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DATE: 1 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0020A to 1730A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826291)

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0020 - 1st Bn S-2 called S-2 and said he thinks the artificial moonlight has been adjusted as well as possible. He also said that he planned on going with the patrol this morning.

0100 to 0700 - Negative reports given to G-3.

0930 - Div informed us that Rcn Troops will fire 37-mm gun at 0930 into 20 ft bank at (826259). (Battalions and Spec Units notified by Lt. HUGHES).

1004 - CO 1st Bn called S-6 and told him the fox holes on his front line are caving in. As to a raid on ROTHEBACH it will have to be a night raid. Co "A" will do the job but 1st Bn CO said he'll need a Res. S-6 said he would be up to the 1st Bn CP or send his S-3 up.

1145 - New CP opened at INGWILLER.

1254 - S-3 called Major GILLMAN and told him that we wouldn't need any more tanks on this raid.

1400 - G-3 called S-6 and said the Div Comdr thinks we may need more of tank unit. S-6 told him plans not quite sufficiently developed yet but would have S-3 call him regarding this later this afternoon. Also Div Comdr directs G-3 that he (G-3) talk to officers commanding tonight's raid and tomorrow's also. S-6 arranged for him to meet raid Commanders at 1st Bn CP at 1600 or to be guided to where they will be present.

1432 - S-3 called Ex 0, 1st Bn and told him G-3 wants to see the leader of your raiding party at 1600 tonight. If he could not meet him at your CP take G-3 up to where your raid leader is. Have G-3 call 2d Bn when he is done with you.

1530 - S-3 called 409th S-3 and asked them if it would be OK to leave one company of 411th in ZUTZENDORF. They said it would be OK.

1615 - Lt RITTMAN called and gave the following information on PW taken by Co "K": He was a deserter from 3d Bn, 15th Co, 6th SS Div. Same outfit that pulled raid on SCHILLERSDORF. His Battalion has pulled out with approximately 60 men out of the original 300. Bn moved out 2 days ago to reorganize in BARENTHAL.

1705 - 411th S-3 called and wants his Battalion attached to us assembled in OBERMODERN by 0800.

1720 - CO 2d Bn, 411th ordered to close his Battalion into OBERMODERN by 0800 tomorrow at which time they will be relieved from attachment.

1730 - 409th S-3 wants a copy of our old RRL on 1/25,000 all the way across our Zone.

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1750 - 1st Bn S-2 reports that their "B" Co observed a German soldier hurrying along the road from ROTHBACH to BISCHHOLTZ.. He was on foot and they didn't fire on him as they wanted to see where he went. "B" Co men think he was a messenger. They couldn't observe what building he went into.

1827 - Asst G-2 (Capt DREXEL) called and said G-2 thinks the 2d Bn of the 118th Regt. is now in MUEHLHAUSEN. S-2 told him if the 4th and 5th Co's are in there it is possible that it is the 2d Bn with the 4th Co attached, although he thought it was the 1st.

1840 - German prisoner captured belongs to the 6th SS Mountain Division. Says his outfit is going up to BRANDENBURG to recondition and refit. Says a Volk Grenadier Division is now on our front but doesn't know which one.

2200 - S-3, 409th called S-3 and informed us that 2d Bn, 409th completed relief of our Co "I" and one Plat of Co "L" on MLR. Command of sector assumed by CO, 409th Inf at this time. (G-3 informed)

2300 - S-3 to CO 1st Bn: Was informed that Co "A" raiding party is back from ROTHBACH with no PW's. We had one man killed and 2 wounded. (G-3 informed).

2359 - Informed G-3 that we would not turn on artificial lights as our Co "B" and 2d Bn of 409th on our right were digging.

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DATE: 2 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0117A to 0905A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

0117 - 1st Bn to S-6: There was a fire fight in the neighborhood of MUEHLHAUSEN that lasted from 0055 to 0105. A lot of automatic weapons fire was heard some of which was believed to be Kraut.

0200 - Sgt WIELAND (1st Bn) reports an OP observed rocket-type artillery fire heading SE from UHRWILLER. From the trace of the shell the range was estimated as 3 miles. 3d Bn had nothing to report. (Above given to G-3.)

0300 and 0400 - Negative reports given to G-3.

0411 - 1st Bn OP reports fire fight now on both flanks of MUEHLHAUSEN.

0500 - Negative report given to G-3.

0549 - 2d Bn CO turned in this preliminary patrol report: "Didn't get into the town (MUEHLHAUSEN). No prisoners taken. Had two men wounded. Estimate 4 or 5 Krauts killed or wounded. Germans were waiting for our patrols and opened on them with American MG's. Apparently they were alerted by patrol action in BISCHHOLTZ. Drew some mortar fire and upon withdrawing patrol called for artillery on it. Mortar fire was believed to be coming from the woods."

0600 - 1st Bn turned in negative report. 3d Bn reported that their Co "K" carried out their part of raid (Co "F" raid) successfully. Reported same to G-3.

0730 - 328th Engr S-2 said they called off painting vehicles white but if we wanted any whitewash to do so, we could get it from them. Lt HUGHES said he didn't think we would be using any.

0825 - C/S to S-6: You are to come down to Asst Div Comdr at 1015 to discuss the two raids of last night.

0845 - S-6 informed 1st Bn that he would be at their CP at 0945 and wanted the latest information on their raid. Informed 2d Bn he would be at their CP at 0930 and wanted more detailed information on their raid.

0855 - 3d Bn S-3 called S-3 and asked for information on Co "F" raid last night. S-3 told him that Co "F" didn't even get into the town. Krauts were waiting for them outside of town. S-3 instructed 3d Bn S-3 tonight on the relief on the big draw in front of BISCHHOLTZ.

0905 - G-2 (Major RHEA) called S-3 and told him that the Rcn Troop didn't do so well last night as the enemy seemed to be very alert. The 36th Engrs shot a German soldier 20 yards in front of their front lines. Said he was from the 5th Bn, 6th SS Artillery, but there is no 5th Bn. They will check his sole book and find out.

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0940 - MP officer called S-3 and said that all the pass forms had been changed and whoever received the information in the War Room hadn't passed it on to him. Said he had informed the Mayor of INGWILLER that if anyone was out after dark he would shoot them. Said he picked up about 4 last night who could speak perfect English.

0950 - CO of Co "B", 781st Tk Bn called and said they would be firing Tommy Guns at (807270) beginning at 1045 this morning. (Informed all Bns, 383d FA Bn, MP officer AT and Cn Co's)

1000 - 411th S-3 said their 2d Bn closed into BOUXWILLER at 0807.

1010 - 411th S-2 called and asked if we ever got the password from PW's. S-2 told him only for the day are captured. 411th S-2 said they would like to have the enemy password for tonight if we could get it out of a prisoner.

1020 - At 1015 Capt JONES delivered Regt'l O.I. No. 17 to Sgt WEATHERUP in G-3 operations.

1045 - Major GILLMAN of Movement Control called and said our overlay with O.I. No. 17 was off. Said our boundary was too far to the N and W and the left limiting point was off about 500 yards. Lt HUGHES told him he would check and call him back. (Lt HUGHES checked it and called Major GILLMAN back and told him he was correct.

1155 - TD Bn CO called and said the Asst Div Comdr informed him that the TD position in vic of SCHILLERSDOFF was too far forward and he suggested a 57-mm be placed there and pull the TD back.

1200 - S-3 wants CO of Co "B", 781st Tk Bn to come down to 2d Bn CP.

1300 - Asst S-3 called G-3 (Capt DALCHER) and told him we would like to have another platoon of tanks, preferably from Co "B" of 781st Tk Bn, attached to us for 24 hours. Capt DALCHER will back call us. Capt DALCHER said Corps had informed him we were going to get some new 4.5 rocket launcher, 60 tubes on each launcher. More information on this later.

1325 - Asst S-3 called G-3 (Capt DALCHER) and he said he hadn't been able to contact CO of Co "B" or CO of Tk Bn. Asst S-3 told him he had the Bn CO here now and if it would be OK if we made our own plans direct with him. G-3 said he could find out and will call us back.

1330 - G-3 said it would be OK for us to use that platoon of tanks, but they want to know which platoon we use. Said Asst Div Comdr was probably on his way down to our CP.

1331 - S-2 called TD Bn and told them their patrol was off for tonight. (Informed G-2).

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1340 - Asst S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and informed him he would have a platoon of tanks attached. 2d Bn S-3 said the Co Comdr of the tanks was there, and Asst S-3 told him to tell the Co Comdr of the tanks that this attachment had been OK'd by Division and his Bn CO. The 1st Plat of tanks are attached to 2d Bn. (Informed G-3).

1345 - Asst Div Comdr visited our CP.

1350 - 3d Bn S-3 called and said the people on their left flank don't seem to think they are to cover the big draw. S-3 told him they were to stay on the left side of the draw and he would call 1st Bn S-3 and tell him about it.

1400 - Asst Div Comdr left our CP.

1402 - S-6 called 2d Bn S-6 and told him Asst Div Comdr was on his way to 2d Bn CP. Also said Asst Div Comdr didn't approve of the plan of using the platoon of Co "G", and he had better drop that.

1420 - 2d Bn CO called S-6 and said Asst Div Comdr had just left his CP. He wants us to attack with Co "F" in the morning. We are going to do that. I would like to use some TD's. S-6 told him he would be able to get possibly 2 or 3 TD guns.

1430 - S-3 to 1st Bn S-3: 1st Bn will occupy the little knob above the draw on their right boundary.

1450 - Cn Co CO says at gun positions he has 687 rds of HE; 67 rds of WP; and 58 rds of AT.

1510 - 1st Bn S-3 reports that the German plane shot down fell behind the enemy lines and that the pilot parachuted down behind enemy lines.

1515 - Our searchlights are Btry "C", 2d Plat, 353d AA Searchlight Bn.

1610 - G-3 called S-3 and wants us to give the 411th Inf all the help we can tomorrow on their attack.

1615 - 3d Bn, S-3 called S-3 and wanted to know if we still had TD's and if they were under Regt'l control. S-3 told him "YES". Wants an overlay of the TD positions.

1620 - G-2 called S-2 and told him that the divisions on both sides of us are having trouble with German Raiding Parties - about the same as we have been sending out. We should be on the alert for things like that.

1621 - S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and wanted him to find out if there were any enemy entrenchments or enemy activity at coordinates (859339). That is the plain in front of Co "C". Also told him of above message from G-2. (1st Bn S-3 says nothing has been seen there.)

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1625 - Artillery reports they are now firing on 3 tanks at (879316). Don't know what type tanks they are.

1632 - 3d Bn S-3 reports that one Plat of Co "I" plus their LMG's plus a section of HMG's plus their .50's will be used in the shift. That will give the Bn a Res Co.

1650 - On our next periodic report, Div wants our RRL and as it now exists with limiting points.

1655 - S-2 informed 2d & 3d Bns that the I & R Plat is going out tonight thru Co "K" to that mill S of town. Almost in front of Co "L" first positions. Wants to make a Rcn and see what they can do to set-up a future raid. They will be at Co "K" at 1830 and go out at 1930. Will be back at midnight. We haven't informed Co "K" as yet.

1740 - Sgt DRAUDEN informed Bns and Artillery that Cannon Co, 411th Inf will register into BITSCHHOLTZ tomorrow at 1100. Also that 45th Div on left are using flares, parachute and other tonight.

2125 - 3d Bn S-3 report that the relief of part of Co "B" on line completed at 2115. (G-3 and 1st Bn informed).

2340 - Condition is Red.

2359 - Condition is All Clear.

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TIME: 0020A to 0815A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (209304)

0020 - Co "C" report hearing vehicular movement in ROTHBACH. Artillery fire being called for. (Called G-3 War Room)

0030 - 1st Bn (Sgt WIELAND) to S-3; Co "B" relieved elements of Co "C" at 2400. S-3 said that they should send up a complete fire plan as soon as they can. He also told them to know the exact location of their left flank.

0031 - Blue line is out.

0100 - Informed G-3 of 0030 entry.

0200 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0215 - 1st Bn reports that their Co "C" OP's have just captured 2 Krauts.

0500 - The prisoners Co "C" captured were from ROTHBACH. They were part of the 11th SS Regt and the last of them were to pull out at 1230 this morning. S-3 Jr informed 2d Bn and G-3.

0501 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0530 - The prisoners of Co "C" said they had about 100 casualties while in ROTHBACH. They also heard that all the SS outfits were being pulled out of the line. They then made a statement that they heard one of their NCO's say they were going back to pick up replacements, reorganize, then come back and attack.

0600 - 0700 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0715 - 2d Bn S-3 informed us that the raid went off on time and they were getting very good support from the supporting units. (S-2 gave this to G-2 & G-3)

0720 - 2d Bn S-2 informed us that one (1) Plat was in the town and are receiving HMG fire from the church. Cn Co is going to fire on it again.

0735 - 2d Bn S-2 reports they have 6 prisoners.

0745 - 2d Bn S-2 called and said raiding party are pulling out of the NW part of town and are getting a lot of SA and HMG fire. Tanks are up there firing now. We received some 88 fire.

0802 - 2d Bn S-2 said Co "F" is on its way back. They suffered several casualties. They said they saw vehicular movement on OFFWILLER - BISCHHOLTZ Rd.

0815 - Lt RITTMAN (IPW) informed S-2 that the 6 prisoners are from the 36th Volks Grenadier Division.

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0825 - C/S called S-5 and asked if we had a P/A system for the General to use in a talk this morning. S-5 told him we didn't have one, but we might be able to get hold of one.

0828 - 409th S-3 called S-3 and said the right platoon of our right flank was coming out of their holes and putting their packs on and taking off. S-3 told him we would check up on it.

0830 - Asst Div Comdr called S-6 and S-6 told him our Co "F" raid was over and we had 6 prisoners. Had 2 casualties that we know of.

0831 - 2d Bn reports that they have 6 prisoners, 1 NCO and 5 Pvts. They are from 6th Co., 87th Regt, 36th Volks Grenadier Div. At midnight last night they relieved the SS outfit in BISCHHOLTZ. We suffered 4 casualties, 3 walking and 1 litter.

0840 - 3d Bn S-3 called S-2 and asked him how the Co "F" raid came off. S-3 asked 3d Bn S-3 what the movement was on his right flank by his right Plat. He said they were relieving a squad at a time over there so they could dry out.

0905 - Asst Div Comdr wants the final report on the Co "F" raid as he has to go to Corps this morning. S-2 told him we didn't have a complete report as yet.

0907 - 2d Bn reports that Co "F" lost 1 killed and 4 wounded in the raid last night. Most of them were hit by our own fire. One man was wounded by a grenade that was thrown at a window but hit the wall and bounced back. One man from Regt AT Co was wounded by our own or enemy mortar fire. They didn't throw too much at us. At first we thought they were 88's, but I think they were heavy mortar. Threw quite a lot of stuff at our OP. We killed about 15 enemy troops. We heard them trying to take some vehicles out, so we directed tank fire and 155-mm fire on them, but didn't see the results. 2d Bn was informed that Co "F" will not stand the parade today but will be prepared to assemble in the street in case the Div Comdr wants to talk to them. Must be prepared to dig on the RRL this evening.

0920 - Further reports on Co "F" raid. Got into the town without any trouble. Casualties: 1 killed, 2 walking wounded, and 2 litter cases. We got 6 prisoners from the 2d Bn, 87th Regt, 36th Volks Grenadier Div. This outfit is over at NIEFFERN so they must have moved one company to BISCHHOLTZ. They relieved the 6th SS last at midnight. The two deserters who walked into Co "C" positions last night were SS men. Said their Bn had been cut from 200 to 100 men.

1015 - Div Comdr arrived at our CP.

1025 - Div Comdr & S-5, 410th left CP for Co "F" CP.

1100 - G-3 called and informed us that from 1100 to 1200, Rcn Troop are firing bazooka's at (826259). From 1330 to 1630, 3d Bn 411th are firing SA's at (788276). Bns, AT, Cn, Arty, Lt MIHALAKIS informed).

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1145 - Asst G-2 (Capt DREXEL) called S-2 and asked if the PW's we captured indicated that their company occupied BISCHHOLTZ. S-2 told him yes, that it was the 6th Co., and they had a total strength of 36 men before we attack them.

1245 - Munitions Officer called and informed us that they have 900 rds of 81-mm HE light in Regt Dump.

1315 - CO 3d Bn called S-6 and told him he just got 2 more PW's from 3d Co., 165th Regt, 36th Div. They were on guard in MUHLHAUSEN and decided to walk into our lines and give up. They say the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Co's are in MUHLHAUSEN, but don't know when the 5th Co had moved or where they are. The strength in MUHLHAUSEN is approximately 80 men. Most of the men there are previously wounded and considered 4-F. 3d Bn CO said he would like a P/A system if possible and also he was going to throw some leaflets into the town.

1320 - S-6 called G-2 and informed him of above entry and requested permission to use P/A system. G-2 said the Div Comdr doesn't like to use P/A's but G-2 would check and see if he would OK the use of it in the particular case. P/A system would have to be from Army.

1328 - S-6 informed CO 3d Bn of above entry.

1420 - Called 1st, 2d, & 3d Bns and informed them that 411th Cn Co would register in on the town of BISCHHOLTZ between 1500 and 1600 this afternoon.

1430 - AT Co CO called and wanted to know when we could release his Mine Platoon back to him. S-3 told him we would check with the 1st Bn and let him know. Also wanted to know who fired the artillery that injured his men this morning.

1450 - Asst Div Comdr visited our CP. Talked about our Co "F" raid on BISCHHOLTZ. Said to tell S-6 he was very pleased with the raid.

1640 - Div Air Ln Officer called and said there was a B-24 in trouble between boundary of 45th Div and 103d Div. 5 men have bailed out and Div Air Ln O wants us to call them if we contact any of these men.

1645 - IPW Officer reports the two PW's who walked into our 3d Bn area are from the 3d Co, 1st Bn, 167th Regt. The complete Bn is in MUHLHAUSEN. Bn strength between 90 and 100; Co strength 18 men. Don't know how many companies are left in the Bn. Relieved the SS troops on the 30th Jan, originally came from UHRWILLER. Gave positions of 2 - 75-mm AT guns; 1 MG; and their company CP. Said their company occupied the 3 houses leading into town; each house having about 7 men. First house on right have a squad and one officer and one NCO. 2d house is Co CP. House on the left off by itself has a squad and at night is used for a kitchen. 20 men in there between 1900 and 2000. They send troops up to the mill between NIEFFERN and MUHLHAUSEN to scout. That was their mission, but they kept right on walking into our lines. They said if we would shoot a

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1645 - (Continued) - few leaflets over saying we would not harm them all the enemy troops would come over. Says most of them are old men and very tired of the war.

1650 - 3d Bn CO called S-3 Jr and told him that he was shifting his troops tonight. When shift is made, Co "L" will be on the right, Co "K" on the left; and Co "I" intact in Reserve. All of Co "L" on line but only two (2) Plats of Co "K" on line. Making a slight change in MLR to try to save a little distance. Change will be in about the center of MLR. Am consolidating my positions on far left flank. Will have one platoon of Co "K" on my left flank covering the big draw. 2d Plat of "L" is the change in the MLR. We are going to try to nip off that Kraut patrol that comes up to the mill between NIEFFERN and MUHLHAUSEN tonight.

1720 S-6 called S-2 and told him to cancel the I & R patrol for tonight as 383d FA Bn had been firing at personnel targets in that area all afternoon and they would run into trouble. S-6 said he would not be here for dinner, but will be here at 1800 and leave a few minutes later.

1730 - S-3 Jr called A.T. Co CO and informed him that Mine Plat has been relieved from attachment to 1st Bn and reverts to A.T. Co.

2115 - 409th report Burp gun fire to left rear of their left Bn. Co "B", 410th report SA and Burp Gun fire to their left flank out forward.

2145 - Co "L" OP report one enemy deserter on way to 3d Bn CP.

2200 - 409th Inf report hearing more SA fire in MUHLHAUSEN.

2222 - 411th Inf raiding company have taken first 4 houses in ROTHBACH. 10 PW's captured. Krauts using red and white flares.

2250 - CO 3d Bn called S-2 and told him PW taken by Co "L" report the following: He is from 13th Co., 12th Regt, 6th Mountain SS Div. Said there is 200-300 men in UHRWILLER. Composed of Luftwaffer men, attached to 6th Mountain Div. As to SS Bn that attack SCHILLERSDORF, there are 60 left in Bn of 350 strength. His outfit digging in back of UHRWILLER. Says the 11th Regt on left and the 12th Regt on right of UHRWILLER.

2350 - Lt RITTMAN (IPW) reports PW from Co "L" is from 13th Co., 12th Regt, 6th Mountain Div. Whole Bn has about 50 men left. Company strength is 12 to 15 men. Dug in on high ground N of UHRWILLER. Bn moved to ZINSWILLER.

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TIME: 0020A to 0846A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

0020 - Lt RITTMAN (IPW) reports that a prisoner they have says his CO is Sgt METZ. We had that Sgt pass through our IPW channels about a week ago. He says he is with the 13th Co and has about 15 left. Their morale is very low.

0025 - S-2 received a report that 411th Co's A & B passed Phase Line 5, and Co C has passed Phase Line 2. Arty being fired on possible reinforcements coming from OFFWILLER. They have killed 15 Krauts and took 5 prisoners.

0100 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0120 - Capt BUTLER reports 411th Co "A" has reached their objective and have sealed off the road from the E so no one can get through.

0200 - 1st Bn reports they are receiving some 88 fire from (866343) in B & C Co sectors. They have 383d FA firing on it. 3d Bn reports all quiet. This information given to G-3.

0300 - Negative report given to G-3.

0400 - 1st Bn reports they believe they hear 3 or 4 tanks coming into ROTHBACH. 3d Bn reports all quiet. Given to G-3.

0402 - 411th S-3 said they cleaned out all the Krauts in ROTHBACH.

0500 & 0600 - Negative reports given to G-3.

0650 - 411th report that they took 24 prisoners last night from the 51st Luftwaffe Bn.

0700 - Negative report given to Lt YOUNG at G-3. He informed us that it was generally quiet along the whole front.

0820 - 1st Bn reports that at 0300 this morning practically all 411th troops were out of ROTHBACH. They received some SP fire and we fired on them with a artillery concentration. Our OP reports they have seen very little sign of life in ROTHBACH this morning, but they think there are still enemy troops there.

0825 - 3d Bn CO told S-2 that his patrol down to the mill between NIEFFERN and ROTHBACH didn't do any good. They were fired on.

0845 - S-3 instructed S-2 to alert all Bn OP's to be on the lookout to see if enemy troops will try to reinforce ROTHBACH and BISCHHOLTZ.

0846 - 3d Bn CO told S-2 that there were Krauts still in BISCHHOLTZ or the civilians were very active with Burp guns. 3d Bn CO said he was of the opinion that the Germans would try to hold all the towns on the front.

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TIME: 0850A to 1400A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

0850 - Division Air Ln O called and said we now have a bombing mission on OFFWILLER. It was a hurry up job as they had a flight of bombers up who could not reach their objective as they were running short of gas. Div Air Ln O wanted us to get our OP's to observe it. (Called our 1st Bn S-2 and he is going to get "C" Co OP to observe it.)

0852 - G-2 called and said we had a bombing mission on OFFWILLER.

0925 - Msg from CG, 103d Inf Div (THOMAS, Maj) signed 040850 Feb 45: "1. Prepare plan employing Co "A", 410th Inf (Reinf) to raid BISCHHOLTZ (Q8532). Plan will include recommendations for reinforcements and for H hour. D day will be announced by this HQ. 2. Submit plan to this HQ by 051200 Feb 45."

0930 - 409th Inf took no prisoners in their KINDWILLER last night.

0945 - 1st Bn OP's could see only some smoke and fires in OFFWILLER due to visibility. Soon as it clears up they will report in again.

0950 - S-5 called 1st, 2d, & 3d Bns, Cn, AT and instructed them to store their headnets and to keep their areas clean of garbage.

1030 - C/S arrived at our CP.

1045 - Received overlay from 36th Engr (C) Regt showing their patrols.

1050 - C/S left our CP.

1150 - 1st Bn reports that a good part of the town of OFFWILLER is afire. BISCHHOLTZ was not bombed.

1315 - Our MP officer reports that the firing we hear to our S is a TD outfit and he is going to check on it.

1330 - G-3 called and wants S-6 to report to the Division War Room as soon as possible. There will be a meeting of all Regt'l CO's there. (S-6 left for Division).

1345 - S-5 told 2d Bn S-3 that the Div Comdr wanted a narrative written up for publicity and for record on the Co "F" raid of BISCHHOLTZ.

1350 - S-5 told 3d Bn CO that we would like for him to fire on MUELHAUSEN and try to spot enemy guns in there. 3d Bn CO said it would spoil his plans, but that he will do it.

1400 - S-5 called 2d Bn CO and told him that 3d Bn had a couple of patrols planned and didn't want to make much noise around MUELHAUSEN. 2d Bn CO said it would be OK if they didn't make too much noise there just so they could get some information on gun positions. S-2 called 3d Bn CO and told him to go ahead with his patrols.

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DATE: 4 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1445A to 2350A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

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1445 - 1st Bn S-3 called S-2 and told him that Kraut artillery has been landing in ROTHBACH. About 20 rounds have landed so far today. (G-2 informed).

1645 - Enemy troops moving from OFFWILLER to ROTHBACH. Mortar were put on them and several were killed. Trying to get artillery on them now.

1730 - At 1643, Co "C" saw a column of 40 men moving into ROTHBACH from OFFWILLER. They had on blue uniforms. They were carrying one bazooka and what looked like 2 MG's. Mortars were placed on them and some casualties were inflicted. Some mortars hit right in among them. Artillery line was out at the time so no artillery was placed on them.

1743 - C/S called S-3 and wanted to know why our Heavy Weapons Co was absent from the inspection yesterday morning. S-3 told him the Heavy Weapons Co was there - the only company absent was Co "F" who had just returned from a raid.

1745 - 3d Bn S-2 called S-2 and wanted to know if 103d Rcn Troop was going to do any patrolling in their area, or would they do it themselves. S-2 told him they would do it themselves as he had talked to G-2, and they informed him that the 103d Rcn Troop definitely would not be there.

1843 - Div Ln brought in OI #60.

2030 - 1st Bn S-3 called S-3 and informed him that reinforcements had arrived at ROTHBACH. Would like to have artificial moonlight. Let him know as soon as we can get it turned on.

2230 - S-3 called 1st & 3d Bns S-3's and asked them to check on the gap between Co's "B" and "K". If no physical contact, S-3 ordered the 3d Bn to send a contact patrol over.

2300 - 3d Bn S-3 called S-3 and informed him Co "K" still has the nose and contact patrols between Co's "B" and "K" will go during the night.

2350 - G-2 report that the 614th TD patrol vic BISCHHOLTZ have captured 6 PW's and killed about 8.

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DATE: 5 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0015A to 0220A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

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- 0105 - G-2 informed us that they got 6 PW's from the TD raid. One of the prisoners said they planned to attack Hill 235 (853318) and clean it out. They had bazookas.
- 0108 - Asst S-3 called 3d Bn CO and informed him that the TD patrol raided the mill between BISCHHOLTZ and MUHLHAUSEN and obtained information given in 0105 entry.
- 0110 - Asst S-3 to 1st Bn: Told him to pass on their Co's "A" and "B" the 0108 entry.
- 0120 - Lt RITTMAN (IPW) said the prisoner he questioned was from the 1st Plat, 4th Co, 51st CAF Inf Bn. He was 40 years old but still the youngest in the outfit. His Plat consisted of 36 men who were formerly with an Air Corps Ground crew outfit. They were attached to the SS about 3 weeks ago and were apparently left behind when the SS pulled out. He was on guard when the attack came. The prisoner knew nothing of the proposed attack on Hill 235. His platoon had 4 MG's which were taken off planes. They are similar to the .31 cal LMG. He had been at the mill 4 days.
- 0130 - 3d Bn S-3 wanted to know if all the TD men were cleared out as they may want to throw some artillery where they were. Asst S-3 said they were all out.
- 0135 - 3d Bn S-3 said they might want to use artificial moonlight at about 0215.
- 0137 - Asst S-3 informed 36th Engr that we intended to use artificial moonlight at about 0215.
- 0140 - Asst S-3 informed Lt YOUNG at G-3 that we intended to use artificial moonlight at 0215.
- 0145 - G-2 informed Asst S-3 that the prisoner who spoke of raid on Hill 235 learned same from a friend in the 6th Co, 87th Bn in BISCHHOLTZ. Passed this on to 3d Bn CO.
- 0209 - 3d Bn CO said he wanted artificial moonlight on at 0215. (Asst S-3 informed 409th Inf and 1st Bn).
- 0210 - Asst S-3 called AA Btry and informed them to turn on the lights at 0215.
- 0220 - Div IPW Officer (Lt HYDE) reports that the prisoners are from 4th Co, 51 AAF Bn, 1st Platoon. TD patrol captured 6, killed 2 and wounded one. All of them were in the mill. The rest of the platoon is in BISCHHOLTZ attached to 6th Co, 87th Volks-Grenadier Regt. There is a Bn CP in BISCHHOLTZ at (8574-3258), E side of road. As you go into town just before you come to crossroads you hit a grass plot - the first house to the right of that has one sentry, and 2d house on left has one sentry. Co CP is either in the 5th or 6th house on right. Also have one sentry at the cemetery. Elements of the 6th Co were to raid this hill (235).

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TIME: 0300A to 1030A

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- 0300 - 3d Bn CO said lights were OK now.
- 0314 - Asst S-3 told artificial moonlight people that the lights were OK now.
- 0315 - Gave G-3 a negative report.
- 0400 - Checked with 1st Bn and they turned in a negative report. Gave G-3 a negative report.
- 0420 - 3d Bn CO to Asst S-3: Said they picked up two (2) Krauts trying to infiltrate through their lines. There are 12 more Krauts trying to get thru but they are under observation.
- 0427 - Asst S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and informed him of the information the Kraut prisoner gave us about a proposed attack on Hill 235. Then informed him of 0420 entry.
- 0440 - Asst S-3 informed Lt YOUNG at G-3 of 0420 entry.
- 0442 - Asst S-3 informed AA Btry to turn out the third light.
- 0520 - Asst S-3 called 3d Bn CO and informed him that two (2) PW's say the Krauts are going to attack tonight. They are coming from OFFWILLER thru ROTHBACH. It is to be made by those SS troops that were relieved a couple nights ago.
- 0523 - Gave above information to 1st Bn S-2.
- 0527 - Gave information in 0520 entry to Lt YOUNG at G-3.
- 0615 - 3d Bn CO said Co "K" had lost view of the 12 other Krauts. Lt RITTMAN had finished questioning the two prisoners and was on his way back to our CP.
- 0655 - Asst S-3 to Sgt WIELAND (1st Bn): The two (2) prisoners taken by Co "K" were actually deserters. The attack on Hill 235 did not materialize. Those 12 other Krauts got away but Co "K" is still looking for them. The attack thru ROTHBACH by SS troops has failed to materialize. 2 PW's were from 4th Co., 51st ACB.
- 0700 - Turned in a negative report to G-3.
- 0705 - Lt RITTMAN learned further from the two prisoners that there are now 70 Krauts in BISCHHOLTZ.
- 0930 - S-3 gave Lt NORDEHAUSEN permission to draw 150 rounds.
- 1030 - 103d Rcn Troop will fire small arms at (826259) beginning at 1300. (Notified MP officer, 1st, 2d, 3d Bns, Cn Co, AT Co, 383d F.A. Bn)

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DATE: 5 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1100A to 1415A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

1100 - S-6 ordered 2d Bn to furnish one Plat of Co "F" to 1st Bn.

1130 - Message to CG, 103d Inf Div - Attn: G-3 - "Recommend following as exact tie-in points with 409th on right (per Par 6 Div O.I. #60):

MLR - (876288) Trail Junction.

RRL - (861273) RJ north OBERMODERN

(Signed: McCARTHY, Capt - 1130)

1145 - 2d Bn CO called S-3 and asked if he could come down. 2d Bn CO said 5 of his men had just returned from Rcn around MUHLHAUSEN in concern with what S-6 told him this morning. These 5 men told 2d Bn CO that the left flank of the 3d Bn is not being occupied. Hill 235 can be walked up by the enemy and there is nothing there to stop them. (Lt HUGHES went down to 2d Bn to interview these 5 men).

1200 - Cannon Co report they have one gun position: 693 rds HE; 139 rds White Phosphorous; No rds Armor Piercing; At Serv Co - 515 rds HE; 246 rds White Phosphorous; 200 rds Armor Piercing.

1245 - S-3 called G-3 and found out that the Div Comdr wants our Res Bn in MENCHHOFFEN.

1247 - S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and informed him his Bn would most likely have to move to MENCHHOFFEN. Might have to move this afternoon.

1330 - S-3 instructed 1st Bn S-3 to send 2d Bn copies of their C/atk plans.

1340 - G-2 called S-3 and wanted to know if we were going to let the Kraut we captured go back into the town and try to get his buddies to surrender. S-2 told G-2 the prisoner didn't want to do that. He wanted to take a few men and surround the town and then he would yell at them in German to surrender as they were surrounded. This PW is definitely Anti-Nazi and says his unit will not fight if they know they are surrounded. S-2 told G-2 we had easier methods of getting Krauts than that one.

1355 - S-6 instructed 1st Bn S-3 and 3d Bn S-6 to keep their troops on the alert as the visibility is bad. 3d Bn S-6 said he would like to have people who come down into his area coordinate with his HQ. S-6 ordered 3d Bn S-6 to have 50% of his troops on line and 100% at night. (3d Bn has been keeping 1/3 strength on line during day and 100% during darkness). 3d Bn CO said his men had been on line 33 days and they had to get some rest. Have to pull them in as many at a time as possible to dry them out or he wouldn't have any men left at all.

1400 - S-6 instructed Munitions Officer to give 1st Bn. 150 rounds of 81-mm HE light.

1410 - 1st Bn Ln O just delivered C/atk plans of 1st Bn to 2d Bn.

1415 - S-6 called 1st Bn S-3 that we had a Ln O from a TD outfit attached to the 45th Div in our CP now. This Ln O reports that they have 2 new TD's with 90-mm guns on them

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1415 (Cont'd.) - and they can't locate any targets in the 45th Div area. They want to come over into our 1st Bn area and do some firing on OFFWILLER. 1st Bn S-3 said he would be glad to go up and show them some excellent positions. Said they could get some good shooting in on OFFWILLER and BISCHHOLTZ.

1425 - 1st Bn S-3 called S-6 and said the CO of Co "B", 781st Tk Bn feels sure we can get another platoon of tanks from his company if we get an OK from Div. S-3 said they wanted to use this platoon on the Co "A" raid to fire on any SP's or strong points they might hit and also cover the withdrawal. S-6 told him we already had a platoon with our 2d Bn that this can handle, but S-3 1st Bn said 781st Tk Bn wants to give another platoon that have had a little more experience.

1430 - S-6 instructed Cn Co Comdr to go to 1st Bn CP and talk over plans for the Co "A" raid.

1431 - S-6 talked to CO, Co "B", 781st Tk Bn and found out that the Tk Co CO wants us to contact Division and get another platoon to use on the raid as his 2d platoon has had all the work and the rest have had none and the 2d Plat is well tied in with our 2d Bn.

1440 - S-3 called S-6 from Division and S-6 instructed him to ask G-3 for an additional platoon of tanks to use on the Co "A" raid.

1450 - 3d Bn Opns Sgt reports: "Just got a report from our OP that visibility is about 1,000 yards. 409th mortars firing on NIEFFERN."

1457 - G-2 told S-2 he now had shells with surrender passes ready to fire on OFFWILLER, EHRWILLER, NIEFFERN, ROTHBACH, BISCHHOLTZ, AND MUHLHAUSEN. S-2 told him the two (2) deserters who turned themselves into Co "K" at 0900 this morning were from the 1st Co of the 165th Regt. There are now 4 companies in MUHLHAUSEN; about 200 men. The 4th Co moved in. The Bn CP is there too. Don't believe they could get a thing out if we hit them during daylight and cut them off from the rear; don't believe they would try too hard. The two (2) PW's say the people in there are pretty well scared and head for the cellars when anything hits in the town.

1510 - C/S arrived at our CP.

1540 - C/S left our CP.

1545 - 2d Bn S-5 report that MENCHHOFFEN is full of troops and they could squeeze only two companies in there. S-6 told them to check on UTTWILLER.

1550 - S-3 called (from G-3 War Room) S-6 and said our Res Bn would have to move, but it would be OK to move tomorrow. Division knows that we cannot get the complete Bn in MENCHHOFFEN and that we will have to put the Heavy Weapons Company and one Rifle Co in UTTWILLER.

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1552 - S-6 called 2d Bn S-5 and told him the Bn would have to move, but that they could move tomorrow. Two companies in MENCHHOFFEN and two companies in UTTWILLER.

1555 - 3d Bn CO called S-6 and said he was going to leave that platoon in position until he got an OK from S-6 as the platoon was due to be relieved tonight and he doesn't want to change them as long as there was any question of the position.

1605 - S-6 told Cn Co Comdr he should keep some HE AT rounds on hand in case he should have to use them against tank that might break through.

1615 - 2d Bn S-5 called S-6 and told him UTTWILLER was completely filled and they couldn't get any troop billets there at all. S-6 told him to hold up until morning and we would get in touch with C/S and see what could be done.

1820 - CO 3d Bn called S-3 Jr and informed him relief will most likely start at 1830.

1825 - 3d Bn new CP opened at OBERMODERN (8515-2770).

1925 - Elements of Co "B" relieved left Plat of Co "K".

1930 - 3d Bn CO assumed command of sector.

2030 - G-3 informed of 1930 entry. G-3 said Div Comdr approved our Co "A" raid plan.

2220 - Division Liaison Officer brought in Div O. I. #61.

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TIME: 0100A to 0830A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

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0100 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0127 - 409th called and said they were going to turn on their artificial moonlight. We said OK because it wouldn't affect our patrols who were operating in our left sector.

0200 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0245 - 1st Bn called and said both of their patrols were in and it was alright to turn on the artificial moonlight. The time to be turned on was 0300. We informed our 3d Bn, 36th Engrs, G-3 of same.

0252 - Informed AA Btry to turn on lights at 0300.

0300 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0400 - The I & R Platoon checked in. Lt O'REGAN said they got as far as vic (865308) where the Krauts tried to cut them off. They then started to return. On their way out, they contacted a Co "C" OP about 25 yards SE out of SCHILLERSDORF. Lt O'REGAN said he couldn't understand why our Co "C" would have an outpost there.

0405 - 1st & 3d Bn turned in negative reports. Gave G-3 a negative report.

0500 - 0600 - 0700 - Negative reports given to G-3.

0717 - AA Btry called and said they are going to turn off artificial moonlight.

0745 - 1st Bn reports that one of their outposts heard a tank moving around in ROTHBACH about 0600 this morning. Arty was placed on it but they don't know if they got it or not. Co C heard some rifle fire coming from the 45th Div zone.

0752 - Sgt WIELAND (1st Bn) says that the patrols Co "A" sent out last night were able to verify the positions we learned of from the PW's captured the other night. The patrol also found out further disposition of the enemy and their positions.

0825 - G-2 (Capt DIXON) called S-2 and asked for patrol reports. S-2 reported that Patrol No. 1 (1st Bn patrol to the farm N of ROTHBACH) gave a negative report. Patrols 2 & 3 (Co "A" patrols to the outskirts of BISCHHOLTZ) went out to see if they could verify some MG positions given to us by PW's. They came in late. They obtained quite a bit of information and will send us an overlay later. They didn't run into any patrols. I & R Platoon got mixed up with some Krauts and the Krauts tried to cut them off. Don't have a full report from them as yet. They went up to the mill S of NUHLEUSEN.

0830 - S-6 called 1st Bn S-3 and told him they couldn't have anymore 81-mm light. Couldn't get any yesterday and there is some doubt when we will get anymore. Cannon

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0830 (Cont'd.) - has loosened up. S-6 instructed 1st Bn S-3 to try to use Cannon instead of mortar on the Co "A" raid. 1st Bn S-3 said he had at least one mortar mission he could give to Cn Co. S-6 said he would be down to 1st Bn this afternoon to look over the final plans for the Co "A" raid.

0840 - G-3 called S-6 and said 409th had complained that our artificial moon had ruined one of their patrols. G-3 wants us to notify him 45 minutes before we turn on our moonlight. S-6 told G-3 if we moved our Res Bn to MENCHHOFFEN we would have to put them in hay-lefts as there was no room there. G-3 said Div Comdr wanted them moved there. G-3 said he would try and get some of the Armored Arty moved out of the town. S-6 told G-3 that he would check the final plans for Co "A" raid this afternoon.

0845 - S-3 instructed 2d Bn S-2 to move his Bn to MENCHHOFFEN this morning.

0846 - Received Minefield Records No. 108 and 109 from 328th Engr.

0855 - S-3 told 2d Bn CO that no one would be moving out of the town of MENCHHOFFEN.

0900 - Received G-3 Periodic Report and Engr Minefield Overlay #12.

0901 - MP Officer asked S-3 if he could use the Mine Platoon for perimeter defense of INGWILLER. S-3 gave him permission.

0902 - S-3 instructed AT Co Comdr to let our MP Officer use the Mine Platoon for use of perimeter defense of INGWILLER.

0910 - 3d Bn S-3 wants to know how many men he can send to the flamethrower school. S-3 said he would call him back and let him know.

0915 - 411th S-2 called S-2 and told him that their OP had reported 81-mm mortars landed at (845321). About 9 shells - started at 0900 and one came in every 3 minutes.

0930 - Asst Div Comdr visited our OP.

0945 - G-3 (Lt EDDENS) reports that 103d Rcn Troop will fire small arms at (826259) at 1330. (Called MP Officer, 1st, 2d, & 3d Bns, AT & Cn).

0955 - 2d Bn CO called S-6 and said he had 10% to 15% of his men in the rifle companies who had developed frost bite since they came out of the lines. They need 72 hours of treatment on them or they will have to be evacuated. 2d Bn CO wants to leave these men in INGWILLER with the Heavy Weapons Co. to feed them and motorize them. S-6 asked Asst Div Comdr if this would be OK, but he refused to make a decision. S-6 told 2d Bn CO to go ahead with his movement to MENCHHOFFEN and we will contact Div and try to get a decision from them.

1000 - S-6 called 1st Bn S-3 and told him to try to work these two TD's with the 90-mm

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TIME: 1000A to 1935A

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1000 (Cont'd.) - guns in on the Co "A" raid.

1015 - Asst Div Comdr left our CP.

1016 - S-5 called C/S and asked him if we could leave our men with frostbite in this town and explained the situation. Regt'l Surgeon explained to C/S what was wrong with the men. C/S said he thought it would be OK, but he would talk to the Div Comdr.

1100 - S-6 instructed S-5 to ask 411th Inf if they could move their Res up to MENCHHOFFEN tomorrow so our Res Bn could go back and take over this billets.

1115 - 1st Bn says Co "C" reports they have some Krauts in fox holes in front of them who are using our air identification panels. In the morning, they turn the white side up and in the afternoon they use the red side. S-3 instructed them to use their left forward 57-mm gun with HE and blow them out of their holes.

1130 - 1st Bn S-3 called S-3 and said the Asst Div Comdr had said they could use two towed TD's on their Co "A" raid. They will be used to protect the tanks from SP fire. S-3 told him we would contact the TD's and find out if we could get a couple of guns. (Lt HUGHES called Lt EDDENS at G-3. He had contacted the TD CO and found out that all their guns are in position, but they will see if they can get a couple of guns for us.)

1155 - Received overlay of AT and TD gun positions from 409th Inf - New AF Code and Change in SOI.

1200 - 2d Bn frostbite cases: Co "E" - 9; Co "F" - 2; Co "G" - 17; Co "H" - 9; Hq - 2 or 3 cases not completely cured. Total - 37 cases.

1245 - 2d Bn closed old CP at 1215 in INGWILLER; opened new CP in MENCHHOFFEN at 1216.

1320 - Asst Div Comdr to S-6: "The appearance of the men, carrying of weapons, no bunching in chow lines, no bunching of vehicles had improved considerably. However, today I saw 7 Service Company vehicles bumper to bumper. You should keep guarding against that."

1325 - S-6 informed Lt RIGDON of the above entry. Lt RIGDON said he would bring it to the attention of all his drivers.

1330 - S-6 informed 2d Bn S-5 of 1320 entry, since the trucks in mention were these that were to pick up his Battalion's kitchens. 2d Bn S-5 said he would take care of it.

1500 - CO 411th Inf visited CP. Left for 1st Bn CP to see S-6.

1935 - S-3 called S-2, 2d Bn and informed him to have one Co motorized at 0600 tomorrow and have Co Comdr report to 1st Bn CP at 0600. He was informed that Co "G" will furnish Plat for Div CP security. Co "E" will be used as motorized Co in accordance with Regt'l O. I. #19.

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TIME: 2150A to 2400A

PLACE: INSWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

- 2150 - Cn Co Comdr reports that shells are falling on our Co "C" positions and one man has been hurt. S-3 told him we would have our Arty Ln O check with Div Arty on it. Cn Co Comdr says he thinks it may be the 500th FA who is firing close to him.
- 2200 - S-3 called 1st Bn S-2 and they knew nothing of our Arty falling on Co "C" positions. They are going to check.
- 2203 - 383d Arty Ln O reports that all Div Arty is firing interdiction fire on MUHLHAUSEN and vicinity. That is the closest firing to Co "C".
- 2213 - Cn Co Comdr reports that Arty is not falling in Co "C" area; it is Co "B" area. Says someone may be trying to fire into BISCHHOLTZ and it is falling 200 or 300 yards short.
- 2220 - Sgt GROOMS (3d Bn Opns Sgt) reports that one round of time fire just burst over the town of SCHILLERSDOEF. Burst about 100 feet in the air and he thinks it is our artillery fire.
- 2225 - 1st Bn S-2 called S-3 and said Co "C" was receiving no artillery fire. S-3 told him we had just received a report that it was Co "B" and not Co "C" receiving the Arty.
- 2242 - 1st Bn S-2 reports that the man who was hit by Arty fragment was from Co "F" Platoon.
- 2355 - Co "B" Comdr called S-3 and reports they made contact with a Kraut patrol and think perhaps the patrol has penetrated our lines. Fired illuminating shells right after contact with the patrol and they were no where to be found. Said he wanted to coordinate with us on artificial moonlight as Co "F" was laying around there. S-3 told him to get patrols working behind our lines as well as laterally and we would have the artificial moonlight on in about 45 minutes.
- 2356 - S-3 called G-3 (Lt EDDENS) and told him we would like to turn on our artificial moonlight at 0045 and leave it on until 0700. Lt EDDENS said he would notify everyone.
- 2400 - Called our AA SL Platoon and instructed them to turn on our artificial moonlight and leave it on until 0700.

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DATE: 7 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0005A to 0830A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (209304)

0005 - Told 3d Bn (Sgt GROOMS) that our artificial moonlight would go on at 0045 and be on until 0700; also of possibility of enemy patrol penetrating our Co "B" lines. Sgt GROOMS said Co "I" had a wire party out, but he would call them and tell them to call it off. Told 1st Bn (Cpl SMITH) that our artificial moonlight would go on at 0045 and off at 0700. He said he would notify the companies of his Bn.

0010 - G-3 (Lt EDDENS) called S-3 and said he had notified everyone of our artificial moonlight. 101st Div was worried about it as they had patrols across the river; but their lines are 6 kilometers from ours and Lt EDDENS said it wouldn't bother them a bit.

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt LOWRY).

0135 - Co "B" Comdr reports that the enemy patrol that was reported as having possibly penetrated our lines did not get through. They were reported as seen running back toward their own lines.

0200 - 0700 - Submitted negative reports to G-3 on the hour.

0712 - 1st Bn CP (Capt VINSON) called that they had just received report that preparations went right into town, that Co "A" is now in town and moving very fast toward the center. Co "A" is receiving very little small arms fire. It is using a lot of hand grenades to clear out buildings. No report yet on whether it has taken any prisoners.

0725 - Red CP (1st Bn) reports that they just had word from "F" Plat CP down at "B" CP that one of our men came in down there with a prisoner. Our man was wounded. There is still lots of small arms firing in the town.

0732 - 1st Bn S-2 says they will shoot all PW's right up to our cage.

0740 - S-2 told G-2 that we sent out Patrols #1 and #2 to develop information for the raid this morning. Don't have a full report on them. On our raid up to this point we have one PW.

0755 - 1st Bn S-2 called S-2 and said Capt PARKER had just called in and Co "A" is out of the town. Said they had approximately 12 PW's. Know of one of our men who is wounded.

0810 - G-2 reports that 103d Rcn Troop ran into a minefield last night. The artificial moonlight came on and they discovered they were right in the middle of the minefield. They were lying right on top of the ground. They killed 6 Krauts.

0830 - 1st Bn S-3 reports Co "A" has 10 and possibly 11 prisoners. Had one man wounded in the hand and one creased under the arm. Awaiting more complete report from CO Co "A".

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DATE: 7 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0845A to 1830A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

0845 - Lt RITTMAN (IPW) reports the PW is from 6th Co, 2d Bn, 87th Div. He is squad leader and had 9 men under him. They were in the mill between BISCHHOLTZ and MUELHAUSEN.

0855 - S-3 called 2d Bn CO and informed him that the motorized company (Co "E") will remain with his Bn at MENCHHOFFEN until the entire Bn is relieved. This Company will take responsibility at 1600. 2d Plat of Co "G" will take over Div CP guard at 1400.

0905 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-6: It is 11 prisoners. Our total casualties, one evacuated - gun shot wound of hand, 2 not evacuated slight lacerations. The Krauts reacted with some mortar fire and fire apparently from two (2) pieces of artillery. The morale of Co "A" very high, as they passed me at the CP they were laughing and joking and generally seemed in high spirits.

0910 - Div Comdr visited CP.

0915 - Div Comdr left CP for 1st Bn CP.

1125 - On Co CO called S-6 and said he would have to make his relief tonight so he won't be able to close into any area until after dark. Also that his area in BOUXWILLER is very poor and would like permission to go to another town. S-6 said he should move to BOUXWILLER and then change locations tomorrow.

1128 - S-6 from C/S: You did a nice job at BISCHHOLTZ. You still have trash in your area. S-6 told him he had S-5 working on it. S-6 asked him if it was OK to have Cn Co in another town, C/S said he didn't see why not.

1315 - S-3 called AT Co CO and asked him how many guns will he have to leave. AT Co CO said he would have to leave one gun which is in position near ROTHBACH. S-3 told him to contact 2d Bn and make sure they leave one guard with the gun.

1415 - 1st Bn S-3 called S-5 and told him that Co "B" last night heard digging on road between ROTHBACH and BISCHHOLTZ. They were using picks and assumed they were planting mines.

1610 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP.

1615 - S-3 1st Bn report one man from Co "B" hit by sniper fire. We plan to put some artillery fire on BISCHHOLTZ.

1635 - Asst Div Comdr left CP.

1800 - Prior to dark, left squad of Co "C" relieved.

1830 - Co "A", 410th Inf relieved by Co "B", 411th Inf.

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DATE: 7 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1900A to 2400A

PLACE: INGWILLER, FRANCE (809304)

1900 - Support of Co "B", all mortars and some MG's of 1st Bn relieved by 1st Bn, 411th. 3d Bn had all MG's, AT Plat, 81-mm mortars relieved.

1947 - Cn Co closed into BOUXWILLER.

2000 - Co "I" relieved by Co "F", 411th Inf.

2009 - Co "K" relieved by Co "E", 411th Inf.

2015 - S-3, 3d Bn called and informed us that CO, 2d Bn 411th Inf took over command of sector at 2000.

2035 - CO AT Co called S-3 and informed him that he may have to leave 3 guns as the mud is pretty desp. 2 guns in 3d Bn zone and 1 gun in 2d Bn zone.

2045 - 2d Bn closed into BOUXWILLER.

2200 - 3d Bn report at 2000, four (4) rounds of rocket fire landed in ZUTZENDORF, demolishing one building.

2315 - G-2 to S-3: Msg from Army - "Utmost important that all personnel of your command be alerted to apprehend a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton 6x6 truck WD #4150427, bumper marking 28X S47. Any personnel driving or riding in vehicle no matter what rank or nationality is to be apprehended and placed under armed guard for questioning by Counter-Intelligence Officer of 7th Army. Contents of truck to be safeguarded."

2400 - 411th Inf CO took over command of sector.

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DATE: 8 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0020 - 411th Infantry took over our sector at 2345. Relief was completed at that time.
- 0045 - 3d Battalion closed in BOUXWILLER at 2345.
- 0415 - 1st Battalion closed at 0350. Notified G-3 (Lt. Young) that the Regiment had closed into area at 0350.
- 0530 - 1st Battalion CP opened at OBERSOULTZBACH.
- 0750 - Received Minefield Records #110 and #111 from 328th Engineer (C) Battalion.
- 1045 - G-3 informed us that there would be small arms firing at 751243 and 79452455 all day. (Notified MP Officer, 1st, 2d, 3d Bns, Cn Co, and AT Co.).
- 1330 - Chief of Staff called and informed us that "A" and "F" Companies would assemble tomorrow in order to receive Bronz Stars for the men who distinguished themselves on the raids conducted by their respective Companies.
- 1430 - RED Alert.
- 1435 - All Clear.
- 1600 - Assistant Division Commander visited our CP and left immediately.
- 2100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 2200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 2300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 2400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 9 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1445A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
  - 0200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
  - 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
  - 0400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
  - 0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
  - 0515 - G-3 informed us that the 409th Infantry is going to turn on their artificial moonlight.
  - 0600 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
  - 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 reports that the right Regiment of the 45th Division captured two PW's last night from the 66th SS Mountain Division Reconnaissance Bn. Our troops at OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER received a strong counterattack late yesterday evening. Our troops outposting the RHINE RIVER along the 16 grid line received a counterattack last night and suffered some casualties.
  - 1100 - G-2 called S-2 and informed him that between 1200 and 1400 today a P-51 will be taking aerial photos and may be flying low over this area. Instructed S-2 to inform our troops so they wouldn't fire at the plane.
  - 1105 - MP Officer informed us that the road between UTTWILLER and BOUXWILLER will be closed due to road repairs (Informed all Battalions and Special Units).
  - 1400 - Chief of Staff arrived at our CP.
  - 1410 - Chief of Staff left our CP.
  - 1415 - S-2, 781st Tank Battalion called S-3 and informed him that tomorrow the 781st Tank Battalion was sending us down a M4A3 tank and it would remain here from 0800 to 1200. It is scheduled to be at 2d Battalion from 0800 to 0900; 3d Battalion from 0900 to 1000; AT and Headquarters Companies from 1000 to 1100; and 1st Battalion from 1100 to 1200.
  - 1445 - G-3 informed us that the 103d Division Reconnaissance Troop is going to fire 37mm at 1530 today at 836261. Angle of fire - 265 degrees. (Informed all our organizations).

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DATE: 9 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1446A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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1550 - Regimental Operations Instructions Nos. 21, 22, and 20 (counterattack plans) delivered to G-3 (Lt. Eddens).

2100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

2200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

2300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

2400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

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DATE: 10 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1655A.

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0600 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 (Lt. Young) informed us of the news along the VI Corps front. 103d Division Sector was quiet during the night. The 45th Division got one patrol up as far as coordinate 839388. Received some artillery and mortar fire in their sector. 101st Airborne Division sent out several patrols but made no contact with the enemy. The 36th Division is make a small attack on the railroad station at OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER this morning and is crossing the MODER RIVER on footbridges.
- 1100 - G-3 informed us that the 409th Infantry is doing some small arms firing at 1300 today until about 1200 tomorrow at coordinates 873240. (Informed MP Officer, Battalions, and Special Units).
- 1327 - Chief of Staff called S-3 and informed him that the ceremony at 1400 (Division Commander's talk to reinforcements in BOUXWILLER) would be late as the reinforcements are several hours late in arriving. We are to inform the Division Commander if he stops in at our CP.
- 1620 - 3d Battalion CO reports that the roundhouse West of the Railroad Station in BOUXWILLER is full of explosives. Wants someone to put a guard on it. Lt. Hughes informed him that we would investigate the matter immediately. Lt. Hughes called 328th Engineer Battalion S-3, and 328th Engineer Battalion S-3 said he would send up the Company Commander of "B" Company of 328th Engineer Battalion to check into the matter.
- 1655 - Chief of Staff called S-5 and wanted to know if the Division Commander had arrived as yet, and details on his speech he delivered to reinforcements. S-5 gave him all the particulars. Chief of Staff told S-5 we would have to submit a report to him on the vehicles that was salvaged by our Headquarters Company in vicinity of VILLE. Wants all the details - color, condition, where found, by whom, number, how we got it, etc. We are to send the Chief of Staff one copy and keep one copy ourselves.

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DATE: 10 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1656A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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1705 - S-5 instructed the Headquarters Commandant to turn in a written report on vehicle salvaged by Headquarters Company in VILLE to this Headquarters.

2100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Cpl. Kieker).

2200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Cpl. Kieker).

2300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Cpl. Kieker).

2400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Cpl. Kieker).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 11 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1120A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Young).

0400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Young).

0600 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Young).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry). Sgt. Lowry gave us a report on the VI Corps front during the night. The 45th Division used loudspeakers late yesterday evening for propaganda purposes on the enemy. During the night there was great flare activity along their front. The reason, according to the 45th Division - to keep the more timid enemy troops from walking into our lines and surrendering. They did take one prisoners from the 12th Company of the 11th SS Regiment of the 6th SS Mountain Division. 41th Infantry took two prisoners during the night, but haven't identified their unit as yet. In the 36th Division Zone the 141st Infantry relieved the 143d Infantry along the RHINE RIVER. The 101st Airborne Division reports a large number of enemy flares were observed in their sector during the night.

1050 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and informed him that the inspection tomorrow would have Companies massed in line. Battalion open ranks. Companies in square formation.

1055 - Assistant Division Commander visited CP.

1056 - G-3 called S-3 and said the Tankers (Company "A" of 781st Tank Battalion) wanted to borrow a company of Infantry to be used from 1300 to 1500 tomorrow. Wants to see the CO and platoon leaders tomorrow morning. S-3 told him the company would probably be from the 1st Battalion. G-3 wanted to know when we could rehearse the counterattack plans. Rehearsal plans could be up to the line of departure. We will get a three-day notice.

1105 - Assistant Division Commander left CP.

1120 - S-5 gave 1st Battalion Munitions Officer permission to draw 150 rounds of 81mm Mortar light ammunition.



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DATE: 11 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1121A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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1245 - Chief of Staff called S-5: "On the inspection of 1st and 3d Battalions tomorrow the heavy weapons must be laid out". (S-5 called 1st and 3d Battalions and informed them of this message) 0

1255 - S-6 to Division Movement Control: "Will you have Major Gillman tell the Assistant Division Commander that the road from BOUXWILLER to UTTWILLER is closed for repairs by the Engineers."

1500 - Company "B", 781st Tank Battalion CP is in NIEDERSCHOLTZBACH - phone through our 1st Battalion switchboard.

1520 - S-3 called G-3 (Major Gillman) and asked if we could use the rifle range behind DOSSENHEIM. Major Gillman said it would be O.K. to use the range, but that we would have to submit a overlay (1/25,000) showing the firing line, danger space, and location of range guards.

1700 - Chief of Staff approved the use of one of our Companies to be used with Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion at STEINBORK for a demonstration.

1845 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3 and informed him that tomorrow at 1430 one platoon of 3d Battalion will have to take over Division CP guard. At 1500 one company will be alerted on 30-minutes notice. 3d Battalion S-3 will call and inform us from which company the platoon is from.

1847 - S-3 called Regimental Motor Officer and instructed him to have two trucks report to 3d Battalion CP at 1430.

2115 - Division Movement Control called and informed us that the road running SW from HATTMATT to BJ 761204 is closed until further notice. (Notified all units and MP's) 0

2130 - Called all units and instructed them to carry one (1) thermite grenade in each vehicle. Also 30-minutes training this week on care of gas mask - Reference TM No. 2, Hq ETO, dated 25 January 1945.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 12 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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0100 to 0600 - Submitted hourly negative reports to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry). G-3 reports that the VI Corps front was very quiet during the night. 36th Division sent out a few combat patrols and they were engaged in fire fights with the enemy. One Regiment of the 36th Division repulsed a small enemy attack during the night.

0845 - S-3 informed the 1st and 3d Battalions that the inspection to be made of their Battalions this morning by the Division Commander has been called off and will be held tomorrow sometime.

1000 - Division Movement Control reports road running SW from HATTMATT to STEINBERG is closed.

1145 - 3d Battalion reports that the motorized company will be "I" Company. Platoon for guarding Division CP will be 1st Platoon, "K" Company.

1500 - 2d Battalion S-3 called and said they were going to try and remove all their AT guns. Will try and get it out in the first hour of darkness. S-3 notified the 411th.

2010 - "C" Company will work with the Tankers on the demonstration.

2100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

2200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

2400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 13 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Eddens). G-3 reports that the VI Corps front was very quiet during the night. Patrols were very active and all patrols sent out on the Corps front made enemy contact. The skirmishing in OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER continues (36th Division Sector). The 3d Division is in STRASBOURG resting.

0745 - Regimental Munitions Officer called and wants all companies who fire on the range to turn in their M-1 clips and MG belts so he can reload them.

0837 - S-3 of 781st Tank Battalion called and said the demonstration with our "G" Company is called off. (Notified S-4 and 2d Battalion).

1055 - 2d Battalion will try to get AT gun out tonight between 1830 and 2000.

1125 - 1st Battalion S-5 called and said his Battalion would have a reinspection today at 1500 and he would like S-6 to come down if possible.

1415 - S-4 called S-6 and reported that the BAR belts on hand have been issued to most of the men but that more can be obtained through the Supply Sergeants. S-4 reports there is a shortage of field jackets.

1510 - MP officer called Assistant S-3 and said 2d and 3d Battalions failed to report in after patrolling this morning. Assistant S-3 will check on it.

1850 - Assistant S-3 notified G-3 (Lt. Young) that "F" Company is going to detonate some mines tomorrow between 10 and 12 at 824247. (Battalions and Special Units notified).

2000 - Division Movement Control called and said road from BOUSWILLER to RJ 857266 will be closed tomorrow.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 14 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 reports generally quiet along the VI Corps front during the night. 45th Division zone is very quiet. 101st Airborne Division sent out one reconnaissance patrol and two combat patrols. One combat patrol (5 to 8 men) went out to take a MG nest and returned with 4 prisoners. Receiving some mortar fire in the 101st Zone. 411th Infantry Combat patrol into NIEFFERN was very unsuccessful. They suffered 13 casualties and 1 known dead. Met heavy resistance - small arms, automatic weapons, and self-propelled guns; also ran into an AT minefield. After they pulled back from the town of NIEFFERN they called for a TOT and think they obtained excellent results.

0945 - Bombing of BITCHHOFFEN to take place this morning. A new type of bomb to be used.

1115 - G-3 (Capt Cook) informed Assistant S-3 that there would be some explosives used this afternoon at 1400 at SAVERNE, quite a distance to our South. Explained how to destroy vehicles.

1145 - G-3 approved 57mm AT firing for AT Company this afternoon and for 1st Battalion tomorrow. Range location - West of WEINBOURG.

1820 - Chief of Staff called and informed us that Bulletin No. 12, Hq 103d Inf Div, dated 13 Feb 45, is to be withdrawn from distribution. A new bulletin will be distributed in its place, but we are to hold it until the new bulletin comes out.

1900 - 1st Battalion S-3 called and informed us that at 1500 tomorrow "A" Company will be the alert company. The platoon for Division CP guard will be 3d Platoon of "B" Company. (Instructed 3d Battalion to release 6 trucks to 1st Battalion at 1430; Regt'l Motor Officer to send two trucks to "B" Company at 1430).

2300 - G-3 reports 101st Airborne Division receiving heavy artillery barrage. Estimated between 400 and 500 rounds.

2355 - G-2 called and informed us that an 8-man enemy patrol had penetrated the 411th Inf lines and last reported vicinity SCHILLERSDORF. (1st, 2d, 3d Battalions and MP Officer notified).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 15 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME:

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 reports that the 8-man enemy patrol that was thought to have penetrated the lines of the 411th Infantry turned out to be our own men.

0150 - 3d Battalion CO called and said he had just returned from the front in the 411th Infantry Sector. Said the report that an 8-man enemy patrol had penetrated the lines of the 411th Infantry was erroneous. The 8 men were a MG Section being relieved. An enemy vehicle was reported going into NIEFFERN. A horse-drawn vehicle went out of NIEFFERN bound for MUHLHAUSEN. 3d Battalion CO said he saw a new type enemy flare on the front tonight.

0200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Eddens).

0600 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Eddens). VI Corps front was very quiet during the night except for patrol activity. The 3d Battalion of 411th Infantry relieved the 1st Battalion. 2d Battalion of 409th Infantry relieved 1st Battalion. 409th Infantry had a patrol out to BITCHHOFFEN but they haven't reported back yet. 411th Infantry had two patrols out; one couldn't get across the river and the other made no contact. 45th Division zone is quiet. Had an increase in mortar and artillery fire received yesterday. Sent out deep patrols last night and made contact in only one or two places. 101st Airborne Division reports they received between 400 and 500 rounds of mortar fire yesterday. 36th Division zone was quiet. They had to adjust their front line on the right flank due to high water. OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER is still a pretty hot spot when they try to probe the enemy outer defenses with patrols.

0800 - Reinforcement Company Commander called and said his Company wanted to fire M-1's from 0800 to 1000 on the range at DOSENHEIM. (Coordinated with Captain Cock at G-3).

1005 - Battery "C" called Lt. Hughes and wants to use our range in the afternoon from 19 through 21 February. Firing carbines, .30 cal., .50 cal. MG's, and bazookas. Approved by Lt. Hughes.

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DATE: 15 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1006A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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1010 - All ranges reserved through Division for this Headquarters for week beginning 18 February through 25 February.

1145 - Division I&E Officer called and said he would not be able to pick up the training film for us at Corps until about 0730 in the morning and will deliver it to us about 0830.

1530 - MP Officer called S-5 and reports that the mattresses and other household articles have been stolen by soldiers in house where he is located. S-5 instructed him to investigate the matter.

1600 - 2d Battalion S-3 called and said 2d Battalion would like to use 2 thermite grenades tomorrow on a couple of destroyed German vehicles. It will be held at 1000 tomorrow behind 2d Battalion Motor Pool in BOUXWILLER. (Notified G-3 and all units in BOUXWILLER).

1820 - Regimental Munitions Officer called and informed us that tomorrow he will try to draw some 81mm mortar heavy sensitive fuses. Will try to draw 30 rounds per Battalion. Would like for the Battalions to try it and report to him how it works and how they like it. This 81mm heavy is much more sensitive than the 81mm light. Can be used to penetrate buildings.

1830 - Division Movement Control called and said the road between DOSENHEIM and STEINBOURG and also the road between BUESWILLER and OBERMODERN is now open.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 16 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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0100 to 0700 - Submitted negative reports to G-3.

0800 - S-3, 328th Engineer Battalion called and wanted to know if arrangements had been made to show the film "Your job in Germany" to "B" Company of the 328th Engineers.

0940 - Chief of Staff called and said we would receive 100 reinforcements at 1415. Chief of Staff would like S-5 to be at the theater to meet the Division Commander. The band will be there to play.

1035 - Report received that the three civilians apprehended taking pictures in front of our CP 15 February have been placed on bread and water for a week. Film is being developed and will be given to S-5.

1135 - Division Movement Control reports that road from NEUWILLER to GRIESBACH is now open.

1345 - There will be an experimental bombing of BITCHHOFFEN at 1400 if weather permits.

1720 - S-6 returned from Division CP.

1945 - Division Movement Control called and said the road from DOSSENHEIM to BOUXWILLER is now open. The road from BOUXWILLER to BUESWILLER is now closed. All roads from E Stendorf will be closed tomorrow from 0900 to 1100.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 17 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0045 - MP Officer received a report that jeep from 411th Inf (M-19) was found wrecked just N of BOUXWILLER. MP Officer called 411th Inf War Room and reported it to them.

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt EDDENS).

0200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt LOWRY). G-3 reports that at approximately 1900, 411th Inf received approximately 50 rounds of Nebelwerfer fire and 409th Inf received approximately 200 rounds. After the barrage an enemy patrol of 5 men attempted to penetrate our lines in 411th Inf Co "L" sector but were repulsed. The 45th Div received approximately 250 rounds of Nebelwerfer fire at 1900. The 45th Div was relieved by the 42d Rainbow Division at 2200.

0300 & 0400 - Submitted negative reports to G-3 (Sgt LOWRY).

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt LOWRY). He reports that at 0220, 409th Co "L" switched positions with 409th Co "E".

0600 & 0700 - Submitted negative reports to G-3 (Lt EDDENS).

0900 - S-3 informed all Bns, Special Units and Major SIPS that range firing of all types of weapons will cease until further notice. Only men with new sights on carbines may fire. (Reinforcements allowed 1 clip for carbine; 2 clips for M1; 50 rds per man for MG.)

1050 - S-3 called S-4 wanted an approximate account of 30 cal. ammunition expended within the past week by 1300 today.

2000 - Note from Div Ln Officer : "101st Div is going to use green flares between 2300 and 0200 tonight. New Corps O.I. contained following information; 1st French move left boundary over to include GRIES & OBERHOFFEN. 36th Div moves left boundary over to include HAGUENAU. 101st Div left boundary remains the same, right boundary excludes HAGUENAU. 14th Armd Div relieves elements 103d Div in area from 101st Div left flank over to and including PFAFFENOFFEN & LA WALCK. (Information received from Lt YOUNG)."

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 18 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 reports that the 42d Division Zone was very quiet during the night. One enemy patrol tried to penetrate their lines and was repulsed. The 101st Airborne Division sent out a couple of patrols and they were ambushed by the enemy. One of the patrols captured three prisoners. The enemy is now very alert to patrol activity all along the front. 36th Division is improving their defensive positions and sending out patrols. OBERHOFFEN SUR MODER and ZUTZENDORF are still very touchy spots. They have tied in their RHINE outposts with the French on the South.

In the XV Corps sector the 70th Division and 44th Division are making limited attacks and having some success.

About 4 rounds of very heavy caliber artillery fell in SAVERNE during the night. One round fell approximately one and one-half miles South of Division Headquarters.

0900 - Division Operations Instruction No. 62 received from our Liaison Officer.

1900 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports that "G" Company is the alert Company from 181500A Feb 45 through 201500A Feb 45. "E" Company will be the alert company from 201500A Feb 45 through 211500A Feb 45. The Division CP guard will be furnished by 1st Platoon, "F" Company.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 19 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1355A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 reports that the 103d Reconnaissance Troop sent out a patrol last night to NIEFFERN. They just about reached the creek this side of NIEFFERN and were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. The enemy then hit them with a heavy mortar barrage which was zeroed in. Lt. Steinruff was killed and Captain Durand was badly injured. Two other men were killed and 4 others injured. The 411th Infantry sent out a patrol toward ROTHBACH and it was ambushed and forced to withdraw. The enemy is very alert to patrol activity all along the line. The 42nd Division on our left flank is having no activity along their front. The 101st Airborne Division on our right flank sent out a reconnaissance patrol during the night and they made no enemy contact.

0830 - Division Movement Control reports that the road from HATTMATT to STEINBOURG and road from BUESWILLER to ENTENDORF are now open.

1155:- S-6 returned from Division CP with instructions to put counterattack plan B-2 into effect at once. This is a problem only.

1215 - Battalion Commanders arrived at CP and were oriented by S-6.

1320 - Regimental Motor Officer called S-3 to check on trucks of the alert Company. "K" Company is the alert Company and trucks will be returned to them after problem.

1325 - MP Officer reports that all road guides were in position at 1205.

1330 - Advance CP group left for INGWILLER.

1330 - 1st Battalion cleared OBERSOULTZBACH.

1335 - Advance guard of "A" Company has just passed through INGWILLER.

1345 - 1st Battalion cleared IP at 1336. Cleared RJ at 1342.

1346 - Cannon Company was instructed by Assistant S-3 to start moving immediately.

1350 - Message to CO's 1st and 2d Bns: "At conclusion of today's practice of plan, have head count made in all organizations and submit to me list of absentees with reasons for absence." (Signed H.J.P.Harding, Colonel at 1350).

1355 - 3d Battalion is ready to move on notice.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 19 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1356A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 1400 - Cannon Company has cleared their area - wasn't able to get a message through on the head count.
- 1401 - S-5 instructed the AT Company Commander to move out immediately.
- 1403 - S-5 called AT Company Commander and told him to make a head count of all men on the problem and report all absentees and why they were absent.
- 1418 - S-5 instructed 3d Battalion CO to start moving immediately and to report when his Battalion had cleared the IP. Instructed him to make a head count of all Organizations and to report absentees and why they were absent.
- 1419 - AT Company cleared BOUXWILLER at 1419. 61 men and 3 officers on the problem.
- 1445 - S-6 was informed that everything was moving according to schedule. S-6 informed us that AT Company had just moved into INGWILLER.
- 1500 - Cannon Company arrived at destination at 1435.
- 1501 - Assistant S-3 called our Advance CP and reported that Cannon Company was in position with 5 guns and 4 officers.
- 1508 - RED Alert.
- 1512 - All Clear.
- 1522 - G-3 informed us that an Air Corps Officer would report to us 20 February and stay for four days.
- 1530 - Problem is over with exception of 3d Battalion.
- 1539 - 3d Battalion closed into area.
- 2130 - Received Division Operations Instruction No. 63 from our Liaison Officer.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 20 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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0100 to 0600 - Submitted negative reports to G-3 (Sgt. Hepakoski).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Pvt. Withers). G-3 reports that the VI Corps had an exceedingly quiet night all along their front. The enemy was very active with flares during the night, but nothing else. 14th Armored Division took over part of the 409th Infantry Regiment's sector at 2254. 42nd Division reports all quiet on their front - flare activity only. 101st Airborne Division reports all quiet with the exception of flares. The 36th Division sent out quiet a few patrols and most of them reached their objectives without making enemy contact.

0810 - Received Minefields Record No. 112 from 328th Engineer Battalion.

0940 - S-5 called AT Company Commander and told him his Company would be inspected at 1000 at the School grounds.

0947 - 411th Infantry reports they want to move a company out of OBERMODERN and wanted to know if we were sending anyone in.

1017 - S-3 instructed 1st Battalion S-1 to report to our CP at once.

1335 - S-3 told G-3 it was O.K. for the FA to use 2d Battalion range tomorrow.

1416 - Division Movement Control reports that road from EJ 784221 to air strip will be closed as of tomorrow morning.

1520 - Chief of Staff called and said trash had not been policed, especially on the road into BOUXWILLER and athletic field on N edge of town.

1645 - Effective immediately the following roads may be used for tanks: STEINBOURG West to EJ 739188. STEINBOURG to EIDENSTEIN.

1735 - G-3 informed that 409th Infantry will take over alert company and Division CP guard at 1500 tomorrow.

1740 - Regimental Munitions officer reports that he drew 500 rounds of 81mm mortar light today. Has a total of 1326 rounds in Regimental dump. S-3 gave him authority to issue 94 rounds to 3d Battalion and 200 rounds each to 1st and 2d Battalions.

1930 - Lt. Hughes notified all units that schedule of POW lecture is cancelled. At 1300 tomorrow 2d and 3d Battalions will attend lecture at railroad station in BOUXWILLER.

2000 - S-3 (Lt. Hughes) informed G-3 (Capt. Cock) of attendance at counterattack problem yesterday - 1st Bn - 669; 2d Bn - 526; 3d Bn - 471; Cn - 76; AT - 84.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 21 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1915A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3. G-3 reports that the VI Corps front was exceedingly quiet during the night and there were no changes.

0750 - Received Field Order No. 9 from the 409th Infantry.

1037 - Chief of Staff called and wants S-6 to come to Division at 1330 to talk over changes in Cannon Company T/O and to see the Division Commander.

1100 - Copies of 410th Infantry Operations Instruction No. 24 delivered to G-3 and the 14th Armored Division.

1450 - Lt. Hughes instructed the MP Officer to have 3d Battalion post guards until this evening and then they may be relieved by the 3d Battalion.

1450 - Cannon Company was in position and registered in at 1245.

1505 - S-3 called 409th S-3 and told him that if there isn't enough room here for their 1st Battalion they can get in touch with G-5. Told him our 3d Battalion would post guards until this evening and then 409th could relieve them.

1545 - Lt. Hughes called G-3 and asked for permission for Hq. Co. to fire small arms on the range at DOSSENHEIM tomorrow. G-3 gave permission.

1625 - Received Division Operations Instruction No. 64 by Liaison Officer.

1630 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 1635.

1640 - 3d Battalion reports new CP opened at OBERMODERN at 1630.

1645 - 3d Battalion closed into area.

1700 - Co. "A", 614th TD Battalion took over TD positions in RT 411th zone.

1835 - 1st Battalion CP opened at OBERMODERN.

1915 - 1st Battalion S-3 reports that 8 rounds of artillery fell in "A" Company zone.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 21 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1916A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 2000 - Antitank Company took over 409th and 411th Infantry AT positions.
- 2130 - 1st Battalion completed relief of 411th Infantry elements on line.
- 2210 - Commanding Officer, 410th Infantry took over command of 411th Infantry sector in which we were to relieve them.
- 2212 - 2d Battalion completed relief of 409th Infantry at 2205. Regimental CO took over command of the sector at this time (Notified G-3).
- 2215 - CO, 410th Infantry took over command of entire sector at 2210.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0855A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0130 - G-3 (Lt. Eddens) called and wanted to know how many platoons from each company we had on line. Duty Officer (Major White) informed him that we had 1 platoon from "A", 1 platoon from "B", and 2 platoons from "E" on line.
- 0200 - Checked with 1st and 2d Battalions and received negative combat reports. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0250 - Two guards in front of our CP report they heard a burp gun approximately 5 minutes ago firing about one mile NW of our CP. MP Officer was informed of this.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 & G-3.
- 0400 - 1st Battalion reports that at 0355 there was automatic weapons fire 2000 yards to the right of their Battalion CP. One flare went up in this same position. 2d Battalion submitted a negative report. Submitted this to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 1st Battalion reports that their Battalion OP observed an enemy flare to their right front at 0553. 2d Battalion submitted a negative report. Reported this to G-2 and G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0730 - G-3 reports the VI Corps front very quiet during the night. 42nd Division zone had no activity. 14th Armored Division zone sent out two reconnaissance patrols during the night and they made no enemy contact. Enemy flares very active in their zone. 101st Airborne Division sent out reconnaissance patrols and they made no enemy contact. The 36th Division sent out no patrols as their 141st Infantry was relieved by the 3d French DIA at 2200. OBERHOFEN SUR MODER is still being hit by enemy harrasing fire and some flare activity.
- 0855 - Message from S-3 to CO 3d Battalion: "Prepare counterattack plans to meet possible enemy penetration - overlay. (2) Attachments - 1st Platoon, Company "A", 756th Tank Bn. (3) Plan submitted this Hq by 231800A Feb 45."

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0856A to 1245A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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0935 - S-3 secured permission of our Engineer Company Commander to use a mine detector today and told him we would send for it.

0940 - S-3 called Cannon Company Executive Officer and told him the mine detector would be delivered to him sometime today.

1045 - Regimental Munitions Officer called S-3 and wanted permission to issue the 3d Battalion 150 rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition. 3d Battalion now has approximately 375 rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition on hand. S-3 told him he would check with S-5 on it.

1055 - Replacement Company Commander called S-3 and wants authority to move the shower unit back to DOSENHEIM, but the 1st Battalion wants to keep it where it is now located. S-3 told him he would check with S-5 and call him back.

1103 - S-3 called "K" Company Commander and told him the Division IG was on his way down to "K" Company CP.

1104 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-1 and told him the Division IG was on his way down to the 3d Battalion CP to see S-1.

1121 - S-3 called G-3 and asked if we could use the film "Your Job In Germany" to show the men who missed it. Would like to have it by 1800. G-3 will call back.

1123 - 3d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and told him that he was unable to get a fire plan ready right now as they were conducting a reconnaissance at the present.

1130 - Division I&E Officer called S-3 and told him it was O.K. to use the film "Your Job In Germany" tonight. Film was shown to 71 of our men this morning. S-3 told I&E Officer he would return the film tonight.

1135 - S-3 instructed the Service Company CO to pick up the film "Your Job In Germany" after 1400 this afternoon from Division I&E Officer, use it as long as is necessary, and return it to the Division I&E Officer sometime tonight.

1235 - S-6 returned to the CP.

1245 - S-6 told the Replacement Company Commander that the shower Unit would stay where it is now located.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1246A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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1340 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and asked him if the plans for the defense of the town of OBERMODERN had been taken care of. 1st Battalion S-3 will check and call back. Division said there was no road block on the road leading into the town from the East.

1500 - 2d Battalion CO called S-3 and said there was a 400 yard gap in front line on his right flank. S-3 told him he would check on it.

1640 - Division I&E Officer called S-3 and said he would like to have the film "Your Job in Germany" back by 2300 tonight.

1650 - S-3 instructed the Regimental Communications Officer to check with the 2d Battalion about getting a line in to the 14th Armored Division on our right flank.

1705 - Regimental Communications Officer called S-3 and reported that our 2d Battalion has had a line in to the 14th Armored Division since yesterday.

1735 - S-3 called the MP Officer and instructed him to check on the password for tonight. Reports have reached us that guards on the edge of BOUXWILLER have been stopping traffic and messing up the password.

1830 - Division I&E Officer called and asked that the film "Your job in Germany" be returned to G-3 tonight.

1945 - CO, Company "C", 614th TD Battalion called and said he has a TD in position to fire star shells on call any night vicinity 870299, East of NIEFFERN (notified 1st and 2d Battalions).

2200 - 2d Battalion reports enemy MG at 883291. Artillery fired on this MG and silenced it. (Reported this to G-2 and G-3).

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 23 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 to 0700 - Submitted negative combat reports to G-2 and G-3 every hour. Checked with 1st and 2d Battalions at 0200, 0400, and 0600 and received negative combat reports.
- 0930 - S-6 left to visit 2d Battalion, 1st Battalion, 3d Battalion and AT Company.
- 0935 - S-3 informed 2d Battalion S-3 that the site for the rocket outfit would be one and one-half miles NW of BUSSWILLER, SE of Road Junction.
- 0940 - G-2 and G-3 visited our CP. G-3 wants our counterattack plans in to him by 1200 25 February 1945.
- 1030 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and wants 250 rounds of 81mm mortar HE light ammunition.
- 1035 - Assistant Division Commander visited our CP. Left at 1040.
- 1050 - S-5 called 328th Engineer "B" Company S-5 and wanted him to send an officer down to our CP to talk over the digging of a CP.
- 1115 - S-5 told 2d Battalion S-3 he could draw 250 rounds of 81mm mortar He light ammunition.
- 1255 - Captain Jones to Captain Parker - told him he was going up to the CP for about two hours this afternoon.
- 1430 - Condition is RED.
- 1457 - Condition is CLEAR.
- 1502 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-6 and told him he wanted to attach a platoon of tanks to 1st Battalion.
- 1800 - Our Liaison Officer (Captain Jones) delivered Defensive Fire Plan overlay to G-3 (Lt. Young).
- 1840 - S-6 returned from Division.
- 1915 - Counterattack plans A to E inclusive received from 3d Battalion.
- 2210 - Company "A" reports 5 rounds of enemy mortar fell in front of their right position.
- 2302 - Company "A" reports 7 rounds enemy mortar fell in front of their right position.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0600A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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0015 - 1st Battalion reports that both "A" and "B" Company patrols have returned and are now being interrogated. A full report will be submitted as soon as it is ready.

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0115 - "A" Company patrol returned 0005. River bank was steep but made crossing at spot 3 feet deep, current slow, sandy bottom. Investigated area to the right rear of NIEFFERN and found no mines in area approximately 1200 yards by 500 yards. Stayed clear of an enemy OP spotted during the day but passed closed enough to it to determine that it was manned at night. Will submit overlay in the morning.

"B" Company patrol returned at 0010. Scouted two draws and found them heavily mined. Passed near and observed an enemy OP that was manned. They heard what they thought was an enemy patrol approaching them and since they had no cover or concealment withdrew to our lines. The enemy then dropped in an flare in the area they had been investigating. Will submit overlay in the morning.

0200 - Checked with 1st and 2d Battalions. 2d Battalion reports that "E" Company patrol is back and I&R man who went with them is bringing us a full report. Called G-2 and G-3 and gave them the patrol reports from "A" and "B" Company.

0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0400 - 1st and 2d Battalions submitted negative reports. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0445 - 1st Battalion OP reports that at 0435 there was considerable activity in the zone to their left. Lots of rifle fire and either grenades or mortars. Think perhaps a patrol got caught over there.

0500 - Submitted the 0445 report to G-2 and G-3.

0505 - 411th Infantry S-2 called and said one of their front line elements reports machine gun and rifle fire vicinity MUHLHAUSEN.

0507 - Called 2d and 1st Battalion on the above report. They know nothing of it.

0510 - 1st Battalion reports that rifle fire and grenades or mortars their CP reported is believed to have been enemy troops firing on one of our patrols.

0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions submitted a negative report. Gave G-2 and G-3 a negative report.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0601A to 1423A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0730 - "E" Company patrol returned 2300. No enemy contact. Picked up enemy crossing of logs and debris at 887288. In vicinity 898288 observed a light and heard low talking. Just before returning heard movement in KINDWILLER which sounded like foot troops.
- 0800 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 0900 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 0930 - S-6 left CP to visit 3d, 1st and 2d Battalions and Cannon Company.
- 0945 - Received overlays of patrol results of "B" and "E" Companies from Lt. O'Regan.
- 1000 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1100 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1115 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at our CP and left at 1130.
- 1200 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1235 - S-6 returned to CP.
- 1300 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1325 - S-3 called Captain Williams, CO of Co. "B", 328th Engineer Battalion and asked him to be at the bridge just outside OBERMODERN so they could pick out a site for a garbage pit possibly somewhere between OBERMODERN and BOUXWILLER.
- 1330 - 3d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and wants to know if they can obtain a chemical mortar platoon for the job S-6 was talking about yesterday.
- 1400 - 3d Battalion CO called S-3 and wants to take some pictures of NIEFFERN. Says that Division has a camera and wants S-3 to make arrangements to use it.
- 1400 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1423 - 2d Battalion CO called S-3 and informed him that the AT Company was test-firing weapons just East of OBERMODERN and wants to know if they had permission. S-3 told him they didn't have permission and that he would take care of it.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1424A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 1425 - S-3 called AT Company and ordered them to cease firing their weapons.
- 1500 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1514 - S-3 called 2d Battalion S-3 and informed him that he had checked on the firing just East of OBERMODERN and that it was a French .32. Lt. Patrick ordered them to cease firing this morning.
- 1600 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1635 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and informed him that "F" Company relieves "E" Company at 1900 tonight. One squad of "E" Company will remain on line in the gap. "G" Company takes over the reserve position now manned by "F" Company.
- 1700 - Received negative reports from OP's.
- 1840 - Received plan of attack on NIEFFERN from 3d Battalion, also plan for the defense of OBERMODERN.
- 1905 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports that 25 rounds of artillery fell vicinity LA WALK.
- 1930 - G-3 called and said we could use training films on Monday P.M., all day Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday P.M.
- 1945 - 1st Battalion reports that "A" and "D" Companies fired mortars on horse-drawn vehicle going into NIEFFERN. Sound ceased.
- 1955 - Sound of galloping horse in vicinity of above mortar fire.
- 2000 - Artillery fire landing vicinity ROTHEACH.
- 2005 - One rocket shell (dud) landed in our lines between SCHILLERSDORF and NIEFFERN. The direction of the gun was not determined.
- 2030 - The Division Commander wants to go to one of the I&R OP's sometime tomorrow and have a look at NIEFFERN. Lt. O'Regan will take him out there in the morning.
- 2145 - 1st Battalion reports several flares in front of their positions. 3 white flares in a row fired. 2 flares observed in front of the 2d Battalion positions.
- 2300 - "G" Company patrol reached its objective - nothing found.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 25 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0846A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 - Submitted anegative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0200 - 1st Battalion reports that "A" Company patrol just returned. They took the same route as they did last night. Got over to the road. Were on this slope of the hill. Found some enemy OP's but they weren't manned, and didn't locate any mines. As they reached a point 200 yards from our OP an enemy machine gun opened up, but it wasn't firing at them. Machine gun was firing over the crest of the hill.
- 0200 - Submitted the above report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0400 - 1st Battalion reports that their OP observed some flares to their extreme right front. 2d Battalion submitted a negative report. Reported this to G-2 and G-3.
- 0440 - 1st Battalion reports that at 0405 their OP heard Mg and AW fire to their extreme right and estimate it to be in 2d Battalion Zone. In regard to 1945 entry yesterday on horse-drawn vehicle in NIEFFERN they believe the "galloping horse" is a recording as same sound was heard at 0200, 0230 and 0410. "A" Company patrol left at 0300, returned at 0340. Left from edge of woods in front of NIEFFERN and went straight ahead toward the road, then down the road to point 135 yards from the town. Here they found three rows of AT mines, 3 belts extending across the road and up on shoulders into the hills. In squares 6"x6" and of a light color. Couldn't determine the composition as they did not touch them. Also saw a man come across the road from the house on the right to house on left hand side of the road.
- 0500 - Submitted the above report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions submitted negative reports. Gave G-2 & G-3 a negative report.
- 0630 - G-3 reports that the 36th Division continued to relieve the 101st Airborne Division during the night. The 42nd Division reports that their front line elements observed huge balls of fire being shot into the air from enemy positions. They didn't explode and they haven't as yet determined what they were. Rest of VI Corps Front quiet during the night.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0820 - Received tentative plans for attack on NIEFFERN from 1st Battalion.
- 0846 - Both I&R OP's are now in. Negative reports. Visibility fair.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 25 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0847A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0900 - G-2 reports that the 103d Reconnaissance Troop found an estimated enemy platoon (reinforced) digging-in 892298 - 894297. Recently constructed wooden bridge at 887292. Evidently used by horse-drawn vehicles.

1000 - Received negative reports from OP's.

1000 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-5 in regard to the Battalion Reserve Line.

1100 - Received negative reports from OP's. The steeple on the church at KINDWILLER is still standing (it is only a hollow shell).

1130 - Plans for attack on NIEFFERN by 1st and 3d Battalions received by G-3 (Captain Cock).

1200 - Received negative reports from OP's. Our artillery is dropping leaflets on the towns of NIEFFERN and KINDWILLER.

1300 - Negative reports from OP's. Negative reports from OP's at 1400.

1515 - OP#2 reports that two Krauts ran into woods at 874304 and Cannon Company fired.

1535 - 3d Battalion S-3 says they want the movies tomorrow and Tuesday. S-3 told him that S-6 had OK'd the counterattack and defense plans. 3d Battalion is taking 2 companies out tomorrow to improve the ELR as part of the position has caved in.

1615 - 1st Battalion reports that 2 SP rounds fell 864294 at 1610.

1645 - Chief of Staff called S-3: "Unit Commander's meeting at 1400 tomorrow. Conference room will be at the North end of the CP."

1743 - 1st Battalion reports 5 rounds (believed 88) fell 903267 at 1740.

1815 - At 1800 6 to 8 rounds light artillery fell western edge OBERMODERN. Believed coming from southern edge of woods in 8832 grid square.

2005 - 3d Battalion S-2 reports that 8 rounds (88mm or larger) fell at 856270. 3 rounds fell at 855269 and one at 856270.

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S E C R E T  
J O U R N A L

DATE: 26 February 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1200A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0200 - 1st and 2d Battalions report they have received only negative combat reports since 2300. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0400 - 1st Battalion reports their OP has observed 5 white flares to their right front in the past hour. 2d Battalion submitted a negative report. Reported this to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions submitted a negative report. Gave G-2 and G-3 a negative report.
- 0630 - 1st Battalion reports that "C" Company sent two patrols out last night. 1st patrol left at 2330 and returned at 0130. They left from the little patch of woods in front of NIEFFERN, hit the road and went right down the road. Came to the 3 belts of mines that "A" Company patrol found last night, but they think they are Antipersonnel mines, Shu-mines. They got within 75 yards of NIEFFERN but didn't see anything. 2d patrol from "C" Company left at 0130 and returned at 0330. They went down the main route toward NIEFFERN and their mission was to look for routes of infiltration and for antipersonnel mines. They didn't find anything, but made their way all the way up to the orchard.
- 0700 - Submitted the above report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0820 - G-3 called and said the Division Commander is on his way to visit the OP behind "A" Company and he might stop at our OP.
- 0822 - S-3 called the 1st Battalion and informed them that the Division Commander was on his way to visit their OP.
- 0843 - OP's checked in and gave a negative report.
- 1000 - Received a negative report from the OP's.
- 1030 - The division Commander arrived at our OP and left at 1033.
- 1000 - Received a negative report from the OP's.
- 1100 - Received a negative report from the OP's.
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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1201A to 2200A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 1240 - S-6 returned from visit to Battalions.
- 1300 - Received a negative report from the OP's.
- 1350 - 409th S-3 told S-3 that he could pick up the films on German Weapons at their CP. S-3 told 409th S-3 that we would return the films Wednesday.
- 1400 - 2 mortar rounds landed in front of OP No. 2.
- 1420 - G-3 informed S-3 that we could have the "rocket" Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. It will be delivered to the 1st Battalion sometime Wednesday.
- 1500 - Received a negative report from the OP's.
- 1540 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and told him that S-6 was on his way to 1st Battalion CP. S-6 has just returned from the Unit Commanders meeting at Division.
- 1550 - S-6 left to meet 3d Battalion CO and S-3 at 1st Battalion CP.
- 1550 - SP gun spotted at 909315. Firing on it with artillery. Results unknown.
- 1600 - Negative reports from OP's.
- 1700 - Negative reports from OP's.
- 1700 - S-3 called CO of "B" Company, 328th Engineers, and asked him to report to our CP at once to meet S-6.
- 1720 - S-6 returned from 1st Battalion CP.
- 1730 - Negative reports from OP's. They are checking out for the night.
- 1820 - At 1810 9 rounds of 88mm fell at 905266. Believed coming from gun spotted earlier in the afternoon at 909315.
- 2145 - 1st Battalion CO reports that "C" Company patrol is in NIEFFERN engaged in cleaning out the enemy. No estimate as yet of enemy strength.
- 2200 - 1st Battalion CO reports that "C" Company patrol in NIEFFERN is meeting resistance.

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2210 - 1st Battalion OP reports that enemy mortar fire coming into NIEFFERN. Our Cannon Company is firing on them. Several bursts of Machine Gun fire have been heard.

2230 - 1st Battalion S-3 reports that "C" Company patrol is still in NIEFFERN. Approximately 4 casualties. Having trouble getting the casualties out due to Machine Gun in V-shaped trench. Pinned down in enemy minefield and one casualty suffered there. OP is receiving enemy mortar and SP gun fire.

2235 - OP reports that the enemy mortar fire is still coming in strong.

2400 - 1st Battalion S-3 reports that all but three wounded men are out of NIEFFERN. Enemy mortar fire and artillery has died down. Still trying to get the three wounded men out of the town. Suffered approximately 10 casualties.

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0050 - 1st Battalion reports that they still are unable to get the two wounded men out of the enemy minefield. Everytime they try to remove them an enemy machine gun which covers the minefield opens up on them.

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0110 - 1st Battalion CO reports that so far they have lost 3 men killed and 8 wounded men have passed through the Battalion Aid Station. The two wounded men in the enemy minefield haven't been evacuated as yet. Only one man killed by small arms fire. Other casualties were from mines. Had very little difficulty with enemy troops in NIEFFERN. Lots of enemy mortar fire received in the town but it didn't bother anyone. Our patrol went up the road and hit the town of NIEFFERN from the Southeast. Ran into an enemy minefield there. Don't know of any PW's taken.

0200 - Informed G-3 that part of the "C" Company patrol had returned from NIEFFERN, the raid was unsuccessful, and they suffered some casualties.

0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0330 - 1st Battalion CO called S-6 and informed him that the patrol into NIEFFERN turned out very bad. Believes that 4 men were killed, 2 missing in action (believed killed) and 12 were wounded. No PW's taken. Apparently all of the casualties suffered were from mines except one. Most of the mine casualties suffered were suffered while trying to remove wounded.

0330 - 1st Battalion OP reports that at 0230 they saw what they believe to be a lantern moving in the streets of NIEFFERN. At 0235 one rifle shot was heard in NIEFFERN. At 0303 three rifle shots were heard in NIEFFERN. The two wounded men in the minefield are believed to be dead. Aid men got back up as close as possible to them and called to them. They didn't answer. They feel sure that one man was dead when they pulled out the 1st time.

0400 - Submitted the above report to G-2 and G-3.

0415 - 1st Battalion OP reports that they now believe the light they saw in NIEFFERN and reported as a lantern is merely the wind blowing a small fire.

0500 - Submitted the above report to G-2 and G-3.

0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions submitted negative combat reports. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0700 - 1st Battalion OP reports they hear the sound of heavy motors in ENGWILLER (reported this to G-2 and G-3).

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0830 - 1st Battalion S-3 reports that it is believed that 7 men were killed on the "C" Company patrol into NIEFFERN last night. The original group consisted of 18 men. The scouts got into the town, but the rest of the group was caught in the minefield. Only 5 men of the original 18 men got into town. The others were caught in the minefield which is located approximately 25 yards from the town.

0905 - 1st Battalion reports that 2 men from "B" Company moved within 50 yards of NIEFFERN. No enemy activity. Smoke coming from two chimneys in the town. Cannon Company and artillery may fire.

0915 - Division Commander arrived at the CP and left at 0920.

0915 - I&R OP's checked in. No activity along the front.

0945 - I&R OP's report that 2 rounds of mortar fire landed at 872292 and one round at 876294.

1010 - I&R OP reports that two or three enemy troops are moving around at 898291. Artillery fired but results are unknown.

1015 - 411th Infantry CO visited the CP and left at 1030.

1045 - CP #2 reports that an American soldier in field at 875299 is moving around. Put on helmet, moved around on elbows, and then fell back. The helmet fell off.

1050 - Notified 1st Battalion S-3 of above report.

1100 - 1st Battalion OP reports seeing two men walking West on road at 908315.

1115 - Regimental Munitions Officer called S-3 and told him that the 1st Battalion was at the Regimental dump to pick up the rocket rounds for the demonstration. They only wanted 120 rounds, but S-3 instructed them to take all of them.

1117 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and informed him that he was sending the full amount of rocket ammunition for the demonstration instead of 120 rounds.

1120 - 1st Battalion CO called and stated that OP and Artillery OP had informed him that they had seen one of the two men who was left in the minefield outside NIEFFERN last night by "C" Company patrol move. Wants us to get O.K. from higher headquarters for a litter team to go out under a Red Cross flag and bring him in.

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1125 - S6 called Chief of Staff and asked for O.K. on sending out a litter team under a Red Cross flag to pick up the wounded man in the minefield outside NIEFFERN. Chief of Staff said he would have to get O.K. from Division Commander who was expected back shortly.

1140 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and told him it was O.K. to send out the litter team.

1144 - S-6 called 1st Battalion CO and told him to send out the litter team under the Red Cross flag.

1200 - G-2 called S-2 and instructed him to get any information regarding mines electrically operated and report it to him. G-2 has to report to Corps on it.

1200 - OP No. 2 gave negative report. Can still see wounded men moving around.

1200 - S-3 called 2d Battalion S-3: "1st Battalion is going to send out a litter team under a Red Cross flag to pick up a wounded man in a minefield outside NIEFFERN. We want all action to stop. Notify people on your right. They will be going out shortly. Will notify you when the litter team returns." (S-3 also called above message to 383d FA Battalion, 411th Infantry, and Cannon Company.

1209 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and asked for the exact time the litter squad would leave. 1st Battalion S-3 will notify us when everything is ready.

1243 - S-3 called G-2 and informed him that the litter team would leave in a few minutes. Told him they would be wearing Red Cross flags and all units had been notified to cease firing.

1245 - 4 rounds artillery landed 872292 (see 0945 report). Apparently coming from vicinity of ENGWILLER.

1255 - 12 rounds estimated 105mm artillery received between ZUTZENDORF and the woods to the right at 1245.

1301 - Litter team just passed OP No. 2.

1325 - One of the regiments of the 42d Division report that their patrols have found abandoned positions and equipment. The positions were occupied by the 11th SS Mountain Regiment.

1330 - CO of Cannon Company reports they picked up 410 rounds of HE today.

1333 - The litter team is now within 100 yards of the wounded man and they haven't been fired on as yet.

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1355 - Litter team is on the way back with the wounded man.

1435 - CP No. 2 reports five enemy troops 300 yards up road Northeast of NIEFFERN. Watched the litter team take out the wounded man. Two of them came down the road after the rescue the Cannon Company fired on them.

1440 - The litter team was able to save only one man. The other man was dead when they got there.

1443 - S-3 informed the 411th Infantry, 2d Battalion and Cannon Company that the litter team was back and it was O.K. to resume firing.

1520 - Interrogation of wounded man revealed that last night there were 100 to 150 enemy troops (some of them in town in cellars and some back of town) in NIEFFERN. Said they had a 20-man patrol out just East of the town last night. One of the officers spoke English and questioned the wounded man. Asked him what weapon he carried and he replied BAR. One of the Sergeants wanted to kill him then. He was treated by enemy medics and they were sending a litter team for him, but one of our Machine Guns fired on them and they couldn't get to him. He reports there is a good sized garrison in the town. Prepared positions on hill back of the town.

1530 - S-3 called Cannon Company Executive Officer and instructed him to find out what time firing was resumed after the rescue of the wounded man, and on whose order it was resumed.

1535 - 8 rounds 105mm artillery fell vicinity of OBERMODERN. Came from vicinity ENGWILLER.

1640 - Cannon Company CO reports that they were in error in resuming firing too soon after the rescue.

1645 - S-3 called 1st Battalion CO and told him Cannon Company was in error in firing before the order was given this afternoon.

1800 - S-6 left for 2d Battalion CP.

1810 - Cannon Company CO reports that 5 rounds of 88mm artillery fell in BUESWILLER at approximately 1810. (Reported to G-2 and G-3).

1810 - 1 platoon of Company "E" relieved 1 platoon of Company "G" at 1800 in reserve position. Company "G" will have 7 squads on line and Company "F" will have one squad. Company "E" will have 1 platoon in reserve position. Companies "F" and "E" (-) will be in SCHALKENDORF.

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1955 - Company "G" relieved Company "F" on line.

2000 - 1st Battalion reports two white flares were observed from their OP coming from behind the ridge back of NIEFFERN. Two flares were observed at 1940 and one more at 1955.

2040 - Two more white flares were observed by 1st Battalion OP coming from back of the ridge at NIEFFERN. One at 2030 and one at 2035.

2100 - 1st Battalion S-2 reports that at 2037 one white flare was observed between UERWILLER and MUHLHAUSEN. At 2040 4 machine gun bursts heard vicinity MUHLHAUSEN. At 2040 and 2050 one white flare from ridge back of NIEFFERN.

2140 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S3 and was informed that a tank commander from the 14th Armored Division would be up tomorrow to select a firing position for the rocket-firing medium tank we have. We will get the tank Thursday and probably fire Thursday morning. (G-3 informed).

2210 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports that one round of heavy caliber artillery fell at 905266. It was time fire. Outfit on our right reports heaving boxes being opened and digging at the crossroad KINDWILLER and BITSCHHOFFEN.

2350 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports they have two PW's taken at right platoon OP (898280).

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0045 - S-6 returned from 2d Battalion.

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0120 - IPW Officer called and reported that the two PW's picked up by the 2d Battalion are both Polish. One was a lance corporal and the other was a pfc. They belong to the 36th Engineer Battalion, 2d squad, 1st platoon, 1st Company. This Engineer Battalion is part of the 36th Volksgrenadier Division. Their Company is located in GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN; the 2d Company is located in ZINSWILLER; and they haven't seen the 3d Company and don't know where it is. Each company has a strength of about 30 men. The mission of their squad for last night was to build a bunker at 907289. They report that there are three SP guns at the point of woods 915334. They saw three Nebelwerfers (each with 4 tubes) at edge of woods 915330. About a week ago they saw 10 to 12 SP guns in GUNDERSHOFFEN. They have been laying in great quantity in all the towns along the front. They laid three mine fields at UHRWILLER, 60 mines in each field. They usually expose one mine row and cover the next one so that in trying to step over the first row of mines a soldier will explode the mines in the second row that are covered. They laid five minefields at BITSCHHOFFEN on the South edge of town, about 100 meters beyond the last house in town. There are three minefields on the West side of the road with 60 mines in each field, and two minefields on the East side of the road with about 40 mines in each field. (Assistant S-3 gave this report to G3).

0200 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0400 - 1st Battalion reports that at 0310 their OP heard a fire fight between MUEHLHAUSEN and ROTHBACH which was followed by a white flare. 2d Battalion reports all quiet in their zone. Gave the above report to G-2 and G-3.

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0600 - 1st Battalion OP reports that our own artillery is doing a lot of firing and the target seems to be ENGWILLER. 2d Battalion reports all quiet in their zone. 3d Battalion reports their patrol has just returned and they will give a full report as soon as it is obtained. Patrol left at 0315 and returned at 0600. They got 300 yards past the "A" Co. OP, but couldn't go any further because of the light. (Gave this report to G-2 and G-3).

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0630 - 1st Battalion OP reports there is quite a firefight going on over around MURLHAUSEN. Lots of enemy automatic weapons and some of our own. 4 mortar rounds came in at 0625 just to the right of the "A" Company Sector. (Called in to G-2).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0715 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports that at 1900 they sent out a listening patrol to the West edge of KINDWILLER to make reconnaissance. They reached their objective O.K., but they heard a whistling sound which has been reported to us before. The enemy whistles from post to post when a patrol has picked up. Patrol leader says they were probably picked up coming across a piece of open, wet ground as their shoes made quite a lot of noise. The patrol leader took two scouts and went forward. They were challenged and heard the bolt click on an automatic weapon (think it was a machine gun). They then pulled back and called for artillery fire on the position of the automatic weapon. The artillery came in and the patrol leader reports he thinks it was right on the position. (Called in to G-2).

0845 - OP's No. 1 and No. 2 reported in. Visibility is very poor.

0900 - 42d Division picked up two deserters from 5/221 16th ID. Company strength about 50 men. PW stated his Division relieved elements of 6th SS Mountain Division, 11th Regiment. Present disposition of the 36th Replacement Battalion: 9th Company in ROTHBACH, strength approximately 90-100 men - 5th Company, 165th Regiment is new designation. 10th Company in OFFWILLER, strength unknown - 6th Company, 165th Regiment is new designation. Doesn't know where the 11th Company is nor anything about them. Doesn't know where the 12th Company is nor anything about them.

0900 - Memorandum from S-6 to 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, Cannon Company, AT Company, MP Platoon, and Headquarters Company: "At all guard posts where persons are asked for the password the guards will keep all civilians, including FFI, away from the post so that civilians cannot hear the password."

1100 - OP reports approximately 12 enemy troops coming from UHRWILLER toward NIEFFERN. They reached a point about 883307 and then returned. Probably intended to move up under cover of the fog but found it had lifted.

1217 - Negative report from OP's.

1303 - Negative report from OP's.

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- 1410 - 1 flare seen at 857307.
- 1430 - 3 flares seen at LA WALCK.
- 1432 - S-3 told 2d Battalion S-3 that at 1545 today the 411th Infantry was going to smoke one of the towns in front of their positions and then use artillery and small arms on it. They are not going to attack, just trying to bring the enemy out.
- 1439 - S-3 repeated the 1432 message to 1st Battalion S-3.
- 1447 - S-3 called 2d Battalion and told him that G-4 was going to inspect the property books of "E" and "H" Companies tomorrow at 1300.
- 1450 - Received one artillery round at 903257.
- 1500 - 2 flares seen at 857307.
- 1505 - An artillery Battalion S-3 of the 14th Armored Division called S-3 and reported that they had spotted a half-track in KINDWILLER and wanted clearance to fire on it. S-3 called white 3 and told him of this.
- 1530 - at 1515 18 enemy troops moved into town at 909323.
- 1540 - At 1517 two enemy troops moving along trail at 892323 to 900327.
- 1910 - 411th Infantry reports their demonstration this afternoon drew no enemy fire.
- 2230 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports that their patrol is back and found occupied position by two or three Germans at 88702965. Unoccupied position with wire running to it (wire was cut by patrol) at 892296. Germans seen at 894293 (KINDWILLER).

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