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DATE: 1 January 1944

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0024A to 0303A

PLACE: GUEBERHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0024 - G-3 phoned S-3 and informed him that the left sector of the outfit on our left (106th Cavalry) is being attacked. Germans made artillery preparation before attack. CH

0028 - 2d Battalion S-3 phoned S-2 and informed him that the civilians infiltrating our lines were going back into the cave again. F

0032 - G-3 phoned S-3 and informed him that the 44th Infantry Division on our right were now being attacked. One enemy column tied up in a mine field at coordinate (5928). Another enemy column estimated at one battalion reported at coordinate (6256).

0035 - S-3 disseminated all developments to our Battalions.

0100 - Message to CO 2d Battalion: "Request comments Division inspector on your MG positions. All MG's of "H" Company must be in position. Our MLR should be manned by skeleton crews. No change in number in OPLR and MLR is required, but stakes should be set on MLR. Range cards and grenades at all MG positions will be provided by noon today. By 0900 submit new overlay showing current positions of all LMG's, HMG's, and .50 cal. MG's in your Battalion sector. Push preparation of alternate positions for all MG's with utmost speed. Regarding message No. 4 of 31 December 1944, front line positions must be interpreted to include positions on MLR as well as OPLR." (Signed CO 410th Infantry - 0100 - Harding). S

0145 - Message to CO 1st Battalion: "Regarding report of Division Inspector on your MG positions, have night firing stakes set out and range cards prepared for all MG positions in your sector by 1200 today. Push construction of alternate positions with utmost speed." (Signed CO 410th Infantry - 0145 - H.J.P. Harding, Col.).

0152 - Report from Division: "St. Nicholas at coordinate (337640). Air transports seen flying at 500 feet in SW direction. There was an attempt to cross RR tracks N of line by enemy troops and Division Artillery fired on it. 100th Infantry Division is receiving enemy attack now."

0155 - 1st Battalion S-2 called S-6 and informed him that a small, low-flying plane crossed "B" and "C" Company areas at a high rate of speed. Estimated height 400-500 feet above high ground which "C" Company outposted in 411th Infantry area. 2d Battalion had a similar visit about two hours ago. S-6 warned 1st Battalion S-2 to make sure that all positions were fully manned well before daylight.

0235 - G-3 called and said all the enemy attacks had failed and that the units on both our flanks gave no ground. No information on enemy armor used. We informed G-3 of the 0155 Journal Entry.

0303 - Assistant S-3 called 1st Battalion S-2 and informed him that S-6 desired all AT and TD positions be manned by skeleton crews.

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DATE: 1 January 1944

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TIME: 0445A to 1330A

PLACE: GUEBERHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

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0445 - G-3 informed us that the 411th Infantry reported enemy activity in BEHREN and KERBACH and that the 411th Infantry was going to call for artillery on these towns.

0540 - G-2 called and stated that prisoners picked up during the night by the 44th Infantry Division stated that the continuation of the battle in this sector would start this morning with 4 Panzer Divisions being thrown in.

0555 - 1st Battalion S-3 reports that "C" Company has picked up two prisoners through to be on patrol. They will be questioned as soon as possible.

0600 - Battalions were notified of the 0540 Journal Entry.

0720 - G-2 called and wanted a patrol report. He reported the 106th Cavalry on our left had moved back some. 106th Cavalry reported seeing only one tank.

0730 - S-6 gave Cannon Company Commander permission to fire for experiment 80 rounds of HE AT.

0800 - Our IPW reports that the two prisoners captured by "C" Company were from the 80th Replacement Battalion. Only have five or six men to a squad. Some are dug in between BEHREN and KERBACH to stop any of our armor that may come that way. They received a lot of artillery fire on those positions. The prisoners were not on patrol, they were deserting the German Army. Prisoners reported there were Teller mines just in front of their AT positions. Civilians taken were out of quarry at GROSBLEIDERSTROFF. Totaled 50 and were fleeing because they would be forced into Germany as laborers.

1010 - S-6 informed the Assistant Division Commander that we have no enemy activity in our sector. Captured two PW's who proved to be deserters. Our night patrols found no increased activity. PW captured in the 114th Infantry zone reported that our artillery had almost wiped them out before they ever hit the 114th Infantry lines. Assistant Division Commander informed us that we were still under Corps alert. Said it was O.K. to plan on our raid, but would have to wait until we were released from Corps alert before we could carry it out. S-6 informed him that he was going up to 2nd Battalion and straighten out the MG problem.

1230 - S-6 verbally to all Battalion Commanders: "Instructions issued yesterday relative to manning of your positions is rescinded. Corps order requires that all positions are to be manned 24 hours a day."

1330 - Chief of Staff visited our CP and then proceeded to our 3d Battalion to meet S-6.

1330 - Message to CG 103d Inf. Div. (ATTN: G-3): "Attached: 1. Copy of raid directive from S-6 to 1st Battalion CO. 2. Revised directive from 1st Battalion CO to "A" Company CO. 3. Detailed raid plan by "A" Company CO. Detailed sketch to accompany "A" Company plan which was drawn by PW is now being checked and verified by comparison with photos and reconnaissance. Sketch will be submitted when reconnaissance is complete." (Silver S-3)

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DATE: 1 January 1944

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TIME: 1520A to 2353A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

1520 - Message to CG, 103d Infantry Division (ATTN: G-3): "Attached overlay shows recommended OPLR and RRL in compliance with Par. 4, Operations Memorandum dated 010600A Jan 44. Coordination on boundary at MLR and RRL has been effected with representation of 409th Infantry. Coordination on OPLR will be effected tomorrow morning. My plan is to hold left Battalion sector with one Battalion and right Battalion Sector with one Battalion with one Rifle Company Attached." (Signed - J.J.P. Harding - Col).

1530 - Message to CG, 103d Infantry Division (ATTN: G-3): "Attached hereto is Regimental Commander's directive; Battalion Commander's directive; and raiding party Commander's plan for conducting raid vicinity coordinate (499582) at 1830A on 2 January 1945. Copy of plan has been furnished direct to CO 114th Infantry and coordination with that Unit is being effected." (Signed: H.J.P. Harding, Colonel).

1800 - S-6 requested 3d Battalion CO pay him a visit.

1845 - Operations for the period report and weapons report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry). Operationally unit - 1 .30 cal HMG 1st Battalion, 1 81mm mortar 2d Battalion. 14 bazookas on requisition - 5 for 1st Battalion, 8 for 2d Battalion, 1 for 3d Battalion.

2330 - S-2 of 114th Infantry reports encountering small enemy patrols in their area.

2340 - S-3 phoned G-3 and reported all quiet on our front. G-3 said things were quiet on the 44th Division and 106th Cavalry fronts. Germans seem to be probing into our Corps and 6th Corps zones. 44th Division reports 13 to 15 tanks milling around in front of their zone.

2353 - Received Operations Instruction No. 2 from 411th Infantry.

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DATE: 2 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0110A to 1420A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0110 - G-3 reports enemy officers wearing American uniforms and riding in 1/4 ton vehicle were reported spreading rumors in 6th Corps sector during the afternoon.

0700 - 106th Cavalry report hearing friendly armor.

0702 - CO 1st Bn informed of above entry.

0740 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-2 and was informed that so far their patrol had reported finding only small arms and MG's. The artillery has just begun to fire which indicates that the patrol is leaving LIXING.

0755 - Lt. Hughes informed G-3 that the raid was completed at 0815.

0910 - S-6 called 3d Battalion CO and instructed him to have some of his people make arrangements to go out with the 1st Battalion patrol tonight to secure information as a basis for a future raid in area E and N of KERBACH.

0943 - 1st Battalion reports one PW taken. 2 or 3 of our men slightly wounded. Couple of enemy battery positions located, TOT fired on same. Detailed report later.

0945 - S-6 informed the Assistant Division Commander of above entry.

1030 - Assistant Division Commander visited CP.

1030 - At 1015 we sent message to all Battalions as follows: "In the event of receipt of orders from this Headquarters to withdraw, Battalion CO's are authorized to execute all barriers in their Battalion sectors N of the RRL inclusive. All other barriers in the Regimental sector will be executed only upon authority of the Division Engineer".
(Signed - Silver, S-3).

1230 - Minefield records received from 328th Engineer (C) Battalion.

1310 - Our MP officer called S-3 and said some 1st Lieutenant had been checking all weapons of his men, and wanted to know if we had authorized an Ordnance Inspection today. We knew nothing of this Inspection, so instructed our MP officer to locate the man and hold him.

1315 - S-3 called Division Ordnance Officer and learned that a 1st Lieutenant from the 803d Ordnance Company was making spot checks of weapons in our Regimental Area. We informed our MP officer of this message.

1325 - S-6 is at 2d Battalion CP and will start for our CP very shortly.

1420 - 411th Infantry reports mortar fire falling in their TD gun position at coordinate (416615). We checked with our 1st Battalion and they have no mortars firing. Informed 411th of this. 411th raid brought back 10 PW's without casualty.

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DATE: 2 January 1945

TIME: 1445A to 2350A

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: GUMBERHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

1445 - Chief of Staff to S-6: "I have a message for you. 1. Conduct of road guards and bridge guards are not up to standard. Uniform is poor. Not performing job as bridge guard. Careless about revealing password to unauthorized persons. 2. Not enough improvement in wearing of uniform and saluting. Corrective action will be taken on the spot by all officers. Commanders will reinstruct all men on these items, particularly on saluting and wearing of uniform. Proper command supervision will be instituted at once to insure correction."

1500 - S-2 reports following on raid: "At 0630, 2 January 1945, "A" Company combat patrol raided the southern part of LIXING killing three enemy and taking one PW. Two MG positions and one MG were destroyed."

1900 - S-3 Operations and Weapons reports given to G-3 (Sgt. Serino): Weapons operationally unfit - 1 60 mm mortar 1st Battalion; 1 81mm mortar 2d Battalion; 14 bazookas on requisition.

1930 - 2d Battalion reports "G" Company raiding party jumped off on time.

2035 - 2d Battalion reports at 2015 "G" Company raiding party had completed crossing and had started searching the buildings.

2035 - Message to CG 103d Infantry Division: "Reference Operations Memorandum dated 010600 January 1945, CO 409th Infantry has requested minor changes in limiting points on MLR and RRL which are agreeable to this Unit. Proposed changes in limiting points, and my recommendation for corresponding changes in boundary between Regiments, are indicated on attached overlay. Recommend actual trace of MLR is also shown. (CO 410th Inf - 2030 - HJP Harding).

2230 - "G" Company raiding party reported on their way back. Found no Germans in the town they raided.

2250 - "F" Company reports taking one prisoner.

2300 - Division informed us that we were to have guards at viaduct at coordinate (417557), overpass at (401546), bridge at (424487) by 1000 tomorrow.

2350 - Our IPW Officer reports following information received from prisoner captured by "F" Company: "Our Battalion CP was hit hard. The center of LIXING was hit only lightly; apparently we had box barrage on it. I was with platoon in the woods. Saw five men being evacuated and believe three of them were dead."

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DATE: 3 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1905A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0100 - Message to CO 2d Battalion: "In view of unsuccessful raid tonight, conduct vigorous and aggressive patrolling tomorrow night and develop plan for conducting another raid not later than 5 January 1944. Place to be raided to be recommended by you." (CO 410th Inf - H.J.P. Harding, Colonel).

0320 - G-3 (Lt. Eddens) gave us information on Operations Instruction No. 39.

0800 - Received copy of Operations Instruction No. 39 through Message Center. Also received General Order No. 3 informing us that General Haffner had resumed command of the 103d Infantry Division.

0810 - S-6 informed 3d Battalion that we were losing some TD's. 3d Battalion CO reports that his men saw tracks in snow which they picked up near METZING. The tracks led to his positions in the woods. Appeared to have been looking them all over. Tracks then went to RR where another set met them. After an apparent discussion one set headed toward town our CP is in but turned off and led to a house. A raid was made on this house later and found to be occupied by two men who couldn't possibly fit the description. 3d Battalion CO said he was going to search his positions every morning from now on. We informed him that it may be a good idea to inform bridge guards of this.

0830 - Movement Control informed us that Company "A", 614th TD Battalion, would be moving through our area at about 0900.

0910 - Regimental CO left for 2d and 3d Battalions respectively.

1055 - S-3 called G-3: "About 25 minutes ago we had some enemy MG and mortar fire in our "C" Company Area."

1320 - S-6 returned to CP.

1330 - G-3 reports: "Germans reported to have launched an attack early this morning in sector between 44th Division and 100th Division with an estimated Battalion or two of Infantry supported by 10 tanks. By 0800 they had tanks and Infantry in ACHEN. The 2d French Armored counterattack in ACHEN with 15 tanks supported by American Infantry. The 2d Battalion of the 114th Infantry was moved over to that sector and unloaded at coordinate (615549)."

1630 - "A" Company was relieved by "I" Company.

1900 - Regimental Operations Instruction No. 13 was issued.

1901 - Periodic Report given to G-3, also negative weapons report.

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DATE: 3 January 1945

TIME: 1905A to 2400A

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

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PLACE: GUERENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

1905 - G-3 reports the 106th Cavalry receiving heavy artillery fire (about 300 rounds) in middle of sector around LUDWILDER and South from there. They can hear vehicular traffic to their front, but no enemy contact.

1950 - 2d Battalion reports that "G" Company relief of "E" Company completed at 1700.

2000 - "L" Company relieved "B" Company.

2200 - 3d Battalion reports they completed relief of AT and wire communications by 1700.

2210 - G-3 to S-3: "Two Artillery Battalions moving from FARSCHVILLER on road SE through LAUPERSHOUSE and PUTTELANGE and will continue out of our area in same direction."

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DATE: 4 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0240A to 1615A

PLACE: CUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0240 - Patrol from Co "C" submitted a negative report. Heard 4 rifle shots apparently in enemy territory to their front.

0800 - Patrol reports for the night: Co "C" and Co "B" turned in negative reports. Co "B" patrolled to LIXING and reported guards in position around the town. Very little activity. Co "E" patrols returned from GROSBLIEDERSTROFF and reported they fired weapons but drew no return fire.

0850 - 3d Bn CP opened at NOUSSEVILLER at 0845. CO 3d Bn assumed command of sector.

0950 - The relief of 1st Bn was completed by 3d Bn at 0950.

1045 - G-3 to S-3: "Effective immediately your reserve Bn will not be committed except on Division order." Warning Order: "You will be prepared to relieve elements of the 409th Inf on bridge guards in your zone extending to the rear. The exact number and location will be furnished you by this HQ." Said we would probably do it sometime today.

1320 - S-3 called S-3, 411th Inf and was informed that 411th Inf was going to pull a raid on BEHREN probably about 1400. They pulled one last night on BEHREN and it was unsuccessful. Our S-3 called S-3, 3d Bn and informed him of the raid and instructed him to notify Co "K".

1345 - G-3 (Lt YOUNG) called and said there would be a meeting of all Regimental S-3's at 1530 at Div CP in the G-3 office.

1540 - Our MP officer reports he is holding two (2) civilians who were picked up driving a tractor. They had come from DIEBLING and had a pass issued to them signed by Major SIPES in Col MAY'S name. Both of them were large and one had very peculiar looking shoes on. An AA officer sent a note over and said the larger one had been seen entering a woods and acting very suspicious. We are holding them to check their foot prints and to contact G-2. CIC said not to release them under any conditions.

1615 - S-3 called Asst S-3 and said we were to relieve 409th in 10 positions on bridge guards, etc. Instructed us to alert 1st Bn and have them prepare sufficient personnel and a truck to take over these positions. S-3 said he would be back very shortly and instruct them as to positions they were to take over. S-3 Jr called 1st Bn and gave them this information.

1615 - Message to CO, 410th Inf; "Attached overlay shows positions occupied by 3d Bn, 410th Inf necessary to protect BOUSBACH. Positions occupied outside assigned zone.

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DATE: 4 January 1945

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TIME: 1615A to 2300A

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1615 - Continued - Request all concerned be informed of this occupation."
(CO 3d Bn - 1500 - MAY, Lt Col.)

1620 - Message to CO, 411th Inf, Attn: S-3: "Attached overlay shows positions occupied by 3d Bn, 410th Inf necessary for protection of BOUSBACH - positions occupied outside assigned zone 410th Inf in right zone 411th Inf. Request necessary elements your command be notified." (CO, 410th Inf - 1550 - McCARTHY, Capt.)

1620 - Message to CG, 103d Inf Div, Attn: G-3: "Attached overlay shows outpost positions occupied by 3d Bn, 410th Inf outside sector assigned this regiment. Occupation of these OP's is essential to prevent our positions vic BOUSBACH from being surprised. 411th Inf has been notified." (CO, 410th Inf - 1550 - McCARTHY, Capt.)

1800 - S-6 to 1st Bn CO: Bridge guards need to have expressed to them that this is no joke. I came from METZING and one man was on bridge but his weapon was leaning against rail. Man suppose to be covering him was down below bridge. Some engineers standing around had weapons slung across back. On bridge near DIEBLING one man on guard, other gone to wake up relief in town. Please get after this once. 1st Bn CO said that on this bridge relief deal they were calling 409th for information.

1820 - G-3 informed us that the 114th Inf was being relieved by the 253d Inf.

1850 - 411th S-3 reports they hear tanks in GAUBIVING. On the raid on BEHREN this afternoon we got one PW. 411th Inf had no casualties. Nobody appeared to be in town.

1900 - 1st Bn given information about enemy tanks. Were told to alert our TD Plat in their town ready to move to positions N of DIEBLING.

1902 - 2d Bn given information about enemy tanks in 411th Inf sector. We told them to alert our Tank Platoon.

1905 - 3d Bn given information about enemy tanks in 411th Inf sector. We told them to alert their AT Platoon.

1910 - Operations Report and negative Weapons Report given to G-3 (Sgt CERNIO).

2245 - 3d Bn reports 30 rounds enemy SP fire in BOUSBACH at 2150.

2250 - 2d Bn reports all quiet. Co "E" patrols due back at 2400.

2300 - S-3, 411th Inf reports bazooka teams sent to GAUBIVING not returned yet. Approximately 40 rounds enemy artillery spasmodically from 2130 on at EBERING. Patrols being sent out later by both front line Battalions.

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DATE: 5 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 2015A

PLACE: GREENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0100 - Message to CO's All Bns: "White parkas will be issued to Bn S-2's for patrol and OP use. These garments will not be worn by officers except when on actual patrol. No permanent issue to individuals will be made." (CO, 410th Inf - HARDING, Col.)

0200 - 3d Bn to S-3 Jr: CO 3d Bn wants the TD and Tank Plat Ldrs to report to him at 0900 tomorrow.

0355 - Condition is now red.

0430 - Condition is now clear.

0445 - Condition is now red.

0452 - 383d FA reports 3 parachute flares on our front directly east of their CP at 0440.

1305 - 3d Bn S-3 called and said that at 1330 they were going to test fire 2 - .50 cal MG's. They will inform 1st and 2d Bns. We called 411th Inf and informed them.

1435 - Condition is now red.

1500 - Capt Jones gives us the following information: 106th Cav no activity; very little action on the 44th Div front; very little activity on the 100th Div front. Way up north they have closed the bottleneck another 3 miles and the 3d Army has gained some. Germans are preparing for an counterattack on the Russian front.

1700 - Div Movement Control called and said one (1) Bn of 155-mm FA (Convoy #H7) will go thru CP #40 (PUTTELANGE) - CP #32 (CAPPEL) - CP #39 (Vic MACHERRIN) - CP #19 (ST AVOLD).

1748 - S-6 called from 3d Bn and said he would be on his way back in 10 minutes.

1840 - Operations Report and Weapons Report given to G-3 (Sgt CERNIO): Weapons Operationally Unfit - 1 - 60-mm Mortar, 1st Bn; 14 Bazooka's on Req.

2000 - G-3 called and said Engrs report that we do not have bridge guards on Pt 27 of Barrier Defense Plan. We told them we would check on it. Also informed them that Co "F" OP report vehicular movement near GROSBLIEDERSTROFF.

2015 - S-6 to 2d Bn CO: "Give these instructions to your companies - Any dog seen passing thru front lines shoot him and then try and find out if he is carrying a message. Bring the dog in here, if he has a message on him."

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DATE: 5 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2045A to 2345A

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2045 - S-6 talked to CO, 3d Bn and was informed that 3d Bn raid was to be held tomorrow night.

2345 - Division Liaison Officer brought down O. I.'s 43 and 44, also Operations Memorandum dated 052000A Jan 45 with reference to Secondary Maginot Line in Div Zone.

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DATE: 6 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0017A to 1720A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0017 - S-6 returned from 3d Battalion.

0025 - Liaison Officer returned to Div CP with our 3d Bn raid plan.

0040 - 253d Inf reports they ran across a patrol wearing snow suits, killed one man. Also they are getting flare activity. Want us to report any artillery in area 49-57.

0041 - Div Liaison Officer reports he delivered our 3d Bn raid plan to Capt COOK in G-3.

0255 - 3d Bn S-2 reports 8 young male civilians intercepted making passage of lines at town at Co "K" CP at 0155. Questioning shows they have knowledge of enemy situation and disposition. Evacuation to IPW to be effected immediately.

1225 - S-6 sent a copy of Operations Memorandum concerning raid approval to 2d Bn and Division.

1305 - Captain JONES reports he delivered 3d Bn raid plan to Lt YOUNG in G-3 War Room.

1530 - Message to CG, 103d Inf Div: "Attached overlay shows recommended OPLR, MLR, and REL submitted in compliance with Par 1, Operations Memorandum your HQ dated 052000 Jan 45. Limiting points and boundary between regiments is included. Recommendations are based on reconnaissance by Regtl Exec, Asst S-3, and Exec 2d Bn."
(Signed: HARDING, Col - 1600).

1630 - 3d Bn reports tanks are in their final assembly area ready for raid.

1635 - Raiding party left final assembly area. FO left CP #8 to meet party.

1655 - Raiding party reported they were within 50 yards of objective.

1705 - Tanks alerted for movement forward.

1710 - Raiding party reports they are in the objective.

1711 - Tanks ordered to move forward.

1715 - S-2, 3d Bn reports raid achieved, tactical surprise and captured 5 PW's. Practically no fire.

1720 - Raiding party report they have five (5) prisoners.

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DATE: 6 January 1945

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TIME: 1721A to 2217A

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1721 - Tanks report they are almost in position.

1722 - Raiding party reports they have withdrawn 100 yards. Mission accomplished.

1737 - Concentration ABLE called for by raiding party.

1740 - Concentration ABLE fired.

1741 - 3d Bn report raiding party mission completed. 5 PW's taken. No casualties suffered. One enemy MG knocked out by our artillery.

1800 - Capt Jones reports that 114th Inf received counterattack. No results of same known.

1840 - Operations Report and Weapons Report (negative) given to G-3 (Sgt CERNIO).

1920 - Fame 5 to S-5: "Yesterday I instructed your S-3 as to certain things which are not being carried out. One main thing is that bridge guards would not stop military traffic. Following are some instructions for you: You are directed to instruct your bridge guards before 0730 tomorrow morning that they will not halt military vehicles in the area south of E - W grid line 53, except such vehicles as arouse suspicion. North of E - W grid line you can make your own rules. If you desire to halt them, make all passengers keep hands over head until properly identified. Conduct of bridge guards still not satisfactory. Fires are still jammed up by bridges. Fires will be 25 or 30 yards away from bridge. The man covering the bridge guard will be concealed from sight. If no cover is available, have them dig a hole. Men covering the bridge guards are not alert." (Phoned to battalions by Sgt DRAUDEN).

2210 - S-6 to CO 1st Bn: "As to these instructions on bridge guards, I'm going to call C/S and get a clear picture. However, as far as our area we will stop them just the same as usual."

2215 - S-6 to C/S: S-6 informed him that our 3d Bn raid came off fine. As to this holding your hands over head until identified, I don't think it sounds good. C/S said MP's in rear area have had acid thrown in their face. Suggested we make them halt and dismount or whatever we want to do.

2217 - S-6 to 1st Bn CO: Informed him of talk with C/S. S-6 said his personal opinion is to have post far enough away to keep civilians from hearing password. Have the sentry stand about 8 or 10 feet from vehicle to get password. Below Grid Line 53, we'll just stop suspicious vehicles.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 7 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0300A to 1643A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0300 - Received negative reports from 2d & 3d Battalions at 0200 and 0300. Informed Lt YOUNG at G-3 of this. He reports that the 114th Inf had been pushed back a little. The condition of other units was stable.

0630 - Negative reports received from 2d & 3d Bns at 0400, 0500, 0630.

0745 - 2d Bn CO to S-2: Combat patrol sent to vic RILCHINGEN returned with 3 prisoners of war. Prisoners were about 18, 20 and 30 years old. One shot was fired during the entire raid.

0940 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and told him he would have some visitors in about 5 minutes, also that there would be two (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks arrive at his place about 1200.

1040 - 3d Bn S-3 called S-3 and told him they were going to test fire weapons on their front from 1430 to 1600. Co "K" will fire 2 - .50 cal MG's; 1 - 60-mm Mortar, 2 BAR's; Co "I" will fire 2 BAR's; Co "L" will fire BAR's and M1's; Co "M" will fire 1 - HMG. Bn S-3 said he would notify our 1st and 2d Bns if we will notify 411th. We notified our 1st & 2d Bns, Cn & AT Co's; G-3, 411th Inf, 383d FA Bn, and TD Plat.

1215 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP and learned situation from S-6.

1415 - G-3 called S-3 and told him our Tank Platoon was released from assignment to and that we would get no replacement.

1430 - Received Cannon Co overlay showing supplementary positions for AT defense.

1520 - 1st Bn report they are short 4 bazookas and have one (1) 60-mm Mortar in ordnance.

1550 - Message from G-1: "Tomorrow we are sending up to your regiment an Air Corps officer. He will come up with your Liaison Officer after the 0830 meeting. After he arrives he is to be oriented and briefed on just what the regiment is doing and how it works. He will be allowed to go as far forward as he desires. He will not be detailed to go out with a patrol, but if a patrol is going out and he volunteers for it, he will be allowed to go."

1632 - Red alert.

1643 - All clear.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 8 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0235A to 2220A

PLACE: GUERENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0235 - Rpt on 2d Bn raid: Moved out to Objective #1 and found a building locked, blew in the door and upon entering found field telephone but the occupants had departed. Went to Objective #2 which was found to be unoccupied. On reaching the vic of Objective #3 received heavy MG and burp gun fire from an estimated 6 enemy. The enemy immediately withdrew to the center of town and artillery preparation Able was fired on them. The patrol again tried to make contact with the enemy and again received enemy fire from the town causing them to withdraw. No casualties were suffered. Believe enemy sustained some loss as a result of artillery fire. (Report phoned in to G-2 & G-3).

0300 to 0700 - Hourly checks were made with 2d and 3d Bns. All reports negative.

0906 - 383d FA Bn is going to test fire small arms between 0930 and 1030 vic HUNDLING.

1405 - Condition is red.

1625 - G-1 to S-3: S/Sgt of Air Corps being sent down with Ln O tomorrow. Asst Div Comdr suggests he be attached to I & R Plat and accompany same on patrols.

1700 - Message to CO 2d Bn: "Investigate report that German ammunition is stored in cave at approximately (489604). If found, take steps to remove it into our lines in priority: (1) Panzerfaust, (2) Grenades, (3) Other ammunition. Submit plans for removal at least 12 hours in advance. Include any assistance needed in removal of this ammunition." (HARDING, Col - 1700)

1710 - Message to CO 2d BN: "Your recommendation for repeating raid vic GROSBLEDERSTROFF night 9-10 Jan, without change in plans from those for raid night 7-8 Jan on same area, is approved. Plans need not be resubmitted. Coordinate direct with 383d FA Bn." (HARDING, Col - 1710).

1800 - S-6 is at 3d Bn.

1900 - Operations Report and Weapons Report (negative) given to G-3 (Sgt CERNIO).

2220 - Message to CG 103d Inf Div (Attn: G-3) - "Attached message for your information. It is believed that a duplication of raid conducted nite 7-8 Jan will catch enemy off guard and gain desired results, since plan to be executed is same no copies will be forwarded." (SILVER, Maj - 2220). (Copy of 1710 Msg sent with 2220 Msg, also information copy of 1700 Msg sent.)

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 9 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0700A to 2015A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

0700 - Hourly checks from 0100 to 0700 were made with the 2d & 3d Bns. They had nothing to report. We reported this to G-2 and G-3.

1400 - S-3 is on his way back to our CP.

1415 - Asst Div Comdr visited our CP.

1600 - 2d Bn S-3 reports: "A Platoon of Co "G" reported that at 1540 they received 6 rounds of 88 fire 250 yards in front of their positions. Fire came from the NE, probably from towns of AUERSMACHER or BLIESSRANSDACH."

1620 - 3d Bn reports relief of Co "K" by Co "I" completed 1515.

1622 - S-3 to G-3: 1600 and 1620 reports reported to Div.

1630 - 2d Bn S-3 reports that Co "G" received 3 more rounds artillery near cave (short of Co "G" positions) at 1620.

1700 - S-2 informed G-2 that in the cave they found 88-mm ammo, 20-mm ammo, AT Thermite Grenades, .35 cal. pistol ammo, burp gun ammo, new carbine and rifle ammo. No grenades and no Panzerfaust. Found 55 barrels of gasoline. This information came from Co "F" Commander.

1755 - Message to CO 410th Inf: "Will attempt to remove ammunition from cave night of 10 Jan 45 beginning 1830. One (1) squad, Co "F" to act as guides and covering force; two (2) squads, Co "E" and Bn A & P Plat will serve as carrying party to remove ammunition to point in woods vic (483597) where it will be loaded on one (1) 2½ ton truck, under direction of A & P Plat Leader. Investigation to cave vic (489604) reveals: 200 rds of 88-mm; 200 rds of mortar; 50-75 rds AT; 2,000 rds rifle; 50 boxes Sub-MG; 200 boxes P-38 pistol; 23 - 55 gal barrels gasoline."
(L. L. LAMPERT, JR - MAJ - 1630.)

1930 - Operations Report and Weapons Report (negative) given to G-3 (Cpl KIEGER).

2015 - S-3 3d Bn called and said that tomorrow, 10 Jan, between 1400 and 1600 the 2 front line companies (Co I & L) will test fire some small arms - rifles, LMG's and BAR's.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 10 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 0850A

PLACE: GURBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

0100 - Negative report as to enemy activity received from 2d and 3d Bns.

0200 - Co "F" reports vehicular movement far out to their left front. 3d Bn report is negative.

0300 - 3d Bn S-2 turned in following patrol reports: One patrol went into town (LIXING), the other passed to the W and back into the center of town. They heard one vehicle in the northern part of town. No indication of enemy presence other than the post of two guards on the road leading into the town from the W. Patrol from Co "K" passing thru Co "I" moved to the N in vic of town directly N of CADENBROON and made reconnaissance of route and adjacent area to the S extreme of town and moved along trail to reported CP and remained as a listening post and in observation for a period of 15-20 minutes. Patrol heard Kraut voices and cough within building. Guard was not detected but could possibly have been in doorway in hiding. Patrol leader reported back at 0140.

0357 - Lt Young called and said that S-6 and one of the staff officers was to report to G-3 right away.

0427 - Condition is red.

0431 - S-6 and S-3 Jr left for Div CP.

0437 - Condition is clear.

0452 - Sgt Hollenback of 2d Bn called and informed us that their party was called off because they were stirred up by our I and R Plat men out there and the roads were too icy and by the time they could have gotten to destination it would have been too late.

0500 - Negative reports from 2d and 3d Battalions.

0600 - Negative reports from 2d and 3d Battalions.

0700 - S-6 returned from Div with O. I. 47. All people concerned with this O.I. were informed that there would be a meeting at 3d Bn CP at 0845 that they were to attend.

0800 - S-6 had a conference with all staff officers present.

0815 - S-6 and Asst S-3 left for 3d Battalion.

0850 - Div Asst Ordnance Officer informed S-3 that German 80-mm mortar ammo could be used in our 81-mm mortars, but that we had no range cards for that type of ammo and the mortar tubes would wear out much quicker.

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S E C R E TJ O U R N A L

DATE: 10 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0900A to 1050A

PLACE: GUEHENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

0900 - Regt'l CO met 3 Bn CO's and their S-3's; CO 383d FA Bn and his S-3; CO Cn and AT Co's. Explained situation to them and read Div order for the attack today. Ordered the 2d Plat, Co "C", 614th TD Bn be attached to 3d Bn until dark tonight and move to covered positions just S of woods at 442608 prepared to move into firing positions on the nose (440614) to stop by direct fire any counterattack, particularly armor, against right flank of 411th Inf. Two (2) cal. 50 MG's with crews from 1st Bn be attached at once to 3d Bn. These two (2) guns plus four (4) - .50 cal. MG's of 3d Bn to be emplaced by 3d Bn in positions from which they can repel by fire any counter-attack against right flank of 411th Inf. 3d Bn take all other practical steps to support attack of 411th Inf by fire. 3d Bn to keep a staff officer at CP of right Bn 411th Inf from 1200 until coordination on new OPLR, MLR, and RRL has been executed.

2d Bn to emplace 4 - .50 cal MG's on the nose vic (459610) prepared to assist by fire in repeling any counterattack against right flank of 411th Inf; No fire to be placed W of a line drawn from gun position thru the W house in the town of KERBACH. Cn Co permitted to fire a maximum of 200 rounds in repeling any counterattack against right flank of 411th Inf but only after decision by CO 2d or 3d Bns that such is necessary to stop the counterattack. No change is mission of AT Co. 1st Bn continue guarding bridges and proceed with confidential mission of Co "B": To complete reserve Bn plans for withdrawal to MAGINOT LINE; and to conduct tests today to determine best method of using mattress cover as substitute for snow parka.

Battalion Commanders only, were advised of possible future operations and directed to prepare future plans accordingly. 2d Bn for attack to the E, 1st & 3d Bns for attack to the N with both Bns abreast, 1st Bn on the right. 3d Bn directed to be prepared to stage night raid on KERBACH tomorrow night if directed by Div Comdr. Also to prepare 2 plans as follows: a. For raid by reinforced Platoon to harass enemy and capture prisoners. b. For raid with rifle company to clear town. CO 2d Bn directed to commence tonight the removal of German ammo from the cave S of GROSBLIEDERSTROFF. Priority to be given to 88-mm ammo, 81-mm ammo, P-38 and Sub-MG ammo.

S-6 went to 1st Bn CP and arranged for one rifle Plat and one Section IMG's of Co "C" to be available to 3d Bn for use as reserve in case of raid by entire rifle company on KERBACH on night 11-12 Jan 45. Dispatched Asst S-3 to CP 411th Inf as Liaison Officer.

0955 - Condition is Red.

0958 - All Clear.

1050 - Capt McCLELLAN, A. L. O. at Fame 14 informed us that there would be a photo Recon mission flown from 1145 to 1215 today by a P-51. It will fly from FORBACH to SAARBRUCKEN to SARREGUEMINES. (Informed our 1st, 2d and 3d Bns, AT & Cn Co's, and 383d FA Bn of this message).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 10 January 1945

TIME: 1235A to 2150A

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

1235 - CO 2d Bn, 411th Inf requested no fires W WASCHEBACH R (448623 NW to Pt 300 yds S ETZLING).

1300 - S-3 called CO 2d & 3d Bns as to 1235 entry.

1510 - Message to Bn & Spec Unit Co Comdrs: "Gasoline consumption must be curtailed immediately. Check on unnecessary use of vehicles in your unit." (WHITE, MAJ - 1510)

1545 - G-3 reports 411th Inf just about on objective. Have taken 4 PW's. No enemy fire as yet.

1620 - 411th Inf report their Co "F" on objective on right flank. Co "E" Platoon held up by small arms fire in BEHREN. Co "I" on objective. Co "K" held up by fire from hill NW of OETTING.

1625 - 384th Arty called and wants to use some dynamite to blow some new AAA positions vic NE NOUSSEVILLER. We told them to call 3d Bn.

1715 - G-3 called and wants to know how many bridges we are guarding behind our RRL. We told him 10. He wants an overlay showing these bridges. G-3 wants to know if we could pull a raid on KERBACH if Asst Div Comdr wanted it. S-3 said he would advise strongly against it.

1718 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO. 3d Bn CO said if the 411th didn't have KERBACH they were in a bad spot as they had a platoon pinned down by small arms, SP and artillery fire on that hill SW of KERBACH. 3d Bn CO says his OP reports that soldiers (they think are American) have gone into the town. S-6 asked if 3d Bn could pull the raid on KERBACH tonight if they were ordered to. 3d Bn CO said he could, but that it wouldn't be nearly as good a job as they could do tomorrow night. They have it all arranged for tomorrow night, and they would rather not do it tonight as they don't know whether 411th is in KERBACH or not.

1730 - 411th Inf S-3 reports that they have a Plat engaged in a fight W of KERBACH and might possibly have sent a patrol into KERBACH to look for Krauts who were firing at them; but they are definitely not going to move into the town.

1900 - 411th Inf report: Left to right - Co "L" on objective; Co "K" on objective; Co "I" still fighting; Co "O" to the right of Co "I"; Co "G" behind Co "I"; Co "E" outposting town of BEHREN; Co "F" on objective. Say they are not going into KERBACH.

2150 - G-3 to S-3: Gather up your bridge guards. They will be relieved by 409th Inf. Inform us when they have closed into your 1st Bn. (1st Bn told they could start picking up bridge guards).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 11 January 1945

TIME: 0025A to 1335A

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

- 0025 - Lt HOLLOWAY reports that the bridge guards were relieved by the 409th Inf.
- 0615 - 409th Inf called and informed us that they had completed relieving our bridge guards.
- 0700 - Hourly checks from 0100 to 0700 were made with 2d & 3d Bns. All reports were negative.
- 0745 - CO 2d Bn to S-2: Informed us that it won't be possible to get ammunition out of cave. Tried last night and one of the men wrenched his back - probably broken. Thought it a good idea to outpost entrance or blow up the ammunition. Their patrol were unsuccessful - boat became perforated and sank so they couldn't make crossing.
- 0807 - S-2 to G-2: Patrol reports from 3d Bn were all negative. 2d Bn patrols were unsuccessful.
- 0930 - 2d Bn is doing practice firing from 1400 to 1500. They notified 253d Inf and 3d Bn. (We informed G-3, 382d FA, and 1st Bn.)
- 1020 - 2d Bn S-3 told S-6 they would put a guard on the cave at night so the Kreuts couldn't get the ammo out. 2d Bn had a man badly hurt there last night when they tried to get it out. Don't think the Kreuts will try to get at it during the daytime, but they might at night.
- 1025 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and asked if the raid was all set for tonight. 3d Bn CO said it was, but he wants to hold KERBACH instead of just raiding it. S-6 told him it was in 411th Inf zone and we would probably have to turn it over to them. S-6 is going to 3d Bn CP to discuss plans for the raid.
- 1120 - S-3 of 411th Inf reports that the right elements of their Regt are at a trail junction at (434628). This is their Co "F".
- 1140 - C/S called and said that the recommendation of S-6 on the cave had been approved.
- 1145 - Captain JONES delivered S-6's message to C/S at 1120.
- 1200 - S-6 will be at the General Officer's Mess at 1700 this evening at Div CP.
- 1335 - G-3 called S-3 and said we have permission to pull raid tonight, but we will be held directly responsible for coordination with 411th Inf. (S-6 called G-3 and confirmed above report).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 11 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1340A to 1900A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

1340 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: Go ahead tonight with raid on a Plat basis. 3d Bn said they would not need reinforced outfit from 1st Bn.

1545 - 3d Bn report they will go into KERBACH at dusk; into LIXING at 2300.

1900 - 3d Bn CO reports raid is complete. No Krauts found. No enemy fire drawn. Plan to send Rcn elements back in to see if they can find out from civilians when Krauts left town.

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DATE: 12 January 1945

TIME: 0145A to 2245A

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420512)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV - 12 & 13; XXXVI - 12 & 13.

0145 - G-2 War Room passed on this information which was given to them by the 409th Inf who in turn learned about it from civilians picked up by the 106th Cav. Report about 700 Krauts in woods N of FORBACH, entrenched and scattered throughout the woods. Three companies with approximately 85 men per company are in FORBACH - half of them are equipped with panzerfausts AT guns. Also 3 - 37-mm AT guns there. Railroad from PETITE ROSELLE beginning at (355680 - 405675) is still in operation. Main RR thru FORBACH is out. Coal mine in PETITE ROSELLE knocked out. Approximately 200 troops in PETITE ROSELLE.

0700 - Hourly checks were made with 2d and 3d Bns from 0100 to 0700. At 0600, 3d Bn had preliminary patrol reports but were going to develop and confirm these reports later. All other reports were negative.

0800 - Co "L" patrols into LIXING report receiving grenade and rifle fire from vic 3d house on eastern part of LIXING. Also report a fresh grave in the garden of the 2d house (LT MORGAN). Germans reported still in town but outposts have been pulled in. Co "I" reports raiding party did not contact enemy in KERBACH. After their raid a Rcn party returned to the town and stated that they heard low noises and the sounds of foot troops in the vic several houses. 3d patrol was dispatched and upon nearing the town the patrol heard movement in the trenches on the southern part of town and observed several figures. After their raid, a patrol of 5 men including one officer was dispatched and upon examining one of the houses they are fired on and enemy began to withdraw. Upon returning it was discovered that one man was wounded and the Lt and another EM were missing. The 5th patrol sent forward to locate the missing personnel and returned after locating the officer and EM who had both been wounded.

2230 - G-2 reports that this afternoon there were seen between 15 and 20 kilometers from SAARBRUCKEN 1500 to 2,000 Krauts, about 100 trucks but no enemy tanks.

2245 - S-3, 614th TD Bn called and wants us to move our Plat in TENTLING over to the right so that he can put 2 Plats in center of 103d Div sector. He said his Plats will be in position by 0800 tomorrow. S-6 said it was OK as long as they were in position by 0800.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 13 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1515A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420512)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. Sheets XXXV 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

0100 - 2d Battalion reports their patrol reached the high ground SOUTH of AVERSMACHER and found the hill and surrounding positions unoccupied. "G" Company patrol moved up the road from WEST of GROSLIEDERSTROFF and at coordinate 488614 was fired upon by a 10 man enemy patrol. After an exchange of shots which included Machine Gun fire coming from vicinity of lumber yard our patrol returned.

0600 - Hourly checks were made with 2d and 3d Battalions from 0100 to 0600. All reports were negative with the exception of 3d Battalion's 0600 report. At this time they reported that "I" Company had received 8 rounds of artillery in their town believed to be coming from their rear. They checked with 383d FA and haven't had a report as yet.

0700 - 3d Battalion reports receiving more artillery at coordinate 445612. 2d Battalion's report was negative.

0740 - 2d Patrol from "L" Company returned at 0715 after making reconnaissance patrol toward LIXING.

0800 - Sgt. Serino of G-3 called and said the Division Commander would leave in about 10 minutes for our CP.

0830 - Division Commander arrived at our CP.

0850 - Division Commander and S-6 left for the Battalions.

1330 - 2d and 3d Battalion S-6's were informed that either our S-5 or S-6 would be up to recheck their reserve companies at 1600.

1420 - G-3 called S-6 and informed him that the Division Commander wanted all TD's and AT guns to be in firing positions at all times. Those in reserve will also be in firing position. S-6 was aware of this, but told G-3 he would comply with it by dark tonight. Our boundary limit on the right is still WOLFERDING.

1449 - S-3 called AT Company Commander and told him to have his AT Platoon with 1st Battalion ready to go into position. Wants to meet the Platoon Leader at AT Company at 1530.

1515 - Message to CO 411th Infantry (Attention S-3): "Request overlay showing your AT defenses (TD's and AT's). Will send you overlay of our revised AT defenses tonight". (CO 410th Inf. - /s/ McCarthy, Captain).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 13 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1516A to 2400A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. Sheets XXXV 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

1532 - Captain King of TD's called. S-3 requested an overlay of his exact positions. We are sending him one of our overlays on how we tie in with outfits on both flanks.

1745 - 3d Battalion Operations Sergeant phoned in that the 63 x grid line in their Zone was the no fire line.

2020 - G-3 called and said at 2300 have our trucks meet 409th Infantry trucks at PUTTELANGE to start relief of bridge guards.

2045 - 1st Battalion was given orders to start relieving 409th Infantry bridge guards at once and to have truck at PUTTELANGE at 2300.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 14 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1652A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. Sheets XXXV 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

0040 - Lt. Young, G-3, called and wants an overlay showing our bridge guards by 1100.

0700 - Negative reports submitted by all Battalions from 0100 through 0700.

0750 - Relief of 409th Infantry bridge guards was completed by our 1st Battalion at 2400.

0850 - G-3 informed us that our bridge guards were going to be relieved by the new outfit in 409th Infantry area and that we should provide a guide party to orient them on duties and effect the relief.

0905 - S-3 called 2nd Battalion S-3 and asked them what roads they wanted cleared of snow. 2d Battalion said the roads from METZING to NOUSSEVILLER to CADENBRONN to ROUHLING to HUNDLING.

0910 - S-3 called 3d Battalion and asked them which roads they wanted cleared. They said the roads from DIEBLING to TENDELING to BOUSBACH to CADENBRONN.

0920 - S-3 informed 1st Battalion S-3 that the Platoon Leader of the bridge guards was to report to Division.

0935 - Captain Jones, Liaison Officer, came in with Operations Instruction No. 49 and Movement Order No. 8.

0946 - 328th Engineer (C) Battalion sent copy of memorandum "Removal of Minefields" to CG, XV Corps. We were given a copy of this memorandum.

1110 - G-3 instructed us to send the Platoon Leader in charge of the bridge guards to CAPPEL at 1200. 1st Battalion S-3 was informed of this message.

1602 - S-5 instructed S-4 to send one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck to each Battalion CP so as to arrive at 0730 tomorrow morning.

1612 - S-6 left to visit 2d, 3d and 1st Battalions.

1617 - 614th TD Battalion S-3 wanted to know if the rest of his Unit could be included in our March Order. We told him yes.

1645 - RED Alert.

1652 - ALL Clear.

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DATE: 14 January 1945

TIME: 1653A to 2400A

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: GUEENHOUSE, FRANCE (420532)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. Sheets XXXV 12 & 13; XXXVI 12 & 13.

1657 - G-3 informs us that the outfit that is going to relieve us would leave place they are now at about 0600, get in at about 1100 and close about 1600.

1705 - S-3 called Battalions and informed them to have the Officer in charge of the relief be making his plans and report at Regimental CP at 1900.

1710 - Bridge guards of "C" Company relieved by 142'd Infantry at 1700.

2015 - Message from CG, 103d Infantry Division: "OO 410th Inf - Re: OI No. 49, this Hq., dated 132000 Jan 45, the following 103d Inf Div personnel will remain with relieving units for 24 hours following completion of relief unless released earlier by relieving Unit commanders: 1 officer per Regt'l and Bn Hq; 1 officer per Co; 1 NCO per Plat." (CG 103d Inf Div - Dalcher, Capt - 1640).

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DATE: 15 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY REGT

TIME: 0100A to 1426A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE

0100 - Lt. Eddens called from G-3 and said he had just received a Teletype from G-3 in which G-3 said we are to move our reserve Bn as soon as the first Bn of relief arrives. We are to move it into vic of WOERTH.

0600 - Negative reports received from all Bns between hours of 0100-0600.

0700 - 2nd Bn gave us a negative report. 3d Bn reports that at 0605 there was light MG fire from vic of LIXING. (Gave this information to Lt Young at G-3).

0720 - Called G-2 (Sgt Welch) and gave a negative report.

0845 - Div Movement Control: As soon as you know the composition and time length of your column let us know.

0915 - S-6 sent a memo to CO 1st Bn regarding the relief of his Bn and their movement.

0932 - S-3 Jr to Movement Control: Major Gillman says that the first part of relieving outfit should be here at about noon. The whole unit will be following. S-3: Why then the msg from G-3 that our reserve Bn would move without delay? Major Gillman said that was because he didn't want them to wait till whole relief was complete. They checked on who was moving with us. Major Gillman wanted the composition of our column and time length as soon as we had it.

0945 - S-3 Jr said it was OK to remove 1st Bn's guard they had in Metzling.

1007 - S-3 Jr was to inform or send down a copy of March order to Collecting Co.

1050 - S-3 informed the Arty S-6 that we didn't know what time we'd leave for sure but would let him know.

1102 - 1st Bn 3 informed S-3 Jr that his bridge guards would have to be relieved. S-3 said the relieving outfit would take care of that. He also said that his At Plat would go with him.

1150 - CO of relieving outfit came in with some of his staff.

1420 - Msg to CO 3d Bn: All 57 mm AT guns on your front line will be relieved by AT Co of new unit which will not arrive until their 4th Serial. Keep your guns in until their guns are at the positions ready to take over. Also keep your Res Co in position until relieved by a company of their Res Bn.

CO 410th Inf HJP Harding Col

1426 - S-3 Jr called 1st Bn 3 and told him that the new outfit would relieve 3d Bn about 1500. We had no further information on the trucks.

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DATE: 15 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY REGT

TIME: 1430A to 2345A

PLACE: GUEHENHOUSE, FRANCE

1430 - S-4 informed S-5 that he just sent for gas and it would take about an hour to get it to the trucks.

1432 - 1st Bn 6 wanted to know if he was still to leave a representative despite the fact that they weren't going to wait for complete relief. S-6 said Yes.

1500 - S-4 wanted OK on moving kitchens in morning after they had drawn a ration. S-5 and S-3 Jr said OK.

1550 - 1st Bn 3 to S-3 Jr: Informed him, upon inquiring, that the kitchens would move in train at about 1000 tomorrow.

1620 - Ln 0 came in with OI #50.

1625 - 2d Bn 275th Inf closed in our 2d Bn area.

1645 - S-6 to 1st Bn 6: CO 1st Bn said all the advanced group was there and had been oriented. Just a few of the trucks have arrived and are out of gas and have flat tires. None of foot troops are in yet but would be in about an hour. His bridge guards were being relieved and Lt Thorne was taking one of the new outfits Co Cmdrs to see positions.

1710 - 1st Bn 275th Inf closed in our 3d Bn area.

1810 - At 275th Inf closed into our AT area.

1835 - Cn Co 275th closed into our Cn area, at 1840, 3d Bn 275th Inf closed in our 1st Bn area.

1955 - 2d Bn 275th Inf relieved our 2d Bn 410th Inf.

2100 - 3d Bn 275th Inf relieved out 1st Bn 410th Inf.

2125 - 1st Bn cleared their area.

2237 - 1st Bn 275 Inf relieved our 3d Bn except for one Platoon.

2300 - CO 1st Bn 275 Inf assumed command and responsibility of left sector at 2250.

2345 - Command of sector passed to CO 275th Inf. Div approved transfer of command and authorized CO to depart.

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DATE: 16 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY REGT

TIME: 0130A to 1900A

PLACE: GUEBENHOUSE, FRANCE

0130 - Adv CP Group left Guebenhouse for Woerth.

0700 - Adv CP Group arrived at Woerth and opened new Regtl CP.

1300 - S-6 returned from Div. Received the following instructions from Div Cdr.
1. Corps has ordered that we hold a Regt less one Bn in reserve. You are to hold your sector with one Bn. The Regt less one Bn to be assembled vic Niederbronn les Bains. Regt less one Bn will recon routes for c/atk within the Div zone. Priority to the Philippsbourg-Dambach area. Also recon routes to the E as you may be taken away from the Div and employed by Corps to the E. CO 410 Inf will retain command of the Central sector of the Div front unless the Regt is ordered outside the Div zone; the command of the central sector will be taken over by your Bn Cdr. 383d FA Bn will remain in direct support of the Central Sector, but arrangements will be made for it to accompany the Regt if the latter is moved outside the Div zone. Platoon of Tanks now at Langensoultzbach will be withdrawn into Div reserve vic Niederbronn les Bains; this will leave 14 tanks in Div reserve which will probably be attached to 410th Inf when the latter is employed. 2. The following recommendations of CO 410 Inf were approved by the Div Cdr. a) Relief now in progress by 3d Bn to continue in order to expedite relief of 276th Inf. b) 3d Bn to relieve Co B tomorrow morning. 1st Bn to move tomorrow afternoon to Niederbronn les Bains closing before dark tomorrow night. c) Cn Co to go into position vic Nehwiller prepared to support Bn in line. d) Bn in line to be reinforced by one platoon AT Co. e) Bns to be rotated on the line at the discretion of CO 410th Inf.

1400 - Adv CP Group left for Niederbronn les Bains.

1500 - New CP opened at Niederbronn les Bains.

1700 - Co B relieved 2d Bn (-), 276th Inf at 1030. 3d Bn relieved 1st Bn, 276th Inf at 1500. Our 2d Bn closed into Niederbronn les Bains at 1415. The Regiment closed at 1415. S-6 assumed command of the sector at 1530.

1900 - Rear CP closed at Woerth.

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DATE: 17 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0700A to 1830A

PLACE: NIEDERBRONN, FRANCE (936389)

0700 - 3d Bn reports the only thing happening during the night in their sector was a short burst of MG fire heard by their CP. Didn't know whether it was ours or enemy.

0705 - 1st Bn reports some arty falling quite a distance from their CP.

0710 - 2d Bn reports that Co "E", 3d Plat CP received a direct hit and injured two (2) men. Didn't know whether it was arty or mortar. (Called above 3 entries into Lt YOUNG at G-3.)

1130 - CO and S-3 visited CP 274th Inf and 411th Inf and secured all available information on routes leading N from the NIEDERBRONN - PHILLIPSEBOURG road toward the front lines. Also secured one guide from each Bn of 274th Inf, then proceeded to CP our 2d Bn to check on organization of four (4) Rcn patrols previously ordered. Found they would be ready to leave as soon as maps were received. Directed that 3 patrols each go with one of 274th Inf Bn guides to reconnoiter existing roads this afternoon. Directed fourth party be sent to CP 36th Engr at ZINSWILLER. Maps arrived at 2d Bn CP just before S-3 and CO left for Regt'l CP. Returned to Regt'l CP at 1315.

1245 - Marching elements of 1st Bn closed into town of NIEDERBRONN at this time.

1502 - 1st Bn wanted to know if 3d Bn was going to put any heavy weapons in or if he should retain his.

1507 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and asked if he was going to relieve 1st Bn's heavy weapons or whether 1st Bn CO should simply take his people out. 3d Bn CO said he would be unable to relieve his people so 1st Bn should take them out. 3d Bn CO would not know for about an hour where he could put his heavy weapons but would have them in by dark. He also said he would need about 10 extra .50 cal MG's with ground mounts.

1526 - S-6 notified 1st Bn CO he might as well pull out those heavy weapons as 3d Bn would not be able to replace his. Asked 1st Bn CO how many cal. 50 MG's with ground mounts he had. He didn't know right then but would look into it.

1555 - 1st Bn S-2 reports mission completed, closing out present installation as of this time. Co "B" relieved by Co "L".

1730 - Regt'l AT Plat in position on right flank.

1815 - G-3 to Lt HUGHES: There will be enough trucks to motorize one Bn which will rpt to you sometime this evening. Effective on their arrival you will have one Bn prepared to move on 30 minutes notice. He asked if 2d Bn was the one to be used.

1830 - Movement Control to S-3: 15 - 2½ ton trucks and 10 ducks will have to be picked up by two (2) guides at Corps HQ.

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DATE: 17 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1832A to 2210A

PLACE: NIEDERERONN, FRANCE (936389)

1832 - 1st Bn S-3 informed of above message. Told to have trucks at BJ937387.

1910 - S-3 informed G-3 that 1st Bn would be used instead of 2d Bn.

2115 - Send 1st Bn CO without delay to rpt to the CG of the 79th Div. Their CP is at HAGUENAU. Bn primary mission in reserve not to be committed except on Corps order. 1st Bn will assemble vic SOUFELHEIM, (17-26), E of HAGUENAU.

2200 - CO and Asst S-3 returned from Div.

2205 - Msg from CO Co B, 328th Engr - "Bridge at 955434 prepared for demolition. Please advise if you wish bridge blown tonight or tomorrow." (Williams - Capt - 2115).

2210 - Msg to CO Co B, 328th Engr - "I do not understand your message about bridge at 955434. Do not blow it unless you already have orders from Div to do so. Urgently request you or one of your officers go to my 3d Bn CP in order that requested work can start tomorrow morning early." (Harding Col 2210)

2210 - Fifteen 2½ and 10 ducks left Corps at 1030. Lt Rigdon said it would take approximately two hours to return. Capt Parker told Capt Denges he would have a guide at the RJ S of Reichshoffen.

2215 - CO and S-3 left for 1st Bn.

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DATE: 18 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 1110A

PLACE: NIEDERBRONN, FRANCE (936389)

0100 - Gave Lt Eddens (G-3) a negative report.

0200 - 3d Bn rpts their Engr representative has not shown up as yet. 2d Bn gave a negative report. (Called Lt Young (G-3) and gave a negative report).

0207 - Trucks for 1st Bn arrived.

0300 - Called Lt Young (G-3) and informed him of 0207 entry. Also informed him of disposition of 3d Bn - K on left, I (- one platoon) in center, L on right.

0325 - Major Brockman just received a phone call from 1st Bn S-3 instructing him to start moving. 1st Bn will start moving in 10 minutes (at 0335).

0400 - Gave Lt Young (G-3) above message.

0445 - Movement control called and we informed them that 1st Bn received their trucks at 0207 and moved out at 0325.

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

0600 - Called 3d Bn and received a negative report. Gave G-3 (Lt Young) a negative report.

0700 - Gave G-3 a negative report.

0800 - 2d Bn S-3 requested that we contact 274th Inf S-3 and inform him that recon parties from 2d Bn would be in 274th Inf area today. Called 274th Inf S-3 and informed him of this, then called 2d Bn S-3 and reported that the coordination had been completed.

1110 - S-6 called 3d Bn 6 and informed him that the following note was on its way down to him: Col May: I got to Div last night too late to see the General personally as he had already retired. However I saw the C of S who stated that the CG had decided: 1) Rcn Tr and its plats to be used only for intelligence work - ie patrolling forward of front lines - and not for any combat use. He disapproved attachment of a Plat to you (or to any other front line unit). 2) That no tanks would be attached to any front line unit except one Plat to Fancy. Baldus can give you the changes in our situation, which will give you probably reasons for above decisions. also dates on supply matters which will affect you. White is busy on route recon for possible counterattacks. They may have a party over in your area today. Wish I had better news for you but haven't any. Best of luck anyway. HJPH. Also told him we are still checking on .50 cal MG.

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DATE: 18 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1201A to 2400A

PLACE: NIEDERBRONNE, FRANCE (936389)

1201 - Capt Cook (G-3) informed us that 411th has units working for 79th and 45th. All that Div has left for Res now is our 2d Bn. S-6 informed him that we were making road recon in case of counterattack.

1300 - Msg to CG 103 Inf Div (Attn G-3) - Attached overlay shows recommendations for intermediate MLR per paragraphs la, b, c. OM 103 Inf Div 171200A Jan. Silver S-3

1355 - C/S to S6: Wanted to know if we heard arty fire over us. We said we did and thought it was coming from the West.

1450 - S-3 called 2d Bn and instructed them to have their S-6 come up here to discuss recon with our S-6.

1517 - S-3 to 3d Bn: Asked if they had anything to report. Sgt Grooms said one of the OP's reports Kraut arty falling about 3 kilometers ahead of them and the other OP reports some MG fire to their left front about 1000 yds.

1545 - Capt Parker of the Arty informed S-3 Jr that this arty we were hearing is a preparation for an attack to be made by a Bn of the 45th Inf.

1607 - Asst Div Comdr visited OP.

1650 - Div informed us that no signal panels would be used unless ordered by Div or Corps. This was passed on to subordinate units.

1705 - Sgt Grooms (3d Bn) rpts that at 1655 one OP rpt'd that arty was falling at 935442 where road crosses stream. Jeep was parked near there and about 20 rounds of arty and mortar fire fell there. Our troops were observed moving in the woods near that area.

1900 - S-3 Periodic Rpt & Wpns Rpt called in to G-3: Wpns operationally unfit - 1 - 60 mm Mortar - 1st Bn, 13 bazookas - (4 - 1st Bn; 8 - 2d Bn; 1 - 3d Bn).

1900 to 2400 - Negative rpts to G-3 (Lt Eddens).

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DATE: 19 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 2100A

PLACE: NIEDEBRONN, FRANCE (936389)

0100 - 3d Bn reports that they have received about 8 rounds of artillery around the bridge close to their CP. Started at 2159 and is about 105 stuff. Closest round was about 50 yards from their CP. (Called this in to Lt. YOUNG at G-3).

0200 - 0600 - Gave Lt YOUNG (G-3) a negative report.

0700 - Gave Lt YOUNG (G-3) a negative report.

0845 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: Informed him to expect a visit from Asst Div Comdr who is concerned mostly with dispersion of vehicles, men lined up for chew properly, and whether or not you have at least one squad you will be able to pull back for a local counterattack. We told Asst Div Comdr that we were sending up 5 cal. 50 MG's to 3d Bn.

1036 - S-6 to CO A.T. Co: 2d Bn was going to break down and clean their 57-mm AT guns and we want AT Co to alert one of his Plats in case 2d Bn should have to move while still working on guns.

1125 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: I'll be down to see you at 1300. 3d Bn CO said he got 3 more .50 cal MG's from Div. Also that Asst Div Comdr wasn't there yet.

1215 - Red alert.

1230 - Condition is clear.

1525 - Red alert.

1531 - Condition is clear.

1830 - Condition is red.

1840 - Condition is clear.

1900 - S-3 Periodic Rpt and Weapons Rpt (negative) given to G-3.

2100 - Msg to CO 2d Bn, Attn S-3: "Plan "G" for counterattack attached. Time required from receipt of order to crossing of LD is based, for all plans, on following: To assemble - 1 hr; Marching on good roads - $2\frac{1}{2}$ mph; Marching on trails - 1 mph; Close in Assembly Area - 30 Mins. Submit detailed plans for execution each counterattack. Submit in addition any recommendations for changes in times allotted."
(CO 410th Inf - SILVER, S-3 - 2100.)

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DATE: 19 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2245A to 2355A

PLACE: NIEDERBRONN, FRANCE (936389)

2245 - Overlay of counterattack Plan "G" sent to Div.

2300 - G-3 called and said they were sending down a planning OI shortly.

2330 - O.I. #52 and Opns Memorandum dated 192030A Jan 45 received from Div.

2340 - S-6 to G-3: Is this new MLR ahead or behind of RR embankment. G-3 said that new MLR was ahead of RR embankment.

2345 - G-3 to S-6: Have your 2d Bn prepared to move on 2 hours notice. They will either move to one Bn of 411th at the SW, or where the rest of 411th Inf is now.

2355 - S-5 to S-3, 2d Bn: Alert your Bn on a two (2) hour notice to move.

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DATE: 20 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0005A to 1426A

PLACE: NIEDERBRONN, FRANCE (936389)

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- 0005 - G-4 to S-3: We will furnish 7 trucks from 409th Inf; 10 from QM, and 8 furnished by 410th Inf. Guides can pick up trucks at main EJ in REICHSHOFFEN.
- 0030 - G-3 informed S-5 not to go out on Rcn per Opns Memo 192030 Jan 45 until he says to go.
- 0100 - Gave G-3 a negative report.
- 0200 - 0700 - Gave G-3 a negative report.
- 0920 - G-4 wanted to know how many ground mounts we wanted. S-3 Jr said nine (9). G-4 said they could give us 4 right now, the rest later.
- 0950 - 2d Bn CO to S-3 Jr: We informed him that we had nothing further on their alert. Also told him that our 1st Bn had been hit pretty hard.
- 1029 - Cn Co CO to S-3 Jr: Cn Co CO said he can fire everything shown on arty overlay but point L-38. Also said he has plenty of ammo.
- 1035 - S-6 has given Cn Co CO permission to fire missions on call by 3d Bn as long as he kept 1000 rds of HE in reserve.
- 1110 - S-6 to S-1: Going to AT then Cn Co. Will back by lunch and want to see you after lunch.
- 1142 - Capt COCKS (G-3) to S-3, Jr: Wanted S-6 and S-3 Jr to report to Div as soon as possible.
- 1201 - S-3 Jr informed S-6 of 1142 entry. S-6 said he was coming back to CP now.
- 1222 - Capt COCKS (G-3) said they are waiting for our S-6 and S-3 Jr.
- 1235 - S-6 and S-3 Jr left for Div.
- 1328 - S-6 to Lt HUGHES: Wants Capt FOSTER, CO 3d Bn, CO 2d Bn, Capt SLY and Lt McSURLEY to be at CP when he gets back from Div.
- 1400 - S-3 Jr sent word to Capt FITZGERALD via S-1 that he was to report to Major GILLMAN at Div HQ at REICHSHOFFEN to pick up 12 trucks to be delivered to 2d Bn at NIEDERBRONN.
- 1426 - G-3 to S-3 Jr: Our outfit with 411th Inf would not close until noon tomorrow.

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DATE: 20 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1430A to 2400A

PLACE: NIEDERBROEN, FRANCE (936389)

1430 - Msg to Ex O, 410th Inf - "Capt FOSTER will explain situation. Meet Rcn parties of 2d and 3d Bns at MUHLHAUSEN without delay and lay out MLR on ground."
(HARDING - Colonel - 1430.)

1515 - Capt FITZGERALD to S-6: Said it would be at least 3 hours before he could get the trucks to Capt WALPOLE and that it was 15 instead of 12.

1520 - S-3 to S-6: He reported that everything was OK. Said Capt FOSTER would meet him there. Also wondered if we couldn't use town about 1 mile NW of the town allocated to us. S-3 was to find out and let AT CO know about it and bring back same to us.

1525 - S-6 authorized 2d Bn to use SCHILLERSDORF for their CP.

1708 - S-3 informed 2d Bn Ex O that the vehicular route was marked but not the foot troop route.

1735 - Movement Control called and wanted us to move up the IP time on our Arty as another Arty unit was scheduled for same time. Our unit will have to clear GUNDERSHOFFEN by 1900.

1740 - TD Bn CO to S-3: Said he sent an officer from his Co "C" to us. He said their CP of Co "C" and company would go to us when we get to destination.

1745 - S-3 asked AT Co CO if he could lend us a vehicle for road marking. He said he would and was sending it down as soon as possible. We were to get the vehicle back to him as soon as possible.

1750 - Checked with movement control and learned that the town referred to in the 1735 was GUNBRECKSHOFFEN and not GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1855 - Lt BALDUS reports trucks not arrived as yet at Div.

1920 - Movement to S-3: Capt FITZGERALD at Corps reports trucks haven't arrived as yet. It will take 2 hours to reach REICHSHOFFEN. We will move all people except some of the 3d Bn and Sv train. On last shuttle, 7 trucks will move Sv train, 8 will move rest of 3d Bn.

1925 - G-3 informed of above entry.

2030 - 2d Bn troops closed into new area vic SCHILLERSDORF.

2115 - Antitank Co cleared area.

2130 - 2d Bn organic closed into new area vic SCHILLERSDORF.

2400 - Trucks arrived (15 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ LWB) at 3d Bn HQ.

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DATE: 21 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1540A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

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- 0015 - AT Company closed into UTTWILLER.
- 0100 - 1st Platoon and Company Headquarters of Company "B", 614th TD Battalion closed in.
- 0130 - 328th Medical Battalion, Company "B", closed into their area.
- 0315 - Command Group left for new CP.
- 0630 - New CP opened at MENCHHOFFEN (826289).
- 0515 - 3d Battalion closed into area vicinity OBERMODERN.
- 1215 - Chief of Staff visited our CP.
- 1240 - G-3 informed us that we now have Company "C" of the 614th TD Battalion with us.
- 1300 - Informed G-3 that we have no information on the covering party.
- 1315 - S-3 informed G-3 (Captain Dalcher) that the TD Company attached to us lost 2 guns. The Engineers destroyed them because they could not be evacuated. Also informed him that 12 men have returned from our covering party and they report no contact with the enemy.
- 1330 - Message to all Battalions and Special Units: "Class I, II, III, IV and V open at DOSENHEIM (755228). Service Company location same as above supply points." (Signed W. E. White, S-4).
- 1400 - Division Commander called and said he was coming down to our CP very shortly.
- 1435 - 2d Battalion S-6 to S-3. 2d Battalion S-6 wants us to make arrangements with the 36th Engineers on our left to leave the bridge at ROTHBACH as "E" Company would need it.
- 1440 - Division Commander visited our CP.
- 1505 - Division Commander left our CP.
- 1530 - We have a copy of Operations Instruction No. 53 in file.
- 1535 - S-6 called 383d FA S-3 and informed him that he would have to take care of the fire registering because he couldn't attend to it.
- 1540 - S-6 to 3d Battalion S-6: "All civilians are to be sent to PFAFFENNOFFEN where a train will be awaiting them, so herd them all that way. Have Captain Halpin write out a complete report on the destruction of those two TD's. Division Commander is disturbed about that.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 21 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1541A to 2400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1545 - G-3 informed S-3 that our 1st Battalion has not been relieved as yet, but have the order to relieve them. G-3 wants us to call him if Liaison Officer from the 274th Infantry doesn't report within 15 minutes. By 2200 G-3 wants our coordinated fire plan, recommendations for RRL, and the occupation organization of our sector. Division will take responsibility of bridge at ROTHBACH. S-3 informed G-3 that our TD's were in position.

1610 - Chief of Staff wanted to know why we moved a Battalion of the 411th Infantry out of one of our towns. We informed him that we had permission of G-3 to do so as they were in our Zone.

1617 - S-3 informed 2d Battalion, 3d Battalion, and AT Company that we need overlays of their positions by 2100 tonight.

1632 - S-3 gave Division Artillery S-3 permission to register "Long Toms" in on vicinity of intersection at 9338.

1640 - 3d Battalion S-3 was informed that we gave the towns of ZINSWILLER AND GUMBRECHTS-HOFFEN as the no fire line for artillery.

1645 - 2d Battalion wanted to know if two hour checks with the 36th Engineers on our Left flank would be O.K. (there is a 400 yard gap between left flank of 2d Battalion and right flank of the 36th Combat Engineers). S-3 told them it would be O.K.

1720 - Light Line for tonight is grid line 18 running East and West.

1900 - Negative report given to G-3 (Captain Cock).

2000 - Negative report given to G-3 (Captain Cock).

2100 - Negative report given to G-3 (Captain Cock).

2200 - Negative report given to G-3 (Captain Cock).

2300 - Negative report given to G-3 (Captain Cock).

2350 - "E" Company reports that several artillery shells went over them and landed behind them. "G" Company reports that at 2330, 2340 and 2350, one shell at each time landed in ROTHBACH. Seemed like very heavy caliber artillery.

2400 - Above report given to G-3 (Captain Cock).

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 January 1945

TIME: 0001A to 0958A

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0010 - Our MP Officer reports that our 1st Battalion has already gone through MEMELSHHEIM and is now in HOCKSFELDEN on their way to BOUXWILLER. S-3 called Division Movement Control and reported this. Movement Control said they would have their Traffic Control Post in BOUXWILLER pick up our 1st Battalion and direct them. S-3 then called 1st Battalion Advance CP (Lt. Siskin) and directed him to go to BOUXWILLER and direct his Battalion in. 1st Battalion is coming a different route than Division Movement Control told us they would.

0015 - 2d Battalion reports: "G Company received 16 heavy caliber shells from 0005 to 0010. "E" Company reports they received 6 or 8 rounds of the same type artillery and they believe it is coming from an azimuth of 45 degrees."

0020 - Division Movement Control informed us that 1st Battalion received their trucks for movement at 1810. They received 14 trucks from the 79th Division, 8 trucks from the 3426 QM Truck Company, and 3 trucks from the 72nd AA Battalion.

0100 - 1st Battalion closed in area at 0045. (Reported this to Captain Cockat G-3 and to Division Movement Control).

0200 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0300 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

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0600 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0700 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0920 - Division Engineer called and wanted to know if we wanted the bridges at OFFWILLER and ROTHBACH blown. S-5 told him no.

0930 - Our Liaison Officer returned from Division with the following information. G-3 wants us to check with him at 1200 and 1800 and report on progress of preparation for the defense of the area. G-3 wants our counterattack plans by 1600 today.

0958 - Division Artillery is going to register their guns at 1100 today at the following coordinates. 900325 and 89003509.

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DATE: 22 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0959A to 1500A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1006 - S-3 called 2d Battalion (Sgt. Hollenbeck) and told him that at 1130 and 1730 we wanted a report on the progress of preparation of defensive positions.

1015 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-5 and instructed him to have AT guns in position by dark tonight.

1150 - 2d Battalion (Sgt. Hollenbeck) reports that "E" Company is 60% dug-in - all holes dug but overhead cover is lacking. "F" Company is 90% dug-in - one squad and support platoon lacking overhead cover. "G" Company is 80% dug-in - support platoon 75% dug in. "H" Co. has 50% of the guns dug-in but overhead cover is lacking. No wire in as yet. AT guns are all dug in.

1213 - 2d Battalion reports that two rounds of time fire dropped on the left flank of "G" Company area along the river bed.

1220 - 3d Battalion reports all men are dug in. MG and AT are about knee deep - about 50% complete. TNT is being used to blast positions.

1220 - Gave G-3 (Pvt. Withers) a report on progress of preparation of defensive positions.

1225 - S-3 instructed Lt. Hughes to check with 409th Infantry about the 1000 yard gap between our 3d Battalion right flank and the 409th Infantry left flank.

1238 - Cannon Company CO reports that he is going to do some blasting in his area.

1245 - Division Artillery says that a civilians has reported 200 enemy troops in NIEDERBRONN at 0900 this morning.

1250 - 2d Battalion S-6 told S-3 that the 36th Engineer's OPL is our MLR and this throws our "E" Company way out in front leaving about a 400 yard gap on our left flank. S-3 called G-3 (Lt. Eddens) and he is going to check on it.

1420 - The two LMG's from "I" Company (covering force) are back. 3d Battalion has only 3 TD's in use.

1500 - 3d Battalion S-3 informed S-6 that he had learned their lost jeep was in REICHSHOFFEN. Civilians from there said that at 1100 there were two enemy tanks and some artillery pieces in the town. 6 men still unaccounted for from the covering force.

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DATE: 22 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1501A to 1950A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1522 - 3d Battalion Operations Sergeants report shows that 10 men are still missing from the covering force. Operations Sergeant would also like to have us check with the 411th Infantry to see if they will put a HMG behind our "I" Company position.

1530 - S-6 and S-3 Jr. left for the 36th Engineer's CP.

1600 - CO 1st Battalion called and said he planned to move Hq. Co. and CP to INGWILLER.

1610 - 1st Sergeant of Company "B", 781st Tank Battalion stopped in and said that we will have one platoon of their tanks attached to us. They plan on moving the platoon into UTTWILLER or NIEDERSOULTZBACH. Their call sign is WASP.

1650 - G-3 (Major Thomas) called S-3 and confirmed the report that one platoon of Company "B", 781st Tank Battalion, is now attached to us. The Division Commander desires that they be attached to our reserve Battalion.

1700 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and gave him the following report on the defensive positions chart: "MLR & OPL 100%. MG primary positions MLR & OPLR 80% (including all overhead cover). MG alternate positions 80%. MG supplementary positions 0%. AT primary positions 100% (including no overhead cover). AT alternate positions 30%. AT supplementary positions 0%. TD primary positions 25%. Rifle positions MLR 90%. Rifle positions OPLR 100% (overhead cover 50% on both). Nothing on connecting trenches. No wire in as yet. AT mines are 50% complete. NO APers mines in as yet. No road craters. No abatis. Bridge preparations 50% complete. Communications 100%. CP dugouts including CP's 75%. Estimate two more days of man labor."

1810 - G-2 reports as follows: Sixth Corps reports column moving on road past road block at 854400.

1850 - 5 rounds of artillery landed in MENCHHOFFEN. One round landed in town and the other four rounds were duds. Came from the NE.

1915 - At 1900 "E" Company OP fired on five enemy troops but missed them. Enemy troops turned around and went back into ZINSWILLER.

1920 - 3d Battalion S-1 reports that all men from the covering force are in. One jeep with wire equipment is still missing. They saw some civilians who claim that 1100 today the enemy had two tanks, two artillery pieces and some soldiers in REICHSHOFFEN.

1940 - "E" Company on OPL contacted 4 more enemy troops vicinity ZINSWILLER.

1950 - Above reports called in to G-3.

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DATE: 22 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1951A to 2140A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

2030 - Artillery FO reports that "E" Company is in a fire fight with enemy in OFFWILLER. Called S-3, 2d Battalion and he said "E" Company line is out and he will call us just as soon as it is in.

2040 - S-6 called CO 3d Battalion. CO 3d Battalion says his "L" Company has visual contact with 2d Battalion. "L" Company captured three prisoners who claim there are 300 enemy troops in ZINSWILLER. Prisoners are from 118th Regiment, 36th Division. Came from PHILIPPSBOURG this morning.

2050 - CO 2d Battalion to S-6: "Easy Company hit pretty hard. Enemy troops infiltrated between the gap on our left flank and the 36th Engineers. Enemy hit OFFWILLER and ROTHBACH at the same time. "E" Company CPs cut off. Can reach him by radio. "F" and "G" Companies have been alerted. Enemy came into OFFWILLER from behind."

2052 - S-6 called 3d Battalion CO and instructed him to swing OPL line to connect with the 409th Infantry at MULHAUSEN. Line will run UHRWILLER - MUHLHAUSEN.

2100 - 2d Battalion reports that the civilians in ROTHBACH turned against our troops. A man in FFI uniform killed one of our bridge guards.

2110 - 3d Battalion CO reports that TD's do not have transportation for 2 guns. Says he will check and see if guns are in position. S-6 alerted 3d Battalion.

2115 - G-2 reports enemy strength on our front of about 4,000 men. Can push a small attack by 0200, organized attack by 0600. Possibly hit 409th Infantry by 0800.

2130 - Chief of Staff called S-6. S-6 informed him that enemy troops came in behind the town of OFFWILLER from the mountains. Either civilians or Germans in FFI uniforms killed one of our bridge guards in OFFWILLER. 36th Engineers do not tie in with our OPL, but do tie in with our MLR. This leaves a 400 yard gap between our OPL and the 36th Engineers. We will have to keep patrol contact. We are swinging our OPL so that the right limiting point remains the same, but the left hinges on the MLR. I recommended that OPL be pulled back. Chief of Staff instructed S-6 to be sure our left limiting point is under control so that it is tied in with 36th Engineers and that we have enough people to hold the gap from infiltration.

2135 - 2d Battalion reports that enemy troops are in ROTHBACH.

2140 - 2d Battalion reports that the people who killed the bridge guard came up yelling "FFI" and that the bridge guards did not blow the bridge. One wire jeep knocked out and 4 men in it killed when they ran right into an enemy machine gun. The MLR is on the high ground behind the town. Reserve has moved out.

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DATE: 22 January 1944

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2141A to 2400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

2145 - 2d Battalion reports that "G" Company is having no trouble as yet. The 36th Engineers have had no contact with the enemy. Enemy hasn't touched the MLR but they are not far from it. Just had a report that enemy is hitting "G" Company pretty hard.

2146 - Division Commander to S-6: "Did your outfit pull out when the first shot was fired? The report I got from Battalion CO was that the OPL was hit from the rear." S-6 informed the Division Commander that the OPL was hit from behind due to the fact that the OPL was not tied in with the 36th Engineers. Told him that our MLR was tied in with the Engineers. We are pulling back out OPL. On our right I am having 3d Battalion tie in with 409th Inf. I am shoving the 1st Battalion up to INGWILLER.

2200 - S-6 instructed 1st Battalion CO to move his Battalion into INGWILLER.

2230 - Assistant S-3 called S-6 from the 2d Battalion CP. Told him that an "E" Company driver was back and he came on his regular route. "G" Company has been hit, but they counterattacked and drove back into their regular positions. 2d Battalion CP has just been alerted as they think a German patrol has entered the town. Have had civilians fire on our troops. Looks as though "E" Company Headquarters group is lost.

2305 - 2d Battalion reports that there are two columns of troops in woods NE of BITCHEOLTZ.

2312 - S-6 instructed 2d Battalion to have artillery fire on columns.

2320 - 1st Battalion reports that "A" and "B" Companies are on their way.

2340 - 2d Battalion S-5 reports that men who opened fire on "E" Company CP were in American Uniforms. Wounded man saw troops he thought were Americans and walked up to them and called to them. They opened up and shot him down, but he managed to escape. His squad was in the draw just short of 851342.

2400 - 2d Battalion left platoon is at abatis on boundary.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 23 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0740A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0015 - 1st Battalion closed into INGWILLER.

0025 - 3d Battalion captured 3 prisoners. One prisoner said they were from the 1st Company, 118th Regiment, 36th Division. His Battalion left PHILIPPSBURG at 0600 22 Jan and arrived at ZINSWILLER at 1600 22 Jan. He was sent on patrol at 1800. Says the 268th FA is with his Battalion. Doesn't know anything about the other two Battalions of His Regiment. His Company Commander has only been with the Company for two days and his former Company Commander is now a Battalion Commander.

0030 - G-2 estimates 6,000 troops on our front who can launch an attack by 0200 and a coordinated attack by 0600.

0130 - 2d Battalion S-6 informed S-6 that there was no penetration of the MLR although it was hit in the "G" Company zone. Lost the "E" Company Command Group Lt. Doggett is in command of "E" Company now. "G" Company is O.K. but they did receive a strong attack which they repulsed by a counterattack. Left flank Battalion AT gun is under enemy fire and they don't know whether they can get it out or not.

0200 - Assistant S-3 returned from 2d Battalion Headquarters.

0220 - I&R Platoon Leader reports that everything seems to be pretty quiet on the front now. Has been to "E", "F", and "G" Companies. S-3 instructed him to leave half his men on patrol and to bring the others in and let them get some sleep.

0300 - 2d Battalion S-5 reports the tentative list of losses in the attack as follows: "2 jeeps and 2 trailers, 2 LMG's, Command Group including about 24 officers and men. All these losses were from "E" Company. Also a 300 radio from "E" Company. Artillery lost one officer and 3 men from their FO, a jeep and a radio. "H" Company lost a section of 81mm mortars, jeep and trailer and 8 men.

0400 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0500 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0600 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0700 - Gave G-3 a Negative report.

0740 - S-5 instructed TD Company Commander to get two guns forward North of INGWILLER toward the woods as soon as possible.

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DATE: 23 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0741 to 1145

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0820 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports: "G" Company has been receiving pretty heavy MG and AW fire from OFFWILLER. Fired two artillery concentrations on them and have silenced them for the time being. During the night LMG Section of "G" Company was overrun and believe they were captured. The center area of the left platoon of "G" Company was hit pretty hard, but they are reorganizing and think they will be O.K. if we push a support squad up there.

0845 - Division Commander arrived at our CP.

0900 - 409th S-3 was informed that the situation on our right flank did not change.

0909 - 3d Battalion S-3 reports that "L" Company observed an enemy column coming down the road Northeast toward their CP. Fired artillery on them and they retreated.

0910 - 1st Battalion S-2 reports that 5 men from "G" Company mortar section came into 1st Battalion CP and reported that their Company had been pushed out of KOTHBACH into their positions on the high ground. S-3 instructed 1st Battalion S-2 to hold everything on the alert until further notice.

0935 - Approximately 2 companies of enemy troops digging in vicinity 902325.

0945 - Division informed us that there would be an air concentration in woods at 9025-3225.

1008 - S-6 instructed 2d Battalion S-2 to try to learn as much as possible about the enemy in front of us, their number and disposition.

1107 - Assistant Division Commander visited our CP.

1113 - S-6 instructed S-5 to pull back all the TD's and straighten out the situation on all the positions.

1122 - Chief of Staff called the Assistant Division Commander at our CP and informed him that the Division Commander wanted him to take charge of the situation.

1140 - Captain Williams of Engineers informed us we could have a bulldozer for digging in our TD guns, but that he had no prime mover to move it. TD man is going down to Engineer CP to discuss it.

1145 - An estimated Battalion of enemy troops moving into OFFWILLER. Artillery was put on them, but it wasn't too effective. We are trying to get an Air mission from G-2 on them.

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DATE: 23 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1146A to 1402A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1207 - G-2 reports that some prisoners captured in bischholtz report there are more enemy troops in KINDWILLER.

1212 - Our planes are grounded, but the air mission on enemy troops in OFFWILLER will be carried out if at all possible.

1222 - After checking with 3d Battalion we informed 409th S-3 that we still had men on our limiting point on right flank. 409th S-3 said he would send men out to try to contact them.

1225 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports that at 1210 "F" Company received some artillery fire in front of their positions and "E" Company received some mortar fire. Lots of enemy activity in OFFWILLER. Large concentration of enemy vehicles at 871372 (observed by plane).

1235 - 409th S-3 says they have 5 men from "E" Company OPL who came into their lines last night. We are sending after them.

1240 - S-6 told 2d Battalion S-3 that TD platoon was detached from them and now under Regimental control.

1240 - S-3 of 409th Infantry called and says they haven't been able to make contact with our 3d Battalion troops on that high ground South of UHRWILLER. A PW claims the enemy will attack in direction of LA WALCK.

1245 - Companies "A" and "B" closed into INGWILLER supported by Tank platoon.

1250 - "L" Company receiving lots of fire.

1300 - "L" Company receiving one artillery round every minute. S-6 told 3d Battalion CO that all TD's are now under Regimental Control.

1315 - Cannon Company reports they knocked out two enemy MG's.

1322 - G-3 wanted to know if we are tied in with 409th. We told him just by patrols.

1325 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3 and told him that the 409th had people on HILL 226. Says they have patrols up there and can't contact us.

1402 - Arrangements were made for officer led patrols to meet on limiting point at 1500. An alternate meeting point was arranged in case OPL is driven back. It will be at 238 triangulation point where boundary crosses road.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 23 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1410A to 1802A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1410 - C/S called and asked about contact with 409th Inf and was informed of 1402 entry.

1412 - G-2 to S-2: An air observer reports a long column of vehicles coming into ZINSWILLER from OBERBRONN. Have been firing on them and now trying to get Corps TOT on them.

1425 - S-3 to 409th S-3: Meeting place for officer led patrol to meet set at alternate meeting point.

1500 - S-4 to S-3: Talked about this Cn ammunition and said we were limited to a maximum of 17 rounds per gun per day. S-3 informed Cn Co of same.

1555 - Div Liaison O back from Div with O.I. 54.

1605 - S-3 to S-4: Said he had informed Cn CO of the 1500 entry. S-4 said if he (Cn CO) wanted to try to get some of this M-2 howitzer artillery ammunition he should contact Regt'l Munitions Officer.

1640 - S-2 informed S-2, 1st Bn that prisoners 2d Bn took today were from 7th Company, 11th Regiment, 6th SS Mountain Division, Regiment has 3 Bns, Co in ROTHBACH.

1700 - 3d Plat of Co "G" report that at least 100 enemy troops moved into ROTHBACH. Lt PETRIE reports that he saw at least 100 enemy troops leave ROTHBACH for OFFWILLER. Thinks they may have made a relief and might throw another attack tonight.

1705 - Lt HUGHES talked to S-3 of 409th Inf. They agreed to make a patrol contact at (888290) between 1745 and 1800.

1710 - Lt HUGHES called 3d Bn S-3 and told him of above message. 3d Bn S-3 agreed to send patrol out to make contact with 409th at (888290). Says Co "L" has already made arrangements to bend their company to protect their right flank.

1720 - Lt HUGHES called Sv Co, TD Co, and 2d Bn and told them to make arrangements to set up perimeter defense around their towns.

1802 - S-6 to Div Comdr: Div Comdr said he thought we might be attack tonight. The Kraut outfit we are against use groups of 12 and as high as 35. Usually come out yelling. Also that our men should be informed of dispositions. Everybody should be alert and that applies to rest of line as they may come in on your right sector. The 45th Inf is backed up by a couple of Bns. In case wire goes out, Bn should send Staff officer to Regt'l CP. Make sure security measures are stressed. S-6 informed him that our left Bn CO is sure we can take care of that sector. Also our tanks are in INGWILLER and can be rushed forward in a short time.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0812A

PLACE: MENCHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0100 - 2d Battalion reports all quiet in their sector. 3d Battalion reports that their four man patrol made contact with 409th Infantry four man patrol on the high ground South of UHRWILLER. Patrols are now operating back and forth.

0200 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0300 - No activity in 2d and 3d Battalion sectors. Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0440 - I&R road patrol reported in. They patrolled roads in 2d and 3d Battalion sectors and saw nothing there but our guards.

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0600 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0610 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports they are being shelled heavily in their sector. Seems to be 120mm mortar fire. Shelling extends from OP No. 1 over into G Company.

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0710 - 2d Battalion reports they have heard what they think is light armor moving between ROTHBACH and OFFWILLER. They fired a Battalion of artillery and Cannon Company (45 rounds between 0600 and 0615) on them.

0800 - 3d Battalion CO called and said an enemy Company has attack his OPL above MUHLHAUSEN and driven it back into MUHLHAUSEN. Attack on left side of OPL. They are fighting in MUHLHAUSEN and in the little patch of woods right outside the town. S-6 instructed him to pull his OPL in if he thought our people in UHRWILLER would be cut off.

0805 - S-3 called 2d Battalion and gave him the above message and instructed them to keep the right flank of their Battalion alert as 3d Battalion OPL might have to pull back.

0810 - S-3 called 1st Battalion and told them of attack on 3d Battalion OPL.

0812 - 3d Battalion CO says they are going to hang on to MUHLHAUSEN until good daylight so they can put some artillery on it. Can withdraw on the road leading SW out of MUHLHAUSEN if pressure becomes too great.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0813A to 1010A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (820289)

0820 - S-3 instructed AT Company Commander to have his Mine Platoon ready to construct positions for the 1st Battalion.

0825 - 3d Section, Company "B", 614th TD Battalion in position in our area is not attached to anyone. Assistant Division Commander put these guns in position.

0825 - 2d Battalion CO reports that "F" Company is now being attack but that they are holding it. Attack came from BISCHHOLTZ. "G" Company reports they are firing artillery on three tanks in ROTHBACH.

0850 - 3d Battalion CO reports that the Germans now have most of MULHAUSEN. S-6 told him that if he pulled back his OPL to be sure and bring the four man contact patrol from the 409th Infantry with him.

0857 - 2d Battalion CO reports that enemy tanks are still moving around in ROTHBACH. Says forward AT guns fired three times on them. S-6 said it would be a good idea to pull our tanks around in position in case we had to use them.

0901 - S-6 instructed 1st Battalion CO to get his tanks warmed up and ready to move.

0910 - 2d Battalion reports that the tanks have moved out of ROTHBACH and are heading up for the 36th Engineer Zone.

0912 - S-3 instructed the Tank Platoon Leader to move his tanks up around coordinate 321841. Tanks Platoon leader said he thought it would be best to hold his tanks in the town of INGWILLER and have them ready to move out as he was having trouble with one of the tanks. S-3 said he would check and find out if that was O.K.

0918 - 3d Battalion CO reports that he is pulling his OPL back to the MLR.

0919 - S-3 called 409th S-3 and told him our 3d Battalion OPL was pulling back to the MLR and that they were bring his four man contact patrol with them. 409th S-3 said he wanted the men returned to their OPL Commander.

0932 - S-3 called 3d Battalion CO and said the 409th wanted their four man contact patrol returned to them. 3d Battalion CO said he is pulling "L" Company in behind "I" Company.

1010 - Cannon Company Commander wanted to know if we intended to hold MLR. We told him we did intend to hold the MLR.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1011A to 1350A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1015 - 2d Battalion reports they have the situation well under control in their sector.

1025 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports that the enemy tanks are back in ROTHBACH and they appear to be four light Mark III tanks. Wants our tanks up in behind "G" Company positions. We told them we would send them into position at coordinate 840320. Enemy tanks are at coordinate 846344.

1045 - Assistant Division Commander visited our CP.

1053 - Tank Platoon leader wanted to make reconnaissance of woods before taking his tanks up. This will take one hour and it will take one-half hour to get the tanks up into the positions. Tank Platoon leader said he would leave someone behind in case we needed the Tanks before he got back. S-3 told him that under those conditions it would be O.K. to make the reconnaissance.

1102 - Assistant Division Commander left our CP.

1120 - G-3 reports that "I" Company of the 180th Infantry was hit by a small force and pulled back their OPL.

1125 - "K" Company Commander reports that there are about 20 German troops in MUHLHAUSEN with a mortar. "L" Company has pulled their OPL completely back. Enemy troops came from BISCHHOLTZ. A Forward Observer picked up a column of German troops and put artillery on them and thinks they were hit pretty hard.

1130 - "F" Company Commander reports that he has enemy troops in front of him and that he is receiving mortar and possibly some 88mm fire.

1140 - 3d Battalion report they have the AT gun they had up around MUHLHAUSEN but that they don't have the prime mover.

1208 - Tank Platoon Leader reports that he is still on reconnaissance and would like to continue. S-3 gave him permission to do so.

1225 - Enemy came into MUHLHAUSEN with 6 men followed by 50 more. This brings the total of enemy troops in MUHLHAUSEN to about 125 men.

1350 - 995th FA reports that they have a cub plane down in our zone.

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DATE: 24 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1351A to 1720

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1358 - 2d Battalion reports that a cub plane was forced down in their left zone. Pilot was hit in the leg by a German MG while flying over that zone. His observer brought him down and he was evacuated. Lt. Doggett is going to try to fly the plane back to its base. If that is not possible the plane will have to be evacuated as it is too near the front lines. 1510 this information was given to 995 FA.

1510 - S-3 gave 3d Battalion permission to blow the bridge at NIFFERN.

1515 - 2d Battalion S-6 reported to S-6 that there are now 12 tanks in ROTHBACH and that they are firing direct fire into "G" Company left flank. One AT squad leader killed. No enemy Infantry is being used yet. Going to bring Corps TOT on the tanks. S-6 told 2d Battalion S-6 that the 1st Battalion would not be used in BISCHHOLTZ and that if this trouble didn't amount to anything "G" Company should send a patrol into there. Two of the tanks in ROTHBACH were knocked out.

1523 - S-6 called the above message in to G-2. G-2 wanted to know if we wanted to use some artificial moonlight up here.

1552 - S6 instructed 2d Battalion S-6 to move reserve platoon to the rear of "G" Company lines and get on the high ground there and if possible to send a patrol to BISCHHOLTZ. 2d Battalion S-6 said that the AT squad leader that had been reported as killed just walked into the Battalion Aid Station with a bullet hole through his head.

1607 - 2d Battalion fired Corps TOT on the tanks in ROTHBACH and ran them out. "F" Company reports 150 enemy troops in OFFWILLER.

1635 - 3d Battalion CO would like to use artificial moonlight.

1640 - S-6 told G-3 we would like to use the artificial moonlight tomorrow night.

1645 - Received Division Operations Instruction No. 56.

1657 - 1657 - Chief of Staff visited our CP.

1710 - 2d Battalion S-6 informed S-3 that those tanks didn't do any damage up in "G" Company zone. Artillery knocked out two tanks and our AT guns knocked out two. Enemy is shelling 2d Battalion front heavily but our troops are dug in so well that they are doing no damage. Casualties are three wounded and one killed.

1720 - 409th Infantry 2d Battalion had fire fight with 8 man enemy patrol NW of KINDWILLER.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 24 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1721A to 2400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

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- 1735 - Chief of Staff left our CP.
- 1800 - 409th Infantry spotted 20 man enemy patrol going into UHRWILLER from the East. Put artillery on them and got 8 of them.
- 1915 - 3d Battalion reports that they have had 3 men killed by sniper fire from MUHLHAUSEN. Wants to use some tanks tonight and go in there and knock a few houses down.
- 1917 - 30 man enemy patrol moving toward "G" Company CP.
- 1920 - S-6 agreed to let 3d Battalion have some tanks if they can hit the houses at night and have a reasonable chance of getting out successfully. S-3 called Tank Platoon leader on this and he said they never did much night firing unless a counterattack started, but he is coming up to our CP and talk it over.
- 1945 - 3d Battalion reports that enemy ski troopers are moving into MUHLHAUSEN in groups of two's and three's and pulling sleds behind them.
- 2045 - Periodic report and weapons report phoned into G-3.
- 2215 - The enemy troops reported moving on "G" Company CP turned out to be a wire team.
- 2315 - Tank Platoon leader recommends that we do not use tanks to fire into MUHLHAUSEN.

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DATE: 25 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0503A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0200 - Checked with the 3 Battalions. 3d Battalion reports that "I" Company reported a movement directly to their front. They called for artillery which was fired at 0120. one-half smoke and one-half fuse quick. At 0155 they heard movement to their front again. They think it is tanks and have sent a patrol out to investigate.

0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0305 - G-2 reports that "E" Company OP of the 409th Infantry reports enemy troops are in ENGWILLER, but can't estimate number. Heard tanks on their left flank.

0310 - 2d Battalion reports a green flare just went up from ROTHBACH. (Called this in to G-2).

0355 - 2d Battalion reports "F" Company OP reported at least two tanks moving down off the ridge toward "K" Company.

0410 - "F" Company reports there are two half-tracks in BISCHHOLTZ which are firing SP fire on them. Cannon Company is firing at them. Some MG and rifle fire.

0430 - Green flare went up in "K" Company area.

0440 - 3d Battalion has been attack. Threw artillery in first and then Infantry. Have been hit by Infantry so far but know there are at least two tanks backing them up as "K" Company saw the two tanks reported by "F" Company. We were hit about ten minutes ago. 3d Battalion S-6 gave the above report and wants to know if he can have some tanks. we are checking with S-6 on this.

0453 - 2d Battalion reports that Cannon Company has quieted the two half-tracks in BISCH-holtz down.

0455 - 3d Battalion S-6 reports that some enemy troops have broken through the left sector of "K" Company area and are behind the front lines.

0503 - Cannon Company Commander reports that his guards just came in and they say there are enemy troops right outside of SCHILLERSDORF.

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DATE: 25 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0504A to 0600A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0505 - 3d Battalion wants tanks in SCHILLERSDORF just as rapidly as possible. They are to report to Captain Whipps who is in the town. "K" Company has committed their support and 3d Battalion is committing their reserve right now.

0515 - There are 40 enemy troops in the town of SCHILLERSDORF. (Reported by Cannon Company Commander.)

0525 - 3d Battalion S-6 reports: "Our "K" Company has been wiped out. This is an unconfirmed report that I just received. Have the tanks roll right into the town and we will have someone there to meet them".

0530 - 3d Battalion S-6 reports: "Krauts are in SCHILLERSDORF in some numbers. We have committed everything that we have". S-6 informed him that "A" and "B" Companies have been alerted and are getting ready to move over to SCHILLERSDORF now. "C" Company is moving to this town by truck and will occupy prepared positions above here.

0545 - S-6 asked G-2 to alert 411th Infantry to move and occupy positions behind us as the situation looks pretty bad. Can't tell too much about it now as it is pretty dark.

0545 - 3d Battalion S-6 reports: "Krauts have occupied the edge of the town and have sent a group around to the left of the town to flank it. We can't meet the tanks you are sending now as we can't get out to meet them. Tell them to push right on into town."

0545 - 4 vehicles from 383d FA have been alerted to move our 1st Battalion up.

0548 - S-6 instructed AT Company Commander to move his Mine Platoon to SCHILLERSDORF.

0550 - 3d Battalion S-6: "I think the Krauts are on the 2d Battalion phones so watch it."

0555 - "B" Company of 328th Engineers has been alerted.

0555 - S-6 instructed 1st Battalion CO and Col. Robinson to come to our CP at once. Told them four trucks from 383d FA would report up there to move "C" Company. "A" and "B" are to move into SCHILLERSDORF in fighting formation.

0600 - Division Commander called and wanted to know the situation and why we hadn't called more of it in. We told him we were calling it in as fast as we got it. Told him we were getting our reserve Battalion ready to counterattack and restore the situation.

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TIME: 0600A to 0630A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFER, FRANCE (826289)

0600 - 2d Battalion CP has moved outside of the town of SCHILLERSDORF.

0605 - 1st Battalion S-2 said that all the troops are assembled and ready to move. The tanks have their mission and are ready to move. S-6 instructed S-2 to have the tanks go where the two companies were being assembled and go in with them; also for either 1st Battalion CO or Col. Robinson to take personal charge of the operation.

0605 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports that Major Lampert has taken his Headquarters outside of SCHILLERSDORF and is defending from there. All the Battalion organics have been moved out of the town, but the medics are still in there.

0605 - "L" Company has moved out toward SCHILLERSDORF.

0610 - S-6 talked to 1st Battalion CO and told either he or Colonel Robinson to personally take charge of "A" and "B" Companies and the tanks. They are to block and hold until we can see what "L" Company can do in the town.

0610 - "E" Company Commander reports that the enemy has gotten into SCHILLERSDORF, but that we might be able to hold in the town.

0620 - Division Commander wanted to know if we had heard from our 2d Battalion Headquarters and we gave him the above information just received. Also told him that 1st Battalion would soon be ready to move.

0622 - 3d Battalion CO: "The TD's are all pulling out of position up here. Just going off and leaving everything. Did you give them orders to pull out?" S-6 told him that we gave them no such orders, and as the Company Commander of the TD's was at our CP S-6 gave him orders to personally go up and put the guns back in position.

0624 - 3d Battalion CO: "K" Company is still in SCHILLERSDORF as I just talked to Lt. Quinn there. I have telephone and radio communications with him. The Krauts have quite a force in there. We may be able to hold there though. If 1st Battalion will swing and come in from the South we can cut these people off. The right part of "K" Company is still holding. "I" Company is O.K. "L" is ready to drive into the town.

0626 - Division Commander called and we informed him of the situation.

0630 - "K" Company Commander arrived at our CP and said there are several hundred enemy troops in SCHILLERSDORF and that they are dressed in white capes. Says that when they came through our lines one of them would fire a burp gun and 10 of them would advance.

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0630 - 3d Battalion CO: "Attack has been stopped. There are not too many Krauts in the town from the action so far. "L" Company should be in the town right now. I think "L" Company can hold it O.K." S-6 told 3d Battalion CO that Lt. Nord and Captain Halpin are being sent back up.

0636 - Division Commander called and asked if the Company Commander of "K" Company had been sent back up with his Company. We told him yes. Told him that we had received the report from the "K" Company Commander that the left part of "K" Company was the sector where the enemy broke through. Completely overran the positions. "F" Company has not been bothered. They had a slight attack earlier in the evening, but they held it O.K. Division Commander wants the situation cleaned up as quickly as possible.

0640 - 3d Battalion CO: "Attack has just started on NIEFFERN. We have just called for all four artillery barrages down there. I am out of communication with "K" now."

0650 - Colonel Robinson is in command of "A" and "B" Companies and the tanks. "C" is moving to MENCHHOFFEN in trucks where they will be held.

0655 - 3d Battalion CO: "It is too hot for us in NIEFFERN and we are pulling back to the MLR to the dug-in positions. Am putting artillery in close to the town now. I think there is a gap between SCHILLERSDORF and "I" Company of about 600 yards. Don't know whether anything is infiltrating through there or not. A platoon of "K" and 5 men just came into my CP."

0700 - 409th Infantry OPL at KINDVILLE was hit by about 50 men and armor.

0705 - "A" Company is on the march.

0715 - "A" Company in new position. "B" Company is right behind them. "A" Company will send a patrol in first to see what the situation is.

0720 - S-2 called G-3 and told him that tanks have left and that the enemy has the town of SCHILLERSDORF. The attack at NIEFFERN has been repulsed. Latest report is that "L" Company is attacking SCHILLERSDORF. Regimental Executive Officer is comming 2d Battalion until Major Lampert can come back himself.

0730 - 2d Battalion S-5 said that a platoon of "L" Company is going into SCHILLERSDORF and are receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire. S-6 told him that we were sending tanks over there.

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PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0750 - Div Comdr to S-3: Is Co "L" committed? We told him we have one Plat in town. He said he would like to get thing cleaned up as soon as possible. If you still have gap I would like it filled up. We informed him that Co "E" Plat had reached corner of town.

0752 - Bn CO 3d Bn to S-6: Co "I" left flank is holding. 1st Bn can come in from W and go right to MLR. In that gap at left of Co "I", no enemy has tried to go thru it.

0758 - 2d Bn Ex O to S-6: They have us all pinned down now. S-6 informed him that we are going to use 1st Bn to go thru SCHILLERSDORF and on up to the MLR.

0800 - S-6 to CO 1st Bn: Shoot Co's A and B and Plat of Tanks into SCHILLERSDORF and go on up and restore MLR. 1st Bn CO said Co "A" will lead and Co "B" will follow them and be used as they are needed.

0802 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: Co "L" is in position where they can see 1st Bn when they come thru.

0805 - S-6 informed Chief of Staff of situation.

0810 - CO 1st Bn to S-3: Co "F" is holding in their positions.

0815 - S-6 to CO 3d Bn: Have issued orders for Co's A & B to attack. Have your people assist 1st Bn. Have Co "L" assault in SCHILLERSDORF and have Co "A" hold the MLR. Co "L" can relieve them tonight.

0817 - S-5 to S-6: Communications is now out to Co's G & F. Co E has pulled over to side and will contact Co B. S-6 said it will take about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before Co B can attack.

0820 - CO Co "G" to S-6: Companies "G" and "F" are holding strong. S-6 informed him of situation.

0830 - S-6 to CO 3d Bn: I think I'll put Co "C" at 1st Bn disposal and have them use it to come back of Co "F" and restore the MLR. 3d Bn informed us that there is about 2 Plats of Co "K" left.

0835 - S-6 to CO 1st Bn: 1st Bn said if they could get Co "C" back behind SCHILLERSDORF and restore MLR. S-6 said Co "C" was now under 1st Bn control. 1st Bn said Co "C" will stay in MENCHHOFFEN and await further orders.

0840 - 2d Bn Ex O to S-3: We see a squad of men leaving woods, might be 1st Bn attacking.

0845 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: 411th will put Plat of Tanks in the gap between SCHILLERSDORF and ZUTZENDORF. 411th 2d Bn said they will help us as much as possible.

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0907 - Div Comdr to S-3: Do you think you have situation well in hand now? Tanks of 411th are not for your use. We informed him our Res Co has the Krauts well pinned down.

0908 - CO 1st to S-6: Attack jumped off at 0900.

0910 - G-3 informed that 1st Bn had jumped off.

0918 - S-5 to S-6: Attack is moving along OK. One of our scout cars say we have quite a few troops in town.

0922 - S-5 to S-6: Co "G" report receiving tank fire from ROTHBACH. Artillery placed on them.

0923 - 2d Bn Ex O to S-6: Co "L" can't get at Krauts in town. One Plat of Co "K" and one Plat of Co "L" in town. S-6 said to have Capt WHIPPS follow 1st Bn and clean up town.

0925 - 1st CO to S-6: Co "B" will move up to MLR. Co "C" will move to woods at WASWILLER. Attack is going thru town.

0940 - C/S reports an assembly of Kraut troops in NIEFFERN area. Asked if we have anything to back it up.

0943 - S-6 to CO 3d Bn: 3d Bn said if the Krauts do push a strong attack they'll need some help. Could use some tanks. The artillery OP first thought it was a company then a Bn. They have 3 Bns of artillery firing on it. Just a troop concentration NE of town in woods. Krauts are now attacking Co "I" MLR.

0950 - Ex O, 2d Bn to S-2: Co "K" has pulled back into woods receiving a lot of SA fire.

1000 - S-3, 1st Bn to S-6: Report Co "A" have taken quite a few casualties and need help.

1005 - CO 3d Bn to Lt HUGHES: Artillery has driven Krauts back to IRRWILLER. Came on two approaches - road and along stream.

1007 - C/S to S-3: 1st priority is to restore MLR.

1010 - S-3, 2d Bn to S-3: Krauts are firing 3 white flares in SCHILLERSDORF. Co "F" report seeing some GI's getting up and leaving area. Look like some Krauts in Co "K" foxholes to the left of MUHLHAUSEN.

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TIME: 1020A to 1230A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (226229)

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- 1020 - G-3 to S-6: The 2d Bn of 411th Inf has been ordered to ZUTZENDORF still under Div control has a Plat of tanks attached. Out in NEIFFERN area the attack has just about stopped.
- 1032 - S-3 from CO 2d Bn: Tanks are thru town. Co "K" is going to mop up the town. Co's A and B are moving on to MLR.
- 1035 - 1st Bn S-3 to S-3: Tanks are not thru town. Co "A" is in town. Co "C" will go thru town following Co "A".
- 1042 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: Receiving shelling in OBERMODERN. S-6 told him 2d Bn, 411th moving to ZUTZENDORF.
- 1109 - S-5 to S-6: Co "A" is pinned down. Co "C" can't leave the woods. It is OK to shoot artillery into MUHLHAUSEN.
- 1120 - C/S visited CP and learned situation.
- 1130 - S-6 to CO 3d Bn: Report came into Div that doughboys are chasing Krauts to IRRWILLER. 3d Bn said since daylight, nothing has been reported coming into MUHLHAUSEN.
- 1145 - S-5 to S-6: Things are pretty quiet in SCHILLERSDORF. Some PW's taken who claim 200 enemy in SCHILLERSDORF.
- 1200 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: 4th Plat on high ground between SCHILLERSDORF & ZUTZENDORF.
- 1205 - S-5 to S-6: Co "B" jumped off. Town is in good shape, just about cleared.
- 1215 - CO 2d Bn to S-6: Krauts are getting pretty close to our forward CP. Think they are coming thru Co "K" area. My CP at spider web crossroads. I'm pulling Plat of Co "E" back from Co "G" and use them to counterattack these Krauts. S-6 said he might use Co "C", and 2d Bn said it sounded OK.
- 1217 - CO 1st Bn to S-6: PW says full Battalion of Krauts in SCHILLERSDORF commanded by Major SCHREIBER.
- 1220 - S-5 to S-6: Co "B" has started up to MLR and ran into trouble on hill to left and N of SCHILLERSDORF. We are getting some fire on N edge of town and want to use Co "C" to clean up town. They are ready to jump off now. S-6 said he was going to send I & R Platoon up to where Major LAMPERT's forward CP is.
- 1230 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: My right company just hit pretty hard. Pulling left flank back.

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TIME: 1232A to 1336A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

- 1232 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: Co "I" just received another attack on left flank. S-6 said Co "B" is still running into trouble N or SCHILLERSDOEF. The only thing I have left is I & R Plat and AT Mine Platoon. We just have a few houses in N part of town yet to clean. 411th Battalions are still under Division control.
- 1255 - S-3 to 1st Bn S-2: Krauts infiltrating toward Major LAMPERT'S forward CP at cross roads. Tanks are going up as far as first RJ near edge of the woods. The I & R Plat and 5 tanks are coming up, coordinate with them if needed. S-3 Jr: Ammo for tanks sent to town last used for your CP. Have someone check it up there. Is there someone from 3d Bn leading Co "B". He said No. We'll try to get it straightened out. They are still in contact with OP forward up where 2d Bn CO was. S-3 Jr to CO 1st Bn: Only thing we have to move is I & R Plat and Tank Plat to block the place. That should take care of anything. CO 1st Bn will tell S-5 about that. He said that PW is from 20th Co., 12th Regt, 6th SS Div and whole enemy Bn was in town.
- 1302 - Found out from 3d Bn S-3 that no one was leading Co "B".
- 1303 - Co "C" is down in town. Told them of I & R Plat and tanks.
- 1306 - S-3 to 2d Bn S-3: Informed him no one is leading Co "B". They are on lookout for them.
- 1307 - CO 2d Bn to S-6: I think that infiltration was just Co "B". S-6 told him of I & R Plat and tanks coming up to his forward CP.
- 1320 - Div Comdr to S-6: Corps wants prisoner count and says SS will stay in cellars and come out again tonight if we don't get into the houses and clean them out.
- 1325 - CO 3d Bn said he can't get Co "I" left flank out so is leaving it there. Co "L" will do job on the attack. Co "K" will remain in draw for further use. Going to put 240 or 8" on town of NIEFFERN. Fired 900 rounds today at last report. S-6 informed him that 411th Bns still available. Krauts in 2d Bn area.
- 1330 - CO 1st Bn to S-6: We are in trouble in SCHILLERSDOEF. Co "C" is still in there. S-6 informed him we are using Plat of tanks to go forward with Co "B", the other Plat is running out of ammo.
- 1332 - S-6 authorized S-4 to move trucks from BOUXWILLER.
- 1333 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: FO said that he can't put 8" or 240 on town because men are too close in there. Suggest 411th Bn be used to occupy the two towns of MUHLHAUSEN and NIEFFERN. Going to try and get 8" on town anyway. No break thru at all in his sector.
- 1336 - S-5 to S-6: Said he got the tanks and made them available to 1st Bn CO. Both A and C companies are in town and it's quiet now. S-6: Div Comdr is disturbed about

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TIME: 1336A to 1445A

PLACE: MENGHOFFEN, FRANCE (226289)

1336 - no prisoners taken but two. Corps wants every building checked and head count made when we can get around to it. S-5 said we were killing a lot of Krauts.

1355 - CO AT Co wanted to know if he could go into town of SCHILLERSDORF. S-6 suggested he come back and go in thru OBERMODERN.

1358 - Asst Div Comdr called from 3d Bn and wants to know where Co "B" is right now. We told him at approximately (852315) hill down below. We told him Co "C" is helping clean up the town. Lot of dead Kraut. Our Co "B" is ready to go right now. Planning to use tanks with them. We are trying to get ammo to the other tanks. Co "L" is just about ready to go.

1405 - CO 2d Bn to S-6: Co "B" on line have some Kraut between them and Co "F". Tanks are there and will hold them there in case Co "B" needs to use them. Co "F" has another prisoner. No attacks up there to speak of.

1407 - CO 1st Bn to S-6: Co "B" still trying to get into contact with Co "F". Have contacted with some Krauts between Co "B" and Co "F".

1410 - CO 2d Bn to S-6: Situation is no good. Co "B" had to pull back and Krauts are getting at Co "F". Krauts poured thru gap left by Co "B". Going to use tanks. S-6 said he will try to get 2d Bn CO some reserve.

1415 - Lt RITTMAN to S-3: PW's from 12th Regt, SS Gaissmeir, 3d Bn, 20th Co AT Co only 2 Plats. Lost one in WINGEN. Armed with Panzerfausts and weapons similar to bazookas. 2d Plat has two AT guns, 75-mm. The 13th & 16th Company and 1st Plat of 20th Co in 3d Bn consisting of about 300 - 400 men. Whole strength 400-500. There were about 300 this morning before move. Their mission was to take SCHILLERSDORF. At 0330 came from UHRWILLER thru MUHLHAUSEN. The whole Bn is now dug in occupying SW outskirts of SCHILLERSDORF. At (846300) they have MG positions. CO 20th Co - 1st Lt MAGUART; Bn CO - Capt KREUTZINGER.

1428 - Asst Div Comdr to S-6: S-6 told him of Co's "F" & "B" situation. Asst Div Comdr said we should call G-3 on 411th Bn.

1430 - S-6 to G-3: Gave him situation. Want one company of 411th to move into woods in (8331) grid square ready to block anything that might develop. Co "B" got forward to MLR but were forced to withdraw.

1435 - S-3 Jr gave G-2 information on PW.

1445 - S-6 to CO 1st Bn: Informed him of Co's F & B situation. CO 1st Bn said Capt NEELY got wounded. Making only little progress in SCHILLERSDORF. Need larger force to restore MLR before dark. S-6 informed him of our trying to get one company of 411th committed.

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TIME: 1446A to 1545A

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1453 - S-5 to S-6: Needs help and thinks we should try and clean up town and establish MLR before dark.

1503 - CO 2d Bn to S-3: Says he used up all his reserves on the Co's "B" & "F" situation. S-6 came to phone and said he could probably get one company and was trying to get the whole Bn to clean up the situation before dark.

1515 - Asst Div Comdr to S-6: Asked if we were having trouble in town and restoring line. We informed him we were. He said he would order the 411th Bn to move over there now.

1519 - AT Mine Plat Ldr says there are Medics up there with them and they are awaiting instructions to go out and pick up the wounded in front. S-3 told him to have them wait until they hear from us. S-3 informed him that a Bn of 411th and a Plat of tanks are going to attack SCHILLERSDORF under the personal direction of Asst Div Comdr. Mine Plat Ldr says the firing has quieted down quite a bit in the town.

1520 - Division Commander to S-6: "Told the Assistant Division Commander to use that Battalion of 411th to close the gap in the MLR and not to use it to clean out the town of SCHILLERSDORF." S-6 told the Division Commander SCHILLERSDORF was not cleaned out as yet, the tankers have moved out to the edge of town to get fuel and ammunition and will then go back in if Colonel Lynch still wanted to use them. The Division Commander wanted to know if the Germans could break out to the East and S-6 told him that they could. S-6 told him they couldn't break out to the North or West. Also told him that cleaning out the town was extremely slow work as they had to kill each German. Doesn't know how many we have killed or captured.

1535 - S-5 called S-6 and S-6 told him that a Battalion of the 411th would be coming up to close the gap on the MLR. S-5 said that "C" Company was now in the town and the Company had been split in half by a MG. S-6 told him we had to get the town cleaned up before dark.

1536 - Assistant Division Commander said he had started the Battalion of 411th out on the road running to SCHILLERSDORF. S-6 told him of the 1535 message from S-5. The Assistant Division Commander said he would call the Division Commander and see if he could get something else up there to help clean up the town. Assistant Division Commander wants us to meet the Battalion of 411th on the road. Send out a Staff Officer to show them where the flank of "F" Company is on the ground.

1545 - Division Commander called and asked if our tanks are back in SCHILLERSDORF. We haven't been informed yet whether they are or not. Division Commander instructed us to alert the 3d Battalion of 411th in MENCHHOFFEN and get them ready to move up and seize the high ground South and East of SCHILLERSDORF.

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TIME: 1546A to 1710A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1600 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-5 and told him he wanted the town of SCHILLERSDORF cleaned out tonight if possible. 1st Battalion S-5 doesn't think it is a good idea to try to hold the town with only 1st Battalion forces tonight. 1st Battalion CO is on his way to our CP now.

1601 - S-6 called the Assistant Division Commander and told him that the Division Commander had instructed us to alert the 3d Battalion of 411th Infantry and prepare to seize the high ground to the South and East of SCHILLERSDORF. S-6 asked the Assistant Division Commander if he could come to our CP. Assistant Division Commander told us to prepare to lay wire to 3d Battalion of the 411th Infantry.

1610 - G-3 called and wanted to know if our S-5 had returned yet. We told him that he hadn't but would be here soon because there was to be a meeting of our S-5, S-6, 1st Battalion CO and Assistant Division Commander very shortly.

1615 - Division Commander called S-6 and told him he wanted SCHILLERSDORF sealed up for the night.

1617 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at our CP.

1640 - 2d Battalion S-6 reports that the tank attack went off good. The tanks are now blasting BISCHHOLTZ.

1642 - 1st Battalion CO called S-6: "C Company just got 14 Krauts out of a strong point. The Northeast part of town is still in enemy hands. "C" Company is going to contact those people and show them where the danger point is. It is about 846350. Have alerted my "B" Company."

1650 - S-6 instructed the AT Company Commander to use two trucks furnished by S-4 to pick up his mine platoon and take it to 2d Battalion CO to use as a reserve. Mine platoon to go to spider web in woods Northeast of INGWILLER.

1710 - Assistant Division Commander called 1st Battalion S-3. 1st Battalion S-3 said they just got 18 Krauts and are working on another bunch now and the North sector of SCHILLERSDORF would be clear. East sector of SCHILLERSDORF is tough going. Tanks are coming up to work on that. Have four more tanks working now.

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TIME: 1711A to 1758A

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1716 - 2d Battalion CO to S-6: "Contact has been made between "B" Company and "F" Company. "F" Company saw a bunch of Krauts on their right flank and plastered them good. "B" Company blasted them as they moved into position. Didn't lose a man or a tank. The tanks actually went into the towns and shot them up. I now have the I&R Platoon and a squad of "E" Company in reserve." S-6 informed him that we were sending up the Mine Platoon as a reserve for him. 2d Battalion CO said there was a gap between "F" Company and "I" Company. S-6 told him the 411th Battalion had mission to close the gap. 2d Battalion CO said "F" Company contact with "B" Company wasn't very good. Tanks saw a column of enemy troops and blasted them.

1720 - 411th 2d Battalion CO wants some guides from our "K" Company to guide them into the former positions of "K" Company.

1725 - S-5 called 3d Battalion CO and instructed him to get some guides out of "K" Company and rush them up to act as guides for the 411th 2d Battalion.

1725 - S-3 called Colonel Robinson and told him that 2d Battalion would send their tanks over for him if he wanted them. He said he would send guides to meet them.

1730 - 3d Battalion CO reports that the 2d Battalion of 411th are marching by his reserve Company right now. The guides have already left to contact them.

1740 - S-3 called Colonel Robinson and told him that the platoon of tanks wouldn't be available for him. Asked him how much of the town we now hold. Colonel Robinson didn't know, but he said he thought he could get the rest of the town cleaned up.

1745 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports that the 2d Battalion of 411th is passing SCHILLERSDOFF right now.

1748 - 383d S-3 reports a large concentration of troops on the road between MUHLHAUSEN and ROTHBACH.

1747 - Assistant Division Commander called 3d Battalion CO to check on strength of "K" Company. 3d Battalion CO said 9 in one platoon, 18 in another, but they haven't suffered too many casualties. Have about one full-strength company in depth on the MLR.

1758 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports more enemy troops and 3 tanks have moved into MUHLHAUSEN from the woods outside of UHRWILLER. Artillery has put a mission on them.

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TIME: 1759A to 1940A

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1800 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-5 and told him that "B" Company would be attached to the 2d Battalion at least for tonight.

1809 - The Division Commander called the Assistant Division Commander at our CP. The Assistant Division Commander told him that SCHILLERSDORF should be cleaned out soon. There was at least a Battalion of very good enemy troops in there. 410th has taken 18 prisoners already.

1850 - 411th 3d Battalion in MENCHHOFFEN says they have sent troops out to occupy the road blocks between MENCHHOFFEN and SCHILLERSDORF and will call when they reach there.

1850 - 411th 2d Battalion S-3 called and said our "K" Company guides had met them to put them in position and they should be in position within the next hour.

1851 - Assistant Division Commander called the 1st Battalion OP. 1st Battalion reports they are buttoning up for the night in the North end of SCHILLERSDORF. The enemy is still in the South end of SCHILLERSDORF. We have the town down to the road junction that comes from OBERMODERN. There are still quite a few snipers and a few MG's in the town.

1900 - G-3 to Assistant Division Commander. Assistant Division Commander told him that "A" and "C" Companies had the North end of SCHILLERSDORF down to the road junction and the Krauts have the rest. Still two or three MG's and quite a few snipers left in there. Can't move in the streets at all without being sniped at so they are holed up for the night. We don't know where 411th 2d Battalion is. Told him MENCHHOFFEN was buttoned up with 3d Battalion of 411th and had road blocks out.

1912 - S-6 told 2d Battalion CO he would be responsible for "B", "F", and "G" Companies. 2d Battalion CO asked if we had anything behind us. We told him we had a weak Battalion of 411th here.

1915 - West road block of 411th Infantry 3d Battalion in position at 1845 and East road block cleared Battalion area at 1900.

1930 - Assistant Division Commander called and said tanks were back to SCHILLERSDORF and that he had been informed by 2d Battalion S-3 that the 411th 2d Battalion got by the town of SCHILLERSDORF without any trouble.

1940 - We have 26 PW's definitely accounted for.

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TIME: 1941A to 2200A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1941 - 411th 2d Battalion S-3 reports his Battalion is moving into position on the MLR. They are not all in yet. Started moving in at 1930. SCHILLERSDORF is burning. There is still a little small arms in there.

1943 - 2d Battalion CO said they needed heavy weapons for "B" Company to button up that area down there. Doesn't think "B" Company has any.

2010 - 411th 3d Battalion CO called and said his road blocks were now in. Said he had the entire town surrounded by security guards and have patrols operating in town. Said he had a bazooka team with each road block. We told him we would send our MP Officer down to coordinate with him on security for MENCHHOFFEN.

2027 - 1st Battalion CO called and says he is worried about that German outfit still in SCHILLERSDORF. Says they still have the tactical unity of a Battalion as they have captured no officers in the town, and probably have about 200 men left. S-6 told him we had a full company on the North, Colonel Robinson's force on the west, a platoon on the East, and two road blocks and a Battalion on the South.

2033 - Colonel Robinson called and said he has a platoon and two MG's covering the west end of SCHILLERSDORF.

2045 - Assistant Division Commander called 3d Battalion CO and told him to send a man over to 411th 2d Battalion and tell them to send a staff officer to one of their phones and to contact us here.

2100 - 2d Battalion CO says that troops are moving up behind the right flank of "B" Company. Thinks they are 411th 2d Battalion troops.

2130 - 2d Battalion CO reports that "B" Company went over and contacted 411th 2d Battalion and that 411th 2d Battalion didn't like the positions and had pulled back.

2148 - 409th may use artificial moonlight at 0300.

2150 - 3d Battalion lost two AT guns in "K" Company sector. Pulled breach block and firing pins.

2200 - Assistant Division Commander called 411th 2d Battalion CP and told them to get on a radio and get contact with their forward elements.

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DATE: 25 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2201A to 2400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

2235 - 411th 2d Battalion CO called Assistant Division Commander and said he had a hard time finding the people to make contact. Finally contacted 410th "F" Company and found out our "B" Company pulled back. In contact with "I" Company now. Found no activity in SCHILLERSDORF. Assistant Division Commander wants a road block on road running East to OBERMODERN until SCHILLERSDORF is cleaned out. Assistant Division Commander told him that he was now under control of 410th Infantry.

2242 - S-6 called 2d Battalion CO and told him that "B" Company was not on line and that he should get up there and straighten that out.

2305 - 3d Battalion reports that "I" Company tied in with 411th "E" Company at 2300.

2335 - 383d reports they are firing a mission on SCHILLERSDORF on the Northeast corner of the town. Firing them on coordinates 84783041, 84673046, and 84642998. They will fire all night up until 0600.

2355 - 2d Battalion S-3 reports they had a white flare go off in their section about 20 minutes ago on their left flank.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 26 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0015A to 0150A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (226229)

0015 - 1st Bn CO to S-3 Jr: Asked if 411th Bn would help him clean out SCHILLERSDORF. Said 1st Bn had lost 56 men wounded and 15 to 18 men killed. Co "A" has 56 men; Co "C" has 102 men. 1st Bn is going into SCHILLERSDORF at daylight and clean it up. We told him he will have two Plats of tanks to help 1st Bn clean up town. Also we going to turn on artificial moonlight at about 0300 and will cut it off at 0630. PW report there are about 150 to 180 enemy in town per this PW.

0030 - S-3 Jr to 3d Bn: Notified him that we plan on using artificial moonlight from 0300 to 0630. We have report from TD Co CO that they are all in position in your area. If any doubt have it checked and notify me on it.

0035 - CO 2d Bn to S-3: Co "B" is tied in with Co "F" on left. 47 men in Co "B", no communications. I picked up a bunch of Co "M" men which Co "K" had left. They were a .30 cal MG section. Co "K" didn't dig in, we can't use their holes. Be sure and have Res behind "B" or near it as anybody can come thru it. Have 411th tie in with Co "B" on road running out of MUEHLHAUSEN. Patrols from Co "B" will be on that road.

0045 - S-3 to EX O, 411th Inf 2d Bn: The tie in on right is OK but no report on tie in on left. We told them where we would like to tie in. Our Co "B" will send out patrols.

0047 - S-2, 1st Bn to S-3 Jr: An unestimated number of Krauts were able to pull out thru gap before 411th Inf could close MLR. Might be anything from 10 to $\frac{1}{2}$ of men in town. My estimation of Krauts in town is 75 to 120.

0050 - S-3 Jr to 3d Bn: Artificial light will be called off due to some work digging we have to do tonight.

0055 - 411th 2d Bn informed us that their Co "E" has sent out an officer to make contact on left flank.

0100 - S-3 called AA and told them we couldn't use artificial lights tonight due to some work we have to do.

0102 - Called negative report to Lt YOUNG at G-3.

0105 - S-3 to Co "E", 411th Inf: Do you have one Plat SE of SCHILLERSDORF? 411th said no. They have one NE of SCHILLERSDORF. That is 800 yards from town. We advised him of artillery fire into SCHILLERSDORF. They said they were digging positions behind where we had ours. They had contacted part of men from our Co "B". Also contacted Co "F". They don't find too many positions dug. Co "E" said all they had was entrenching shovels.

0150 - S-2, 2d Bn report Co "M" men saw ski troopers move into MUEHLHAUSEN this afternoon. Don't know how many.

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TIME: 0225A to 0350A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0225 - S-6 to 411th 2d Bn Ex O: 411th informed us that Engr tools are on their way to Co "E". S-6 told him that Asst Div Comdr directed that one Plat out of their Res Co be moved down and put at the RJ which is approximately 300 yards SE of the SE corner of SCHILLERSDORF. 411th said their men were on the way down there now. We told him the instructions for those men are that they are not to go into the town tomorrow morning they are just a warning system in case the Krauts come out the rear. 411th said he was going to send some tanks into the town first thing in the morning. 411th has 3 companies on line, group at RJ is AT Plat of Hq Co. They have 450 men in Bn. S-6 told him his 2d Bn was planning on using 411th Res behind Co B. 411th said Asst Div Comdr at 2220 said they could use 3 companies on line. Plat at Rd block on SCHILLERSDORF - ZELZINDORF Road and Plat at Rd block NE of town are to act as Res. S-6 informed 411th that his last instructions from Asst Div Comdr was that Res was not to be committed in the town in the morning. It will be OK to have 411th tanks go into SCHILLERSDORF. 411th said he would call Col ROBINSON and check on coordination of tanks in town tomorrow.

0300 - 2d Bn Ex O, 411th informed us he had checked with 1st Bn S-3 and he had got OK to have his tanks go into SCHILLERSDORF in the morning.

0305 - 2d Bn, 411th informed us that patrols from his Co "E" had not contacted our patrol from Co "B" as yet. Enemy is shelling road.

0330 - Sgt HOLLENBACH, 2d Bn to S-6: Co "M" guns and men were on line alone. They were in bad condition and had to be pulled back. Picked up by 2d Bn CO and they told him they hadn't eaten in 48 hours, been in holes surrounded by enemy. Seemed to be abandon by Co "K". CO 2d Bn said if guns could be manned by fresh crew he could use them. S-6 informed him that the only reserve he has will be a Plat of 411th 2d Bn. CO 2d Bn informed us that Co "B" wouldn't occupy the old Co "K" positions. Also he had put 2 squads behind Co "G" amounting to 50 men to counterattack with. Co "B" has two (2) plats of 17 men each and one (1) with 15 men. They lost 17 men in attack this morning.

0342 - S-6 to Ex O, 1st Bn: How about getting some communications equipment up to Co "B"? 1st Bn said just about dark we sent our Communications Officer up to 2d Bn and he turned over our equipment to them. 2d Bn CO said that Co "B" don't have any radios, sound power phones. 1st Bn said he knew Co "B" has equipment in their train. He will look around for some signal equipment. 1st Bn informed that 2d Bn CO report Co "B" has 47 men including everybody in the area.

0350 - S-6 to 3d Bn S-3: As far as I know you have Co's K & L on the left flank behind Co I. We pulled Co I up a little bit to protect the flank. We pulled Co L right up with Co I. Co L is in echelon, Co K is in draw. 2d Bn is weak up behind Co B and could use a MG section.

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TIME: 0405A to 0759A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0405 - CO 3d Bn to S-6: Co "K" is about $\frac{1}{2}$ strength. Our limiting points were bad, we didn't want to lose the towns, but if so we should take the ridges. Co I had good fox holes and overhead cover. I checked the fox holes next to 2d Bn and they were pretty good. We have changed our positions pretty much along the line. Don't want to be in same positions we were last night. In the fight in SCHILLERSDORF, my mortar section men said they saw civilians firing on our troops. They claim they are absolutely sure of it. In the attack, the Krauts went thru at a dead run. The support Plat who was in a good tactical position but couldn't see them. S-6: Co "K" positions were very bad not even a good slit trench. The people relieving those positions won't even use them. Hold a section of LMG's mobile and in the morning I'll let you know if we'll need them.

0420 - Sgt HOLLENBACH to S-3: MG's of Co "M" have left our CP to return to 3d Bn. Guns are in non-firing condition.

0425 - S-6 to Co "E", 411th: S-6 was informed that 411th had not met patrol from Co "B" 410th to tie in. Also that the artificial moonlight would be bad as 411th men are digging in. They have more men than positions available. S-6: My Co's I & L moved back a little for their own protection and we are tied in with your Bn. We have a couple of Plats in back of SCHILLERSDORF in case Krauts try to come out the rear.

0510 - 2d Bn report Co "B" patrol still have not contacted Co "E", 411th as yet.

0725 - 3d Bn, 411th report our tanks moving into SCHILLERSDORF.

0735 - Div Comdr to S-6: How much left to clean out in SCHILLERSDORF? S-6: SE corner which will take about half an day to clean up. Contact not made yet between 411th people and Co "B", but they are both patrolling that road.

0750 - S-6 to CO 1st Bn: Informed him that our tanks were on their way to SCHILLERSDORF. Have some tanks protecting flank but won't fire into town unless called to do so. Col ROBINSON has been informed of tank situation.

0752 - Co "E", 411th has a man watching road to look for Co "B" patrol down road. Also they received fire while trying to make contact but thought it would all be cleared up by daylight.

0755 - S-6 to 2d Bn CO: Div Comdr wants us to take our time on cleaning out SCHILLERSDORF. He says all is quiet on entire front so he thinks it would be a good idea to see if they have pulled out.

0759 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: Informed of 0755 entry. 3d Bn CO: I believe the Krauts might have pulled away from close contact and some vehicular activity was heard in KINDERDORF.

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TIME: 0807A to 1051A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0807 - 3d Bn report some Krauts in NIEFFERN.

0810 - S-6 to 411th 2d Bn: Informed him of 0755 entry. Said patrolling could be used to determine if Krauts have pulled out.

0820 - 1st Bn report strength of Co "B" is 3 officers and 78 EM.

0825 - 411th S-2 report that there is a noticeable lack of enemy contact this morning.

0833 - 2d Bn report that all their companies on MLR have very definite contact with the Krauts. Just saw one tank and some enemy troops coming into ROTHBACH.

0835 - Job of cleaning SCHILLERSDORF started at 0815. Some of the people might have gotten out of the town of SCHILLERSDORF.

0840 - 411th 2d Bn report some of our tanks are moving up the road to fire on MUHLHAUSEN. They are in front of our MLR. They are in front of our MLR. There are Krauts in the town and they are firing at the tanks with Burp guns.

0900 - Col ROBINSON says he has met absolutely no resistance in the town. Thinks the Krauts have all pulled out during the night.

0905 - Div Comdr arrived at our CP.

0925 - There is some opposition now in the town of SCHILLERSDORF. Some burp pistols and snipers.

0930 - CO 1st Bn says the CG should not go up to SCHILLERSDORF as yet. Still have to clean out the southern end yet and there are some snipers there.

0945 - CG left our CP.

0950 - 1st and 2d Bns lines are both out.

1030 - S-6 to Ex O 2d Bn: CO 3d Bn report there are still some Krauts in NIEFFERN and UHRWILLER. Corps just called and said ski troops may be used by enemy. Wondered if the Bn of 411th could take over more of the line then pull back Co "B" to add our 2d Bn Res.

1040 - S-6 to CO 3d Bn: I'm going to try and have 411th 2d Bn spread thinner. Your Co "K" should be held out for reserve. Send CO Co "K" to my CP.

1051 - S-6 to Div Comdr: We informed him we had seen some ski troopers. Div Comdr said we should be on the lookout for them.

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DATE: 26 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1115A to 1432A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1115 - CO 1st Bn to S-3: Town cleanup of SCHILLERSDORF complete. Kraut dead are being counted as per Div Comdr's request. Lots of Krauts got thru lines last night. S-6 plans to move more men into SCHILLERSDORF.

1125 - Ex O, 2d Bn to S-6: He says relief should take place tonight. There are still enemy in ROTHBACH and BISCHHOLTZ in force. S-6: Don't give people up there the impression that they will be definitely relieved. Town of SCHILLERSDORF cleanup is complete.

1135 - S-6 to 3d Bn CO: Informed him he would be down to pick him up and go to talk things over with Ex O, 2d Bn. 3d Bn CO said Div Comdr just left his CP.

1140 - CO 614TD Bn Co "C" to S-3 Jr: Said he found one TD intact. S-3 Jr said he was going to speak to TD Bn Comdr to get the other one for replacement.

1150 - S-3 Jr informed G-3 (Capt COCKS) that the cleanup of SCHILLERSDORF was complete.

1208 - S-3 Jr gave 411th permission to remove road blocks S of SCHILLERSDORF.

1210 - S-3 Jr to 614 TD Bn: Asked about getting 1 or 2 TD's to replace losses to their Co "C". The TD Bn CO was going to recommend that we be given 2. He will have to go to Div about it. We informed him that Co "C" will furnish the crews if they get the guns.

1225 - S-3 Jr informed 2d Bn that the tanks would go back to them and will report to same place they were yesterday.

1303 - S-3 told Capt DALCHER (G-3) we wanted two more TD's. We only have 7 in the Co that we have and that runs us pretty short. We would like to have two more to put them in position in our area. G-3 said he would fine out what we had and see what he could do for us. Capt COCKS said we had to have a definite count on the enemy troops killed, wounded and captured in SCHILLERSDORF.

1414 - Lt Rittman learned from a PW that he was from 16th Co (MG Co) and escaped thru W end of town.

1415 - Asst Div Comdr to S-3 Jr: What are we doing about laying AP & AT mines? He wants us to get Engr officer and get some laid because they would be very effective in this heavy snow.

1428 - Div informed us that there was going to be a Fighter bomber mission on way to UHRWILLER.

1432 - S-3 Jr to CO 3d Bn: Informed him of fighter bomber mission on UHRWILLER. 3d Bn heavy small arms fire in NIEFFERN and heavy troop concentration left of UHRWILLER.

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TIME: 1433A to 1700A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1433 - Assistant S-3 informed 411th Infantry 2d Battalion of 1432 entry.

1447 - Assistant S-3 told 1st Battalion S-2 that trucks would bring "K" Company into the town of SCHILLERSDORF and take his "A", "C" and "D" Companies out.

1449 - 411th Infantry 2d Battalion S-3 called S-6 that he couldn't make the relief of our "B" Company until dark because of enemy observation of relief. S-6 told him it would be o.k. to wait until dark.

1451 - Assistant S-3 called 2d Battalion (Sgt. Hollenbeck) and asked if the tanks had joined him as yet. Sgt. Hollenbeck said they hadn't. Assistant S-3 told him of the air mission on UERWILLER, and told him to bring to the attention of his S-3 and S-6 the fact that more AT and APers mines should be used, especially trip flares.

1535 - Assistant S-3 to 3d Battalion S-3: "C Company is to move from SCHILLERSDORF to INGWILLER, then pick up "K" and take them to SCHILLERSDORF, then pick up "A" and "D" and take them to INGWILLER. "K" to be sent on patrols to MUHLHAUSEN. The tanks 2d Battalion had been using will revert back to them." Assistant S-3 said that if 3d Battalion needed tanks they could use them.

1548 - RED ALERT.

1551 - Assistant S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and informed him of 1535 entry. Told him there would be 6 trucks to pick up his companies. 1st Battalion S-3 said they picked up 5 more German troops in a barn in SCHILLERSDORF.

1602 - 1st Battalion S-2 called and wanted information about the trucks. Assistant S-3 told him that the information had been given his S-3.

1603 - G-3 (Lt. Eddens) called Assistant S-3: We informed him of heavy small arms in NIEFFERN and enemy troop concentration near UERWILLER. Dug five more Krauts out of a barn in SCHILLERSDORF. We know definitely of 40 prisoners we have taken. Our line on the front is now composed of "G", "F", "E", then 411th "E", "G", "F", then our "I" Company. "L" Company is in vicinity of ZUTZENDORF and "K" Company is going to move to SCHILLERSDORF. "A", "C" and "D" are going back into reserve in INGWILLER. We have tanks, I&R Platoon, and part of "E" Company in woods to the NE of INGWILLER. No definite answer on TD situation as yet.

1700 - 2d Battalion reports that our "B" Company and "E" Company of 411th have tied in.

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TIME: 1701A to 1835A

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1706 - G-3 (Captain Cock) says we have 2 more TD's attached to us.

1717 - 2d Battalion S-6 reports that he would like to have the artificial moonlight stand by tonight and in case of any enemy counterattack he would like to use it.

1718 - S-6 reported to the Division Commander that we had taken 41 prisoners and killed 21 enemy troops. Snow is so deep up there that you can't find them all. Told him our "K" Company was now in SCHILLERSDORF. Division Commander wants investigation of "K" Company action during attack.

1725 - Assistant S-3 checked with 2d Battalion S-5 to see if it was O.K. for the tanks to come out of SCHILLERSDORF for maintenance and refueling. S-5 said he gave them permission to do so. He reports that he is coordinating with the people on his right. Thinks it would be a good idea to screen all the male population of SCHILLERSDORF as it is quite possible that some of the Krauts took off their uniforms and went into civilian clothes up there. S-6 thinks this is a good idea too.

1745 - S-6 called 1st Battalion S-3 and informed him of the 1725 entry. S-3 thinks this is a good idea. 1st Battalion S-5 inquired about pulling "B" Company back. S-6 informed him that "B" Company would have to get their orders from 2d Battalion S-5.

1802 - S-3 called 411th 2d Battalion S-3 and was informed that 411th 2d Battalion cannot locate our "B" Company to tie in with them on the MLR. They did tie in with our "F" Company and their "G" Company. They can't find the holes that "B" Company had and the gap has been in the lines all day.

1825 - S-6 told 1st Battalion S-6 that "B" Company will remain attached to 2d Battalion and will stay up forward in vicinity of 2d Battalion Forward CP. They are to be the 2d Battalion reserve. 1st Battalion S-6 said that his "C" Company had arrived in INGWILLER but "A" Company was still out.

1830 - "K" Company closed into SCHILLERSDORF.

1835 - S-6 to 2d Battalion S-6: "Colonel Lynch says that "B" Company is shot to pieces. Try to arrange to get them some hot food up there if you can." 2d Battalion S-6 said the holes up there were pretty good and there are about 6 dugouts if they start tossing arty in. The positions "A" and "B" Companies dug are just fox holes. With "B" Company and "E" platoon we might be able to turn the I&R and Mine Platoon loose. 2d Battalion S-3 just reported that "B" Company contacted 411th "G" Company. They are on "B" Company line and are not tied in with our "F" Company. They are too far back as they are dug in behind the "B" Company positions, and to the right. Tonight at 2000 Lt. Bevels is meeting the CO of 411th "G" Company. 411th "G" Company is swinging down behind "B" Company positions

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to start digging in. Lt. Bevels will send a 3 man patrol to contact 411th "G" Company. "F" Company will have officer on right flank to see that 411th "G" Company is tied in. Their line will swing behind our line back a little from towns. Lt. Bevels knows where to take "B" Company after the relief is completed. When the line is in to his satisfaction "B" Company will move out and they should be in by 2300. "B" Company will remain attached to the 2d Battalion. I&R and Mine Platoon will stay out there all night.

1844 - 1st Battalion (- "B" Co.) closed at INGWILLER at 1835.

2145 - Periodic Report and Weapons Report phoned to G-3.

2300 - 2d Battalion S-5 reports that he is going to take over "F" Company and let Capt. Gibbs get a good night's rest.

2320 - 3d Battalion S-3 reports that the 411th 2d Battalion on their "I" Companies left flank is not going all the way down to the MLR. Those people the other night claim that some of the men were asleep. Platoon of "L" Company "L" is tied in with people on the left about 50 yards apart.

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TIME: 0001A to 0700A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0045 - 3d Battalion S-2 reports that their patrol went out and reached a point 300 or 400 yards from UHRWILLER. They heard no vehicular movement or motors. No noise noticeable in the town. NIEFFERN was burning and there are some fires in KINDWILLER. From one point where they were they could see the shadows of people moving around in NIEFFERN. They spotted one enemy patrol moving down along the creek which runs from NIEFFERN down toward the 409th zone. (Phoned this in to G-2).

0100 - Told G-3 of the above report and gave them a Negative report.

0150 - 2d Battalion S-5 reports that "G" Company of the 411th Infantry and our "F" Company have made contact, but that our "B" Company is not out of the line as yet. They will be out in about an hour. "B" Company is in very bad shape and shouldn't be counted on too much as a reserve. "G" Company of the 411th Infantry had their left limiting point 900 yards to the rear of our "F" Company right flank. Captain Marasovich is commanding "G" Company of the 411th Infantry, but they can't locate him. 2d Battalion S-5 doesn't know whether the right flank of 411th Infantry "G" Company is in good shape or not. All is quiet on the 2d Battalion front. " "

0200 - All Battalions report no activity on their fronts. Phoned this in to G-3.

0205 - "K" Company line is out.

0242 - "K" Company line is back in.

0245 - 411th 2d Battalion reports that the relief has been completed and that their "G" Company was in position and in contact with our "B" Company.

0250 - "F" Company Commander (Lt. Clark) reports that relief is complete and "B" Company is pulling out.

0300 - Called G-3 (Lt. Young) and told him that relief had been completed.

0400 - Checked with all Battalions and it is very quiet on the front. Gave this report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry).

0545 - 411th 2d Battalion reports that their "F" Company reported 3 searchlights to their rear putting out artificial moonlight. Our Battalions report all quiet in their sectors. Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt. Young).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

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TIME: 0701A to 1045A

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- 0755 - Received minefield records (4) from the 328th Engineers.
- 0800 - S-6 called 2d Battalion (Sgt. Hollenbeck) and told him to keep the I&R and Mine Platoon up there and to send "B" Company back to their Battalion.
- 0805 - Called 1st Battalion S-2 and informed that their "B" Company was now under their control and would be in in about one hour.
- 0815 - Division Commander wants to see S-6 at Division at 0930.
- 0817 - S-5 instructed 2d Battalion S-3 to send out a couple of patrols to see what is in front of them. Call back and give us an estimate in about one-half hour.
- 0820 - S-6 called "K" Company Commander to check on patrols. "K" sent three patrols out and two were fired on. One patrol went into MUHLHAUSEN and was fired on from the second house on the right as you go into town and also in the vicinity of the cemetery. It was burp gun fire. Doesn't know how many enemy troops are in MUHLHAUSEN. Got some of his equipment back - 2 BAR's, bed rolls, belts, gas masks, etc.
- 0835 - S-5 called CO 411th 2d Battalion and informed him that last night an Executive Officer of our 2d Battalion couldn't find their "G" Company Commander to tie-in the two Battalions on the MLR. 411th 2d Battalion CO said our "F" Company had agreed on the limiting points yesterday afternoon. Said they would send someone up there to check on the tie-in.
- 0920 - 2d Battalion S-6 reports that he still doesn't think "F" Company is tied in with "G" Company of the 411th Infantry.
- 0928 - "B" Company closed into INGWILLER at 0905.
- 0934 - 3d Battalion CO called S-5 and informed him that he had checked on the reported gap between 3d Battalion and 411th 2d Battalion and there was no gap there. S-5 told him that we would probably be checking on it later.
- 1040 - Lt. Rittman (IPW Officer) reports that a prisoner has given information that there are three companies in MUHLHAUSEN. They total about 70 men. Counting the self-propelled gun men in the town there are about 120 to 150 men. Gave exact location of 3 SP's as this - as you come into town to the left make an oblique - house there is 2d Battalion CP.
- 1045 - 2d Battalion S-2 reports there is HMG fire coming from SCHILLERSDORF. Checked with our "K" Company in SCHILLERSDORF and they know nothing of it.

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TIME: 1046A to 1502A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1115 - "K" Company Commander reports that the HMG that 2d Battalion S-2 reported is coming from MUHLHAUSEN. 411th "G" Company was exposed and fired on and a couple of them wounded. (This information was phoned to 2d Battalion).

1220 - 2d Battalion CO called S-3 and reports that the tanks have moved up into position and are going to pour direct fire into the cemetery in MUHLHAUSEN. S-3 told him that Corps was planning on putting artillery on MUHLHAUSEN and asked if the tanks could put direct fire on the rear of the town in case the SP's move over there.

1314 - G-3 (Captain Dalcher) called Assistant S-3: "The Assistant Division Commander wants to know if you are going to follow through where you are using the tanks and if you intend to get any prisoners." Assistant S-3 told him yes.

1315 - 411th 2d Battalion S-3 called our Assistant S-3 and wanted to know about the defense of SCHILLERSDORF. Assistant S-3 told him that our "K" Company was directly responsible for the defense of the town. 411th 2d Battalion S-3 said they will coordinate with our "K" Company on plans for the defense of the town.

1335 - Assistant S-3 talked to S-6 about the 1315 entry and S6 said we had better use very few of our "K" Company men because we will need most of them.

1337 - Assistant S-3 informed "K" Company Ex O of 1335 entry.

1410 - 2d Battalion S-6 called S-5 and informed him that we still have no contact with the 2d Battalion of the 411th Infantry on our 2d Battalion right flank.

1414 - G-3 called Assistant S-3 and said the Division Commander wanted to know if we had manned the road blocks leading into our sector from the front and flanks. G-3 wants an overlay showing positions of same.

1425 - Assistant S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3, 2d Battalion S-2, and 411th 2d Battalion S-3 and informed them of the 1414 entry.

1442 - MP Platoon Leader called S-3 and said the civilians are trying to leave the town of SCHILLERSDORF. S-3 said no civilian is to leave the town at any time.

1502 - S-5 called 2d Battalion CO and told him our Assistant S-3 and some officers from the 411th Infantry would be up and straighten out the tie-in between our 2d Battalion and their 2d Battalion. Also told him that the Germans had an OP from which they could see the people in our OP move around.

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DATE: 27 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1525A to 1815A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1525 - S-3 Jr to S-6: Told him that 411th Co "G" spotted some Krauts still in two houses in SCHILLERSDORF. S-6 said get them out and have our Co "K" assist them if needed. S-3 Jr told him of overlay on road blocks Div wants.

1528 - S-3 Jr to Co "K" (Lt MARSHALL): You will take personal charge and see that the town was cleared once and for all.

1532 - Asst Div Comdr came into CP.

1533 - S-3 Jr to 411th Ln O: Informed him of road block overlay. Ln O said they had none. S-3 Jr told him to get his AP officer thinking about that.

1537 - S-6 to S-3 Jr: S-3 Jr told him we alerted Co "K" and that 411th Co "E" has 3 prisoners. S-6 wanted to know if 0220 is the time the town is actually suppose to be hit. S-3 Jr said yes. S-6 said he was leaving all the details with 3d Bn CO who wants to get ahold of the tank platoon leader who was working with 2d Bn.

1542: 411th S-2 informed us they had 2 PW's.

1602 - S-6 to S-3 Jr: Said north part of Co "K" men would go thru Co "G" of 411th or Co "F" of 411th. They were to inform their people up there. S-3 Jr said he was sending up that tank platoon leader.

1605 - Co "K" line is out.

1625 - Lt HUGHES informed 2d & 3d Bns that they can have the Engrs tie mines together and put them across roads.

1640 - Movement Control to S-3: Road from CP 46 to CP 30 will be one way - south to north.

1727 - S-6 to CO 3d Bn: 411th can't pull out Co "E" like we figured on. Those men will have to be from Co "K". CO 3d Bn said that could be done. S-6 said to leave a Plat back in SCHILLERSDORF.

1745 - G-2 to S-3: Have you captured all 3 enemy in SCHILLERSDORF? 411th Co "E" report 2 PW's taken. Div CO wants to make sure we capture the other man tonight for sure.

1815 - S-3 to G-2: Report of 3 enemy in SCHILLERSDORF was given in error. Only 2 Krauts were seen and they were captured by Co "E", 411th Inf.

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TIME: 1825A to 2100A

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1825 - S-3 to CO 2d Bn: S-3 was informed that Co "F" people thought 411th Bn party were Krauts. The Krauts in BISCHHOLTZ fired burp guns at the party. Our men seeing this group come up the draw opened fire on them. The CO & Ex O of Co "H", CO of Co "G" and one Plat Leader of Co "G" were in group.

1830 - 2d Bn 411th to S-3: Make the time 2000 for meeting between our Co "G" and your Co "F".

1855 - S-3 to CO Co "F": We informed him that Co "G", 411th contact patrol would meet them tonight at 2000. Co "F" requested that these people meet them at Co "F" CP. Also that our Co "F" people will meet 411th at Spider Web and bring them up to Co "F" CP. Co "F" said Co "G" 411th report a Kraut patrol estimated at 20 men moving toward Co "F" positions.

1906 - Msg to CO 2d Bn, 411th: "My staff report that the CP's of your E, F, & G companies are all located in SCHILLERSDORF. These CP's must be located farther forward so that Co Comdrs are in rear of their Co's and up close enough to take prompt action in case of an attack. Do this early tonight." (HARDING, Col - 1906).

1920 - 2d Bn CO requests we use artificial moonlight immediately.

1925 - S-3 to Sgt GREENDERS, 2d Bn 411th: We would like to put on artificial moonlight immediately. 411th said it was OK. 411th wants our people from Co "F" meet at SCHILLERSDORF at Co G, 411th CP.

1930 - 3d Bn informed that we are going to turn on artificial moonlight.

1932 - AA informed to turn on artificial moonlight.

1935 - S-3 to 2d Bn CO: 411th wants to have our people from Co "F" meet them at SCHILLERSDORF at Co "G", 411th CP.

1955 - Co "F" report 2 men lying dead out in front of their positions. Believed to be men from accident which occurred earlier this evening.

2035 - 1st Bn S-2 to S-5: 411th report that enemy patrol seen slipping thru our Co "F" sector.

2040 - S-5 to CO Co "K": Co "G", 411th report 20 man enemy patrol might have slipped thru gap between our "F" and their "G". Alert your company to be on the watch.

2100 - S-3 to S-6: Tie in with 411th 2d Bn on left of our 3d Bn is fine. Group of Krauts on road just N of road on right of Co "I". Mortars placed on them and screaming heard. Another group of Krauts just on road on E flank of 409th, artillery placed on them.

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TIME: 2115A to 2400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

2115 - S-3 to G-3: On this incident that occurred in Co "F" sector, I went up there with Bn Commanders. We went on alone without CO Co G or Co H, 411th, who were suppose to have met us at the 410th CP. The Co G & H CO's came up later by way of SCHILLERSDOEF but took the wrong turn. They left their jeep and took off looking for us. They went on up to meet us at the limiting point near Co "F". Krauts had been patrolling along there and opened fire on them and at the same time opened fire on our MG position in Co F sector. Our support squad of Co "F" went over and engaged in a fire fight with Krauts. The 411th people got in between fire fight. There were 4 officers, 2 from Co H and two from Co G. Shooting started at 1710. Krauts opened up with MG's and Burp guns. We thought the Krauts opened up with a powerful patrol so they (Co F) immediately sent that support squad of Co F over to the hill which over looks the town. All officers accounted for, one NCO missing. The 411th people were about 100 yards from us. The gap between Co F and 411th Co G should be filled by 2200.

2145 - CO 2d Bn to S-3: 411th won't tie in with Co F. They say it is too far forward. We are going to try and occupy positions to the rear. We will have to swing the right squad of Co F and move one AT gun back. 411th will put in positions to cover draw. Also have patrols in draw. Will have night patrols in draw. My relief consists of AT Mine Plat and two squads of Co E. Three (3) squads of Co E on left flank to be tied in with 36th Engrs. I think Co G, 411th thought they saw some men might have been the same people we shot up.

2225 - G-3 from S-3: That draw in between Co "F" and Co G, 411th is right now being well manned and being made a strong point instead of a weak point. Co "G", 411th far back of our lines so we have to bend back our right squad of Co F to tie in with them.

2300 - Weapons Report - Operationally Unfit:

.50 Cal MG	- 2 short, Co "K"
	- 1 ordnance, 1st Bn
LMG's	- 3 short (2 - 1st; 1 Co "I")
HMG's	- 2 short, 1st Bn
	- 1 ordnance, Co M
60-mm Mortar	- 2 short, 1st Bn
	- 1 ordnance, Co "L"
Bazooka's	- 14 short, 5 fr 1st, 8 fr 2d, 1 fr 3d.
BAR's	- 2 short, Co "I"
	- 2 ordnance, Co "I".

2400 - Co G report one tank left ROTHBACH headed for OFFWILLER.

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TIME: 0015A to 0425A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFER, FRANCE (826289)

0015 - O. I. 57 and 58 brought down from Div by Ln Officer.

0130 - Following message was sent by S-3 to G-3: "28 Jan 45, 0120 - G-3: Following is, to best of my knowledge and belief, authentic report on casualties 2d Bn, 411th Inf during unfortunate incident which occurred late yesterday afternoon:

1. Killed (picked up by 2d Bn GRO):
Capt TILLIE J. EMERSON (01300148) - Co "H"
Sgt VAUGHN N. CARRIER (15083721)

2. Wounded (Evacuated to 2d Bn, 411th Inf Aid Station):

Capt MORASAVICH - Co "G" - GS wound
1st Lt GERMAN - Co "H" - GS wound
2d Lt McCOSKEY - Co "G" - GS wound
S/Sgt TOPAR - Co "G" - Minor wound

(Signed: McCARTHY, Capt, 410th Inf)

0200 - Called 411th 2d Bn, our 2d and 3d Bns and Co K. They report all quiet. 3d Bn patrol got off on time. Reported this into G-3.

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

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

0405 - 2d Bn S-3 report: One tank was knocked out by AT gun on that patrol mission. I & R is now pinned down by fire and Co "F" had to send out a squad to relieve them. Co "K" patrol was not successful. They got within 200 yards of UHRWILLER and were fired on. Recon Troop patrol was very successful. Co "G" CP was hit by either an 88 or a 75-mm shell but didn't hurt anyone. Knocked out the communications.

0410 - S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and asked him if he thought the I & R could use some arty support. 2d Bn S-3 said communications were out with Co "F" but he didn't think they could use arty out there.

0415 - Report on Co "K" patrol that went out at 2330. They got within 200 or 300 yards of UHRWILLER and were pinned down by 2 or 3 MG's. MG's are located at 884306. While there they heard a mortar firing NE of their position. Couldn't get coordinate of mortar but coordinates of their position is 882303. As they were leaving they heard the sound of a truck in the town and it sounded as though it was stuck as the motor was racing. (Called G-2).

0420 - 2d Bn S-3 said that Lt DOGGETT called and said we might be able to get that tank out, that was hit on patrol. Have to use a cable and get it out before daylight.

0425 - S-3 called Co "B", 781st Tk Bn and talked to 1st Sgt. Told him to have his CO call our Co "E" Commander.

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TIME: 0450A to 0640A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0450 - 2d Bn S-3 said the tanks were fired on by 3 SP's in MUHLHAUSEN. The tanks think they knocked one SP out. Sent part of Co "F" down to try and get the I & R Plat out. Know they have one man hurt. 103d Rcn Troop got a prisoner and think they killed a couple more.

0455 - S-2 called CO of Co "B", 781st Tank Bn and told him to call Lt DOGGETT in connection with the tank that was knocked out up by MUHLHAUSEN.

0457 - Co "K" CO reports that the commander of the patrol that went into MUHLHAUSEN hasn't reported as yet as he is taking care of two of his men who were wounded. They got into MUHLHAUSEN without being fired on. Found 2 enemy MG's in there. The tank that was hit has a track off and is about 700 or 800 yards on our side of MUHLHAUSEN, behind our MLR. Killed a couple of Germans but didn't get any prisoners.

0505 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt LOWEY).

0530 - Major ~~HEBA~~ called S-2 and gave him a report on 103d Rcn Troop patrol. Said everything worked beautifully. Counted 18 dead Kraut on the ground and got one prisoner. Tentatively the prisoner has been identified as belonging to the 2d Co., 11th Regiment, 6th SS Mountain Div. Mortar fire started coming in just as we got out.

0540 - 3d Bn S-2 gave following report on Co "K" raid on MUHLHAUSEN: "Got into the town very nicely and weren't discovered until we started in the 3d house. A couple of MG's opened up then and hit two of the men in the leg. The first two houses were unoccupied. Our radio quit on us then and our artillery had ceased firing. They got the wounded men out of there and came on back. The tank was shooting up the whole place and an AT gun from the town knocked the track off one. Small guns were used. Some of the men said it was a 37-mm or smaller. We were fired on by MG's, burp pistols and rifles. It is possible that we got the MG that hit our men as we fired into that position. We know they have one of our MG's (light) because we heard it firing in there. Heard one of the SP's moving around near the town. The two MG's that fired at us are located between the 3d and 4th house on the left coming in from the north. Don't know how many Krauts are in town. Think we could easily have taken that end of town if we had a little more support. We didn't see any entrenchments on the way in."

0620 - 411th 2d Bn S-2 called and asked if they were going to move the crippled tank out of their area before daylight. We called CO of Tank Co and he said he couldn't get it out before daylight as he only had one vehicle, and he didn't want to risk losing it. We called 411th and told him of this. He is going to move some of his men because he is afraid the tank will bring in an artillery barrage.

0640 - I & R Plat Ldr reported in. Didn't get into BISCHHOLTZ. Got to the edge of town. Rifles opened up from 1st house on right and MG from 1st house on left. One man was wounded. Krauts are using our carbines.

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TIME: 0700A to 1055A

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- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt LOWRY).
- 0720 - Tank Company Commander was here. He says the tank that was knocked out up by MUHLHAUSEN was hit by an 88. Two of the crew are injured. Cannot risk his recovery vehicle up there as there is an AT gun around there someplace.
- 0730 - Informed G-2 that 9 men went into BISCHHOLTZ, 10 men into UERWILLER, and 40 men into MUHLHAUSEN.
- 0830 - 411th 3d Bn said there people were going to start pulling back but there rifle companies would continue digging.
- 0845 - S-2 found out from Co "K" that the names of the two men injured were Sgt. HESSELROTH and Pfc FOLLETT.
- 0900 - S-2 to G-2: Had three men wounded more critically - Co K had two; I & R had one. Tank was damaged but Tank Co Comdr couldn't risk tank retriever to get it out. They were going to try to get it back today. Tank believed to be hit by either 88 or SP.
- 0915 - G-3 (Capt COCK) to S-3: Would like to have a complete fire plan drawn up after you put 2d Bn of 411th in there. We can get it to them by noon today.
- 0930 - S-2 to 3d Bn S-1: Wants him to have his people thinking about raids for tonight.
- 0945 - 411th S-3, 2d Bn to S-5: Said those chain mines they got from the Engrs are the British type and once they are activated they can't be fooled with. They had a truck damaged with one of the mines. S-5 was to talk to the Engrs on it. They also asked about the tank. S-5 said he didn't think it was safe to try to get it but wasn't sure that the tank people were going to try and get it.
- 1025 - 411th 2d Bn S-3 to S-3 Jr: He wondered if SCHILLERSDORF could be used as general reserve positions. S-3 Jr said he could but to dig fox holes around the town. 411th told him of British mines.
- 1033 - S-3 Jr to 2d Bn S-3: Upon inquiring, 2d Bn informed us that it was too bright out to get the dead Krauts in front of Co "F" positions. 2d Bn requested that we have unit on their left to give us some 4.2 on following positions: RR station at 845348; and E of that in the draw running E. S-3 Jr said he'd look into it.
- 1050 - G-3 to S-3: He said they were going to try to get that tank out today and would like us to furnish the artillery while they are doing this.
- 1055 - S-3 to CO Co B 781st Tk Bn: Asked if he'd be up here to let us know of his plans in retrieving that tank. He said he would.

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TIME: 1113A to 1605A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

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- 1113 - S-2 to S-3, 3d Bn: Have your S-2 come down as soon as he can.
- 1115 - S-2 to 411th 2d Bn S-2: Would like you to come down to discuss patrols for tonight.
- 1124 - Lateral line from our Co "F" to 411th Co "G" is in.
- 1136 - S-3 Jr to 36th Engr S-3: Asked him if he could put concentrations of 4.2 on 845348 and E of that in the draw. He said they had been firing there and anytime we want more have our Co "G" CO contact their company of right unit.
- 1155 - S-3 Jr to Sgt HOLLENBACH: Informed him of 1136 entry.
- 1208 - Tank Co CO wants artillery concentration on MUHLHAUSEN while they retrieve that damaged tank. It was agreed on a 15 minute concentration starting at 1240.
- 1210 - S-3 to 383d FA S-3: Asked him to comply with 1208 entry. He said OK.
- 1300 - 2d Bn 411th to S-3: One of my companies is coming out tonight. As for white clothes 260 men need them, 170 have them. S-3 informed him that the line between our Co "F" and your Co "G" is in.
- 1315 - CO Co "B", 781st Tk Bn to S-3: We got our tank out OK. It is now in Co "E" CP. We'll go back to ordnance.
- 1316 - S-3 Jr to 383d FA S-3: Wanted to tell you to stop firing because they got the tank out alright and didn't any enemy artillery.
- 1328 - S-3 called Battalions & AT Co and instructed them to send a representative here to see a demonstration of painting vehicles white.
- 1412 - S-3 Jr to 411th 2d Bn S-3: You are going to pull Co "E" out at dark tonight, we are going to move our Co "K" over to OBERMODERN.
- 1415 - S-3 Jr to Co "K" CO: Tonight the 411th 2d Bn is going to pull out one of their companies out and put it where you now are as their reserve. When they are in, S-6 wants you to move where your Bn CP is now. This will take place about 1900.
- 1420 - S-3 Jr informed 3d Bn S-3 of 1412 and 1415 entries.
- 1600 - S-3 to S-3, 411th: Said by S-3, 411th - "Big explosion in BOUXWILLER. Believes to have been caused by an Engr truck full of mines exploding. 3 buildings were demolished and about 70 casualties incurred.
- 1605 - S-3 to 2d Bn S-2: Told him it would be alright to send back the tank platoon to INGWILLER for maintenance.

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TIME: 1640A to 2330A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1640 - 2d Bn called and said 252 men have white garments including parkas, 332 men have none.

1815 - G-2 to S-3: At 1705 artillery fired on mortar and 3 men at (88023177) with direct hits. 1st Bn, 11th SS Regt positions - 2d Co are from (845349) to (847346). 1st Co (847346) to (849345), 3d Co is to the S of 3d Co. Bn strength is approximately 300 men.

1830 - 3d Bn have 387 white garments, need 200 more.

1835 - 1st Bn have 221 white garments, need 300 more.

1840 - 2d Bn called and at 1830 a white flare was observed approximately 1,000 yards to the left rear of 2d Bn forward CP.

1935 - 2d Bn 411th report that Co "E" of 411th have closed into SCHILLERSDOEF at 1930 and Co's G & F have occupied the 411th sector.

2000 - Co "K" began movement from SCHILLERSDOEF to OBERMODEERN.

2030 - 3d Bn CP report hearing singing & also some vehicles in UHRWILLER. We are having artillery concentration on it.

2035 - Co "F" 411th patrol report troops in MUEHLHAUSEN are being relieved.

2040 - S-3 to S-2, 1st Bn: S-6 wants you to move your Bn to MENCHHOFFEN at once. Have your Quartering Party meet Capt SLY.

2055 - 409th OP's report the tune the Krauts are singing in UHRWILLER is "Good Night Ladies".

2200 - CO 1st Bn and his S-3 arrived at Regtl CP.

2201 - 3d Bn report Co "K" closed into OBERMODEERN at 2130.

2215 - 1st Bn held on 30 minute alert in INGWILLER.

2312 - 411th 2d Bn report some truck activity in MUEHLHAUSEN.

2325 - 3d Bn report tanks moving on NIEFFERN - MUEHLHAUSEN Rd.

2330 - S-6 ordered S-2, 2d Bn, 411th to send a patrol out to observe enemy tank movement on road MUEHLHAUSEN - NIEFFERN Rd.

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TIME: 2328A to 2345A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

2328 - Co "E", 411th report trucks going out of BISCHHOLTZ in their Co "G" sector.

2340 - CO 3d Bn to S-3: There maybe 6 tanks in MUHLHAUSEN. S-6 told him to check on TD's.

2345 - 411th 2d Bn S-2 to S-3: Have small patrol going out to road. At 2311 our CP heard trucks leaving MUHLHAUSEN.

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TIME: 0045A to 0400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0045 - 411th 2d Bn S-3 called S-2 and asked if he still wanted that patrol they were to send out at 0100 to go. S-6 instructed S-2 to have the patrol go. 411th 2d Bn S-3 says there hasn't been too much activity on their front all night. S-2 told him the plane he heard flying around his sector tonight was one of our planes on a Corps mission. Corps is keeping a check on enemy ground movements.

0050 - S-6 called 3d Bn S-2 and asked about vehicular movement in their sector. S-2 said had no reports in the last few minutes on any vehicular movement and that the last report was at least $\frac{1}{2}$ hour ago. Their OP's are on the alert and are reporting all information. S-2 doesn't know whether these vehicles they heard moving up there tonight are new ones or whether they are the same ones they have always heard.

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

0105 - 411th 2d Bn S-2 called S-2 and reported that the first patrol they sent out was from F Co. They reached the high ground at 868298. Found nothing on the road, no movement on the road, and couldn't hear anything. Their 0100 patrol just left.

0200 - Checked with the Bns and they report it is extremely quiet on the front. Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt Lowry).

0255 - S-2 called 2d Bn (Sgt Hollenbeck) and told him the Tank Platoon could be removed from their alert status. Sgt Hollenbeck said it was very quiet up there.

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

0400 - 3d Bn S-2 reports: "Our patrols didn't get any prisoners. It was very light to try to get around anyplace because the Krauts seem to have it pretty well out-posted. neither patrol was fired on. They were challenged numerous times. The short patrol moved over 100 yards within the road and they were challenged they remained quiet there for sometime and then moved back and tried getting over to the road leading across to the town. They heard something that sounded like the tapping of a rifle butt. They heard 3 taps and then. This tapping would be answered to the right and left of them. They were there from about 2330 until 0100. There were no vehicles along that road and there was no one walking along it. They did hear some vehicles in UHRWILLER. The other patrol going up toward UHRWILLER got up almost to the crest of the ridge that leads from us down to KINDWILLER. The first patrol also reported that the town of NIEFFERN seemed to be active there. They noticed some lights in there. Never did succeed in getting up to the road because they were challenged everytime they got up close to the road.

The other patrol going up toward UHRWILLER got up almost to the crest of the ridge that leads from almost where we are to KINDWILLER. Got across there up almost to the crest of that rise up in there. They were walking toward UHRWILLER. They

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TIME: 0400A to 1050A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0400 - heard talking coming from direction of UERWILLER. Also heard what they thought was pounding a stake in the ground. There were no vehicles on the road between us and KINDWILLER. They were also challenged. While UERWILLER which seemed to have some vehicular movement in its vicinity. They heard one heavy vehicle leave the town. They observed no activity in the town of KINDWILLER. They took with them 2 AT Mines and put them in the tracks of the road at 88952980. Vehicles had been using this road. Couldn't move much because they were challenged. They were not fired on.

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt Lowry).

0600 - Checked with Bns and they report no activity. Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt Lowry).

0645 - S-2 called G-2 (Sgt Kiefer) and gave him our patrol reports.

0655 - 411th 2d Bn reports that their patrol returned at 0610. They were fired on crossing the road. The only activity they heard was a motor running in UERWILLER. They were out from 0200 to 0430. (Called in to G-2 (Sgt Kiefer).

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt Ledisco).

0715 - S-2 called all Bns and asked them to check and see if they were still in contact with the enemy.

0745 - 411th 2d Bn S-2 reports that one of his OP's sighted a light vehicle moving out of MULHAUSEN.

0750 - 2d Bn (Sgt Hollenbeck) reports that F Co hasn't had a shot fired at them since. 2400. G Co at the present time is trying to knock out a tank, are firing artillery on some enemy troops in front of them that are exposed, and know definitely there are two MG emplacements to their front.

0815 - 2d Bn S-3 to S-5: Enemy MG positions at (8475-3398) and (8459-3392).

0930 - Following report on white clothing turned in to S-4: Men that have white clothing in the 1st Bn amounts to 221, 2d Bn - 252, 3d Bn - 387, 2d Bn (411) - 170; Men that lack white clothing in the 1st Bn amounts to 300, 2d Bn - 332, 3d Bn - 200, 2d Bn (411) - 260.

1050 - 328th Engr S-2 to S-3: He said they had a portable paint shop to paint vehicles white and he was setting up a schedule for doing this job. Estimates 20 vehicles could be painted per day. We were going to let him know how many we still had that needed painting.

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DATE: 29 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1114A to 1312A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1114 - S-6 to 3d Bn 6: Krauts are believed to have pulled out leaving a big covering force behind. Want you to send out a big strong patrol to be able to take care of itself in case it gets into a scrap. The patrol to be able to take care of anything near the high ground E of UHRWILLER (Hill 238).

1132 - G Co (411th) receiving mortar fire.

1147 - S-6 to 3d Bn 6: How about getting tanks and take K Co and take NIEFFERN? He was going to call back on it.

1150 - 3d Bn 6 to S-6: Have mines out there and men would be exposed if they tried to take them out so that the tanks could be used. They could do it with K Co alone but they might be cut down by MG fire. S-6 said drop that and keep working on the other patrol plan.

1220 - S-6 ordered 3d Bn to make a raid on NIEFFERN. CO 3d Bn wants to see Tank platoon leader.

1222 - S-3 instructed Sgt Hollenbeck to have Tank Plat Ldr rpt to 3d Bn CP.

1235 - German plane strafed MENCHHOFFEN.

1240 - 1st Bn S-2 reports that the German plane crashed near NIEDERSOULTZBACH near some 384th FA positions. Plan blew up in the air. We told the 1st Bn S-2 that we had an air mission on OFFWILLER this afternoon.

1245 - 2d Bn S-2 reports that a German plane crashed about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles behind their G Co positions.

1250 - Our MP Officer called and said a German Plane had crashed near BOUXWILLER. He is going over and take a look at it as the flames have died down now.

1310 - C/S called S-5 and said the Div Comdr was in our area this morning and that there are too many men not carrying their weapons and too many men not shaved. He wants this taken care of immediately so get on our Bn Comdrs and staff officers. C/S said he wanted to put his two bits worth in. Said there was a decided lack of alertness in our men and they didn't have the old fire they used to have...Not carrying weapons and not shaving. Told us to get after this right away. S-5 told him we would take care of it.

1312 - Asst Div Comdr called S-5 in regard to Div Comdr's Msg to C/S this morning. Says Div Comdr was in our area this morning and there were too many men not carrying weapons and too many men not shaved. Told S-5 to get Regtl Staff officers and Bn Staff officers on this. S-5 told the Asst Div Comdr. C/S had already called on this.

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DATE: 29 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1323 A to 1600A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1323 - Div Air Ln O says he received a report that a P-51 had strafed our town and had been shot down near SCHILLERSDORF. We told him our MP officer was out checking the plane now and as soon as he reported back we would report to him.

1325 - G-2 called S-5 and said 409th had reported some of our troops were moving out on their left flank and were worried about it. S-5 told G-2 and G-2 told S-5 he would tell 409th.

1345 - Our MP Officer reported in and said the plane shot down. The pilot's body was torn up very badly and the dogtags read DANIELS. There was a package in the plane addressed to Lt J Daniels and the package had chewing gum and other stuff in it. The plane did strafe ENGWILLER and MENCHHOFFEN. Plane shot down at 8272b3.

1410 - S-5 called 1st Bn S-5 and told him the msg received from C/S and Asst Div Comdr, in regard to men carrying weapons and shaving. 1st Bn S-5 said he would get right on it.

1420 - 2d Bn S-6 called S-3 and asked about the situation. Said his men are very tired as they have been on the line for 9 days. C/S was up this morning and is concerned about relief for his Bn. S-3 said he would talk to S-6 about it.

1440 - C/S called S-6 and asked if he had received the msg about men not carrying weapons and needing shaves. S-6 said he had. C/S told S-6 to have the Comdrs get out and see that it was done. C/S said up around 1st Bn CP there was very little dispersion of vehicles and a lack of alertness on the part of the men. S-6 informed C/S about our K Co raid that would be pulled this afternoon.

1443 - K Co is ready to go on the raid just as soon as the tanks arrive.

1445 - S-5 called 411th 2d Bn CO and told him S-6 wanted him to move his CP to MENCHHOFFEN. 2d Bn CO doesn't want to move here because he contends he is closer to his companies in OBERMODERN. S-6 then ordered him to move to MENCHHOFFEN.

1510 - 3d Bn CO says movement has started on the raid. Will be in position in about 1/2 hour.

1520 - CO of Co B, 781 Tank Bn visited our CP. Wants to pull his tanks back tonight as they can be painted white. Will call S-6 back for OK on it at 1730. Capt Simpkins is CO of Co B. His CP is in NIEDERSOULTZBACH. His call sign is WASP BAKER and can be reached through FATIMA BLUE.

1600 - Asst Div Comdr visited our CP.

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DATE: 29 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1635A to 2210A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1635 - Asst Div Comdr left our CP.

1700 - S-6 issued the following orders verbally to CO 1st Bn and Ex O 2d Bn (in absence of CO 2d Bn) at 1700. 1st Bn coordinate with 2d Bn as to arrangements and relief of 2d Bn during the night of 30 - 31 January.

1746 - 3d Bn S-2 to S-2: Have some Krauts, don't know how many. There are in the process of getting people out. We probably had some losses because they called for 3 litter bearers.

1800 - S-6 gave Tk Co CO the OK to move his tanks back to town to be painted.

1845 - 3d Bn Report they got 8 PW's from NIEFFERN.

1900 - B-6 to S-3 Jr: We got 10 PW's, one from 36th Inf Div, 87th Regt, 7th Co. We got into the town. We have 6 wounded, 1 wounded still in town. We have some some wounded in front of MLR. We drew mortars, arty, & SA. PW says his company of 50 men were in the town. His company was in the front part of the town and some more in rear. (Phoned to 1st & 2d Bn, 411th 2d Bn, G-2 and G-3).

2015 - Asst Div Comdr called and S-3 Jr gave him the details of our 3d Bn raid.

2152 - Div Comdr to S-6: Your patrol did fine today. Keep up the good work. Don't let the Krauts get away from you. Keep patrols out there.

2210 - 2d Bn rpt Co G heard tanks moving from OFFWILLER to ROTHBACH.

1055 - 328 Engrs S-3 to S-3: They have a group from Corps with mines to demonstrate coming down. We could send ten men up to see them. He said it would have to be 1 Feb (Thurs) at 1000 at the Bn CP at HATTMATT.

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DATE: 30 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 0355A

PLACE: MENCHROFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.
- 0107 - 411th 2d Bn reports their patrol is in. They couldn't cross the stream and went toward the bridge. They found the bridge covered by fire. The bridge is the one vic 854332. Found no evidence of the bridge being used for vehicles, but could have been used by foot troops. They had followed the stream toward ROTHBACH. The stream was 10 to 15 feet wide and waist deep. The fire they received was believed to have come from OFFWILLER.
- 0147 - Submitted patrol report to G-2.
- 0200 - Checked with all Bns. 2d Bn reports they have nothing more on the tanks going into ROTHBACH. Bns were informed that we did not plan to use artificial moonlight tonight unless it became so dark we would have to, or the Bns themselves requested it.
- 0215 - Informed G-3 (Sgt Lowry) of the Patrol reports and Bn reports. Told Lt Young that we didn't plan to use artificial moonlight tonight. Lt Young said all was quiet along the front.
- 0250 - Lt Rittman (IPW officer) to Asst S-3: "One of the PW's we got says they have positions dug in along the hill and they have only one row of S mines around the perimeter of town. They have 4 Teller mines in front of the house they were captured in. He said the 8th Company was in UHRWILLER. They know nothing of the SS troops.
- 0255 - 3d Bn called and said they may need the artificial moonlight.
- 0300 - Gave G-3 (Sgt Lowry) a negative report.
- 0314 - 411th 2d Bn S-3 called and said our K Co was supposed to relieve their people in OBERMODERN IN the defense of the town. Relief was supposed to be at 2345 yesterday, but relief hasn't been made as yet. They can't release their AT men to move their guns because they are now guarding the town.
- 0325 - Lt Baldus called K Co and asked them about the relief in OBERMODERN. K Co said it wasn't to take place until 0930 today.
- 0333 - Lt Baldus obtained S-3's permission to have K Co take over defense of OBERMODERN immediately. He then called K Co CO and told him arrangements had been made for the relief to take place at once. He then called 411th 2d Bn and made arrangements for a guide to lead them in to their positions.
- 0355 - AT Co CO made arrangements to meet 411th 2d Bn AT officer at one of his gun positions at 0500 and guide him up to proposed gun positions.

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DATE: 30 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0400A to 0937A

PLACE: MENCHROFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

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

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt Lowry).

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

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Lt Young.)

0701 - 2d Bn reports they are still in contact with the enemy.

0820 - Major Thomas (G-3) called and said the Div Comdr had given his OK for the 411th to move their 2d Bn off the line and put their 1st Bn on line. Wants to do it tonight. S-5 said we could do it tonight if it wasn't too light. G-3 told S-5 the Div Comdr is very concerned about our G Co being on line so long, and S-5 told him we were going to try to get them out tonight.

0827 - Received minefield records nos. 102, 103, and 104 from Co B 328 (C) Engrs.

0850 - 411th 3d Bn S-3 called and said he was sending out an 8 man patrol this morning. They will leave from vic of SCHILLERSDORF toward MUEHLHAUSEN and then E toward ZUTZENDORF. They will not cross the MLR. (We informed our 2d and 3d Bns and 411th 2d Bn.)

0900 - S-6 called 411th CO and told him we were relieving our 2d Bn tonight and didn't think it wise to have too much going on up there all at once. 411th CO said his Bn had been in line for about a month now and hadn't had a chance to clean up, also that Division had instructed him to relieve his 2d Bn tonight. S-6 told him we would take it up with Division.

0925 - S-6 called S-5 at 3d Bn and asked him to stop here on his way back as he had some additional instructions for him.

0928 - G-3 called S-6. S-6 told him he didn't like the idea of 2 Bns being relieved up there tonight. Told him we were relieving our 2d Bn with our 1st Bn and 411th was relieving their 2d Bn with their 1st Bn. G-3 said the 2d Bn of 411th had been in line longer than any other Bn in the Division. Said Div Comdr had given them approval to make their relief tonight. S-6 asked G-3 to get Div Comdr's approval for us to make our relief tonight and 411th to relieve their Bn tomorrow night. G-3 said Div Comdr was not there right now, but that he would call C/S and call us back as soon as he has some news for us.

0937 - S-6 called Ex O of Co B 328th Engrs and asked about some trip flares. Ex O says they have positions for all the trip flares. Their 2d Platoon is with our 3d Bn and their 1st Platoon is with our 2d Bn.

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DATE: 30 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0937A to 1420A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0937 - 1st Bn CO called S-6 and said he was coordinating with 2d Bn on relief for tonight. Wanted to know if he couldn't move the MLR back 400 to 500 yards so as to defend the present MLR with an OPL. This will allow him to rotate his MLR troops frequently. S-6 told him that would not be possible. Wanted to know if we were going to get any replacements and S-6 told him G-1 had reported we had a good chance of getting some replacements.

0945 - G-3 told S-6 the Div Comdr had OK'd our plan for relieving our 2d Bn tonight. 411th will relieve their 2d Bn tomorrow night. (411th S-5 was here and G-3 told him and he would have to relieve his 2d Bn tomorrow night).

1003 - G-3 called and said corps wants to know how we liked our artificial moonlight. S-6 told him we hadn't used it much, but it was very satisfactory when we did use it. G-3 wants a memorandum from us to send to Corps. (S-6 prepared the memo and it was sent to G-3 by Lt Hughes.)

1015 - Div Comdr visited our QP.

1050 - Div Comdr left our QP.

1055 - Division Air Ln O called and wants to know if we have an OP up here where he can watch the bombing of OFFWILLER and bring in a Jeep and radio. S-2 told him he could go up to the Bn OP but he couldn't get a Jeep up there. Air Ln O said he was going to try to get an air mission on OFFWILLER today.

1110 - G-3 (Capt Cock) reports there will be 57mm gun firing at 1430 this afternoon from coordinate 826259. They are going to fire from the road into a bank. (Informed our MP officer, 2d & 3d Bns, and AT Co.

1300 - Our AT Co CO says the 411th AT guns are not entirely straight. Two guns are OK but one will have to be moved.

1400 - Asst S-3 returned from Bns with G-3. G-3 told him that the 101st Div was going to move over to PFAFFENHOFFEN; 409th will side-slip into our 3d Bn sector, and our 3d Bn will move over.

1420 - 383d FA reports that they fired this morning on heavy AA guns vic ZINSWILLER; vehicles in UHRWILLER; on troops in the open 1000 yards NE of NIEFFERN; and the last shoot was time fire on 8 men working their way parallel along the road between OFFWILLER and ROTHBACH.

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DATE: 30 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1421A to 1530A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1427 - 383d FA S-3 reports that their air OP picked up troop activity in MUEHLHAUSEN. Haven't fired on it yet. Air OP is going to have another look and if there is anything there we will put time fire on it.

1442 - S-2 called 411th 2d Battalion S-2 and instructed him to call off his patrol tonight and plan it for tomorrow night. Also told him to send the Engineer back to us unless he wanted to use him on planning for the raid tomorrow night.

1450 - Assistant Division Commander visited our OP and wants us to start making plans for winter warfare. Says we can use improvised sleds to carry out mortars, LMG's, HMG's, and mortars. LMG's can be fired from the sleds. Also can use a board with a piece of rope on it so a man could put his pack and bedroll on it and pull it through the snow. Train your men to dig in quickly when stopping. Each man will have to carry some TNT and be trained in its use. Train your men on how to recognize frostbite and have them use the buddy system so they can take care of each other. Think about stops for your men to warm up and also stops for your vehicle drivers so they can warm up. Think about how you are going to pick up stragglers in this kind of weather. You can't just go off and leave them. You will have to pick them up on sleds or with vehicles and take them in where they won't freeze. Think about how to get how food to your men. Use improvised sleds for your aid men. Most of our future moves will be across country so we have to think about trail breaking. Start thinking about the method of attack. We cannot attack frontally over this snow. We will have to attack from the flank or by infiltration. We will have to secure positions where we can flush the enemy out of his hole to attack us. It is going to develop into a war for towns. You can break a complete Battalion through a very small break in the lines. The Germans showed us this at SCHILLERSDORF. Mass patrolling is the answer. Disseminate all this information down to the Battalions. Get those people to thinking about it. Let's start thinking about this next move because it may come at any time. Ammunition boxes make pretty good sleds. Get your S-4 to working with Ordnance on what to do with those .50 cal MG's that freeze up in this weather. I think a few drops of kerosene will solve the problem if we use a very light oil when cleaning the weapon. Get to thinking about your mortars. I don't know whether the barrel will break when it is cold or not. You may have to fire a few blanks before you fire a live round. Let's get the S-4 to working on these things and disseminate this information down to the Battalions.

1530 - 3d Battalion S-3 called Assistant S-3 and wants to know when 411th 2d Battalion was going to be moved. Assistant S-3 told him they probably wouldn't be moved out at all as there will be a shift of boundaries tomorrow. 3d Battalion S-3 said their "K" Company was relieving their "I" Company tonight. Assistant S-3 told him to tell his CO that S-6 had given consideration to relieving his Battalion instead of 2d Battalion, and had decided that 2d Battalion had much the roughest time; also that 3d Battalion had a complete company that had 5 days rest to relieve them.

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DATE: 30 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1531A to 2400A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1555 - G-3 called and wants S-3 to come to Division as a new O.I. as coming out.

1603 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and wanted to know the disposition of the Regimental AT Mine Platoon. S-3 said they would remain in position and be attached to the 1st Bn. "A" company relieved "E" Company at 1535.

1627 - 3d Battalion CO called Assistant S-3 and asked if the change of boundaries was coming off. Assistant S-3 told him he was going to Division now on it and he thought it would come off tomorrow. 3d Battalion CO said he was not going to relieve his "I" Co. tonight as he would wait until the change of boundaries was made.

1633 - Captain Jones is back on duty as our Division Liaison Officer.

1715 - S-6 left for 3d Battalion.

1716 - AT Company Commander to S-3: "After I told the 411th Infantry AT Platoon Leader where to put the one gun I checked and it is still sitting within 20 feet of a TD gun just outside of SCHILLERSDORF. He said he wasn't going to move it for two reasons. (1) He couldn't get it out there. (2) His Battalion CO told him not to move his guns anymore. S-3 told AT Co Comdr to call the Platoon Leader and give him a direct order to move the gun and if he has anymore complaints tell the Platoon Leader to come to Regimental CP.

1800 - "G" Company, 411th report that 3 rounds of artillery landed in front of them. Believe it is coming from the Northwest.

1830 - 1st Battalion CO called S-5 and asked if we had any patrols going out. We informed him of one which was going out in front of 411th 2d Battalion sector.

2045 - 3d Battalion reports that German vehicle on road running out of KINDWILLER ran into mine we planted the other night. German truck demolished.

2325 - 1st Battalion completed relief of 2d Battalion at 2315. (G-3 informed).

2350 - Division Liaison Officer came in with OI No. 59.

2359 - Co. "L" patrol observed 15 men digging in (8895-2990) and sounds of digging at (893294). Enemy activity in this area estimated to be about 30 men (G-2 informed).

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DATE: 31 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0955A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

0035 - "G" Company closed into INGWILLER.

0300 - Submitted negative reports to G-3 at 0100, 0200 and 0300.

0400 - Submitted a negative report to G-3 (Sgt. Lowry). Checked with our 1st and 3d Bns. and with 411th 2d Bn. and they report all is quiet in their sectors.

0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0600 - Checked with our 1st and 3d Bns. and with 411th 2d Bn. and they report all is quiet in their sectors. Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-3.

0800 - 1st Battalion S-2 reports 3 enemy troops were seen in "B" Company area and one of our MG's opened fire on them. Two of them were believed to have been hit. One of them that had been hit got up and got away. The other wounded man was picked up by "B" Company men and they have him in a foxhole now. He hasn't talked any yet, but they can learn his Unit from his pay book.

0850 - 411th 1st Battalion will replace 411th 2d Battalion. 411th 1st Battalion will be in MENCHHOFFEN before dark and one company ("C" Company) 1st Battalion will be in the town of SCHILLERSDORF before dark. 411th 2d Battalion will entruck at OBERMODERN and revert to 411th Infantry control upon completion of the relief tonight.

0900 - Division Commander is on his way to our 2d Battalion area and may stop at our CP.

0900 - 1st Battalion S-2 reports that the wounded German soldier they picked up died. He wouldn't talk. They will be able to get his pay book back tonight.

0940 - Division Chemical Warfare Officer called and wants our Regimental Gas Officer to report to his CP at Division sometime today.

0955 - Division Commander called S-6 and told him he didn't like the division of boundaries as we have them lined up. Said he told us he wanted to work a rotation policy. Said there was no change in the left boundary of our 1st Battalion. S-6 told him we were going to cut down on the 1st Battalion sector when we made our boundary change tonight. Division Comdr. said this was O.K. and to give our 3d Battalion a little more ground.

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DATE: 31 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0956A to 1300A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1025 - Captain Jones delivered Regimental Operations Instruction No. 16 to G-3 (Captain Dalcher) at 1015.

1110 - G-3 (Captain Dalcher) called S-3 and said that our MP Officer had called him and told him that an AA outfit was firing .50 cal MG around our area. Captain Dalcher said he was sending an AA officer into our area to check up on it. Also said that C/S has the impression that we are making the relief of 2d Battalion of 411th Infantry and also changing our boundaries in one night. S-3 told him that we were doing it in two nights.

1130 - Division Movement Control (Major Gillman) called Assistant S-3 and told him that the 3d Battalion of 411th Infantry would move up from ETTENDOEF to BUESWILLER to crossroad S of OBERMODERN. They will move up this road tonight and move their vehicles by infiltration. Their vehicles will start moving at 1800. Movement wants us to have someone at the crossroads S of OBERMODERN to control traffic and not let anyone move Southeast down that road until they have cleared with their vehicles. Assistant S-3 told him we would take care of that. (Assistant S-3 called our MP Officer and instructed him to take care of the traffic control on this road).

1150 - Message to CG 103d Inf Div - Attn G-3 (thru M/C): "Exact tie-in points on right boundary with 409th Infantry (per Par. 8 - Division O.I. No. 59):

MLR - (860297) - Trail Junction

RRL - (839287) - SW tip of woods.

CO 410th Inf. - signed 1150 - McCarthy, Capt.

1200 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and wanted to know about the relief of the 2d Battalion of 411th tonight. Said he didn't think it wise as 409th Infantry was doing something over in their sector. Chief of Staff is sending a Staff Officer down to coordinate with us on the relief.

1230 - C/S to S-6: It is OK for you to go ahead with your original plan of relief tonight.

1240 - Message to C of S, 103d Inf Div dated 31 Jan 45: "My understanding of your phone call of 1235 today is that we may carry out the relief of 2d Bn 411th Inf tonight as planned in our O.I. No. 16 dated 30 Jan 45. Is this correct?" CO 410th Inf - 1240 - H. J. P. Harding, Col.

1300 - 411th 2d Battalion S-3 called Assistant S-3 and wanted to know if the relief was going off tonight as planned. Said he heard that Division was not going to let us do it. Assistant S-3 said he would send him a note about it. 2d Battalion S-3 said he would be up to our CP very shortly.

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DATE: 31 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1301A to 1450A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1320 - Division Commander's Aide called S-5 and told him that the Division Commander would like to have S-6 and 2d Battalion CO come to dinner tonight.

1325 - Cannon Company CO reports someone is firing a MG right over the heads of the gun crews. Assistant S-3 told him to send someone out to check on it and to report back to us just who is firing the gun.

1332 - Lt. Hughes called from Division and said he had delivered S-6's message to the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Staff said O.K. on relief of 411th 2d Battalion tonight.

1350 - 411th 2d Battalion S-3 said he just talked to our 3d Battalion CO, and that 3d Bn. CO wants to take their CP over as soon as they move out. Wanted to know if our S-1 could send someone up to hold it for him. Said he had a phone that belonged to us up there and he would leave it right in and 3d Battalion could pick it up.

1357 - S-5 called Sgt. Roth in the Division Commander's Office. Sgt. Roth said that the dinner would be at 1900, but that the General would like S-6 and Colonel Robinson there at 1815.

1412 - Assistant S-3 called AT Company Commander and told him that he wanted to get the 411th AT guns straightened out. AT CO said he was working under the assumption that they were going to pull out. Said he had Lt. Barkley and Lt. Patterson up there right now making a reconnaissance. Said he didn't want them to pull out before tomorrow morning at 1000.

1413 - Assistant S-3 called 411th 2d Battalion (Sgt. Bowen) and told him to tell his S-3 that he could pull his AT guns tomorrow morning at 1000.

1415 - 409th S-3 called S-3 and wanted to know where our AT CP was. His AT Company CO is coming up to coordinate on positions with our AT Company CO.

1415 - S-6 called S-5 and wanted to know if S-2 had found out which outfit the dead German soldier up in 1st Battalion area belonged to. S-2 said he hadn't been able to decipher the pay book of the man as yet because whoever phoned in the information from 1st Battalion did not copy the information out of the man's book correctly.

1440 - 3d Battalion is putting four rifle platoons on the line and one in support tonight.

1450 - 411th S-3 called S-3 and said he had a note from our Assistant S-3 which stated that we wanted a company of 411th at SCHILLERSDORF and one at ZUTZENDORF until 020800 Feb 45. Said he didn't want to let us keep them that long because the Division Commander wanted to inspect that Battalion. 411th S-3 said he was going to call G-3 about it.

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DATE: 31 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1455A to 1905A

PLACE: MENCHHOFFEN, FRANCE (826289)

1455 - G-1 (Major Donovan) called S-5 and said he hadn't been able to find out anything about Lt. Meadows yet, but will let us know as soon as he does find out something.

1455 - G-3 called about the relief of 411th 2d Battalion tonight. Said we would be tying up two battalions of Division reserve. S-3 told G-3 it was the idea of the 411th to relieve their 2d Battalion with their 1st Battalion, not ours. Told him our 3d Battalion would have quite a long line to hold, and we wanted something behind it. G-3 said he would check and call us back in about ten minutes.

1515 - S-6 called S-5 and wanted to know what time the General was having his dinner tonight. Told him he and Colonel Robinson were to be at the General's quarters at 1815.

1525 - 409th S-3 called S-3 and wanted to know if it would be O.K. for our 3d Battalion to leave their ammunition on the line so their battaion could pick it up and they would give our 3d Battalion the ammunition back from their dump. Said their S-4 had talked to our 3d Battalion and our 3d Battalion was not in favor of the idea. S-3 called our 3d Battalion and they said the only ammunition they wanted to take off the line was their 81mm mortar ammunition, and carry their normal load. Said they would like to leave the rest of their ammo on line and pick up the same from 409th. S-3 called 409th and completed arrangements for this trade.

1535 - Assistant Division Commander, 411th S-6 and S-5 arrived at our CP to straighten out the relief of the 411th 2d Battalion tonight. It was decided that the 1st Battalion of the 411th would not relieve the 2d Battalion of the 411th tonight; that the 2d Battalion of the 411th would move "E" and "G" Companies into SCHILLERSDORF and "F" Company into ZUTZENDORF and have their CP in MENCHHOFFEN. Our 3d Battalion will move over and cover the line.

1555 - S-3 called G-3 and gave him the information contained in the 1535 entry.

1615 - S-6 returned from the Battalions.

1755 - S-3 to CO, 2d Bn 411th Inf: We are going to attach your Co's "E" & "F" to our 3d Bn to be used as their Res in case they need them. Have your Company Commanders of those two companies report to our 3d Bn CP immediately.

1845 - Munitions Officer called and said he has following Regtl stock;

300 - trip flares.

Color Signals (Fired from rifle grenade launcher): 48 of each with parachute - amber, green and white.

383 rounds HE - 81-mm mortar.

1905 - 3d Bn S-3 reports at 1900 Co "L" completed relief of Co "F", 411th Inf.

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DATE: 31 January 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2024A to 2400A

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2024 - 2d Bn of 411th Inf was relieved by our 3d Bn at this time. (S-3 informed G-3.)

2030 - 411th 2d Bn reports they have completed the relief.

2030 - Asst S-3 called 3d Bn and told them we were going to turn on the artificial moonlight at 2100.

2032 - S-1 to S-5: We must put out details tomorrow on the roads to police all tin cans on the road, etc. It is universal throughout the Division.

2035 - Asst S-3 told 409th S-3 that we had completed relief of 411th 2d Bn. Wants us to tell our 3d Bn to hold all their ammo on the positions and they will replace it.

2040 - 1st Bn doesn't want us to put artificial moonlight as yet as they have some patrols in BISCHHOLTZ.

2040 - S-3 to 2d Bn: Told them the Engrs would be at their CP tomorrow at 0830 with an earth auger, an air compressor and TNT. To use to dig reserve positions tomorrow.

2100 - Enemy soldier killed by B Co this morning belonged to 2d Co, 165th Regt, 36 Div.

2215 - Artificial moonlight will go on at 2220.

2300 - Asst S-3 told 1st Bn S-2 we had to have a prisoner tonight. Take one man who was on that earlier patrol and let him lead a fresh crew down there.

2310 - 1st Bn CO told S-6 that he would have to use a platoon and back them up with a Co if he went in there after a prisoner. Said it was very bright and he would have to take a force big enough to take a prisoner out of there. S-6 told him to hold off on his raid. 1st Bn CO said he was sure the men were not SS troops. First patrol saw 4 men in the basement of a house in BISCHHOLTZ. One man was sitting at a table and had on a regular German uniform with no SS marking on it. Two men lying on the bed drinking schnapps were older men. 1st Bn CO said he would send the same patrol back at 0330 and try to pick up a sentry.

2400 - AA officer manning the Searchlights thinks he has gotten too far under the cloud banks and thrown his lights back too far from the front.

S-3 called 1st Bn and they report one light on the left is too far back.

S-3 called AA and told them to correct the one light.

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