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DATE: 1 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100B to 0932B

PLACE: PREM, GERMANY (300025)

0100 - Negative report to G-3.

0120 - S-3 called Lt EDDENS and received the following information: 409th is at KLAIS; two bridges blown. The armor has been pushed out of the way and orders to assemble. 409th meeting light resistance. 411th Inf following.

0200 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0725 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and told him the 409th had not moved and saw no reason for us to move before noon. Instructed him to send out a patrol and to get in some close order drill and training.

0728 - S-6 called 2d Bn S-3 and told him that 409th had not moved and we probably wouldn't move before noon. Asked him to check on airfield in 44th Div area down FUSSEN road, to see if it was guarded. S-3 2d Bn said some enemy equipment had been located E of their town and they were going to send some foot patrols down there. S-6 told him to have some close order drill and training.

0730 - 3d Plat of 824th TD Rcn Co sent to FUSSEN - LERMOOS road to contact the 44th Division.

0737 - S-6 called 1st Bn Ex and said that the 409th had not moved during the night and saw no possibility of our moving before noon. Told him to conduct some close order drill and training and to continue reconnaissance. Haven't heard from 1st Bn. CO 1st Bn was suppose to call S-6 last night and he didn't. Ex 1st Bn says he has about 200 men with him and he will send a jeep down right away to see what is wrong. Said there were some SS troops dug in around a lake down there last night.

0855 - 2d Bn S-3 reports that the planes located on airfield in 44th Div zone are worthless as they are all shot up. Doesn't think it is necessary to put a guard on them as there are 36th Engineers staying right across the road.

0915 - 3d Bn wants to know what to do with their PW's. Asst S-3 is checking.

0925 - Asst S-3 called G-2 (Capt DREXEL) and learned the Div PW Cage was in GARMISCH. G-2 reports the Div is meeting a little stiffer resistance around the 70 grid line - some road blocks and 88 fire.

0930 - Opl SHEPARD of MP's called and said he has 11 men at the QM gas dump in RR station at GARMISCH and wants transportation back to our CP. Asst S-3 told him he would take care of it.

0932 - G-3 called Asst S-3 and wanted to know how the work was coming on the road block in 1st Bn sector. Asst S-3 is checking.

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TIME: 0945 to 1115B

PLACE: PHEM, GERMANY (300025)

0945 - 1st Bn Ex told Asst S-3 that he had not heard from 1st Bn CO this morning. Said Col MAY had with him one Rcn Plat; all of the staff; AT Platoon; 2 Plats of "C" Co; 1 Plat of "A" Co; 1 Plat of TD's (4 SP's & 3 half-tracks). Has no tanks with him.

0947 - S-6 returned to CP.

1000 - C/S called S-6 and asked if he had any contact with 1st Bn CO. Told him we had no telephone contact but had an officer out to contact him. S-6 told C/S just what 1st Bn CO had with him. C/S said he has a new job for 1st Bn CO - wants him to clear the road from MITTENWALD to about OBERHOFEN. Starts at MITTENWALD and comes into the vally OBERHOFEN. Runs SW out of MITTENWALD. S-6 asked C/S about job 1st Bn CO was on now and C/S said that job should be finished by now. C/S said there would probably be mine clearance on this new job. C/S said he thought the 44th had come up from the S and had met Col MAY at road block. S-6 told him we had the 3d Plat of the 824th TD Rcn Co out to gain contact with 44th on the FUSSEN - LERMOOS road. S-6 told C/S we had not meet or found a road for ourselves as yet. C/S said S-6 could go himself and contact 1st Bn CO. C/S said 1st Bn CO could contact movement control on use of road to MITTENWALD and to get started on it at once.

1021 - S-6 left to contact 1st Bn CO (will stop and contact 3d Bn CO and put him in command of the Regt while he is gone).

1050 - 3d Bn S-1 called Asst S-3 and told him S-6 wants Lt WEEKS, our AMG officer, to get out around these towns and start posting proclamations. He can contact Col MITCHELL and find out what to do. S-6 wants the civilians to be kept off the streets around PHEM and down by the bridge sites.

1110 - G-3 instructed S-3 to start reconnaissance immediately for assembly area OBER AMMERGAU ETTAL and OBERAU. Don't go South of ETTAL and OBERAU. Correction - Don't go South of OBERAU. Can go down to FARCHANT (54-87). Move into that area this afternoon. Close in as early as possible. All CT 410 will move with exception of TASK FORCE MAY.

1115 - Operations Sgt of 1st Bn gave Asst S-3 the following message: "1st Bn CO to S-6 - Rcn including road from ETTAL to road including FORSTHAUS. This road was satisfactory for 2 - way traffic for all Regt loads. Road from ETTAL to OBERAU should be guarded night and day particularly on hill going into ETTAL. Should be guarded night and day to protect against road craters. This road is now unguarded. Road to GARMISCH and on to the road block (location of which you have is in good condition. Hard surface and two-way traffic for all Regt loads. In an attempt to find a by-pass around the road block our Rcn party had a few rounds of mortar fire on them near EIBSEE. The fire was poorly directed and resulted in no casualties. A party including 2 Plats of Inf, the Rcn Plat, and 2 TD's is at the location of this fire this morning to reduce any resistance which may be pocketed in the area. The Rcn Plat has the same mission as yesterday; to contact elements of the 44th Inf Div on the right flank. The Engr Plat protected by TD's and one Plat of Inf is now reducing the road block and

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1115 (Continued) - removing mines adjacent. This road block should be passable by noon providing the mines can be cleared by that time. Rcn is continuing from the east from FORSTHAUS to include the extremely high ground to the east. A report on today's Rcn will be forwarded by Liaison officer tonight due to the fact that radio is extremely unsatisfactory. GARMISCH and PARTEN KIRCHEN are extremely crowded with troops and 1st Bn CO CP will remain in present location for time being.

1130 - S-3 called Ex O 1st Bn and told him we got orders to move to another assembly area. Your Bn (-) move to FARCHANT (54-87). Route will be thru OBER-AMMERGAU. Bn will start at 1300. 2d Bn will move to OBERAU (5690).

1132 - S-3 called 2d Bn S-2 and told him his Bn will move to OBERAU (5690) and no change in mission. 383d FA Bn will move to ETTAL (5391). If not enough room in OBERAU, then move Bn attachments to ETTAL. Regtl CP will move to OBER AMMERGAU.

1250 - Lt HUGHES told 781st Tk Co CO that he could move his HQ group with ours at 1600.

1330 - 1st Bn pulled their board.

1400 - S-6 called S-3 and said he would meet us at OBER AMMERGAU. Wants the rest of Co "C" sent up to Col MAY as he doesn't have enough Infantry.

1402 - S-6 told Col MITCHELL to catch 2d Bn at STEINGADEN and make them keep 60 - yard interval or there would be a traffic tie-up all the way down there.

1405 - Col MITCHELL called Blue 3 and told him to be sure 3d Bn kept 60 - yard interval all the way down to new area and be sure the AA guns are all manned.

1415 - 2d Bn Ex told S-5 that they had just had a Sgt shot 3 times in the head by a sniper in the town of BAYERNIEDERHOFEN. They are setting fire to some of the shacks and trying to locate him. They have the populace in the streets giving them a going over.

1420 - 3d Bn CO called 3d Bn S-3 and told him to hold up on the movement of the Bn until they got a time from us.

1445 - S-3 told 2d Bn S-3 to get the Bn on the road right away as they couldn't hold up the Bn to clean out one sniper.

1445 - Regtl CP opened at OBER AMMERGAU.

1500 - Msg from Div: "To CO 410th Inf - Units will guard or evacuate to Army Class I DP all captured or uncovered enemy food stocks. Reports showing location and site thereof will be made thru command and technical channels. (Signed: CG 103d Div - 0930)."

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TIME: 1500B to 2400B

PLACE: OBER AMMERGAU (50-94)

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- 1500 - 2d Bn on the road ready to move.
- 1520 - Msg to S-4: "CP moving to OBER AMMERGAU at 1600." (CO 410th Inf - McCAHNEY, Capt)
- 1525 - 2d Bn is on the road.
- 1530 - 1st Bn arrived at FARCHANT and S-6 directed Co "C" to proceed on to MITTENWALD and join Col MAY'S Task Force.
- 1725 - Notified G-3 (Capt YOUNG) of our opening of CP at OBER AMMERGAU at 1445. Also that 1st Bn closed at 1530 at FARCHANT.
- 1810 - S-6 called G-2 and was informed that road Col MAY is reconnoitering is blocked by a land slide. Radio message received at 1630: "Task Force MAY assembling this town (MITTENWALD). Rcn elements checking between MITTENWALD and HEINDLER. Task Force will moveout when all elements are assembled."
- 1840 - 383d FA Bn closed into ETTAL.
- 1925 - 3d Bn closed into OBER AMMERGAU at 1900.
- 1930 - 1st Bn CO called S-6 and gave him the following: On the road we are reconnoitering looks like the Krauts planted 5 or 6 aerial 500 lbs bombs and exploded them. Very little resistance. Rifle Plat reinforced. Particularly impossible to repair with a Engr Co. Looks like it will take building a new road. The road runs into a blind alley. Bomb carter is about 2½ kilometers from MITTENWALD. I recommended to Div that road be defended tonight as it makes right flank dangerous. We are using a couple of rifle Plats and two TD's to protect that flank tonight. We are going to follow leading Bn of 409th to check road for a route for vehicles to our zone. They aren't moving very fast. Div of Hungarian Troops captured by 409th Inf. The building I'm in is the 2d floor of the post office across from RR station. We captured 4 carloads of English speaking Krauts that monitored BBC. I can be contacted thru Div Advance and ask for my liaison officer.
- 2000 - G-3 notified of our closing times.
- 2015 - 2d Bn closed at OBERAU at 1930. (G-3 notified).
- 2400 - Negative report to G-3.

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TIME: 0100B to 1200B

PLACE: OBER-AMMERGAU (D50-94)

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0100 to 0700 - Negative reports to G-3.

0820 - G-2 says 409th is down at SHEFFELD. There is a big road crater on the road. Foot troops are going into the town. Not much resistance. One MG and some sniper fire. Still meeting the OCS students. Picked up 150 of them last night, but most of them were stragglers.

0822 - The 411th Inf seems to think we are supposed to relieve them on some guard posts. We know nothing of this. There are art treasures of MUNICH in a monastery at ETTEL and the priest would like a guard put on it.

0850 - Asst S-3 gave 1st Bn Ex the situation. Told him if 409th kept moving during the day we would probably have to move before the day is over.

0930 - 1st Bn Ex says Task Force MAY is now composed of Co "C"; AT Plat; 1 Plat of Co "A"; 1 Rcn Plat from 824th TD; forward CP Command Group; 1 Plat of Co "D" (MG's); two tanks; 2 platoons of TD's - 7 SP TD's and 4 half tracks.

0931 - Sv Co has a line in to us.

1010 - S-6 called G-3 (Lt EDDENS) and asked if they had heard anything from Task Force MAY this morning. They haven't heard anything for the past 2 hours. He now has a mission to check the road S of the one he was on and to check everything possible in the area.

1015 - 3d Bn Ex says the 6th FA Group wants them to take over the guard posts in OBER AMMERGAU. 3d Bn CO said it was OK.

1020 - G-3 says RR workers do not go through as PW's.

1110 - Task Force MAY Ln Officer called from Div Advance with message from Col MAY: "Wants us to send down a 328th Engr Co "B" dozer. Doesn't have to be a tank dozer. Col MAY has checked the roads going W from MITTENWALD and SCHARNITZ. They are all impassable. Going to try to build a road below MITTENWALD where the slide was yesterday. Bring dozer to Col MAY's CP. Division is planning to move up to SCHARNITZ. S-6 instructed Ln Officer to see if Col MAY has his Rcn Plat with him and the story on the SS troops he ran into.

1155 - Lt BAGLEY (Task Force Ln Officer) says Col MAY now has his Rcn Plat on the SS men, Col May saw 2 up around the castle and they chased them, but they got away. That is all he knows about it.

1200 - IPW officer reports that he has Field Marshal Von WEICHS. 383d FA Bn captured him.

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TIME: 1215B to 1445B

PLACE: OBER-AMMERGAU (D50-94)

1215 - C/S called S-6 and told him there was very little change. 409th is down around REITH. Still haven't gotten over the last mountain. S-6 told him we had a message from Rcn that they were down at FERN and had a road block there that would take 4 hours to clear. C/S told S-6 to start Rcn to move down around KLAIS and GARMISCH.

1225 - C/S called S-6 and S-6 found out no available room in KHUNN. S-6 said we will try and get everything into the town of GARMISCH.

1235 - S-3 called the Bn S-3's and told them we are going to move this afternoon to vic GARMISCH. S-1 will pick up quartering parties on his way down. We will move on Div order.

1240 - S-3 called S-3, 383d FA and found that FA Bn will move under Div Arty control at 1500.

1315 - Div is moving to SEEFELDE.

1320 - 383d FA Bn will move at 1500 to MITTENWALD under Div Arty Control.

1330 - S-4 says he will keep Service Co in OBER-AMMERGAU and save a move.

1332 - C/S told S-6 that the Div Comdr wants us to keep closed up behind 411th as the situation appears to be clearing up. C/S said we are to move on East of GARMISCH. 411th has moved forward a little. They are going to MITTENWALD and SCHARNITZ. We are to keep tight behind 411th. Col MAY is being used on a special mission as they think they have trapped some Nazi hot shots and he is going to capture them. C/S asked S-6 if he could move at 1600. S-6 told him we could, but it would be a marching job for our 2d Bn as we are losing 383d FA Bn. C/S said 383d FA could carry them down to KLAIS. C/S told us to move at 1600.

1335 - Div Movement Control (Major GILMAN) told S-3 we would probably move at 1600, or just as soon as 411th had moved. Contact them by phone or send Ln Officer down there.

1340 - S-3 warned the Battalions of impending move.

1400 - S-3 called 411th S-3 and was informed that 411th is moving two battalions into MITTENWALD and their CP will be in SCHARNITZ. 411th Inf 1st Bn will move at 1500 and 3d Battalion move at 1600. Said there wouldn't be room enough for one of our Bns in MITTENWALD, but that we could try it.

1440 - 383d FA moved at 1415 and did not pick up 2d Bn troops. They were ordered at 1350 to move as soon as possible.

1445 - G-3 (Capt DALCHER) called S-3 in regard to our movement problem. G-3 said we could get one Battalion in MITTENWALD. 411th Inf has two battalions in there now, but

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PLACE: OBER-AMMERGAU (D50-94)

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1445 Continued - G-3 said one of these battalions would move S inside of 12 or 15 hours. 411th has only two battalions as Corps has one of their Battalions. G-3 said we could take the rest of our staff to PARTENKIRCHEN, eastern part of the town.

1458 - S-3 called Regtl Comm Officer at PARTENKIRCHEN and told him to give S-1 the following message: "1st and 2d Battalions are to be billeted at MITTENWALD. 3d Bn and our HQ plus AT in eastern edge of PARTENKIRCHEN. Get them out at once." Told him 1st Bn would move at 1630; 3d Bn move at 1645 and Hq follow 3d Bn.

1512 - S-3 attached 6 tanks to 2d Bn for move to MITTENWALD.

1515 - S-3 gave 3d Bn S-3 the movement order.

1615 - 3d Bn pulled out their board.

1625 - Following message to S-3 from S-6: "1st Bn minus Task Force MAY start at 1630 head for MITTENWALD. Have orders not to pass 411th motor column and to keep 50 yards between vehicles. 2d Bn to start two rifle companies before 1600. 1st Bn will phone 2d Bn before 1st Bn starts. 1st Bn will then start, 2d Bn vehicle following. Cannot quarter 3d Bn except in west end of GARMISCH. They can move there but do not believe they will be allowed to stay there. They should be prepared to move on order at once after arrival (don't get off trucks). Send Div Radio down to Lt McSUELEY who will take it to the N end of the big town.

1830 - 1st Bn closed into MITTENWALD.

2000 - CP opened at MITTENWALD.

2015 - 2d Bn closed into MITTENWALD.

2020 - 3d Bn closed into GARMISCH.

2115 - G-2 reports 409th at RIETH; 44th Div at (3868), 3467, and 1162, and the 36th Div at (6865).

2125 - G-2 says IPW still at GARMISCH.

2217 - 383d FA Bn CO to S-6: "Have 19 - 2½ ton trucks unloaded for your use. S-6 said he should coordinate with 2d Bn CO."

2225 - S-3 called CO 3d Bn Calling to confirm that your Bn is staying where they are tonight ready to move on two hours notice.

2257 - Div Movement Control says we will probably move late tomorrow. Said there is a light tank company at KHUNN that will contact us and move with us. We may use them as personnel carriers.

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DATE: 3 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100B to 0935B

PLACE: MITTENWALD, GERMANY (D65-77)

0100 - Col MAY gave Duty Officer (Lt BALDUS) the following information: "Road we are to follow is mined and cratered. Unable to remove mines tonite, due to snow and darkness. Will continue clearing of road tomorrow at daylight. Expect to be in valley by 0900."

0110 - Negative report to G-3.

0200 - Negative report to G-3. Lt BRUCK asked Duty Officer to give following message to S-6: "Major WEST'S mission was negative." Col THOMAS told S-3 that the Krauts are willing to surrender the town of INNSBRUCK, but nothing else; so we are going to pour artillery on it. S-3 informed S-6 of this.

0300 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0830 - S-6 told 1st Bn Ex of message received from Col MAY. Told him to keep the Bn on the alert as there is just a possibility 1st Bn CO might need them. 1st Bn Ex said he was going to send some Rcn down that way.

0840 - S-6 called 2d Bn S-2 and told him there had been no change during the night. Told him to keep the Bn in condition to move on one hours notice.

0905 - G-3 told S-6 that 409th has a platoon stationed at the border N of SCHAERNITZ in compliance with Corps orders. It is a check point to keep civilians from moving either way. Wants us to get a platoon up there as soon as possible to relieve them. S-6 told G-3 that we had located a German barracks here that is marked "Off Limits". The only thing in them are some ordnance equipment and a small Germany dispensary. S-6 asked G-3 if we could use this barracks to put our 3d Bn in. G-3 gave us permission.

0915 - 383d FA just received a warning order from Div Arty that they are to move by noon and they cannot let us have two trucks.

0920 - S-3 told 1st Bn Ex we would have to have a platoon to relieve a platoon of 409th on the German Austrian border just N of SCHAERNITZ. They are to allow no civilians to go either way. 1st Bn Ex said it would be a platoon of Co "A". S-3 told him they would be relieved by a platoon of AT as soon as we could get them down there.

0925 - S-6 ordered 1st Bn to move a platoon down to SCHAERNITZ.

0925 - S-6 ordered 3d Bn to move his Bn and Rcn Platoon up to MITTENWALD without delay. Said we have a large German barracks up here with which he could quarter his battalion. Send a small billeting party ahead to report to Capt THOMAS at Regtl CP. 3d Bn CO said he would try to get all his men on available transportation and would roll in here before noon.

0935 - S-3 411th told S-3 he had two battalions in MITTENWALD and didn't intend to move them immediately.

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TIME: 0940B to 1958B

PLACE: MITTENWALD, GERMANY (D65-77)

0940 - S-6 told 2d Bn CO of Col MAY'S mission and where he is located. Instructed 2d Bn CO to send a Platoon down to establish a road block and catch anyone trying to get out of the trap.

1210 - 1st Bn Ex called S-6 and informed him Rcn party got thru road block which has a number of trees, mines and a crater about 15 ft by 15 yds. Group is now in a position were they could look down into the valley. No reported contact.

1310 - 3d Bn closed into MITTENWALD. (G-3 notified).

1603 - 411th S-3 said he would let us know just as soon as he has orders to move.

1615 - 411th S-3 says 409th vehicles are now out on the main E - W road. Wants us to get word to his 1st Bn to get Rcn out for routes and bridges to by-pass INNSBUCK.

1720 - All of the 3d Bn is located in the old German Barracks in MITTENWALD.

1755 - S-3 called 3d Bn S-3 and told him in view of the fact that we may stay here tonight, you will take over security of east side of town. S-3 then called 2d Bn CO and informed him to take over security of west side.

1907 - S-3 called Regtl Sgt Major and told him to have 1st AMG Group report to Lt Col LYNCH at Burgomeister's office.

1921 - Div Ln Officer informed S-3 that 1st Bn, 409th is on grid line 70, their 2d Bn is following and 3d Bn is going to push thru to the big town (INNSBUCK). Task Force MAY has cleared the valley. 411th is going to move to the south. S-3 asked him to find out about that company of light tanks we are supposed to have.

1938 - S-3 told 2d Bn S-3 to coordinate with CO 383d FA Bn about using the arty trucks as FA Bn is not quite clear on it. 2d Bn said there was some firing coming from a cabin up in the hills in 3d Bn sector. He was going to check with them and might throw some 4.2 mortars up there.

1947 - Div says 409th 1st Bn is meeting a little more resistance. Div plans to move their CP at 0800 to INNSBUCK. Movement Control is going to call us on the company of light tanks.

1953 - 2d Bn said they were going to fire near the cabin. They are getting automatic fire from it and then will see what happens.

1958 - S-3 gave 1st Bn Ex the present situation.

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PLACE: MITTENWALD, GERMANY (D65-77)

2003 - Major GILLMAN called S-3 and told him that the CP of company of light tanks is at KHUNN. They can't move until they make contact with the 36th Div. We should send an officer at once to KHUNN. He said we would probably move tonight. We can use lights at least as far as the E-W road and possibility all the way to INNSBRUCK. We will use tanks as personnel carriers. (S-3 gave this information to all Battalions)

2015 - S-6 gave Cannon Co permission to fire on house in hills.

2025 - 2d Bn saw a white flag from window of house and stopped firing. The story on it was that they received fire from there and also heard from refugees that there were some Kraut officers up there.

2026 - Cn Co CO said he stopped firing because some armored people said they had some men up at that house.

2028 - We informed Bns to attempt to stop fire on the house and send people from here to stop it also.

2058 - S-3 called G-3 (Capt YOUNG) and learned that 409th is moving into INNSBRUCK which was declared an open city. Capt YOUNG said G-3 is in conference with CG and he will have more information when G-3 is back.

2112 - S-6 informed Battalions of probable move and told them we would have only an hour notice before moving so they should do everything possible to be able to move as soon as possible.

2140 - G-3 called S-3 and said to move Task Force MAY out over bridge at (524612), turn east follow road S of river into INNSBRUCK and stop in SW corner of town. The rest of the Regt will move sometime tonight. Major GILLMAN will notify us when. We are to get Task Force MAY moving as soon as possible. We will definitely use lights all the way into INNSBRUCK. Battalions and Task Force MAY informed of same.

2206 - S-6 called 3d Bn CO and said we must furnish that  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton for the AMG team.

2212 - S-3 informed 1st Bn Ex that we passed on the 2140 entry to Task Force MAY.

2315 - Lt HUGHES called Battalions for billeting parties. They were to report to Regtl CP.

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TIME: 0100B to 1050B

PLACE: MITTENWALD, GERMANY (D65-77)

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- 0100 - S-3 notified Battalions of time of movement and the march order.
- 0120 - Col MAY told S-3 that road out of the valley was impassable. They are moving out at 0600. Div has been notified of this. Rcn starting at 0530.
- 0200 - 3d Bn pulled their phone.
- 0300 - 2d Bn pulled their phone.
- 0305 - S-6 left for Advance CP accompanied by S-2 and 383d FA Liaison.
- 0400 - Negative report to G-3 (Capt YOUNG). S-3 notified G-3 of the movement and how it was progressing.
- 0425 - 2d Battalion cleared IP.
- 0440 - 1st Bn pulled their board.
- 0500 - 1st Bn crossed IP.
- 0500 - CP opened at INNSBRUCK (760580).
- 0530 - 3d Battalion closed into INNSBRUCK.
- 0630 - 2d Battalion closed into INNSBRUCK. Also 383d FA Bn closed.
- 0650 - 1st Battalion closed into INNSBRUCK.
- 0700 - Cannon Company closed into INNSBRUCK.
- 1025 - Major KRAEMER (military government) called S-5 and said he has permission from C/S to use a reinforced platoon of ours to go to the town of WORGL (60 kilometers E of here) to a chateau to release some big political prisoners. Two former Presidents of France, and 4 or 5 generals. 409th 3d Bn is still 27 kilometers from WORGL but they are meeting absolutely no resistance and the guards in chateau at WORGL are willing to surrender. Says it will be OK for us to push right on through use some armor if we can.
- 1030 - S-3 told 3d Bn S-3 to rack up one rifle platoon, one section of LMG's and one section of light tanks. Motorize them.
- 1040 - 3d Bn S-3 says a plat of Co "L" will go with Lt FORD in charge.
- 1050 - 383d FA Bn CO called and said he has located large food stocks at 25 LEOPOLD STRASSE. There is a man there who says he is supposed to issue the food to civilians with ration cards. There are canned goods, butter and lard. (Capt THORNE will check).

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TIME: 1120B to 1510B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

1120 - Lt HUGHES called all Battalions and told them S-6 had reports that colored troops are looting. If they are caught arrest them and delinquency report to their Bn CO.

1130 - Capt THORNE has taken care of the food stores at 25 LEOPOLD STRASSE.

1200 - S-6 called G-2 and told him we had a Major KOMORAMY, A Hungarian officer, come in and surrender. He has 300 men, 38 officers and 50 or 60 members of families. They are signal troops and were brought up to help the Germans, but it didn't pan out and 6 or 7 weeks ago the Germans disarmed them. Said there were also 1,000 Hungarians in this town who don't want to go back to HUNGARY. (G-2 said he would check with Corps and see what to do about the Hungarian troops).

1205 - S-6 told 1st Bn Ex to have an officer and 6 men to guard Hungarian Troops. Told him his battalion would eventually have to guard a certain number of police stations.

1230 - Major WEST called and said to treat the Hungarians who are surrendering by this Major as DP. Report to Military Government as Displaced Persons. Will be held in place until they can be evacuated.

1330 - WASP BAKER (Co "B", 781st Tk Bn) has a line in.

1330 - VI Corps wants every road leading into and out of INNSBRUCK road blocked. No civilian is to leave or enter INNSBRUCK.

1345 - 1st Bn Ex says that when his men got up to guard the Hungarian prisoners someone had already disarmed them. Thinks it was individual GI's.

1400 - C/S called S-6 and gave him the following instructions from CG: "Wear only US clothing as outer garments. Sweaters will not be worn as outer garments. Enemy weapons will not be worn. Curfew for all US soldiers at 2300. Start an officer and MP patrol to see these regulations are enforced. Also watch TD's. Make them start an officer patrol. No civilian sedans will be driven. (Lt HUGHES will call Bns).

1402 - Asst Div Comdr told S-6 he had received a report there were no guards on the German airfield in INNSBRUCK. S-6 told him Cannon Co had 7 guard posts out there. Said he would reinforce them with the I & R Platoon.

1405 - Second Bn. S-3 told S-2 he couldn't take over the jails in INNSBRUCK as he doesn't know where two of them are. S-2 told him to stop in here and get locations.

1423- G-3 called and said Tenth Armored is putting on a demonstration of recoilless weapons-57mm and 75 mm. Film and demonstration of actual fire. To be held at PARTEN KIRCHEN (D5382). Time-0915. Film will be held across from Tenth Armored CP. We have to send at least three officers. Will take about two hours.

1510 - Asst Div Commander visited CP.

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DATE: 4 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1525B to 1858B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

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- 1525 - Asst Div Commander left CP.
- 1530 - Military Government called and said they have reports that troops are breaking into houses and looting.
- 1535 - S-6 called C/S office and found out that curfew for GI's is 2300. S-6 said he would like to have C/S call him about it.
- 1540 - S-6 found out from 1st Bn Ex that they have two patrols from Co "A" and two from Co "B" out patrolling the town.
- 1545 - Military Government says civilian curfew is 1900 to 0600.
- 1615 - AMG called S-5 and said 409th are having trouble on the road east from INNSBRUCK. Task Force of 410th couldn't get thru 409th as they are meeting resistance including enemy artillery and mortar.
- 1650 - S-2 called Major KRAMER and was informed that it would be OK to release city police who were in German uniform to the Burgomeister's custody. They will change into civilian clothes and will wear an armband marked MG Police.
- 1700 - S-6 called CO 383d FA and ordered him to take care of guarding 60 tons of potatoes located at KEMATEN in a Messerschmidt plant.
- 1800 - S-2 called 1st Bn Ex and said his Bn would have to take over the guard of five bridges in INNSBRUCK providing they are not guarded by MP's. S-2 gave 1st Bn Ex the location of same.
- 1805 - S-6 gave 1st Bn Ex permission to take the guard off the Hungarian Prisoners.
- 1815 - S-5 informed 2d & 3d Bns to instruct his guards at the road block to allow no civilians pass unless they have a pass signed by CIC or AMG.
- 1837 - Movement control gave light line as INNSBRUCK and north of the river.
- 1839 - Lt HUGHES informed the battalions that civilians out after curfew should be sent home the first time caught, pick them up the second time.
- 1850 - Asst S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and told him to have 3 NCO's and 12 Pvts report as three reliefs of a guard. Report at 2000 to Mr Mac GAMWELL at the POLIZEI-GEFANGNIS (city jail) at 96 ADAM LANE. These men are to guard some CIC prisoners.
- 1858 - Battalions informed of light line.

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DATE: 4 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1937B to 2313B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

1937 - 1st Bn Ex informed Asst S-3 that his bridge guards will go on at 2000. He has Co "A" at No's 1, 2 & 3; Co "B" at Nos' 4 and 5.

1940 - Battalions were informed to have at least one officer report here tomorrow with their own transportation at 0715 to go to the 10th Arm'd Div to see ademonstration of the recoilless 57-mm and 75-mm.

1955 - Lt RITTMAN reports many SS troops in town of NEUSTIFT. The people welcomed him when he went in since they had been receiving rough treatment from the SS. He brought back a Lt Col as a prisoner. Would come to CP with details later.

2012 - Div PW cage in town. As you come into town from West, turn right at second bridge and you will run right into it.

2105 - Lt EDDENS (G-3) called S-6 and says that Corps wants us to furnish one company as honor guard for Corps CG as palatial guard. This company is to report at Corps new CP at town four kilometers S of here. Company Commander with company is to report to Col CHALMERS (Deputy C/S) at 1100. Battalion Commander is to inspect this company before its departure. (The town of Corps CP is IGLIS at (7854).

2122 - C/S suggests we drain our vehicles as it may get pretty cold tonight.

2133 - S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and gave him the 2105 entry.

2137 - S-3 informed Lt EDDENS that our people weren't fixed so well with clean clothing but we would do our best. Lt EDDENS didn't know how long this company would be at Corps.

2210 - S-3 called 1st Bn S-3 and told him his Bn S-4 is taking over 200 suits of clean clothing for that guard company tonight. We will try and get you some transportation to move them. 1st Bn S-3 said he is going to use Co "B".

2300 - G-3 called S-3 and told him to contact 781st Tk Bn CO and arrange with him to give back his Co "D".

2304 - S-2 gave G-2 an estimate of 600 to 1500 PW for the day.

2308 - Informed 3d Bn S-3 that we are trying to get medium tanks for him to use tomorrow as we are losing the light tanks.

2311 - 1st Bn S-3 called S-3 and told him the tanks attached to him are not operational except for one.

2313 - S-3 called Co B, 781st Tk Bn and found out that they have 3 tanks operational fit. S-3 told him to get as many tanks to 3d Bn tomorrow as possible.

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DATE: 4 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2323B to 2400B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

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- 2323 - S-3 called 1st Bn CO and informed him that he would get three medium tanks instead of the lights.
- 2326 - S-3 informed Cannon Co to have two trucks to 3d Bn at 0830 tomorrow to be used for about 5½ hours.
- 2328 - S-3, 3d Bn called and said they have a man at his battalion (Pvt OMLEY) in a drunken condition. He may prove to be the murder suspect. He says the man admits owning a zipper jacket but does not have it with him. He is from Co "E".
- 2334 - S-3 called 2d Bn Ex and informed of 2328 entry. Instructed him to get all the facts on the case from 3d Bn S-3 and keep the man under arrest on charge of murder suspect.

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J O U R N A L

DATE: 5 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 0100B to 0946B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

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0100 to 0600 - Negative reports to G-3.

0815 - C/S called S-6 and told him the Div Comdr wanted us to pick a good snappy company to go down to VI Corps this morning. S-6 told him we were to send Co "B" and had a West Point officer commanding it. C/S said he wanted S-6 to go down and look them over and to have them practice a few manuals and steps. C/S said the Div Comdr wants all men to watch their military courtesy and dress as we are going to have some distinguished visitors in the next few days.

0820 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and told him to get Co "B" out and give them some manual and get a little snap in their present arms, etc. 1st Bn CO is going out at 0900 and take them over for a while. Said they still didn't have all their clothes. S-6 said he would take care of it.

0840 - S-6 told 2d Bn CO to keep his officer patrol out constantly and bear down on all offenders of military regulations.

0840 - S-6 gave 3d Bn CO the above message.

0900 - Major BROCKMAN called and said he had received complaints that American soldiers were pillaging food stocks on railway cars at one of the stations in INNSBRUCK. This good has been allocated to Russian DP's. Major BROCKMAN wants a guard placed on it. S-6 told him to get the exact location of the food stores and we would place a guard on it.

0904 - Asst Div Comdr visited CP.

0915 - S-6 called C/S and told him Lt HUDSON of CIC had been in to see him and wanted to put a 48-hour freeze on INNSBRUCK and thought it might catch some Nazi big shots, Gestapo, and SS men. Lt HUDSON feels that if this isn't done they will escape, but Div AMG doesn't agree. Said it was a decision for Div to decide and so S-6 is sending Lt HUDSON up to the C/S. C/S said scarfs may be worn now. No restriction on color. Must fit under the collar. No bath towels.

0930 - Asst Div Comdr left CP.

0931 - Major BROCKMAN, AMG, called and said that the warehouse that contained the food-stocks for Russian DP's was located at FALK STRASSE and INGENIER-ETSEL STRASSE just S of KOCH STRASSE. In the North Central part of INNSBRUCK. About 400 tons of food stocks. Also said there was a woman at No. 9 BOTANIKER STRASSE (NW part of town) who had 2 pistols to turn in but was afraid to because there were soldiers who were living in the house. Wants someone to pick up the pistols.

0946 - S-5 gave 2d Bn S-3 location of Russian DP food stocks and instructed him to put a guard on it.

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DATE: 5 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1010B to 1330B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

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1010 - S-5 called Battalions and told them to submit a list of Bn CP, Company CP's and other installations which they have men on.

1050 - Lt O'Regan called and said Ambassador WINANT'S son, the King's Nephew, and the Queen's nephew were over at his CP. S-2 told him he would be right over.

1100 - 383d FA Bn S-5 told Lt WEEKS, AMG, that the civilians in SELLBAIN were looting sugar stores and other supplies up there. No guards are available for it. Messerschmidt factory at KEMATIN contains 60 tons of potatoes and about 2000 rifles. 16 men and one officer of 383d FA are guarding it. There are 600 Russian DP's here who are going to riot if they don't get supplies. 383d FA has no reinforcements to rush up there as they are all in firing position. Lt WEEKS told him to let Russian DP's have potatoes, but do it in an orderly manner. Said he would try to get some former French PW's up to SELLBAIN and KEMATIN to help with the guard.

1115 - 1st Bn S-3 told S-3 that the Engrs were being detached and return to their company at noon. S-3 told them not to let them go but to hold them and to use all his attachments for guard.

1118 - 2d Bn S-3 said they have the warehouse guarded by 10 men. Some of the stuff was gone when they got there, but they have the situation under control.

1119 - Co "B" was sent back from Corps. Corps said they didn't want them. Col CHALMERS was not there. They went to IGLS.

1120 - S-3 called G-3 (Capt DALCHER) and told him of Co "B" deal. Capt DALCHER is going to check into it.

1125 - S-2 called G-2 and told him we had a Swiss representative here whose job was to go around and gather up PW's of note and get them into SWITZERLAND. He has 27 PW's with him, among them Ambassador WINANT'S son, several British Lords, the King's nephew, and other former PW's of note. Has two German guards who were instrumental in getting them through German pockets. Wants a pass to get into SWITZERLAND. G-2 said to send them up to Div CP.

1135 - Capt DALCHER, G-3, told S-3 that Co "B" was supposed to report immediately to Col CHALMERS at the LANDBATHHAUS at INNSBRUCK.

1136 - S-3 gave 1st Bn S-3 above message.

1315 - Lt HUGHES called S-3 1st Bn and informed him that tanks were relieved from attachment and revert to Company control.

1330 - 2d Bn S-3 reports that his road blocks are ineffective because the suburbs of INNSBRUCK are part of the town and are so scattered out. Said trolley cars run through his blocks. Lt HUGHES told him he would take care of it.

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DATE: 5 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1343B to 1622B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

1343 - 2d Bn Ex told S-5 he would like to move his Battalion to another sector of town. S-5 told him he could look around, but not to move without orders from us.

1400 - 2d Bn is picking up all weapons at the Police Stations in INNSBRUCK and will turn them in to Regt'l Ammo Officer.

1405 - 3d Bn S-3 says they have the German SS General down there.

1412 - G-3 (Capt DALCHER) says that only the Engrs are being assembled under their Bn control. Said an OI would be out and we will have INNSBRUCK as our area of responsibility.

1415 - S-2 asked G-2 what they wanted to do with the SS General we have. G-2 said to give him to the Provost Marshal and they would shoot him back to Corps Provost Marshal.

1416 - S-2 called 1st Bn Ex and told him the Engrs were to revert to Bn control. That is a WCCG. Said Cn Co had been moved out without notifying the 1st Bn. Told him to hold his other attachments until they receive an order from us.

1420 - S-2 told 3d Bn S-2 to turn the SS General in to us and we would turn him to the Div Provost Marshal.

1425 - There will be no 48-hour freeze on INNSBRUCK until further notice. (S-2 notified all battalions.)

1505 - G-3 said we would have all of the town of INNSBRUCK. We are to lose all attachments, but will have the 83d Chemical Battalion attached to us. 409th CP is all of the 409th that will be in this town. G-3 said this plan had not been approved as yet.

1520 - Div HQ Comdt wants to know if we have room for 20 English dignitaries for tonight. They have just been freed from a slave labor camp. S-2 told him we were pretty crowded here.

1540 - 2d Bn S-3 says he had a man there who belonged to a communications Bn in the LUFTWAFFE. He is from the town of GRIES. Says his complete Bn is there with all their equipment. 150 men. They want to surrender. Their captain is RUCKHEIM. Their vehicles and equipment are in GRIES. Most of the men are in ST SIGMUND. They have no weapons. S-2 told him we would send I & R out to get them tomorrow.

1620 - Major ELLIOTT, AMG, called and said the hotel in which we are holding all the SS and Nazi big shots has only two guards on it and they have only one weapon between them. Higher HQ is very anxious that these men do not make a break and thinks we should put more guards on them. They are held in Hotel SOMME. Where HOFFER is held.

1622 - S-1 called Div HQ Comdt and told him he would look for a place for the 25 English liberated PW's.

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DATE: 5 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1630B to 1855B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

1630 - S-1 called Major ELLIOTT, AMG, and told him we had an AT Plat guarding the Nazi big shots. They are in HALL.

1640 - I & R Plat Ldr says he has just received a report from a Russian that some Italians are shooting at 3 or 4 GI's down in HALL. Is sending two I & R jeeps down to check up.

1645 - AT Co says the platoon he has on the road block on the AUSTRIAN-GERMANY border has a tremendous number of refugees lined up at the block. They are going both ways. Capt THORNE said he would check with G-3.

1651 - Capt THORNE told G-2 of above message. G-2 said that block was very much in effect and the order still holds. (Capt THORNE called AT CO and gave him G-2's message. AT CO said he could handle it, but refugees are cluttering up the roads.)

1655 - 383d FA S-5 says the town of KEMATIN is a sore spot and there is likely to be a riot there. 600 Russian DP's there. Civilians are afraid of them and have rifles and grenades. Guards take them away, but they get more. Wants some help from Cannon Co. Capt THORNE is checking on it. 383d FA said the food in the Messerschmidt plant is being distributed to the Russian DP's.

1700 - S-1 told Div Asst Hq Comdt he would have to clean out an apartment house to billet the English men. Div Asst HQ Comdt said to go ahead and do it. (93 men from the 36th Div came in and want billets.)

1712 - Major BROCKMAN, AMG, says billeting has been turned over to the town commander.

1750 - Light line in entire Div area. Bridge at SCHARNITZ will be out from 2200 - 2400. Battalions, HQ Co, Cn Co, Sv & AT Co's informed.

1807 - 2d Bn S-3 called S-5 and told him his people located a large QM Ordnance warehouse. He put a guard on it. They also found one food warehouse that an arty outfit is going to guard. S-5 told him to check periodically on the food warehouse anyhow.

1825 - Capt YOUNG (G-3) says that 7th Army is going to broadcast every quarter of an hour until 2000 then every half hour that all troops of German Army Group "G" which opposes the 7th U. S. Army have been ordered by their Comdr to surrender at 1200 tomorrow, 6 May. Forward elements of 7th Army are directed to remain in place and cease further combat at once. By command of Lt Gen PATCH.

1855 - We informed Capt YOUNG (G-3) that a civilian had his hand blown off by a booby trap in an abandoned German vehicle. (All units of Regt informed).

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DATE: 5 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 1930B to 2327B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

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1930 - S-5 called 2d Bn CO and told him to place a motor patrol in area around coordinate square 9-E.

2007 - 2d Bn CO called S-5 and told him he is sending us a German who has papers and a payroll that was supposed to be for an underground factory. This Kraut also has knowledge of another factory of that sort.

2043 - S-6 called G-3 and asked what the story was on this guard on GAULEITER HOFFER. G-2 said he thought the GAULEITER was in the custody of the CIC but he would check on it.

2130 - Lt RITTMAN reports this German picked by 2d Bn was a foreman of a construction company which was to build an air raid shelter. The records he had were just personnel records of no importance. S-2 decided that the German should be held until more of a case is developed on him.

2153 - Lt HUDSON called S-6 and told him the guard on those CIC prisoners would be sufficient. He was sorry he didn't notify us that they removed the GAULEITER from the first place he was at. About the freeze on the city, he said he thinks it is called off. Lt HUDSON learned of negros looting some warehouse and he will have more information in the morning.

2207 - S-6 called 1st Bn CO and informed him that the guard on those high Nazi officials should be continued on the same status of even increased.

2227 - S-3 called G-3 and learned that the air field along the river is in our sector. We can coordinate with Div Arty as to whether we can leave Cn Co in town of VOLS which is outside our sector. Capt YOUNG said we should coordinate with other units as to relieving posts out of our sector.

2238 - S-3 asked Div Arty about 2227 entry. They were to call back.

2250 - S-6 called S-2 of 824th TD Bn and informed him that he saw either two jeeps or the same jeep twice with two civilian girls in them. The jeep was a Rcn jeep. Another of a Pfc C. K. STAYTON, 39855003, was riding a motorcycle with a girl on the back end of it. S-6 would like some action taken on this.

2255 - S-6 called Cn Co CO and told him the town of VOLS is out of our sector so we suggest you stop in tomorrow and we will show you what area you may look for billets in. Informed him of two Pfc WALENSKI and WEIKERT who were on guard and were not very alert as they didn't have their helmets on and their rifles were laying around and not in their immediate person. Would like some action taken.

2327 - Lt MIHALAKIS told Asst S-3 they want us to put a guard on the murdered victim's body in the morning.

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DATE: 5 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH INFANTRY

TIME: 2346B to 2400B

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760580)

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2346 - S-6 informed G-3 that our Co "B" was not employed as palatial guard today as originally planned.

2400 - G-2 called S-6 and told him the radio in INNSBRUCK is to be shut down immediately and turned on only on further orders. S-6 informed 2d Bn S-1 to effect that immediately. Informed AT Co 1st Sgt of same.

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SECRET

DATE: 6 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1040

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760-520)

- 0020- At 2315, Division said they recd. a report from 411th. that a loaded bus drove through their road block headed N. to INNSBRUCK. Capt. Thorne informed Second and Third Bns. of this, and told them to put a physical road block out immediately on their posts. This had been ordered by Col. Harding.
- 0100- Negative report to G-3.
- 0125- F Co. reports a fire near the INN RIVER just above the bridge at MUSEUM STREET. Second Bn. S-2 gave this information to S-6, wh told him to send a patrol down to the scene and try to keep the fire under control.
- 0130- S6 notified First Bn QP of above message, and told them to get in touch with the local fire department, and see what could be done about putting the fire out.
- 0200-0600- Negative reports to G-3.
- 0815- C/S called S-6 and told him to clamp down on all violators of military courtesy, uniform regulations, etc. Lock them up and have unit commanders come down and get them out. Make up delinquency reports on them.
- 0915- S6 to Second Bn S2: Second Bn. said the guards they have on broadcasting studio is not the place they are broadcasting from. S6 said AT Co. was guarding the transmitter up on the hill. S6 told Second Bn S3 that he would have to put a guard on the KRI PO HQ'S. It's an organization of resistance movement of Austrians. Location--16 Sudtiroller Platz. Guards to keep civilians from being annoyed by GI's. Enemy person that goes into the bldg. will have a CIC pass or be accompanied by one who does have CIC pass No GI's except officers of CIC.
- 0950- Cn. Co. CO called and said a major from 534 AA Bn. was in to see him and on Gen. Wick's order is moving 235 men into KEMATIN. S3 told him that was correct and Cn. Co. could move today instead of tomorrow if they wanted to.
- 0955- Major Brockman, AMG, called S6 and said Lt. O'Sheafski, SHAEF, wanted a guard placed on the radio station in the City Hall. S6 said we had a guard on it, and Asst. S3 is checking on it now.
- 1040- Second Bn. S3 called S5 and told him S6 had instructed him to place a guard on the criminal courts bldg. at 16 SUDTIROLER PLATZ. This bldg. is completely bombed out. Four men from D Co. are guarding some political prisoners in rear of this bldg. The criminal courts has moved to 17A MUSEUM ST. Second Bn S3 wanted to know if S6 wanted a guard on it. S5 is going to check.

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DATE: 6 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 1040 to 2030

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA ( 760-580)

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- 1050- Second Bn. S3 called S5 and asked if we wanted the factory guarded where the man and all the money was picked up by H Co. last night. It is at the extreme SE limit of town. Second Bn. S3 said he didn't think it needed a guard, but H Co. would have a patrol by there every so often and it would be investigated. Said he thought the man was harmless, as he was only a construction foreman in the factory.
- 1057- S5 called Capt. Norton, AMG, about putting a guard on Criminal Police Bldg. Capt. Norton knows nothing about the request for a guard. Said the request did not come from his office.
- 1100- S5 called CIC about guard on criminal Police Bldg. CIC does not know particulars, but were to call us back.
- 1150- AMG told S5 there were three hotels in IGLS in which there were approximately 400 wounded German soldiers. In Hotel ALTWIRT and Hotel STERN the soldiers are in civilial clothes and there are no guards on them. In Hotel PARK the soldiers are in uniform and it is guarded. AMG has instructed the three doctors not to let any of the soldiers leave the hotel until we get a guard on it.
- 1340- C/S called S6 who told him about the three hotels in IGLS in which the German wounded soldiers were staying.
- 1510- Cn. Co. CO called and said he will move tonight after chow. 534th. will take over his old area tomorrow.
- 1712- S6 called S5 and told him there were three caves S. of IGLS that are being looted of food and liquor. Told S5 to get a platoon from Third Bn ready to go down there.
- 1725- S5 called Third Bn. and gave him the above message.
- 1818- First Bn. informed us that they were pulling out and going to new CP.
- 1826- S2 informed Lt. Mihalikas that the murdered victim's body was not picked up yet.
- 1850- 411th. S3 told S3 that there are numerous DP's and various civilians coming into their road blocks. S3 was going to check on it.
- 2030- Cn Co. new CP closed in at 749 573 at 1915.

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DATE: 6 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 2030 to 2400

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA ( 760-580)

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- 2043- S5 to Second Bn. S2: Place a guard at 15 LEOPOLD ST. as there are French people quartered there, and GI's are trying to get in.
- 2051: G-4 to Lt. Hughes: Wants a guard put on food warehouse at 763 574. This came from Corps. Passed on to Second Bn.
- 2230- S3, Second Bn. called and told Lt. Hughes Co. E investigated Corp. report and found nothing of any looting taking place. Also the guards were placed at 15 LEOPOLD ST. where the French women are. Second Bn. has four man vehicle patrols from each co. Co's E and F have foot patrols of two or three men. Also Bn. has a officer courtesy patrol.
- 2245- S5 was informed that there is a guard needed at a warehouse at the Main Station. He called Second Bn. and arranged for it.
- 2343- Capt Redwine to S5:- Wants to know if his troops have been relieved from their guard posts by 409th elements. S5 checked with 409th., and they said the guard at the radio station was relieved.

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DATE: 7 May 1945

ORGANIZATION: 410TH. INFANTRY

TIME: 0100 to 1715

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA ( 760 520)

0050- MP CP called S5 and said there are some GI's on Bridge Three, and refuse to move. This was phoned in by CP guards.

0100-0600- Negative reports to G-3.

0730- Third Bn. S3 said that the DP's were supposed to have actually gone through their road block were turned back before they even reached it.

0830- S4 said all panels would come off of vehicles. (Bns. and special units notified)

0850- Chief Clerk, G4 called S5 and told him that the Regtl. Commander is now authorized a captured enemy sedan and we could pick one up and have it registered by ordnance.

0900- Third Bn S3 called S5 and told him 409th. G Co. was moving into ALDRANS which is in our zone. Third Bn. wants to put L co. CP there.

0910- 409th. S3 said Lt. Hughes gave them permission to move into ALDRANS.

0920- Lt. Hughes called Third Bn. S3 and told him the reason we gave ALDRANS to 409th. was that we were trying to get our AT Co. relieved and wanted someone to guard the radio station. Third Bn. S3 said he would move L down to AMBAS.

0930- Lt. Hughes called 409th. S3 and told him it would be O.K. for G co. to stay there.

1000- G3 says the war in Europe will cease at 0001 on the 9 of May.

1240- Sgt. Grooms called and said he has a bldg. which contains about 1,000 lbs. of wheat, and wants us to put a guard on it. Second Bn. informed of above message.

1415- Second Bn. S6 called and said some Russians were moving into a bldg. in F Co. area. Wanted to know what to do about it. Capt. Throne said they did not have permission to move there.

1715- G3 said AGF recommends the following changes in Inf. Regt: Substitute a 57 mm recoilless for a 60 mm mortar in a rifle co. In a Hvy weapons Co. replace 2 81mm mortars with two recoilless 57 mm weapons. In Cn. co. add 6 4.2. recoilless weapons. In Bn. AT Platoon replace all 57 mm AT guns with 6 75mm recoilless weapons. These are recommendations from AGF. Corp wants your recommendations on the following questions by tomorrow morning: What do you recommend for the basis of issue based upon demonstrations? What no. of personnell do you think should accompany the initial shipment of these weapons to teach the weapon to the div.

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1820- G3 called S6 and said the CG agreed on one Bn. from each Regt. Wants them to rehearse from now until parade time which is 1600 on the 9 of May. Uniform will be shirts and trousers. The BAR's may be left out entirely. Also tomorrow at 0900, we will get half of Div. band to practice with. Call G3 as to where band is to report. S6 said he will have two co's from First Bn, one rifle co each from Second and Third Bns,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Bn. Hq Co. from each Bn.

1835- S6 called G3 and said he would like to have the band at 1330 tomorrow instead of 0900. Report to Regtl. CP.

1920- Div. Surgeon called S6 and would like us to arrange an escort for Surg. General Dr. BAADAR, 19th. German Army from the town of RIED to INNSBRUCK. He will have a 25 vehicle convoy of medical supplies which will be distributed to the German hospitals in INNSBRUCK. The Gen. will be at PHUTZ at the hotel GREIFEN and should be picked up there on the way to RIED. The Gen. and convoy will be returned to PHUTZ by the same escort. (At assigned this mission.)

1925- Third Bn. S3 called Asst. S3 and said in regard to parade, he will have a platoon from every rifle co. and one platoon from Co M to make the full rifle company.

2115- Lt. Hughes called G3 and gave him the following comments on recoilless weapons: Rifle Co's in addition to Te have two recoilless weapons. Heavy weapons Co. have two recoilless weapons in addition to TE. In Bn. Hq Co AT Plat. and AT Co. suggest all guns except possibly three of present 57mm be substituted. In Cn. Co. regarding 4.2 recoilless weapons believe present shouldn't be replaced. Suggest three mortars in addition to Cn. Co T/E. As to training crews, they need at least one officer and 9 EM.

2215- Lt. Hughes called Bns. and told them to have their Co's down at Regtl. CP at 1400 tomorrow to rehearse with Division Band.

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## JOURNAL

DATE: 8 April 1945

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TIME: 0100 to 1112

PLACE: INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA (760 580)

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

0830- Second Bn. S3 called and said he had found a police station where there were lots of weapons. Asked if they were authorized to pick up these arms and if police were authorized to be armed. Lt. Hughes told Second Bn. S3 just to report location of arms to us and we would take care of picking them up--said Capt. Norton of AMG would take care of arming the police. Second Bn. S3 said there was a police station in grid square 7 H Bldg. no. 40 where there are two or three truckloads of ammo.

0840- Lt. Hughes gave First Bn. S3 instructions for the parade.

0850- Lt. Eddens, G3, gave Lt. Hughes the following instructions for the parade tomorrow: The heavy weapons co. will have the following vehicles: 8  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks with trailers carrying 30 cal. HMG; 6  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks with trailer carrying 81mm mortars; 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks with trailers carrying 30 cal LMG; 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks with trailer carrying 60mm mortars; 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton truck to carry heavy weapons co. comdr. Heavy weapons co. to report to Div. war room at 1300 this afternoon. All guidons and guidon bearers to be used in the review to report to reviewing stand at 1430 tomorrow. All helmets must be repainted. Chevrons put back on helmets with white paint. All dismounted troops to practice "Eyes right". Uniform: Steel helmet, OD's, no ties, T/O weapon. Col. Yeuell is Regtl. Comdr, and Gen. Pierce is Comdr. of troops. All heavy weapons co. comdr. not able to ride will not be in parade. The Heavy Weapons Co. will be all motorized.

1050- Lt. Hughes called Second Bn. S3 and told him Col. May would be Bn. Comdr tomorrow in view of the fact that Col. Robinson had no OD's.

1052- Lt. Hughes gave First Bn. S5 the above message. Plan on using First Bn. Staff. Praceice at 1400. First Bn. S5 says it would be better to select staff from all Bns. Lt. Hughes said he would do it that way.

1054- Lt. Hughes called G3 and told him Bn. Comdr. would be Col. May. Asked if we could use staff made up from all Bns. Lt. Eddens said yes. The parade will be formed as follows: 12 man front at close interval; rifles with bayonets fixed, rifle slung. Carbines with carbines slung.

1112- Gave First Bn. S3 above message. He said they didn't have bayonets as the men wouldn't carry them. Lt. Hughes said he would try and get them from supply.

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1117- Lt. Hughes told S4 that we needed a 2½ ton truck with 6 men loading detail to get food for DP's. Report Regtl. CP at 1300.

1120- Lt. Hughes gave Second and Third Bns. details on the parade.

1130- Lt. Eddens called Lt. Hughes and gave him the following information on the parade; Hq. Co. will carry one guidon, Hv. weapons personnel that can't ride, we can do anything we want with them, make a composite Bn. Staff. Corps wants a guard co. from us Co. Comdr. report to Hq. Comdr. at Corp CP in IGIS by 1500 today.

1210- Parde will be at 1600 tomorrow. Practice march at 1000 tomorrow.

1230- Composite Bn. Staff for parade; CO Col. May; Executive, Major Parker; S1, Capt. Bailey; S2-Lt. Ford; S3- Lt. Donahue; S4, Lt. White.

1300- CO 383rd. FA called and told Lt. Hughes that civilians coming into INNSBRUCK from AXAMS have CIC passes but no stamp on them. Lt. Hughes checked with Military Govt. and was informed that no stamp was available and for us to let the people in. Lt. Hughes informed Bns and CO 383rd. FA of above information.

1400- Div. called and wants one officer to attend a two hour orientation on target force. Officer will report to Div. Officers Mess at 1000 tomorrow, 9 May. (At co. will bring officer.)

1425- S6 left for Corps CP.

1555- S6 told Lt. Hughes B Co. will not have to report to Corps until day after tomorrow morning. They can stand the parade tomorrow. We may have to get them a 1½ ton truck from AT with driver and Asst. driver to go with them.

1600- Lt. Hughes called Lt. Eddens and asked him about Par. 10 2nd. sentence "Practice for review at 1000 in the morning for mounted elements and participating guidon bearers." Lt. Eddens was asked by Lt. Hughes if they wanted mounted and fast guidon bearers, on only mounted guidon bearers. Lt. Eddens does not know, but will check and call Lt. Hughes back.

1610- Lt. Eddens called Lt. Hughes and told him the guidon bearers of the Inf. Bn. that will be in the parade will report down to the reviewing stand for practice at 1000 tomorrow morning. That does not include the ones to report to me in the afternoon.

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1655- G4 told S6 that each Regt. was allowed one captured Sedan and eight heavy trucks. This order came down from Corps. The Div. was allowed nine sedans and fifty trucks. C/S made the breakdown. A new order has come in on trailers and the breakdown will probably be made tomorrow. G4 said he couldn't do anything about it. The Corps commander is very much against captured vehicles.

1700- S5 told Second Bn S3 he would have to furnish a jeep for a DP team. Wants it this evening. Second Bn. S3 said Capt. Denges gave him six new posts to go out and check and he found only one that needed a guard. Said he would be Post no. 19. Understands it is only a bakery. Will be a two-man guard. DREI HEILIGEN St., N. side, just before you get to KONIG LAURIN. Post no. 11 has been discontinued.

1725- Lt. Hughes told Second Bn S3 to have men ready to form at 1430 tomorrow for parade.  
1735- Lt. Hughes told Third Bn. S3 that men would wear canteens and gave him other changes for the parade tomorrow.

1850- Div. Ln. Officer called: Rehearsal parade for vehicles in parade tomorrow at 0905. Mtr. column will form on GUTENBERG ST. with head of column heading E. At that time somebody will report to MAJOR GILLMAN at Officer Control Point for further instructions. From CP to starting point route will be marked with Div. markers (green square with arrow.) Units are responsible for marking to and from town without crossing route of march.

1900- G2 called in the following teletype from Corps: "Submit immediately to G2, this Hq, a overlay on rear area security rd. blocks and routes of motorized security patrols. Overlay of rd. blocks and motorized patrols on border control. The number of men employed on each patrol on rd. blocks and detailed instructions issued to rd. blocks and patrols will be included in report." G2 said they would like this report tonight or the very first thing in the morning.

2230- Lt. Hughes told the Bns that in the parade tomorrow no knives, no dark glasses, first aid packet on left and canteen on right. Have troops inspected before moving to parade ground.

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0100- Sgt. Redhouse of the MP's called S3 and said they have picked up a Russian wearing fatigues and carrying a carbine. He doesn't know what outfit he's from, and has no papers to identify himself. S3 told Sgt. Redhouse to hold him for the night, and he would take care of it in the morning.

0100-0600- Negative reports to G3.

0835- Capt. Thorne called Provost Marshal and told him we had a truckload of British, Canadian, and Australian ex-PW's. Asked him what he should do with them. Provost Marshall will call back.

0900- G3 wants participating guidon bearers to report to the assembly area at 1000 this morning. (Lt. Hughes called Bn. S3's)

0920- S1 wants to know how many allied Pw's we had released in our recent drive. S2 said he didn't know, but Div. could probably give him the figures.

1025- MG wants to borrow Jeeps from us. S5 told him we didn't have any, but it was O.K. to call the Bns. and check with them.

1345- S5 was informed by S1 that LT. WILLBRAND was the man he had in mind for the MP platoon leader. LT. WILLBRAND will be over to talk to S5 about it.

1620- 383rd. FA Bn. CO called S5 and said they had found the body of the radio operator who was working with our agent in this area. He was found in the mountains around AXAMS and his body is now in AXAMS. Was murdered by the Gestapo about April 28. His fellow agents want to bury him in AXAMS as he was an Austrian. S3 told Co that S6 wanted to give him a military funeral. CO 383rd said he could arrange that and wanted to hold the funeral tomorrow. S5 said he would check with S6 and call him back.

1710- G4 gave Lt. Hughes the following message: "Breakdown on captured trailers are four to an infantry regt. They are to be general cargo and as large as possible. Excess trailers will be turned into ordance. Ordance will inspect the trailers we keep.

EXCEPTIONS: Trailers built on GI chassis; captured water trailers, trailers with generators built in them. We may keep thesed.

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1845- 411th. AMG called and said our rd. blocks on the road to BRENNER are letting Italians get through. This must be stopped at once for Seventh Army does not want them to leave INNSBRUCK. (called Third Bn. S3 and told him.)

2020- Major Dorn called S5 and said S6 wanted to know what may be sent home as being souvenir value but greater than military value. Major Dorn finds nothing in his file but as far as he knows souvenir value must exceed military value.

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- 0100 to 0600- Submitted negative reports to G-3.
- 0815- C/S called and said Unit Commander meeting at 1630 today at CG's quarters.
- 0840- S2 told Third Bn. S2 that we still take PW's. Third Bn. S2 had heard that only officers and SS men were to be made Pw's. S2 told him if they picked up a man in uniform or in civilian clothes who was considered a security hazard, put them up. If they are not considered security hazard, leave them alone.
- 1130- G1 called Lt. Hughes and told him that Corps G1 had called him and wants a rifle co. for a presentation ceremony by Group 6. C/S says we will furnish the co. G1 wants the best company in the regiment. The Div. Band will be there and in addition all co. guidons and Bn. colors. The Co. Comdr. of the rifle co. and the Second Lt. will report to G1 office at 1330 today. After receiving instructions here, the co. comdr. and band leader will report to corps war room at 1500. The presentation ceremony will be tomorrow. (Lt. Hughes called Second Bn. S3 and gave him above message. G Co. with men from other cos. to bring them up to T/O strength, will be used.)
- 1205- 411th. S2 section called and says starting tomorrow they will run trains between FUIPMES and INNSBRUCK. Will have a guard on each car on the train and request to us to have our rd. blocks let them go through without stoppoing as it is hard to stop the train coming up the hill. 411th. considers the guard on the train as sufficient.
- 1400- Major Gillman called and said there is a rifle range E of INNSBRUCK at (805 597) which we w9ill use later on. Place is marked "Reserved for 103rd. MP's.") Major Gillman would like Capt. McCarthy to go out and look at it.
- 1415- C/S called and said to inform Col. Mitchell to report to C/S tomorrow morning.
- 1630- Second Bn. reports that this Post No. 8 has been discontinued. Food Store. This is our Post No. 3. Division notified.
- 1720- Sixth AG is in the process of moving back to HEIDELBERG. They will leave a portion of their CP at COFFBUEEN. Can be contacted there.

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1900- G2 called and said at the Innsbruck airport (W. of town) are about 35 Kraut trucks and some kid opened a door and exploded a booby trap; setting couple of trucks on fire. G2 wants us to put a guard on the trucks and call them back.

2010- G3 called and said Co. G will wear canteens tomorrow for the ceremony.

2015- Cn. Co. reports there are no trucks on fire on their airfield. Third Bn. S3 says he knows about the burning trucks and has guards on them (G2 notified.)

2300- Sgt. Grooms called and said the lights in Co. I area went out at 2230. (Lt. Hughes called AMG but nobody answered. Will check in the morning.)

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