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DATE: 1 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1030A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0200 - 1st Battalion reports all is quiet in their zone. 2d Battalion reports that the left platoon of "G" Company can hear enemy troops digging in directly in front of their positions. They are going to try and locate the exact position and put artillery fire on it. (Reported this to G-2 and G-3).
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0400 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all is quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all is quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0845 - 1st Battalion CO called S-3 and informed him that the shower unit could go back to Service Company now.
- 0900 - I&R OP's No. 1 and No. 2 checked in. Negative reports and visibility poor.
- 0920 - 1st Battalion will conduct an inspection this Saturday in their billets. The weapons inspection will be held outside.
- 0932 - S-6 left to visit the 3d, 2d, and 1st Battalions.
- 0935 - S-3 called G-3 and asked him if the new automatic carbines could be used on patrols and raids. G-3 told him they could be. There will be a demonstration tomorrow (1300-1700) of a new type flamethrower. Demonstration will be held at DETWILLER. We can send three men. The rocket projector cannot be obtained today as it is in Ordnance. G-3 will notify us when we may get it.
- 1000 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.
- 1030 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at our CP and left at 1045.

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DATE: 1 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

TIME: 1031A to 2100A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1100 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.

1125 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and asked S-3 if he would check and see if it was possible for the 2d Battalion to get 50 BAR clips.

1130 - 1st Battalion OP observed one German soldier on UHRWILLER-NIEFFERN road at 0830 and again at 0930.

1200 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's. They did observe one German soldier carrying some wire.

1230 - S-6 returned from the Battalions.

1300 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.

1325 - 411th S-3 called S-3 and wanted information on the rocket-firing we were supposed to do today. S-3 informed him that it had been called off and that the 411th would be notified as soon as we know ourselves when the demonstration will be held.

1400 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.

1420 - S-3 was informed that General Patch, the Army Commander, is in the Regimental Area and the Division Chief of Staff is with him.

1422 - S-3 informed all Battalions that the Army Commander is in the Regimental Area.

1500 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.

1600 - S-3 called the Regimental Munitions Officer and told him there was a 150mm artillery "dud" in "I" Company Area, and instructed him to send some men out to dispose of it.

1600 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.

1700 - Negative reports received from I&R OP's.

2100 - G-3 informed us that the 14th Armored Division is holding a QPX tonight and is going to use flares. (S-3 informed all Battalions and separate companies).

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ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

TIME: 2101A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

2130 - Two guards at Regimental Headquarters Motor Pool (field right behind the CP) observed someone with a very small flashlight in the Motor Pool. They went down to investigate and the light vanished as they approached. They yelled "Halt" twice and then fired 3 shots.

2140 - Our MP Officer reports that at 2115 a 409th Infantry soldier was guarding the gasoline dump in BOUXWILLER. He fired 7 shots at someone in the dump after yelling "Halt" twice. Shortly after that the guard who relieved him fired two or three shots in the same dump. (Guard - Pfc. Fred E. Migut, 20607489, Company "D", 409th Infantry.)

2220 - 1st Battalion called and wants the artificial moonlight turned on. We checked with 411th Infantry and they want us to keep the moonlight out of their zone. We informed the 1st Battalion of this.

2223 - Our MP Officer called and said that at 2200 the guards at Regimental Headquarters Motor Pool again saw someone there with a flashlight. This time the guard tried to crawl up on the intruder and grab him. Just as he got near the man, a thermite grenade was thrown near him and blinded him for about 10 minutes, allowing the intruder to escape.

2300 - Lt. Hollingsworth, our AA searchlight officer, called and said that the 411th Infantry had consented to our using artificial moonlight. We then called all Battalions and the 14th Armored Division and notified them that the artificial moonlight would go on at 2305.

2310 - S-2 called 409th Infantry S-2 and informed him of the incident in our motor pool. He said he already knew about it and had notified his Battalion.

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DATE: 2 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0953A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (213252)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 & G-3.
- 0200 - 1st and 2d Battalions report that all is quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0230 - Lt. Hollingsworth, CO of our Searchlight Platoon, called and said the 14th Armored Division is holding a CPX over in their zone and they are complaining about our artificial moonlight interfering with it. We called the Battalion to inquire if it would be O.K. to turn it off. They called the front-line companies. The front-line companies said it would be O.K. to turn it off if we could turn it on again when the 14th Armored Division is through with their CPX. Informed Lt. Hollingsworth of this and he is contacting the 14th Armored on it.
- 0240 - Our artificial moonlight went out.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0400 - 1st and 2d Battalions report that all is quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0730 - 1st Platoon of Company "A", 756th Tank Battalion was relieved in ZUTZENDORF at this time by the 3d Platoon of the same company.
- 0900 - I&R OP's checked in. Visibility very good. Negative report.
- 0905 - RED Alert.
- 0908 - All Clear.
- 0943 - S-3 called 2d Battalion S-3 and informed him that it had been reported that there was machine gun fire in the 2d Battalion zone last night. 2d Battalion S-3 said he knew nothing about any machine gun fire down there last night.
- 0953 - S-3 called 2d Battalion S-3 and informed him that the 14th Armored Division was going to lay a smoke screen in their zone sometime this morning to assisting in evacuation of a disabled vehicle.

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DATE: 2 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0954A to 1450A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0955 - S-3 informed 1st Battalion S-3 that the 14th Armored Division would lay a smoke screen in their zone sometime this morning to aid in evacuation of a disabled vehicle.

1000 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1015 - S-3 called 409th Infantry S-3 and asked them if they were running a problem last night. They said that they were not, but that they were firing some illuminating shells during the night. S-3 asked 409th S-3 to inform us when they have a problem or a demonstration.

1040 - G-3 (Captain Cocks) called S-3 and asked if we had anyone quartered in BOSSSELSHAUSEN. G-3 wants to move some troops in there if it is O.K. with us.

1100 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1115 - At 1700 this evening one platoon of "F" Company relieves one platoon of "E" Company. At 1900 "E" Company relieves "G" Company on the MLR. "G" Company leaves one squad in position.

1125 - S-3 informed G-3 of 1115 entry.

1155 - CIC informed us that the new curfew hours are 1900 - 0630. Notified all our units.

1245 - 1st Battalion reports that their 2-man patrol did not go out last night because of a 10-man patrol from 411th Infantry going into the same area. 411th Infantry patrol found enemy OP at 86453022 and 2 occupied positions at 86543056 and 86663032. The enemy OP was manned by only one soldier and when he saw 411th patrol he ran to one of the occupied positions (86543056). Immediately 4 white flares and 1 red flare came from vicinity MUHLHAUSEN. This was followed by 1 red flare from vicinity NIEFFERN. Very shortly 6 rounds of mortar fire fell in vicinity of positions the patrol occupied.

1300 Negative reports received from OP's.

1350 - OP's observed two enemy soldiers enter house in West end of NIEFFERN.

1400 - S-6 left to visit the Battalions.

1430 - The Division Commander visited the OP and left at 1431.

1432 - S-3 informed 3d Battalion S-3 that the Division Commander was on his way down there.

1450 - Negative reports received from OP's. Cannon Company fired on house in NIEFFERN where two enemy soldiers entered.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1451A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1451 - S-3 called G-3 and asked if we could have the following films for the 7-8-9 of March: TF 5-954, TF 5-2039, TF 21-1021, TF 30-1315, WF 3, German Machine Pistol, German 34, Handling of Luger stick grenades, cutting by explosives.

1600 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1600 - S-3 called Regimental Munitions Officer and told him he would like to use the German weapons he has for use in the 1st Battalion - instructing.

1601 - S-6 called and said he was leaving the 1st Battalion and was going to the 2d Battalion.

1700 - OP's are checking out for the night.

1730 - one platoon of "F" Company relieved one platoon of "E" Company in support platoon positions.

1732 - S-6 returned from 2d Battalion.

1955 - "E" Company relieved "G" Company on the line.

2015 - The 14th Armored Division is conducting a night problem in their rear area and will use flares. (Notified all our units).

2145 - 2d Battalion reports enemy mortar position at 898290. Fired on by our artillery and knocked out.

2239 - 2d Battalion patrol reports a minefield at 8845 2935 extending at least 40 yards in each direction. Estimate that the nose of the hill is completely mined. Report they observed gun flashes in rear of KINDWILLER and think they are 75mm guns.

2325 - 1st Battalion reports "A" Company patrol returned. They reached their objective - no enemy action - found no mines. They heard the sound of a horse and wagon on road SE of UHRWILLER and motor vehicle running W from town. Believe the Germans are using a recording machine again.

2330 - Lt. Edwards, 409th Infantry, said 2 men from our "L" Company are being held by their MP officer, being picked up in a stolen jeep.

2335 - Captain Whipps, Company "L" Commander, said he would come down first thing in the morning and check on his two men held by 409th Infantry. Our MP officer is picking up the men from the 409th and will hold them in our guardhouse for the night.

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DATE: 3 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1015A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813292)

0015 - 1st Battalion OP reports that they just heard 10 to 12 rounds of small arms fire in NIEFFEN; also one round of our mortar fire. (Reported this to G-2 and G-3).

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

0200 - Received negative reports from 1st and 2d Battalions. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0300 - 1st Battalion OP reports they heard what they think was their own booby trap go off about 300 yards in front of their OP. This happened at 0210. They can't be sure as it could be one of our own or enemy mortar rounds. (Reported this to G-2 and G-3).

0400 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

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

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

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

0830 - S-3 called Regimental Munitions Officer and wants him to make a double check on the "dud" that fell in "I" Company area. ASP No. 42 has quite a lot of 30, 45, and 50 caliber ammunition and also boxes of one-half pound blocks of TNT. These may be had by just hauling them away.

0900 - Negative reports received from OP's.

0907 - 3d Battalion S-3 informed us that their inspection would be at 1000 this morning.

1000 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1015 - S-3 called G-3 and told them that our tank was no in position to fire the rocket demonstrations and would probably fire in about one hour. They will be in position on road leading from where our 1st and 3d Battalions are up to the town where the 1st Battalion of 411th Infantry is.

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DATE: 3 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

TIME: 1016A to 1546A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1025 - S-3 called G-3 and informed him that we were going to fire our first rocket demonstration at 1115. The other firing will be at 1430. (Informed all our organizations and attached units, 409th and 411th Infantry).

1100 - G-3 wanted to know just where the demonstration was going to be held. S-3 gave his instructions as to how to get there.

1100 - Received negative reports from OP's.

1102 - S-3 called 1st Battalion OP and instructed them to have a guide ready at their OP to take G-3 to the rocket firing demonstration. S-3 told 1st Battalion S-3 that the firing position had now been changed and would be held near ZUTZENDORF.

1200 - Received negative reports from OP's.

1218 - S-6 returned from Battalions.

1235 - S-3 informed 1st Battalion of change of time of Tank demonstration this afternoon.

1400 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1405 - S-6 left for DOSSENHEIM.

1428 - S-4 called and said S-6 was in DOSSENHEIM.

1432 - S-3 told 1st Battalion S-3 that the two platoons of tanks (Co. "A", 756th Tank Bn) are not going to move up and that cancels the tank-Infantry training.

1445 - G-3 informed us that we were losing our attachment of tanks from the 756th Tank Battalion this afternoon.

1500 - Received negative reports from the OP's.

1538 - CO of 1st Battalion called S-3 and told him that there are some men in between the front lines and MUHLHAUSEN. Wanted us to check and see who it is. S-3 called 411th Inf. and they know nothing about it.

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DATE: 3 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1547A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE.

1548 - S-6 is leaving DOSSENHEIM and is going to Division.

1555 - 411th S-3 called and said they had a reconnaissance patrol out that had just returned and they are probably the people our 1st Battalion saw out in front of MUEHLHAUSEN.

1558 - RED Alert.

1600 - Received negative reports from OP's.

1612 - All Clear.

1615 - AT CO called and wants to do some indirect firing on KINDWILLER tomorrow. S-3 said it was O.K., but that AT CO should coordinate with 2d Battalion.

1618 - G-3 called S-3 and told him that the 14th Armored Division would fire artillery for one hour beginning at 1700. Will be both heavy and light. (Called our organizations).

1700 - OP's submitted a negative report and checked out for the day.

1818 - Platoon Leader from 3d Platoon, Company "A", 48th Tank Battalion dropped in and said he will move his tanks up to ZUTZENDORF tomorrow morning. They have one tank with a 76mm gun and 4 tanks with 75mm guns. Call sign is FONDALE ABLE 3.

1850 - G-2 called S-2 and reported 3 enemy tanks in KINDWILLER. They were fired on by the 14th Armored Division. Might be self-propelled guns. 18 self-propelled guns seen on 28 February in REICHSHOFFEN.

2038 - 2d Battalion reports rockets are firing at them from a 60 degree azimuth from their right AT gun position.

2105 - Division Operations Instruction No. 66 received from Division.

2345 - 2d Battalion requests artificial moonlight. Contacted the 1st Battalion, 14th AD, and 411th and they say it is O.K. Informed G-3. Informed Lt. Hollingsworth to turn on the lights.

2355 - "A" Company patrol spotted 2 MG positions 884302 - one gun 20 yards up road from coordinate along road to UHRWILLER. Other gun 50 yards closer to town and on left side of road at 885306. Heard a record machine in UHRWILLER. "B" Company patrol reached objective. Observed enemy occupying positions along and near road. Heard recording machine. 2d Bn patrol established listening posts. Lots of enemy flares. Coming from 90152870 believed to be enemy OP's. 20mm AA guns from behind KINDWILLER firing direct fire on PHAFFENHOFFEN.

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DATE: 4 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1045A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0200 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all is quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0400 - 1st and 2d Battalion report no enemy activity in their zones. 1st Battalion reports our own mortar shells have been falling on NIEFFERN. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - 1st Battalion reports that at 0410 they heard a MG firing around NIEFFERN. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 1st and 2d Battalions report all quiet in their zones. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0900 - I&R OP's checked in. Report no enemy activity.
- 0915 - S-6 left for Division to see Chief of Staff and then to the War Room.
- 0940 - S-3 called S-4 and informed him that we now have a platoon of tanks from the 48th Tank Battalion and that they are in ZUTZENDORF. Wanted S-4 to make arrangements with one of our companies up there to mess their 25 men.
- 0945 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3 and asked him if they could ration 25 men from the 48th Tank Battalion - 12 men with "K" Company and 13 men with "L" Company. 3d Battalion S-3 said it would be O.K. (S-3 called S-4 and informed him of this).
- 1015 - SWIFT 3 called S-3 and asked if it would be O.K. to use the range at 747225. S-3 told him he would have to contact Major Sipes, our Reinforcement Company CO.
- 1032 - S-3 called 3d Battalion S-1 and told him a bomb disposal officer was on his way up.
- 1045 - CO, Co. "A", 614th TD Bn., called and said that near his 2 gun position in ZUTZENDORF there is a lonely house West of the woods and during the night lights came on and no effort was made to blackout the windows. Going to check the house today. Every morning two men come across the field, enter the house, and then leave in the evening.

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DATE: 4 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1046A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1100 - S-6 returned from Division.

1215 - G-3 called and asked us to check with our Battalions and see if they had any high-ranking visitors this morning.

1216 - Checked with 1st Battalion and they report that at 0815 enemy MG firing in NIEFFERN. Believed to be zeroing in on draw between our lines and NIEFFERN. At 0835 one white parachute flare came up from behind NIEFFERN (reported this to G-3, Capt. Cocks).

1300 - G-3 wants us to submit a list of the principle training events that take place every day. Have it in to G-3 every night by 2000. It is effective tonight.

1610 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and said he has two recommendations to make on the automatic carbine. He recommends a stronger magazine spring, and if possible a magazine that will hold more rounds. Needs to be a magazine that will fit in very snugly.

1915 - S-3 called G-3 (Captain Dalcher) and told him that tomorrow at 1000, weather permitting, our AT Company is going to use one gun (vicinity SCHALKENDOEF) with direct fire on some buildings in KINDWILLER. Perhaps some at UHRWILLER. The principle training events for tomorrow - Company "D" 0830 to 1100 "Familiarization with German weapons". Area - field West of OBERMODERN.

2010 - 3d Battalion S-1 reports that the 3d Battalion relieved the 1st Battalion on the line at 1945 (reported to G-3). One platoon of "K" Company and one platoon of "L" on line.

2050 - 3d Battalion requests artificial moonlight.

2200 - 409th Infantry called and said they will fire HE 81mm mortars from 0900 to 1200 tomorrow. Impact area will run from 78652590 to 79402955. 2d Battalion 409th will post range and road guards. Road from WEINBOURG to OBERSOULTZBACH closed from 0900 to 1200.

2230 - 2d Battalion S-2 said their patrol is back. Followed route submitted on overlay. Found nothing. One white flare fired from center of KINDWILLER. Got to within 50 yards of building on right end of town. (Reported to G-2).

2300 - 1st Battalion closed into OBERMODERN AT 2025.

2345 - Artificial moonlight turned on.

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DATE: 5 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1250A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 0100 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0200 - 2d Battalion reports that they can hear the recording machine in KIEDWILLER again. Threw some artillery at it and it stopped. 3d Battalion reports it is quiet in their zone. Submitted above report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0300 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0400 - Received negative reports from 2d and 3d Battalions. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - Negative report submitted to G-2 and G-3.
- 0600 - 2d Battalion reports no enemy activity. 3d Battalion reports that at 0430 two flares were observed vicinity BISCHHOLTZ, and each flare was followed by gunfire. Usual sound of vehicles in MUHLHAUSEN. At 0500 small arms fire was heard vicinity MUHLHAUSEN. Submitted this report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0900 - I&R OP's checked in. No enemy activity. Visibility fair.
- 0915 - S-6 left to visit the Battalions.
- 0935 - S-3 called G-3 and reported that the indirect firing that was to be done by our AT Company this morning had been called off. It may be done this afternoon, and if not will be done tomorrow.
- 1000 - Negative report from OP's.
- 1100 - Negative report from OP's.
- 1111 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at our CP and left at 1124.
- 1150 - Memorandum on recommendations for changes in automatic carbine delivered to G-3 (Captain Cocke) by our Liaison Officer.
- 1200 - Negative report from OP's.
- 1250 - S-6 returned from the Battalions.

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DATE: 5 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1251A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 1300 - Negative report from OP's.
 - 1400 - Negative report from OP's.
 - 1430 - Battalion S-3's were instructed to attend a meeting at Regimental CP at 1900.
 - 1500 - Negative report from OP's.
 - 1600 - Negative report from OP's.
 - 1655 - Negative report from OP's. OP's checked out for the night.
 - 1830 - G-3 called and informed us that the 14th Armored Division requested that we not turn on our artificial moonlight before 2300 tonight.
 - 1845 - S-3 called AT Company Commander and was informed that the AT Platoon fired direct fire today. Results proved satisfactory.
 - 1850 - 2d Battalion reports that a Platoon from "G" Company relieved a Platoon of "F" Company at 1735 in reserve position. (G-3 notified).
 - 1900 - "F" Company completed relief of "E" Company on the line. One squad of "E" Company left in position in center of sector.
 - 1905 - Called G-3 and gave them the principle training events for tomorrow - "B" Company - 0900-1130 - Squad & Platoon Tactics - Area West of OBERMODERN.

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DATE: 6 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0700A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0025 - G-3 called and asked if we had our artificial moonlight on as 411th Infantry is receiving some in their sector. Checked with 3d Battalion and they report they are receiving artificial moonlight in their sector. Checked with our AA Searchlight Platoon and they report they don't have their lights on. Informed G-3 of this.

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

0200 - Checked with 2d and 3d Battalions and they report no enemy activity on their front. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0220 - 2d Battalion reports their patrol just returned. No report as yet. They went some artificial moonlight. Called G-3 on the moonlight and they instructed us to coordinate with 411th Infantry and 14th AD. Checked with 3d Battalion and they still have a patrol out, so have to hold up on the moonlight.

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

0330 - 2d Battalion reports their "G" Company patrol went out at 2400 and returned at 0220. They went to coordinate 907289. They found some enemy position unoccupied and full of water. They heard nothing and saw only flares that were fired at regular intervals.

0340 - 3d Battalion reports their "K" Company patrol went out at 2000 and returned at 2320. Their mission was to make a reconnaissance of the main road into NIEFFERN. They were also to check for mines. They got within 100 yards of the road junction and found no mines as far as they went. Heard noises in NIEFFERN and quite a few flares went up from the orchard.

0400 - Submitted above patrol reports to G-2.

0440 - "L" Company patrol just got back. No report as yet. 3d Battalion said it was O.K. to turn the moonlight on now. (Checked with 411th Infantry and 14 AD and they have no objection to our using the moonlight. G-3 said O.K. to turn it on).

0450 - Artificial moonlight went on.

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

0600 - 1st, 2d and 3d Battalions report no change. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

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

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DATE: 6 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0701A to 1420A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0715 I&R man who went on "L" Company patrol reported in. Said they returned from patrol at 0445. Reached objective. Set up listening post for 45 minutes at 881304. Flares were observed being fired from NIEFFERN and KINDWILLER. 1 rifle shot from vicinity of UHRWILLER at 0315. Found fresh wagon and horse tracks and where wagon had turned around at 88053005. Made a reconnaissance 50 yards in each direction from that point and found nothing. No enemy personnel nor positions found.

0800 - Negative reports from OP's.

0900 - Negative reports from OP's.

1000 - Negative reports from OP's.

1005 - S-6 left for Silver Star presentation at 2d Battalion.

1020 - 6 rounds of artillery (size unknown) fell between our two I&R OP's in the woods.

1100 - 8 rounds of artillery fell in woods where "F" Company CP is located. No damage.

1100 - Negative reports from OP's.

1102 - Captain Jones (Liaison Officer) called from G-3 and said the training films would be picked up and delivered this afternoon.

1111 - 3d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and reported that mortar fire from NIEFFERN was falling in 3d Battalion sector.

1200 - S-4 reports trash dump is now started at 856265.

1212 - 2d Battalion reports 3 rounds of artillery fell at 891284 at 1205.

1230 - S-6 returned from Silver Star Presentation.

1300 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1400 - Negative reports received from OP's.

1420 - 2d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and reported that they were going to test-fire two 50 cal. MG's this afternoon on the town of KINDWILLER.

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DATE: 6 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1421A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 1430 - 2 enemy soldiers observed on road at 894318.
- 1455 - OP's submitted a negative report.
- 1528 - S-3 called 1st Battalion S-3 and told him that the training films were here and that he could pick them up at any time. 1st Battalion S-3 wants the generator and films at the theatre at 0800 tomorrow morning.
- 1600 - Negative reports from OP's.
- 1700 - I&R OP's checking out for the night.
- 1800 - 3d Battalion S-2 called and said his mortar OP observed 2 tanks or SP's moving into UHRWILLER from the East vicinity 886308. 3d Battalion OP did not observe any movement.
- 1805 - 3d Battalion S-3 called S-3 and asked permission to move Tank Platoon from ZUTZENDORF to OBERMODERN. S-3 said it would be O.K. if they can find billets. 3d Battalion had one tank go up this afternoon and fire into NIEFFERN.
- 1815 - Called G-3 and gave them tomorrow's principle training events. "D" Company from 0830 to 1130 - Technical training by sections - Battalion training area West of OBERMODERN. (Informed 1st Battalion).
- 2045 - Informed G-3 of test firing of one of our AT guns at 1030 tomorrow on range South of DOSSENHEIM.

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DATE: 7 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0700A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

411th S-3 called at 0040 and wanted to turn on their artificial moonlight. Told them they would have to wait until our 2d Battalion patrol returned.

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

0120 - 2d Battalion reports that both their patrols are back. Patrol No. 1 went out at 1900 and returned at 2200. Their mine laying mission was not accomplished. They heard the bolt of an enemy MG click at 899287. Believe there is a mortar at 904291. A rifle grenade was fired at the patrol at 902285. Flares were numerous. Report that artificial moonlight in the sector to their right bothered them. Patrol No. 2 went out at 1900 and returned at 2215. They accomplished their mission of laying mines. Discovered what they believe to be an enemy OP at 89302935. Numerous flares and most of them coming from the town.

0130 - "L" Company patrol went out at 2030 and returned 2355. They got as far as the creek. Heard German voices at about 884291. Did not cross the creek. Area was well lighted by fires burning in KINDWILLER. Lots of German flares. Heard the sound of a wagon on the ridge between UHRWILLER and KINDWILLER. Heard a scream from direction of KINDWILLER during a lull in the shelling. Three or four buildings burning brightly in KINDWILLER.

0200 - Checked with 2d and 3d Battalions and they report no enemy activity. Fires are still burning brightly in KINDWILLER. Submitted a negative report to G-3 and patrol reports to G-2.

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

0320 - G-3 called and said the 14th AD reports it is O.K. to turn on our moonlight now. Checked with 411th Infantry and they have no objections.

0330 - Artificial moonlight went on.

0400 - 2d and 3d Battalions report no activity. Submitted a negative report to G-2 & G-3.

0415 - Artificial moonlight had to be turned out as 14th AD was pulling an operation and it interfered with them (Informed G-3 of this).

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

0510 - Artificial moonlight was turned back on.

0600 - 2d and 3d Battalions report no change. Submitted a negative report to G-2 & G-3.

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

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 7 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0701A to 2025A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (213252)

0845 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 0848.

0915 - S-3 called MP Officer and told him to replace the guard in front of the CP with the one in the rear. Assistant Division Commander noticed guard in front was wearing a sweater, which is permissible, but S-6 asked that the guard in front wear a field jacket.

0925 - G-3 (Captain Cocke) called S-3 and said that 411th OP had reported that we had some tanks milling around in SCHILLERSDORF. S-3 called 3d Battalion S-3 and he reported that we have no tanks in that vicinity. G-3 was notified.

1010 - OP's No. 1 and No. 2 submitted negative reports.

1100 - 411th reports that they are going to run a problem tonight from 1900 to 0100 in the area South of INGWILLER. Firing live ammunition into pits. Flares will be fired, both German and American.

1250 - 411th S-3 reports that they are going to have a tank moving from 411th CP to Critical Point No. 9 at 1430. Upon arriving at this point, 411th will send back another one to the town where they are located.

1310 - S-3 of 328th Engineer Battalion called and said that the tentative dates they would like mortar section demonstration are 13 - 16 - 20th, 1400 each day.

1320 - 2d Battalion S-3 said they were going to do some incendiary firing this afternoon into the town of KINDWILLER at 1600.

1600 - 411th called and said night problem will be held tomorrow night instead of tonight as previously reported.

1745 - 2d Battalion S-3 called and said Company "H" is going to fire a .50 caliber MG into KINDWILLER tonight at 1900. Today at 1600 a caliber .50 MG with incendiary ammunition fired at KINDWILLER and over it.

1830 - Letter on reinforcements from G-3 received.

1930 - Principle Training Events called into G-3. "C" Company - 0830-1130 - "Squad Tactics", Battalion Training Area.

2025 - Informed G-3 (Captain Cocke) that tomorrow night Company "G" will relieve Company "F" on line with Company "F" leaving one squad on line. Company "E" will have one Platoon move into reserve position.

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DATE: 7 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2026A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

2105 - S-6 returned from the Battalions.

2115 - G-2 informed us that Higher Headquarters reported a man tapped a telephone line this evening and called a unit in SAVERNE for password. Patrol sent out by 534th to check on this. This afternoon at 1600 Division Artillery reports 4 vehicles and 200 men on road leading into ZINSWILLER. Report they started from 876366 (Battalions informed).

2235 - S-5 called Assistant S-4 and informed him to put all taverns in DOSSENHEIM "Off Limits" effective tomorrow morning.

2240 - S-5 called 1st Battalion CO, 2d Battalion S-2 and 3d Battalion Executive Officer and informed them to isolate all reinforcements that have joined since 8 February. Must live in a separate group, can't go to taverns or shows. Could go through regular chow line. Above is effective first thing in the morning.

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DATE: 8 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0830A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0020 - 3d Battalion reports their patrol is now back.

0045 - IPW Officer reports the PW captured by "F" Company at 2230 7 March 1945 is from the 1st Platoon, 5th Company, 118th Regiment. The whole company is in KINDWILLER. Company has three platoons and one reserve squad. There are 20 men in each platoon and 70 men in the Company. They have one mortar platoon in addition to the 70 men. Have 10 MG's in Company. MG positions are in front of KINDWILLER. Company was to the left of KINDWILLER, but GAF personnel took that over five or six days ago. Battalion CP is on outskirts of ENGWILLER. Located in bunkers at 909317. KINDWILLER is completely surrounded by a belt of mines. Mines in front of the town can be seen. AT mines on the roads. The PW is up for court-martial because he didn't fire at an American patrol, so he came over to our lines.

0100 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0105 - 3d Battalion patrol returned at 0051. Due to the fact that there were lots of enemy flares and lots of light from buildings burning in KINDWILLER it was very difficult for them to lay their mines. They managed to lay the mines 100 yards South of the position they had originally selected. The mines are laid on the surface. The patrol made no enemy contact.

0200 - 2d Battalion patrol just left. 3d Battalion reports no activity. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

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

0400 - Negative reports from 2d and 3d Battalions. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

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

0600 - 2d Battalion reports that their patrol just returned and they have no report from them as yet. 3d Battalion reports no change. Submitted this report to G-2 and G-3.

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

0815 - 2d Battalion reports that "F" Company has a PW (deserter).

0830 - 409th Infantry informed S-3 that they were going to fire some mortars this afternoon between 1300-1600. Impact area will be 790296.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 8 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0831A to 1500A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0900 - OP's checked in. Negative report. Visibility poor.

0900 - Further report on PW captured last night by "F" Company reveals that the 5th Company occupies the area from 894293-90052910. The 6th Company is to be relieved by the 7th Company (new company). Path through minefield starting 89282933 running parallel to road towards our lines. Runs along the South side of trees between road and trees. Path is very narrow and person trying to follow it should stay very close to the trees. Minefield ends 10 meters East of road fork 88832905. German agent reported that woods (8828) is crowded with equipment and personnel and PW says they plan to shell woods heavily. Listening post maintained at night at 89352932, 15 meters west of 1st house on North side of road. OP maintained at 89402927 in small barn near large house. House is occupied by 8 men with one LMG. Cellar of house 89382935 is occupied. House is 1st Building on North side of road. Bunkers around house with MG. (Report received from G-2).

0920 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP and left at 0940.

1000 - Negative report from OP's.

1100 - Following information received from IPW Officer on PW captured by "F" Company this morning: PW is a private and belongs to the 6th Company of the 118th Regiment. The 6th Company has two platoons - one platoon having two squads. Company has 76 men. Located at edge of vineyard 890298. His squad occupies a bunker there. 50 meters to the left is one-half of squad in bunker. At night they move out of bunkers and man HMG in valley (position unknown). Other squad located in house at RJ 88353065. This squad has a LMG at 88353050. 2d platoon has been digging positions (Battalion Reserve Line) 100 yards to rear of UHR-WILLER. Morale is very low and they would desert but they are afraid of their own minefields.

1100 - Negative report from OP's.

1122 - Division Commander called S-6: "Battalion Commanders are not supervising the training of their men." The Division Commander wants S-6 to check on this. Also said that the sentries on the road to SCHILLERSDORF had not shaved for a couple of days.

1200 - Negative report from OP's.

1300 - Negative report from OP's.

1400 - Negative report from OP's.

1500 - Negative report from OP's.

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DATE: 8 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1501A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

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- 1600 - Negative report from OP's.
- 1700 - Negative report from OP's. OP's checking out for the night.
- 1715 - G-3 (Captain Cocks) called and said we have the use of 2 M-24 tanks all day Tuesday. They are light tanks, low silhouette, long muzzle).
- 1800 - 1st Battalion S-3 called S-3 and informed him that the tank-infantry problem will be held on the road between MENCHHOFFEN and OBERMODERN with simulated attack on OBERMODERN.
- 1915 - Principle Training Event given to G-3: 0830-1130, "B" Company will hold a tank-infantry problem - area will be road from MENCHHOFFEN to OBERMODERN. Simulated attack on OBERMODERN.
- 1940 - 2d Battalion reports that at 1930 "G" Company completed relief of "F" Company. At 1715 platoon of "E" Company completed relief of 1st platoon of "G" Company. (G-3 informed).
- 2255 - 2d Battalion patrol returned. Nothing to report: No enemy contact.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 9 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1700A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

- 0100 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0200 - 2d Bn reports no activity in their zone. 3d Bn reports the two "K" Co patrols returned at 0030. No enemy contact was made. A wagon was heard in the vicinity of NIEFFERN at 2230. A few flares were observed coming from NIEFFERN. (Reported in to G-2).
- 0300 - 0400 - 0500 - Negative reports to G-2 and G-3.
- 0545 - G-2 reports that 411th Inf picked up 2 PW's in the mill down by MUHLHAUSEN. There are 12 more in there. 103d Rcn ran into a minefield in the cemetery by MUHLHAUSEN. Two men hurt. 411th Inf patrol ran into a minefield and had one officer killed.
- 0600 - 2d and 3d Bns report no activity. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0700 - Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.
- 0838 - Bgt'l Commander directed that no movies, including training films be shown until further orders, and that the congregation of individuals for indoor training be reduced to the absolute minimum.
- 0940 - S-3 informed G-3 of discontinuance of showing of TF's or movies until further notice. Films which we have now will be returned to G-3.
- 1022 - S-3 informed G-3 that "I" and "L" companies will switch tonight. Will give the time later.
- 1029 - S-3 to Cn Co CO: People on our right are sending out a patrol immediately to a town in their zone to see if there are any Krauts in the town. Instruct your men so they won't fire on them.
- 1045 - Co "G" spotted three Krauts at 0900 at (887-293). Fired mortar rounds, believed to be effective.
- 1046 - S-3 informed 2d Bn of discontinuance of training films and movies.
- 1300 - S-6 returned from visit to battalions.
- 1308 - S-3 called G-3 and asked for 4 wide track tanks for 3 days; Mon, Tues & Wed, 12, 13, 14 Mar for tank-inf training. G-3 said he would find out and call back.
- 1700 - S-6 left CP for 2d Bn CP.

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DATE: 9 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1710A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1710 - S-5 called Lt MIHALAKIS and told him to have guards at roads from OBERMODERN to BOUXWILLER; OBERMODERN to HUESWILLER; BOUXWILLER to INGWILLER check all trip tickets and check for stolen vehicles. In case of no trip ticket get name of driver, serial No of car and send him back after one. Guards on roads will be there for 2 days.

1745 - 3d Bn report at 1300, 15 rounds of enemy 80-mm mortar fell on Co "X" position. At 1700, Co "L" positions drawing one round of enemy 50-mm mortar every 15 minutes. One round fell on foxhole injuring 2 men. Our OP report gun muzzle flash in NW part of ENGWILLER. Our artillery fired on same with reported effectiveness. (G-2 informed).

1800 - S-2, 2d Bn report at 1730, 12 rounds of enemy 81-mm mortar fell at 881-286. Our artillery fired on positions at 2930-8935 silencing same. (G-2 informed).

1915 - Cannon Co report one round of time fire artillery over there gun position in HUESWILLER.

1925 - 2d Battalion report at 1910, 2 rounds of enemy mortar fell vic SCHALKENDOEF. At 1920, our mortar position in 2d Bn area received 3 rounds direct fire about 30 ft in air coming from the north.

2000 - 3d Battalion report Co "I" relieved Co "L" at 1955.

2002 - S-6 returned from Battalions.

2225 - G-2 called and said the 7th Army 2½-ton truck had been found out of the Corps area. We could quit stopping vehicles and pull off the road guards.

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

DATE: 10 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1800A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0100 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0200 - 2d Bn reports that they have listening posts and things have quieted down a lot from what they were earlier in the evening. 3d Bn reports they heard motor movement and wagons in MUHLHAUSEN at 0150. (Reported to G-2 and G-3).

0300 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-2 and G-3.

0720 - 2d Bn reports they still have contact with the enemy. 3d Bn reports they don't know whether they have enemy contact or not. Their OP observed one Kraut on the high ground NE of NIEFFERN run into a hole. Also what they think is a motor bike in N end of NIEFFERN. Heard small arms fire from MUHLHAUSEN.

0835 - S-5 informed 2d Bn Ex that they are to serve the men three meals a day while they are not on line. 1st Bn Ex informed of same message.

0850 - 2d Bn called and said they are going to fire .50 cal MG into KINDWILLER about 1000 this morning.

0900 - S-3 called G-3 and wanted to see if we could get film No. 11-1400 when we begin showing films again.

0920 - S-6 left to visit Battalions.

1040 - 411th Inf Co "A" relieves Co "B" tonight.

1100 - Asst Div Comdr arrived at CP.

1115 - Asst Div Comdr left CP.

1225 - S-6 returned from Battalions.

1440 - S-6 left for 1st and 3d Battalion.

1700 - Major GILLMAN called S-3 and said C/S has ordered that he meet with Regt'l S-3 and Bn S-3's sometime next week. Talk on what Major GILLMAN saw at 1st Army sector. (Talk to be held on Monday, 12 Mar 45 at 1000 in Regt'l HQ).

1720 - Battalions notified to be here at 0945 on 12 Mar 45 in regard to above message.

1750 - S-6 returned to CP.

1800 - Co "G" received Kraut MG fire on right flank.

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DATE: 10 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1810A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1810 - S-3 called Div Air Officer and asked him to give his talk on Friday, 16th Mar at 0800, 0900, 1000 and 1100.

1930 - 411th Inf report they are going to fire the rocket projector tank tomorrow at 1030 from (841-328). Target will be OFFWILLER. (Informed Bns, AT, Cn Co's).

2055 - S-6 left for Div CP.

2100 - G-2 report enemy parachutist reported in 7th Army area. (Bns & Spec Units informed).

2105 - 3d Bn S-3 report at 2050 enemy mortar fire coming from EHRWILLER. Cannon and mortar fire placed on same and two explosions seen. (G-3 informed).

2225 - 2d Bn S-2 report that their patrol came in at 2145. Nothing to report. Saw 4 enemy and fired a whole clip from a BAR at them.

2305 - 2d Bn report at 1915, 2 rds of enemy artillery fell at (877-256); 2 rds of same fell at (873-264); at 2300, 1 rd fell at (877-256).

2310 - Above report given to G-2 and G-3.

2350 - S-6 returned to CP.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 11 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1505A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0005 - 2d Bn reports that the left platoon of Co "G" fired on a German Patrol. All quiet now.

0020 - 2d Bn wants artificial moonlight. The German patrol that hit their left flank was approximately 4 men. They are throwing mortars at them now.

0100 to 0500 - Negative reports given to G-2 and G-3.

0600 - 3d Bn reports that the 1st "K" Co patrol went out at 1900 and came in at 2300. Preliminary report shows they saw nothing that had not been reported previously. 2d "K" Co patrol went out at 2300 and established a listening post. Came in at 0300 and had nothing to report that hadn't been picked up by CP's. 2d Bn submitted a negative report. (Called in to G-2 and G-3).

0710 - 2d Bn CP reports that 103d Rcn patrol is running into a lot of trouble. One member of the patrol was hit by artillery and another member got up and started to run and was knocked down by German MG fire. This happened at 0700. (S-2 called 103d Rcn and they report that their patrol is back. G-2 doesn't know who it is out there. S-2 says it is probably the 14th Armored outfit).

0900 - Div O.I. #67 received by Ln Officer.

0912 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP.

0940 - Asst Div Comdr left CP.

1010 - 411th Inf has changed time of firing of rocket tank to 1400 today. (Bns and Spec Units notified).

1015 - 2d Bn of 409th Inf will fire mortars tomorrow from 0900-1200, impact area approximately (790-295).

1118 - S-6 left CP for 2d Bn CP.

1125 - S-3 left CP for 3d Bn CP.

1315 - S-6 returned to CP from 2d Bn.

1435 - 1st Bn opened CP at east end of OBERMODERN.

1500 - 1st Bn report approximately 2 rds of enemy artillery fell vic OBERMODERN. One officer injured.

1505 - 1st Bn report they will have Co "C" on line with one platoon in right position from Co "A".

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 11 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1510A to 2345A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1510 - 2d Battalion opened new CP at 1500 in OBERMODERN.

1525 - 1st Bn report they received 7 rounds of enemy artillery in cemetery behind OBERMODERN.

1600 - S-6 left for Service Co.

1700 - Ln Officer brought overlay for S-2 from G-2.

1720 - S-6 returned from Service Co.

1800 - G/S Jr called and said S-6 will attend meeting tomorrow morning in Div War Room at 0930.

2200 - 2d Bn patrol in, nothing to report. (G-2 called).

2215 - G-3 given the following PTE for tomorrow: 2d Bn, 1000-1800 - Squad Problems, Corp Combat Range (vic SAVERNE).

2310 - AT positions of 2d Bn relieved by 1st Bn AT Plat.

2345 - 1st Battalion completed relief of 2d Battalion.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 12 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1445A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0045 - 1st Battalion requested artificial moonlight. Checked with 3d Battalion and was informed that the 103d Reconnaissance Troop had a patrol out to the 3d Battalion front. Informed 1st Battalion it was impossible to use the moonlight because of this patrol.

0100 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0200 - 1st and 3d Battalions submitted negative reports. Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0300 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0400 - Negative report from 1st and 3d Battalions. Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0500 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0600 - 1st Battalion reports no change. 3d Battalion reports their listening posts were established by two patrols and they heard nothing that had not been reported by OP's. Submitted a negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0720 - Received S-2 and S-3 Periodic reports from 14th Armored Division Combat Command "A" for period 10-11 March 1945.

0840 - 3d Battalion reports they have two PW's. They are deserters and came from KINDWILLER. They belong to the 6th Company, 118th Regiment, 36th Volksgrenadier Division.

0845 - 1st Battalion reports they heard loud explosions in KINDWILLER AT 0330 and 0430.

0913 - S-6 left for Division CP.

1047 - S-6 returned from Division CP.

1222 - 1st Battalion CP opened at SCHALKENDORF at 1145.

1320 - S-3 called our AT Company and attached TD's and told them there would be no indirect firing done.

1445 - 2d Battalion informed that squad problems would be conducted tomorrow vicinity SAVERNE.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 12 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1446A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

1515 - Executive Officer of 761st Tank Battalion visited our CP. Their Call sign is "HARD TACK". We have the 1st Platoon, "C" Company, 761st Tank Battalion.

1715 - S-6 returned to CP.

1745 - S-3 called the Special Units and Battalions and informed them that the 411th Infantry was going to run some problems tonight from 1900 to 0100. They will be NW of us.

2200 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

2205 - S-6 returned to CP.

2230 - 1st Battalion S-3 reports that the Germans have been shelling PFAFFENHOFFEN very heavily at 2045 with approximately 20 rounds of either 88mm or 120mm mortar falling. At 2145 35 rounds of 88mm fell in PFAFFENHOFFEN. Some of it fell on our secondary positions.

2245 - 3d Battalion S-2 reports that mortar shells are falling vicinity 876286.

2300 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

2400 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 13 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2300A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

0100 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0200 - Negative report from 1st Battalion. 3d Battalion reports their patrol has not returned as yet. 2d Battalion reports their patrol is still out. (These two patrol were to stay out all night, all day tomorrow, and return tomorrow night). Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0300 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0400 - Negative reports from 1st and 3d Battalions. Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0500 - Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0600 - 1st Battalion OP's report we are firing mortars into KINDWILLER and some flares have been shot from KINDWILLER. 2d and 3d Battalion patrols have not returned. Negative report to G-2 and G-3.

0645 - G-2 called and reported on the 411th Infantry patrols. 411th Infantry right patrol had a reconnaissance mission on road blocks and bridges. They went very deep and had a very successful trip. The 411th Infantry left patrol had no luck at all. They were spotted before they could cross the river.

0710 - 3d Battalion CO called and reports that their patrol returned at 0530. No detailed report as yet. CO said it got too light for them out there (reported to G-2).

0930 - Commanding Officer of "C" Company, 83d Chemical Battalion, visited our CP. The Code name is "LONG BOW."

1405 - G-3 instructs that each vehicle will have a cerise panel ready and available at all times (Battalions and Special Units Notified).

1740 - Division Signal Officer called S-3 and told him that by 0900 tomorrow all the red panels needed by the troops will be in the forward area.

1850 - 411th Infantry S-3 called and said their Regiment will run a night problem tonight starting at 1900. (Battalions and Special Units notified).

2300 - Negative report submitted to G-3.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 13 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2301A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE (813252)

2320 - 2d Battalion patrol led by Lt. Clark just returned. They left last night and stayed out all night and all day today. Full report later.

2345 - 3d Battalion S-2 reports their patrol had bad luck before they got a good start. They set off a mine. Don't know whether it is a new minefield or whether the men got off the road and stumbled into a minefield that has been reported previously.

2400 - Negative report to G-3.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 14 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 2400A

PLACE: BOUXWILLER, FRANCE

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- 0100 - 0300 - Negative reports to G-3.
- 0400 - 1st Bn reports both their patrols are back. One returned at 2300 and one at 2100. 3d Bn no change. Reported this to G-2 and G-3.
- 0500 - 0600 - Negative reports to G-2 and G-3.
- 0650 - 3d Bn reports that their patrol went out at 2200 and ran into a minefield. Came back in at 2320.
- 0900 - S-6 left for Battalions.
- 1055 - CG visited CP.
- 1105 - Regt'l O.I. #27 delivered to Capt DALCHER at G-3 office.
- 1200 - Platoon of tanks relieved from attachment 2d Battalion and attached to 3d Bn.
- 1845 - 3d Bn S-3 called and would like Platoon Ldr of Chemical Mortar Company report to 3d Bn CP at ZUTZENDORF as soon as possible.
- 1906 - S-3 informed CO Co "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Bn of above message.
- 1930 - 3d Bn closed into forward assembly area.
- 2000 - Advance CP opened at ZUTZENDORF. (G-3 notified).

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 0732A

PLACE: ZUTZENDOHF, FRANCE (864-204)

0400 - G-3 called and said the 36th Inf had elements of Co "K" just S of BISCHHOFFEN. Elements of Co "E" entering woods E of BISCHHOFFEN. Krauts have armor with them. Receiving artillery fire in the woods. 42d Inf jumped off at 0300 and now receiving machine gun fire. (Notified 1st Bn CO of above).

0530 - G-3 called and said the 143d Inf have Co "K" in BISCHHOFFEN. Co "E" in edge of woods parallel to BISCHHOFFEN. One rifle company backing up Co's "K" & "E". Received about 20 rounds of well placed artillery fire. People on the right of 143d Inf are entering HAGUENAU.

0622 - Co "K" of 36th Inf, 143d have Co "K" on outskirts of BISCHHOFFEN. Receiving MG fire but moving into town. Co "E" is over to the east at the edge of woods. Co "G" is north of the woods and they are moving to the north. No trouble. Tanks crossed Moder, but they are now stopped where the stream meets the woods.

0636 - Co "B", 83d Chemical Mortar called to check on time to begin firing. S-3 informed him H-hour is at 0645 and that we will call him and instruct him when to cease firing.

0643 - S-3 informed Capt Jones, Div Ln Officer, that the signal will be given by the chemical mortar squad when to cease firing. Firing on towns of NIEFFERN and UHRWILLER.

0647 - 1st Bn S-3 informed us that they jumped off on time (0645).

0650 - Capt COCK, G-3 informed us that the 143d Inf have occupied first two houses on left side of town in BITSCHHOFFEN. Holds woods near MIETESHEIM.

0652 - 2d Bn Ex called S-3 and said Bn was ready to jump off when signal is given. Getting some shelling.

0656 - 2d Bn has arrived at one kilometer S & E of UHRWILLER. Practically all elements across. Moving with no trouble.

0700 - Informed G-3 of above.

0702 - 3d Bn report at 0652, tanks supporting Co "K" finished firing into NIEFFERN. Co "K" moving into town. Co "K" moving thru NIEFFERN, no opposition.

0701 - 411th Inf have one Bn across stream.

0710 - Forward elements of Co "A" crossed point NW of LA WALCK on right; KINDWILLER on left.

0732 - 2d Bn want smoke cut out. Their position at present W of UHRWILLER. Co "K" report they have 5 PW's.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0735A to 0930A

PLACE: ZUTZENHOF, FRANCE (864284)

0735 - Ex, 2d Bn report Bn across ROTHBACH creek. 6 PW's taken. Krauts firing from
HERWILLER.

0740 - NIEFFERN cleared to creek.

0745 - Div Comdr visited CP.

0749 - Div Comdr left CP.

0750 - 36th Inf Co "K" in BITSCHHOFFEN. Moved up into the edge of woods (935300).
Also at bridge site in MERTZWILLER.

0750 - 1st Bn report at 0745, Co "A" 200 yards short of (920312). Battalion trail company
crossed stream at 0745. Co "K" has NIEFFERN. TD platoon fighting as infantry clearing
KINDWILLER.

0804 - 3d Bn Ex report at 0735 Co "K" progress W of river is OK. East of river pinned
down by SA.

0810 - 2d Bn head of column NW of one kilometer W of UHRWILLER.

0810 - Co "A" one kilometer SW of UTTENHOFFEN.

0815 - 36th Inf have 4 Co's entering MIETESHEIM.

0820 - SA fire in MUELHAUSEN.

0822 - 1st Bn report at 0817, Co "A" has met the enemy W of UTTENHOFFEN.

0835 - Co "F" one kilometer E of UHRWILLER.

0840 - Co "A" report 300 yards short of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

0900 - Co "K" has S half of NIEFFERN. Part of North half. Have 7 or 8 PW's.

0905 - Msg to CO 2d Bn - "1st Bn nearing GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. Get going to protect his
west flank." (Signed: HARDING, Col).

0910 - 3d Bn report operation on UHRWILLER held up by poor visibility. Co "L" report
visibility is zero.

0917 - 2d Bn CO report Co "E" 1 kilometer E of UHRWILLER.

0930 - 2d Bn column up with Co "E", moving out.

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ORGANIZATION: 410th INFANTRY

TIME: 0940A to 1125A

PLACE: ZUTZENDORF, FRANCE

0940 - G-3 report 36th Inf fighting in MIETESHEIM. BITSCHHOFFEN cleaned out. Bridge in at HAGUENAU. 411th Inf Co's A & B at 887331. Co "G" SW of ZINSWILLER. Co "F" fighting in OFFWILLER. 3d Bn moved into MUEHLHAUSEN.

0941 - CO ordered bridge put in SW of KINDWILLER.

1000 - Co "A" receiving mortar and 88 fire from GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. Co "B" in draw behind them.

1005 - Co "K" report bridge intact at NIEFFERN need small repairs.

1006 @ 1st Bn Ex informed that an ambulance will be on road between BITSCHHOFFEN and MIETESHEIM.

1012 - 2d Bn head of column reached point NE of UHRWILLER.

1015 - Kraut artillery landing in NIEFFERN.

1018 - Co "E" hit Krauts N of UHRWILLER.

1020 - Co "E" meeting stiff resistance called for smoke. 7)
→ last.

1031 - Plat of Co "G" on right in fire fight NW of ENGWILLER.

1032 - 36th Inf report tanks are up to 923304.

1045 - Co "K" cleared NIEFFERN on this side of creek.

1050 - 3d Bn CO called and said Bn is in UHRWILLER and not meeting too much resistance. No need for tanks at present. Have 5 PW's. When tanks are done at NIEFFERN they will be sent up on the road toward UHRWILLER.

1054 - Plat of Co "G" at point NW of ENGWILLER. Can't withdraw, will suffer too many casualties. Our mortars being moved up. Plat position at RJ getting fire from his right in woods.

1055 - Co "L" has two platoons in UHRWILLER and one in rear. Co "I" have 2 platoons in town. In NIEFFERN Co "K" still has one building to take. As soon as they take UHRWILLER, 3d Bn to move up to ENGWILLER.

1120 - KINDWILLER reported cleared by TD Platoon.

1125 - G-3 report air OP report column of enemy vehicles moving from GRIESBACH toward GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. (G-3 called later and said column is moving NE from GRIESBACH).

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TIME: 1120A to 1420A

PLACE: ZUTZENLOEF, FRANCE (864224)

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- 1125 - Co "K" report NIEFFERN is cleared.
 - 1130 - Co G, 411th Inf drawing fire from ZINSWILLER.
 - 1135 - Msg from CO 1st Bn: "Co "A" pinned down 200 yds N of point SW of UTTEHOFFEN. Co "B" committed to left and Co "C" to right." (Received 1105).
 - 1140 - Co "E" pushing on rapidly.
 - 1155 - Co "B" 700 yards SW of UTTEHOFFEN.
 - 1201 - CG visited CP.
 - 1210 - 3d Bn has cleared UHRWILLER except for two houses.
 - 1211 - Co "K" ordered to move SE of UHRWILLER.
 - 1212 - CG left CP.
 - 1214 - Capt JONES called and said Div says to keep the CP's moving forward.
 - 1227 - Co "C" passed through Co "B". Co "C" reported to be 500 yards SW of UTTEHOFFEN.
 - 1240 - Estimate on bridge at NIEFFERN to be ready in 2 hours.
 - 1245 - Co "A" reported 500 yards W of UTTEHOFFEN. Co "C" 500 yards SW of UTTEHOFFEN. 5 PW's captured. At KINDWILLER, one of our 2½ ton trucks blown up by a mine.
 - 1255 - 2d Bn informed a firing mission against MG at 902324. 2d Bn pushed pass point NW of ENGWILLER.
 - 1309 - Co "B" 400 yards SW of UTTEHOFFEN. Unit on right is firing into them. Drawing small arms fire.
 - 1315 - Co "G" NW of ENGWILLER. Enemy moving towards them and turning into woods on right.
 - 1320 - 2d Bn report that the enemy is bringing up reinforcements NW of ENGWILLER.
 - 1401 - Co "K" head of column SE of UHRWILLER.
 - 1408 - 2d Bn requests tank as soon as possible. S-6 informed them 3d Bn we were giving them to. Would call them if any changes made.
 - 1420 - 1st Bn report Co's "A" & "C" near UTTEHOFFEN. One tank knocked out.

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TIME: 1425A to 1655A

PLACE: ZUTZENDORF, FRANCE (264224)

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- 1425 - S-6 ordered 3d Bn CO to leave one platoon in town (UHRWILLER). Assemble Battalion ready to move and wait for instructions.
- 1450 - Co "C" can't get thru on radio to call for artillery on 4 tanks.
- 1455 - Our two tanks are moving up to UHRWILLER.
- 1507 - 3d Bn ordered to head east of UHRWILLER and clean out the woods and hit ENGWILLER. Drop off one platoon of Co "K" in UHRWILLER.
- 1508 - 2d Bn moving from SW of ENGWILLER toward N of ENGWILLER.
- 1515 - Co "C" in UTTENHOFFEN. Fired on 4 tanks. Co "A" has total of 56 casualties. Want air support on GUNDERSHOFFEN. Co "B" 200 yards NW of MIETESHEIM.
- 1540 - 2d Bn report moving thru woods from SW of ENGWILLER toward point N of ENGWILLER with Co's E and F. Two platoons of Co "G" and Bn CP group remaining in woods from point SW of ENGWILLER. One platoon of Co "G" hit pretty hard. Krats are in woods SW of ENGWILLER.
- 1550 - Msg to CO 1st Bn from CO Co "B": "Ground is covered with lemon. Request agent lease of peach."
- 1553 - G-3 report bridge at GUNDERSHOFFEN still intact at 1430.
- 1555 - G-2 called and said we will have an air mission on GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.
- 1602 - CG called and said he was going to move 409th Inf 1st Bn into UHRWILLER.
- 1605 - Msg from 1st Bn CO: "Situation unchanged. Attempting to enter UTTENHOFFEN. Snipers and infiltration prevalent." (Time signed: 1550.)
- 1625 - G-3 informed that on road between KINDWILLER and UHRWILLER there is a crater 200 yards on roads leading NE and NW out of town.
- 1628 - 2d Bn has 40 casualties.
- 1630 - Ex 1st Bn headed for RJ SW of MIETESHEIM pinned down by sniper fire.
- 1640 - CO 1st Bn report attempt at UTTENHOFFEN but were driven off by 4 enemy tanks. Bn is 300 yards short of UTTENHOFFEN. Co "C" on right; Co "A" on left.
- 1655 - METTESHEIM is clear. Road swept all the way into town. 36th Inf to move from MIETESHEIM to capture GRIESBACH.

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TIME: 1720A to 2356A

PLACE: ZUTZENDOEF, FRANCE (864224)

1720 - 2d Bn CP opened at UHRWILLER.

1730 - Light line for tonight - INGWILLER--MECHHOFFEN--PFAFFENHOFFEN.

1830 - 3d Bn moving into ENGWILLER.

1840 - 2d Bn CO report receiving heavy mortar fire, moving back to positions east of UHRWILLER.

1840 - CP opened at UHRWILLER.

1915 - 3d Bn CP opened at UHRWILLER.

1930 - 3d Bn CO report his Command Group hit by 120--mm mortars. In the town of ENGWILLER, Co "I" still have 2 blocks to finish. Co "L" has finished. Co "K" south of point which is NW of ENGWILLER. Woods on the other side of town still not clean.

2100 - CO, TD Co report the Kraut tank has been knocked out.

2122 - CO 1st Bn report 1st Bn hit by counterattack just N & W of MIETESHEIM. Are tied in with units on their right. Informed that 3d Bn in ENGWILLER. 2d Bn is holding the east side of the woods NW of ENGWILLER. Will move a platoon of TD's across the river at LA WALCK tonight. We will move them up to MIETESHEIM. Will hold them there until they can get thru.

2130 - S-6 ordered CO 1st Bn to get together with 3d Bn at ENGWILLER and keep contact so we will be all tied in for the night. 3d Bn have a company in SE end of town and 1st Bn to send out a patrol and fill in any gaps which may exist.

2235 - Major Gillman called with information on following two bridges: One SW of UHRWILLER which will be in by midnight is going to be used by foot troops of 409th from 0620 to 0700 tomorrow. One at E & W of KINDWILLER being removed by Div Engrs to be replaced by wood construction bridge. This will start at 0600.

2356 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and wanted to know if front line is along road from MIETESHEIM to point NW of MIETESHEIM. Answer was yes. Is in close contact with the enemy. Told that the 36th Inf is across the river and trying to take GRIESBACH. CG is very disturbed that we will not be up to UTENHOFFEN if 36th Inf captures GRIESBACH. Said he could not push into UTENHOFFEN tonight as Krauts were too close. What's the earliest hour at which he can attack. He can attack any hour in the morning if he has something to attack with. Tell him to shove patrols out to find out what the situation is on his front. Let us know as soon as possible for us to get TD's or tanks to him through craters to MIETESHEIM. If the enemy tanks are out of the way he is to shove in. If he will let us know the score as soon as possible we will get artillery in front of him. All our artillery will be tied up from 0645 to 0700 in support of 3d Bn. 3d Bn is now in ENGWILLER and jumps tomorrow for GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. 2d Bn will follow 3d and cut for GUNDERSHOFFEN.

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TIME: 2356A to 2400A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (804306)

2356 -Continued - Initial objective is phase line "B" and then we will continue the attack on division order which we will receive as soon as the situation warrents. 411th Inf is suppose to be continuing the attack tonight, so as to have Phase Line "B" by daylight.

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ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0120A to 0605A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (804306)

0120 - 1st Bn CO called and said vehicles can get thru MIETESHEIM.

0127 - 3d Bn CO reports that 2d Plat is now in position at ENGWILLER.

0310 - G-3 (Lt EDDENS) says the NIEFFERN bridge is now in.

0320 - Capt CLIFF of Engineers called and wanted to know if we would want the Treadway bridge (SW of KINDWILLER) pulled out now. Told him it would be pulled at 0600 and replaced by a wooden bridge.

0405 - Gave the following message to Sgt Major 1st Bn, Bn Commo Officer of 2d Bn, and Journal Clerk MYERS of 3d Bn "At daylight an engineer mine sweeping squad will report to your Bn CP. They will be attended to you to sweep roads. You will give them priority on the roads you want swept."

0425 - Lt DYBERT took Tank Platoon Ldr and his tanks back to ZUTZENDORF to gas up, then down to LA WALCK to pick up TD Platoon, then report to 1st Bn with them.

0435 - S-5 called 1st Bn Sgt Major. Instructed him to tell his S-6 that tanks and platoon of TD would report to 1st Bn CP as soon as possible. 1st Bn is to have a guide at edge of their town to meet them. 1st Bn Sgt Major reports that the 1st Bn is OK and all bedded down for the night.

0445 - Lt EDDENS (G-3) called and said the artillery was doing some firing for us. C/S wants to know what they are firing at. 383d CO said it is only harassing fire on GUNDERSHOFFEN and woods outside of same town. Informed G-3 of this.

0500 - 2d and 3d Bns report no activity. Companies are dug in and holding their ground. Gave G-3 a negative report.

0503 - Line to our rear switchboard is out.

0540 - 2d Bn Ln O took Chemical Ln O to 2d Bn CP.

0545 - 1st Bn Ln O says tanks are in ZUTZENDORF and they can't get their gasoline. S-5 instructed him to pick up the TD Platoon and take them up to 1st Bn and come back for the tanks.

0550 - 3d Bn Ln O took Chemical Mortar Ln O down to 3d Bn.

0600 - Lt EDDENS (G-3) called and wanted to know if our tanks and TD's had reached the 1st Bn yet. Informed him of the 0545 entry. G-3 wants to know when the tanks arrive at 1st Bn.

0605 - 3d Bn TD Plat Ldr reported in to the CP and was sent to 3d Bn CP.

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TIME: 0700A to 1010A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (824306)

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- 0700 - 1st Bn still haven't got tanks or TD's. Report one Plat seen in PFAFFENHOFFEN.
- 0700 - 3d Bn jumped off on time. 25 PW's on way back. PW's say bulk of Krauts have withdrawn to GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.
- 0747 - 3d Bn are thru the vineyard and into the woods.
- 0810 - 411th Inf 1st Bn in the woods NW of ENGWILLER. 2d Bn next finger same woods. 3d Bn farther back. Heavy resistance.
- 0812 - G-3 report we have plenty of air support.
- 0815 - 3d Bn thru the first part of woods and down the bottle neck. One PW says his Regt withdrawing to West Wall and will put up no more resistance until then.
- 0820 - 1st Bn says have planes bomb orchard S of UTTERHOFFEN which is full of MG's. Tanks have moved into the town.
- 0821 - CG visited CP.
- 0845 - 3d Bn prepared to go into town. Will hit it with one company. Troops are almost to the creek. We knocked out one SP gun. TD's still on the road S of ENGWILLER. 2d Bn CO said his TD's are to protect GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. Bridge at ENGWILLER and is blown out and impassible.
- 0902 - Co's "I" and "L" at N edge of woods on road from GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN to UTTERHOFFEN.
- 0910 - On CO reports 3d Bn will jump off at 0920. 5 minute preparation before attack.
- 0935 - 2d Bn report 3d Bn approaching SW edge of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. 3d Bn has first 4 houses in SE end of town.
- 0945 - 3d Bn reported moving rapidly thru GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.
- 0945 - Msg sent to 1st Bn about rebombing of UTTERHOFFEN.
- 1000 - 2d Bn CO report not much resistance in GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. Have whole SW part clear and will probably try to get across the other part now. Will move 2d Bn S of road which runs E about a kilometer N of ENGWILLER, down dogleg to stream. One PW reports about 400 Krauts and tanks left GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN and went back to the West Wall.
- 1010 - CO 3d Bn report his company is in S end of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN, very light resistance. Stream is wide, deep and swift. Bridge is out. Co "K" in town. Receiving 88 fire. Stream unfordable in town.

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TIME: 1025A to 1212A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (824306)

1025 - C/S called and said 411th Inf is now moving. 36th Inf are at GRIESBACH. Get your 1st Bn moving.

1027 - 1st Bn CO called and said he is sending combat patrols into UTTENHOFFEN. Tanks haven't arrived. TD's have arrived. Ready to jump off with Co's C & B, Co C on right.

1037 - G-3 told to cut off air on MIETESHEIM. G-3 said 411th Inf elements around cemetery just bore ZINSWILLER. One Battalion trying to find crossing SW of ZINSWILLER.

1040 - CG called and said to get 1st Battalion moving.

1050 - 2d Bn ordered to jump off for GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1052 - 1st Bn ordered to jump off for high ground SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1058 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP.

1105 - G-3 called S-3 and asked about road situation; Road from LA WALCK to 200 yds S of ENGWILLER is clear. Road from UHRWILLER to ENGWILLER is clear. UHRWILLER to KINDWILLER is clear. KINDWILLER east is being worked on. ENGWILLER to MIETESHEIM is being worked on. Our tank platoon is deadlined. We have no tanks to use.

1110 - 3d Bn report Chemical 4.2 mortar observer wounded. Need a replacement. Sent replacement to ENGWILLER.

1120 - Msg from 1st Bn; "Request air mission on UTTENHOFFEN again. Front lines marked with panels." (Signed 1100).

1122 - CG directs that 1st Bn push on past UTTENHOFFEN. G-3 said they will try and get the air before noon.

1127 - S-6 called C/S and requested another tank platoon. New Plat to move to OBERMODEEN and Plat Ldr to report to 410th Inf CP.

1140 - CG directs 1st Bn move immediately. No enemy reported in town.

1143 - G-3 said to take tank platoon from 411th which is in UHRWILLER.

1144 - 1st Bn S-3 said they will jump off at 1200.

1145 - G-3 informed to call off air mission on MEITESHEIM.

1210 - 1st Bn reported to have jumped off on time.

1212 - 36th Inf have troops in GRIESBACH and moving rapidly.

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TIME: 1212A to 1505A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (824306)

1212 - 2d Bn wants to smoke east end of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN for 20 minutes.

1217 - 1st Bn 400 yards from objective and meeting no resistance.

1220 - 3d Bn said it was OK to fire smoke on GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

1221 - 383d FA Bn given orders to smoke GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

1235 - S-6 left for 1st Battalion.

1310 - 3d Bn CO report they have just made contact with 411th Inf. Have the left half of N side cleared. Creek is mined. No rations received today. 411th Inf Bn up to creek.

1315 - 2d Bn jumped off.

1320 - G-3 called and said 409th Mine Platoon will work on road from ENGWILLER to GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

1340 - 1st Bn report they are fighting for UTTEHNOFFEN. Light resistance, some enemy MG's.

1345 - S-6 called and said 1st Bn facing enemy MG's on other side of stream. TD's going to fire direct fire at them. The only air target later would be high ground SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1415 - CG visited CP.

1425 - Cn Co report 3d Bn received counterattack originating at 923347 at 1405. Attack repulsed.

1432 - 3d Bn CO report counterattack broken up. Stiff resistance in town. All of S half of town cleared. Meeting heavy resistance in N half of town.

1437 - G-3 says tank platoon in UHRWILLER is attached to us.

1455 - S-6 report 1st Bn have the town of UTTEHNOFFEN. Receiving fire from high ground SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1500 - 3d Bn Ex report Co "I" and "L" in N end of town. Co "K" in S end of town.

1503 - GRIEBACH is cleaned out. CG wants us to make some contact with them at this point.

1505 - G-3 called and said CG wants to know how many dead, prisoners and wounded in UTTEHNOFFEN.

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TIME: 1515A to 1704A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (824306)

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- 1515 - S-3 1st Bn report they took one (1) PW in UTTENHOFFEN. 424
- 1525 - 2d Bn Ex report at 1510 2d Bn pinned down still trying to get into GUNDERSHOFFEN. Pinned down by AW, mortars.
- 1530 - S-3, 3d Bn called and said all of Co "I" and "L" on other side of creek. Co K moved in on this side. Wants Plat of TD's and tanks to come down, also a Regt AT Plat.
- 1531 - 2d Bn Artillery Ln O reports he is 150 yards SW of GUNDERSHOFFEN.
- 1544 - 2d Bn CO report our troops being bombed and strafed.
- 1545 - 3d Bn report red smoke marking behind our lines. (G-3 notified to stop planes strafing our troops).
- 1548 - 2d Bn CO report red smoke grenade put off in GUMBERCHTSHOFFEN. Planes strafed along stream. Our troops now 50 yards from point S of GUNDERSHOFFEN. Receiving fire from high ground E and S of LAUTERBACHERHOF.
- 1555 - 2d Bn CO report they are receiving M1 fire from 1st Bn. Are trying a flanking movement to the S toward GUNDERSHOFFEN. (1st Bn Ex informed).
- 1557 - Lt McSHELLEY reports road between ENGWILLER and MIETESHEIM is open.
- 1615 - 2d Bn report no casualties in plane strafing.
- 1616 - 1st Bn report they will jump off at 1630 with column of companies, Co "C" in lead. Objective is high ground SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN.
- 1617 - C/S called and wants an accurate report on bombing our troops. Wants where the bombs fell, how many, and number of casualties.
- 1632 - 3d Bn report no casualties from air mission. 411th Inf have moved into woods W of GUMBERCHTSHOFFEN.
- 1647 - S-6 returned to CP from 1st Bn.
- 1650 - Co "C" jumped off. 5 or 6 dead in UTTENHOFFEN. 3 or 4 burp guns when they went into town.
- 1652 - S-3 informed 2d Bn S-3 of above message.
- 1704 - 1st Bn report they are receiving fire from GRIESBACH. (S-3 called 143d Inf).

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TIME: 1709A to 2105A

PLACE: UHRWILLER, FRANCE (824306)

1709 - S-3 informed 1st Bn S-3 that the fire we're receiving from GRIESEBACH could be from our own fire as we are still fighting in the town, or it could be the Krauts.

1718 - 1st Bn S-3 still says he is getting fire from GRIESEBACH. S-3 said he would call 36th Inf Div again.

1735 - S-3 called 36th Inf and they said there are still Krauts in the town, but he would check it again.

1743 - 36th Inf says their MG is firing on Krauts at 954324.

1800 - 1st Bn claims MG at point SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN. Troops up to road S of GUNDERSHOFFEN across the stream.

1813 - 2d Bn CO said he is able to get mortar fire in S edge of the woods SE of LAUTERBACHERHOF. Seems to have disposed of opposition. Troops clearing houses S of GUNDERSHOFFEN. The bridge at GUNDERSHOFFEN is out.

1817 - Following is report on Bns from 411th Inf. 1st Bn is E of ZINSWILLER on this side of the stream. 2d Bn is clearing ZINSWILLER. Still receiving small arms fire in vic 888361. 3d Bn is 1000 yds behind 1st Bn.

1838 - Co "A" receiving fire from tank. Co "B" is just across the road. Held up by MG.

1850 - CG called and said he has to get a bridge across second objective before daylight.

1900 - 2d Bn report fire coming from edge of town.

1902 - 1st Bn report tank fire from other side of river. Co "B" took bunker and got 10 PW's. S-6 said Div orders he get GUNDERSHOFFEN tonight. Co "B" left flank just even with town. Tanks are in METESHEIM. Krauts hold left sector on this side of creek.

2050 - CP opened at ENGWILLER.

2055 - S-6 called 2d Bn S-3; S-3 said the CO was now up front. They are not across the stream. Have only radio communications with the front. They are going to do all they can to slip across the creek and gain that part of town. S-3 said he was rather discouraged at the amount of casualties they had suffered. S-6 asked if they were using their artillery and S-3 said there wasn't enough of it. (S-6 talked to CO of 383d FA Bn and Col FRENZEL said he would do everything he could to get more artillery for them.) S-6 suggests that they lay artillery back in the town and then walk up with it.

2105 - C/S called S-6 and wanted to know if 3d Bn had pushed off yet. S-6 told him they hadn't as we had to wait and see what the score is on the 2d Bn. C/S wanted to know about 1st Bn. Told him they had two companies across and were tied in with the 143d Inf on the right by patrols at GRIESEBACH. They are on the high ground between

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TIME: 2105A to 2235A

PLACE: ENGWILLER, FRANCE (912317)

2105 (Continued) - GUNDERSHOFFEN and GRIESEBACH. C/S says the Div Comdr wants GUNDERSHOFFEN so they can start building a bridge there by 0100. S-6 said he wouldn't promise that. C/S said the 411th Inf had one Bn about 1 kilometer N and E of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. They have another Bn just about up to GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

2115 - S-3 called 1st Bn CO: 1st Bn CO reports they have their objective, the high ground between GUNDERSHOFFEN and GRIESEBACH. Co "C" on the right, Co "B" on the left, and a Plat of "A" to button up left flank of "B". Have taken a number of prisoners. The prisoners are claimed to be rear echelon for the people at GUNDERSHOFFEN. They say there are 200 to 300 men still in GUNDERSHOFFEN. 1st Bn is tied in by patrol with the 143d Inf on the right. S-3 told him that 3d Bn had the town of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN and had outposted the high ground NE of the town.

2125 - Gave G-3 the situation.

2140 - S-3 called 143d Inf S-3 and learned that they have a flying column with head of column at 989343. They are waiting confirmation on this report. They have the town of GRIESEBACH.

2145 - G-3 (Capt COCK) called S-3 and wanted to know the condition of the road from GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN to GUNDERSHOFFEN. We didn't know. Wants a report on the abutments of bridge at GUNDERSHOFFEN and how big the hole is. (S-3 called 2d Bn Ex and he says there is no way of determining that as there is quite a fire fight going on out there).

2150 - Div Advance CP will open at UTTEHOFFEN tomorrow morning.

2152 - C/S called S-5 and wants a full report on number of planes and number of bombs dropped on GUNDERSHOFFEN today.

2158 - S-3 gave 2d Bn S-3 the 411th Inf disposition.

2215 - Div Comdr called S-6 and wanted to know how our 2d Bn was doing. We told him communications were out with CO of 2d Battalion. Div Comdr said this thing had now become a pursuit. The Krauts are trying to get back across the Rhine as fast as they can. Says there is no use of outposting these towns. Wants to know about the bridge. S-6 told him it had been reported that there were 200 to 250 Krauts in the town of GUNDERSHOFFEN. Div Comdr said he didn't think there were nearly that many Krauts in there. Said there was any doubt that 2d Bn couldn't take GUNDERSHOFFEN before daylight, use the whole regiment is necessary. That bridge has to be in and he wants the bridge site during the hours of darkness. Said as soon as we had GUNDERSHOFFEN Task Force Cactus would move through our 2d Bn and the pressure would be off.

2235 - Lt HUGHES called S-3 and said Capt REDWINE didn't know anything about taking a platoon of TD's up to 3d Bn. S-3 told him to get the platoon up there the first thing in the morning.

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2237 - S-6 called 2d Bn S-3; 2d Bn S-3 said they had one radio set that had been in communications with 2d Bn CO and the last message was "Sit Tight". S-6 asked if they couldn't put a phone in to 2d Bn CO. S-3 said he would have to send back to rear CP for a wire team. S-6 ordered him to do so. Also said to try and get a messenger out to 2d Bn CO.

2243 - S-3 called 2d Bn Commo Officer and told him to get a wire team up to their forward CP. 2d Bn Commo said there was a 5-man team and plenty of wire up there.

2244 - S-3 called 2d Bn S-3 and gave him above message. 2d Bn S-3 said he would send them right out.

2255 - G-2 called and says the 36th Div doesn't want us to fire any artillery in their zone and if we do to let them know. Told him we wouldn't be firing any over in their zone.

2330 - C/S called S-6 and wanted to know the 2d Bn situation. Told him we would give it to him as soon as we heard anything.

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0020 - 2d Bn, S-3 reports they have secured the bridgehead up and including main intersection. Buttoned up and are going to hold there. Estimated span about 30 ft. Engr's can go ahead.

0023 - S-6 informed C/S of above message.

0030 - S-3 informed G-3 of above message.

0032 - 36th Inf Div left elements are at (989343).

0055 - 2d Bn S-3 informed by S-6 to leave 3d Bn where they are. On the bridgehead, be sure it is protected during the night. Jump off at daylight and finish cleaning the rest of GUNDERSHOFFEN.

0115 - C/S called S-6 and informed him that after we clear GUNDERSHOFFEN stand fast. 409th Inf goes thru us with our 1st Bn attached.

0145 - S-6 called 2d Bn CO and told him to jump off at the crack of dawn. Finish cleaning up GUNDERSHOFFEN and then hold fast.

0150 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and told him to keep GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN buttoned up and stay there for the night.

0205 - S-3 called LT HUGHES and told him to notify all Bns and Units attached to keep everything off the road from 0600 tomorrow morning until further notice.

0217 - S-3 called 1st Bn Rear CP and asked them to get a message to the tank platoon commander. The message: "Relieved from attachment to 410th and attached to 409th Inf. Report to 409th Inf CO at ENGWILLER as soon as possible.

0220 - S-3 called Cn Co CO and gave him the following information: 1st Bn holds high ground N of GRIESBACH, centered on high ground SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN. 2d Bn has secured bridgehead at GUNDERSHOFFEN. In the town, 2d Bn has secured main intersection. 3d Bn is still at GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN. In the morning, 2d Bn will jump off to complete the capture of the town. 3d Bn will remain where it is. 1st will remain where it is and is attached to 409th. 409th is going thru. First outfit will be Cactus. Will send other two outfits through in the zone on our 2d Bn. Will fan out and take over the zone from us. Our 1st Bn will become their Res. Our outfit less 1st Bn becomes Div Res. Hold where you are and be prepared to support 2d Bn.

0228 - S-3 called Co B, 83d Cml Bn and told them they are now attached to 409th Inf.

0450 - G-3 called S-3 and told him between 0800 and 0815 tomorrow morning, 409th Inf will pick up our 1st Bn and our present attachments. Regt (-1st Bn) will move to GUNDERSHOFFEN.

0510 - S-3 called 409th CO that the footbridge is in good order.

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PLACE: ENGWILLER, FRANCE (912317)

0610 - S-3 called 3d Bn S-1 and told him we would assemble at GUNDERSHOFFEN as soon as we are passed thru by 409th Inf on order.

0620 - S-3 called G-3 and informed them that the attack by our 2d Bn on GUNDERSHOFFEN has begun.

0642 - 2d Bn S-3 called S-3 and told him that they jumped off at 0615. Moving to the town and searching it out. No report of resistance as yet.

0655 - 3d Bn CP reports that the bridge at GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN will be completed by 0800.

0720 - 2d Bn S-3 reports troops in GUNDERSHOFFEN moving slowly forward, searching each house.

0730 - Lt THORNE called S-3 and told him roads at ENGWILLER to GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN and GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN to GUNDERHOFFEN are OK. Bridge at GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN will not be in use before 0800 at the earliest possible moment. S-3 wants them to check on ammunition.

0736 - 2d Bn S-3 reports South section of town is cleared, waiting for center and north section.

0738 - Co "G" has four PW's. Very little resistance.

0805 - 3d Bn reports the bridge at GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN will be ready for traffic at 0810. (Called G-3 and they informed us they had started 3 truckloads of bridging material over to GUNDERSHOFFEN.)

0810 - GUNDERSHOFFEN completely cleared as of 0755.

0845 - Capt COCK (G-3) called and said Task Force Cactus has not been committed. Part of their tanks have been taken away and given to 409th and those are the tanks that were reported.

0930 - Note from 411th Inf, Time 0020: "To continue attack in zone to Phase Line "D". Attack starts 0900."

0932 - 2d Bn S-2 reports they have found a typewritten paper written by a German Officer and says it looks very official. Turned it over to the General's Aide.

0935 - Road is swept from ITTENHOFFEN to GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

0935 - Instructed 1st Bn S-3 that their TD Plat would revert to Regt'l control.

0940 - 2d Bn CO reports that the town of GUNDERSHOFFEN was secured at 0750. S-6 instructed him to sit tight. Don't know how long. They are feeding the men a hot meal at 1300.

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0940 - Continued - Casualties were pretty heavy. 112 wounded had passed thru the Bn Aid Station. No count on KIA or MIA.

1005 - S-6 called 2d Bn CO and was informed that there are two footbridges across stream leading into GUNDERSHOFFEN. Right by the bridge abutments.

1010 - S-3 instructed Cn Co CO to sit tight until he got orders to move.

1030 - Bomb crater in road just short of GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN only passable for jeeps. (Reported to G-3).

1030 - Message to CO, Co "A" 614th TD Bn: "Your Plat working with 1st Bn is remaining in position in vic SE of GUNDERSHOFFEN. They are not reporting to 2d Bn S-3 at GUNDERSHOFFEN."

1045 - S-4 wants men to sweep mines on GRO job. We don't have any Engrs to send down. Told him we would talk to C/S about it.

1100 - S-6 instructed 3d Bn S-1 to get 3d Bn racked up and move them to GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1110 - 3d Bn CO called S-6 and said they are moving out. Says they have all their supplies and are ready to move.

1112 - S-6 instructed Comm Officer to get wire ready to move into 3d Bn at GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1130 - Message from S-6 to CO 3d Bn Signed at 1055: "Foot troops of your Bn must move to GUNDERSHOFFEN without delay. Two planks are in position. One each side of bridge site there. Carry couple of planks to cross blown culvert at 943347. Assemble in area N of GUNDERSHOFFEN. No vehicles move until further orders. Probably will not move from new location until after 1300." (Sent by Ln O to 3d Bn).

1217 - S-6 informed 2d Bn S-3 that the Task Force is heading towards NIETESHEIM. The first vehicle passed thru at 1210.

1230 - 383d Arty Ln O called 384th FA and told them at 1000 2d Bn of 409th was 1½ kilometers SE of REICHSHOFFEN. At 1100, there was no change.

1237 - C/S called S-6 and told him 2d column stopped, all but first four tanks. Suggest you get in touch with them thru 36th Inf Div MP's.

1242 - 409th Inf is reported to be in Bns abreast.

1252 - Following message received: "2d March Unit cleared at 1229; Organic vehicles at same time." (Time: 1244, BALDUS, 1st Lt).

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PLACE: ENGWILLER, FRANCE (912317)

1257 - S-4 called C/S and told him remainder of Task Force has been stopped by radio thru company commander who rogered for the message.

1301 - 383d FA Ln O called Div Arty and found out locations of Regts; 411th Inf 1st Bn 1500 yards NE of REICHSHOFFEN; 2d Bn is 1000 yards NE of NIEDERBRONN; 3d Bn at NIEDERBRONN. 409th Inf 1st Bn is 700 yards S of SCHIRLENHOF; 3d Bn is 1500 yards W of FROESCHWILLER.

1320 - 3d Bn cleared GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN.

1415 - Bridge leading into GUNDERSHOFFEN opened at 1405.

1420 - S-6 and Advance CP Group left for new CP at GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1440 - S-5 issued the following orders: At 1415 ordered the AT Co to get gun platoon at MIETESHEIM and his Mine Platoon at UTTEHNOFFEN and move them to GUNDERSHOFFEN. At 1420 ordered 2d Bn CO to move by road to woods NE of GUNDERSHOFFEN, and also put a CP at SCHIRLENHOF. At 1430 ordered 3d Bn CO to move by the route they are on to (969346), go into the woods E of SCHIRLENHOF to establish a CP at SCHIRLENHOF. At 1500, ordered Comm Officer to run a wire out to the Battalions.

1635 - Regtl CP opened at GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1640 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and told him to check on roads NE out of EHERBACH and see if it is passable for foot troops.

1845 - S-4 told 1st Bn Ln Officer gas can be obtained at GUNDERSHOFFEN.

1915 - 2d Bn closed into area at 1845.

2000 - 3d Bn CO called S-6 and gave him the following information: Trail from (969356) to (989369) suitable for foot troops only. Last half very indistinct not a good trail. Road from SCHIRLENHOF on up NW and down SE to EHERBACH is OK. Bridge is out at first creek (986346) but Engrs are working on it. From creek in to junction (995358) is OK. From junction (995358) north to (989369) is completely blocked with road blocks. Nobody working on road blocks, but they are working on bridge. 3d Bn have all vehicles except TD's.

2024 - G-3 to S-6; S-6 informed him that our battalions in around SCHIRLENHOF. AT & Cn in GUNDERSHOFFEN. Will not move tonight. CG says to have Bns get as much rest as possible.

2100 - G-3 called S-3 and told him TD Co reverts back to Bn control. 410th Inf be prepared to move in vic FROESCHWILLER on Div order. Time later.

2110 - Informed 2d and 3d Battalions of above information.

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TIME: 2130A to 2400A

PLACE: GUNDERSHOFFEN, FRANCE (945341)

2130 - TD Bn CO called and S-5 informed him that Co A, 614th TD Bn was no longer attached to us. CO Co "A" also told at the same time and S-5 informed him where he could locate his platoons.

2135 - G-3 said bridge at (987355) is now in.

2300 - Div Arty report 409th Inf 1st Bn have cleared WOERTH and outpost it tonight. 2d Bn is 1,000 yards E of FROESCHWILLER. 411th Inf 1st Bn is 2,000 yards NW by N of LANGENSOULTZBACH headed for MATTSTALL. 2d Bn thru NEHWILLER headed for LANGENSOULTZBACH.

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DATE: 18 March 1945

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TIME: 0345A to 1150A

PLACE: GUNDERSHOFFEN, FRANCE (945340)

0345 - S-3, 328th Engr Bn called and said the road from Gundershoffen to Reichshoffen to Froeschwiller is open. Should be open to WOERTH by morning. He will let us know.

0730 - Asst S-3 called 411th Inf S-2 and got the following information. "Our 3 Bns are in general vic of LANGENSOULTZBACH. The town has been taken. 1st Bn is midway between LANGENSOULTZBACH and MATTHALL. 2d Bn is 1000 yards N of LANGENSOULTZBACH. 3d Bn is still in LANGENSOULTZBACH. That is our latest report but we haven't been able to contact them for sometime. The road junction at NEHWILLER has a bomb crater in it. The road going NE through the woods has been full of trees and we are now checking it for mines. Don't know about the bridges at LANGENSOULTZBACH but they are probably out. The 42d Div has taken PHILLIPSBOURG and is about 1 kilometer N of there.

0745 - S-3 called 3d Bn S-1 and asked if Ex O 3d Bn had made road rcn to the front. He said the S-2 did it. S-3 asked if S-2 could send some guides to 2d Bn to guide them over the roads. Bn S-2 is out but will call when he gets back in.

0750 - 409th Inf moved CP to WOERTH.

0800 - G-3 gave us orders to move to FROESCHWILLER.

0805 - S-3 instructed 3d Bn S-3 and Bn CO to be at the 2d Bn CP at 0820.

0808 - S-6 left for 2d Bn CP.

0810 - S-3 instructed Comm Officer to lay wire from present CP to new CP at FROESCHWILLER.

0811 - S-3 told Div Surg he could move to FROESCHWILLER at any time.

0855 - Capt COCK, G-3, told S-3 that 409th Inf cleared MITSCHDORF and are about 500 yds N of Phase Line "E". 42d Div is ready to cross into GERMANY. 411th has cleared MATTSTALL.

0930 - G-3 orders us as soon as we arrive at FROESCHWILLER, we are to start reconnaissance for MATTSTALL. We will probably move up there today.

1050 - CP opened at FROESCHWILLER.

1055 - G-3 called S-2 and told him that when task force Cactus gets to GOERSDORF your 1st Bn reverts to your control.

1130 - 328th Engr putting in two bridges at LANGENSOULTZBACH.

1135 - 3d Bn closed into woods N of FROESCHWILLER at 1115.

1150 - G-3 reports that 3d Bn 411th is one kilometer S of LEMBACH moving on it. Echelon between them and behind them while 1st Bn is 2 kilometers W of LEMBACH. CP is at LANGENSOULTZBACH.

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TIME: 1300A to 1705A

PLACE: FROESCHWILLER, FRANCE (992381)

1300 - Bridge at LANGENSOULTZBACH is out.

1315 - Lt McSURLLEY is on road to LEMBACH.

1316 - G-3 called S-6 and informed him that CG wants us to move Regt (- 1st Bn) to the vic of MATTSTALL starting at once. Stay off the main road from WOERTH to LEMBACH. This is the one that goes straight up and does not pass thru LANGENSOULTZBACH and MATTSTALL. For the present, I want your CP to stay at FROESCHWILLER.

1318 - S-6 called G-3 and asked permission to move MG's and 81-mm Mortars and ammunition to the vic of LANGENSOULTZBACH. G-3 said it would be OK.

1321 - C/S to S-6: "I want a platoon to report to Col BRIERLEY at LEMBACH by 1700 today for CP guard. Send any platoon you want that needs a rest. I understand you have one platoon with only 8 men. 411th believe they are going to get BOENTHAL tonight.

1345 - S-3 informed CO 1st Bn that we were moving up to MATTSTALL. 411th Inf has cleared LEMBACH heading for BOENTHAL tonight. We have orders to prepare for employment in 411th zone.

1400 - S-3 called Div Engrs and found out that they had no one working on road from LANGENSOULTZBACH to MATTSTALL. They said they are putting their effort on the main road.

1415 - Div message received: "Wire Dump opens at WOERTH at 1600, 18 Mar 45."

1450 - 411th Inf have passed WINGEN.

1452 - 409th have 2 Bns abreast about one kilometer from CLIMBACH. This report came into G-3 about forty minutes ago.

1500 - Both 2d and 3d Bns report they are ready to move.

1520 - S-6 informed Comm Officer he was leaving for the new CP at MATTSTALL.

1625 - 411th Inf crossed into Germany at 1545.

1630 - 2d Bn closed CP at FROESCHWILLER.

1630 - Regt1 CP opened at MATTSTALL.

1645 - C/S informed S95 to be ready to move to LEMBACH on orders from Division.

1705 - S-5 ordered 1st Bn CO to move to CLIMBACH at once and send Ln Officer to WINGEN to contact Regt.

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TIME: 1705A to 2400A

PLACE: MATTSTALL, FRANCE (018430)

1705 - S-5 called Advance CP and said C/S wanted S-6 to call him as soon as possible.

1725 - CP closed at FUESCHWILLER.

1740 - S-6 called C/S and was told to move Regtl CP to WINGEN. 3d Bn to move troops to woods N of WINGEN. 2d Bn to woods SW of 3d Bn.

1930 - 3d Bn closed into assemble area at 1930.

1935 - Regtl Advance CP opened at WINGEN.

2000 - O.I. #71 received from Division.

2100 - 2d Bn closed in WINGEN.

2102 - Cannon Co closed into LEMBACH at 1915.

2220 - G-3 instructed S-3 to initiate Rcn tomorrow morning at daylight. We will probably relieve 411th Inf sometime tomorrow.

2240 - S-3 called 411th Inf S-5 and was told the trail to BOBENTHAL was one-way. Ambulance have priority on the trail.

2255 - 1st Bn troops and motors closed into CLIMBACH at 2250.

2310 - Msg from G-3: "Report closing times of your Bns. Initiate Rcn in zone of 411th Inf early 19 March."

2350 - Road from WOBETH to LEMBACH one way South to North starting tomorrow morning. Road from LEMBACH to LANGENSOULTZBACH one way North to South starting tomorrow morning. (Called 3d Bn at 2251; 2d Bn at 2255; 1st Bn at 0115, 19 Mar 45.)

2400 - Negative report to G-3.

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DATE: 19 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100A to 2400A

PLACE: WINGEN, FRANCE (059474)

0100 - Negative report to G-3.

0110 - 1st Bn Ex called and wanted to know if the road from CLIMBACH to WINGEN had been swept of mines. Called Div Engrs and he reports that the road has not been swept. Informed 1st Bn Ex of this.

0200 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0900 - 761st Tk Plat informed us that they were no longer attached to us, and wanted to know if that was correct. S-3 said he thought they were still attached to us, but that he would check on it.

0930 - 614th TD Co reported in.

0935 - Div is moving PW Cage to WINGEN.

1000 - Road WORTH to LEMBACH one way S to N. Road LEMBACH to LANGENSCHOUITZBACH N to S. 2d Plat, Co "C", 83d Cml Bn (at LEMBACH) Lm - Lt ROSENTHAL; Co "A", 614th TD Bn (- one Plat here, rest in LEMBACH) Lt CARRY, C.O.; Co "C" (-1 Plat) 761st Tk Bn.

1125 - G-3 reports 409th has elements 500 yds S of REERSDORF. 1st Bn leading. Other two Bns following. Meeting opposition $2\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers N of BOBENTHAL.

1400 - 411th Inf at NIEDERSCHLETTENBACH. Co's E & G one kilometer N-NE of there. 1st Bn $\frac{1}{2}$ kilometer SE of that town; 3d Bn over on the right continuing SE. 409th 1st Bn - 4 kilometers E of NIEDERSCHLETTENBACH. 36th Inf Div have cleared WISSEMBOURG.

1530 - C/S to S-5: "Send someone up the road to stop a group of M-12's.

1545 - 2d Bn, 411th Inf has Hill #5.

1645 - Lt ROSENTHAL, Co "C", 83d Cml Bn, report they are in position.

1655 - Lt THORNE to S-5: 411th Inf positions: At point $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers N of BOBENTHAL E and W Co "I" on the left; Co "L" on the right; Co "K" in reserve. Co's A, B, & C below Hill No. 7. Captured one pillbox last night.

2000 - G-3 Periodic Report to Div: 410th Inf remained in Div Res during the period. 1st Bn remained vic CLIMBACH. 2d & 3d Bns remained vic WINGEN. Plans made to carry out instructions per Div O.I. #71.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 20 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1608A

PLACE: WINGEN, FRANCE (059474)

0100 to 0500 - Negative combat reports submitted to G-3 and G-2.

0830 - Lt. Thorne reports that 411th Infantry 3d Battalion is sending out combat patrols. 2d Battalion is on Hill 5. 1st Battalion has orders from the Division Commander to take the town of NIEDSCHETTENBACH, GERMANY. Bridges are O.K. in the town. No mortar fire reported. Have two companies and tanks in the town. Captured 17 PW's.

1010 - Lt. Thorne reports that 411th "F" Company is getting some Self-propelled fire, so they are moving a little to the SE.

1030 - 328th Engineer S-2 reports they have some maps for us.

1224 - Lt. Thorne reports that 411th 3d Battalion has not moved. 2d Battalion "G" and "E" in same place. "A" in woods to the NE. In one bunker captured 17 men. They had food to last for 10 days and 10,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. They had no orders except to hold at all cost.

1330 - Movement Control reports that the road from LEMBACH to WERTH will be closed tonight from 2200 to 0400.

1335 - Informed Battalions of above message.

1400 - Lt. Thorne reports that 411th Infantry 3d Battalion patrols that went out last night haven't returned. Total PW's for today - 31. Bridge in NIEDSCHETTENBACH is out. German artillery has been reinforced. Receiving heavy fire in NIEDSCHETTENBACH.

1437 - G-3 called and said they were going to organize a task force and that it would be commanded by our 2d Battalion Commander. Ordered us to send reconnaissance party out to make reconnaissance for bivouac area in vicinity of BOENTHAL. We are to stay South of the bridge. S-6 and 2d Battalion CO ordered to report to Division at once. Battalion will move to bivouac area this afternoon.

1500 - S-6 left for Division.

1505 - S-5 ordered S-3 to get a mine sweeping detail up to 2d Battalion as soon as possible.

1507 - Chief of Staff wants a report from S-5 on the short bombing experienced by our 2d Battalion.

1608 - S-3 instructed 1st Battalion S-3 to rack up his weakest platoon (probably "C" Co.) and send it to BOENTHAL to take over from the 411th Co. "G" platoon.

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DATE: 20 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1609A to 2400A

PLACE: WINGEN, FRANCE (059474)

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- 1645 - S-3 called G-3 and asked permission to use the North side of the road at coordinates 122498 as a parking lot for organic vehicles. G-3 said they would check and call us back.
- 1750 - G-3 instructed us to be prepared to move the 2d Battalion to 119593 by 0800 tomorrow.
- 2000 - S-3 called G-3 (Captain Cocke) and asked if our 2d and 3d Battalions could move into position 1000 yards behind artillery pieces. He said it was O.K. and our Battalions would probably move tomorrow at 1000.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 21 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1500A

PLACE: WINGEN, FRANCE (059474)

0100 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0655 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and informed him to start moving the Battalions to assembly areas at 0800 this morning. Assembly areas vicinity BOBENTHAL. (S-3 called all the Battalion S-3 and gave them this message).

0702 - 2d Battalion S-3 called and asked if there is a time interval between 2d and 3d Bns. S-3 told him a 25-minute time interval. 2d Battalion will follow 3d Battalion.

0815 - S-6 called and said he was leaving Division. Will be here in 15 minutes and wants to see the Battalion Commanders.

0816 - S-3 informed 2d and 3d Battalion CO's, AT CO, and Regimental Communications Officer of above message.

0950 - S-5 instructed MPOfficer to have 20 men ready to leave on notice.

0955 - 2d Battalion closed into area at 0955.

1020 - G-3 called and wants S-6 to come to Division.

1025 - 3d Battalion closed into area at 1000.

1030 - Regimental Communications Officer was instructed to notify us as soon as the line is in to our forward Battalions.

1125 - Informed G-3 that Battalions closed at 1000.

1145 - Guard at Division CP will be relieved at 1300.

1146 - S-3 informed 1st Battalion S-3 of above message.

1340 - S-6 left for Division CP.

1455 - Air Corps reports 200 friendly vehicles at grid coordinates 16-67, approximately 12 kilometers to our front.

1500 - Notified Battalions of 1455 entry.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 21 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1501A to 2400A

PLACE: WINGEN, FRANCE (059474)

1700 - G-3 instructed us to relieve the 411th Infantry tonight and the relief will be completed by daylight, 22 March 1945.

1740 - The light line for tonight - BOBENTHAL to RJ 113500.

1745 - G-3 called S-6 and instructed him to go ahead and move into position tonight and use the plan of attack that had been discussed by G-3 and S-6. Reconnaissance is to start at once.

1830 - S-6 returned from Division CP with the following instructions: 1st Battalion is to remain in present position and reverts to Division Control. 2d Battalion relieves the 2d Battalion of 411th Infantry. 3d Battalion relieves the 1st Battalion of 411th Infantry. AT Company is to remain in LEMBACH. Cannon Company relieves Cannon Company of the 411th Infantry.

1900 - S-3 called 411th 1st Battalion and told them that our 3d Battalion CO would like to see 411th 1st Battalion CO and S-3. Asked them to report to our Advance CP in BOBENTHAL.

1940 - VI Corps Units will not advance North of East-West Line through LANDAU (R2766).

2215 - Advance CP opened at BOBENTHAL.

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

DATE: 22 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1157A

PLACE: BOBENTHAL, GERMANY (088566)

0045 - Following message received (time signed 0045): "Fatal 3 received change in plans in ordering neither Battalion not to move forward in the morning until ordered to do so by Fatal 6."

0145 - Message from Blue 6: "Friendly tanks coming from BUSENBERG to your town. If you can contact them tell them to return to BUSENBERG immediately." (Signed 0145).

0150 - Division Operations Instruction No. 72 received.

0230 - Our 2d Battalion relieved the 2d Battalion of 411th Infantry. Companies "E" and "F" relieved Company "F", 411th Infantry. Company "G" relieved Company "G", 411th Infantry.

0400 - Negative report to G-3 (Lt. Eddens).

0500 - Negative report to G-3 (Lt. Eddens).

0540 - Relief of 1st Battalion, 411th Infantry, by our 3d Battalion was completed at 0510. "K" Company on the left, "L" Company on the right, and "L" Company is where "C" Company of 411th Infantry was. (Called in to G-3).

0815 - Advance CP opened at NIED SCHLETTENBACH. "E" and "F" Companies along HILL 7. 3d Battalion took over positions from 411th Infantry. "K" and "I" Companies are forward. 411th 3d Battalion has a platoon of "I" Company on HILL 11. "K" Company securing HILL 518. Rest of the Battalion moving there. By-passed HILL 2. Going to complete mission.

0855 - Assistant Division Commander arrived at CP.

0904 - Assistant Division Commander left the CP.

0929 - Division Commander arrived at the CP.

0935 - Division Commander left the CP.

1100 - "F" Company is above 071542.

1101 - Chief of Staff wants bridges at 071542.

1150 - 409th Infantry has tanks moving WEST from 118546.

1132 - S-3 instructed the Regimental Liaison to send one M12 to NEIDER SCHLETTENBACH. Has a mission for it.

1157 - 411th S-2 reports that their "I" Company is to HILL 10. (096555). They are to move to HILL 13 (099568). "K" Company is moving to 105555.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1158A to 1505A

PLACE: NEIDER SCHLETTENBACH, GERMANY
(081540)

1230 - "F" Company cleaned out the area SOUTH of HILL 7 (077548). Continuing to clean-up the SOUTH part of HILL. "E" Company cleaning up the NORTH part of HILL 7 (077548) and are continuing to maneuver to knock out a MG nest on HILL 7 believed to be firing on "K" Co.

1235 - "L" Company patrols reported on NORTH edge of HILL 8 (098556) by reconnaissance troop.

1240 - "I", "K" and "L" Companies of 411th Infantry are on HILL 11 (105555).

1300 - "K" and "L" Companies are pinned-down by small arms. "L" Company cannot move.

1300 - S-6 talked to 411th 3d Battalion CO and 3d Battalion CO reports that his entire Battalion is on HILL 11 (105555). His forward elements are going to HILL 13 (099568). Said they were firing on elements coming off HILL 8 and moving NORTHEAST.

1310 - 2d Battalion CO reports that he just had a message from "G" Company by radio. They tried to move up HILL 5 (089548) and were met by MG fire.

Lt. McCabe, Cannon Company, reports that he and Artillery Forward Observers were pinned-down by sniper fire coming from woods on SOUTH end of HILL 8 (098556) about one hour ago.

1320 - Air OP reports: "Germans moving off HILL 8 (098556) and going NORTH. Enemy troops waving white flags on HILL 13 (099568)."

1345 - Air OP, 928th FA Battalion: "Enemy tanks in ERLENBACH. Think we knocked one out. ERLENBACH looks as though it is heavily defended. Can see enemy troops on HILL 13 (099568) waving a white flag."

1400 - Informed 3d Battalion CO of 1345 message.

1420 - S-6 called G-3 and asked them to send tanks and Engineers out at once to work on bridge near present position of "E" Company. 2d Battalion will furnish a platoon for local protection.

1450 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion CO: "Have sighted enemy outside of ERLENBACH waving white flags at our aircraft. Attack before enemy can man positions." Received the following message: "Met little opposition overcoming opposition and have 5 prisoners. Proceeding to HILL 14 (094566). Arrived at last given location." (Signed 411th "I" Company).

1505 - Regimental Liaison Officer reports that three tanks are on their way to us.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1505A to 1630A

PLACE: HEIDER SCHLETTENBACH, GERMANY
(081540)

1510 - Message from 3d Battalion CO to 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "Met light resistance on HILL 13 (099568). Received some fire from HILL 8 (098556) and HILL 14 (094566)."

1522 - S-3 talked to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer and he reports that his Battalion is on HILL 13 (099568) moving toward ERLLENBACH. Observed troops moving EAST and WEST in rear of ERLLENBACH. Must be German troops. Received fire from HILL 8 and HILL 14. Captured 13 prisoners.

1522 - S-3 called G-3 and reported that our "E" Company was 1500 yards NORTH OF 084558 and were moving into ERLLENBACH. "K" and "L" Companies are NORTH of 084558 and that "I" Company was to the right of "L" Company around HILL 8 (098556). "G" Company is back of HILL 5 (090547) and is moving along O.K. 411th 3d Battalion is on HILL 13 (099568) and are moving to ERLLENBACH.

1535 - "G" Company reports they are receiving fire from HILL 3 (101546).

1540 - G-3 reports that there is a friendly column at coordinates 15-62. 42nd Division has broken away and is heading for DAHN. Are now seven kilometers from DAHN.

1545 - 411th 3d Battalion CO reports that there are troops in the NORTH end of ERLLENBACH and hasn't been able to determine whether they are friendly or enemy.

1545 - Message to 411th "K" and "L" Companies: "Find out if troops NORTH of ERLLENBACH are friendly or enemy. If they are enemy fire on them. Signed: Fatima Blue 6."

1550 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "Have forward aid station move forward as far as possible. Troops are moving EAST. Notify 410th that we have checked HILL 10 (096555) and it is clear of enemy troops. Checked hill at 1400."

1630 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "Meeting some resistance where I am. They seem to be dug-in positions SOUTH OF ERLLENBACH on HILL 14 (094566). Investigating. HILL 14 is secure. Notify all Units of my position. (Signed: Fatima Blue 6)."

Message to 411th 3d Battalion CO: "Vehicles can only go as far as town we took this morning. Battalion Aid Station is there. Have casualties follow route of advance. (Signed: Fatima Blue 5)."

Message to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "Have roads cleared as soon as possible and have Battalion move as close as possible. Send supplies up by mule. (Signed: Fatima Blue 6)."

Message to 410th CO: "Three buildings are secure in ERLLENBACH. 410th stop artillery in ERLLENBACH. (Signed: Fatima Blue 6)."

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1631A to 1830A

PLACE: NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH, GERMANY
(081540)

1637 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "Would like to know the location of the two Battalions of 410th. Give 410th our positions. In town NORTH of HILL 14. (Signed: Fatima Blue 6)."

1640 - 411th Infantry 3d Battalion entered ERLENBACH at 1630.

1645 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion CO: "Practically the whole town of ERLENBACH has been cleared by two platoons. - Signed: "K" Company CO."

1648 - G-3 reports an enemy column at 07-59.

1655 - S-3 informed 411th 3d Battalion of 1648 message.

1705 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion CO: "Enemy column on road 07-59 moving EAST out of EUSENBERG. 410th 3d Battalion is pushing off again. Is that correct. (Signed - Fatal 6)."

1717 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "Have ERLENBACH secure. (Signed: Fatima Blue 6)."

1719 - Division Commander and Assistant Division Commander arrived at our CP.

1730 - Division Commander and Assistant Division Commander left our CP.

1750 - Message to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "ERLENBACH is secure. Awaiting arrival of 3d Battalion 410th. Have 45 PW's in addition to 17 previously reported. Some are wounded. (Signed: Fatima Blue 6)."

1800 - 411th 3d Battalion CO to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "ERLENBACH is now secured. Road blocks are established at the first crossroad NORTH of town. Notify rear that Major EHDA has arrived."

1815 - 411th 3d Battalion CO to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "How far NORTH is the road out of NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH cleared for vehicles?"

1830 - 411th 3d Battalion CO to 411th 3d Battalion Executive Officer: "'L" Company is moving in from the SOUTH and "K" Company is moving in from the SOUTHWEST and should be there now."

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 22 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1831A to 2400A

PLACE: NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH, GERMANY
(081540)

1910 - Message to CO, 3d Battalion, 411th Infantry: "Motorized column of 42d Division moving from DAHN through EUSENBERG to ERLENBACH. This column is led by the 48th Tank Battalion. Have requested time of arrival and recognition signal from Division. Notify your Battalion and troops of our 3d Battalion" (Signed: S-3, 410th Infantry).

1930 - S-3 called CO 3d Battalion 411th and told him S-6 ordered he remain alert. Expect that enemy troops opposing our 3d Battalion will drift over in 3d Battalion 411th area early tonight.

1940 - CO 3d Battalion 411th Infantry reports that their total PW bag is 110 including six officers.

2000 - S-3 called CO 3d Battalion 411th and informed him that the 42d Division motorized column is only going to EUSENBERG.

2045 - Message from CO 3d Battalion to S-6: "I" and "L" Companies have arrived and "K" Company is following. Arrived at 2030. "L" Company of 411th is at SOUTHWEST corner of RJ NORTH of town. "L" Company of 410th is on the NORTHWEST corner."

2145 - Road between NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH and ERLENBACH is now open for jeeps.

2210 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and said the Division Commander wanted our CP moved to ERLENBACH early tomorrow morning. S-6 said he planned to as soon as he received his orders for the day. Chief of Staff said we would continue to move in our zone tomorrow and pull our rear echelon in after us.

2350 - Division Commander called S-6 and ordered us to hold fast where we are until he orders us to move. Be prepared to reinforce the AT Company on the west flank.

2351 - Road between NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH and ERLENBACH is now open to all traffic.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 23 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1245A

PLACE: ERLBACH, GERMANY (693570)

1308 - Message to S-5 from S-6: "300 to 400 civilians in cave alongside road about 1500 yards NE of Critical Point 85 (right outside of ERLBACH). Civil Affairs officer needed there."

1435 - Message to 3d Bn CO from S-6: "Make your destination LEINSWEILER and block roads to your rear."

1445 - Message to 3d Bn CO 411th Inf: "On arrival vicinity (167624) establish road block with not over 1 rifle company until relieved by 410th 2d Bn. Continue to assigned destination with remainder of Bn."

1915 - Message to 3d Bn CO from S-6: "If you are unable to reach your destination before dark, bivouac short of town in position blocking road east vic (181644). Resume march on town at daylight. After clearing town, report by radio for orders."

1945 - Message to S-6 from 3d Bn CO 411th Inf: "GOCKLINGEN taken at 1800. 160 PW's taken."

2200 - Message from Div to S-6: "report location of your CP and radio Div when established."

2300 - Message to CO 3d Bn from S-3: "2d Bn 410th & 3d Bn 411th at GOCKINGEN. Are you at LEINSWEILER. Report number PW's. Mtzd patrol now trying to contact you."

2305 - Message to CG 103d. Division from S-6: "410th. established at GOCKLINGEN at 2250. 411 Blue and 410 White at same location. 410 Blue at LEINSWEILER. TD Co has road blocks at VORD WEIDENTHAL, STEIN, AND (167624)."

2400- Message to S-6 : We are at LEINSWEILER. Approximately 500 PW's. Motorized patrol has contacted us.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 23 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1245A

PLACE: NIEDER SCHLETTENBACH, GERMANY
(081540)

0145 - G-3 called and said that tanks from the 42d Division (48th Tank Battalion) were headed down into our zone, coming from BUSSENBERG into ERLENBACH. Instructed us to notify our troops not to fire on them and to instruct them to return to BUSSENBERG. (Informed 3d Battalions of 410th and 411th).

0730 - G-3 reports that at 0420 this morning 409th Infantry Task Force was at KLINGENMUSTER. They were ordered to push EAST to the RHINE. 3d Battalion of 409th moving thru SELTZ to KLINGENMUSTER. 1st Battalion 409th vicinity BIRKENHARDT. 1st Battalion 410th vicinity of BIRKENHARDT. 411th Infantry remained in BOENTHAL. Division CP moving to BIRKENHARDT. 143d Infantry of 36th Division in BERGZABERN. Rest of the 36th Division in hills NORTHWEST of OBER OTTERBACH. 42d Division Task Force in BUSSENBERG. 1st Battalion of 232d is in RUMBACK. Rest of 232d in SHINHARD. 242d in Hill Mass NORTH of DAHN. 222d advancing NORTH at coordinates 99-60.

0740 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and asked if we had started marching yet. S-6 informed him that the Division Commander had ordered us to hold our positions until he ordered us to move. Chief of Staff instructed S-6 to get through our zone to the NORTH. S-6 told him we couldn't get anything but foot troops on the road past ERLENBACH because of a bridge being out. Chief of Staff said a Treadway bridge was on the way. It will be two hours before we can get tanks or vehicles across. Chief of Staff ordered S-6 to move out with foot troops anyway and to bring the others up when we can. Part should go to WORD WEIDENTHAL - SILZ. Rest by way of GOBERSWEILER and STEIN in our zone onto the plain. 409th Task Force and another Battalion are now out on the plain. Chief of Staff said he didn't think we would do much but march.

0915 - Advance CP opened at ERLENBACH.

0950 - 3d Battalion marched at 0950 headed toward WORD WEIDENTHAL * destination GOBERSWEILER.

1025 - S-6 ordered S-3 to get the 2d Battalion on the move at once.

1032 - 411th 3d Battalion rear CP closed into ERLENBACH at this time.

1140 - Closed CP at ERLENBACH.

1245 - Meeting light resistance at HILL 28. Captured one complete Battalion of 150 mm howitzers with all personnel and equipment.

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DATE: 24 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1245A

PLACE: COCKLINGEN, GERMANY

0830: Chief of Staff called S-6 and told him that Div. must motorize one RCT. 410th. is the one to be prepared to move by motors by 1000 this morning. Destination is GERBERSHEIM. Chief of Staff said they had notified the artillery and engineers.

0845: G-3 called S-3 and told him we were to get 65 trucks (40 cab over engine; 25 LWB) at area between MOMELSHEIN and HOTCHFELDEN. Co "A" of 614th. TD Bn will go with us.

0850: CO 3rd. Bn called S-6 and told him location of howitzers & miscellaneous equipment at (119604) to (119609). Also some enemy wounded in house at (119604).

0915: Message to G-6 103rd. Div. from S-6: My 3d Bn reports 3 to 4 150mm howitzers, a half-track, much signal equipment and many horses located along trail from 119604 to 119609. A number of enemy wounded in house at 119604. Two MK IV tanks in Vic were destroyed by my Bn. but there are still some hostile troops in nearby woods. Therefore combat patrol should accompany any salvage detail. The enemy wounded at 119604 are in need of medical attention.

1115*-: Cpt. Cocke called S-3 and said all vehicles taken by soldiers are to be turned over to the proper authorities immediately.

1116: S-3 notified Bns. of above message.

1208: Road from LANDAU to BORNHEIM is clear.

1217: Message to S-6 from Red 6. Crater in road 1200 Kilometers E of ESCHBACH. Take rd. N of ESCHBACH at outskirts of town. Road at Pt. 1 clear. Time signed 1130

1243: G-6 informed us we are released from our present mission. (Bns. and special units informed.)

1250: Instructed by G-3 to get a detail out to clean up the roads as soon as possible.

1600: Fame turned over to us the information that all trucks we had confiscated must be turned in at once.

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JOURNAL

DATE: 24 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1245A

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY

1628: Fame Jr. informed us of the order of soldiers picking of Kraut vehicles. Any vehicle found must be turned into division.

1630: First Bn. called us. They have some captured equipment we can pick up. S-3 said he would get in touch with Capt. Perez.

1800: S-6 reports a wrecked Kraut vehicle at ESCHBACH. Wants it removed at once. S-3 said he would take care of it.

1801: S-3 informed Fall Baker 6 of above message.

2015: Light line tonight- N-S road KLINGEMUNSTER. Roads W of that N-S roads lights can be used.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 25 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 2315A

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY (223616)

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

1045 - S-6 left for 2d Battalion.

1138 - S-5 instructed CO's of Antitank, Service, Headquarters and Cannon Companies to be at our CP at 1300 for a meeting.

1140 - S-6 returned from 2d Battalion.

1220 - Chief of Staff called S-6 and informed him that there is a dead horse on the main road NORTH of GOCKLINGEN.

1250 - Assistant S-3 notified 3d Battalion S-5 that all civilians who appear to be of military age and might possibly be soldiers in civilian clothes are to be picked up.

1252 - Assistant S-3 called our TD attachment and instructed them to report back to their parent unit effective immediately.

1355 - There will be a Unit Commanders meeting in the liaison room at 1600.

1400 - 2d Battalion S-5 called and wanted to know if it would be O.K. to show movies in the church.

1401 - S-6 called G-2 and asked him to get a bomb disposal crew together and remove some dud shells located on the edge of town where 3d Battalion is billeted.

1458 - S-3 called AT CO and instructed him to destroyed the pillboxes near ESCHBACH.

1830 - S-6 left for 3d Battalion.

2130 - 3d Battalion reports an AT minefield at 180652. Schu-mines located at RANSCHBACH 100 yards SOUTH of the town.

2300 - S-6 returned from 3d Battalion.

2310 - Cannon Company reports they hear small arms fire vicinity of section of town where German civilians are living.

2315 - S-3 instructed MP Officer to investigate the above report.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 25 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2316A to 2400A

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY (223616)

2335 - Division Artillery Liaison Officer reports that his guard on air strip NORTH of GOCKLINGEN was fired on by one of our guards.

2340 - MP Officer reports 2d Battalion Officer and two ~~EM~~ leading 7 or 8 PW's across a field into NORTH end of GOCKLINGEN were fired on by our guards. This also accounted for guard at air strip being fired on.

2400 - MP Officer reports Lt. Reilly, AT Platoon Leader of 2d Battalion, decided to test fire his .50 cal. MG. This accounts for the small arms fire that was heard and has been reported since 2310 tonight. This incident has been reported to the S-3 of 2d Battalion.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 26 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 2400

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY (223616)

- 0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.
- 0600- G-3 reports that Patton has made a 27 mile advance and seems to be bypassing Frankfurt.
- 0905- Red 3 called S-3 and wanted to know if he was still to conduct the two hour march this morning. S-3 said he would find out and call him back.
- 0933- S-3 informed Green 6 to conduct cleaning of weapons indoors due to the weather. Cancel the march.
- 0935- Informed Bns. of above message.
- 1223- Lt. Poole, Asst Div. Comdr officer, called S-5. Said F-38 observed ten vehicles parked bumper to bumper vic HEUCHELHEIM. Next time it will cost an Mtr officer some money. S-5 told him he will take care of it.
- 1425- Informed Bns and Special Units retreat will be held each afternoon at 1730 until further notice.
- 1745- Fame 5 to Fatal 5- Citation ceremony at 1500 tomorrow. The same called and said it would be like the one we had at Bouxwiller.
- 1915- S-3 called Bns. and Special Units and informed them that retreat will be held at 1700 daily (First Bn. will have it at 1730).
- 2125- G-3 called S-6 and informed him that Corp has a policy for taking one Bn. for protection of corps security area. Bn C.O. to report to C6, 35th. AAA Brigade at LANDAU at 0930 tomorrow. Period of duty will probably be two weeks. It is more of a show business than anything else. Bn will most likely move from present area to area designated by C6, 35th. AAA Brigade the day after Bn C.O. repts. to C-6 35th. AAA Brigade.
- 2130- S-6 told Red 2 of the entry of 2125 and told him to tell Red 6 his Bn. has the mission.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 27 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1720

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY (223616)

0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3

0700- XV corps is expanding their bridge head instead of trying to deepen it. All of the 3d. Division and 45th. Division are across. Patton had extended the SW part of Frankfurt and his 4th. AD has bypassed Frankfurt and dashed 40 miles to enter Bavaria. Two columns broke out of the Remagen bridgehead--one column advanced 15 miles, the other 22 miles.

0730- C.O. of Co. B, 328th. Engrs. called asst. S-3 and wanted to know what we wanted done about a "stand" and minefields reported by 3d. Bn. Asst. S-3 told him we wanted a band stand built and wanted the two minefields reported by 3d. Bn either taped off or cleared.

0800- White 3 called Asst. S-3 and wants to change the march this morning to care and cleaning of equipment. Asst. S-3 said it would be O.K.

0855- S-3 informed A.T , Cn, Hq. and Service Co. to have their guide-on's at the C.P. by noon today.

1135- Lt. MacShirley called Asst. S-3 and said he had the P.A. system and wanted to know where to take it. S-3 told him where the presentation was to be, and asked him to have the P.A. system ready by 1400.

1246- C O., Cannon Co. called Asst. S-3 and asked him if he could cancel his cross country march this afternoon, due to soft ground. Asst. S-3 said it would be O.K. as long as the men were kept busy.

1310- S-3 called Bns. and told them to bring all guide-on's to the Regt. C.P. as soon as possible, as they were needed for the rehearsal

1626- Lt. Mihalakis called S-2 and asked him if it would be O.K. to let the civilians repair their roofs during the four hours they are allowed outside their sector. S-2 said it would be alright.

1720- Fame 1 called S-5 and wantes him to submit two officer's name by 0900 tomorrow to attend Displaced Persons School to replace the two men who were originally sent there, but are now in the hospital.

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DATE: 27 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1721 to 2400

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY (223616)

1805- C/S called S-6 and told him to make sure there is no looting or no driving of civilian vehicles in your unit. C/S said we were still on 24 hr. alert. S-6 asked him if he got the report on alledged rpt on rape cases in ESHEBACH. C/S said he had. C/S asked if it would do any good to hang a jail sentence on civilians for a short time. S-6 said he didn't think it was necessary and would only lead to a perscution charge by the German people.

1847- G-3 called S-2 and asked if our First Bn. moved today. S-2 said he wasn't sure but would check and find out.

1848- S-2 called called First Bn S-2 and found that Co. "C" complete moved to LANDAU at 1600 today. Co. "B" moving tomorrow morning at 0830.

1850- S-2 called G-3 and gave him above information.

2115- Div. Engrs will not demolish any more pill boxes. Work to be done by Corps. Engrs. will salvage all possible equipment such as gun mounts, ventilators, etc. (called Enrs. & special units.)

2140- G-3 called S-3 and told him to be prepared to relive 5th Inf. Regt. of 71st. Inf. Div. Have Bn Rcn parties go up to their area first thing in the morning. Relief will occur within next two days. After we are notified, relief will have to be completed within 24 hours. First Bn. will not be with us.

2300- S-3 called Div Movement & Control and found out that Div. will prescribed a route for the move. It will have to be marked by us.

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DATE: 28 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0001A to 1300A

PLACE: GOCKLINGEN, GERMANY (223616)

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

0800 - S-3 left on reconnaissance.

0950 - S-6 left for Div CP.

1020 - Major GILLMAN arrived with road maps for advance.

1030 - Capt PEREZ called S-5. He has captured ammunition but no place to dump it. S-5 called G-4 and they said to dump it, and report coordinates to them and they will explode it. S-5 informed Capt PEREZ of this.

1035 - S-6 returned from Division CP.

1040 - G-3 called S-5 and said movement control list is on way to us, and that our relief is to be completed by noon tomorrow.

1045 - Lt HUGHES called 2d Bn and wanted to know if they had returned the 25 PW's they drew. Said they would check and call back.

1046 - 3d Bn report their PW's have been returned.

1140 - Major GILLMAN called Asst S-3 and said to send 2 officers and 2 jeeps to pick up 100 - 2½ ton trucks immediately from the 100th Div G-4 at the town of MECHENSHEIM (3790). We are responsible for taking 25 trucks to Div Rear Echelon at WOLLENSHEIM report to Lt Col CROLL. We can begin moving as soon as we want to. Trucks to be returned to G-4, 71st Inf Div at OGGENSHEIM by tonight.

1155 - Capt SHIVELY CALLED Asst S-3 and said he has A & P Plat working between here and BOBENTHAL. Wanted to know if he should call them back. Asst S-3 told him to call Capt PEREZ.

1157 - Major GILLMAN informed S-3 that no traffic can be put on road before 1500 this afternoon.

1200 - Lt HUGHES notified 2d and 3d Battalions, AT and Cn Co's that we have to move this afternoon.

1230 - Div Movement Control called and said on this movement today, there will be 5 minutes between March Units and 15 minutes between Serials.

1237 - Div Movement Control called and said we can pick our own IP and FP and notify them of same when we have.

1300 - Div Movement Control called and said speeds for movement are: Daylight - Serial Control Vehicles - 20 mph; March Unit Control Vehicles - 23 mph; Other vehicles - 30 mph.

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1300 - Continued - Blackout - Serial Control - 10 mph; March Unit Control - 12 mph; Other Vehicles - 15 mph. No halts.

1400 - Sixth Corps Commander visited the CP and left at 1405.

1415 - C/S wants to see Capt LINCOLN (Co "D") within an hour if possible. (S-5 called 1st Bn S-3 and instructed him to have Capt LINCOLN report to S/S).

1417 - Major GILLMAN wants us to call him at his HQ when our trucks arrive.

1435 - S-3 told Major GILLMAN that our route was OK with the exception of where it runs through the woods. S-3 requested a change of route through this spot and Major GILLMAN said it was OK.

1445 - Lt HUGHES told Regtl Motor Officer that each Battalion would get 30 trucks, with 2 or 3 going to HQ Co, and the rest to Service Co. We are getting 75 trucks.

1452 - S-3 called AT Co and told them we needed 10 extra guides. Instructed AT Co to send us their Mine Platoon up here so we could use them as guides.

1500 - Distribution made on TM #2 dated 26 Mar 45 "Manual for the Guidon" (HQ 103d Inf Div.).

1525 - MP Officer says he doesn't have enough transportation for all his men. S-3 said Mine Platoon couldn't be used, but that we were getting 10 men from 2d Bn HQ Co with transportation. MP Officer said he would like to send some of his men with 2d Bn HQ Co. S-3 instructed him to take all the equipment off his 2½ ton and then try to get all of his men on.

1535 - S-3 told 2d Bn S-5 that his 5 kitchen trucks were to be cut out of this 30 trucks. Told him to hold tight as there might be a change of orders.

1540 - S-3 called MP Officer and told him to move out his MP's.

1643 - 383d FA Bn will cross IP at 1715.

1705 - Informed Battalions that they would receive 24 trucks for personnel carriers. Five for kitchen trucks. We are now receiving 60 trucks.

1915 - Advance CP closed at GOCKLINGEN.

2000 - CP opened at NEUHOFEN.

2230 - AT Company closed in at 2230.

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TIME: 2300A to 2400A

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2300 - S-3, 383d FA Bn called S-3 and told him that 383d FA Bn closed in at 2130 and are ready to fire.

2301 - S-2, 2d Bn called S-3 and said his battalion closed in at 2220. Relief started at 2300. Co "F" and Co "E" on line. Co "G" in position in town at 2230. Co "F" captured 2 PW's.

2310 - S-3, 3d Bn called S-3 and said his battalion closed in at 2300. Relief started at 2305. Co's "I" and "K" on line.

2330 - S-3 notified G-3 of above reports.

2335 - S-3 called Cn Co and found out that they closed in at 2230 and were ready to fire at 2245.

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TIME: 0001 to 0600

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

- 0030- White 3 to S-3- How Co. completed its relief at 0015.
- 0030- 25 trucks turned over to Motor Officer of 5th. Inf. by Lt. Hughes.
- 0100- Green 6 to Fatal 3- We will not register until sometime in the morning.
- 0100- S-3 to Fame 3- All above reported to Capt. Cocks.
- 0110- White 3 S-3- All we have is visual contact during daylight between 409th. Nothing at night.
- 0120- S-3 Blue 3- Blue 3 said that contact between Fatal Blue and Fatima White is arranged.
- 0125- S-3 to Fame 3- Fatal 3 told Fame 3 that he would like something done about the pocket between our Blue Bn and Fatima. Capt. Cocks said he would do something.
- 0135- White 3 S-3- Our Bn. completed its relief at 0120. Fox Co. completed its relief at 0120.
- 0145- S-3 to Fame 3- White Bn. completed relief at 0120.
- 0200- 614th. TD closed in at 0100.
- 0201- Blue 3 to S-3- Bn. completed relief at 0157. I at 0147, K at 0157, L at 2300, M at 0120.
- 0203- S-3 to Fame 3- Our Bns. have completed their relief at 0157.
- 0300- S-3 to Fame 3- Negative report.
- 0400- Blue (Sgt. Groves) reports their "I" Co. picked up two P.W.'s trying to cross the Rhine in a boat with the purpose of surrendering. One was a S/Sgt; the other a Pvt. They were connected with arty. units, but had been transferred to the Inf. They are being brought in on the 0500 patrol.
- 0400- Phoned above message to G-3.
- 0500- Negative report to G-3.
- 0600- Negative report to G-3.

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TIME: 0601 to 1410

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

0815- Cn. Co. C.O. was instructed that he couldn't fire across the Rhine as some American troops are moving down from MANNHEIM. He is checking with 383rd. FA on the No fire rule.

0950- I Co. reports they have two P.W. 's.

1020- S-6 left for the Bns.

1105- Asst. Div. Comdr. arrived at CP.

1115- Asst. Div. Comdr. left CP.

1220- S-2 called S-4 in regard to 100 gallons of fuel oil to operate the city water supply.

1227- S-6 returned from the Bns.

1340- 3rd. Bn C.O. called S-3 and wanted to know about a change of boundaries. S-3 said he had recd. no order as yet, but that we would probably get it this afternoon. Relief on the line will probably be tonight. Wanted to know if I Co. would be under his control. S-3 told him yes. Said it might be arranged for 2d Bn. to take over that sector. 3d. Bn C.O. said he didn't have the wire to do it.

1350- S-3 called G-3 and asked him if the relief would be tonight. G-3 said no. The French are to relieve elements of 411 and they probably won't do it before tomorrow morning.

1352- S-2 talked to G-2. G-2 said the Div. Comdr. had said he wanted only one patrol per Regt. to go out each night. G-2 said it would be O.K. to put a patrol across tonight--- just a feel-out patrol, depth and condition of stream, etc. G-2 wanted an overlay of the enemy situation. S-2 told G-2 that he had heard from the 100th. Division that there were three Bns. across the river in our Sector. G-2 said there were 200 enemy troops in KISH.

1410- S-3 called 3rd. Bn C.O. and informed him that the relief would not take place before tomorrow morning as the relief depends on the French relieving the 411th. S-3 told him he could move everything back out of the town that he wanted to today. S-6 had agreed to attach I Co. to 2nd. Bn. when the relief is made.

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TIME: 1411 to 1800

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

1420- S-3 called 2d. Bn S-3 and told him that the relief would not take place tonight. Told him I Co. would be attached to 2d. Bn. when the relief is made.

1435- S-2 called C.O. of Co. B, 328th. Engr. Bn and asked if he had any boats. C.O. of Co. B said he had rcn. boats and assault boat.

1440- Division Movement Control said there will be no lights in the Division Area tonight. (Bns. and Special Units notified.)

1500- S-2 called 2d. Bn. and asked them to look for launching sites for boats. This is for the patrol the Regt. has to send across the Rhine tonight.

1505- Gave the above message to 3d. Bn.

1505- Asst. G-4 called S-5 and told him that all sedans, coupes, volkwagons, motorcycles, bicycles, or any other non-military vehicles are to be turned in to the Div. ordance officer by 1200, 30 March, 1945. (This does not include German cargo trucks.) Informed 2 and 3rd. Bns, Cannon, Hq. AT, and Sv. of this.

1535- IPW officer says the water will be on in 10 or 15 minutes and will be on hereafter. Says we don't have to worry about getting oil for the water plant. S-3 said it would be O.K. for him to handle some civilian problems as long as it didn't interfere with his other work.

1610- 2d Plat. of C Btry. of 252 AAA Searchlight Bn. is now attached to us. Their code name is WATCHFUL CHARLIE.

1655- G-2 says patrols will not go N of grid line 94. G-2 wants S-2 to come to Div. CP.

1720- S-3 ordered 2d Bn S-2 not to send patrols N of grid line 94.

1750- 2d Bn S-3 said Co. F wants to do some test firing tomorrow morning vic factory Co. E area. (G-3 informed.)

1800- 1st. Bn. C.O. called S-6 and said he could be contacted through Fame-Redwood-Robert-Fatal Red.

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DATE: 29 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1801 to 2400

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

1915- 3d. Bn. reports that at approximately 1300 today Co. I rec. about 10 rds. arty.

2245- Div. 01 No. 74 recd. by Ln. O.

2250- Certificate from Regtl. MTR officer and asst. Regtl. Motor officer on conditions of several buildings in LIMBURGENHOF as to buildings being ransacked before our troops had entered same.

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DATE: 30 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 0935

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

0100- Negative report to G-3.

0200- Negative report to G-3.

0300- Negative report to G-3.

0330- Following report on patrol: Started crossing at coordinates 52.8-93.8 and landed at 52.5-94.3. They infiltrated approximately 200 yards. Found enemy entrenchments, unoccupied but well camouflaged. Heard MG to W. Unable to determine if it was Kraut or ours. To the E heard motor movement. Crane reported back of entrenchments. No enemy contact.

040- Reported above message to G-3.

0400- Negative report to G-3

0500- Negative report to G-3.

0600- Negative report to G-3.

0800- G-2 says we shall send one patrol per Bn. across the Rhine every night. G-2 said he would let us know whether we were to confiscate cameras or not.

0820- S-2 called Div. Civil affairs about appointing a burgermaster at RHEINGONHEM. Civil affairs said he would take care of that today.

0840- C/S called S-6 and wants him to come to dinner at 1800. Also wanted to know why S-6 didn't charge GEAR under the 95th. A.W., conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentlemen.

0855- G-2 says we do not pick up cameras. Says SEEMAF will put out a memo on it. The use of cameras and binoculars by civilians will be prohibited.

0930- S-5 called AT First Sgt. and ordered him to have a Platoon ready and waiting at Cp and Capt. WHIPPS will pick them up.

0935- S-2 instructed MP officers not to pick up cameras or binoculars. MP's will screen all civilians in whose homes they find firearms.

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DATE: 30 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0936 to 1145

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

0950- S-2 told 2d. Bn. that cameras and binoculars are not to be picked up.

0955- S-6 left for 2d. Bn.

1005- S-2 told 2d. Bn CO that civil affairs was going to set up a burgermaster in RHEINGOMMEN and straighten the system out down there. 2d. Bn CO said there is no system down there at all and they wander the streets at will. There are so many people there who work in the big chemical plant in LUDWIGSHAFEN that it is impossible to give them all passes.

1030- 3d. Bn S-2 reports there is a good boat launching site on their right flank. There is a spot in "I" Co. sector where boats may be launched, but they aren't too good.

1045- S-2 instructed 2d Bn S-2 that each Bn. would have to send a Patrol across the Rhine each night. 2d. Bn says that AMG has given civilians permission in his town to move about from seven in the morning until five in the evening.

1110- Div Ln. O. says there is no sense of our sending patrols across the Rhine as there are friendly forces all across our front across the Rhine. They are down to the 92 Grid Line.

1112- G-2 says there are two companies of friendly troops moving down the E bank of the Rhine in front of our zone.

1115- S-2 called Div. Military Government and asked if we had control over RHEINGOMMEN. They said we had control of the town as it is in our tactical area. We are to conduct our Security search during the days and screening the civilians in the afternoon after they return home from work.

1125- S-2 told 2d. Bn. S-5 that he could call off the search for arms in his town and they could drop their security during the day. The town is to be treated as a military community, which means they are free to move about during the day.

1140- S-6 returned from 2d. Bn.

1142- S-6 left for 3d. Bn.

1145- Regt. Mun. O. says the lady next door to him has two old dogs and wants him to shoot them. S-2 told him to go ahead and shoot them.

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DATE: 30 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1146 to 1700

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

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- 1147- G-2 said to call off our patrols across the Rhine. Friendly troops are almost below our new boundary.
- 1148- S-2 told 2d. Bn S-2 that no night patrols would go across the Rhine.
- 1220- S-6 returned for 3d. Bn.
- 1300- G-3 reports friendly troops in HERDELBURG; SCHWETZINGEN is cleared; column which has CC in it is headed for HOCKENHEIM.
- 1330- K Co. is in the progress of coming out of the line. 3d. Bn. wants 2d. Bn to take over I Co. right away.
- 1335- G-2 instructed S-2 to send arms and ammo that we confiscate to the ordnance officer, other stuff to QM.
- 1340- OP No. 3 reports that they have spotted four buildings across the river flying white flags.
- 1400- OP No. One reports seeing a French flag flying in a bldg. across the river in MANNHEIM and OP NO. 4 reports that they see friendly troops and vehicles in ALTRIP.
- 1425- S-5 instructed MP officer to get more guards on this town tonight. Also have the people keep their shutters closed tonight. Artillery will have a patrol over the town during the night.
- 1435- 3d. Bn. reports that there is a 50 cal. MG firing directly across the river from them. Also some 30 cal.
- 1530- 3d. Bn. closed in at their new CP.
- 1610- G 3 reports that C.C.B. of the 10th A.D. is at 58-85, right across and S. of us.
- 1700- OP No. One reports there is a smoke screen from the bend in the river all the way up to ALTRIP.

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DATE: 30 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1701 to

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

- 1730- G-4 sayd all volkswagons will be turned in by 1200 temorrow.
- 1740- Asst. C/S called and wants to know what became of overlay on Col. Lynch's situation which said was promised to him.
- 1815- S-3 called C/S and told him he didn't know anything about overlay but he would get him one immediately.
- 2200- S-6 returned from Div. with OI No. 75.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 31 March 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1500

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

- 0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.
- 0810- I & R OP reported in. Negative report.
- 0825- MP officer reports that last night his men recd. a tip that there were some German troops hiding in LIMBURGERHOFF. Sent some men up there to get them. Seized four men, one officer, one NCO, and Two Pvts. They were all well armed.
- 0840- TD Bn CO says Div. has given his Bn. an area of their own and won't be over to make Enc. with us this morning.
- 0843- G-3 told S-3 that TD's have the Northern part of our sector. They are sending an overlay down to us.
- 0845- G-3 doesn't know which Btry of AA we will have with us yet. Said it will probably be the Battery that stays with our FA normally.
- 0850- Div. reports that when we move back there will be no forty-eight hour freeze on that town. Curfew will be from 1730 to 0600. Beginning Monday farmers will be allowed to move six kilometers from their base.
- 0905- OP three & four report there are lots of civilians in front of them carrying white flags.
- 0906- Movement control reports we will have nothing more than our organic transportation to move back to our new area.
- 0940- Will have A Battery of the 534 AA Bn. with us.
- 1330- G-3 called and said that NERZALBERN (99-71) is in our territory.
- 1500- Div. movement control wants an overlay by 2000 tonight on the 1/100,000 map showing our routes to our new area.

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TIME: 1501 to 2400

PLACE: NEUHOFEN, GERMANY (503916)

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1615- G-3 called and said that friendly troops across the river report that there are enemy troops on the island across from ALTRIP.

1620- Military Government says that farmers may go out to work tomorrow. They may go six kilometers from their town. Get town criers out with this information and inform all guards.

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