reach him through Redwood Crown.

1640- Msg. to CO 410; "Moving to new CP closing out old location 1600. CO Second Bn.

1641- S3 called Capt Cocke and gave him the following information: At 1614 Third Bn. was one kilometer out of the town they were assigned to. Our Second Bn. closing into this town, minus E Co. which will come in a little later.

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TIME: 1642 to 1832

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: WELZHEIM, GERMANY (390325)

1723- C6 called S6 and told him to get First Bn on the move, and keep pushing all night. C6 also told S6 that we are on a radio circuit.

1725- Col. Harding issued the following order: "Our mission is to push right on to the SE. We are to conform to the movement of the 44th Div. Maintain contact with the 44th Div. on the left, and the 411th Inf. on the right. They recd. no additional orders. First Bn. will have the left zone indicated on the map. They will move out motorized as soon as C Co. can be relieved. If C Co. is in the process of being relieved, move out and have them follow. Should move through your zone. Try to gain contact with the 44th Div. Keep abreast of them. Don't go ahead of the armor. Don't go past Phase Line F without further orders. Second Bn. less E Co. will move motorized to SCHREIBERIM and relieve the Third Bn in KIRSCHERIM. E Co. will remain here as. Regtl. reserve until the 411th. comes abreast. Upon relief of the Third Bn by the Second Bn the Third Bn will have instructions to gain contact with you and remain ESCHLAND in its zone. They will also have instructions not to pass Phase Line A until further orders. If AT Co. does not get into this town in the next few minutes, one of the Second Bn Co's now in this town will relieve C Co.

1800- Message recd. from Third Bn. " Enemy forces closing in on KIRSCHERIM. Request Red Bn. be pushed to SCHLIERBACH with all possible haste.

1810- S3 called Operations Sgt. of 383d. and gave him the above message. Also told him we are sending in Second Bn. minus E Co.

1820- Message to CO Third Bn. " Your message of 1700 recd. 1755. Second Bn. moving as requested for First.

1830- Se called G2- Enemy troops reported in KIRSCHERIM; also enemy vehicles. Second Bn. is moving up to the NE of KIRSCHERIM. Would like an air rcn, and air mission on the town. G2 said he would take care of it.

1832- Fogot Fire Direction reports they are moving up to support Third Bn.

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DATE: 21 April 1945

TIME: 1833 to 2335

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: UHINGEN, GERMANY (365135)

1840- S3 called G3 and wanted to know if he could get an air mission on WERBAK as Krauts have been reported there.

1904- G3 called and said Corp air Control hit column of 700 vehicles and knocked it out. Another column five miles long heading toward KIRSCHHEIM.

1906- Fame Movement Control to S3: No movement after tomorrow morning of ten or more vehicles in Div. Zone without clearance with Movement control. Light Line for tonight same as last night E W line through SOULZBACH FROHRENBURG No lights S of line.

1920- 383rd. Ex to S5: Forward fire direction and one firing btry on the move up there where Third Bn is. Will be ready to fire at 2000. Will not register until called for. No change in orders.

1930- G3 called S5 and said CG does not like idea having two Bns tied up vic. KIRSCHHEIM Get two bns. started down in your zone of action immediately. Consider your Bn you have in KIRSCHHEIM as detached service. Your mission was to attack now in your zone of action with two bns. as rapidly as possible. G3 asked if First Bn had started moving. S5 said they would not move until Col. Harding said to.

2020- Capt. Delcher called S3 and wants to know the latest information on First and Second. S3 told him First was ready to roll, and Second is still near the town of KIRSCHHEIM.

2045- Order recd. by First Bn : Move First Bn at once to detaching point at WEITHEIM. They will carry out mission of following armor to Phase Line A, but not beyond until further orders. Second Bn. will move from present position until I give the order. HJPH

2155- C/S to S5: Wants us to keep moving fast and to use the Rec troop in front of our troops.

2335- Msg. to CO, Second Bn : "Move without delay vic. OHEMDEN HOLZMADON into right Bn zone shown on overlay previously furnished you. Your leading elements must be S of AUTOBAHN by daylight. Report your position by daylight, referring to HOLZMADON as critical point A. HJPH

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DATE: 21 April 1945

TIME: 2336 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: UHINGEN, GERMANY (365135)

2355- Lt. Ritman to S2: The report on four prisoners is as follows: Two from the 4th. Isbejra Bn Heavyweapons Co with 120 men; 3 HMN's 2-75 mm AT Guns, 7 87 mm mortars, and one 120 mm mortar; they were in EBERSBACH and were to withdraw by infiltration to RIECHENBACH. The other two were from the 1559th. Engr. Bn. consisting of 240 to withdraw to RIECHENBACH then STEINBACH and finally ULM.

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DATE: 22 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410th H. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1046

PLACE: UHINGEN, GERMANY (365 135)

- 0105- S6 returned to CP.
- 0150- 411th. Asst. S3 reports that their Third Bn has not crossed the FELS river as yet. They are going to work NW and then NE to clear two towns before they attempt to cross the river. Their First Bn is now at 300 208 and will follow Third Bn in their zone.
- 0515- Msg. to S6: Request location of new CP and line of operating. G3
- 0600- G3 called and Asst. S3 gave him the latest situations.
- 0635- Adv. CP Group left UHINGEN for new CP at WEILHEIM (330 032)
- 0800- New CP opened at WEILHEIM
- 0805- Msg to CO 410th " Our motorized patrol contact MG and rifle fire at AUTOBAHN coming from vic of where A at 0555 moving G to take care of this. Second S 6
- 0800- CP opened at WEILHEIM (330 032)
- 0900- Msg. to CO 3rd. Bn. " Start assembling your Bn at once. Orders for movement later.
- 0930- Major Parker First Bn called and said he wants a replacement for the following battle casualties. 2 HMG's 1 jeep and 1 jeep trailer.
- 0945- Msg. to CO AT: "Move your co. immediately to WEILHEIM and report to Regtl. CP.
- 0946- First Bn Ex called and said Co A and Bn CP starting to move to SCHOLFLOCK
- 1025- Message: Leading elements moving out of KIRSCHHEIM. Third Bn. 411th.
- 1026- Message from 411th: Third Bn moving SW out of NURTINGEN. Meeting no resistance.
- 1045- Major West called S2: Gave him the report of one officer and 100 men in the town at 36.01. They are armed and plan to defend the town. This report was recd. by S2 from a Polish refugee.
- 1046- Fame 6 wants S6 to get in touch with him.

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DATE: 22 April 1945

TIME: 1047 to 1810

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: WEILHEIM, GERMANY (330 032)

1345- G3 called S3 and was informed of the following: Both Bns. moving to occupy Phase Line A. Co. B moving down to 329 965 and ran into a rd. block and crater in rd. Co. C at 35 97. Second Bn detrucked at BISSINGEN and moved to occupy these three towns. Second Bn. stopped outside of BISSINGEN at 1030.

1430- Message to CO First Bn: Our left boundary shifted E as shown on attached overlay. Our right boundary uncertain at this time. Do not advance beyond BOHRINGEN ZAININGEN until situation is clarified and I can issue further orders. HJPH

1435- Message to S6: Third Bn, 411th. held up a 1000 yds. S of DEITINGEN by mortar and small arms fire.

1440- S5 told Asst. S3 to get in touch with Capt. Redwine and tell him to assemble his co. in WEILHEIM.

1630- 383rd. reports locations; Bn CP located at 297015. E Co. 265002 F 266988 G 271972 also 280960.

1640- Major Gillman called S3 and wanted information on following things: Check through CT and see if you have any transportation that does not belong to you (exception army trucks.) How many ducks are operating under any unit in your CT? Would like report by 1800 tonight.

1700- S3 to Major Gillman: Following information on our Bns: Second Bn E of OWEN F at BRUCKEN part of G at UNT LENNINGEN remainder at OBR LENNINGEN on rt. sector B is N of GUTENBURG ACD: EN HDQ. at SCHOPFLOCH Third Bn at KIRSCHHEIM. We are going to split E and send part of it to BRUCKEN to take over from F and they will be free to go on to something else. G going to BERGENBREITHE C to four kilometers sof GUTENBURG A SE of that two kilometers. CP will be at GUTENBURG. Rd. block at 346964 (Kraut, undefended) S. of OCHSENFANG another rd. block. Krauts throwing mortar in at OWEN and arty. at GUTENBURG and SCHOPFLOCH. Information on 411th. from Major Gillman: Second Bn. somewhere in woods around 2203. Third Bn at OHR BOHINGEN, First at WENDLINGEN.

1725- Third Bn. ordered to move to WEILHEIM Organics are to move also.

1810- Major Gillman called Capt. Thorne and told him all ducks must be turned in at once at the RR station in KIRSCHHEIM. Major Gillman wants this information delivered to S4 without delay. We must get a receipt for each duck.

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DATE: 22 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1811 to 2400

PLACE: WEILHEIM, GERMANY (330 032)

1815- Message from First Bn: B Co. in KREIBSTEIN A and C Cos also Bn CP are in SCHOPFLOCH. B Co. to move in GUTENBERG at once; no trouble; C moves on AVINGEW and A to BOHRINGEN. TIME 1640

1840- Fame Movement Control informed us the Light Line was the same as last night. Rd. N of us--SULZBACH MURRHARDT.

1850- S3 called Third Bn and told them to move into this town, and plan on staying part of the night here. K Co. is getting transportation. S3 wants AT trucks returned as soon as possible.

1851- S3 called 36 and told him to move down to the town occupied by E

1945- Msg. to Co, First Bn: BOHRINGEN ZAININGEN must be taken tonight, to cut the NW road running through these towns. Warn your leading cos. to expect Krauts to be moving in on this rd. from the W and to button up tight. Orders for tomorrow's advance will arrive later.

1950- Mes. to CO 2nd. Bn: Report location forward elements.

2000- Advance CP group left for GUTENBERG.

2315-Advanced CP arrived at GUTENBERG. (317944)

2350-Msg. to Co 410: Wirehead to Div. not in wire to 1st.

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DATE: 23 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY) 317944)

TIME: 0100 to 0600

0015- OO Antitank Co. reports rd. between OWENS and GUTENBERG is in good condition.

0030- No line in to rear CP yet...A Co. is moving back from the town they are in. The arty. recd the message and they heard that their FO was pulling back. No word from C Co. and they think they are in their town. Rd. is mined around A Co. area. One man killed by Teller Mine with a new type fuse. First Bn says they have communication with A Co. by 383rd. Radio.

0050- S5 called Lt. Hughes and told him we had a temporary CP here, and might change it in the morning. C took ZAININGEN A hasn't taken BOHRINGEN yet. They are still trying. Ran into a minefield down there and had one man killed and several wounded. Lt. Hughes said we are ordered to assemble all QM trucks in WILTREIM by 0900 tomorrow. S5 said he would try to communicate with First and Second Bns., and tell them. We have to have all ducks of 383rd. FA back at KERCHHEIM as soon as possible. They have 7. They are to report at the RR station. A TechSgt. in a jeep will be there to get them. Second Bn. is in BISSINGTON. Lt. Hughes said 411th. was at JESINEEN another Third B. at BETLINGTON. Their reserve Bn two kilometers N of that. The French are at 5010. CCB is in ESINTEN (48.68)

0110- 383d Ln. called his Bn. and told them to return the 7 ducks immediately.

0130- Rear CP called and said that they had contacted second bn and informed them to turn in the QM trucks tomorrow morning.

0210- Msg. Co G expecting trouble. Request assistance.

0235- Asst S3 called First Bn and told him all QM trucks would report to our rear CP town by 0900 tomorrow morning. If our rear CP has moved out by then, they are to contact Service Company. C Co. at 0137 is in the town of ZAININGEN and has about 20 prisoners. Has the town outposted. Radio isn't working. A Co. recd. permission to fall back out of the town and contact C Co. as they are receiving direct fire and small arms from the town and MG fire from the flanks. A Co. has suffered ten casualties, 1 fatal. Their movement back began at 0020 and they think they are going all the way back to ZAININGEN out of BOHRINGEN.

0600- G3 called and gave us the following: First Bn, 411th.-13.96 2nd. Bn. 411.2000; 71st. at BOTTINGEN: 10 armored 335-665

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DATE: 23 April 1945

TIME: 0601 to

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PLACE: GUTTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

- 0645- S-3 called Asst S-3 and told him to have 1st Bn send back their trucks to move 3d Bn. (Asst S-3 notified 1st Bn S-3 of same).
- 0715 - S-5 gave CG latest information.
- 0735- Asst S-3 called G-3 and informed him that Co G had quite a battle all night. At 0100 Krauts moved in by tank or SP and 40 foot troops. Still receiving artillery and artillery and SA now. PW says there are 200 Krauts in BEUREN. Wood mass to N contains 600 Krauts and artillery pieces.
- 0745- Regtl CO arrived at new CP.
- 0810- S-6 called S-3 and gave him the situation. Co G and F counterattack 3 times this morning. Co E moving up there now. Co C held their town (ZAININGER). Co A encountered GRABENSTETTIN then turn S in 2d Bn zone. Left Bn of 411th didn't come down thru those woods thus squeezing everything into our Zone.
- 0815- Msg to CO 3d Bn: "Clear road from GUTTENBERG to GRABENSTETTIN and capture latter town. Then advance to S on WITTLINGEN. Establish strong road block on main URACH-BOH* RINGEN Rd. Then seize HENGEN and WITTLINGEN." (HJPH, Col.)
- 0845- Asst S-3 called G-3 and told him our 1st Bn CO contacted the 71st Inf in woods at 35-85 (Co E). Co G is in woods at 37-85. Also S-3 asked that the 411th make sure they clear BEUREN. Rptd 200 Kraut in that town. G-3 said air observer rpt our troops in URACH.
- 0929- Msg No 8 to CO 2d Bn: "I have committed 3d Bn to take over mission given you last night. Secure town now held by your leading companies and report for orders. (Signed CO 410 Inf at 0929 - HJPHarding).
- 1015- CG visited CP.
- 1020- S-3 to G-3 (Capt Dalcher): We asked for clearance on firing on the high ground at 238964. He was going to check with the artillery and call back.
- 1042- S-2 to 383 FA S-6: Captured a forward observer with the arty outfit that was firing on this town last night. He said he didn't know that our armor had cut them off and that they had about 60 rounds per gun left. Faggat 6 said he was going to get a liaison plane up and try to locate that artillery.

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DATE: 23 April 1945

TIME: 1054 to 1315

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: GUTTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

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- 1054- We were informed that we were getting a company of tanks attached to us and we are to send an officer to Div to lead them here.
- 1100- 383 FA to S-6: Received message from our Ln O from 2d Bn as follows - Have received terms of surrender. We are surrounded by 5 Bns. Will fight it out.
- 1105- S-6 to G-2: Reported 1100 entry and recommended a Bn from 409 be sent down to help clear up the situation.
- 1115- C/S to S-6: He said a Bn of 409th was closing into OWEN now. They have been told to expect to get information from someone from here to come up to get orders to assist.
- 1140- G-3 said they were starting the tanks towards OWEN and we should send another officer to intercept them there.
- 1145- Msg No 9 to CO 2d Bn: "Hang on at all costs. Am getting help from 409 to come down NW of you." (signed CO 410 Inf at 1145 - HJPHarding).
- 1208- S-3 to G-3: A and C Co still fighting for town of BOHRINGEN. They knocked out a 75 mm AT gun in that town. A Co has 15 casualties up to the present time. Capt Dalcher said that our officer arrived to guide the tanks in and as soon as the tanks gas up they were leaving.
- 1230- S-3 to Capt Dalcher: Inquired about an air mission. He said the planes were grounded but would let us know as soon as they were released.
- 1215- Msg to CO 1st Bn - Report location of CP. (Capt Thorn S-3)
- 1236- W-5 to S-5: He said W-6 jumped off for East end of town driving to the West. He said he has good communications.
- 1245- S-3 to G-3: 3d Bn is working up the town East of C. P. (GRABENSTETTIN). Leading company is pinned down. CG asked if they were maneuvering. S-3 said they were.
- 1315- A message from the 2d Bn indicates that the counterattack was believed to be stopped.

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- 1345- Major McClellan from the TAC says they have the planes in the air now and can fly missions for us. S-5 told him to destroy the town at coordinates 27-93 (GRABEN-STETTIN).
- 1358 - S-6 called S-5 and said he was with the tank commander and finds that he has only 7 tanks and wants them all to go to 1st Bn. S-5 passed information on to 3d Bn CO.
- 1415 - S-5 called 3d Bn CO and informed him that we expected the air mission to be flown within 20 - 40 minutes. Also said if 1st Bn didn't need the tanks we would turn them over to him.
- 1430 - Msg from S-6 to CO 1st Bn: "You must leave something to block the main East-West road from URACH to BOHRINGEN when you push on to the south. Suggest your TD Plat. We will try to reinforce it later. Then push for MUNSINGEN as hard as you can.
- 1437 - Msg from 383d FA Bn Liaison with 2d Bn: "The enemy has been driven out of ERKENBRECHTSWEILER except for the extreme south portion. Elements of Co "E" are driving west along the ridge north of town. 409th will join them at (253980) and continue to clean out entire ridge. Receiving intermittent mortar fire and sniper fire from south edge of town.
- 1440 - Msg to CO 2d Bn: "I have committed 3d Bn to take over mission given you last night. Secure town now held by your leading companies and report for orders." (Signed: CO 410th Inf at 0929).
- 1440 - Msg to CO 2d Bn: "Hang on at all costs. Am getting help from 409th to come down NW of you." (Signed: CO 410th Inf at 1145).
- 1440 - Msg to CO 2d Bn; 409th Inf: "Your Bn is now attached to 410th. As soon as situation at ERKENBRECHTSWEILER is reasonably cleared up, pass thru 2d Bn 410th and drive hard to the SW. Capture HULBEN and URACH. Await further orders at URACH." (Signed: CO 410th Inf at 1440).
- 1510 - G-3 called S-5 and informed him that we are receiving a company of tanks, Co "B", 781st Tk Bn. These tanks to be picked up at Div CP at once. Send officer guide to guide them to your area. These tanks will be used for the push on MUNSTER.
- 1510 - S-6 from CG at 1415: "409th 2d Bn attached to you. Use them and push hard on URACH.

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1515 - Msg from 2d Bn: "Krauts moving in on BERENBEECHTSWILLER from the SE. Artillery and mortar fire being brought on them. Krauts are firing mortars from the south end of town. The Kraut mortar shells are landing in the open field N of the town and not doing much damage. Krauts still hold SW part of town. They are using 3 platoons to clear it out." (Reported to G-3.)

1515 - S-6 told S-3 there were 3 dead women and one woman so seriously wounded that she will die in town where 2d Bn CP is located. S-6 says its either a triple murder or suicides. The gun has been handled so much it is impossible to tell. S-6 wants S-2 to get CIC or CID on it.

1525 - Co "K" just jumped off. S-2 told 3d Bn S-2 the air mission had been cancelled. 3d Bn S-2 said that they would work under the assumption that the air mission had been completely cancelled.

1545 - S-2 called AMG and told them of the triple murder in LENNINGEN. Asked that CID investigate at S-6's request.

1550 - Major YOW visited CP. Went forward to contact 3d Bn CO and report to C/S on it.

1555 - S-2 called 3d Bn S-1 and received the following information: Co "K" is on top of the ridge sweeping the woods N of the town of SCHLATTSTALL. Co's "I" & "L" will move up from the low ground and meet Co "K" and they will converge on the town. The road is mined and road blocked. Air mission has been called off on the town. "Co K" is moving W, about to the 29 grid line.

1600 - BOHRINGEN completely cleared by Co's "A" & "C" at 1530.

1610 - S-2 called 2d Bn Ex and received the following information: They are no longer surrounded. There is a road in from the west. Can't use vehicles as there is 8 road blocks on it and the road blocks are dug out underneath. The cave where the Krauts have been coming out is now covered by fire. Approximately 40 Krauts came out of this cave and got into the NW part of the town. The cave is in the woods in a deep ravine in the NW part of town. We still don't have the NW part cleared, nor the S part. Krauts are infiltrating into the town from the E.

1620 - S-2 gave Div Arty all the latest information.

1625 - S-2 called G-3 (Capt DALCHER) and gave him the situation. Told him that 1st Bn as of 1530 had cleared the town of BOHRINGEN with Co's "A" & "C". They are still in the town. "B" is still in the CP town. Those tanks are being sent up to them to be used on the town of MUNSTER. They will shove off as soon as they get ammo for their TD's. We have a couple of hundred Krauts that the Bns have not been able to send in to us yet, and we have already sent in 150. The 47th Div was strafed 2 days ago on the road, but still have their arty. They defended this ridge. 3d Bn called off their air mission and Co "K" moved out of SCHLATTSTALL. They are at grid line 29. Moving up on the ridge.

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1625 (cont'd) The road is blocked and mined and is now being cleared by our Engineers. The road leaves the woods at a point of woods. When "K" Company reaches that point "I" Company and "L" Company will follow them up and converge on that point of woods and snack the town. They want to hit that part pretty hard. I believe the town is pretty well defended. Fame 6 wants blue to move fast as he says they have been sitting too long. 2d Battalion is pretty close in with 409th 2d Battalion and the town is getting under control. There is a lot of infiltration from the NW and they discovered a cave there where the Krauts were coming out. They covered it with MG fire and stopped the infiltration. They think about 40 Krauts came out of the cave before they sealed it off. There is still some infiltration from the East and they haven't cleared the Southern part of the town as yet. They now have a way into the town and are evacuating their wounded. C/S wants us to tell our S-5 that 3d Battalion is moving ahead.

1625 - Division Commander told S-6 that he wanted URACH taken today.

1625 - 2d Battalion CO reports more Krauts in the cave. MG has fired several bursts. A patrol armed with hand grenades will be sent to cave to clean it out.

1625 - G-2 called S-2 and wanted information on our 3d Battalion. S-2 gave him this information and told him that we got SP fire from BOHRINGEN and about 50 or 60 PW's from that area. Also mortar and small arms fire. Estimated 100 Krauts in the town of GRABENSTETTEN.

1640 - 2d Battalion CO reports town of ERKENBRECHTSWEILER cleared and secured. There are 40 Krauts in the woods West of the town.

1650 - 2d Battalion S-5 called S-5 and reported the town of ERKENBRECHTSWEILER cleared as of 1640. It is completely cleared and secured. Have quite a few Krauts bottled up in the cave with MG fire. The cave is in the draw West and North of the town. 40 or 50 Krauts got into the NW part of town before 2d Battalion knew the cave was there. Will give us information on Kraut dead, wounded, and PW as soon as it is ascertained. The woods on the North side of town are completely cleared. The woods West and Southwest of the town are not cleared. There is some enemy activity in the woods East and South of the town. 2d Battalion has fired in there several times. 409th 2d Battalion is going to take off down that corridor toward the town of URACH. They have not as yet contacted our 2d Battalion CO.

1700 - 2d Battalion of 409th is going to fire artillery in the woods North and Northwest of ERKENBRECHTSWEILER. 2d Battalion of 410th is going to investigate the cave.

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TIME: 1700B to 1828B

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1700 - S-3 called G-3 and was informed of 44th Division Units. The CP of the 71st Inf. is at FELDSTEIN. Their front line elements are away below us. Below the 80 grid line about 1 1/2 kilometers. Close to our boundary. Road with woods on both sides. Their 1st Bn. is heading toward GRAHENSTETTEN. They got up on the high ground East of the town and the woods. "I" Company is skirting the draw and coming in from the South of that point.

1700 - C/S arrived at our CP.

1730 - 409th 2d Battalion called S-3 and told him they had just received word from their S-6 that the Battalion was on the high ground North of the town of ERKENBERGTSWEILER, and are preparing to move on their objective.

1735 - S-3 called Asst. S-3 and told him that AT wanted to move another platoon into the town of OHMENHAUSEN. Has two in OHMENHAUSEN and two in UNT HAUSEN.

1735 - S-6 returned to CP.

1740 - 103d Rcn. Troop (Lt. McCarty) reports that our 1st Battalion left BOHLINGEN at 1530 with a company of tanks and a reconnaissance platoon headed toward GRUORN.

1755 - Movement Control called about 4 trucks we had from the 2 FOB. They are missing. Asst. S-3 told him there was an officer with this group. 3 of his trucks were lost and 1 was sent into Ordnance for repair.

1810 - C/S left CP.

1815 - 3d Battalion S-1 says the Krauts are still up on that ridge and they can't even put an OP up there. 4.2 mortars want to fire it if none of our people are up there.

1820 - S-3 called and said there was lots of small arms fire up on the ridge to the South, Southeast and Southwest of ERKENBERGTSWEILER. Don't know who it is, but think it may be 409th 2d Bn. up there. 4.2 mortars want to fire it. AT Commander says there are only a few Krauts up there.

1825 - 409th 2d Battalion S-5 called Asst. S-3 and told him that the 4.2 mortar people reported Krauts at 278955. 409th 2d Battalion troops are not in that area.

1828 - Asst. S-3 called S-3 and told him 409th had no troops up on the ridge. S-6 said the 4.2 mortars could do a job on those people up on the ridge.

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T TIME: 1926B to 2230B

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1930 - S-6 called 2d Bn. CO, 409th Inf. and was informed that 409th 2d Bn. could not drive to URACH as the road is flanked by Krauts. S-6 ordered him to move his Bn. to the high ground North of ERKENBRECHTSWEILER and our 2d Bn. would hold the town itself.

2000 - S-3 gave G-3 (Captain Young) the situation. Capt. Young said that the 3d Bn. of the 71st Inf. had crossed the DANUBE RIVER at 1645 with 1st and 2d Battalions following it. COB of the 10th AD is patrolling the DANUBE from 34-165 to 44-62.

2030 - 3d Bn. S-3 called S-2 and asked for the situation. S-2 told him that everyone had held up and were securing themselves. 3d Bn. S-3 said they had a lot of securing to do (at this point 3d Bn. line went out).

2040 - 3d Battalion line is back in.

2100 - 1st Bn. S-5 called and said he has 2 1/2 truckloads of Kraut weapons and ammo and does not know what to do with it. Said he could burn the weapons, but couldn't burn the ammo.

2107 - S-1 called and said he has a place picked out in the next town back and already has the phone in.

2107 - 2d Battalion line went out.

2145 - Regt'l Commo Officer called S-3 and said he was in the new CP location. Asked if the road to 2d Bn. was still open. S-3 said he thought it was. Regt'l Commo Officer says he has radio contact with 2d Battalion and S-3 told him to contact them and get their situation.

2210 - S-6 called 3d Bn. CO and was informed that "K" Company had moved into rear end of SCHLATTSTALL and entire Battalion was now in that town.

2225 - 1st Bn. S-5 called Asst. S-3 and reported "B" Company has TRAILFINGEN. They got 23 Krauts out of the town. They are buttoning up there. "A" Company is back at BOHRINGEN. "C" Company is in GRURON. Asked if 3d Bn. was going to come down to cover their flank. Asst. S-3 told him they couldn't even get out of their town.

2230 - S-5 informed 2d Bn. S-5 that in case the communication goes out 2d Bn. at daylight tomorrow will drive SE clearing the woods and their objective will be the nose of the bluff above SCHATTSTALL.

2230 - 103d Rcn. Tr. CO called S-2 and said his CP was now in the town back of us on the mountain. Is putting in wire to our board up there. Says he won't move back to this town without a Division Order.

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2250 - Line to Division is back in.

2300 - S-6 called 3d Battalion CO: "I don't like the position of your Battalion in view of present G-2 information. Pull them out of present position and move them to vicinity of this town without delay. Place Capt. Walpole in command of the Battalion when it is assembled and before moving and report personally to me at Regimental Cp."

2315 - Lt. Gregory, 614 TD Bn., reports that the TD Platoon with 1st Battalion suffered 15 casualties today and lost their platoon leader. A direct 88 hit on a half-track.

2315 - C/S called S-6 and was informed of tomorrow's plan. C/S said the Division Commander wants us to be set for a coordinated push tomorrow.

2325 - Division line and 2d Battalion line are now in.

2330 - Hq. Co. CO and I&R Platoon Leader were informed by S-2 that the 3d Battalion would be coming into this town.

2330 - S-6 called 3d Bn. CO and told him to set up a block in the draw where he is pulling his Company out. 3d Bn. CO said he would leave a Reinforced Platoon from "X" Company.

2345 - S-3 called 1st Bn. S-3 and gave him the present situation. Told him tomorrow morning 3d Bn. would move out of this town and cut across the woods North and work west toward the "A" Company town. 1st Bn. S-3 said "B" Company just captured a Kraut officer who came driving through their town in a sidecar. 1st Bn. has captured over 200 Krauts.

2400 - S-2 called 3d Bn. S-3 and told him to let us know when his Bn. started to move. 3d Bn. S-3 said they were starting right now.

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TIME: 0005 to 0600

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- 0005 - S-2 called I & R Ldr. and told him 3d Bn was getting ready to move. Instructed him to give this information to the guard posts.
- 0010 - S-2 called 2d Bn S-2 and told him we had no way to get the PW's down there. Called rear CP and said we might get 409th to pick up the PW's.
- 0115 - Message to CO - CP located in second house on L of rd coming into BREUNENBERG from NE. Time signed 2228 - Ex O 2d Bn.
- 0222 - Capt Young (G-3) reports that the French have forces at 3740 and X3427. Fleet have 2 Bns across the Danube, and 411th is still the same.
- 0250 - Fashion informed us they are sending 2 prisoners here for interrogation.
- 0302 - Called in hourly report to G-3 as negative.
- 0325 - 409th 2d Bn S-3 to Lt Hughes: He wanted to know what his Bn mission was going to be. Lt Hughes was going to find out and let him know.
- 0335 - 2d Bn Ex O to Lt Hughes: He wanted to know what his Bn mission was going to be. Lt Hughes was to called him later.
- 0400 - Gave G-3 a negative report.
- 0455 - S-6 to 2d Bn CO: S-6 said he thought they knew their mission was to go to the ridge to the SE, and 409 2d Bn was to drive to URACH as soon as your place was reasonably clear. 2d Bn CO said he thought there were too many Krauts in there for the size of his forces. S-6 told him to coordinate with 409th 2d Bn.
- 0507 - S-6 to 409 2d S-3: Told him there was no change in his mission given to him yesterday and that our 2d Bn is ready to coordinate with him.
- 0510 - S-6 to 2d Bn Co: S-6 informed him that 409 2d Bn should jump off first and if anyone needs to be pulled out it will be our 2d Bn. 2d Bn Co said they picked up prisoners from the town 411 was supposed to have taken and the prisoners said there were no Americans there. S-6 said that when 409 gets under way our 2d Bn should move out.
- 0515 - Gave G-3 a negative report. Capt Young said 411 is at 148775.
- 0600 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

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TIME: 0645 to 0816

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

0645 - CG to S-6: S-6 said we have received no reports from the Bns yet. CG said we should clean out everything on the plateau before driving on. He also said he would like to get Capt Cook back who was taken prisoner. He wants our troops to maneuver.

0652 - S-6 to 2d Bn CO: 2d Bn CO said the 4092d Bn was preparing to move. They have received no fire as yet. He is prepared to get plenty artillery and Chem mortar.

0659 - 1st Bn S-3 said his Bn needs app 8 boxes of 30 cal clip ammo.

0702 - S-3 to 2d Bn S-5: S-4 has ammo in this town and if you need any send up for it. Gave same information to other Bns.

0715 - 1st Bn CO to S-6: He said the Krauts are going around behind him and wants to know if he should let them go and take his Bn on ahead. S-6 said the 3d Bn was coming around there. R-6 said the TD's lost about 12 men. He said he needs some trucks to haul weapons & prisoners.

0733 - 2d Bn Ex O to S-3: 409th 2d Bn jumped off at 0725. 2d Bn S-2 said he would like to have someone pick up some prisoners. S-2 is sending Lt Rittman down to them.

0758 - 409th 2d Bn S-5 reports his Bn is 2000 yds on the other side of ERKENSBRUCHSWEILER. and met nothing as yet. They need some ammo. S-2 arranged with S-4 to get them some 30 cal clips and belts.

0810 - CG to S-6: He got new orders and has to get 409 2d Bn back. S-6 said they would be hard to assemble so they decided on our 3d Bn. The assembly point was to be ERKENSBRUCHSWEILER. CG said he was going to turn 411 toward us.

0811 - 3d Bn CO to S-6: Rpts that his CP is in the town of BOHRINGEN. His leading Co blocking rd about 800 yards W of the town. Heavy rcn element probing woods in the 2890 & 2889 grid square.

0815 - S-6 to 3d Bn Ex O: Your Bn is going to be stopped immediately and assembled for a motor movement. Rpt to CP at once.

0816 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: Stop Bn at once and reassemble in the town you are now in. You are going to be detached and go on a motor movement. I am assembling K Co here. I have no further instructions on the movement. Mitchell is on his way to your town.

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TIME: 0833 to 1025

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- 0833 - 409 S-3 called S-2 and wanted to know the position of our 3d Bn. S-2 told him they are in BOHRINGEN and are being assembled there.
- 0855 - Lt Hughes gave 1st Bn CG the situation as of this morning.
- 0901 - 1st Bn CO called S-2 and says he has a Kraut Captain and two other officers down there and he wants our IPW officer to come down.
- 0905 - S-2 told Divartywe had made no contact with the enemy this morning.
- 0910 - 409 2d Bn advanced 3000 yds and met civilian representative. Town of HULBENS is clear. Our 2d Bn prepared to jump.
- 0911 - S-3 called G-3 and give him the above message.
- 0913 - 3d Bn S-3 called and wanted information on the move. S-3 said we had received no orders as yet.
- 0920 - 3d Bn S-1 called and said 409 Motor officer called and said they were to get 17 LWB trucks. Says they cant move with 17 need 25.
- 0925 - G-2 called C/S and told him 409 2d Bn was in HULBENS. They are ready to take off for URACH. C/S said for 2d Bn of 409 to take off to URACH, clean out the town thoroughly and the woods around it. C/S wants our 3d Bn assembled in one place. G-3 talked to S-3 and told him to assemble our 3d Bn in BOHRINGEN.
- 0940 - S-3 called 409 2d Bn Ex O and told him his Bn was to proceed to URACH, clean out the town thoroughly and clean the woods around it. Said 411 would probably be in the town soon.
- 0941 - G-3 called about our 2d Bn. S-3 told G-3 2d Bn had met no resistance this morning. They started moving SE at 0845. CG wants 2d Bn to go all the way down to the line we are to seize. S-6 talked to CG and told him our 1st Bn was going to take MUNSINGEN this morning.
- 0955 - S-3 told 3d Bn S-1 to assemble the 3d Bn in BOHRINGEN. All attachments are relieved as of now.
- 1020 - 1st Bn wants an air mission on MUNSINGEN.
- 1025 - S-2 called Red 5 and told him they could not get the air mission on MUNSINGEN. Told him to use the 384th on the town.

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TIME: 1050 to 1224

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- 1050 - Movement Control called and said we would assemble around GEBISLINGEN. They will prescribe a route based on our rcn.
- 1105 - G-3 called S-3 and asked S-3 to get the following message to 103 Rcn CO. Want one platoon of rcn troop attached to 409. S-3 gave G-3 the situation.
- 1110 - S-2 gave 1st Bn S-2 the situation and told him that the Krauts had gotten out during the night by going between the towns of BOHRINGEN and GHOORN.
- 1137 - S-3 called G-2 and told them that our 2d Bn passed thru GRABENSTETTEN at 1020. They are pushing on South.
- 1140 - G-3 called S-3 and asked for the latest on 409 2d Bn. Told him they had pushed off for URACH but had no further information on them.
- 1140 - 3d Bn has pulled out.
- 1141 - 1st Bn line is in.
- 1145 - 1st Bn CO called S-6 and wants to get his A Co down where the one platoon is sitting by itself. The Red Bn is just starting on MUNSINGEN. Said they had interrogated their PW's and learned that there are about 300 Krauts in there, but they are not too well organized. S-6 said he would call Div and get permission for him to move his A Co.
- 1147 - S-6 called G-3 and asked for permission to move his A Co down with the rest of 1st Bn. CG came on the line and told S-6 to move his troops where he wanted to.
- 1155 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and told him he could move A Co.
- 1156 - S-3 called 1st Bn CO and told him we were getting 5 SWB trucks from the arty and were sending the 14 men from A Co up on them and some 30 cases of 8 round clips. Wants 1st Bn to send their PW's back on these trucks. Red 6 said the Craut Bn CO they captured had talked and he would send the information.
- 1157 - C/S called S-6 and told him the AMG group had returned. Asked if S-6 wanted them or if they were to stay in the rear echelon. C/S said CG did not want Col Lynch to command anything. S-6 said he would call him back on it.
- 1220 - G-2 called and said he had delivered the message to 103 Rcn Tr CO and he had people on the way to take care of it.

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TIME: 1225 to 1354

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

1225 - 2d Bn S-2 says they interrupted a call from 409 2d Bn. They have one Co in the town of URACH and are meeting light resistance. Want engineers at 228918 to fill in two craters.

1232 - Lt Hughes asked 3d Bn Engr Officer to go over and check on the two craters at 228918. Lt Jones said it was too far and we should get 2d Bn Engr O to go over.

1235 - S-6 gave 2d Bn S-3 the following message to send to 2d Bn CO by radio: 409 meeting light resistance at URACH. Leave small blocking force on main road running E from URACH to catch any Krauts coming that way.

1245 - 3d Bn closed in ROHRINGEN AT 1230.

1247 - Lt Hughes told White 2 we would have to send their Engrs up to 228918 to fill crater there.

1300 - G-2 called S-6 and said he was in THALFINGEN. Asked if air mission had been called off on MUNSINGEN. S-6 told him it had never been requested. 1st Bn is getting ready to move into MUNSINGEN.

1315 - 2d Bn 409 rpt they have one company in URACH meeting light resistance.

1320 - S-6 told G-3 that the attack on MUNSINGEN would be made by B with C in support minus one platoon. They have 7 tanks. Gave him the situation as we have it.

1323 - S-6 called C/S and told him not to send Col Lynch or any of the AMG bunch down here.

1345 - Major Gillman called S-3 and said 409th has moved its organic and next will get 50 from Corps. 409th picking trucks up first. When they get done moving their foot troops they will return trks to the their foot troops they will return trks to the RR Station in KIRCHHEIM to QM. We will pick our trks up at same place. S-3 said we might be able to move tonight.

1350 - S-2 called G-2 and informed them that a road block at 4389 but by pass to right in good condition. Rd from ZAININGEN to URACH is in good condition.

1350 - 1st Bn CO called S-3 and said Rcn troop and Co B and tank Co in town. One building with white flag on it. Cn Co moving up behind MUNSINGEN. Co A men and extra ammo coming up.

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TIME: 1355 to 1455

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

- 1355 - S-3 called G-3 and said 409th 2d Bn at 1315 had one company in town meeting light resistance. Our 2d Bn will put a road block on road out of URACH. Our 3d Bn assembled in BOHRINGEN at 1230. Our 1st Bn has Co B in MUNSINGEN and are approx 300 Krauts in town. G-3 said CG and C/S interested in road EW 8990. 411th 3d Bn at 1200 at 205795 and are pulling E to join us at MUNINSTER.
- 1405 - 2d Bn CO 409th called S-3 and said they are in URACH. The town is clear, no resistance. Waiting orders. Woods are cleared. Vehicles held up at HULBEN. Will take 2 hrs before vehicles can get to URACH. S-3 told CO to hold in URACH.
- 1410 - 2d Bn 409th CO to S-6; (Relayed by Div Msg Center) "Foot troops of 2d Bn 409th are in town of URACH and the town is clear. Cannot get vehicles in from HULBEN. Will check road into town from the east.
- 1410 - Msg to CO 2d Bn: 409th 2d Bn rpts URACH all clear. (Harding, Col)
- 1410 - S-3 to G-3: 409 2d Bn has cleared their town. They are now checking the woods in the vicinity and also the road leading E out of the town. They cant get vehicles E of town due to road blocks. Our 1st Bn is moving into their objective. 409 meeting only light resistance. We have nothing late on our 2d Bn.
- 1415 - G-2 to S-3: He wants S-3 to pass on to Div that only very light resistance is being met.
- 1418 - 2d Bn S-2 to S-6: He said he sent out a team to contact 409th 2d Bn. S-6 said they have their CP in the town N of the town their troops are in. Lt McSurley came to phone and informed 2d Bn S-2 that he could reach his CO by relay through our radio here. S-3 informed 2d Bn W-2 that since we are leaving this area that road in question need not be repaired.
- 1428 - S-3 to 409 S-3: Informed him that their 2d Bn cleared objective and that the road needed to send trucks to pick up that Bn will be OK. We don't want to tell Div about it till that road is actually cleared.
- 1437 - W-6 to S-6 (msg): The town at CP A-2 (Wittlingen) is CLEARED at 1420. Passed on to Div.
- 1445 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: They have so many prisoners they are getting hard to handle. The resistance is limited to sniper fire. S-3 informed him that 411 3d Bn was at 205-795. They are heading for the town B Co is in so be on the lookout for them. They also have tanks with them.
- 1452 - S-6 left CP.

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DATE: 24 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1456 to 1641

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

- 1456 - 409 2d Bn S-5 to S-3: The road out of URACH has a few mines that need clearing and would like some help on it. S-3 informed them that B Co is in MUNSINGEN - only resistance is sniper fire. They have captured many prisoners. 409 2d Bn S-5 said the only thing they need road cleared is so they can get their troops on trucks.
- 1502 - S-3 to E-5: The road from URACH to BOHRINGEN is all cleared except for a little piece just on edge of URACH. Send the platoon of Engrs attached to you to clear that. This will enable both Regts to have their own troops.
- 1512 - S-3 to 409 Ex O: Informed him that we were going to clear those mines outside URACH. Informed Div of same.
- 1522 - CG visited CP.
- 1537 - 409th S-5 to S-2: Inform S-3 that Div will not allow them to get back their own Bn. They may possibly make the change tomorrow. They are now awaiting transportation.
- 1540 - 2d Bn S-1 to S-2: Rear CP is closing. They are opening new CP at WITTLINGEN.
- 1602 - S-6 to S-3: S-3 informed him that the Engrs were going to clear mines on road just out of URACH. A platoon from 409 were going to contact them. S-3 said that he doesn't think Div will allow 409 to get back their own Bn. S-6 wants the 1st Bn CP in the same town as the troops or vs.
- 1610 - S-3 to G-3: Informed him that the Engrs were going to clear road out of URACH and that MUNSINGEN is not quite clear yet. G-3 said 411th elements are 600 yds from that town.
- 1622 - Div IPW to open in GEISLINGEN in the morning.
- 1625 - S-3 to S-6: Informed him that the trucks for the prisoners would be ZAININGEN in about 45 mins. They have a bypass at URACH and the engineers are going to clear mines.
- 1627 - 409th S-5 says he is getting his 2d Bn back. They will pick up their trucks here.
- 1642 - Major Gillman to S-3: S-3 was to send an officer to QM at RR at KIRCHHEIM prepared to stay there for any length of time. He is to take his bed roll and rations. When the trucks are through with 409 they will go to us. Major Gillman has a phone to the QM so he can contact our officer through QM. The Bns will pick up the trucks as we decide to break them down. The trucks will stay under our control until we are through with them, then 411 will pick up the trucks at the RR at KIRCHHEIM. We should move as soon as we get trucks. We only get 50 trucks so we should use TD's and Tanks for

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- transportation also. We should overload since it is a short run. We should send our own officer to KIRCHHEIM as soon as possible.
- 1654 - G-3 to S-3: 411 3d Bn is receiving fire on outskirts of MUNSINGEN believed to be coming from our 1st Bn.
- 1655 - Msg to CO 1st Bn: 411 3d Bn at W end of town receiving fire from your Bn. Correct at once. (McCarthy, Capt).
- 1740 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-2: They got the 5 trucks from arty for prisoners. They may have to shuttle.
- 1741 - Maj Gillman to S-3: He said we should pick our own detrucking poing. S-3 said we sent rcn to look over the short route. However if we get trucks back before recon is completed we will use long route. C/S wants one Bn there before dark. The first two Bns of 409 used 13 trucks each plus the Tanks and TD's. Keep moving thru the night.
- 1747 - S-3 to 409th S-5: We have sent two people to contact your 2d Bn by different routes. 409th S-5 said he would like to have his Bn Comdr and recon party to come to his CP ready to leave.
- 1750 - Msg to CO 2d Bn 409 Inf dtd 24 Apr 45 and signed at 1645: 1) Has 411 1st Bn arrived? 2) You move with 409. 3) Have your Mtr officer rpt to Fatal CP for trucks. (Signed CO 410 Inf - McCarthy, Capt)
- 1752 - S-2 called G-2 and asked if the road running E from ZAININGEN to LENIGEN and continuing over to our new area was OK. G-2 said they were making route recon all the way, but haven't returned as yet.
- 1754 - Msg to CO 2d Bn 409 Inf dtd 24 Apr 45 and signed at 1750. Bn Comdr and Rcn Party rpt to 409 CP prepared to move out and not return. (McCarthy Capt).
- 1814 - S-3 told Red 3 about our move. Told him 1st Bn Would move last. They said that CG had been down to the Bn and had been shot at by Krauts. CG wants A, B & C to get all the rest they can tonight. S-6 came on the phone and said he had already had a route recon for us. S-6 told S-2 there were Russians and Mongolians up there who were captured by B Co and claimed they were forced to fight for the Germans. S-2 said if there were in uniform they would have to be PW's.

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TIME: 1815 to 1955

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PLACE: GUTTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

1815 - Msg to S-6 dtd 24 Apr 45 signed 1715: Bn on objective along main road. Request instructions. Would it be possible to pull into WILLINGEN. CP located at WILLINGEN. (2d Bn S-6) (S-3 sent msg-at 1840 telling them to pull into WILLINGEN).

1834 - S-6 called S-3 and told him the Bn of 411 that was to stay in MUNSINGEN didn't stay. They pulled right out. S-6 wants S-3 to check with Div and get the story on this.

1855 - S-6 returned to CP.

1905 - S-6 told 1st Bn CO to send someone out to contact the 411 Bn and tell them to move into MUNSINGEN and stay there. Also told him to tell Cn Co CO to bring Cn Co back to this town.

1910 - Movement control called and wanted to know if we had an ovvicer from 3d Bn at the RR Station in KIRCHHEIM. S-3 told him yes. Movement control wants everything closed in the new area by movning. S-3 told him we would use the most southerly route and 3d Bn was ready to roll. Movement control wants us to send some of our motorized stuff over the northern route.

1915 - 1st Bn is sending us 225 more PW's.

1933 - 1st Bn CO called and said 411 3d Bn had pulled out of MUNSINGEN and gone up to some little town close there. Said he wasn't supposed to be in MUNSINGEN. S-3 told 1st Bn CO he would contact Div and get that straightened out.

1935 - S-3 told 3d Bn S-3 he would probably get 20 trucks in an hour and he could move then. Told him the Bn would be billeted at least until morning. Attachments will move with Bn.

1940 - 3d Bn S-3 called and said 411 1st Bn arrived in URACH at 1830.

1945 - S-3 called G-3 (Lt Eddens) and told him the 411 3d Bn was not in MUNSINGEN, had pulled out to the town NW of there. Said our 1st Bn was tired and Krauts were still coming out of the bldgs in the town and we have to move them. G-3 will take care of that.

1950 - 103 Rcn Tr CO called S-3 and said he was all assembled and would S-3 call G-2 and find out what his orders were. Asked if 411 3d Bn was to occupy MUNSINGEN. S-3 said yes. Red 5 talked to S-3 and told him that there was a Kraut barracks down there about 2 Km E of him. Says there are 200 to 300 Kraut in it. Don't know what to do about cleaning it out. S-3 said they would have plenty of time to clean it.

1955 - Asst S-3 told 1st Bn S-3 that tanks would move with them, but when they got to new area they would be attached to 3d Bn.

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TIME: 1955 to 2122

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- 1955 - S-3 called G-2 but could get no order for 103 Rcn Tr as G-2 was out.
- 2013 - Movement control called S-3 and said our Lt Rigdon and Blue Bn Mtr O was now down at the RR Station. Said we would change our instructions to conform to the way the trucks would come in. 13 longs, 13 longs and then the rest. There will be a gap in between.
- 2020 - S-3 called Lt Rigdon and told him to give the 1st 13 trucks to Blue, next 13 to Red and then make up the difference from the last group.
- 2021 - S-3 called 3d Bn 3 and told him of the change in trucks. Said he would receive his first 13 trucks very soon and told him to move his organics as soon as possible. Said with 13 trucks he could move 2 rifle Cos and either Hq or M. Said tanks would be in town with them.
- 2042 - Maj Gillman to Lt Hughes: Upon inquiring, Lt Hughes informed him that our route recon people were not back yet and we are going to send the trucks by the long route. Our AT Co and Medics have already moved out and Cn Co will move shortly. The Major said we should load down all attached units too and if we want to get in touch with our motor officer call Div and ask for the RR.
- 2049 - 1st Bn CO to S-6: He said the 411 Bn that was to relieve them hasn't shown up yet. He thinks there is closed to 300 Krauts in a barracks near there. S-6 told 1st Bn CO to contact 2d Bn Co by 300 radio.
- 2052 - 1st Bn Ex O to S-3: He said he got the message. S-3 sent and he sent out a task force to clean up those Krauts. He can hear MG fire now. S-3 said the Bn from 100 Div will come in from the East. Also said that he would call Div on the situation of 411 relief. The Tanks will go along with your Bn.
- 2109 - We learned that the detrucking pt of 409th was at 58-99.
- 2112 - S-3 to G-3: Asked him about the 411 relief situation. He'd call back.
- 2120 - S-6 to 1st Bn CO: Said G-3 was to call us back on 411 relief. 1st Bn CO said they are still out there cleaning out those Kraut barracks.
- 2122 - 3d Bn S-3 to S-2: Upon inquiring, S-2 informed him that the route he is taking will not be marked only by 409 people.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2130 to 2400

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

2130 - Lt Hinkel to S-3: G-2 suspects the 189 Div at 5289, a Bn at 5891, 1212 Bgt at 6188, and one Bn at 6086. Those are the areas of possible enemy units. Resistance in the area has been disorganized.

2200 - S-2 sent following message to 2d Bn 2. Will pick up PW's as soon as possible.

2230 - Advance CP opened at URSPRING (593-968).

2310 - To 2d Bn 2 - We must pick up PW's in URACH from 409 2d Bn and would appreciate your sending your 20 PW's to that point as soon as possible. Their cage is the jail near the court house.

2330 - Maj Gillman told us we were only going to get 11 trucks instead of 13, because two have become casualties.

2330 - G-3 notified that our advanced CP opened at 2230 at 593968.

2335 - S-3 called 3d Bn 3 and wanted to know how many men would be left over after the first move. 3d Bn 3 said he would have less than a Co and part of Hq Pers (1 truck).

2340 - S-3 informed Maj Gillman of above message. Also 3d Bn is getting ready to leave.

2345 - S-3 informed Maj Gillman of a bridge out about 5 Km NW from KIRCHHEIM.

2347 - S-3 called Lt Rigdon and told him to switch the route the arty, Cn and AT are going over because there is a bridge out. Change to the SCHWEIBACH and UHINGEN Rd.

2350 - S-3 called 3d Bn 3 and told him about the change in route.

2400 - S-3 informed 1st Bn 3 of the change in route. Also wanted to know if 411 had arrived for relief. 1st Bn 3 said no.

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ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0710A

PLACE: URSPRING, GERMANY (593968)

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- 0135 - 3d Battalion S-3 called and the Battalion is starting to move.
- 0136 - S-3 notified Division Movement Control (Major Gillman) that our 3d Battalion has now started to move.
- 0240 - Cannon Company and AT Company closed into REUTTI (G-3 notified).
- 0300 - G-3 instructed us to send our AT and Cannon Company 1½-ton trucks back to GUTENBERG.
- 0305 - G-3 informed us that 383d Field Artillery Battalion, Cannon Company, AT Company, and 3d Battalion had cleared the IP.
- 0330 - Message to CO's, AT and Cannon Companies: "All 1½-ton trucks to return at once to 410th CP at GUTENBERG and report to S-3."
- 0400 - Nothing reported on trucks for the 1st and 2d Battalions. S-6 left old CP at 0400 and arrived at new CP (URSPRING).
- 0520 - G-3 called and asked if we were going to send out any reconnaissance elements to contact the 409th Infantry. We told him we would wait and see what S-3 wants to do.
- 0545 - 3d Battalion closed into LONSHE (610962). G-3 notified at 0718.
- 0615 - Division Movement Control said our 1½-ton trucks had left the other end at 0300. They haven't arrived here as yet. Still have the foot elements of two Battalions to move. Movement Control has heard nothing from our 2½-ton personnel carriers.
- 0620 - S-3 called Lt. Rigdon (Asst. Regt'l Motor Officer) and he has seen nothing of our trucks.
- 0630 - G-3 (Capt. Young) called and asked if S-3 knew anything about the 411th 3d Battalion contacting our 1st Battalion in MUNSINGEN. S-3 told him they had not arrived there as yet. Capt. Young is going to continue to work on it and try to contact them.
- 0645 - S-6 left for Division CP.
- 0710 - S-3 informed Lt. Rigdon (Asst. Regt'l Motor Officer) that we have received 10 1½-ton trucks from AT Company.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0711B to 0840B

PLACE: URSPEING, GERMANY (593968)

0720 - 1st Battalion S-3 (Sgt. Wieland) said he had received a report as of 5 minutes ago that 411th 3d Battalion had not arrived in the town of MUNSINGEN. No report on any contact with the Unit from the 44th Division, but will check on it. S-3 told Sgt. Wieland we had moved our 3d Battalion, Cannon Company, AT Company, 383d Field Artillery Battalion (minus "C" Battery) and were just about to move Regimental Headquarters Company. Company "E" of 328th Medical Battalion is on the move. Have most of the organics of the Battalions moved. Sgt. Wieland said the only organics 1st Battalion had moved was what had been sent out on the quartering party.

0728 - C/S called S-3 and asked of the 3d Battalion of 411th Infantry had arrived in the town of MUNSINGEN. S-3 told him they had not. C/S said the 411th Infantry claims they have had a company of tanks and one rifle company in MUNSINGEN all night. S-3 told him they certainly were not there as "B" Company had kept the town well out-posted all night and would certainly have spotted a company of tanks and riflemen moving into the town. S-3 told him they were in there yesterday afternoon, but pulled right out to the NW and didn't return. Told the C/S all our Organizations that had moved to the new area. C/S instructed S-3 to push the moving as fast as possible. Said we didn't have to wait for 411th to move into MUNSINGEN and could start 1st Battalion to moving right now by riding them on the tanks.

0730 - S-3 called 409th S-3 and asked him to have S-6 call him if he came into 409th area.

0735 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 (Sgt. Wieland) and told him that the C/S had just informed us that the 411th Infantry claims they have had one rifle company and one tank company in MUNSINGEN all night. Sgt. Wieland said he knew they weren't there, but that he would have "B" Company check again. S-3 told him that the 1st Battalion line would be spliced into the Division line as we were moving out - up to the RR station in KIRCHHEIM, and he could contact us there by calling Division and asking for the RR station.

0745 - S-3 told S-6 that our 3d Battalion is being thrown out by Division and is asking for a reassignment of area. They are to go to LINZHOFEN.

0750 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3 and told him to move his Battalion to either LUIZHAUFEN or SCHANNSTETTEN, but before you go there send a company in to clean out the town. 3d Bn. S-6 said that G-3 had told them they could use WESTERSTETTEN. Said he was sending out a platoon to check on WESTERSTETTEN and would call back.

0750 - S-6 told S-3 that 3d Battalion could move to WESTERSTETTEN.

0755 - S-3 told 3d Bn. S-3 that it was O.K. to use WESTERSTETTEN. 3d Bn. S-3 said they had sent a platoon there and will notify us by motor messenger when they are ready to move.

0840 - S-6 returned from Division CP.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0841B to 1235B

PLACE: URSPRING, GERMANY (593968)

0920 - Message from Division Movement Control: "We have gotten back only 7 of the 20 trucks which hauled your 3d Battalion. If the above-mentioned trucks are not available, send back 1½-ton trucks of your Cannon Company at once. Send back officer from your Regiment to accompany trucks".

1029 - S-6 told Division Movement Control that to his knowledge our 1st Battalion had not moved.

1045 - S-6 called S-3 and learned that the tanks and Engineers are taking the long route to the new area. Organics of the 1st Battalion are on the way. 2d Battalion is on the way. Personnel carriers have not been received by 1st Battalion as yet. 411th 3d Battalion has not relieved 1st Battalion in MUNSINGEN as of 0730 this morning.

1055 - S-3 called S-6 and told him that the 409th Infantry was moving in a column of Battalions. Told S-6 to keep his next motorized Battalion in the trucks and move them as far as HEINERSTETTEN. Instructed him to start his move in our Zone down to the river. We are to go on down in zone and catch up with the 44th Division. Move down as far as possible. The XXI Corps on our left is down to 66-01 and meeting no resistance. 409th Infantry is at the river looking at bridges. We were instructed to start 3d Battalion on down at once.

1100 - Hq. Co. closed into URSPRING.

1105 - Division CP will move this afternoon to ALBACH (71-89).

1110 - S-6 called S-3 and was informed that the 1½-ton trucks of Cannon Company are in, but they need one 2½-ton truck. S-6 told S-3 that when 2d Battalion arrives in new area they will not detruck but will continue on down South.

1115 - S-6 told Asst. S-3 that Co. "A" of the tanks and all attachments will be held at URSPRING until 1st Battalion arrives. Most likely Battalion will detruck at WESTERSTETTEN.

1145 - S-6 issued following order - Explained situation and stated that the Regiment will advance in a column of Battalions. Explained that 2d Battalion to arrive at URSPRING by 1200 and continue on to HEINERSTETTEN and detruck, therefore 3d Battalion be second Battalion in column. Directed that they get a road without delay and march on JUNGINGEN. If no orders reach you prior to arrival at that town, continue march to BOFINGEN.

1215 - S-6 returned to CP.

1235 - 383d FA S-6 told S-5 that he had just talked to a Liaison Officer from Division Artillery and received instructions.

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TIME: 1236B to 1445B

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PLACE: URSPRING, GERMANY (593968)

1240 - G-3 called S-5 and informed us that the 115th Reconnaissance Squadron would be on our left flank.

1245 - C/S visited CP.

1315 - I&R Platoon reports enemy resistance at HAGEN (66-88).

1315 - 3d Battalion crossed their IP.

1320 - Division Movement Control called and was informed that our 3d Battalion, AT and Cannon Companies were already in URSPRING, 2d Battalion reasonably close - 5 or 10 minute run, and 1st Battalion within 15 minutes.

1325 - G-3 (Capt. Dalcher) called and got the situation from Assistant S-3.

1328 - G-3 called S-6 and told him that we were to use the trucks and move as far South as possible and then return them to the RR station in KIRCHHEIM with an officer's escort. G-3 said that the Division CP would probably be HORVELSINGEN. S-6 told the C/S that he would most likely not detruck 2d Battalion at BEINERSTETTEN.

1340 - S-6 told 3d Battalion our signal of communications would be BEINERSTETTEN-THALFINGEN.

1345 - G-3 called S-6 and told him Lt. Holtz of Division will go with out 2d Battalion to their detrucking point and will take charge of all trucks that don't belong to us.

1417 - Message from CO 3d Battalion: "Head of our column 1 kilometer East of EISELAU. We have 4 PW's, 3 wounded."

1426 - S-6 called G-3 and told him our 2d Battalion was ready to move. Reconnaissance outfit drew a little enemy fire from vicinity OBER ELCHINGEN. 409th Infantry forming up on FALFINGEN to attack it. Our 3d Battalion moving toward JUNGINGEN. Bridge at ULM is not in as yet.

1430 - Assistant Division Commander visited our CP.

1437 - Assistant Division Commander left our CP.

1442 - 3d Battalion moving CP to BEINERSTETTEN.

1445 - C/S called S-6 and said a couple of trucks we used last night were not regassed and the drivers were not fed. S-6 said the 2d Battalion was moving South, but would not go to TRAILFINGER. "K" Company of 409th Infantry fighting Krauts and also Kreut artillery falling in the town. 2d Battalion will move below auto bahn. May detruck at HESSELBRONN (69-85).

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DATE: 25 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1446B to 1745B

PLACE: URSPRING, GERMANY (593962)

1515 - 2d Battalion crossed IP at URSPRING at 1500.

1517 - Lt. Holts, Division Headquarters, informed S-6 that the trucks carrying 2d and 1st Battalions which do not belong to the 410th Infantry are not going to be used to carry the 411th Infantry and they will be turned loose to return to their Unit after the drivers are fed and the trucks are regassed.

1600 - "A" Company closed into new area with tanks.

1600 - S-6 called G-3 and asked about the bridges over the DANUBE R. Told him our 2d and 3d Battalions were on the move. G-3 doesn't know about the bridges, but says we are going to shove Infantry across the DANUBE R anyway we can. Latest location of the 114th Infantry on our right is 640860. All of the 324th Infantry is in ULM.

1610 - 2d Battalion passed through BEIMERSTETTE at 1600. Assistant S-3 told the Regimental Communications Officer we were moving our CP to BEIMERSTETTE.

1615 - Division PW cage is located in BERNSTADT.

1650 - S-1 called and said he had just talked to 3d Battalion CO and that 3d Battalion was sending a company and a platoon down to BOFINGEN. They are then going to look at the river for a possible crossing. S-1 saw 3d Bn. CO in JUNGINGEN.

1650 - 1st Battalion closed into URSPRING (One tank broke down that was carrying 25 men of "A" Company and they had to leave it).

1705 - Asst. S-3 called G-3 and told him our 3d Battalion was in JUNGINGEN. They are to send a company and a platoon into BOFINGEN. Then to the river and secure it. 1st Bn. just closed into this town.

1715 - Krauts are shelling THALFINGEN and the town is burning.

1729 - Line to Division is out.

1735 - Received following message from CO 3d Battalion: "Has 409th Infantry reached THALFINGEN?"

1738 - Line to Division is in.

1745 - 409th Infantry S-3 reports that tanks and Infantry passed through THALFINGEN and took 15 prisoners.

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TIME: 1746Z to 2400Z

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: URSERING, GERMANY (593968)

1747 - Asst. S-3 sent following message to CO 3d Battalion: "Tanks and Infantry of 409th Infantry passed through THALFINGEN and took 15 Prisoners."

1800 - New CP opened at JUNGINGEN (665-852).

1822 - S-2 reports that he is at 3d Battalion CP at JUNGINGEN. There are people across the river at ULM, but none of ours are across. 2d Battalion is going to THALFINGEN.

1825 - Message from CO 2d Battalion: "2d Battalion in THALFINGEN as of 1805."

2015 - S-3 called G-3 (Capt. Young) and informed him our CP opened in JUNGINGEN at 1800. 1st Battalion closed into JUNGINGEN at 1935. 2d Battalion cleared and occupied THALFINGEN. Receiving light mortar fire. 2d Battalion pushed patrols to DANUEE R. 3d Battalion cleared BOFINGEN and pushed patrols to DANUEE R starting at 1900. G-3 said some elements to get across river tonight. 409th Infantry situation - 1st Battalion at (X7885); 2d Battalion at LANGENAU; 3d Battalion at EJ (X7484). 411th Infantry 1st Battalion approaching GOTTINGEN. 3d Battalion approaching ALEBECK. 409th reports artillery and SP fire.

2145 - Service Company closed into GEISLINGEN, including Reinforcement Company.

2204 - Message to CO 410 Inf.: "We closed in on objective at 1850 and have it buttoned up." (CO 2d Battalion).

2225 - Message to CO 2d Battalion: "1. 409th Infantry crosses river tonight. 2. Your Battalion assists 409th Infantry by fire and/or activity in zone. 3. Send officer to CP 3d Battalion 409th Inf at OBER ELLINGEN to coordinate above. (Signed: CO 410 Inf.)."

2300 - G-3 gave us latest situation.

2305 - CO 2d Battalion reports patrols all along in front of THALFINGEN. Each company will handle one patrol. Receiving SP fire from E and W.

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DATE: 26 April 1945

TIME: 0001B to 0132B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY (675852)

0055 - S-3 instructed Corporal Smith (1st Battalion) to have the TD Company Commander in JUNGINGEN by 0530.

0104 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and reported that they captured 6 PW's from the other side of the DANUBE RIVER and that they may have valuable information. Said he was going to contact the 409th Infantry. S-3 informed him that the 409th Battalion was no longer attached to us.

0107 - S-3 called G-3 (Lt. Eddens) and reported that our 2d Battalion just took 6 PW's from the other side of the river. Said they might have valuable information. We are sending an officer to 3d Battalion of 409th Infantry with that information.

0108 - G-3 called S-3 and asked when the 6 PW's crossed the river. We had no information on this. G-3 said that our first elements to cross the bridge will be one of our Battalions motorized on tanks and self-propelled TD's.

0111 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and informed him that 1st Battalion would be the first to cross the river tomorrow and that they would be mounted on tanks and self-propelled TD's. 409th Infantry crosses tonight. Told of the capture of 6 PW's from across the river.

0117 - 2d Battalion S-2 called S-3 and reported that the prisoners are from the 525th Infantry Pioneer Company. They had 4 Machine Guns, but threw one in the river. They have 100 men extending from one bridge site to the other, West to East. They have no mortars, but do have 2 88's. One of the 88's is believed to be knocked out. Other 88 located at approximately 718-839. They think they are cut off. Seems to be less Kraut in front of the 409th than there is in front of us. 2d Battalion-S-2 doesn't think we will have much trouble crossing the river. Wants us to send someone to pick up the PW's.

0122 - S-3 called IPW Officer and instructed him to take his jeep and 2d Battalion liaison officer's jeep and go to second Battalion to pick up prisoners.

0127 - S-3 called 2d Battalion S-3 and informed him that we would pick up the prisoners as quickly as possible. 2d Battalion S-3 said the prisoners crossed the river in one large boat 16 feet long. Holds 20 men and they had one rubber boat that holds 6 men. The large boat operates on a cable and the prisoners said there are no more large boats on the other side of the river. Large boat believed to be operated from other side of river with the cable attached to front end.

0132 - S-3 gave G-3 (Lt. Eddens) the additional information on PW's.

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TIME: 0132B to 0732B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: JUNGINGE, GERMANY (675852)

- 0157- Major Gillman wants an officer from each Bn. to report at the bridge site at 0630. He is to have his own vehicle, know the number of vehicles in his Bn's column, know the travel time from assembly area to bridge, and know the route used.
- 0227- S5 to Lt. Eddens (G-3)- Upon inquiring, S5 learned that the river crossing hadn't started yet. Lt. Eddens said that the OI was on its way down. S5 checked with him on the bridge which is just inside our boundary.
- 0232- S5 to Lt. Eddens- Informed him that the 409th. didn't come to pick up the boats Capt. Williams has had in town here for him for some time.
- 0245- Lt. Eddens said 409th. have all the boats they need for the crossing and we should turn those we have had back to the Engrs.
- 0252- Second Bn. S3 says everything is quiet. He just came back from contacting 409th, Third Bn, and they were ready.
- 0254- Recd. OI No. 88
- 0358- Lt. Eddens to Major Lampart: 409th Third Bn., has established bridgehead and the Engrs. are starting on the bridge.
- 0445- Lt. Rittman's interrogation of six PW's: Unit-525 Inf. Engr. Repl. Co, Strength, 40 men, Armament, 30 LMG's, location near sta control house; defense- River bank definitely undefended at bridge to sta house at 708839; flanks- left flank of enemy unit consisted of Volksturm which left. Right flank defended by co. Nietharmer strength approximately 50 men.
- 0500- Negative report to G-3 (Lt. Eddens)
- 0536- Movement control says the officers who were to report at the bridge should not report there until further notice.
- 0645- S6 gave 383 FA S3 permission to register on positions across bridge. He said he knew where 409th. had their bridgehead.
- 0732- I & R did not make rec. as they did not receive a call. S3 told I & R to make the rcn. now.

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TIME: 0732B to 0855B

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY (675852)

0740- S3 called Div. Movement Control and asked about crossing a Bn. on tanks and TD's. Asked if it was plus any attachments we gave them. Movement control said it was plus the organics and any attachments. Said 409 had two companies across and only had a bridge head. Said the bridge would be in about 1400. Said he was going to put out another call for the liaison officers as prescribed in the plan to meet me, but want to be sure when the bridge will go in.

0750- Div. Engrs. wants to know if our Engr. attachment has any $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or 5 inch cable.

0750- Sgt. Neidenthal gave Second Bn. the following message to relay to Cannon Co. " CO report to Regt. CP in JUNGINGEN for orders. HJPH, Col.

0755- CO of Cn. Co called Second Bn. S5 and asked him to call Cn. Co. and tell them not to go into position but to remain march ordered as they were being attached to First Bn.

0801- Second Bn. wants a truck for 14 PW's.

0820- Report that the bridge may be in by 1600. We intend to go initially across the DANUBE river to BURLATINGEN and then either SW or SE.

0820- CO of Co. B 328 Engrs told Col/Childs he had about 1000 feet of cable.

0822- S6 called Third Bn S6 and told him we had two different stories when the bridge would be in. 1400 and 1600. S6 said he wouldn't be able to issue an order before 1100. Doesn't know whether Third Bn will go in right or left zone. Have to wait and see what the Cavalry Rcn Squadron does first. Third Bn S6 said he was feeding his men hot meals and getting them cleaned up.

0825- C/S called S6 and told him we would have a few hours here before we could go. Said our Td and Tanks could get a little maintenance done, but not to let them tear anything down. Said we could count on six hours.

0827- S6 called First Bn. S6 and gave him the C/S message. Told him he wouldn't issue an order before 1100.

0855- C/S called S6 and said we had priority on the bridge on our right. I would like you to be all set on the same movement we set up. We are going to send our Rcn. troop and some Td SP's across ahead of you.

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ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

TIME: 0855 to 1015

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY (675852)

- 0900- S6 called First Bn. S5 and said the picture was entirely changed and we might move out in an hour or two. Said he would issue an order at 0930 and for First Bn 6, 5, and 3 to be here. Rush the maintenance on the tanks and TD's.
- 0905- S6 called Third Bn S6 and gave him the same message as he gave First Bn. Said First Bn would move first and Third Bn. would move second. Third Bn S6 will be here at 0930 for the order.
- 0915- S6 called Second Bn. S6 and told him of the change in the situation.
- 0917- C/S told S6 that no 409 troops would be ahead of us on the bridge at OHMS. The only people who will be ahead of us will be Rcn. troops.
- 0927- Lt. Hughes called G3 and learned that two Bns. of 324 Inf. were across the river.
- 0929- Div. Comdr. called S6 and asked if C/S had called and given us information on using the bridge at OHMS. Div. Comdr. asked if our whole Regt. would use the bridge and S6 said yes. Div. Comdr told S6 to be ready to roll.
- 0940- S6 called Second Bn CP and asked them to relay the following message to Cn. Co CO: "Tell Capt. Foster to move his co. as promptly as possible to a point on the auto bahn N of JUNGINGEN and report to Regtl. CP for orders."
- 0940- C/S called S6 and told him he just recd. a call from Fllet 5 that the bridge at OHMS would be in by 1000. S6 told him that we couldn't possibly move by then, but would move as soon as possible. Told him Col. Selk had to go back to the hospital as he was sick, and Col. May would have to take command of First Bn.
- 0950- Movement Control called S3 and said he wanted one Ln. Officer per Bn. to report to the bridge in OHMS. They are to report to Capt. Gillispie.
- 0955- Lt. Hughes told FA Bn. that it would O.K. to fire in grid square 72 82. Asked him to check with 409 before they fired it though.
- 1015- G3 called S3 and told him Rcn. outfit was sending a representative over to us to explain what they were going to do in our zone.
- 1015- Fame 6 visited CP and left at 1020.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1015 to 1235

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY (675352)

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- 1036- C/S said bridge at OHMS would be opened at 1100.
- 1040- G2 says there are no Krauts along the river this morning. Thinks they all pulled out during the night.
- 1050- Wasp 6 told S6 he wanted to pull one platoon of tanks and service them. Says he has a platoon ready in line. S6 said he would let him know.
- 1110- S2 told First En. S5 that the 824 Rcn Co. is going to work in our zone. They will be in front us. After we are across the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron will pass through us and continue deep in our zone. (S2 also gave this to Second En.)
- 1115- G3 says the bridge is in at OHMS.
- 1120- S3 told G3 that our First En. was still here but ready to move. G3 said 824 Rcn. Co. would be over by the time we arrive.
- 1121- S3 called First En. S3 and told him the 824 Rcn. was probably across by now. Told him to get First En. rolling.
- 1125- Movement Control called and said they had just recd. a radio message that the bridge was in. S3 gave them our plan of march and told him our tanks, TD's and Cn are attached to First En.
- 1127- S3 called First En. S5 and told him the bridge was in and they were waiting for them.
- 1134- Se told G3 we had a En. of arty to support us until 383rd. gets across the river.
- 1135- Movement control called S3 and wanted to know when the head of our column would reach bridge. S3 told him at 1200.
- 1145- G3 said the 559 Kraut Div is mostly in front of Ffleet, but some may be in front of us.
- 1220- Major Gillman said Corp 6 is at the bridge and wants our units to move across as fast as possible. S3 told him First En. is there now; Third following, and then Second and Bagot.
- 1225- S3 gave above message to Second En. S3.

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DATE: 26 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1225 to 1535

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY (675852)

1240- Div. 10 called S3 and wanted to know if we had picked an Adv. CP location. S3 told him we had, and it would be located W. of C.P. #E49.

1245- Col. Thomas informed us that First Bn. at 1220 was crossing the bridge.

1330- Capt. Delcher reports he has been notified that STRAS and FAHLM have been cleared. S3 told Capt. Delcher First Bn. is going to split into two groups and clean up all towns in our sector with Second and Third following.

1342- Second Bn. moving out as of 1340.

1400- Message to S3 410th. Inf- Third Bn. almost across. Get Second on the move at once.

1400- Col. Thomas called S3 and told him we are to send one Ln. Officer to the 44th. Division who are now in BURGRIEDEN.

1412- Div. Comdr. arrived at CP and wanted to know the delay in sending Second Bn. across. S3 told him there was none, and that he would check into it himself.

1422- Msg. recd. from CO 410 to S3- "Third almost across bridge. Get Second on the move promptly. 1400.

1430- Message to Second Bn: Where are your leading elements?

1445- The Right column of our First Bn. is passing through NEUHAUSEN. (G3 notified)
Col. Thomas told Sgt. Niedenthal that friendly infantry are in a fire fight in KADELTSCHOTTEN

1515- Message from CO 410th. Head of column one kilometer E. of BURLAFINGEN. Request position of 409th.

1518- Div. called S2 and gave him following information: PW cage has been liberated at 7878. 50 Russians and 5 Americans released.

1527- Message to 409 S3- Give location of forward elements.

1535- Msg. from CO Third Bn: Head of column one kilometer E of BURLAFINGEN. Request positions of 409th.

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TIME: 1535 to 1710

PLACE: JUNGINGEN, GERMANY (675852)

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- 1540- Msg. to S6 from First Bn S6: R.F. column entering HOLZSCHWANZ. Left column PFAFFENHOFEN.
- 1543- Msg. to CO 410: Our forward elements last reports vic LEIBI. 409th. Inf.
- 1545- G2 notified S2 that our command group is at STEINHEIM.
- 1545-Msg. to CG 103Div from Asst. S3: Rt flank colm entering HOLZSCHWANZ. Left flank column at PFAFFENHOFEN at 1530.
- 1550- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Where are your leading elements?
- 1600- Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: Notify engrs. the wood bridging equipment with 2nd. Bn has been lost. Trailer broke down.
- 1600- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Steinheim almost cleared
- 1605- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Steinheim cleaned.
- 1605- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Protect flank toward woods E. of STRAFF until 409th. gets moving.
- 1613- Msg. to S5 from S6: CP moving to Steinheim
- 1615- Msg. to First Bn from S6: Check town two km E of PFAFFENHOFEN before crossing line thru WEISZENHOEN. Troop B coming up.
- 1625- Msg. to S5 from S6: Have S2 and S3 left
- 1630- Msg. to S6 from S5: Hdq. group moving to PFUHL. Will check at Steinheim on arrival.
- 1640- Msg. to S6 from First Bn: Both columns are abreast on E W line 70 in our zone.
- 1645- Old CP closed out of JUNGINGEN
- 1650-Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: Regarding Msg. No. 16,15, out of our area.
- 1652- Capt. Delcher told S2 that the town of Pfuhl has been cleared.
- 1700- Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: Where can we get a supply of gasoline getting low?
- 1710- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Holzheim clear. Left flank protected by Whipps.

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TIME: 1710 to 2015

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: WEISZENHORN, GERMANY (8070)

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- 1710- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Request location of First Bn and Fancy (409)
- 1720-Msg. to Second Bn from S6: Report position your leading elements.
- 1720- Msg. to Exec. from S6: Second is short of gasoline. Will they be able to get supply at Tfuhl?
- 1727- Msg. to S6 from S5: Second can get gas by 1800 at Tfuhl.
- 1745- Message to First Bn from S6: Report arrival at 86 NS line, and do not pass that line without further orders.
- 1746- Msg. to OJ 410 from Fancy: Friendly troops have reached 7105 and 8752. No resistance reported it is directed that you push your advance with all possible speed. Do not stop for darkness. Signed CG 1Qrd. Divison.
- 1755-Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: G at 74.4.78.1 E 600 yds. of Finningen.
- 1757- Msg. to S6 from S5: Can move gas into Steinheim by 1830 closed Tfuhl at 1745.
- 1800- Msg. to S5 from S6: come up to see me at Steinheim
- 1805- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Second now at point E 55. 409 still in original positions but the troop is sweeping 409 zone. First is 8 km beyond point E56. Just keep L encheloned to left rear.
- 1815- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Request permission to withdraw Whipp's from left flank.
- 1830- Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: E has passed thru REHUTTI.
- 1920- Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: Second at 75.0-74.8
- 2005- Msg. to S5- Ansen wicks reports 200 enemy coming out of Autenreid.
- 2005- Msg. to S6 from Rcn. Patrol: My rcn. patrol fired on from OBERHAUSEN.
- 2015- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Civial just arrived from REICHENBACH reports town full of Krauts. Get them.
- 2015- CP opened in WELSZENHORN (8070) G3 notified.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 2015 to 2400

PLACE: WEISZENHORN, GERMANY (8070)

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- 2030- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Enemy small arms fire in woods 84.0-72.5
- 2102- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Intercepted radio message read as follows: 200 enemy coming out of Autenreud 865770 toward Biberberg 835755. Message believed coming from rcn. unit to your left rear.
- 2105- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Have intercepted radio message reading: My recon patrol fired on from Oberhausen.
- 2115- G3 called S3 for location of our front line elements. S3 told him we hadn't been able to locate them as yet but had a radio out on the hill now trying to locate them. Tell him Second Bn. closed into this town.
- 2130- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Am sending Co L to Oberhausen
- 2230- S3 called G3 and told him our Second Bn was in WEISZENHORN. Third Bn in Biberachzel. Freed an American PW from the 384 FA.
- 2325- 409 3rd. Bn at 8976 as of 2100. Task force 4000 meters E of First Bn.
- 2340- S6 called G3 and told him we had 7 prisoners from the 12th. Co. 1214 Inf, 189 Div. 400 to 500 men in their /Bn. and there are in the woods just E of us. They are to defend and not to withdraw. S6 gave them the route they came. G3 will check with Div. Comdr. & see if we are to clean them out or leave them.
- 2345- Msg. to Third Bn from O 410th. Report present situation.
- 2355- Message to Third Bn : Plan to shuttle tomorrow.

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TIME: 0100 to 0600

ORGANIZATION: 410TH, INFANTRY

PLACE: WEISENHORN, GERMANY (8070)

0015- Msg. from S6 to First Bn: Cannot raise you by radio. Tank radio has not been able to contact its co all day. What are call sign it should use?

Following is repeat of Msg. to me from Div.: Friendly troops on your right are at 8752. No resistance reported. It is directed that you push your advance with all possible speed. Do not stop for darkness. Push on to center of corp objective except for necessary stops for gasoline and servicing. Continue to cover regtl. zone to greatest extent possible. S6.

0020- S6 called G3 and was ordered to push on and leave this stuff in the woods E of us for 411th. to clean up.

0021- S6 ordered Third Bn. to shove off.

0022- S6 ordered Second Bn. to rack up and shove off. Second Bn S6 says if we give him some trucks he will go to the corp objective.

0100- S3 called G3 and asked if 409 was going to skip the woods entirely. G3 said the 409 had the same mission as we did and that was to push on and not bother to clean up.

0205- Msg. from Lt. O'Regan: I am at Babenhaus. No contact with First. At 10th. Armored Div. CP. S6 sent Lt. O'Regan the following message: Return to Oberhausen. I will contact you there.

0220- S6 called Div and told him we could not contact our First Bn. S6 told Capt. Delcher that to make speed we might have to swing out of our zone and Capt. Delcher said that would be O.K.

0225- Third Bn. will move at 0230. Will arrive in this town about 0330. They are to follow Second Bn. Gave Third Bn S6 the route to follow as given to us by Lt. Sedin of First Bn.

0230- Msg. to Third Bn. Do not advance beyond my CP town except on order from me. Keep arty. Ln. O. with radio near you. S6.

0240- Message to First Bn from S6: Rack up at once and continue movement on Mindelheim Fame 6 says we must move day and night. Radio me when you move out.

0600- Msg. to S6 from First Bn: Request 300 cans of gas. also hard rations for supper today.

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TIME: 0600 to 0911

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: WEISENHORN, GERMANY (8070)

- 0605- Msg. to First Bn from S6: There will be gas along route of Second later this morning. Keep pushing hard, to keep ahead of Second and Third.
- 0645- Message to S6 from First Bn: Right column on phase line D Pushing ahead.
- 0705- Message to S6 from First Bn: Ridge at Kirchsach was not taken. Can it be bypassed?
- 0700- Msg to First Bn from S6: Yes, bypass it. Inform Second of new route.
- 0815*-Msg. to CG 103rd. Div: Right column First at our Phase Line D held up by destroyed bridge. Now trying to find bypass. Position of left column not yet determined. All of Second and FA have crossed Phase Line B.
- 0740- Msg. to S6 from 107 Sq: Forward elements are in Krumbach.
- 0740- Msg. to First Bn from S6: On completing sweeping zone to N boundary of objective, seize and secure large town in center of our zone on objective. What is latest information on your left column?
- 0755-Msg. to S4 from S5: Will need about 500 cans gas also rations at Mindelheim as soon as possible.
- 0805- Msg. to Third & First Bns from S6: Forward cavalry elements are in town where Phase Line C intersects left boundary.
- 0812*Msg to S3 from 409: Request location of your bns.
- 0827-Msg. to 409 from S3: First N of Badernau Second Kettershhausen Third Selfertshofen.
- 0830-Msg to S6 from First Bn: Are going into town in center of objective town full of our friend 10th. armored. are waiting for gas.
- 0900- Msg. from 409: Leading Bn. at Burg. Head of two remaining Bns. at Hesechurst.
- 0905- Msg. to CG 103rd. Div fr. S6: New OI NO. 89 cannot be plotted due to lack of maps. Need 150 copies of Fussen sheet.
- 0911- Msg. to Second Bn from S6: What route are you following? Where us head of column?

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TIME: 0911 to 1340

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: WEISSENHORN, GERMANY (8070)

- 0930- Msg. to CG 103rd. Div from S6; Right column of First Bn has cleared Mindelheim. Request latest positions of 409th.
- 1010- Msg. to S6 from 107 Sq: Our Plan B Mindelheim. Rest of unit at Krumbach.
- 1055- Msg. to Third Bn from S6: 409 at 0900 had one Bn near their left boundary and in prolongation our E phase line. Remaining Bns near center their zone between our B and C phase lines extended. Report your positions by Phase Line.
- 1110-Msg. to S6 from First Bn; Arrived Mindelheim 0930. Request instructions.
- 1130-Msg. to First Bn from S6; Await my arrival for further instructions. Has your left column closed in?
- 1131*Msg. to S6 from Third Bn; Request location of Div. Advance CP.
- 1125-Msg. to S6 from : Est. 3000 to 4000 enemy are in vic. of Kirchein
- 1150- Msg. to Third Bn from S6; Div. reports 3000 to 4000 enemy vic Kirchein. Establish rd. block Hausen. Protect left flank from vic. Pfaffenhausen.
- 1150-Msg. from G3; Rpt location of your CP and leading elements immediately.
- 1155- Msg. to G3; Fire fight now going on in Neuberg
- 1200-Msg. to Third Bn from S6; Div. reports 3000 to 4000 enemy vic. Kirchein. Establish rd. block at Hausen. Protect left flank from vic. Pfaffenhufen.
- 1210-Msg. to S6 from Second Bn; Second Bn. closed in area 1100.
- 1235-Msg. to S6 from Third Bn; Reached objective 1200 captured enemy hosp. with 4000 wounded.
- 1320-Msg. to S6 from Third Bn; Request coordinates of position for rd. block and strength desired.
- 1330- CP opened in MINDLEHEIM (052-422).
- 1340-Msg. to Third & Second Bns from S6; Rpt to CP for orders at once. Prepare Bns. to move. gas here.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1340 to 2035

PLACE: MINDLEHEIM, GERMANY (052-422)

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- 1415-Msg. to S6 from 107 Cav. Sq: Positions still same as Msg. given at 1010.
- 1445- Msg. to CO 242 Fabric from S6: Assemble all of your Bn. in town now held by Third En. immediately. Orders will be down by Third En CO. Same mission.
- 1447-Msg. to G3 from S3: First En. closed Mindleheim 0930. Second at Didelewang and 383rd. at Wafelrach 1100. Third at Beuchworishofen 1200. CP Mindleheim 1330. Refueling, issuing maps, preparing to continue mission. Request 409 be informed. Request positions 409 and Fleet. Third En. captured enemy Med. Bn and more than 2000 Krauts at Hosp.
- 1500-Msg to G4 from S6: Need gasoline. Can get 1500 cans from 10th. armored here at 1800. Need 2500 for arty alone. Will you have any gas here before 1800.
- 1505-Msg. to S6 from Third En: Third En motor officer unable to obtain gasoline from 410. Can this be rectified.
- 1545-Msg. to G4 from S6: I need 6000 gallons or 1250 cans of gasoline to be able to roll. When and where will you deliver it. Also need immediately one days hard rations for Ct less one En.
- 1630- En Comdrs. left CP.
- 1630- 06 arrived CP
- 1700- 06 left CP
- 1745- CP at MINDLEHEIM closed.
- 1835-Msg. to S6 from Second Bn: Second En. pushing off 1835.
- 1845-Msg. to S6 from First Bn: On objective have two bridges intact. securing objective.
- 1900- Msg. to CG 103rd. Div from S6: First En. reports it is at CP 85, has seized two bridges there intact, and is securing the town. Suggest Crown move there tonight and take over security of bridges. My CP now at Baiswell.
- 2020-Msg. to Third Bn from S6: Is there a bridge E of Schlingen
- 2035-Msg. to First Bn from S6: Will you need any assistance from Second Bn?

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DATE: 27 April 1945

TIME: 2035 to 2400

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: BAISWELL, GERMANY (099 310)

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- 2100- CP opened at BAISWELL (099 310)
- 2130- Msg. to S6 from CG 1Grd. Div: Report location of CP and positions of advanced elements immediately.
- 2200-Msg. to G3 from S6: 410 CP at Baiwell. First at 85 Rcn to P1 X Blue Rcn SE and S Schlingen.
- 2200-Msg. to G3 from S3: Advanced elements Fleet contacted Friesenried. Request 409 positions.
- 2305- Msg. to S6 from Third Bn: Give location of collecting Co B 328 Medics.
- 2355-Msg. to Third Bn from S3: Div. Adv. now at Mindelheim. Collecting Co. at Baiswell. Notify arty gas available bfrom QM at Mindelheim.

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DATE: 28 April 1945

TIME: 0001 to 1020.

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: STOTTEN, GERMANY (215085)

- 0010 - Msg from Div: "You are directed to continue your advance tonight to close on LECH River in your Z and seize crossing over LECH R in your zone."
- 0140 - Msg to CO 3d Bn from S-6: "Report for orders at BAISWEIL at once."
- 0145 - Msg from Div: "Div CP opens BIDDINGEN morning of 28th Apr 45."
- 0150 - Msg to CO 1st Bn from S-6: "Change in orders since you left. Move without delay. AT Co will relieve guards. Move before daylight."
- 0245 - Msg to S-3, 409th Inf from S-3: "Report locations advance elements."
- 0545 - CP closed at BAISWEIL.
- 0635 - Msg to CO 3d Bn from S-6: "Report present location of head of your column with relation to point 'H' (BERNBACH)."
- 0645 - Msg from Div: "409th Inf vic SIHONGAU (3518); 411th 3d Bn in LANDSYBERG (3444); 1st Bn in HUCHLOE (2342)."
- 0715 - Msg to S-6 from 2d Bn CO: "Have reached Phase Line 'Y'. Behind Crown (10th Arm'd) can't pass them. From 1st Bn."
- 0720 - Msg to S-6 from 3d Bn CO: "My position is 5 Kil north of BERNBACH. Is 1st Bn ahead of me. Shall I move on."
- 0720 - Msg to 3d Bn CO from S-6: "Do not know 1st Bn's position but push on rapidly."
- 0725 - Msg to S-6 from 2d Bn CO: "Head of column at STOTTEN."
- 0730 - Msg to S-6 from CO 1st Bn: "Held up on Phase Line 'Y' by 10th Arm'd."
- 0745 - Msg to G-3 from S-3: "1st Bn held up NE Phase Line 'Y' by 10th Arm'd."
- 0805 - Msg to G-3 from S-3: "1st & 2d Bns on Phase Line 'Y' held up by 10th Arm'd."
- 0830 - Msg to 3d Bn CO from S-6: "Do not pass point S (BERNBEUER) except with patrols, without first checking to see that 1st Bn is not ahead of you and held up at Point 'W'."
- 0925 - Msg to S-6 from 1st Bn CO: "Have reached objective and find both bridges out. I am sending out Rcn to find another bridge in zone."
- 1020 - Msg from Div: "CG directs that you report immediately location of your leading elements and your CP."
- 1000 - Msg to S-6 from 2d Bn CO: "Both bridges out, request instructions and permission to return to TANNENBERG until situation clarifies."

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DATE: 28 April 1945

TIME: 1021B to 1330B

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- 1040 - Msg to CO 2d Bn from S-6: "Hold your Bn about halfway between points ROSSHAUPTEN and vic. LECHBRUCK." (Signed - Fatal 6 - HJP Harding).
- 1042 - Message to Blue 6 (3d Bn. CO): "Hold your Battalion in vicinity of point South BERNBEURER until further orders." (Signed - Fatal 6 - HJP Harding).
- 1055 - Message to S-6: "At Critical Point South BERNBEURER patrolling to West FABOER. Armor ahead. 1st Battalion not located." (Signed - CO 3d Battalion).
- 1100 - Message to CG, 103d Infantry Division: "My CP on SCHONGAU road, just east of MAERT OBERDORF. 1st Battalion has reached river and has a Company at each of the two bridge sites in my zone. Both bridges are out. 2d Battalion NE of ROSSHAUPTEN. 3d Battalion on the OB-LECHBRUCK road, at Phase Line Y. Moving my CP to vicinity STOTTEN. Request instructions." (Signed - CO 410 Inf - HJP Harding, Col.).
- 1103 - Message to CO 410th Infantry: "We are at SCHONGAU. What is your location?" (Signed - S-3, 409th Infantry).
- 1115 - Message to CO, 410th Infantry: "Two combat patrols are reconnoitering. Patrol working between BERNBEURER and River. Artillery in position. Field observer with patrols." (Signed - 3d Battalion CO).
- 1140 - Message to CO 1st Battalion: "Where is your CP?" (Signed - CO 410th Infantry - HJP Harding, Col.).
- 1200 - Message to CO 410th Infantry: "CP at ROSSHAUPTEN." (Signed 1st Battalion CO).
- 1200 - Message to CO 410th Infantry: "Where is your CP located? Medics want to know." (Signed - 3d Battalion).
- 1215 - CP opened at STOTTEN (215-085).
- 1225 - Message to CO 3d Battalion: "CP is at STOTTEN" (Signed - CO 410 Inf).
- 1200 - Message to G-3: "410 CP at STOTTEN 1130. 1st and 2d Battalions along River. Bridges out. Request 409th positions." (Signed - S-3, McCarthy, Captain).
- 1225 - Message to CG, 103d Infantry Division, Attention G-2: "Please advise location of Division PW cage." (Signed - Denges, S-2 - Denges, Captain).
- 1300 - Division PW cage located at SCHONGAU (37-17).
- 1330 - Message to G-3: "Request elements 410 AT Company guarding bridges and captured equipment at KAUFBEUFEN be relieved. Less than one rifle company necessary." (Signed - CO 410 Inf. - McCarthy, Captain).

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DATE: 28 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1331B to 1715.

PLACE: STOTTEN, GERMANY (215035)

- 1335 - Message to CO 1st Battalion: "Have entire river between DIELINGEN and LECHBRUCK checked for any ford which would enable tanks, trucks, etc., to get across." (Signed - CO 410 Infantry - HJP Harding, Col.).
- 1335 - Message to CO 410th Infantry: "You are directed to report your CP and Unit locations at once." (Signed - Chief of Staff).
- 1335 - Message to CO 3d Battalion: "1st Battalion has a Company at FALCHER and elements at DIEFRINGEN, which cannot advance. 2d Battalion is between FRESSLEBREUTE and LECHBRUCK. Have requested instructions." (Signed CO 410 Inf. - HJP Harding).
- 1330 - Message to G-3: "Request elements 410 AT Company guarding bridges and captured equipment at KAUFBEUREN be relieved. Less than one rifle company necessary." (Signed - CO 410 Inf. - McCarthy, Captain).
- 1430 - Message to CO 3d Battalion: "Have road from BERNBEUREN through O to N reconnoitered and submit report. My CP at STOTTEN." (Signed - CO 410th Inf. - HJP HARDING).
- 1431 - Message to CO 2d Battalion through 3d Battalion: "Have road from LECHBRUCK to BERNBEUREN reconnoitered and submit report. My CP at STOTTEN, which is on same road as MARKT-ORENDORF and FRESSLEBREUTE." (SIGNED - CO 410 Inf. - HJP Harding, Col.).
- 1145 - Message to CG 103d Infantry Division: "Your radio message dated 1150 received at 1331. No essential changes since my message of 1100. CP is at STOTTEN. 1st Battalion has 1 company at LECHBRUCK and 1 company along river vicinity DIEFRINGEN (2597). Remainder of 1st Battalion at ROSSHAUPTEN (2499). This Battalion is patrolling near bank and checking for possible crossing sites. 2d Battalion along road running east from FRESSLEBREUTE (2302). 3d Battalion in area around BERNBEUREN (2808) and patrolling river vicinity DESSAU (3109)." (Signed CO 410 Inf. O HJP Harding, Col.).
- 1645 - Message to CO 410 Inf.: "We now have about 500 prisoners with more coming in. Shall I start them walking back to Regiment." (1st Battalion).
- 1405 - Message to CO 410 Inf.: "CP located at LECHBRUCK." (Signed 2d Battalion CO).
- 1627 - Message to 410 Inf.: "Road is O.K." (Signed - 3d Battalion).
- 1630 - Received positions of 409th Infantry from Lt. Hinkle (Division Liaison Officer): 1st Battalion at SCHONGAU; 2d Battalion at ALLTENS; 3d Battalion at HOHENFAUCH.
- 1655 - Message to 410th Infantry: "Route good between points Victor and Sugar. One turn around for convoys." (Signed 2d Battalion).
- 1700 - Assistant Division Commander visited CP.
- 1715 - Assistant Division Commander visited CP.

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TIME: 1716B to 2400B.

PLACE: STOTTEN, GERMANY (215085)

1630 - 824th TD's, Company "B" has a phone - WARLIKE BAKER.

1930 - 781st Tanks, Company "B" has a phone - WASP BAKER.

1935 - Lt. Hughes called G-3 and was informed that the bridge in the 409th Infantry zone would be done around 2400. G-3 would like a list of all people doing rear area guarding. 3d Battalion of 397th Infantry in FUSSEN. 3d Battalion of 398th Infantry at 160895. 409th 2d Battalion on the river; 1st and 3d Battalions behind the 2d Battalion.

1955 - 1st Battalion S-5 called S-3 and told him that Companies "A", "B", and Battalion Hq. at ROSSHAUPTON and Company "C" on the river where the old bridge was. They almost lost 2 tanks and 6 men trying to find a ford. No fording sites are available. River has deep channels and current is swift. Asst. Div. Comdr. and G-2 said there aren't any places available to ford and it will probably be tomorrow at 1200 before we move. S-3 said that S-6 orders that we continue patrolling this side of the river.

2000 - Negative report to G-3.

2100 - Negative report to G-3.

2200 - Negative report to G-3.

2300 - Negative report to G-3.

2400 - Negative report to G-3.

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DATE: 29 April 1945

TIME: 0001B to 0940B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: STOTTEN, GERMANY (215085)

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- 0100 to 0300 - Negative reports to G-3.
- 0350 - Div O.I. #90 received.
- 0400 - Message received from Div: "Send elements of 115th Cav group which have been operating from your HQ to report to their CP HQ vic SCHINABDASH BRUCKWOKE (3216) at once.
- 0400 - Gasoline dump now located in SCHONGAU (375167).
- 0420 - Asst S-3 gave Liaison from 115th Cav Gp the 0400 entry.
- 0500 & 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.
- 0800 - 2d and 3d Bn S-3 say the bridge will be in by 1030 or 1100.
- 0817 - G-3 called Lt HUGHES and he informed them that we did have plans for control of bridge and traffic. G-3 said it would be in at 1100 and would be our responsibility.
- 0822 - S-6 called Lt HUGHES and wanted to know if we made arrangements with 220 FA to pick up prisoners at our 1st Bn. Lt HUGHES said we didn't. S-6 checked on it again and said they were probably were suppose to go to the 44th Div. Lt HUGHES told him the bridge would be in at 1100. S-6 said our 1st Bn had 800 prisoners.
- 0837 - S-6 called LT HUGHES and said the 1st Bn objects to having it's attachments taken away and want to remain the mechanized Bn instead of 2d Bn so change it on the map and have them move first instead of the 2d Bn.
- 0845 - Capt THORNE to LT McSURLLEY: "Told him to put in a phone at the bridge and let us know when it is in."
- 0900 - Lt EDDENS (G-3) called Lt HUGHES and said the treadway in the 409th Inf zone is open. The armor is now using it and will be followed by 409th. He said the Engrs would revert back to us after the bridge crossing.
- 0904 - S-3 called 2d Bn and told him to have S-6 called us when he arrived.
- 0917 - S-6 called S-3 and gave him the march order as 1st, 2d and 3d Bns. Said he would take care of informing the 2d & 3d Bns of move and wants S-3 to inform the 1st Bn to follow their Co "C" across and go into area around SHOBER. Co "B" to go down thru PREM down to EUCHING then N to rejoin Bn. HQ Co to go across after all combat teams are over. S-6 wants forward CP to move to LECHERUCK.
- 0940 - S-3 gave 1st Bn S-3 their instructions as in above message.

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TIME: 1008B to 1615B

PLACE: STOTTEN, GERMANY (215085)

- 1008 - Lt HUGHES informed 2d Bn S-3 that our Capt THORNE was on the way down to bridge with enough men to regulate the traffic.
- 1018 - Lt HUGHES called G-3 (Lt EDDENS) and told him that the only troops we have to the rear of CP is one Platoon of AT Co guarding a signal dump at (14-26).
- 1035 - Lt HUGHES informed 2d Bn S-3 to keep 75 yards between all vehicles.
- 1042 - S-3 called G-3 and informed him that we do have guards at the bridge. Also told him that our battalions were going over in order: 1st, 2d and 3d. G-3 said they were going to try and get a Rcn Troop from 824th TD attached to us.
- 1050 - S-3 Jr called S-3 and told him guards are posted and AA is in position around bridge. He gave S-2 information that the people who blew up the bridge near LECHBRUCK are supposed to be in the town of BAYRSOEN.
- 1053 - 2d Bn S-3 called S-3 and told him he had sent Lt DONAHUE to bridge site. S-6 came to the phone and told S-3 that everything at the bridge was taken care of. S-6 left 242d Arty at LECHBRUCK in position as we will have to figure on getting transportation for our troops that were riding on their vehicles.
- 1135 - 1st vehicle of 1st Bn ready to cross bridge.
- 1136 - Told G-3 (Lt EDDENS) first vehicle of 1st Bn crossed bridge at 1135.
- 1158 - G-3 says they have a group staking out a CP at STEINGADEN (34-05). They have two light tanks with them. (Informed Asst S-3 at bridge).
- 1205 - Co "C" is across the river.
- 1208 - Bridge is out and will be in about 3/4 of an hour.
- 1215 - S-3 informed G-3 of 1205 & 1208 entries. Co "C" is going to head east.
- 1222 - We learned that the bridge was in again. It isn't completely repaired but the vehicles are going across. Informed Div of same.
- 1250 - 1st Bn is all across the river and the 2d Bn is ready to start across now. (Informed G-3).
- 1342 - Msg fr Div: "One Plat 824 TD Rcn Co is attached to 410th Inf effective at once. Platoon will report to your HQ south of river employ to assist your Rcn."
- 1615 - Msg fr 2d Bn CO to S-6: "2d Bn closed in area 1545. CP at EUCHING. Have captured approx. 100 PW's."

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DATE: 29 April 1945

TIME: 1630B to 2400B

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: FREEM, GERMANY (300045)

- 1630 - CP opened at FREEM (300025). G-3 notified.
- 1630 - Msg to CO 2d Bn: "Rcn and check the towns in the area HERDWEG - HOHEN SCHWANGEN - FUSSEN - DEUTENHAUSEN and establish contact with elements of 44th Div which should be in FUSSEN." (Signed: CO 410th Inf).
- 1740 - 3d Battalion closed at 1600 at TRAUCHGAW. Co "X" & Bn attachments at RIED.
- 1800 - G-3 reports at 1515 BTTAL (5291) surrendered. CCA Task Force has CP in OBER-ANDERGUE. Task Force Chamberlain moving S from (212810).
- 1805 - Disposition of 2d Bn: Co "E" at HALBLECH; Co "F" (-) S end of EUCHING; One Plat of Co "F" & MG Section from Co "H", Section of TD's at HERDWEG; Co "G" at East end of EUCHING; Co "H" (- one MG Sect) plus TD's & 4.2 Mortars & Engr Plat at BAYERNIEDERHOHEN.
- 1810 - 383d FA Bn closed into area vic PFEFFERREHEL & BERGHOF (CP town) at 1600. (G-3 notified).
- 2015 - 2d Bn S-3 called and said they had made contact with 44th Div. (71st Regt) at 1945 at FUSSEN. They are moving their forward CP (44th Div) to HEUTE and Sv Co to FUSSEN.
- 2020 - 1st Bn CO gave us the following information: CP at FRONRETTEN; "B" at SCHOERN; Co "C" at KREUZGT; Cn Co at KREUZGT; Co "C" & Engrs in FRONRETTEN. Closed into area at 1330. (G-3 notified).
- 2030 - G-3 (Capt DALCHER) gave us the following information: Elements of COB at (3073) at 1905. CCA reached OBERAU (5690) closely followed by 409th Inf.
- 2100 to 2400 - Negative reports to G-3.

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DATE: 30 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 0955

PLACE: PREM, GERMANY (300-025)

- 0130- First Bn Ln. Officer reports his Bn. closed in at OBER AMMERGAN at 2145. They will recon the road in area assigned them early in the morning. Rear CP still at FROHRETTEN.
- 0530- Capt. Young called for information on our Bn. positions. Gave him 0130 entry and told him that was the only change we had at present.
- 0625- Div. reports 409th. at MITTENWALD as of 2400 held up by 10 AD.
- 0715- S6 called Second Bn S3 and told him we would most probably move today and to have Second Bn. ready to move on one half hour notice.
- 0717- S6 called Third Bn and informed him to have his Bn. ready to move on half hour notice. Third Bn CO said there are no vehicle roads in his zone.
- 0718- S6 called First Bn. Executive and told him to be ready to move his Bn. on half hour notice. Ex. said his Bn. CO and Rcn. Platoon was last reported at OBER AMMERGAN.
- 0730- Message to CO First Bn; Send information through Div. Adv. CP at PARTEN KIRCHEN. Push your rcn with vigor. Use this Rcn Platoon to assist you. Information here indicates that your unit reconnoitering road W from Parten Kirchen. Should be able to contact elements CCB and 71st. Inf. in vic. of LERMOOS(3771) Signed CO 410th. Inf.
- 0738- S6 called Second Bn. S3 and asked if they found out where the bridge was down. S6 said to shove somebody down and see where the 409th. got across the river at FUSSEN.
- 0755- S6 called First Bn. Executive and told him to have one squad out of Plat. of Co B 328th. Engrs go up on main road to Stein to meet CO Co. B. They are to remove road blocks.
- 0800- Third Bn. S3 told S3 that their reconnaissance they sent out could not find a road through the mountains. Said they were probably trails up there you could walk through, but no roads.
- 0910- Asst. S3 told CO Second Bn. that S6 was on the way down to see him.
- 0943- S6 called in and said he was at Second Bn. and had already been to Third Bn.
- 0955- Second Bn S3 called and said they have 35 Ukrian women down in BUCHING who are displaced persons. They were forced to walk 63 kilometers to get there and weren't well received by the civilian population. Have them in a corner building in the center of town. Wants to know what to do with them. Asst. S3 said he would check with Military Government on it.

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DATE: 30 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0955 to 1320

PLACE: PHEM, GERMANY (300-025)

1045- Redwood directs Hayfeaver detached and assembled. Direct officer representative with truck status report at once to Ramshalle. Fagot 2 informed Fagot 3 of this. Redwood 6 directs that PARTENKIRCHEN LIEBMOOS (38 41) road be opened. Contact adjacent elements. Tie in point 410 798. Last reported COB location LIEBMOOS at 0800B. (The first message was authorized to be sent in the clear by Capt. Delcher at Fame 3. The Second will be sent in code.)

1200- S6 called First Bn. Executive and was informed that the Third Bn, 411th. are in draw, vic

1215- Lt. Hughes told Third Bn S3 they would probably loose the 242 FA. Asked him how many of the Bn. they carried. Third Bn. S3 said they carried practically the whole Bn. Said he could move the Bn. with twenty trucks. Lt. Hughes told Third Bn S3 there was no indication of when we would move.

1245- Asst. S3 called Second Bn. S3 and learned that Second Bn. rides 1 1/2 Rifle Cos. on attached TD's and Chem. Mortars and 1 1/2 Rifle Cos. on 363 FA. Rest ride on organics.

1247- S5 called Third Bn S3 and told him Second Bn. moves all Heavy Weapons on Heavy Weapons vehicles, all Hq. on Hq. vehicles. 1 1/2 Cos. on TD's and Chem. Mortars, and 1 1/2 cos. on arty. Third Bn S3 said he didn't think it could be done. Said they had only 3 TD half tracks and chem. mortars had 4 vehicles-3 jeeps and 1 3/4. S5 told him we would see what could be done on it.

1300- Message to CO, 410th. Inf; Fame CP opened GARMISCH 528 at 1100. Signed Fame 6 at 1145.

1310- Second Bn. S3 says there is no way to get through the wood in their zone. Ran into some Krait E. of BUCHING and captured one officer. The rest of the men got away. They had a 50 cal air corps MG was captured.

1315- AT Co. Comdr ordered to go back and relieve his platoon guarding German equipment in our rear areas.

1320- S3 called First Bn S5 and asked if they had been able to contact the 44th. Div. yet. First Bn S5 said they hadn't. Said 411th. Inf. was shooting arty. over the woods up in this area.

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DATE: 30 April 1945

TIME: 1320 to 1615

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

PLACE: PREM, GERMANY (300-025)

- 1330- C/S told S6 it was safe to send out patrol for four hours as he knows of no immediate movement for us. Will warn us when he hears of any move. S6 told him we had no routes through our area.
- 1340- Lt. Hughes said First Bn. could send out patrols for four hours. First Bn. S5 said he would send out two combat patrols, one from A and one from B, SE of FRENHOTTEN. They will go past the 00 grid line.
- 1355- Asst. S3 told Third Bn S3 the Hq. of 83rd. Chem Co. 824 TD, and 614 TD attached for purpose of movement.
- 1400- First Bn S5 says B co. just picked up four British PW's. Sending them up to us to question.
- 1440- First Bn. S5 says an ME 109 visited the First Bn. CP area and dropped a bomb. No report of damage.
- 1546- First Bn. S5 says there are several road blocks directly E from SCHORER. They are abandoned. Some Italians just came in from that way.
- 1555- First Bn. S5 says one of their patrols came in and said they got all the way up to 42 grid line in the last opening. The roads petered out on them there. Came back to the 45.5 grid line. They started up there with some destroyers. There is a river that runs by the road and only a foot clearance. No good for vehicles. Came back and now have two destroyers trying to gain contact with 71st. Inf. Didn't run into anything.
- 1600- First Bn. S3 called and said they sent Rcn. out to the first draw and on to the right. At the first draw they saw nothing. The rd. is good all the way out to the draw. Side rds. are no good for vehicles. Out to the right from GARNISCH on the main rd. at grid squares 43 80, the rd. is blocked and mined. It is a pretty good road. Wants us to call Bn. and get the Engrs. up to their CP at OBERAU. Right across St. from Div. clearing Co. Asst S3 told First Bn. S3 he would take care of it.
- 1602- Asst. S3 told First Bn. 5 of above message.
- 1615- Third Bn. S6 told S5 he had 40 PW's, and Div. had turned them down. S6 said he would check on it.

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DATE: 30 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1615 to 2400

PLACE: PREM, GERMANY (300-025)

1720- S3 told Second Bn. S6 that he was nothing no movement yet; doubt if we will move before morning due to jammed roads. Have a rd. block reported at outskirts of GARMISCH manned by dug in troops.

1815- First Bn. S5 to Lt. Hughes; Sending 20 Krauts prisoners down. Only information of importance was about rd. blocks.

1900- Fame 12 to S6; Would like to borrow one of our generators as theirs are in for repair and overhaul. S6 was going to look into it and Fame 12 would call back in half an hour.

1910- S5 to First Bn. S5; First Bn. S5 says he has no contact with First Bn. S6. Said it takes about four hours to get down to the rd. block. S5 told him to check woods N of WEIS because there is an estimated 60 Krauts there. S4 got shot at in that area. First Bn. S5 said he would use two TD's there.

1930- Lt. Mc.Shirley to S6; Hr says he has the one portable generator which is capable of lighting approximately two hours, and turns out 90 volts to spare but it likes to keep that one use when we set up a forward CP. S6 said he would call back on it.

2130- First Bn. S5 to S5; Captured ten Krauts in woods. Also 20 intact vehicles.

2140- Message to S4; Area where you were fired upon has been cleared. 20 intact vehicles were found. Suggest investigating same. S3 Lt. Hughes.

2200- Answer to 2140 Msg. Will investigate vehicles early in morning. S4

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DATE: 23 April 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1829H to 1925H

PLACE: GUTENBERG, GERMANY (317944)

1831 - S-6 called S-3 and told him the 1st Battalion was going fast but would not make MUNSINGEN tonight. S-6 instructed him to shoot AT Company into BOHRINGEN. S-3 didn't want to do this as there might be a counterattack coming into 2d Battalion CP town. S-6 told him to hold up on it then.

1830 - 1st Battalion reports "B" Company cleared town of GRUORN at 1745. "B" Company is going on to TRAILFINGEN and "C" Company will occupy GRUORN.

1840 - S-6 called 409th 2d Battalion S-5 and asked why their Battalion was moving along the ridge to the East. 2d Battalion S-5 said they wanted to clean out the woods as they were receiving fire from there, and then they would continue their mission.

1842 - 3d Battalion CO called S-6: "Things are a little rough. "L" Company is making just a little progress and "K" Company is held up by SP fire. They captured two prisoners, former OCS students. These students say they are fighting on their own military maneuver ground."

1846 - S-3 called 3d Bn. S-1 and told him that 409th 2d Battalion was going to clean out the woods on their flank before they continue their mission.

1850 - S-6 to S-3 (S-3 is at 2d Battalion CP). S-3 reports that the Krauts are digging in 200 yards Southwest and Northwest of LERNINGEN. They are digging in on the lower slopes. If artillery FO can spot them he will put artillery on it. S-6 told him to make use of the AT men as we don't want our MSR cut.

1900 - 2d Bn. S-2 called Asst. S-3 and wants transportation to pick up 45 PW's. Asst. S-3 said he would take care of it.

1912 - Division Air Officer wants to put an air mission on URACH in 10 or 15 minutes. S-6 said it was O.K.

1915 - 3d Battalion receiving a heavy counterattack coming from the East against its CP town of SCHLATTSTALL. "I" Company has been committed to prevent the Krauts from getting close enough to cut the MSR by fire and to keep "L" Company from being completely surrounded. S-6 ordered 3d Bn. CO to withdraw "L" Company, but under no circumstances to withdraw "K" Company from the ridge. Also warned him that he might have to use "L" Company to clear up the situation to the North. 3d Bn. CO was directed to keep the enemy from reaching a position where they could cut the MSR with small arms fire.

1925 - 1st Battalion CO called S-6 and told him they were receiving a lot of artillery and didn't think he could make his objective tonight. S-6 told him that the 3d Battalion had received a strong counterattack.

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