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DECEMBER 1944

714TH TANK BATTALION



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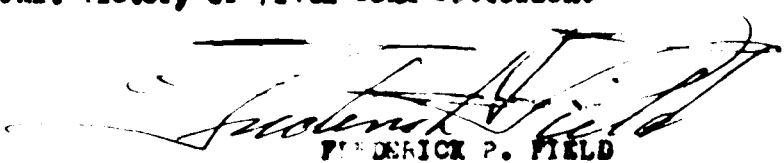
HEADQUARTERS
Blue Tank Battalion
APO 262 U. S. Army

11 January 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History for Month of December 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262 U. S. Army.
(ATTN: G-3 Information and Education Section)

Transmitted herewith is Unit History of 714th Tank Battalion.



FREDERICK P. FIELD
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During the period 15 November 1944 to 28 November 1944, the Battalion assembled and reorganized in the vicinity of Auffay, France. Many companies having personnel on LST's that arrived during this period. The Battalion completely closed in the vicinity of Auffay, France on the 22 November 1944. Normal duties and training were performed during this period. One death occurred due to accidental discharge of .45 caliber sub-machine gun.

At 1100 28 November 1944, a warning order was received from Combat Command "B" for movement of the battalion to the vicinity of Lunneville, France. At 1500 28 November 1944, the Battalion Commander issued the warning order to all officers of the 714th Tank Battalion for movement on 29 November 1944. At 1800 28 November 1944, 12th Armored Division Field Order Number 1 was received, ordering movement to the vicinity of Lunneville, France. At 2200 28 November 1944 the Field Order was issued to all companies for movement by road.

The battalion left the vicinity of Auffay, France at 1415 29 November 1944 for the vicinity of Lunneville, France arriving at Soissons, France at 0130 30 November 1944 for refueling and resting of troops, traveling a distance of 117 miles.

The battalion departed from Soissons, France for the vicinity of Lunneville, France at 1400 29 November 1944 arriving in bivouac area in the vicinity of Lamont, France at 2330 30 November 1944, traveling a distance of 89 miles. Departed vicinity of Lamont, France, enroute to vicinity of Lunneville, France, 1600 1 December 1944. Arrived at Baccarat, France at 0545 2 December 1944. Distance traveled for the entire trip 315 miles. No unusual incidents occurred during the march.

During the period 2 December 1944 to 6 December 1944, battalion made preparations to complete maintenance, ammunition loads and stowage of vehicles. Tentative plans were formulated for organization of Tank-Infantry Combat Teams. On 4 December 1944, the battalion organized in to Force, Power, consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 714, A Company 714, B Company 56th AIB, and one platoon Company B 119th Engineer Battalion. At 1030 4 December 1944, the Battalion Commander met with company commanders and separate platoon leaders to discuss plans for coordination, communications and available material.

At 0505 6 December 1944, the Force left Baccarat, France enroute to Hirschland, France arriving there at 0852 6 December 1944.

At 0900 7 December 1944, the Force was alerted for movement to the vicinity of Rehling, France. The Force departed from Hirschland, France at 1315 arriving at Dahlingen, France at 1730, traveling a total distance of 14 miles. No unusual incidents during the course of the march.

During the period 7 December 1944 to 11 December 1944, daily reconnaissance was made of front line activities by the Battalion Commander and Staff and Company Commanders.

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On 11 December 1944, Division Field Order #3 was received from Combat Command B alerting the Force for movement to the vicinity of Singling, France. The Force moved at 0530 and closed in position in the vicinity of Singling, France 0840. The consolidation of Power and Striker Task Forces, took place on this date. Company B, 56th AIB was exchanged for Company C 56th AIB per verbal order of the Commanding Officer, Combat Command B.

At 1115 11 December 1944, Colonel Brouley, commanding officer, Combat Command B, arrived at Force CP with verbal orders on plan maneuver. At 1326 Lt. Col. Phelan gave his order for movement of the Force to assembly area east of Singling, France. A meeting of Force Company Commanders and separate platoon leaders was held at this time. Field Order #6 was given verbally by Lt. Col. Phelan. The Force went under control of Combat Command A at 1400, prior to the attack. At 1400, the Force moved out to assembly area in the vicinity of Guising, France. The Force was in position at 1530. The Force commander returned to the CP at 1830 to meet with the Commanding General of Combat Command A in Rehling, France. At 0100 12 December 1944, Lt. Col. Phelan returned from meeting with orders for the attack.

At 0530 12 December 1944, an attack was launched for high ground east of Guising, France. At 1100, Force was on objective. At this time, re-organization of the Force took place and plans were discussed for continuing the attack. The second attack was launched on Bettviller, France at 1330. At 1530, Bettviller, France was occupied. At 1600, two minor casualties due to artillery and mortar fire.

At 0800 13 December 1944, the Force consolidated positions in Bettviller, France. The Force Commander left the assembly area in Bettviller, at 1200 for meeting with the Commanding General, Combat Command A at Rehrbach, France, returning to the CP in Singling at 1600. The Force CP moved to Bettviller, France at 2030 and was under mortar and artillery fire throughout the night.

At 2100 13 December 1944, the Assault Gun Platoon, firing indirect fire, destroyed one Mark VI German Tank.

At 1700 16 December 1944 the Task Force reverted to Combat Command B control. Ten civilians turned in at approximately 2400 as deserters from the German Army, but it was later found that they were forced labor deserters and they were returned to civilian status.

The Task Force commander left the CP at 1130 17 December 1944 to contact General McBride of the 80th Infantry Division, returning at 1530. During the day, periodic reports were received on observation of enemy positions. Three prisoners of war were captured on this date.

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The Task Force moved from Bettviller, France at 1230 18 December 1944 for bivouac area in the vicinity of Montbrom, France and closed in 1530. At 1800 the Liaison Officer arrived at the CP with orders for the Force to be prepared to move. At 1100 19 December 1944 the Force moved out for the vicinity of Urbech, France. Closed in bivouac at Mehlingerhoff Farm in the vicinity of Urbech, France.

On 20 December 1944 the Commanding Officer of Combat Command B, Col. Bromley, arrived at the CP to discuss the situation with the Force Commander. At 0620 20 December 1944 the Force moved in to firing positions. Left Mehlingerhoff Farm at that time. At 0845 Company A, 714th was in position and ordered to fire into target areas during the period 0845-0915. Tanks took and improved positions. At 0950 the Force made first penetration into Germany, south of Utweiler. At 1600 there were a total of 38 prisoners of war captured.

On 22 December 1944, Capt. Rocky, B-4, was a casualty from a booby trap. One Recon NCO and One Infantry Platoon Leader were casualties due from artillery fire.

At 0650 23 December 1944, Capt. Rocky, B-4, died as a result of wounds received from booby traps as of 22 December 1944. At 0915, 8 men were wounded from enemy artillery fire. At 0950, 4 men were killed, 4 men wounded and one man killed by burst of enemy 88mm.

On 24 December 1944, at 1030, Colonel Bromley, Commanding Officer, CC-B, visited the CP to discuss the situation.

During the morning of 25 December 1944, enemy artillery was active in the vicinity of Bettviller, France, and at 1230, one officer, 3 enlisted men were wounded and one enlisted man killed. One prisoner was taken at 1400.

The Force moved from the vicinity of Urbech, France and assembled in the vicinity of Bettviller, France, for movement to Hirschland, France after being relieved by the 100th Infantry Division. Move from Bettviller, France at approximately 0145 enroute to Hirschland, France, arriving there at 0710 26 December 1944.

On 26 December 1944, Christmas Dinner was served to the Force.

At 1540 27 December 1944, bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Hirschland, France, but it was believed that they were from friendly planes.

On the 28th of December 1944, memorial services were held by Chaplain Hephington, Combat Command "B" for men of the Force that were killed in action.

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At 0730 22 December 1944, the Force left Hirschland, France, enroute to the vicinity of Sulzey, France, arriving there at 1400.

The period 29 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 was spent in resting of troops and maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

Fredrick P. Field
FREDRICK P. FIELD
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

CONSOLIDATED CASUALTY REPORT FROM 1 DECEMBER 1944 - 31 DECEMBER 1944

BATTLE CASUALTIES	- - - - -	50
RETURNED TO DUTY	- - - - -	7
NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES	- - - - -	16
RETURNED TO DUTY	- - - - -	5
KILLED IN ACTION	- - - - -	8
DIED AS RESULT OF WOUNDS	- - - - -	2

Lt. Col. William L. Phelan - Commanding
Major Frederick D. Field - Executive Officer
Captain Herbert E. McGruder - S-3
Captain James M. Boone - S-3
Captain John K. Shipe - S-4
Captain John E. Steurwald - S-5
Captain Morris Schwartz - Comm. Officer
1st Lt. Joe C. Carlson - S-1
1st Lt. George H. Hoyt - SSG GRC
1st Lt. Arnold C. Heath - Liaison Officer
Captain Charles E. Jenkins - Unassigned - Now Div GRC

H Co

Captain George Harding - Commanding
1st Lt. William G. Manders - Assault Gun Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Cleo C. Taylor - Recon. Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Ethel T. Persons - Mortar Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Harold A. Elessen - Maintenance Officer

A Co

Captain Robert A. Herrington - Commanding
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster - Tank Platoon Leader
1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin - Maintenance Officer
2nd Lt. Robert V. Kresge - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt - Tank Platoon Leader

B Co

1st Lt. James A. Leehman - Commanding
1st Lt. Wilmer E. Good - Maintenance Officer
1st Lt. Arthur D. Slote - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Roy C. Daniels - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Charles A. Hisiger - Tank Platoon Leader

C Co

Captain Charles C. Clayton - Commanding
1st Lt. Harold C. Lendau - Maintenance Officer
1st Lt. Dominic A. Dolce - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Richard P. Le France - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. William A. Turley - Tank Platoon Leader

D Co

Captain William H. Herridge - Commanding
1st Lt. Louis I. Bathloff - Maintenance Officer
1st Lt. John G. Cook - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. Abe H. Trektman - Tank Platoon Leader
2nd Lt. William J. Venema - Tank Platoon Leader

Service Co

1st Lt. Robert C. Kelly - Commanding
2nd Lt. Christopher J. Servey - Transport Officer
2nd Lt. Casimir F. Grochowski - Maintenance Officer
CWO Joseph T. Collins - Personnel Officer
WOJG Charles D. Frazier - Asst. Bn Motor Officer
WOJG Harold A. Frost - Asst. Bn Supply Officer

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AFD 202, U. S. ARMY

OPERATIONS IN FRANCE

JANUARY 1942

724TH TANK BATTALION

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HEADQUARTERS
714th Tank Battalion
APO 262 U. S. Army

10 February 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 714th Tank Battalion for the period 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945 inclusive.



F. C. RYALL
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

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* Unit Commander does not desire to make comments or critique

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For the period 1-5 January 1945 devoted to training, reorganization and resting of troops. Training schedules stressed Tank-Infantry team problems, night patrolling, small arms firing in firing range area, gas security and physical training. (See attached training schedules)

The Battalion by verbal order was on one half hour alert status.

Battalion location vicinity of Mulcey, France.

6 January 1945 at 2020 the force was alerted to move. At 2300 the Task Force moved from area near Mulcey, France, crossed IF at Mittersheim 070140, and closed in Alt-Eckenmorf at 070730.

7 January 1945 at 0900 CO of CC-B visited the Battalion CP. Col. Phelan left for reconnaissance of area in vicinity of Hagenu, France. The Task Force Exec. Off., Major Fields, left for Hagenu, France to attend a meeting with Col. Bromely, CO CC-B at the 79th Inf. Div. CP. At 1510 the Task Force Commander and S-3, Major Boone, returned from reconnaissance at 1715. Major Fields returned from meeting at 79th Inf. Div. CP at 1715.

Lt. Col. Phelan and Major Boone (S-3) (then Captain) returned from reconnaissance of front lines 071510. A meeting was called for all Company Commanders at 1730, verbal plan given to Col. Phelan by CC-B prior to the move from Meyersheim, France, gave the Battalion the mission of supporting the 56th Inf. attack on Herrlisheim, France, by the 56th, 714th and other units of the force the 714th plus C of the 56th would move southeast to Offendorf as the second objective. The 56th Inf. minus would move northeast to attack Drusenheim from the south. Both attacks were to be coordinated. Task Force number 5 left vicinity of Alt-Eckenmorf 071900 and closed in Meyersheim 072000. Overlays to verbal order and enemy situation were given to companies at 080230. (See attached)

8 January 1945 at 0442 Lt. Taylor, Reconnaissance platoon Leader, returned from route reconnaissance to Rohrwiller, France. Lt. Taylor reported that two bridges were out between our positions and attack area, the first bridge south of Bischweiler may be by-passed by an alternate route, Liaison Officer returned from CC-B confirmed report that the two bridges were blown en route. At 0730 the Task Force moved from Meyersheim, France to an assembly area in vicinity of Rohrwiller, France. At 0945 a verbal message to follow plan was received (Task Forces now include 56th Inf Minus, plus Co. B of 714th Tank Battalion, the other 714th Tk Bn minus Co. E, plus C/56.) Company C moved out with two platoons Infantry leading at 1000, doughs across foot bridge at 1030, tanks across first bridge at 1045 (coordinates of bridge out 134163) During the period 8 January 0715 to 1130 the town of Rohrwiller, France and assembly area were subjected to aerial and impact artillery. The Battalion CP was moved from Rohrwiller, France and established at Hanshoffen, France at 1831. At frequent intervals beginning 1300 enemy positions were reported from air (Enemy battery located R130105 75 MM, self propelled battery going into position at R 112114, 1 enemy gun at R 117101) Artillery placed fire on enemy self-propelled 75's. PW reports 8900 88's at R 13751305, R 13851310, R 14151325. CP Bn (Kapper) at R165195. Company L 92 Ron Bn reported enemy patrols at R 090174, 1950. (Supply information, water points R 097192 will be open 090800.)

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Additional supply information in message received 2340, sent to S-2 by Exec. Off. "See if you can get in touch with S-4 and stop his movement of trucks into Hanshoffen."

9 January 1945 at 0555 civilians informant reports that many enemy Inf. are in Herrlisheim. Enemy tanks were reported to be at 132165. At 090800 OC-3 reported that bridge that had been cut was now ready for use. At 0835 unidentified men numbering ten were sighted in vicinity of Herrlisheim carrying red cross flag, the commanding Officer ordered that they would not be fired on. At bridge east of Rohrwiller, France Company A of task force reported that they were receiving anti-tank fire on their positions. Lt. Parsons, mortar platoon leader, was ordered to coordinate his fire plan with the plan of attack to be made by task forces on Herrlisheim. Grass-hopper artillery planes were in the air spotting anti-tank gun positions of the enemy. By 1140 Tank Companies of the Task Force have all reported that their company is ready to move out on the attack and review of their orders is given them. Company A is ordered to have 2 platoons fire spasmodically into south of Herrlisheim. Company B attached to 56th Inf. minus moves to the flank to north of Herrlisheim, reporting that crossing of canal bridge had been accomplished. Company C was now in firing position and firing into Herrlisheim. Company D had advanced to southern edge of town after elements of the 16 Inf. had entered. Prior to these movements enemy tanks numbering 25 were reported along east-west road between the towns of Herrlisheim and Offendorf. After advancing under heavy enemy fire the town of Herrlisheim was occupied in its north sector by the task force. Casualties up to this time of personnel numbered about eight, vehicle casualties amounted to about eight. Re-supply of the force now occupying Herrlisheim was becoming acute due to concentrated anti-tank fire being directed on the approaches to Herrlisheim. Evacuation of wounded that was being carried on by Company E of task force were advancing into the concentrations of anti-tank fire and likewise suffering personnel and vehicle casualties. The assembly area of Rohrwiller, France was attacked by enemy infantry at 2055. Captain Shippe, Rn S-4, in Rohrwiller reported that enemy were infiltrating into Rohrwiller.

10 January 1945 at 0740 it was reported that heavy casualties were suffered by the Infantry. 5 enemy tanks are moving into east of Herrlisheim with smoke concentrations laid along railroad to east at 1145. On 10 January 1355 the Executive Officer and the Communication Officer with crew of the S-3 half-track moved forward to better their communications with troops occupying Herrlisheim. At 1405 Lt. Col. Phelan was wounded by enemy artillery while making plans for consolidation of the sector of Herrlisheim that the force had taken. At 1410 message was intercepted at Battalion CP requesting that Col. Phelan be evacuated from Herrlisheim. Staff Sergeant T. A. Poole of Company D was killed attempting to traverse the open ground that was under heavy anti-tank fire, in an attempt to evacuate the Commanding Officer. Staff Sergeant Maurice I. Keller was injured in this same action. Major Berne, S-3, (then Captain) assumed command of the forces in Herrlisheim until Executive Officer, Major Pich, advanced to the positions.

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Major Fields with S-3 half-track goes forward to Aid Station in Rohrwiller. In Rohrwiller medics were being held down by patrol rifle and machine-gun fire making their mission of personnel evacuation of wounded impossible at that time. At 1500 Major Fields contacts D Company 714th, the company that had been evacuating wounded over the ground covered by anti-tank fire in an attempt to contact A Company of the force anti-tank fire halted the Executive Officers attempt to survey the situation in the occupied area. Major Fields returned at 1620 and leaves for CC-B for orders and plan. On his return Major Fields gives Major Boone orders to withdraw from Herrlisheim, the plan of withdrawal would be accomplished by artillery concentrations to cover withdrawal, with other units of the force coordinated so as to give protection to units that were to move out at a preconceived signal. Infantry were to move out first followed by tanks, outpost protection was established with Infantry to protect any flank infiltration of enemy in the withdrawal. On 102015 Major Fields called Captain Harrington, commander of Company A, to explain situation, during this period from 1600 the vicinity of CP at Hango-hoffen was shelled. After the order of withdrawal from Herrlisheim had been given the S-2, Captain Magruder, was sent to the new assembly area north of Rohrwiller to make arrangements for guides to area, posting them personally. The S-2 reported his actions to Major Fields at 2230. Message that Col. Phelan is evacuated, that his tank will be passing soon was received at 2335.

11 January 1945 In the assault on Herrlisheim Company B, 714th, was ordered to revert to 714th from 56th Inf. attachment. The withdrawal was accomplished with no casualties to the task force. In the assembly area the 56th Inf. minus again assumed the attachment of B/714th. Captain Harrington, Company A, 714th will report to Col. Bahr, Division Artillery, and take up roll of supporting artillery. Lt. Taylor report to Major Avery, S-3 CC-B, for routes and areas in vicinity to repel any counter attacks from northeast, east and north and southeast. An overlay was submitted immediately to CC-B showing exact locations of vehicle casualties, location of Hq. Company, and tanks evacuated by type. (See Overlay attached.)

12 January 1945 Battalion CP was set up at Oberhoffen, France on order of CC-B to have companies assemble in that town. Reorganization accomplished.

13 January 1945 A meeting of all company commanders and the staff was called for 0955. Major Fields commanding left for CC-B. CO arrived from CC-B at 1050 announcing the forthcoming plans for CC-B would hinge on actions of CC-A and 14th Armored Division to the north. Company Commanders were given flight schedule to observe from air enemy positions and to make an aerial reconnaissance by 1200. Platoons from Companies of 714th were given diversionary missions in the vicinity of Rohrwiller coordinating their actions with the attacks of CC-A. The Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Lt. Taylor made reconnaissance for defilade positions west of railroad running north and south. The mortar platoon and assault gun platoon would take up positions in vicinity of tri-bridges northeast of Rohrwiller. At 1700 a meeting of all Company Commanders at Battalion CP was called for purpose of discussion of day's ground and aerial reconnaissance. Plans for reconnaissance were made to continue

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FOR 14 January 1945. During the period 132200 to 132300 reports of red flare by friendly troops, in vicinity of Rohrwiller reported to be enemy. Enemy artillery were shelling area with large calibre, approximately 20 shells in immediate area. 140105 shelling ceased.

14 January 1945 At 0552 reports reached Battalion Headquarters that 30 enemy Infantry had infiltrated behind our lines CR 105145 at 0532. Company Commander of Company D/714th was ordered to alert his company and report to CC-B at once. Reconnaissance Platoon was attached to D/714th and put on out-post duty. Company A was notified that they were to report to 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Inf. Div. at Rohrwiller. At 1300 an overlay of the enemy situation was sent to the companies. Forward Observers from 494th Field Artillery reported at C P for their missions and assignment to companies for artillery support.

15 January 1945 At 2025 Field Order was issued by CO indicating detailed firing positions for Company A in direct support of Engineers in the vicinity of the tri-bridges east of Rohrwiller. Captain Harding, Hq Company commander, was ordered to coordinate command of assault gun and mortar platoon in this area. Plans as follows: Map - France 1/25000, 12th Armored Division attacks 16 January 45 at 0200 to seize objective as shown on overlay. CC-A attacks at daylight to seize Stainwald woods (overlay), French army attacks at 16 January 45 at 0930 to seize Garbs heim (see overlay). 314 demonstrates vicinity Brusenheim 0130 for one hour. For detail assignments see Hq. CC-B, 12 Armored Division Field Order # 5. (Attached) (Paragraph 1 F O # 5 inclusive above).

16 January 1945 Enemy actions executed against the aforementioned plan resulted in the following incidents. At 1010 the element from Company C received small arms fire in their positions. At 1026 3 casualties were reported at A Company position. B Company 714th received message at 1105 calling for aid in evacuation of wounded of 56th Infantry. Elements of force reported 7 casualties at 1116, requesting evacuation by D/714th. A 714th was now located 500 yards south of check point A. A request for evacuation of wounded was sent by Company A and in compliance Executive Officer informed them that 3 tanks were on the way at 1117. The 56th Infantry after suffering many losses was in dire need of consolidation, A Company of 714th suggested that a smoke screen be laid down for cover. The operations of the force were unsuccessful and units were ordered to withdraw. On 161720 the Commanding Officer was called to CC-B for a meeting, 1750 CO called on telephone to have Company Commanders assemble at CP, Company A reported that two tanks had been disabled by enemy fire, 1 man was reported killed by AP shell at creek. CO returned from CC-B with the verbal order. At 180600 Task Force Field moved.

17 January 1945 After repeated attempts in putting in treadway bridge by the 119th Engineers for the coming operation the 92 Cavalry will assist in this task. The rebuilding of this bridge was necessary frequently due to enemy artillery zero'd in on that point -- east of Rohrwiller. The plan continues as follows for Task Force Field. B and C Companies 714th and one platoon of A Company will assemble in area west of Rohrwiller by 0500, picking up 56th Infantry B and C Company. At 0600 Company C will move out with mission of seizing road and railroad intersection to east not to pass further than that point, B Company starts as soon as C Company clears treadway bridge, 1 platoon of B Company wings to left and head for trees near river, canal. B proceeds from north side of railroad paying particular attention to edge of creek where 3 enemy tanks were previously reported.

Hq CO-8 12 AD
 BIRCHMILLER
 151840A Jan 45

PLAN

MAP: FRANCE, 1:25,000.

1. a. CO-8 Atks at 0200 to seize 1st Obj (see overlay). Prepared to continue Atk and seize strong points in 2nd Obj on C.
- b. LOD - see overlay.
- c. Time of Atk - 0200.

TROOPS

<u>POWER</u>	<u>RAMMER</u>	<u>BART</u>	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>CO-8 RES</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>
714	56 AIB	D/92	B/119	D/714	494 FA
(-B, D Co's)	C/17 AIB	A/92			D/572
	Plat B/714	B/714 (-)			B/154
					B/82

2. a. Force Rammer - (Assembles in area shown on overlay upon relief from Def Pos by Force Bart). Atks to seize 1st Obj crossing LOD at 0200. Reach Phase Line 2 by daylight. Area at ponton bridge site must be cleared out. (NOTE: One house in area probable MG Pos.) Prepare to continue Atk to 2d Obj after consolidation of 1st Obj.
 - b. Force Power - Spt Atk from DRULDSHEIM WOODS until bridge is constructed over MOER RIVER. Then cross and Spt Atk of 1st Obj. Prepare to Spt Atk on 1d Obj.
 - c. Force Bart - Relieve Elms of 56 AIB on Def line at once. Spt Atk from Pos on Def line. (Prepare fire lanes to prevent firing into troops of CO-8 and CO-4).
 - d. B/119 - constructs ponton bridge across MOER RIVER and a treadway bridge across stream at 1351164 upon clearing by Inf Atk. Protects ponton bridge during Atk. Furnish three foot bridges and supervise installation at Phase Line 1.
 - e. D/714 - Remain in CO-8 Res at OBLERHEFFEN.
 - f. 494 FA - Direct Spt - see fire plan.
 - g. D/572 - Protects bridge sites.
 - h. B/82 - Spts Atk from Pres Pos - BIRKATH.
 - i. B/154 - Spts Atk from Pres Pos - WILDSHEIM.
 - x. (1) Check points for reporting Pos - see overlay - Phase Lines and letter code.
3. a. Route of Evac and Supply -
 - (1) BIRCHMILLER-BAILEY BRIDGE.
 - (2) BIRCHMILLER-DRULDSHEIM WOODS-PONTON BRIDGE.
4. a. Radio operative - current SOI. Include in extracts call sign of CO 12 AD.
 - b. CP remains in Pres Pos.

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Suspected enemy occupying a factory 450 yards forward of the positions to be taken up by assault gun and mortar platoons vicinity of Rohrwiller. A Company 1 platoon at factory will on order take remainder of Infantry and mop up area in rear, on taking initial objective Force Field will proceed north with Company B and occupy factory. Company C will consolidate on road running north and south. Infantry will be under complete control of tanks to be used in close support of tanks, riding six doughs per tank. The Infantry will be instructed to fire from the backs of tanks into fox holes known to be in this area, be prepared for counter attack from Herrlisheim and enemy fire from creek that bulges in. Company D will remain in CC-B reserve, 1 tank report immediately for Infantry Command Vehicle. Assault gun and mortar platoons will go into positions at 0600. Check points on route of attack were specified.

17 January 1945 In a meeting with CC-B at 170130 CO returns with change of plan, factory will not be taken, C Company to establish bridge head at railroad. Force to take Herrlisheim, B Company to carry doughs, C Company to protect north, A Company to cover west of town, D Company to cover west of town. Prior to move by companies the tri-bridge site was reported as being shelled by enemy artillery. This operation resulted in an unsuccessful assault due to heavy concentrations of enemy anti-tank fire and artillery that was placed on routes of attack and repeated destruction of the tri-bridges. The entire action is included in detail in the Battalion S-2, S-3 Journal for the 17th of January 1945. The journal includes small unit actions decisions and orders and reasons and a discussion of unsuccessful as well as successful actions for this operation.

18 January 1945. At 0130 company commanders were called to the battalion CP for a meeting, and for discussion of situation and plans for 18 January 1945. The situation as was given to the companies was as follows: Disposition of friendly troops including the 43rd Tank Battalion and the 17th Armored Infantry Battalion are now at the southern end of Herrlisheim, but not in contact with the enemy (they have reported to have taken 300 prisoners). The 56th Armored Infantry Battalion plus one company of tanks will move to the vicinity of Rohrwiller, France. The 23rd Tank Battalion, 12th Armored Division is now south of Herrlisheim, and will jump off on the attack at 1800. Herrlisheim as the first objective with Drusenheim as the second objective, in conjunction with CC-B. CC-B attacks today to establish a bridgehead and follow the 23rd Tank Battalion to seize and hold high ground. The 714th Tank Battalion minus is in Corps reserve. The 714th Tank Battalion will support the attack with two companies and supporting weapons. One company of the 714th Tank Battalion will be attached to 92nd Cavalry to support the attack. The 714th Tank Battalion will move on orders and will be prepared to attack at 0600. Plans: Attacking elements of the 714th Tank Battalion will not go forward until the 23rd Tank Battalion passes their front, however positions will be taken up prior to 0400. Company "D", 714th Tank Battalion was ordered to dispatch two light tanks to infantry task force forward CP to aid in evacuation of wounded and transportation for infantry commanders. The plans for the 23rd Tank Battalion were altered in that some of their pressure would be directed south of Herrlisheim. In support of the attack Company "B" was alerted at 0850 to move to a position past tri bridges to take up positions in woods east of Rohrwiller. Company "C" with like mission will precede Company "B". The assault gun platoon will take up positions to afford support by fire in area of the factory east of Rohrwiller where positions of the enemy have been reported.

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19 January 1945. For the period of operation 172130 through 182347 this action proved an unsuccessful attempt to gain its objective due to many enemy reinforcements and defensive gun positions that had been set up in Herrlisheim, Drusenheim and in defoliated fire positions east of Rohrwiller. The complete action is in detail related in the S-2, S-3 Journal for the above mentioned period. The Journal complete in detail includes actions, decisions and orders by units that took part in this phase. On 190530, Company "B", 714th Tank Battalion was attached to the 79th Infantry Division to form force Lechman, the commanding officer of Company "B". The 79th Infantry Division was attacking Drusenheim at dawn with Company "B", 714th Tank Battalion in support. At 0740 a message from CC-B reported that enemy of unknown strength was crossing canal in vicinity of Rohrwiller 108142. The 714th Tank Battalion was alerted and prepared to move immediately. The companies now assembled in Oberhoffen alerted their personnel for a move to repel the enemy thrust. At 0840 resupplied the battalion with small arms ammunition. Outpost platoons of Company "A" located in woods east of Rohrwiller that no enemy action in their sector had been detected. The enemy force proved to be reconnaissance in force, and through actions of the 714th Tank Battalion and Infantry placed in Rohrwiller, the assault was repelled. At 2445 the S-3 proceeds to Bischwiller on reconnaissance for contemplated move of CP. At 1630 the orders for the battalion to move to Bischwiller were cancelled in order that the battalion may meet an armored thrust reported to be 20 enemy tanks proceeding in direction of Rohrwiller. On 191645 Company "C", 714th Tank Battalion was ordered to a position at vicinity of factory site south of Bischwiller. The infantry was ordered to blow bridges and hold their positions that had been established east of Rohrwiller and Bischwiller. After defense positions were set up in the area of Rohrwiller and Bischwiller the 714th Tank Battalion minus moved to the new CP in Bischwiller and closed in at 1730.

20 January 1945. Positions now held/companies of the 714th Tank Battalion will be spread over a wide area east of Bischwiller with fields of fire available to northeast and south. The mission at this time is mainly supporting. The enemy thrust had been repelled and positions, plans and moves in case of a counter attack were verbally issued. The battalion CP was moved from southeast Bischwiller to northeast Bischwiller. On 20 January 1945 the 714th Tank Battalion was withdrawn from the front lines for a move to Brunath, France.

21 January 1945. At 0005 the 714th Tank Battalion left location in Bischwiller, France after assembling in vicinity of Bischwiller.

22 January 1945. At 1100 the battalion was attached as reserve to the 36th Infantry Division, now in Bischwiller area and placed on 20 minute alert. Company "B" was attached to the 79th Infantry Division and placed on a 20 minute alert.

23 January 1945. The location of the battalion CP now in Brunath, France received artillery fire on the night of 23 January 1945.

24 January 1945. The 714th Tank Battalion was alerted to move to vicinity of Strasbourg, France at 1000. The time for move was advanced to 1400. At 1235 the movement order was cancelled until further notice. On 241530 the battalion dispatched billeting parties, but were later recalled and reported to stand by until further notice.

25 January 1945. At 1300 order was received to move at once crossing IP at Stephansville at 1400. The S-1 with an advance billeting detail proceeded to Eckwersheim, France to secure CP and billets for the battalion. The battalion closed in Eckwersheim, France at 1545. On 252100, Company "A", was notified to set up outposts, maintain until 260900 at which time Company "B" would relieve them. Service Company and Company "D" CP's and billets were located in Berstett, France. Company "B" will set up outposts in Berstett. At 2120, S/Sgt. Wright was sent out to reconnoiter routes in the surrounding area. (See overlay route of march)

26 January 1945. At 1100 S/Sgt Wright, Reconnaissance platoon, was sent out to reconnoiter bridges over canals in the surrounding area of Eckwersheim and Berstett, his main efforts of reconnaissance were to the northeast of Eckwersheim, and as far north as Brunath, France, south to Hoenheim, France east to Kilstett, France. (See overlay attached). At 1110 Major Field left for liaison with French Army to the south. On 261830 company commanders made reconnaissance of surrounding area of Eckwersheim, paying particular attention to routes from the east.

27 January 1945. The commanding officer left for CC-R at 1000 and returned at 1800.

28 January 1945. Reconnaissance made by Reconnaissance Platoon indicated location of inundated areas, mine fields, the condition of bridges and demolitions for same in the area east of Eckwersheim, France. (See attached overlay) For the period 280900 through 281740 various plans of offensive actions were submitted to units of the 12th Armored Division for attacks that may be made to the Northeast plus plans of defense of area of present location. The 714 Tank Battalion remained on an three hour alert.

29 January 1945 During the period from 20 January to 1 February 1945 the Battalion spent in Tank Infantry plans and training.


F. P. FIELD
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

CASUALTY**REPORT****NIA**

2/5 Robert K. Becke, 57520007 Co D
Sgt Joseph B. Guld, 53129889 Co A
Tec 5 Elmer P. Tenkersley, 53443039 Co B
Cpl Gordon E. Roberts, 58500346 Co D
W/Sgt Thomas A. Poole, 53215167 Co D
Tec 5 Walter L. Snow, 15054414 Co D

DUI

Pfc Richard F. Meiring, 59425654 Co B
Pfc Robert E. Blackum, 55720556 Co C
Sgt Jesse J. Pittman, 54456576 Co B
Tec 5 Thomas P. Johnson, 56429894 Co B

SIA

Sgt Frank E. Metzger, 15094665 Co D
Capt. William M. Harbridge, O-401125 Co D
Pfc Bill G. DeCourse, 57255748 Co A
Tec 5 David M. DeGillon, 51054866 Co D
Tec 5 Edward J. Busenwege, 52555449 Co A
Cpl Harold E. Meyer, 55544378 Co A
Pfc Anthony J. Luxander, 57255937 Co D
W/Sgt William L. Atkinson, 52565859 Co A
Sgt Frank E. Orlando, 52148619 Co C
Tec 5 John D. Jacquinet, 57491310 Co B
Tec 4 Fred H. Moss, 57255945 Co C
Pfc Herbert J. Krumer, 56452279 Co A
Tec 5 Edgar M. Drake, 55676364 Co A
Pfc Christopher E. Carbone, 53451272 Co A
Pfc William M. Billett, 52526467 Co B
Pfc Oral Fisher, 57255575 Co D
Pvt Douglas L. Grossman, 52575856 Co C
Pvt William M. Fisher, 55448215 Co B
Pvt Richard J. Adams, 55224116 Co B
Cpl Chester L. Drake, 57524712 Co B
Sgt Paul M. Miller, 53541651 Hq Co
Pvt Thomas W. Griffiths, 13110545 Co C
Cpl Otha E. Collins, 54593545 Co D
Pfc Jesse E. Billalebas, 57453166 Co A
2nd Lt. Charles W. Isiger, 01017785 Co D
1st Lt. Arthur A. Lote, 01015815 Co B
Tec 4 Robert M. Lazar, 53596774 Hq Co
Tec 4 Ray B. Loney, Jr., 55596173 Co B

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Cpl Howard H. Bleier, 32529160	Hq Co
Pfc Clifford J. Sweeney, 19175688	Hq Co
S/Sgt George G. Moss, 36432967	Co A
S/Sgt Joseph F. Jaconetty, 36609982	Co D
1st Lt. William G. Menders, 01010085	Hq Co
Pfc Alvin Polen, 32799785	Co C
2nd Lt. William W. Turley, 01012195	Co C
Pvt Arthur E. Anderson, 39192797	Bv Co
1st Lt. Dominic A. Dolce, 01017249	Co C
Tec 4 Edgar C. Hoffman, 32255972	Co C
Capt. Robert W. Harrington, 05723556	Co A
S/Sgt Maurice I. Sellar, 32091896	Co D
Lt. Col. William J. Phelan, O-16870	Bn Hq
Tec 5 Robert G. Raymond, 36417594	Co B
2nd Lt. Roy G. Daniels, 01018704	Co B
Pfc Walter R. Bowers, 33573157	Co B
Sgt Donald F. Harrington, 32659571	Co D
Sgt John Pickett, 35586258	Co D
Pfc Jess G. Zamora, 39685208	Co D

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SILVER STAR

Tec 5 Thomas F. Johnson, 36429894	GO 11, Par I 9 & 10 Jan 45
S/Sgt Thomas A. Poole, 33215167	GO 11, Par I 9 & 10 Jan 45
T/4 Robert E. Sacks, 37520007	GO 11, Par I 9 & 10 Jan 45
T/5 Walter L. Snow, 15054414	GO 11, Par I 9 & 10 Jan 45
S/Sgt Joseph A. Podzynski, 36533214	GO 11, Sec II, 9 & 10 Jan 45

BRONZE STAR

Lt. Col. William J. Phelan, 016870	GO 6, Par 3 20-26 Dec 44
Capt. Michael Resky, 0481012	GO 6, Par 3 Deceased
Pvt William F. Bartelt, Jr., 16102136	GO 11, Sec IV 23 Dec 44
Sgt William V. Okoniewski, 6874051	GO 11, Sec IV 9 Jan 45
2nd Lt. John N. Mc Dougal, 02006418	GO 11, Sec VI 10 Jan 45
Cpl Harold M. Oakes, Jr., 37443908	GO 11, Sec VI 9 Jan 45
S/Sgt Maurice I. Sellar, 32091896	GO 11, Sec VI 10 Jan 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

2nd Lt. Frank R. Pagnotta, 32563087	GO 1, Par 5 1 Jan 45
Pfc Carl A. Achterberg, 36817725	GO 11, SEC VIII, 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Winston Ball, 35365986	GO 11, Sec VIII, 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Francis A. Calliendo, 31040860	GO 11, Sec VIII, 9 & 10 Jan 45
Sgt John Fekett, 35586258	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Mayer Friedlander, 42035217	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc James B. Hansen, 34449539	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Sgt Joseph F. Jaconetty, 36609982	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Raymond S. Konczal, 32552116	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Frank E. Langenbacher, 33678950	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
T/4 Jesse L. Russell, 38319550	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Marvin Weissman, 32273745	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Oscar N. Williams, 39192754	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Jess Zamora, 39685208	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45
Pfc Sidney Zislin, 12080172	GO 11, Sec VIII 9 & 10 Jan 45

** All above Awards and Decorations have issued through Hq, 12th A.D.

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Headquarters

Lt. Col. William J. Phelan
Major Frederick P. Field
Major James M. Boone
Capt. Herbert E. McGruder
Lt. Robert O. Kelly (1st)
Capt. Morris Schwartz
Capt. John K. Dhips
Capt. Charles E. Jenkins
Lt. Joe C. Carlson (1st)
1st Lt. Arnold C. Heath

Transferred to Hospital
Commanding from Bx O 12 Jan 45
S-3 to Bx O, Capt to Major
S-2 to S-3
Bx Co Comdr to S-2
Com O
S-4
Div GPO
S-1 from Trans Off Bx Co
Liaison Off

Hq. Co

Capt. George Harding
1st Lt. George H. Hoyt
1st Lt. William G. Manders
2nd Lt. Cleo C. Taylor
2nd Lt. Harold A. Sleemon
2nd Lt. Othel T. Parsons
2nd Lt. James F. Jenks

Commanding
-1 to stand Hq Co, GSC, GAC to Lv Co Comdr
Transferred to Hospital
Rm Off
Maint Off
 mortar Plat Off
Assault Gun Plat - Battlefield Appointment

Co A

Capt. Robert W. Harrington
1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin
1st Lt. Vernon F. Foster
2nd Lt. Robert W. Kresge
2nd Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt

Commanding
Maint Off
Tr Plat Ldr
Tr Plat Ldr
Tr Plat Ldr

Co B

1st Lt. James A. Leachman
1st Lt. Arthur J. Clote
1st Lt. William E. Good
2nd Lt. Foy G. Daniels
2nd Lt. Charles S. Hieiger
2nd Lt. Harry N. Kettler
2nd Lt. Ivin E. Phipott

Commanding 1st Lt. to Capt.
Transferred to Hospital
Maint Off
Transferred to Hospital
Transferred to Hospital
Tr Plat Ldr - Battlefield Appointment
Tr Plat Ldr - Battlefield Appointment

Co C

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
1st Lt. Harold A. London
1st Lt. Donald A. Dolce
2nd Lt. Richard P. Le France
2nd Lt. William A. Turley

Commanding
Maint Off
Transferred to Hospital
Tr Plat Ldr
Transferred to Hospital

2nd Lt. John H. McDougal

Capt. William H. Harridge
1st Lt. John C. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Gethloff
2nd Lt. William J. Venema
2nd Lt. Abe H. Traktman
2nd Lt. Frank R. Pagnotte

1st Lt. George H. Hoyt
Capt. John E. Stuerwald
2nd Lt. Genair F. Brochowski
2nd Lt. Christopher T. Orvey
CWO Joseph T. Collins
WOJG George A. Frost
WOJG Charles D. Frazier

1st Lt. Garfield W. Barnett
1st Lt. Leonard D. Kentworth

Co. 2

Tk Plst Ldr - Battlefield Appointment

Co. 2

Transferred to Hospital
Transferred to Hospital
Maint OCE - to Commanding
Tk Plst Ldr
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Tk Plst Ldr - Battlefield Appointment

By Co

Commanding
Bn Motor Off
Co Maint Off & SBO, GPO, XPM
Trans Plst Off
Perf Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

Medico

Medical Off - General Surgery
Medical Assist - MAC

TIME	SEC	NO: TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
2030	1:	062020	Task Force alerted to move out, have men get packed	S T
2030	2:	062300	Task Force moved out from area around Huley	
	3:	070140	Crossed IP - Mittersheim	
	4:	070730	Closed in Alteschendorf Col Brenley visited CP	
	5:	071230	CO left for Ren of area vicinity of Hagenau	
	7:	071400	LO arrived from CC-B and returned	
	8:	071417	Ex O left for Hagenau to attend meeting with Col. Brenley at 79th Div CP	
1358:	9:	0712323	Have guides meet Tns. west edge Hockfelden	S-4
1403:	10:	071403	Report En in S-4 net	Comm o
1546:	11:	071045	Class 3 (2 BP) 0324 and 0293 Class 58 017 WP's 0324 and 0293 Class 1 will be located at 99248 Jan 45	S-4
1442:	12:	062200	Received 12th AB S-2 report No 14	S T M
	13:	071510	CO and S-3 returned from ren of front line	S T M
	14:	071715	Ex O returned from meeting at Hagenau	S M
	15:	072730	Meeting of all Co Commanders	
	16:	071900	Task Force #5 left vicinity of Alteschendorf	
	17:	072000	Closed in Weyersheim	
	1:	080230	Overlay in verbal order	
	2:	080230	Overlay to enemy situation	
	3:	080442	Lt. Taylor back from route Ren of march	
	4:		Two bridges blown on route of march	
		080518	LO from CC-B	
	5:	080518	LO returned from CC-B. Info on two bridges blown	
	6:	080730	Moved from Weyersheim to assembly area in vicinity Rohrweiler	
0935:	7:	080932	Bridge at mike not in	S M
	8:	080800	Capt. Fairborn CO of 56 Inf Co wounded in shoulder by sniper	
	9:	080945	Verbal msg to fellow plan	
	10:	081000	Co C moved out with 2 plato. Inf leading doughs across foot bridge	
	11:	081030		
	12:	081045	Tanks across first bridge	
1130:	13:	081130	Bridge out at coordinates 134-163	
	14:		During this period town of Rohrweiler and assembly area subjected to aerial and impact artillery	
	15:	081130	CO arrived at CP Rohrweiler	
	16:	081200	CO left in tank	
	17:	081352	Air reports enemy btry R 130105 75 MM, SP Btry going into position at R 112114, 1 gun at R117101	
	18:	081438	Arty obs took coord. of En SP 75 to lay counter fire	

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	19	181554	Moved CP from Rohrerweiler.	
	20	181551	Established CP at Menhoffen.	
1855	21	181825	Exec. Off. left for CO-8	
	22	181855	Stopped support fire at dark - from CO, relayed to to CO-8	H
1925	23	181944	Re reports 88s at R 13751305, R13851310 and R 14151325. CP Bn. Kappes at K12651395. 37MM gun at 135129 and P 136130, CP 3 Co. Bn. Kappes at R136132.	
1925	24	181955	4/92 reports enemy patrol at NOX0172 at 1930	2 T M
	25	182044	3-2 Int. No. 15 received.	2 T M
	26	182114	Exec. Off. returned from CO-8	
1955	27	182155	Water points at 077192 open 090800	T
	28	182155	Exec. Off. left for CO-8	
	29	182245	Liaison Off. from CO-8	
2355	30	182245	Send casualty report for 6/56 by 182044	6/56
2345	31	182344	See if you can get in touch with 1-4 and stop his movement of trucks. - from Ex. Off. to 1-2	504
	32		Overlay of IDW information.	M
1925	1	182114	Ex. Off. arrived from CO-8.	
	2	182114	Reinforce liaison with Co. 114, at present hold- ing bridgehead 130168 - after they move out hold bridgehead with 1 platoon tanks.	S
1917	3	182155	Civilian informant reports heavy enemy inf in Derrlishheim.	S
1937	4	182155	Enemy tanks reported 130168, be prepared to sup- by fire.	S
	5	182114	Lt. Schmidt 4/Co. Plt. Ldr at CO, send Ex. Off. and ordered to report his Co. - Plt was with 4/92	
	6	182144	CO reports bridge ready for use 130168	S
	7	182155	CO calls for 1st Plt Ldr 1st to report to him with the recovery vehicles with fuel for dynamite	Rem
	8	182155	Unidentified 10 men with red cross flag, come out at Derrlishheim.	
	9	182155	CO orders no firing at rail train.	T
	10	182155	Code of fire being received from 1st Plt. 1st CO 1st Plt.	
	11	090800	1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. plan.	
	12	182155	1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. plan.	
1915	13	182244	3-2 Information 1st 15 received (12244)	2 T M
	14	182244	6/56 reported approximately 182244 was taken	
	15	182244	Col. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. 1st Plt. Ldr. over to talk with him.	
	16	182244	Exec. Off. returned from CO-8	

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IN	OUT	SER.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.		ACTION	TAKEN
		19	#91131	B-3 and Rammer (B/Co) start across flank to North.			
		20	#91136	B/Co. reports finding of crossing of canal			
				Ordered to approach town (Herrlisheim) from North.			
		21	#91139	O/Co in firing position ordered to fire into town.			
		22	#91140	A/Co ordered to have 2 plato fire speedily in South of town.			
		23	#91145	Elements of 56 enter town (H/Co).			
		24	#91240	Open space between two towns.			
1245		25	#91245	B reports 25 mm. Tks. along E. Rd in center town Herrlisheim on Rd that crosses canal			
1258		26	#91258	Send truck to take care of prisoners.		Ex. C	
1315		27	#91315	Rpt channels used by your 309's			
	1335	28	#91330	Needed answer to #91315		H	
1347		29	#91330	PV report following locations, 25 tks in Herrlisheim 12451450, C/Co reports 125144 CP			
				2nd Co. in RR station 12051425, 5 53 Div CP			
				and aid station 18651445, 25 105 mm guns from 18101125 to 18651185			
1400		30	#91400	Send up 5-4 in Lt. Tk to take care of necessary administrative problems.			
		31		Div. Chaplain visited C enroute to forward Aid Station.			
		32		Clayton to Herrington - 4mm Veh. firing from woods on your right flank.			
		33		Herrington - 8mm w/40 along canal any signs of enemy counter attack between obj. and town to North. Local small arms attack.		CO	
1420		34	#91420	Rammer has advanced almost to southern edge of town. Verify if bridges are still in part of town.			
		35	#91420	Local 4mm Air attacks over this CP, strafing at our Liaison Plane.			
		36	#91438	About 1800 yds to our right in disintd personnel advancing to East - from Herrington		H	
1445		37	#91440	1 bridge blown, 1 okay - from CO to CC*B		H	
		38	#91445	Inf are not our troops the Col. would like you to push a little more to the south - from CC*B to CO			
1518		39	#91518	8 enemy tks reported moving on road Offendorf to Herrlisheim - CC-B to CC/714			
		40	#91530	Clayton to Herrington - C wants Schmidt to get in pos. on north flank.			
		41	#91535	CO to Schmidt - are you up against the canal so that you can obs. ground from Offendorf to Herrlisheim			
1606		42	#91606	We have 1 Pz can you send someone to pick them up.			
1607		43	#91607	Send Pz. for light tanks.			
		44	#91636	Ex. C. returns to CO			
1744		45	#91744	Requests needs for evacuation of cas.			
		46	#91747	2 rpts. 4mm. Located 121141			
		47	#91840	5-2 left for CC-B			
		48	#91845	Flames noted, rtd as Mohrweiler on fire			
		49	#91900	1 Aselt gun and 4 tks knocked out. Lt. Manders Pvt Sweeney evacuated.			
		50	#91945	5-2 returned from CC-B			
		51	091948	3 of CC-B called CO telling him to move 1 tk Co. to hold Bailey Bridge.. CC - One tk platoon forced from that position by AF fire.			

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TIME	IN	OUT	SER. NO.	TIME	DATE	INCIDENT	LOCATION	SECTION
			52	1942	15	CO called for 22 to reconnoiter route and establish liaison with adjacent unit.		
			53	1942	45	Is the outfit you sent up to North firing at anything?		
			54			(Note) Re-supply big problem because of enemy action.		
			55			Answer to 194245: No		
			56	1942	55	The town of Rohrwiller is being attacked by En. Inf of not too great strength from east.		
			57	1942	55	Men reports bridges out at 09130 and 09301540		M
2252		2254	58	1942	24	Can not contact A & B companies		H
2226		2222	59	0522	28	At present we are not maintaining outpost where we are keeping liaison between A and B companies, relayed from men 1st to C.		
			60	1942	24	En. action reported at 120101		M
			61	1942	25	C wanted to know if there was a unit in between		
			62	1942	24	Esler Co. is back in original area		
2421			63	1942	14	Report on full tracked veh. in third echelon or casualty due to 1200 by 1300 daily		-4
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			1	1942	14	Ex. Off. contacted A in regards to re-supply of Companies.		
			2	1942	15	A reports Rohrwiller is definitely occupied by the enemy		
			3	1942	15	Ex. O. Informs CC-B of the above.		
			4	1942	25	Liaison Officer from CC-B		
			5	1942	27	Liaison Officer from CC-B		
			6	1942	27	Liaison Officer leaves for CC tank.		
			7	1942	15	S-2 left for CC-B		
0432			8	1942	15	Urgent msg from CC-B to CC. - Friendly troops will be approaching you from the east, caution your troops not to fire.		
			9	1942	45	Liaison Officer ordered to return, plan is changed		
			10	1942	15	S-2 returns from CC-B with orders leaves for CC Tk		
			11	1942	24	S-2 called for by CC had not arrived at designated meeting place.		
			12			(Info only) - Infantry of 56 falling back from Herrlisheim - Tanks falling back to second bridge at Rohrwiller and to fire into south end of Herrlisheim. 56 suffering heavy casualties.		
			13	1942	15	Companies given fire mission via Herrlisheim by CC - S-2 must have contacted CC as this is the info he was dispatched with.		S
			14	1942	29	Liaison Officer back at CP		
			15	1942	30	CC at CP with S-2, CC calls C/Co and A/Co give them positions to hold.		
			16	1942	30	CC & CO of E/92 form plan for moving tanks out of area in case bridges at Rohrwiller - Prearrange signal "I am ready."		
			17	1942	35	CC calls CC-B on telephone. S-3 gets plan to hold Herrlisheim.		
			18	1942	40	CC leaves for CC-B and then to tank.		
			19	1942	40	S-3 at En CP to check on vehicular casualties.		
			20	1942	40	Plans for holding Herrlisheim and moving -		
			21	1942	11	Approx. 50 En. dug in with MGs from 101144 to 107639. En CP at 102125 and 096130.		M S
			22	1942	11	3 En. tks at 137152, fired at by our elements.		
			23	1942	11	2 38s at 133157, men still around 147157		M S
			24	1942	14	3 Tks reported moving into East of Herrlisheim.		S T
			25			Notes - Smoke concentrations layed along RR to E of Herrlisheim.		
			26	1942	35	Enemy Tks reported by Arty Obs, 4 tks 124138		M S
			27	1942	35	Ex. O. and Comm. O. W/crew of S-3 halftrack moved forward to get in better communications with front		
			28	1942	45	Report "Helm Hit - Major Fields going forward		

TIME		SER.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS ETC.	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.			TAKEN
		29	101410	Send one of your light tks into town (Herrlisheim):	
				to evacuate Col. Phelan, - intercepted	
	1430	30	101430	5 En tks at 124135, 7 en. tks at 131152. Send	
				word to 3 to take over until 5 gets there.	
		31		Sacs and S/Sgt. T.A. Poole of "D" Company killed	
				evacuating Col. Phelan. S/Sgt. Maurice Sellers	
				injured in action at the same job.	
		32	101500	Medics pinned down by patrol east of Rohrviller	H
	1504	33	101445	Bunker located 139137 has 1 75 MM gun, 1 50 MM gun	STM
		34	101400	Ex. Off. ordered to assume command of all forces	
				in Herrlisheim.	
		35	101430	Ex. Off. at CC-B for instructions and orders to	
				leave CC-B at 1500	
		36	101440	Maj. Avery calls Capt. Boone to consolidate pos.	S
				in town - plan fires and contact all troops of his	
				command.	
		37	101500	Maj. Fields goes to forward Aid Station with S-3	
				Half-track. Medics are held down by patrol rifle	
				and MC fire, heavy. Maj. Fields goes out to light	
				the 8/714.	
		38	101025	Maj. Fields leaves for A/Co. tks in light tk to	
				over situation.	
		39	101530	AT fire from east of Rohrviller, intense, light tks	
				unable to get through for evacuation.	
		40	101020	Maj. Fields returns and leaves for CC-B	
		41	101030	Maj. Fields at CC-B for orders and plan.	
		42	101020	Maj. Fields leaves CC-B to establish a forward CP	
				behind 7 Tks.	
		43	101020	Maj. Fields gives Capt. Boone order to withdraw	
				from Herrlisheim - Arty concentrations to cover	
				withdrawal when Boone is ready. Infantry to leave	
				first followed by tks. Capt Boone ordered to work	
				out details within town for withdrawal.	
		44	102015	Maj. Fields calls Capt. Harrington explains sit.	
				tells Capt Harrington to come see him. during	
				this period from 1000 the following was taken	
				place - Vic. CP at Herrlisheim shelled 1600, -2	
				goes to CC-B meets with Maj Fields about 1730 -	
				1800 - -2 makes arrangements for guides at new	
				assembly area, posting them personally. then	
				-2 goes to forward CP arriving at 2230, reporting	
				his action to Maj. Fields.	
		45	101020	Capt. Boone contacted, explains to Maj. Fields	
				operation of withdrawal is going to take a little	
				longer than expected.	
		46	102025	S/119 Engr Plt Ldr and 2 men contacted at forward	
				CP mission to get pontoon bridge.	
		47	102050	Capt Col. Phelan is evacuated tank lt will be	
				passive soon.	
		48	102040	Capt. Schwartz CommC takes car 8 to B/119 CP then	
				to medics to see Col. Phelan.	
			101020	Div. Artillery - 1/714 reports to 56	
				Div. Artillery, 1/714 att one to Div. Arty available	
				for Div. Arty missions. 1/714 will replace A/	
				714 in positions. Lt. Lehman (A/Co) report to	
				Col. Ingram - after 1st in position, "A" move to	
				vic. of 714 assembly area. Prepared for further	
				move by Div. Arty. Capt. Harrington to Col. Bohr	
				Div. Arty. for instructions at once, send com with	
				92 to vic. Herrlisheim, alert men and have Taylor	
				report to Avery on radio and press in vic.	
				reel counter attack from north, W, E, and SE.	
				report on personnel ver. casualties immediately	
				unit commanders station CC-B 1100, overlay sub-	
				mitted how to exact location of casualties tks,	
				loc. of 1st Co. Tks evacuated by tps.	

TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	INCIDENT, CALL SIGN, LOCATION, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			2	111300 Maj. Field left for CC-B to attend staff officers' meeting.	
			3	111330 Capt. Schwartz sent out to find new CP location.	
			4	111330 Maj. Field returned from CC-B.	
			5	111600 Capt. Schwartz returned.	
			6	111625 Left CP at Hanhoffen.	
			7	111640 Set up CP at Oberhoffen.	
1700				0/714 once more under control of this Co.	
			8	102200 Received 3-2 periodic report.	
			1	121000 Capt. McConaghan with Lt. Kelley, Lt. Boone, Ex. Off. Capt. Carpenter -3, Lt. Kelley -2, Lt. Hoyt to command service company.	
			2	121100 Maj. very visit CP, made contact with exec with situation.	
			3	121300 Capt. Boone leaves for CC-B.	
7130			4	121700 Capt. Boone arrived back at CP.	
			1	130400 Received CC-B overview, defensive line plan.	
			2	130700 CP left for CC-B.	
0955			3	130955 Have all company commanders and staff meet 5 (CP) at CP immediately.	
			4	131050 Meeting of all Co staff, arrived from CC-B.	
			5	131100 Notes - CC-B to attack woods to the east. CC-B to obtain bridge head over canal. Plan discussed on success of 1st. Lt. Kelley to take air recon - 1/7. Lt. Boone - 1/7, Capt. Clayton 1/7. Co. 1 continued their mission. Co. 2 to send 1st of the to camp diversion and 2, no firing, make noise to attract enemy attention. Lt. Taylor sent out to search for bridge head. mortar and CP to the east. 1st. Kelley.	
			6	131130 CP left for CC-B air recon.	
			7	131140 Mission 1st. Kelley.	
			8	131140 1-2 left with mission 1st. Kelley.	
			9	131140 CP returned from air recon.	
			10	131140 Exec. C. returned from air recon.	
			11	131140 1-2 returned from CC-B.	
			12	130700 Meeting of all Co. commanders at CP. Notes - mission to obtain bridge head over canal. Plan discussed on success of 1st. Lt. Kelley to take air recon - 1/7. Lt. Boone - 1/7, Capt. Clayton 1/7. Co. 1 continued their mission. Co. 2 to send 1st of the to camp diversion and 2, no firing, make noise to attract enemy attention. Lt. Taylor sent out to search for bridge head. mortar and CP to the east. 1st. Kelley.	
			13	131140 CP left for CC-B air recon.	
			14	131140 Mission 1st. Kelley.	
			15	131140 1-2 left with mission 1st. Kelley.	
			16	131140 CP returned from air recon.	
			17	131140 Exec. C. returned from air recon.	
			18	131140 1-2 returned from CC-B.	
			19	130700 Meeting of all Co. commanders at CP. Notes - mission to obtain bridge head over canal. Plan discussed on success of 1st. Lt. Kelley to take air recon - 1/7. Lt. Boone - 1/7, Capt. Clayton 1/7. Co. 1 continued their mission. Co. 2 to send 1st of the to camp diversion and 2, no firing, make noise to attract enemy attention. Lt. Taylor sent out to search for bridge head. mortar and CP to the east. 1st. Kelley.	
			20	132300 Enemy Arty shelling area with large calibre shells dropped.	
			1	140115 Shelling stops, approximately 20 large calibre shells dropped.	
			2	140332 Remmer C reports 30 enemy Inf behind our lines infiltrated at CP 107145 at 140532.	
			3	140810 (to 0/714) alert your company, Company Commander report to CC-B at once.	
			4	140906 1-3 flies at 1100, Co. 2 flies at 1700 aerial observation.	
			5	140930 Meeting of Co CO's at an CP - further discussion of contemplated plan - additional recon to be made by Co CO's. CO HQ Co. to control Asslt and Art Plats.	
			6	141500 CP left for CC-B, Men. attached to 0/714 and out on outpost.	
			7	141615 Col. Bromley visited CP discussed situation with Exec Off.	

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141625	8	141625	Col. Bramley left CP	
141700	9	141700	CO returned from CO-B	
141700	10	141700	Maj. Field notified that A Co. be alerted for duty with 79th. Capt. Harrington ordered to rpt to CO 514 Inf Bgt at Schweiller. (verbal)	Co. A
150000	1	150000	CO left for CO-B	
150000	2	150000	Received VI Corps Issue No. 436	
151200	3	151200	CO returned from CO-B	
151300	4	151300	Overly Enemy Situation sent to Companies	T
151400	5	151400	FO from 494 FA at CP, plan to be in effect at 2400	
151400	6	151400	Mag to all companies on expected issuance of order to execute	T
151100	7	151100	CO calls CO-B for information	
151600	8	151600	CO leaves for CO-B	
151600	9	151600	Co. COs meeting on return of CP alert Cos.	T
151700	10	151700	CO calls Mag on meeting incorrect, time 1900	T
152000	11	152000	CO returns from CO-B	
152025	12	152025	FO for attack at 161200 given by CO, Notes as follows (see Div. FO) detail fire positions for A Co. direct support of Engr. at bridge site AS and Mortar under Capt. Harding.	
152145	13	152145	Mag from CO-B on gun direct firing close into Schweiller.	
152145	14	152145	Capt. Schwartz and Capt. Harrington dispatched to CP 119 Engrs for info on location	
152400	15	152400	1/119 reported they were fired on by upn. of unknown cal. from approx. azimuth of 85 to 90 deg. from their loc. at 18-19.3	
152130	16	152130	Arm patrol under Lt. Taylor ordered to run that area for Engr. gun position at 2130	
152347	17	152347	1 arm patrol returned. No enemy gun pos. loc. returned at 0215	
160120	1	160120	79 Div starts Arty Diversionary concentration	
160130	2	160130	Arm patrol returned, no en. gun pos. found.	
160200	3	160200	Liaison Off. from CO-B	
160300	4	160300	CO and Exec. departed for tk positions.	
160400	5	160400	FO thinks there is a regiment opposing them	
160500	6	160500	Charlie received small arms fire	
161012	7	161012	CO called Exec. telling him to take over in their present pos. while the CO returns to former pos to help out.	
161015	8	161015	I am going to have Remmer readjust his lines cover any of his movements with your fire - Co from CO-B	
161016	9	161016	Direct your CO to readjust his bridgehead to include A C phase line 1, CO-B to 56 Inf.	
161016	10	161016	Remmer is readjusting his line along check point 1. Enemy forming for counter attack to left of his pos. estimated strength 1 Bgt. Cover their reorganization with Arty fire.	



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IN	OUT	NO.		
:	10	161221	Our extreme right element reports friendly arty falling on friendly doughs to his front. He also has some casualties and no means of evacuation.	:
:	11	161224	From CO - have FO correct. Have our right unit to cover doughs with fire.	:
:	12	161226	Have you any means of sending down to A pos. to pick up 3 casualties.	Med.
:	13	161228	I am coming in for a minute, send peep to meet me	:
:	14	161145	Can you have power tks to go to check point A to pick up casualties. Have many wounded - Rammer/36	:
:	15	161142	Will send 3 more lights - CO-B	:
:	16	161143	300 yds from check point A - 36 Inf	:
:	17	161143	Msg sent to D/714 on above by CO-B	:
:	18	161146	Urgent Msg - Impossible to hold position. Have suffered extreme casualties, have your B-3 report to this CP to advise - 92 to CO-B	:
:	19	161147	CO is on way down A from CO-B	:
:	20	161148	A/92 falling back followed by enemy. See if fire can be brought to bear on them.	:
:	21	161115	Concentration fired by 92 75 AG	:
:	22	161116	7 casualties reported, A/714, 300 yds south of check point A. Send evacuation.	:
:	23	161117	Ex. Off. informs A/714 3 tks on the way.	:
:	24	161145	A/714 suggests smoke screen for cover of consolidation of 36 Inf.	:
:	:	:	Ex. Off. calls for smoke to assist consolidation of 36 at end around check point # 3	:
:	:	:	CO calls O/714 CO over to him.	:
:	25	161215	Strafing AT fire (3 burst) on A/Co. right flank from beyond intersection of railroad and road.	:
:	:	:	Ex. Off. calls Hq. Co. CO	:
:	26	161225	Big 6 orders push attack and get those bridges in. The broken bridge is now ready. Rpt from adjacent unit indicate movement to west by our troops from point A. Is this true? C of Barts outfit is on the way to Barts. Deliver msg at once - to CO CO-B	:
:	27	161230	Condition red	:
:	28	161239	36 Inf withdrawn to Rohrwiller, A remains in present location prepared to support 314 Inf. Regt. Rest of unit relieved at your discretion, suggested under cover of darkness	:
:	29	161314	CO to Exec. Capt. Magruder is going to meet CO at G Co. Exec. take over in the meantime.	:
:	:	:	Move up to intersection to meet me CO to A	:
:	30	161323	Exec. called by CO to meet him at same intersection G Co. commander called too for this same meeting.	:
:	:	:	Hq Co. called to meet CO in vic. of G Co. - No veh. available for CO Hq Co- Instructions for him to stand by.	:

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11	161121	161121	Our extreme right element reports friendly arty falling on friendly doughs to his front. He also has some casualties and no means of evacuation.	
11	161124	161124	From CO - have FO correct. Have our right unit to cover doughs with fire.	
12	161126	161126	Have you any means of sending down to A pos. to pick up 3 casualties.	Med.
13	161128	161128	I am coming in for a minute, send peep to meet me	
14	161130	161130	Can you have power tks to go to check point A to pick up casualties. Have many wounded - Remmar/36	
15	161132	161132	Will send 3 more lights - CO-B	
16	161133	161133	300 yds from check point A - 36 Inf	
17	161135	161135	Mag sent to D/714 on above by CO-B	
18	161136	161136	Urgent Mag - Impossible to hold position. Have suffered extreme casualties, have your 8-3 report to this CP to advise - 92 to CO-B	
19	161137	161137	CO is on way down A from CO-B	
20	161138	161138	A/92 falling back followed by enemy. See if fire can be brought to bear on them.	
21	161115	161115	Concentration fired by 92 75 AG	
22	161116	161116	7 casualties reported, A/714, 300 yds south of check point A. Send evacuation.	
23	161117	161117	Ex. Off. informs A/714 3 tks on the way.	
24	161140	161140	A/714 suggests smoke screen for cover of consolidation of 36 Inf.	
			Ex. Off. calls for smoke to assist consolidation of 36 at and around check point # 3	
			CO calls O/714 CO over to him.	
25	161210	161210	Strafing AT fire (3 burst) on A/Co. right flank from beyond intersection of railroad and road.	
			Ex. Off. calls Hq. Co. CO	
26	161225	161225	Big 6 orders push attack and get those bridges in. The broken bridge is now ready. Rpt from adjacent unit indicate movement to left by our troops from point A. Is this true? C of Barts outfit is on the way to Bart. Deliver msg at once - to CO CO-B	
27	161230	161230	Condition red	
28	161239	161239	36 Inf withdrawn to Rohrwiller, A remains in present location prepared to support 314 Inf. Regt. Rest of unit relieved at your discretion, suggested under cover of darkness	
29	161314	161314	CO to Exec. Capt. Magruder is going to meet CO at C Co. Exec. take over in the meantime.	
			Move up to intersection to meet me CO to A	
30	161323	161323	Exec. called by CO to meet him at same intersection. CO Co. commander called too for this same meeting.	
			Hq Co. called to meet CO in vic. of C Co. - No veh. available for CO Hq Co- Instructions for him to stand by.	

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		31	161358	Send runner to Exec. - Hq Co.	
		32	161428	CO returned to CP	
1445		33	161245	Received 5-2 from as of 161245 from CO-B	
1515		34	161315	3 enemy tks painted white at coord. 157199. also reported by Co. A at intersection of RR and road	221
		35	161325	CO-B directed fire on location of 3 tks. 1 tk from A/714 hit by fire from enemy tk.	
1535		36	161445	New issue Med. Tks. has muzzle brake on 76 mm gun. Do not confuse with enemy tks. Instruct troops your control.	8 2
		37	161725	CO to CO-B for meeting.	
		38	161735	CO called on telephone to have company commanders assemble.	
		39	161835	Co A reports two tks disabled by enemy fire at creek. A reported 1 man killed by AP fire at creek. CO returned from CO-B with verbal order. Notes - 0700 Task Force Field move. 92 Coy moves to aid in putting in trestle bridge at 2300 tonight. B & C Co. and 1 platoon A Co. in assembly area behind Rehweiler by 0700. At that time 36 Inf mounts tks of B and C Co. At 0600 C Co. moves out with mission of seizing rd and RR intersection, not to pass further than RR. B Co. starts as soon as C Co. clears trestle bridge. 1 platoon of B Co. swings immediately left and heads for trees near river, canal - Company proceeds to north side of RR tracks paying particular attention to edge of creek. 3 enemy tks in vis. of road and RR intersection. A possibly tks in factory. A Co. 1 platoon at factory will on order take remainder of Inf (36) and mop up area in rear. On taking initial objective we proceed north with B Co. & take factory site. C Co. consolidates on road. Inf. under control of tank Co. Use in close support of tks. Ride 6 doughs per tk. Caution Inf not to be afr afraid to fire from tks into fox holes. Be prepared for counter attack from Harrisheim and fire from creek that bulges in. D Co. remains in CO-B reserve 1 tk reports immediately with crew of 2 for Inf command veh. AD platoon assume same pos. but not before 0600 Mortars be prepared to go into position at same time	
				Bailey Bridge (LD) - Mike	
				Trestle Bridge - Choe	
				Junction Canal & Moder River - Peter	
				RR & Rd Junction - Queen	
				Factory (2nd Obj) - Tare	
				Moder River - Gray RR in general - Uncle	
				Rwy in General - Victor Line of 45 & 714 - Yoke	

TIME		SER.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.			TAKEN
		1	170130	OO-B called on phone for CO to report to CP change of plans expected.	
		2	170200	OO Commanders meeting ordered	B T
		3	170130	OO leaves for OO-B	
		4	170300	OO returns to CP	
		5	170300	Change of plan. Factory not to be taken, C to establish bridgehead at railroad. Force to take Herrlisheim. B to carry doughs. Task force of 45 to South part of Herrlisheim. C to protect North. A to cover west of town, B to cover west of town	
		6	170620	OO-B called CO on radio saying that shoe was not in yet.	
		7	170635	Load immediately and move out to prearranged loc Cover B Co. C can now get across.	
		8	170640	They say they lost equipment and we are getting it: heavy C to CO	
		9	170711	Clayton is at Obes, Wilson has lost equipment shelling very heavy at Obes. Clayton holding line:	
		10	170714	I think they have direct fire on us - C Co.	
		11	170719	Get tks out before daylight. CO to C	
		12	170720	Move out immediately continue your mission without stopping on Claytons flank CO to A	
		13	170721	Fellow Harrington, get into town immediately. CO to B Clayton - Wilson says I am going to be like ducks:	
		14	170723	Wilson has been down there all this time and says: they have everything down there waiting for us and: we have nothing to fight back. Can you put pressure on the position to the N and W of Mike	
				Held back on Harrington. Harrington move into fer- position and get as much fire as pos. on position: Clayton move back to LD and keep as much pressure: on those positions as pos. we have to keep those: guns from going south. Lehman stand by for move- ment up. Harrington move back to woods. Can you: get into position behind little brook and keep as: much fire as possible on hill, unload your doughs: Harrington to woods, Clayton withdrawing to Mike: B Co. keeping fire on position CO to OO-B	
		15	170737	Are you in position, can you lay on Jet. RR and Hwy Rake hell out of it with HE for 5 minutes. Ex. to Mr	
		16	170740	Is there anything I can help you with in line of: fire. They all pulled back to this side of bridge: CO has gone to OO-B B to C	
		17	170742	C Company calling for Arty fire and smoke along: that RR track.	
		18	170746	We are behind Mike C to Exec. bridge behind us is out. B to Exec.	
		19	170809	Lehman rpts bridge to his rear out. Can we get men: on. Check Lehman for coord. of damaged equipment: Bridge you referred to is 1 or 2. The bridge is:	

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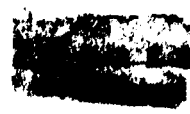
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TIME	TIME	DATE	INCIDENT	REMARKS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.			STATION
		36	171025	1st Plst establishes Radio com. with Exec Off	
			171026	4/714 - right front	
		37	171026	CC calls Ex. Off ask to 4-7, ask fax did you recd msg to stand fast in present position. Ex. Off says yes and we have complied.	
		38	171030	4 getting trucks for re-supply	
		39	171040	Are you part of Nick (Exec Off) We have spotted what we believe to be enemy armor in little woods across from woods.	
		40	171105	4/714 reports AT line to 4-7. 4-7 tells him to get arty on it. 4/714 tries to line up on target. Ex. Off. 4-7 position 1 1/2 mi. Call for mortar smoke. 4-7 at least report range 4100. CC-3 calls for arty, calls for 3. 4-7 word to your people to watch their target and to expect friendly troop in your direction 4/7 will bring full details. 4-7 reports armor approaching from front right recd. 4-7 then is used with CC-3. 4-7 moving at about 1700. Fired several shots. 4-7. 4-7 on troops sent to all Co's. 4-7 very light vel. or smoke. 4-7 about mill boxes. 4-7 factory with about 1 mile on 4-7. 4-7 calls for 3 of 4-7. Troops report of enemy front head of sent 4/714. 4-7 at 4-7. 4-7 are lately been not know whether position are held but in 4-7 seem to be in front of every light 4-7 on road headed north out of town. 4/714 reports knocking out one AT gun to front. About getting bridge in with arty, believes it possible with Inf. screen. 4-7 gives position and asks direction. 4-7 4/714 from 4-7 - ask about moving plot up to bridge site at creek. 4-7 asks about laughs. 4-7 can cover that area to south. Harrington can cover area to east of valley bridge. Harrington not able to see from present position knows not. 4-7 says he is able to see area southeast of valley bridge. 4-7 calls 4-7 4-7 in contact. 4-7 calls 4-7 4-7 calls 4-7 4-7 calls 4-7. 4-7 reference 4-7 4-7 4-7. 4-7 find out if heavy 4-7 4-7 4-7. 4-7 arrangements made for 4-7 4-7. 4-7 4-7 on 4-7. 4-7 4-7 4-7 4-7 4-7 4-7. 4-7 do not see fire pos, back out in road, fig deep. 4-7 calls 4/714 asks 4-7 on expected firing want through to 4-7. 4-7 asks if firing is hv. 4-7 4/714 replies that firing seemed to be heavier 4-7 4-7. 4-7 then normal.	

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IN	OUT	NO.		
	48	171241	C to FO see what we are firing at now! That was position of AT, doughs running around. FO ordered: fire on them.	
	49	171250	C to FO - there are quite a few en. doughs in that vic.	
	50	171251	C to CO - have you heard anything from Nick? CO to C - he is in that town the other unit is coming up on the east. Is anything north of the town friendly? Might be Edwards. CO to CO-B there is something in vicinity that can't be identified.	
	51	171254	En Tks reported vic. of Offendorf from CO-B CO to FO - are we doing any firing. No, can you make out what the booming is up there. It is probably Nick on the way.	
	52	171300	CO-B to CO - I checked Edwards took off up that way don't know exact location. Nick say I jerry in town and saw another withdraw. CO to C I can't find out any info. Edwards can't be located. C to CO - doughs are in question.	
	53	171304	B Co. 1 veh. reported that he say on M-4 north of of town and they heard more.	
	54	171305	S-2 to CO. there are doughs with both Nick and Ed CO to A have you any info from up north - a short while ago I heard a warning to watch his burst. A to CO in regards to last Msg. It is being sent to Hq Co through his unit.	
	55	171314	2 tiger tks just to east of Herrlisheim 130145 CO to C did those engineers check in with you. No: but they may be a few hundred yds behind me. There has been some movement of doughs in area around ebee. Haven't identified SP as yet, some ident as: krauts. CO to Jenks - how are coming, are you getting any incoming stuff.	
	56	171327	CO contacted Hq Co asking if he did anything about: veh. reported going north. Answer no, but think we will get AT with next shot.	
	57	171330/	CO to Exec. have you the business for supply with you. Come over here and I'll give you one.	
	58	171331	S-2 to SO - if Harding needs apples I have a variety we can deliver. Exec to C 1600 for a new load of apples. Exec to A - same msg, Mac has some stuff in town that he's going to send out I'll check later	
	59	171340	Exec to B send a complete report back to Genl. I could use a cup of coffee, Exec - so could I	
	60	171348	One of those tiger tks reported knocked out where they were reported. FO to C	
	61	171358	CO from Harding AT located 158176	
	62	171400	CO relayed msg to all companies.	
	63	171400	Exco calls Hq Co. Can you fire at AT gun? Hq has gun under fire.	
	64	171410	C to B asks about smoke around gun to front CO calls Exec or 3 - get hold of 3 and order a plat of Clayton to move forward ebee to see what is there if there, check for dynamite on bridge. If nothing is there hold position. Exec gives order.	
	65	171420	To C/714 Please have paddlefoot check bridge Mike	
	66	171425	CO Hq Co tries to call Exec. Msg 2 AT guns & 3 tks at 158176 - Msg to FO - Harding to adjust	
	67	171451	On the way, asks for sensing. Lost, reported 50 R & ever, second 200 left range correct. 27 to Jenks asks for sensing. C/714 calls exco, ready to move: unit. Arty not available to smoke right flank.	
	68	171445	AG drawing hv cal. fire believed to be coming from: across the Rhine. sensing 300 yds left	

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IN	OUT	NO.		
		69	171455	From higher Hq - Edwards reported approaching RR & rd intersection north of Harrieham.
		70	171455	Doughboy patrol already on sk way to Bailey Bridge.
		71	171520	Plats. given permission to retire.
		72	171520	O/plat at Bailey bridge drawing AT fire
		73	171521	Fire may be friendly, make withdrawal slow. May be force of ODA Evans. Col Evans in vic of rd and RR crossing.
		74	171525	Plat of B alerted to move, report AT fire toward creek line, move to left of C/714, C/714 reports AT fire on his plat.
		75	171527	B/714 1 plat to move forward, move to creek line
		76	171530	CO calls A/714, have you observed any AT fire from crossroads & RR. A/714 reports enemy doughfoot retreating toward RR
		77	171531	C/714 receiving AT fire & HE (incoming)
		78	171532	Enemy retreating in front of A right to left
		79	171533	B/714 to go forward
		80	171540	How far up are Edwards troops. AG asks permission to fire on factory.
		81	171541	B calls C asks if he has smoke ready to protect plat
		82	171542	B 1 plat at creek has not received any AT fire as yet.
		83	171543	CO orders fire on enemy from B/714
		84	171545	C reports enemy still dug in in unknown woods. got several of them. Received AT fire from RR, shot up creek and explosives stored went off.
		85	171545	Enemy vehicles in bldg in town ask permission to fire from B and C companies.
		87	171550	Enemy veh. reported coming out from town with flag and Inf. behind it.
		88	171550	B Co. firing at tank in woods, did not see En veh. and doughs coming out of town.
		89	171600	No. 1 bridge is in to CO, CO to CO-B I'm beginning to think we can support that. About 50 krauts in area. Are friendly doughs with you. Direct fire support. See tks in north edge of town must be Nicks.
		90	171607	C to move up to support doughs. B will be warned to move up in direct support. A to support from his angle. Jenks to 5, request permission to withdraw to mortar pos. for nite firing.
		91	171619	5 checked companies on ammo.
		92	171626	CO to C move two plats up to oboe, prepare to cover Engrs who are assembling in COs rear. Enemy using quite a few flares. CO to B can you get up to vic of oboe.
		93	171629	CO to A keep kraut paddle feet and pick targets in area. CO to C be careful of intersection of two streams. C to B clear of bridge. This is signal on which B moves out.
		94	171640	CO to C keep your eyes peeled for hostile veh. CO to A keep your eyes peeled for hostile veh. CO to CO-B shells are out don't seem to be drawing any Arty. Doughs are not coming in yet. More Arty. falling now. CO to Exec. have Jenks remain in his present position.
		95	171651	Exec to Jenks stay in present position for northern protection. CO-B to B be careful of creek. CO to A, C is getting AT fire from intersection of RR and road see if you can keep him covered. CO-B to CO FO reports things look pretty good.
		96	171658	CO to CO-B we have received AT fire, am moving pos at present send up bridge to town.



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		97	171700	O to CC reports strong AT fire over on right	
		98	171702	B reports strong AT fire, heavy, pulling back to caval, seeking defilade.	
		99	171703	As are drawing intense AT fire on right of intersection of RR & rd crossing. Also HE falling in here	
		100	171707	CC to CC-3 the paddle feet are starting across. CC-2: sending smoke. B puts the getting by Arty. CC-3 Div: says only one of our companies to be sent across. B to CC Inf are moving this way withdrawing. O to CC need evacuation veh. first aid at once. Med: Off. took way and on his way. Doughs are coming back CC-3 says HE will be dropped in smoke. Keep the out there. Mag to Wilson, hold it there. CC to Inf in- quiring as to whether Inf is coming back, are you clear yet. All Inf are not clear, will keep the ad- vised. CC to CC-3 hang on to what you have.	
		101	171725	A to CC no fire support can be carried on due to smoke hang on to pos. CC	
				O to CC what is situation	
		102	171730	B to CC put some more concentrations along RR. enemy may be reforming under smoke. CC-3 to CC Contact Inf and tell him we've got to keep going up in there. what's holding up attack. Intense Arty and small arms fire. B says they can hold out for 5 minutes if they don't start closing in.	
		103	171736	CC to Inf are you back over obos yet. Half are over undecided as to when they can bring them in, lost con- tact with Inf left flank. CC to B move back a little, paddle feet are half out CC-3 to CC, CC CO-3 says to move back. 20 AM HE is being shot at us. CC to CC-3 they are pasting hell out of us take up pos. like before. A to CC visibility in woods is cut down to one hundred yards, drinking back.	
		104	171745	CC to PAC prepare to move back to original position	
		105	171750	CC to B & C come on back, O to follow B out.	
		106	171752	B/56 on objective surrounded. B to stry up close to caval. O to C pull back halfway to mikes.	
		107	171756	A to CC do you wish to maintain pos by Harding. - keep positions to north	
		108	171758	T to reporting to CC-3 looking for Maj. Fields. Told: to return we will not be able to see them.	
		109	171759	CC to Krec. follow to	
		110	171800	FO asks permission to fire.	
		111	171803	fires 1,2,3,4,5, along RR. A to CC check on pos. with Harding. CC to A cover area with Harding.	
		112	171806	140/1455 four or five the dug in, 140162-14051662 - from line 151153-15171585	
		113	171811	CC to Inf, contact your advance C and see if they can bring wounded to west side of factory to pick up shells to bring them out.	
		114	171813	T to Inf have these people carried across mikes there will be shells there to carry them back.	
		115	171827	CC calls 7/714 on longer, all back at creek go past mikes all day.	
		116	171821	CC calls 7/714, no one left behind you, no casualties	
		117	171822	Believe casualties left between obos and objective	
		118	171823	CC/6 is coming over and will give full story to CC 714	
		119	171824	CC/714 calls CC-3 (4-5) for 2 light tks. CC-3 says they will release them for that purpose	
		120	171825	CC calls 64 on re-supply suggests use of trailers	

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			121	171826	CO calls A/714 to get in position for all around defense. A/714 & Hq Co working together & will coordinate movement to H (old assembly area)	
			122	171835	CO/714 Let me know when all your men are past checkpoint Mike	
			123	171856	1 Tk out from G/714 from Arty. Crew shaken up, no casualties	
			124	171840	CO/714 calls G/56 for Infantry protection for B & C Companies	
			125	171905	Orders received from S-3 to pull A5 Tks back to assembly area except 1 plat to guard & support bridge. B/714 to back up to com1 and hold doughs to out post tanks	
			126	171932	CO arrived at CP from front.	
			127	171935	Held up on your activities, C is coming back to original pos. except one plat can be supplied there. C is here, he wants all B forward to come back to the CP position and A Co to be notified that they are to come back.	S-4
			128	171946	56Inf to 714/ CO of unit on our left wants to know if we have any veh. across mike	
			129	171947	No veh. on other side of mike.	
			130	171955	All Cos in proper place, you may start your job	S-4
			131	171945	CO left for CO-B	
			132	172000	Smith stays with parent unit	
			133	172015	Condition red	T
			134	172025	OS to 2/ get hold of 5 and tell him to post Clayton and Lockman before you move out this morning	S-T
			135	172100	Ex & Liaison Off arrived at CP	
			136	172130	CO to CO-B	
			137	172200	G/714 reports plat left to guard bridge not outposted with tanks (relayed to CO)	
			138	172250	CO tells G/714 to pull plat back to Rehweiler until doughs for outpost are furnished by infantry.	
			139	180050	Asst S-3 CO-B calls Hq to assemble CO's at our CP for meeting	
			2	180200	B/119 Engrs calls/ Tk recovery veh of your unit will not be used	
			3	180130	Co CO's assembled for meeting at CP	
			4	180250	CO arrives at CP	
			5	180300	Situation: 43 & 17 Inf are in southern end of Herrlisheim not in contact (reported they have 300 prisoners. Division is putting in bridge south of Herrlisheim. 56th plus 1 company of tanks move to vicinity of Rehweiler, France. 25rd S of Herrlisheim - 0400 jumps off on attack of Herrlisheim with Drusenheim as objective. In conjunction with CO-B, CO-B attacks today to establish a bridge head and follow the 25rd	

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IN	OUT	NO	TIME DATED	TAKEN
				INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.
				To seize and hold high ground. 714th Tk Bn is in
				Corps Reserve but will support the attack with 2 Cos
				and supporting weapons.
				1 Company 714 attached to 92 Cav to assist the attack
				We will move on orders & be prepared to attack at
				0600. Scheme of Attack - 1 Co here to support by
				fire - 1 Co here C/714 to be attached to 92. This
				attack will not go forward until 23rd goes past our
				front, we may take up positions before them. A/714
				to support from woods (Armored attack from S on vic.
				of 23rd)(23rd may be delayed). A/714 to reconnoiter
				a firing position for 1 platoon. CC-B 2 Cav troops
				abreast plus 56th. C/714 to fire and maneuver in
				same area as today to occupy enemy. Honey-25 Tk Bn
				same code names as before. Alert your companies to
				be alerted to move on 2 hrs notice
	7	180410		S-2 goes to C/714 & together to CC-B for classification
				of dispositions
	8	180510		D/714 to dispatch 2 lt tanks to Remmer CP (Fwd)
	9	180530		C/714 to be in CC-B reserve have them check into CC
				Chammel
	10	180530		23rd Tk Bn not to move waiting of classification of
				situation - expect 23rd to be delayed
	11	180615		C/714 has no FO as yet
	12	180630		494 FA sending one up.
	13	180600		At 0630 enemy attacked our position. 0730 two Cos
				of Infantry attached.
	14	180820		LQ reports situation--two counterattacks on at
				Hattern and one at Cournheim. Counterattacked by
				tanks supported by Infantry - results unattainable
	15	180815		H hour is 0900 ---
	16	180700		Rcn plst Col reported for instructions S-2 advised
	17	180715		Mag rec'd that 23rd had two plans, one to attack
				Herrlesheim and 1 B of Herrlesheim
	18	180835		CC calls CC-B 5
	19	180840		CC clarifies order that companies will be in posit-
				ion by 0930 hummers dispatched with clarification
	20	180850		S-2 leaves with LQ for B Co to alert them to move
	21	180845		LQ reports that C will go back to position past
				bridge and will be followed by B/714. Co A & A Gun
				take position of yesterday.
	22	180945		Ex C in position at Lohrwiller, contacts 56th.
	23	181245		Ex O calls B/714 if they are ready to follow C/714
				into position
	24	180955		CC calls Ex O - check with Hq Co if there is any-
				thing going on up north
	25	180957		Ex calls CC Hq Co - no contact.
	26	181001		Relays through A Co - situation quiet
	27	181005		A Co position quiet
	28	181020		CC calls C/714 - Mag
	29	181031		C/714 calls CC - Mag from CC CC-B will deliver

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IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, ORDER, ETC.
150	181032	Enemy doughs in vicinity of Obor bridge side
151	181045	56 calls CO-3/ Things are moving
152	181045	A/714 calls CO/ Right element has seen number of
		enemy infantry near RR moving north
153	181055	(CO-3 Do you have anything to report. CO not in veh)
		wrote report from CO
154	181105	CO meeting with CO CO-3 getting plan & instructions
155	181109	CO Calls 5, asks what C/714 is doing
156	181110	A/714 to CO on msg CO says to fire at Enemy doughs
157	181111	CO asks if C/714 has moved as yet
158	181116	CO to Tk/ tell Ex C to get on radio
159	181117	Ex C to get coordinates for arty fire. A/714 reports
		Enemy doughs & SP at great range
160	181125	CO-3 calls 23rd for location
161	181125	Ex C calls Hq Co for fire on doughs & SP
162	181130	Is anybody at mike - yes and also at obor but not
		spot N of obor will have to be taken care of soon
163	181145	A- ate range of 3000yds out beyond C - see men moving
		back & forth on foot & bicycle. Enemy Tk in Smiths
		sector all taken under fire.
164	181150	CO to Ex C asks A if he can observe friendly mortar
		fire in vic. of Queen also get me azimuth on enemy
		activity.
165	181152	How is activity in your sector. He spotted En. Tk
		to our direct front, fired on it & it disassembled
		into the woods
166	181204	A Co observed friendly mortar fire on Queen. n.
		Tks - azimuth-2400 from A pos., range 3200
167	181220	CO to 714/ Have you any news of Honey- Honey is
		busy somewhere south of Lake
168	181227	A to 5/ In area before reported a team of horses &
		some wagons were seen
169	181230	Mortar fire is being put on that area, can A observe?
170	181231	It is reported that wagons & a veh. are going back
		and forth. azimuth 3200.
171	181235	Attr let - concentration on factory
172	181239	Sold that one light boy hit with A (Was not identified)
173	181243	A to Ex/ should by right position have to worry about
		enemy getting into his position
174	181244	Ex to CO/ Is Honey in vic. of C. Ex to A/ He A Co
		spotted veh just N of Queen directed to fire on it
175	181248	Hq Co to Mortar/ last concentration you were over
		target 100 yds. fire on factory again
		Assault to Ex/ Assault receiving smoke, can it be
		identified as ours. The smoke was from right to
		left to our immediate front. activity too damn quiet
		in activity to Schmidt's front, believe our fire is
		harassing them.
176	181316	CO called Ex to come to his tank

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			57	181325	Rpt/ Kreuts crossing over into Harrington's area verify. Major rpts/ Kreuts crossing into your area can you verify. A to CO/ I have spoken to right & left positions, they have noticed nothing, will re-alert. CO to A/ check with Hq Co Harrington rpts: negative but is checking further	CO-2
			58	181334	Rpt crossing to be at Jet of canal & river -	
			59	181334	CO to A/ Meyer apologizes it was a mistake, maintain alert, no rpt from friendly unit (314 Inf) but they are alerting their units	
			60	181426	Throw about ten rounds N of Queen CoO to Mortar	
			61	181432	Schmidt firing on En Tk Co A	
			62	181435	Call higher and find out how Honey and Mike are coming CO to S-2 S-2 to CO/ Called higher no info- patrol has been dispatched for	
			63	181448	CO to A/ Your mission remains the same. B goes in to your right	
			64	181525	Rpt from right & center positions, enemy tks & veh have been firing	
			65	181532	Are you playing arty along creek. No but should be Put concentration 146165 supposed to be 50 on there	
			66	181607	Condition red	
			67	181615	Do not advance, Claytons orders changed	
			68	181630	Keep En. activity under obsr, keep up fire	
			69	181632	Left unit says activity seems to be above town E towards the woods	
			70	181650	A to Ex O/ 143160- Foster saw a veh towing gun in- to position, it was taken under fire & thought hit But request arty on pos., Arty put on pos. Foster adjusting. Have you heard the song "Going Home" Have Harrington get in touch with Benefactor. Every one else report home. 1 unit of Harrington to remain, the rest to come home.	
			71	181730	CO arrived at this CP	
			72	181745	Ex O arrived at this CP	
			73	181745	This force put in Division reserve.	
			74	181840	Report this Hq when Tk Plt has been coordinated with defending "L" company 314	CO
			75	182356	Counter attack on Rohrwiler, one platoon sent to Rohrwiler, C Co sent to E edge of town to form defense Put out listening post in front of your Tks, D Co to be in with C Co. 56th fighting in Rohrwiler.	
			76	182357	Small Arms ammo needed, enemy is retreating Schmidt of A Co thought he may be getting machine gun fire. CO to B/ correction; your company is to remain until Lechmann receives his instructions.	
			77	182310	They are retreating back to second bridge	
			78	182319	Kreuts still in area around A Co outpost guards left	
			79	182320	56th rpts no heavy AT stuff in attack, all light arms They will send men out to Schmitts tks A Co to move to E of town and help establish line	
			80	182323	C Co forming line.	1/2

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	81	182327		D Company going in to position				
	82	182330		Kreage we are in position, firing				
	83	182331		OO watch on our units in vic. of Mike. Kreage				
				called Schmidt/ says things are quieting down				
				a bit. Enemy was about 25 yds away, isn't certain				
				whether En. is cleared out or laying down				
				OO to Schmidt/ as to whereabouts of Love pad'le-				
				feet OO to 56/ tell tks to protect length of				
				bridge while Infantry reorganizes. OO asks Inf				
				to take Schmidt's plot in to consideration				
	84	182335		L Company made contact with Schmidt and are send-				
				ing out on patrol				
	85	182345		Grenades and .30 cal & carbine on the way				
	86	182345		Cook in position, now				
	87	182347		Everything quiet there but will hold it. Line is				
				established				
	88	182350		Wilson and Ingers are being sent up				
	89	182351		Av Co rpts they are taking heavy arty shelling				
	90	182354		Av Co tied in with Harrington. Av rpts very heavy				
				stuff. En called saying that some fronts wanted				
				to surrender				
	91	182359		Saddle feet are being posted near Schmidt's tks				
	92	182359		Prisoners started running, tks were called upon				
				to resume firing				
	1	190006		A to OO/ A tied in with Cook & Clayton, Kreage				
				can be observed throwing the ball out				
	2	190007		Let us know when tks control the road. Fronts				
				were coming along southwest of road				
	3	190010		Kreage doing OK, ordered to sweep area W of road				
	4	190011		OO to OO-3/ Hwy arty falling vic. of my Av Park				
				man wounded don't know on which leg he fell.				
	5	190012		no men, no veh. casualties in Av Co. At 1900				
				Av force, was 3 Co in strength and retreating ac-				
				ross bridge in question				
	6	190017		More MPs to be sent down to pick up 2nd				
	7	190023		The truck driver ran into bridge, it will be got-				
				ten down to you				
	8	190027		Every few minutes arty will fire W on foot bridge				
				north of Herrleheim				
	9	190029		OO-3 wants us to stay in the net and stay in our				
				net too				
	10	190030		Amco is on its way, notify us when it arrives				
	11	190040		Inf to OO-3/ have Wilson send dynamite				
	12	190050		Kreage close to road, firing occasionally, order				
				ed to cease firing but to remain alert, needing				
				ammo				
	13	190051		Kreage is coming in to see you OO to 56th				
	14	190102		56th calling for medics				

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IN	OUT	NO			
		15	190110	56th to S-2 CC-B/ Have valuable PW get him off my hands as quickly as possible	
		16	190530	B/714 attached to 79th Infantry Division to form Force Leehman to attack- CO B/714 back at CP with orders to attack with 79th on Drusenheim at dawn	
		17	190745	LO from CC-B / 1st Bn 312, 36th Inf Div is moving in to take outpost positions around Bischweiler	
800		18	190740	Mag from CC-B/ Enemy of unknown strength reported: crossing canal 108-142. Be prepared to move as necessary	
		19	190750	C/714 rogered for Mag abebe	
		20		D/714 rogered for Mag abebe	
				A/714 by plat advised of both abebe msg.	
		20	190831	S-3 CC-B response to question on Info & orders - ans-remain where you are no further orders	
		21	190840	S-4 to resupply in small arms	
		22	190830	56th asked for Info - no new Info receiving mortar fire	
		23	190830	Plats A/714 informed of Enemy situation report no activity in this sector	
		24	190915	German vehicle traveling north	
		25	191221	Co B now has 3-76's and 9-75's with them	
1221		26	191414	CO left for CC-B	
		27	191415	Friendly planes in the air	
		28	191530	CO returned from CC-B	
		29	191500	Enemy plane over area	
		30	191430	CO calls & prepares Bn for movement to S of Bischweiler - S-2 returns from CC-B with dis-positions	
		31	191445	S-3 goes to Bischweiler to recon for CP area	
		32	191450	Co's CO meet with Capt Boone to receive instructions Hqs-C/D Co's A informed of disposition in Rohrwiller.	
		33	191550	CO meets with CO Co C & gives him disposition of his company to outpost line from CC-A to reinforce Ram Seven	
		34	191610	CC-B calls & informs CO that enemy tks Mark VI are crossing creek - does not know how they are getting across	
		35	191620	CO goes to CC-B	
		36	191630	Change to orders for companies	
		37	191645	CC-B informs Ex O that there are 20 Bn Tks across: creek	
		38	191645	C/714 delayed in pulling into positions, D/714 alerted through Co CO on situation.	
		39	191700	Bn leaves CP and moves to factory side South of Bischweiler - CC-B calls for Bn to relay to L Co: 79th Inf to blow bridge & hold position	
		40	191730	Closed in new CP	

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:	P	41	191745	: Mag received that Enemy doughs are crossing bridge:
:	:	:	:	: at Mike
:	:	42	191705	: CO calls Ex 0 and tells him to meet him at old CP :
:	:	:	:	: at Hanhoffen
:	:	43	191915	: Ex 0 calls C/714 for him to tie into 92 troops :
:	:	44	192005	: Have your dog prepared to wipe out all Krants eress
:	:	:	:	: ing Mike
:	:	45	192007	: Be on alert and watch out for Krants crossing mike:
:	:	46	192015	: SE corner of woods 700 meters CP of unit on left :
:	:	:	:	: Point for dog to contact unit on right - D of 92 :
:	:	47	192023	: Continuous flare activity to our left -56th Inf :
:	:	48	192026	: Keep Mike under continuous obar for fire :
:	:	49	192034	: Dog is going into position LO from CC-B :
:	:	50	192116	: Lights have arrived 56th to CC-B :
:	:	51	192118	: CC-B to 56th/ 56 have made contact with unit ^{on} Fight
:	:	52	192125	: All quiet on mike - from D Co :
:	:	53	192155	: Have Le Bouf get Majors combat pants & bring them :
:	:	:	:	: down
:	:	54	192158	: From D to 5/ Situation two companies hold woods :
:	:	:	:	: that are on three sides of my position
:	:	55	192210	: Patrol returned from mission at mike - mission :
:	:	:	:	: accomplished
:	:	56	192225	: CC-B to S-3/ Check entire outfit each hour :
:	:	57	192335	: No change in D's situation except his company was :
:	:	:	:	: split in two parts, one to M and one S of town
:	:	58	192345	: A company reports no change in situation :
:	:	59	192346	: C company reports everything OK :
:	:	60	192400	: CC-B leaves location, this Hqs not advised of :
:	:	:	:	: movement directly
:	:	1	200530	: Counterattacked by about 150 men, launched tanks :
:	:	:	:	: C/714 draw some fire AG - attack repulsed - 17 En.:
:	:	:	:	: casualties counted.
:	:	2	200530	: (Notes) Drusenheim surrounded. 714th supports :
:	:	:	:	: 134 Inf Regt which holds line - morale high, 314th:
:	:	:	:	: 79th morale unsteady, A & D Cos/714 steady. C/714:
:	:	:	:	: move from woods north to be prepared to repulse :
:	:	:	:	: counter-attack. En will be spread over a wide area
:	:	:	:	: so Co's will have to act independently. Co's no :
:	:	:	:	: no billets be ready to move on 2 minutes notice. :
:	:	:	:	: Co's must be on alert. We may be relieved this :
:	:	:	:	: afternoon or tonight. Counter-attack expected to-:
:	:	:	:	: night. Drusenheim is definitely in Enemy hands :
:	:	:	:	: our mission is mainly supporting. CO. commanders :
:	:	:	:	: go over in minute detail positions plans & moves :
:	:	:	:	: in case of attack. 105 AG Plat to be attached to :
:	:	:	:	: A Co. For direct support Co's will remain in com-:
:	:	:	:	: tact through this Hq.
:	:	3	201410	: Plat of A Co. reports light fire (Foster)
:	:	4	201411	: D Co. reports Arty fire.
:	:	5	201430	: CO left for 143 Inf 6P
:	:	6	201530	: CO returned from CP 143 Inf
:	:	7	201610	: Order from CO to get ready to move CP

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IN	OUT	NO.		
		8 : 201832	Moved CP from southeast Bishweiler to Northeast Bishweiler.	
		9 : 202112	D Co. reports moving from Rhewiller	
		10 : 202123	D Co. reports low visibility but no action.	
		11 : 202230	C Co. reports big apples coming in and requests leave for withdrawal beyond stream.	
2324		12 : 202322	Report immediately any activity on your front negative reports hourly on the hour	T
2325		13 : 202323	Report when in new locations.	Co G
		1 : 210005	Intermittent MG fire on adjoining right unit for 5 minutes around midnight. Unit to be relieved at 1400.	A to CO
			Notes - Left location in Bischwiller. Arrive at Brumath set up CP.	
		1 : 221030	Ass't Div. Com'dr 36 Inf. visited Cp	
		2 : 221100	Chief of Staff, 36 Inf visited CP. Bn attached as reserve to 36 on 20 minute alert. Stand by on 2nd echelon maint. "B" is attached to 79th you are on 20 minute alert.	
1040		3 : 212400	Received 2 overlays from 36 Inf Div and G-2 Periodic Report.	
		4 : 221740	26 Enemy tks reported moving west at coordinates 123153. Firing 8 inch How at them. Alert 1 Co.	"A" alerted
		5 : 221925	Alert status of A Co. rescinded.	A Co.
		6 : 230230	Hv. Arty shells fell on Brumath lasting until daylight.	
		2 : 231300	Co CO's meeting called.	T
		3 : 231350	Co CO's meeting.	
		4 : 231412	CO and Lt. Jenks left for rcn.	
1900		5 : 231800	Overlay Enemy situation.	STM
		6 : 231812		
		1 : 241000	Unit alerted to move Vic. Strasbourg.	S T
		2 : 241230	Unit to move (time pushed up to 1400)	S T
		3 : 241235	Movement order cancelled until further notice	S T
		4 : 241500	LO from CC-B with orders for billeting parties To proceed to new assembly area.	S T
		5 : 241530	Billeting parties from all 80's leave Brumath	
		6 : 241615	Order from CC-B by LO - no movement contemplated until 1200 25 Jan 45.	
		7 : 241630	Billeting parties sent for to return to Brumath	
		8 : 241630	CO's notified of above order.	T
		9 : 241630	CO & Exec. out of CP to look over area.	
		10 : 251300	Order received to move at once. Cross IP at Stephansville 1400	T
		2 : 251545	Closed in CP set up in schoolhouse at Eckwersheim	
		3 : 252100	"A" Co. notified to set up outpost to maintain same until 260900 at which time "B" Co takes over	A Co
		4 : 252100	Overlay of outpost sent to "D" Co. to set up outpost at Berstett.	D Co
		5 : 252110	LO arrived from CC-B	

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TIME		SER.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.			STATUS
		6	252120	Sgt. Wright sent out on Route Recon.	Recon
		7	261100	Sgt. Wright sent out to Recon bridges over canals.	Recon
		2	261110	CO left for Liaison with French Army	
		3	261130	Exec. left for rear echelon.	
		4	261300	S-3 and S-2 left for Div.	
		5	261500	S-3 and S-2 returned with secret plans.	
		6	261600	Company Commanders sent out on Re. CO returned	
		7	261615	Exec. Off. returned from rear echelon.	
		8	261830	Col. Bromely visited this CP	
		9	261830	Co. commanders returned from Recon.	
		10	262045	Commanders of Hq., A, B, C, Asslt. Plat, and mortar Plat. met to discuss plans.	
		1	272000	CO left for CC-R	
		2	271800	CO returned from CC-R	
1300	0830	1	280900	Overlay - results of Recon. Map Brumath 1/25000	M S T
1000		2	280830	Overlay of mines, 31 DIA as of 25 Jan 45 1/20000	M S
		3	252000	Overlay - Order of Battle 1/100000 En. Sit. 12 AD	M S
		4	280900	Plan XA in effect. CC-B to set up forward CP in Eckwersheim, arrangements made by this Hq.	
	0910	5	280910	Hq to all Co's on Recon alert status, continues with maintenance etc.	
		6	281030	Meeting of Co. Comdrs and Staff. Plan A discussed in detail.	
		7	281430	S-2 leaves for Div. Hq to G-2 Section.	
		8	281630	S-3 leaves for Hq 56 Inf to make arrangements for tk - Inf training.	
		9	281740	S-3 at CC-B, meets with CO & S-3 CC-B to discuss plans for tk Inf training.	
		1	290900	A/714 to 56 Inf for training.	
		2	290930	G/56 at B/714 for training.	
		3		Notes - Period from 29 January 45 to 1 Feb. 45 spent in Tk Infantry plans and training.	
0910		1	012400	Warning order received on movement.	S T
1100		2	020400	See operations Inst.	
1300		3	021100	Warning order be prepared to move at 1800	S T
		4	021200	Be prepared to move at 1500	S T
		5	021315	LO from CC-B with order to cross IP 1500, no route or instructions.	S T

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HQ BLUE TANK BATTALION
111103 JANUARY 1945

OVERLAY: CASUALTIES, THEIR
LOCATION

HQ 105 AG

← D M5
← B 75MM

MAP: 1:25000

OFFICIAL
BOONE
5-3

FIELD
COMMANDING

← D LTK M5
← HQ 105 AG
← D M-5
← C 75TK
← C 76TK
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*NOTE: Sv. Co/714 IN WEITBRUTH

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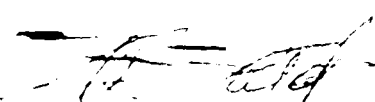
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APO 262 U. S. ARMY**

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 714th Tank Battalion for the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 inclusive.


**F. P. FIELD
Major, Cavalry
Commanding**

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Following the move of 7 kilometers from Brumath, France to Eckwersheim, France, the 714th Tank Battalion now located in Eckwersheim, France remained on three hour alert to be ready to counter-attack any enemy thrust in the vicinity North of Strassburg. Prior to, and including 1 February 1945, the 714th Tank Battalion continued maintenance of vehicles and equipment and Tank Infantry Problems in the vicinity of Eckwersheim, France.

2 February 1945 at 2400, warning order was received from CC-B by L/O, to be prepared to move by 0600. The division will move to assembly area in vicinity of Selestat, France (7862) starting movement at night 2-3 February 1945 and prepare for operations in this area. Move by Combat Commands in order of CC-B, CC-R, and CC-A. The 714th Tank Battalion will remain an element of CC-B, additional units to include 56th AIB, 494 FA, D/92 Ron, B/119 Engr, B/82 Med, B/134 Ord, B/572 AA and 1 plat 827 TD's. At 1100, order was received by 714th Tank Battalion to be prepared to move by 1800 but changed ordering Battalion to cross IP at 1500 with route of march on overlay. At 1350, the Battalion 2-3 left for CC-B to coordinate movement from Eckwersheim. The Battalion moved out at 1400 2 February 1945, marched to Epfig, France, arriving 2245, march was without incident, weather clear. At 2245, the CO reported to CC-B for meeting. On 2 February 1945, at 2400, Major Field returned from CC-B with information that Battalion would be broken down into three task forces,; task force Field, task force Boone (Ex O 714th Tk Bn) and task force Norton. B/714 to go to TF Norton, A/714 to go to TF Boone, C/714 to remain with TF Field. The Battalion will march to assembly area North of Colmar, France, prepared to exploit to the South. The route of march pointed out on the map by Major Field, TF Field to follow TF Norton. TF Field consists of Hq, Hq and Hq Co, C/714 - Co C/56 AIB; TF Boone - A/714, Co A/56 AIB; TF Norton - 56 AIB (Minus) plus Co B/714th.

3 February 1945 at 0300 the Battalion moved out from Epfig, France to an assembly area in the vicinity of Houssem, France, assembling on main road leading to Colmar, France. On 3 February 1945, at 0600, the forces received orders to move South to Colmar, France. At 0730, the Reconnaissance Platoon with Lt. Taylor, as platoon leader, reported small arms firing and snipers in Colmar. A Company Commanders meeting was held at 0800 at road junction, 1 1/2 miles North of Colmar. By 0900 the Battalion entered Colmar moving to South of town. Friendly Infantry at canal (726-391) in fire fight. The Battalion had moved to the South of town crossing railroad (724-397) making contact with friendly Infantry. Major Field ordered that the Assault Gun and Mortar Platoon take up firing positions at railroad (724-397) on edge of woods, South of canal and on left of Colmar-St Croix road. At 0930, it was reported that bridge across the canal was out, the bridge site receiving heavy mortar and artillery fire. At 1210, it was ordered that all vehicles would display SW Iso Panels to identify friendly vehicles. Force Field's objective was at this time St Croix, France, South of Colmar (739-344). After moving the Assault Gun and Mortar Platoon into firing positions, Major Field reported two enemy tanks between his force and objective. Fire from the Assault Gun platoon was too far to the left, Major Field directing that it be moved 200 yards right so as to bring fire on enemy vehicles and personnel North of St Croix (733-365)- hits were observed. The Mortar platoon was ordered to lay fire on the road South of the bridge and walk it South on Colmar-St Croix road. Lt. Mc Dougal, C Co Platoon leader had

been alerted for preparations to move his platoon forward in the vicinity of bridge. A message from S-3, CC-B, reported that PW's were taken by friendly forces on the left of Force Field. Statements from PW's were to the effect that his unit had orders to withdraw. Force Field pushed forward vigorously toward objective, St Greix. The bridge at 725-392 was out, Major Field requested that engineers be sent forward for repairing of bridge. At 1312, message from CC-B, S-3, asked of Field if he needed additional air support, his reply was no. A message at 1425 from CC-B asked if engineers had arrived. Affirmative was given in answer to this message and also sending prisoners back today, however did not come from this point. By 1600, one anti-tank gun had been captured in vicinity of bridge, the bridge head established with no enemy resistance present. A message at about 1915 from S-3 of the 714th asked of Clayton, CO Co C Force Field, requesting information as to what action was taking place. The Commanding Officer at this time was at CC-B CP. Capt. Clayton's reply to this message from S-3 714th, was that his company was in close support of friendly Infantry beyond the canal. Clayton's company was located on North side of the canal, saying that he had coordinated with the artillery officer for fire defense plan with battalion mortar platoon in general support of defense.

4 February 1945 at 2400, heavy artillery fire by enemy artillery, position undetermined, was falling in Southern section of Colmar. Artillery fire, about three rounds every fifteen minutes all night increasing around 0300 to about one round per minute. At 0530, civilian reports that a enemy CP, unidentified unit, at 7389344. A enemy ammunition dump at 73503469, one battery of enemy artillery at 74463479. This message was from CC-B. During the night, friendly Infantry had been fired on by either artillery or anti-tank guns in the vicinity of South Colmar. Seven enemy artillery pieces or anti-tank guns were reported at 0700 on road 500 yds South of bridge, counter fire had been directed at them. Undetermined activity in front of Force Field elements but from activity and sound, appeared to be enemy Infantry digging in. At 0745, Capt. Fairburn of the 56th Infantry, Commanding Officer, Company C, reported casualties as the result of enemy artillery in this vicinity and requested that medics be sent up for evacuation. The 714th Liaison Officer, Lt. Heath, reported to Battalion CP at 0745 with the latest plan for commitment of Force Field, Force Boone, and Force Norton. Boone's force on the left of Force Field's present position which remained North of St Greix, would pass through Norton's force, likewise located on the left of Force Field in an attack on Sundheffen, (761-381), Hup-Neuf-Drissach, 3 and 4 France 1:25,000 to be supported by Force Norton from the woods, then Force Field was to attack toward St Greix supported by fire from Assault Gun Platoon. The Assault Gun Platoon was now located 400 yards South of the bridge, was directed to walk his fire down the Colmar-St Greix road. Lt. Jenks, Assault Gun Platoon leader was ordered to fire one round of white phosphorus so that his fire could be adjusted by Major Field. The Assault Gun platoon fire was held due to artillery concentration laid in the same area. A message at 0815 from CC-B, reported anti-tank gun position at 743392 in the woods near railroad and road junction (729-395). At 0830, Boone's force was being delayed at the crossroad by anti-tank fire, reporting that his force had knocked out one tank and one anti-tank gun.

At 0600, Pzwe Bnms received fire from anti-tank gun at crossroads (743,392) Major Bnms, Commander of Pzwe Bnms, deployed his forces including one platoon of GP, one Infantry company and one company of tanks in the vicinity of the enemy anti-tank position upon the plan of making a concerted effort for the enemy's displacement. On 4 February 1945, at 0920, it was reported that enemy reconnaissance vehicles were stopped 300 yds north of St. Ode. The message from Pzwe Field to the Assault Gun Platoon, an element within Field's Pzwe, was ordered to fire at 9500 yds on enemy reconnaissance vehicles, Major Field adjusting. A message from OC-B to Bnms (0920) requesting an estimate of enemy strength on opposite side of road (744-394). In Bnms's reply, estimate of enemy strength was approximately 150 Infantry and 3 anti-tank guns. Bnms's Infantry at this time had been directed to make a double envelopment of the AF position at crossroads. Bnms's force drew small arms fire from South of railroad and due to loss of one tank, running upon a mine field, and was tank recovering AF fire, the envelopment was halted. The anti-tank ditch in this vicinity, where at this time the CO of OC-B had established an advanced CP, was located at (738,384-37900672) facilitating a closer contact with the tank forces. At 1145p message to CO OC-B ordering him to report to Maj 6, 08, 12th Armored Division. At 1302, Pzwe Bnms reported that anti-tank guns had been knocked out 745-392, 40 m's captured. Pzwe Bnms was held up at the railroad tracks by AF fire from the South. Doughs of Pzwe Bnms are able to advance beyond the railroad tracks but armor was being held in its present position. Bnms's Pzwe requested engineers through OC-B to clear mine field so that his force could continue the attack and exploitation. At 1320, Co C 96th AIB, an element of Pzwe Field, had encountered a sizeable enemy force in vicinity of bridge (726-391). Capt. Palturn, CO C/56th AIB, reported to Field that going was pretty slow with mortars laying fire on S edge of Colmar woods. (71303738-7223631). A message at 1513 from Field ordering Assault Gun Platoon to fire smothering fire for two minutes on enemy mortar positions. At 1640, a message from OC-B to B-3 74th, contemplating a relief of Pzwe Bnms and Pzwe Bnms and on this relief, elements of the 74th Tr Bn would revert to control by Major Field, CO 74th Tr Bn. Present positions would be consolidated by tank forces awaiting relief by the 28th Infantry Division. At 1736, CO calls B-3 74th to contact CO C/74th and CO C/56 AIB and have them report to CO 74th Tr Bn. At 1759, location of enemy pillbox (734-382), still being occupied. CO's of tank forces report to be on their way to 74th CP at 1838. Lt. Bnms, 74th Liaison Officer, from OC-B brought orders at 2220 to CO 74th to have all vehicles refuel and loaded with ammunition on their return to vicinity of rear CP, and to notify OC-B as soon as this has been accomplished.

5 February 1945, CO 74th contacted B-3 OC-B by radio checking on unit that was to take over tank force positions and when they were to relieve the forces. A company commanders meeting had been called by the CO 74th to meet at rear CP. At 0100, CO 74th checked with Bn O and found that some of the relief units were moving into position. Reconnaissance platoon was relieved of its present mission in preparation for a new mission. At 0246, information reached Maj 74th Tr Bn that relief of the tank forces would be completed in about 45 minutes or about 0400. By 0600, the 74th had assembled in South Colmar making preparations for a movement South. Field Order #6 was received from OC-B at 0630 covering plan for division move to vicinity of Rottfash, France, before daylight. Elements of the 1st French Army are advancing north from Boultz, France, (621-205), to effect the junction with elements of the

12th Armored Division at Rouffach, France. The enemy is reported withdrawing from the vicinity south of Colmar but anti-tank fire was reported in the vicinity of Harrlshain covering the north and south road from 685-365 to 681-350 during the daylight hours. The 12th Armored Division will march on a axis, Colmar-Hattstatt-Flaffenheim-Rouffach to effect a junction with the 1st French Army. The order of march will be CC-A, CC-B and CC-C and by available routes along this axis, by-passing enemy strong points where possible. The 714th Tk Bn will follow 56th AIB and be prepared to by-pass the 56th AIB if necessary to reach objective. By 0815, on 5 February 1945, the column was halted on the road west of Harrlshain, France (697-354). At 0820, CC-A reported that their objective had been taken and the junction with the French had been made. All enemy resistance at the objective ceased. Air reports on bridges from north to south at 1230 on the axis of march revealed that the first bridge was in, the second out, the third in, and the fourth out. A message previously received at 1100 confirmed all bridges in and OK for crossing en route of advance Colmar-Rouffach. A message at 1400 on 5 February 1945, from CC Co A, requesting information of troops moving north from St Greix and the reply from CC to Harrington stated that they may be elements of CC-B or French. Company A at this time had reverted from 714th control to 109 Infantry Division for support in attack and exploitation from vicinity Colmar woods to the Rhine. The 714th Tk Bn assembled at check point 6, objective in Rouffach at 1415, all vehicles closing in at 1416. Harrington's location at 1420 on 5 February 1945 719-351 in vicinity west of Harrlshain. At 1600, Force Boone with C/714, A/56th and one squad of engineers, move from Rouffach north on main road to secondary road turning west toward objective, Oberhergheim (747-297). Force Boone received small arms fire from woods north of his route of advance (woods 705-295). At 1645, Force Boone passed through 1 platoon of B/714, an element of Force Field located beyond RR (685-295). Force Field minus 1 platoon from Co B moved from Rouffach following Boone to position in vicinity west of RR. Force Horton, 56th AIB minus Co A followed Force Field passing through Force Field on axis of advance toward Oberhergheim. Plans: Boone to occupy Oberhergheim, Horton to protect north flank of Boone Force. Field to follow up and remain as reserve in the approximate vicinity west of Oberhergheim (730-295). At 1720, message from Force Field ordered Lt. Jenks of the Assault Gun Platoon 714th and D/714 to move to right and left of Force Commander, Major Field. A message from Boone to CC/714 reported that friendly troops are in Oberhergheim. Major Field ordered Force Boone to move into town. At 1745, a message from CC-B to B/714 asking the position of B/714 and if his company was ready to move into Oberhergheim. Capt. Leckman stated that he was in position but not ready to move in. Force Boone reported at 1820 that his force was well into town and receiving mortar fire from undetermined directions. Force Horton joins Force Boone in Oberhergheim. At 1948, message that Capt. Clayton CC C/714 is in Oberhergheim and has met friendly foreign officer. A message to Boone from CC/714 directed that troops with Clayton move into Oberhergheim. The roads into town of Oberhergheim was partially blocked by troops moving in, including French, 56th AIB, elements of 714th and engineers of CC-B. The S-3 of 714th notified CC/714 that the rear CP is set up where originally planned, east of Rouffach (Mag 957, at 694-292). On 5 February 1945, at 2000, Capt. Kelly S-2, 714th contacted friendly infantry moving north and south of (684-291) to the east. Force Boone wants to know what the situation with French is and if they are infiltrating toward east. At 2001, CC-B stated that all friendly troops have occupied ground this side or west of Ill River which runs north and southeast of Oberhergheim. At 2005, a message from Boone requesting information on evacuation of wounded from his position south in Ober-

herbols, to GO/7L4. The occupying troops in Oberherbols are now under command of Barton. Capt. Wilson of the 119th Engineers has been notified to reconnoiter for bridge sites in Oberherbols, across the Ill River, north, toward the Rhine River. At 2037, it was reported that friendly infantry were advancing from North toward Oberherbols. On the 5 February 1945, at 2120, an initial plan to have units in Oberherbols continue the attack to the Rhine River was changed with the following set up in effect. 6/7L4 will be with Force Barton. Force Boone plans 8/7L4 will return to Force Field.

6 February 1945 at 0715, a message to Capt. Lockman, CO 8/7L4 from GO 7L4, in vicinity of crossroads 729-302, warned that there are about 25 enemy in the woods to his rear. At 0730, the Reconnaissance Platoon with 4 dogs were sent to investigate report of 25 enemy in woods vicinity of OP (729-302). The Reconnaissance Platoon returned at 0830 reporting no results, in their search for enemy position. At 0730, a GP guard of 7L4th rear OP reported 14 enemy walking down road (694-294) in patrol formation. The 8-B-3, Capt. Magruder, accompanied by officers and men, searched the area in vicinity of OP, but unable to locate reported enemy patrol, believed to be enemy reported in woods west of CR 729-302. At 0835, Capt. Wilson of the engineers, in message, stated he was ready to put in bridge at Oberherbols requesting one tank deser report to him at bridge site, no enemy present in area. At 1215, message from OC-B to GO/7L4, notifies him of enemy vehicles at 778-245, 798-272, road block 768-256. Major Field at 1220 left for reconnaissance to north from his present position, vicinity BR 729-302. The 7L4th would remain in its present position until return of GO. Major Field returned from reconnaissance at 1335 arriving at OP 694-292. Major Avery arrived at 7L4th OP to confer with GO at 1335. At 1400 GO's B, D/7L4 and Assault Gun are ordered to report to rear OP. A message at 1735 on 6 February 1945 ordered that no units of 7L4th would be sent across Ill River as friendly infantry were to take mission. The present OP will be moved to Oberherbols in vicinity of bridge site. The command H/T will be the only vehicle moved to new OP, the distance of which was 4 miles from the present OP (694-292). At 2130, Lt. Taylor, L/O, reported to OP with information that the mission of 7L4th remaining in present position, vicinity Oberherbols, had been changed that new mission is to move to west and guard Veoges Passes (663-352) If 7L4th desires to remain in present location, it may, if not, the battalion will move to town of Herrlisheim (697-354). From OC-B to GO/7L4th, send your answer by radio - yes, if to move, no - if do not desire to move tonight. The CO, Major Field answered no. At 2400, a message from CC-B alerting 7L4th to be ready to move at 0830 on 7 February 1945.

7 February 1945, at 0800, an overlay plus verbal order as explanation to overlay (included herewith) was received. GO A/7L4th will be attached to 28th Infantry Division in crossing of Ill River. (The complete mission of A/7L4 will be outlined in succeeding portion of narrative as it was detached for the operations in immediate vicinity). At 1930 on 7 February 1945, 7L4th Tank Battalion minus CO A/7L4th crosses IP enroute to Herrlisheim and Oberherbols. Battering plans were confused in order from CC-B causing him to remain on road from 1200 to 1400. The Battalion cleared in at 1430 on 7 Feb-

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ruary 1945, Company "D" in Obermerschwihr; B, C & Service companies in Herrlisheim. The Battalion was alerted for possible presence of enemy agents and stragglers in the Herrlisheim-Obermerschwihr area (673-355). All personnel report any suspicious persons or incidents to Battalion Headquarters immediately. Message 1120, locating PW processing point (69453545). After battalion had cleared in Herrlisheim and Obermerschwihr, a defense against possible enemy infiltration was ordered in that companies would form patrols of two peeps to cover the battalion area and report hourly to CC-B through Bn/714th, enemy activity as negative to the same effect. A search for lost or stolen truck, 2 1/2 was made of the battalion in response to directive from higher Headquarters. Negative reports were submitted by 714th after thorough search.

8 February 1945 at 1000, a company commanders meeting was called by CC/714 with general discussion of situation and billeting of troops. At 1100, Ex. O., Major Boone, called a meeting of all staff officers discussing the execution of disseminating information to companies.

9 February 1945 at 1100, the liaison officer, Lt. Neath, from CC-B with information that the bridge over Lou River (699-355) is thought to be mined. Capt. Kelly, B-3 714th, checked the Lou River bridge and found that it was heavily mined and requested through CC-B that engineers be sent to this location. On 9 February 1945 at 1300, Company "A"/714th reverted to battalion control after being attached to the 128th Infantry Division during operations apart from those in the vicinity of Oberhergheim. The following is operations and actions of "A" 714th on its detachment from 714th to the 128th Infantry Division. Company A/714 moved with Force Boone in CC-Reserve and established its CP in northeast Colmar on the 3 February 1945. The company moved on 4 February, 0400, with Force Boone with the mission of taking Sundheffen, France. Force Boone was on two routes, CO Company A/714, one platoon of tanks plus two platoons of Infantry to proceed down road through woods to Sundheffen (761-381). On the 4 February at 1705, one platoon of tanks from Company A were sent to road junction (745-395) to attack enemy anti-tank positions. The element was diverted from this mission to knock out enemy AF position on railroad to the south (743-392). Force Boone at 1500 on 4 February 1945, was relieved by the 28th Infantry Division. Company A/714 was attached to the 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, the third platoon to the 1st battalion, made a midnight attack on Sundheffen on the 4 and 5 February 1945 taking 100 prisoners. The 1st platoon with the 109th Infantry Regiment, 3rd battalion, on 5 February 1945 moving out 0700 proceeded southwest to the Colmar Woods to a position on the road between Herrlisheim and St Croix, France. The 3rd platoon was relieved from attachment from the 1st battalion remaining under company control at 1000 5 February 1945. The 3rd and 2nd Platoon now under company control was given a mission as supporting fire in the vicinity north of St Croix, firing east. Coordination with supporting fire of 2nd and 3rd platoon, the 1st platoon will attack St Croix with the 3rd battalion of the 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. At 1400, 5 February 1945, the company assembled on its objective, St Croix. At 1700 5 February 1945, the second and third platoon of Company A, attacked Niederhergheim with 2nd battalion of the 109th Infantry Regiment, with light resistance, capturing 20 PW's. The 2nd and 3rd platoon, Company A, remained in Niederhergheim the night of the 5 February 1945, Capt. Harrington being relieved from the 109th Infantry Regiment at 2000 on the 6 February 1945 and attached to the 110th

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Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. At 0800 7 February 1945, the 3rd platoon company A, proceeded to Rustenhart to support the 3rd battalion 110th Infantry Regiment in their attack. As a result of this operation, there was established a bridge site over the Rhine Rene Canal and the destruction of 12 enemy pillboxes. The 3rd platoon remained in this vicinity to secure the bridge site. The balance of Company A advanced to Rustenhart (793-269). On the 7 February 1945 at 1700, Company A/714th minus the 3rd platoon moved to Balden (833-233) by way of Deesenheim (816-307) crossing bridge at 833-325, and proceeding south to Balden. The town of Balden had been previously taken by the French. Capt. Harrington, CO Company A, contacted the French, with agreement that Company A would cover northeast of town, and the French forces the southern portion. At 0045 8 February 1945, the 2nd platoon of Company A with the 3rd battalion 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, moved to and occupied Nambshain with no enemy resistance. The 2nd Platoon covered the eastern portion of Nambshain overlooking the woods along the Rhine River. The company disposition on 8 February 1945 was 2nd platoon in vicinity of Nambshain, 1st platoon and company headquarters in Balden, and the 3rd platoon covering bridge site at Rhine Rene Canal. At 0900, 9 February 1945, Company A/714th Tank Battalion was relieved from assignment to the 28th Infantry Division, reverting to 714th control and joining its battalion in Herrlisheim, France on 9 February 1945, at 1300.

On 9 February 1945, 1630, a company commanders meeting was called for contemplated move at 2230. The order of march: 56th AIB, CC-B and 714th to march in series. At 1735 9 February 1945, a message was received, postponing move until after daylight on 10 February 1945. The battalion remained on two hour alert status effective at this time.

On 10 February 1945 at 1345, message was received that move from Herrlisheim, France is expected after 1715 on 10 February 1945. The original route of march was changed, and corrected route included herewith. At 1600, 10 February 1945, a company commanders meeting was called, with order of march given and overlay of route of march. At 1815 10 February 1945, the battalion moved from Herrlisheim, crossing IP 686-687 at 1830.

On 11 February 1945 at 0900, the 714th tank battalion closed in at Cites de Charbonnages, France, traveling a distance of one hundred fourteen miles. At 1300 an overlay from CC-B showing disposition of friendly troops was received at this Headquarters. Reconnaissance Platoon was attached to 56th AIB, at 1300 to set up a counter-reconnaissance screen, with OP's Bamblerstroff. 167-566, Marbefontaine, 132-610, Boucheporn 179-609, and Zimming 160-593, establishing contact with CC-A at Bamblerstroff and the 26th Infantry Division at Marbefontaine.

On 12 February 1945 at 0930, the battalion received an overlay to the enemy situation. By 1600, Capt. Kelly, Bn S-2, had made a reconnaissance of the area now occupied by the 714th Tank Battalion, and surrounding area, forwarding the results to CC-B.

13 February 1945, Lt. Heath, Liaison Officer and Battalion Gunnery Officer, on 13 February 1945 reconnoiter area for ranges for firing of tank weapons of new tanks-M4A3ES. At 1300 on 13 February 1945, awards were presented to the

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members of the 714th Tank Battalion for achievements in the past operations by Major Field, GQ/714th and 1st Lt. Carlson, Adjutant, in formal presentation.

On 14 February 1945 at 1400, Major Field GQ/714th Tk Bn, and 1st Lt. Carlson, Adjutant, 714th Tk Bn, made formal presentations of awards for achievements in past operations to members of this battalion.

15 February 1945 through 28 February 1945 - training of troops in night reconnaissance patrols and small unit training (Advance Guard, Section and platoon problems), range firing -(firing at captured German tank) with 76mm gun and bazooka, maintenance of vehicles, drawing the new M4A3E8 medium tank, gas mask training, baths and rehabilitation of troops was accomplished during this period.

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F. P. FIELD
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

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Cpl Christ F. Tsimbidis, 16146963

Co A

DCI

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NIA

Sgt Walter A. Alversen, 36273975

Co A

Tec 4 Otto C. Neublein, 35126284

Co A

Pvt John Gulesian, 33579817

Co B

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SILVER STAR

S/Sgt Robert C. Mahoney, 33393535

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BRONZE STAR

Capt. Charles C. Clayton, 0446021
1st Lt. Robert V. Hrengo, 01818190
Sgt Adrian O Lindquist, 37314664
1st Sgt Fred L. Shelton, 36430492
1st Lt. Dominic A. Daleo, 01017249
1st Lt. Richard P. La France, 01017434
2nd Lt. Harry W. Kettler, 02006358
1st Lt. Wilman E. Good, 01013750
2nd Lt. Ivin R. Philpott, 02006359
Major James M. Boone, 01010726
S/Sgt Ward A. Dodge, 32254407
Sgt George M. Branson, 6931917
Major William R. Comfort, 0450264
Tec 4 George F. Hood, 34596524
Cpl Joseph S. Montgomery, 35449088
2nd Lt. James G. Phelps, 02010536
Sgt Clifton G. Roots, 38272111
Sgt Lyle E. Staab, 37058480
Sgt George J. Fedora, 35588334
Sgt Howard A. Vance, 39192817

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Tec 4 Frank M. Bagley, 35588759
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps, 02010536
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt, 01016006
Pfc Fairy O Adcox, 34595904
1st Sgt Arthur Arnold, 32019324
Tec 4 Raymond C. Bailey, 35449628
Cpl Douglas E. Berlin, 16133862
Tec 4 Max E. Birnell, 35152185
Tec 4 Edward J. Campbell, 32365506
T/Sgt George D. Dalley, 32528492
S/Sgt Howard E. Daniels, 32033310
Tec 4 Ralph J. Davis, 34595955
Tec 5 Haig R. Derderian, 16148792
Tec 5 Thomas F. Dugan, 39110339
Tec 4 Charles A. Fricker, Jr, 32366288
Tec 5 Billy L. Innes, 35666583

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A/Egt James A. McGuiness, 36169976
Tec 3 Charles E. Travelet, 32243252
Tec 3 Clifford F. Watts, 32319564
Tec 3 Cooper G. Wilson, 32366111

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Battalion
Headquarters

Major Frederick P. Field
Major William R. Comfort

Major James M. Boone
Capt. Robert C. Kelly
Capt. Morris Schwartz
Capt. John K. Shippe
Capt. Charles E. Jenkins
Capt. Herbert E. Magruder
1st Lt. Joe C. Carlson
1st Lt. Arnold C. Heath

Commanding
Ex Off Transferred 23 Tk Bn
to 714th
Ex Off to S-3
S-2 1st Lt. to Capt.
Comm O
S-4
Div GSO
S-3 to no assigned duties
S-1
Liaison Officer

Bn Co

Capt. George Harding
1st Lt. Clee C. Taylor
1st Lt. Harold A. Sleeman
2nd Lt. Othal T. Parsons
2nd Lt. James R. Jenks
2nd Lt. Abe H. Traktman

Commanding
Rec Off 2nd Lt. to 1st
Maint Off 2nd Lt. to 1st
Mortar Platoon Off
Assault Gun Plat
Transferred from "D" Co 714th
SSO - EFM - Bn Gas Off

Co A

Capt. Robert W. Harrington
1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster
1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt

Commanding
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr 2nd Lt. to 1st.
Tk Plat Ldr 2nd Lt. to 1st.

Co B

Capt. James W. Lechman
1st Lt. William W. Good
1st Lt. Charles E. Hisiger

2nd Lt. Harry H. Kettler
2nd Lt. Ivin R. Philpott

Commanding 1st Lt. to Capt.
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr Hosp to duty
2nd Lt. to 1st

Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

Co C

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
1st Lt. Harold S. Landau
1st Lt. Richard P. La France
2nd Lt. John W. Mc Dougal
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps

Commanding
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr 2nd Lt. to 1st
Tk Plat Ldr Battlefield Appointment
Tk Plat Ldr Battlefield Appointment

Sa.1

1st Lt. John G. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Bethloff
2nd Lt. William W. Twigg
2nd Lt. William J. Vennema
2nd Lt. Frank E. Pagotto

Commanding Hosp. to duty
Commanding to Maint Off
Tk Flat Ldr Transferred from G/VLA
Tk Flat Ldr
Tk Flat Ldr

SX.02

1st Lt. George H. Hoyt
Capt. John E. Sturwald
2nd Lt. Casimir F. Greshowski
2nd Lt. Christopher T. Garvey
CWO Joseph T. Collins
WOJG George M. Fries
WOJG Charles D. Frazier

Commanding
Ba Motor Off
Co Maint Off Relieved of AGO, HPM
Trans Flat Off
Purs Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

Medics

Capt. Garfield S. Barnet
1st Lt. Leonard D. Wentworth

Med Off - General Surgery
1st Lt. to Capt.
Med Assist - MAC

TIME		SER	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	DATED		TAKEN
:	:	1	011000	Bn located in Echwersheim, France alerted to be ready to counter-attack any enemy attack in vis. N of Strassbourg. Bn conducting Tag consisting of Tank-Infantry Team in attack of town - maintenance of vehicles & weapons and equipment.	:
:	:	2	012400	Warning Order received from CC-B by L/O to be prepared to move by 0800. Details later.	:
:	:	3	020900	Operations instructions Re'd from CC-B, Div 7th move to assembly area vic. Selestat, France	:
:	:	4	021100	Order Re'd, be prepared to move by 1800	:
:	:	5	021200	L/O at CP with order to cross IP at 1500 with route of march, overlay	:
:	:	6	021350	S-3 leaves to coordinate movement	:
:	:	7	021400	Bn moves out, march without incident closed in town of Epfig, France at 2245	:
:	:	8	022245	GO to meeting at CC-B	:
:	:	9	022400	GO returns from CC-B. CC-B broke down into task forces, task force Field, task force Boone, task force Norton. R/714 to go to TF Norton, A/714 to go to TF Boone, Bn to march south to assembly area north of Colmar, prepared to exploit to south. Route of march pointed out on map. TF Field to follow TF Norton. TF Field- consists of Hq&Hq Co, Q/714 - Q/56. TF Boone- A/714, A/56, TF Norton- 56(-) plus R/714	:
:	:	1	030300	March to assembly area without incident	:
:	:	2	030600	Bn in assembly area Rec'd orders to move south into Colmar	:
:	:	3	030730	Recon plat reports small arms firing & snipers in Colmar	:
:	:	4	030800	Go CO's meeting at RJ 1 1/2 miles north of Colmar	:
:	:	5	030900	Bn enters Colmar, moves to south of town across RR Friendly Infantry at canal in fire fight	:
:	:	6	030930	GO moves AG & Mtr plat into firing position at RR tracks, bridge across canal is out. Bridge site Rec'd heavy mortar & artillery fire	:
:	:	7	031210	Perice panels to be displayed on all vehicles	:
:	:	8	031220	2 enemy tanks between me & objective	:
:	:	9	031230	Jenks move your fire 200 yds to right	:
:	:	10	031235	Parsons put mortar fire on Rd south of bridge, walk it south on road	:
:	:	11	031305	Msg from S-3(CC-B) PW taken by friendly force on your left, states that his unit had orders to withdraw. Push forward vigorously	:
:	:	12	031310	GO (Field force) asks for engineers	:
:	:	13	031312	S-3, CC-B asks if more air support is needed	:
:	:	14	031314	GO (Field force) replies NO	:
:	:	15	031315	Overlay to location of advance CP sent to CC-B	:
:	:	16	031420	Have laborers you requested arrived. Yes, also sending guests back today. They did not come from our point. L/O bringing details	:

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17	031640		AT gun captured, bridgehead established, no resistance present	
18	031920		Have outfit dig in to hold bridgehead. My outfit in close support this side canal - have coordinated with Arty Off for defense plan, also mortar on general support of defense but do not figure in close defense. Clayton replies to question of 8-3 as to what action is taking place	
1	042400		Nvy Arty fire rec'd S side of Selmar	
2	040330		Arty fire about 3rds every 15 minutes all night increasing around 0300 to about 1 rd per minute	
3	040530		Civilian reports enemy CP unidentified unit at 7389344 same dump at 73503469, 1 Btry Arty at 74463479(Fr CC-B)	
4	040700		Msg from C/714 - We have had quite a bit of act. during night and doughs fired at by either Arty or AT guns. 7 Arty pieces or AT guns on road 500 yds S of bridge. We have fired at them with Arty. Some thing has been digging in quite a bit in front of our positions (Relayed to Hq)	
5	040730		Arty observes peep with Sv Co, have it sent up to me	
6	040745		(C/714) Dave has casualties, send something up for them	Med
7	040740		Medics to send up transport for evacuation	
8	040755		L/O at CP with info, Norton's force on our left to be passed through by Boones force in attack on S undhoffen, support from woods, then Fields force to attack toward St Greir Jenks fire on road approx. 400yds S of bridge, walk your fire down Rd. I will adjust for you, start firing be sure it is out 400 yds. Fire 1 Rd of white phosphorus so I can adjust. Jenks are you ready to fire? 1st Rd on the way Held fire Arty concentration being laid in same area	
9	040815		Msg fr CC-B, AT gun located at 743392 in woods near RR & Rd Jet	
10	040830		Boones force is delayed at cross road by AT fire, 1 Tank and AT gun knocked out	
11	040830		Boone to move in on AT gun and fire	
12	040920		Enemy Ren Veh. 300 yds N of St Greia, fire WP and I will adjust. CC-B at ditch this side of objective near RR. CC-B to Boone- Have you estimate of enemy strength on other side of Road. Boones Inf at this time, double envelopment of AT gun - have drawn small arms fire from S of RR, has stopped envelopment force. Coordinate on AT ditch - 75253840-275903871.	
13	041015		C/714 Msg to Jenks- Report up to me where we were before Same Msg to Parsons	
14	041135		CC-B- If our 6 is there, tell him to report to Big 6	
15	041210		Send more vehicles for evacuation up to Dave. Your mission now to move to woods	
16	041303		AG plat ldr and Co D called to report to Advance CP	
17	041312		Force Boone reports AT gun knocked out at 743-392. 40 PW taken, can't get their tank over RR tracks, doughs have advanced beyond - Boone called CC-B for Engineers to clear mine field so their force can exploit.	

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IN	OUT	NO.	DATE	TAKEN
:	:	18	041320: Dave will move as soon as possible, C/56 to CO	:
:	:	19	041330: Dave is ready to move. He doesn't think his right	:
:	:	:	platoon is strong enough, so he is pulling 2 from right	:
:	:	:	to drive them into creek. How about Norton (CO to CC-B)	:
:	:	:	Tie in his right with your left along road. 13 yellow:	:
:	:	:	legs in vic. of Bridge, yes on N side not quite up to	:
:	:	:	Railroad	:
:	:	20	041351: Dave has met sizeable force on his right. He is trying	:
:	:	:	to cut flank them	:
:	:	21	041351: 32 PW's taken by D/92. We're moving, receiving con -	:
:	:	:	siderable resistance about 100yds beyond our original	:
:	:	:	position	:
:	:	22	041359: Dave jumped off, pretty slow going	:
:	:	23	041401: Dave moved out on right and is circling to remove	CO to CO
:	:	:	obstacle, progress slow	:
:	:	24	041406: Dave called for aid, CO called to come up to pick up	:
:	:	:	PW's	:
:	:	25	041440: Mortars in S edge of Colmar woods	S T M
:	:	26	041500: Coordinate - 71343738 to 72223631 - location of Mtrs	S M
:	:	27	041506: CO orders AG to fire on position of mortars	:
:	:	28	041513: Jenks to fire searching fire for 2 minutes. On the	:
:	:	:	situation at present	:
:	:	29	041539: We are working the shells in. Norton has reached RR	:
:	:	:	and is doing well	:
:	:	30	041550: Jenks fired 60rds on mortar positions	:
:	:	31	041640: CC-B to 3- On relief you revert to central Field	:
:	:	32	041738: CO calls S-3 to contact CO C/714 and C/56 and have	:
:	:	:	then report to CO tank	:
:	:	33	041748: No friendly troops in area (734-382) intercepted	:
:	:	34	041759: Pillbox located at 734-382, enemy still occupy	:
:	:	35	041800: Norton's task force on objective	:
:	:	36	041811: Have kitchen start making coffee, outfit will be soon	:
:	:	:	there	:
:	:	37	041826: The people who are coming will be somewhat delayed,	CCB to CO
:	:	:	Boone is on his way to you	:
:	:	38	041838: The people are now on their way	:
:	:	39	041840: PW states 2 en. AA at 72453865, 75mm How. at 72393788	:
:	:	:	CP of 1st Bn of 198 Security Regt at 71643840	:
:	:	40	042125: 2 or 3 captives in Herrlisheim, rest of Bn in Haltstat:	:
:	:	:	2/3 Herrlisheim, in our hands	:
:	:	41	042220: L/O from CC-B - to have all vehicles refueled and load:	:
:	:	:	ed with all ammo they can carry - CC-B to be notified	:
:	:	:	as soon as accomplished	:
:	:	42	042300: CO call Co Comdrs meeting at rear CP	:
:	:	43	042340: Have CO A/56 return to forward CP, hold his outfit	:
:	:	:	from going beyond forward CP	:
:	:	1	050020: CO called S-3 CC-B, checked on unit to relieve us	:
:	:	2	050100: CO checked with Ex O and found that some of the relief:	:
:	:	:	element has moved in	:

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:	:	3	050240	:	:	S-3 called Ex 0 to get Ben Flat relieved for new mission	:	:
:	:	4	050244	:	:	CO checked with Ex Off to find out how much longer it	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	will be before we're relieved	:	:
:	:	5	050245	:	:	S-2 checked with 56 Inf as to when they expect to move	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	out	:	:
:	:	6	050246	:	:	Relief will be completed in about 45 minutes	:	Ex 0 - 00
:	:	7	050355	:	:	S-3 checks with Ex Off to find out how much longer	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	till relieved	:	:
:	:	8	050423	:	:	Ex Off orders Ben Flat to come back to GP	:	:
:	:	9	050426	:	:	CO calls CO C/Co to get his company up to appointed	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	spot so that they can refuel	:	:
:	:	10	050430	:	:	S-3 calls Clayton - Leave recovery vehicle with dis-	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	abled tank and have it pulled to our Sv Park. Pull	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	rest of company up to prearranged spot	:	:
:	:	11	050600	:	:	Preparations for movement completed. 56 Inf 1st elements	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	moving out	:	:
:	:	12	050630	:	:	B/714 advance guard moves out following CC-B for route:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	and order, see FO #6	:	:
:	:	13	050750	:	:	Crossed check point halt	:	:
:	:	14	050758	:	:	Crossed check point A	:	:
:	:	15	050815	:	:	Column halted on road	:	:
:	:	16	050820	:	:	CO to go to S-3, CC-B, 1000yds south of check point C	:	:
:	:	17	050820	:	:	Objective taken by CC-A and junction made with French	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	Army. All resistance at objective ceases.	:	:
:	:	18	050910	:	:	Have secured objective, bridges OK. Secure bridges	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	stand by and await orders.	:	:
:	:	19	051230	:	:	Air reports on bridges from N to S; 1st in, 2nd out,	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	3rd in, 4th out	:	:
:	:	20	051400	:	:	Msg Fr Harrington- Do you know of friendly troops mov-	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	ing N to St Greix, Ans.-No, but it may be CC-R or	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	French	:	:
:	:	21	051406	:	:	We are not building bridge, we have bridge half ways	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	between D & G, awaiting clearance through French	:	:
:	:	22	051415	:	:	Force assembling in assembly area N & E of G	:	:
:	:	23	051416	:	:	All vehicles in assembly area will be faced west	:	:
:	:	24	051420	:	:	Harrington's location 719-351	:	:
:	:	25	051430	:	:	Make main effort at northern bridge, CO directs attack:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	immediately	:	:
:	:	26	051600	:	:	Boones force moves out	:	:
:	:	27	051630	:	:	Boones force Rec'd small arms fire	:	:
:	:	28	051645	:	:	Boone passing through Field	:	:
:	:	29	051705	:	:	(B/714) Nortons paddle feet are behind me, shall I	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	send them on up	:	:
:	:	30	051707	:	:	CO/714, yes, send them up, they will pass through &	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	keep going	:	:
:	:	31	051720	:	:	Jenks come on up on my right, D/714 come up on left	:	:
:	:	32	051722	:	:	CO/714 to Boone- There are friendly troops in town	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	CO to C/714- move into town	:	:

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:	:	33:	051722	:	C/714 to CC/	Knows that he & I have been in there on	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	feet	:	:	:
:	:	34:	051745	:	CC-B to E/714/	Are you in position to go into town	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	CC/714/	Yes, am in position, not quite ready to go	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	into town	:	:	:
:	:	35:	051820	:	(Boone)	I am well into town, bridge is blown - my flank	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	is exposed-	friendly force on my left, I am receiving	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	Mortar fire	:	:	:
:	:	36:	051945	:	CC/714/	Norton is coming in with you- his mission is	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	changed	:	:	:
:	:	37:	051948	:	Clayton is in second town,	not friendly foreign officers	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	there, advised to give foreign troops interior of town	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	He has about 200 with him. CC/714 to Boone/	Have them	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	go to other town	:	:	:
:	:	38:	051950	:	Road is blocked,	uncertain as to when we can come thru	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	there	:	:	:
:	:	39:	051955	:	Norton is clearing out remaining enemy.	B will continue	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	on to cross roads	:	:	:
:	:	40:	051957	:	S-3 to CC/	CP is set up where planned	:	:
:	:	41:	052000	:	S-3 met friendly Infantry,	said they would be moving	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	N and S of us to the east	:	:	:
:	:	42:	052001	:	Boone wants to know what is the situation with French	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	French are infiltrating- CC-B claims all friendly troops	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	have occupied all on our side of creek	:	:	:
:	:	43:	052005	:	D/92 is wanted by CC-B.	Boone wants to know how about	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	evacuating wounded	:	:	:
:	:	44:	052025	:	Norton takes command of troops in town, Wilson recon-	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	oiter for bridge site. Norton establishes bridgehead	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	immediately	:	:	:
:	:	45:	052027	:	Friendly Infantry coming in from North	:	:	:
:	:	46:	052100	:	Disregard message of 2025	:	:	:
:	:	47:	052120	:	The plan we outlined early has been changed, someone	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	else is going to do job - your company will remain with	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	Norton. Boone to CC-B/	What is my status now. CC-B/	:	:
:	:	48:	:	:	to Boone/	You revert to his control	:	:
:	:	48:	052230	:	C/714 to stay with Norton, Boone & E/714 to return to	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	Force Field - CC/714 asks CC-B for doughs. D/92 (1 plat	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	has not shown up as yet	:	:	:
:	:	49:	052310	:	Friendly boats enroute for Infantry, post guides for them	:	:	:
:	:	1:	060715	:	CO to Lechman/	There are about Germanic woods back of	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	you, take positions	:	:	:
:	:	2:	060730	:	Bring up rations, coffee, water and fuel	:	:	:
:	:	3:	060730	:	CP Guard reports 14 Enemy walking down road in patrol	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	formation	:	:	:
:	:	4:	060730	:	Ran Flat- 4 peeps readied for movement, take off after	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	enemy	:	:	:
:	:	5:	060830	:	Ran Flat returned, no results on enemy	:	:	:
:	:	6:	060835	:	Engrs ready for 2nd phase of mission, doughs not in pos	:	:	:

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1025: 7:00:00 Have your Scout tank report to Wilson at bridge site
1030: 7:05:00 Wilson has started to put in his bridge, seem to be no
1040: 7:10:00 breaks around
1050: 7:15:00 S-1 is en route to GO with staff ordered. Road jam may
1100: 7:20:00 cause delay
1110: 7:25:00 Heavy vehicles reported 778-243, 798-272,, road block-
1120: 7:30:00 768-396
1130: 7:35:00 Infantry has 2 units across, Wilson waiting for Bailey
1140: 7:40:00 bridge. GO/714 to make reconnaissance to north
1150: 7:45:00 GO going north for possible move. Unit to stay in pos.
1160: 7:50:00 until further orders
1170: 7:55:00 GO arrived at this CP, Major Avery arrived at this CP,
1180: 8:00:00 to confer with GO
1190: 8:05:00 Bn called B & B and AS to report his CP
1200: 8:10:00 Hq from higher says not to send any of our units
1210: 8:15:00 across river- friendly Inf to take care of our mission
1220: 8:20:00 CP location to be moved to Oberheim, near bridge site
1230: 8:25:00 Command track only to be moved
1240: 8:30:00 Moved out, distance traveled 4 mile, closed at 2010
1250: 8:35:00 L/O reports to CP with info that mission has changed
1260: 8:40:00 that new mission is to move west and guard Vosges Pass
1270: 8:45:00 If you wish to move tonight, you may. If you do, move,
1280: 8:50:00 you will move to town of Herrlisheim. Send you answer
1290: 8:55:00 by radio. Yes, if you wish to move tonight, No, if you
1300: 9:00:00 do not wish to move tonight
1310: 9:05:00 Ans to CC-B/ No
1320: 9:10:00 L/O and S-3 checked progress on bridge for GO CC-B
1330: 9:15:00 L/O and S-3 returned from bridge site, bridge has center
1340: 9:20:00 span to put in and also two span bridge across canal
1350: 9:25:00 yet to be built
1360: 9:30:00 Hq rec'd to be ready to move at 0700
1370: 9:35:00 Overlay and order of new mission rec'd. A Co Bn to 28
1380: 9:40:00 Inf Div., crosses Ill River
1390: 9:45:00 GO meeting at CP, instructions issued on movement
1400: 9:50:00 Bn CP moves to cross roads
1410: 9:55:00 Bn CP crosses IF enroute to Herrlisheim and Obermorschweire
1420: 10:00:00 Billet plans and confused order from CC-B hold Bn on
1430: 10:05:00 road from 1200 to 1400
1440: 10:10:00 Bn closed at 1430, D Co in Obermorschweire, Hqs, B, C &
1450: 10:15:00 Sv in Herrlisheim
1460: 10:20:00 All personnel must be alert to the possible presence of:
1470: 10:25:00 enemy agents and stragglers in this area. Report any
1480: 10:30:00 suspicious personnel or incidents to this Hqs immediately
1490: 10:35:00 Point for processing PW collecting point, located at
1500: 10:40:00 69453545, all PW's will be forwarded to this point
1510: 10:45:00 Report hourly by FM, telephone, or by patrols stopping
1520: 10:50:00 here (CC-B to 714)

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REF	TIME	DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN
1945	10:07:1945	Search immediately your unit for presence of 2 1/2 ton truck	Y
		6 x 6, truck bumper markings-285474, War D SPAR 7 men, No	
		W 4150427, report to S-2 by 080800A Feb 45 (CC-B to 714)	
2055	11:07:2055	072055A report to CC-B negative	N
	11:07:2125	Negative report on msg of 71920 from D/714	
	13:07:2148	Hqs, Sv, A, B, Co's report negative on msg of 71920	
2345	14:07:2325	Div GP opened 1530A at Witsenhein V643418	N
	1:08:1000	Co Comdr meeting	
	2:08:1100	Staff Officers meeting called	
1045	3:08:1007	Communication is reestablished, make hourly report on	
		patrol by radio	
	4:08:1200	Major Boone left for Herrlisheim (Different town from GP	
		location	
	5:08:1500	Lt Col Claw, Ex O CC-B, visited the GP	
	1:09:1100	L/O from CC-B with info that bridge over Lou River is	
		thought mined	
	2:09:1200	S-2 checked bridge and found it heavily mined	
	3:09:1300	S-2 CC-B notified and requested to send Engrs	
	4:09:1300	A Co reverted to Bn Command	
	5:09:1300	Guards posted on the bridge in question	
1405	6:09:1405	CC-B can't get in touch with Engrs and have no peep, send	
		peep to get Engrs	
	7:09:1413	Bridge has been taken care of	
	8:09:1630	Co Guards meeting for contemplated move at 2230 56th ,	
		CC-B and 714 to march in serials	
	9:09:1735	Move postponed until after daylight tomorrow, two hour	
		alert status effective then	
	1:10:1345	Word rec'd that move is contemplated after 1715. Route of	
		march changed received.	
	2:10:1600	Co Comdrs meeting	
	3:10:1815	Bn moved from Herrlisheim	
	4:10:1830	Crossed IF, coordinnance 086687, cross roads No 1	
	1:11:0900	Bn closed in, GP set up at Sites De Charbonnages, France	
		distance traveled 114 miles.	
	2:11:1300	Rec'd overlay, Hqs CC-B, disposition of friendly troops	N S T
	3:11:1300	Recon Platoon attached to 56th Inf to set up counter reconn-	
		naissance screen with GP's at Bambiderstreff, Harbefontaine	
		Boushepoin and Zimming. Established contact with CC-A at	
		Bambiderstreff and 26th Div at Harbefontaine	
1100	1:10:1100	Received overlay of enemy situation at 12:0930	N
	2:12:1400	Received G-2 Rpt # 20	
	3:12:1600	S-2 made reconnaissance and sent overlay to CC-B	N
	1:13:0900	Lt Heath reconnoitered firing ranges and sent overlay to	N
		CC-B	
	2:13:1300	Lt. MacDougal, Pvt. Bartelt, Lt. LaFrance, Capt. Clayton,	
		1st Sgt Shelton, Sgt. Lindquist, Lt. Kreege awarded Bronze	
		Star.	
	1:14:1400	Cpl. Oakes, Sgt. Gheniowski, 2nd Lt. Kettler received	
		Bronze Star.	
		(Period from 14th Feb. to 1st March included training of	
		troops, night reconnaissance patrols stressed.)	

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OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY
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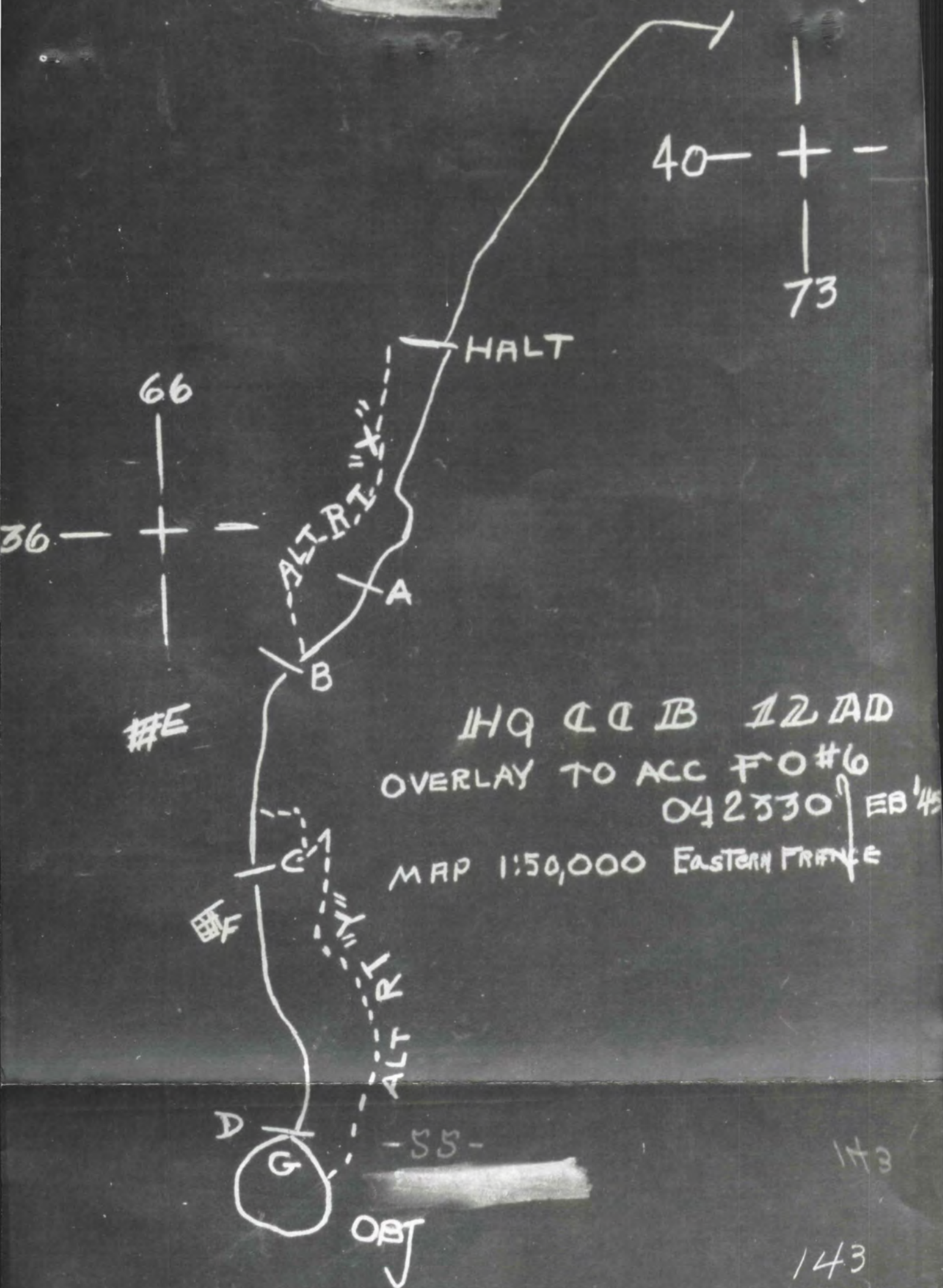
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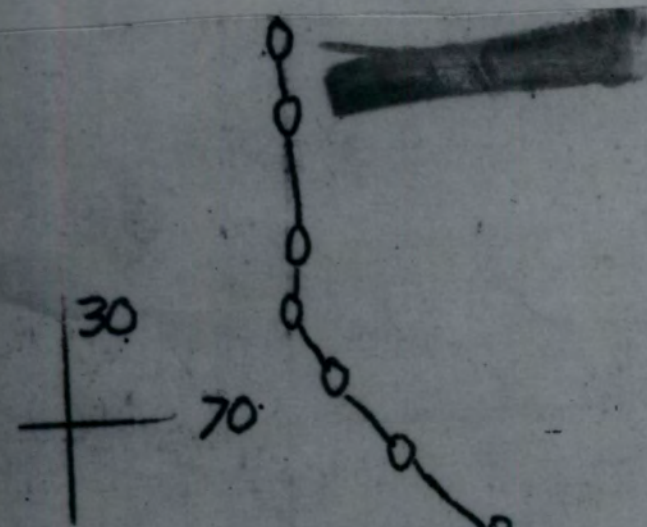
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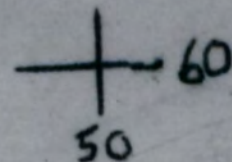
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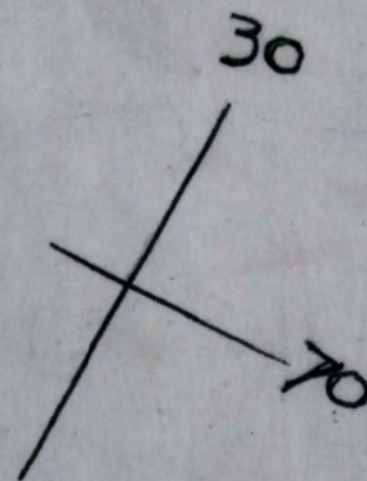
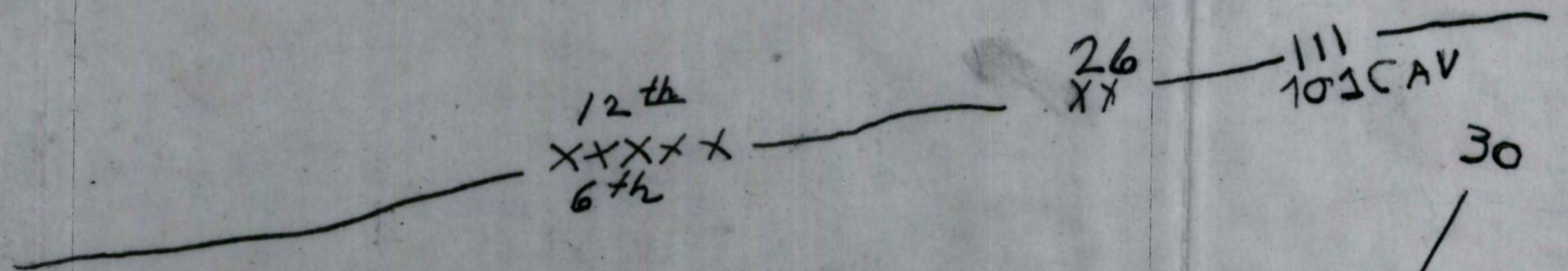
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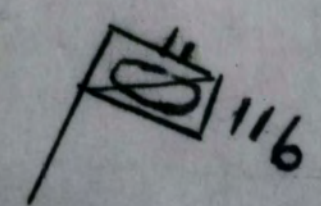
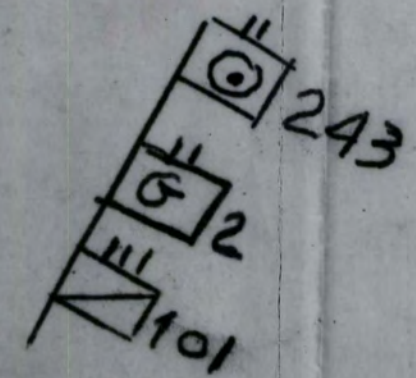
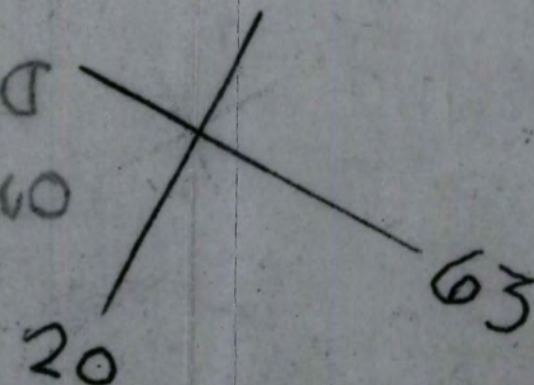


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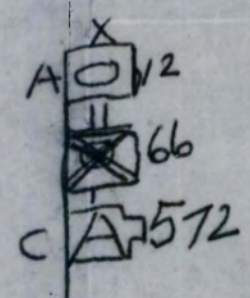
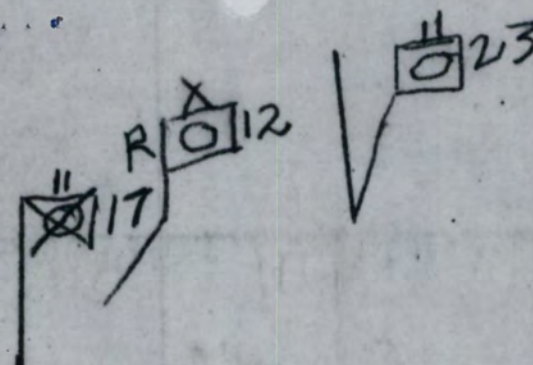


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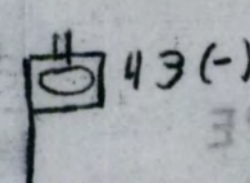
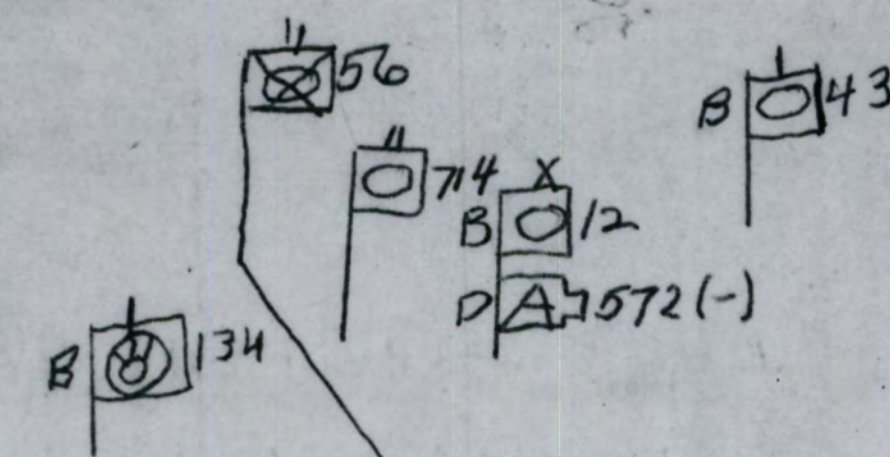
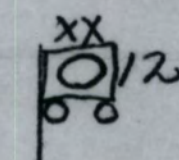
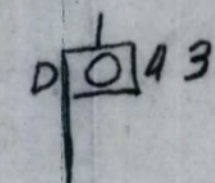
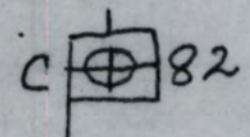
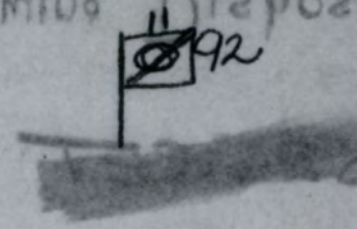


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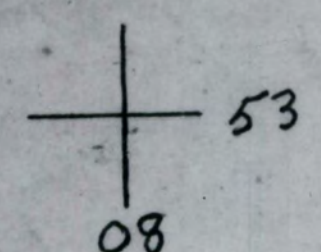
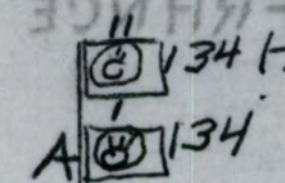




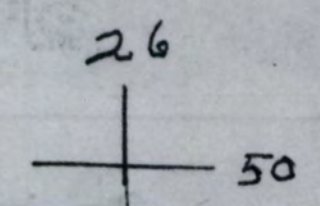
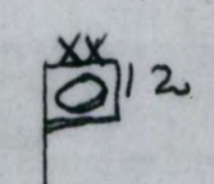
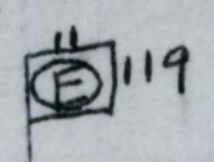
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TO: Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, U. S. Army.

**Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 714th Tank Battalion
for the period 1 March 1945 to 24 March 1945.**

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** Records and Journal and notes on unit actions after 0600 on 24 March 1945, lost due to enemy action,

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For the period 1 March 1945 to 16 March 1945 was spent in resting of troops, drawing personnel reinforcements and vehicle replacements. Training in night patrols and gunnery and platoon problems was also stressed during this period.

17 March 1945 - At 0745, the battalion moved from Cites de Charbonnages after having been alerted two days prior, placing the battalion on six (6) hour alert. Route of march: Cites de Charbonnages, Faulquemont, Metz, Thecnville, Grebenmacher, Baumholder.

18 March 1945 - The battalion closed in assembly area in Baumholder, Germany, for refueling and to await plans for advance. The battalion commander arriving from CC-B brought with him the overlay of the battalion advance to be coordinated with company C/56th AIB. When the force moves out, radio silence will be maintained, cerise panels will be displayed on all combat vehicles, one to every general purpose vehicle. In addition to the cerise panels, the yellow panel will also be displayed by this unit, until the 20th of March and from the 20th March to 25th March the cerise panel, only, will be displayed. At 0600 Force Field left the assembly area heading east with route of march Stadtbredimus-route 10 to Wormeldinger - route 1 to Grevenmacher - N49 to Tier, to River. The order of march was Hqs, Company A, Company C, Company D, Company C/56, and Service Company. Force Field's advance will be on the right of CC-B with CC-B located on the right of the division advance with the objective Worms. All non-combat vehicles remained with the service elements of the force. The move from Baumholder, Germany, was very slow due to units other than 1st Armored using the same route of march. On 18 March 1945 at 1100 the battalion had advanced, passed the town of Patersbach, with over 250 prisoners counted by first unit of the main body and many others collected along the column. At 1830 the battalion arrived and immediately departed from Horschbach heading South-East. At 1900 on the same date, Company C sent back 50 PWs who were turned over to the mortar platoon, for transportation to the rear. On this same date, additional PWs were taken after Company C, the lead company, had encountered some small arms fire, moving in on the enemy and quickly causing them to surrender.

19 March 1945 - From 1150 to 1255 Major Field's discussed the situation and planned a further movement at coordinates 99995 with the combat commander of CC-B. The battalion closed in at coordinates 999909 - 1400. At 1600 a company commanders meeting was called awaiting instructions from the S-3 of CC-B. On 19 March 1945 at 1650, the battalion moved from this area arriving at Hansen at 1745 and moving to Imweiler and arriving there at 2030. Message received from the combat commander ordered that Force Field will remain in Imweiler. At 2145 Major Field held a meeting with the combat commander, the objective was changed and at this time the battalion moved from Imweiler. At 2400 on 19 March 1945, elements of Force Field and additional units in the vicinity received artillery fire along the force advance, suffering one vehicle casualty and one personnel casualty in Company C/56th AIB.

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20 March 1945 - At 0830, the battalion closed in an area to the North of Gersheim for refueling and servicing of vehicles and was subjected to some small arms fire in the area. The battalion moves on in the direction of Kittsabald and cautioned, as many enemy were seen to be entering the town. On 20 March at 1045, the battalion assembled East of Enkenbach, G Germany, being subjected to enemy aircraft attacks. A report from Task Force Norton stated that four tanks of B/714 had been knocked out by enemy AA and AT fire. Prior to this assembly, the battalion had moved to Neukirchen assembling East of town making reconnaissance to the South and to the West, with orders to avoid any action that might deter the force from its mission. A message at 1140 from CO CC-8 to Major Field ordering him to report to his command half-track, that General Anolis was in that vicinity, Eisenberg. At 1835, the force was ordered to move to the town of Freinsheim in support of elements of Force Norton. At 2000 the force moved out and by 2100 the area in the vicinity of Freinsheim had been cleared but by-passing the town. It was reported to the force at 2215 from an element of a reconnaissance troop that it had encountered much bazooka fire on leaving the town of Freinsheim. The force commander, Major Field, with Major Comfort, Executive Officer, went forward to contact CO 92d Reconnaissance Troop at 2235 for information as to the situation East of Freinsheim, due to impassible roads out of Freinsheim the reported enemy resistance was by-passed, the force moved to Kersheim, Germany, closing in at 0600 21 March 1945.

21 March 1945 - At 0700, a company commanders meeting was called by Force Field with instructions for Company D to send a patrol of light tanks to Frankenthal. At 1000, this patrol reported to the Force that all towns between their present position and Frankenthal were clear. At 1030, the force prepared to move out to Frankenthal by way of West Mannerheim and hold this area until relieved by an Infantry Division. C/56 and B/714 moved directly to Frankenthal. At 1100 the force received orders that their objective had been changed ordering the force to move South to Speyer, Germany. At 1145 on 21 March 1945, the force moved out from Frankenthal using South and East roads or any available route leading in that direction, was order received from CO CC-8. During this march the force encountered small enemy resistance from woods along route and once being strafed in vicinity of Kraspots by three enemy AA 189s. Enemy air activity still continues to harrass the force until 1400. The route of advance is congested by combat team of the 80th Infantry Division in addition to many PWs moving to the rear. At 1530 the force was approaching the town of Kusel with the plan of attack being given to elements of the force. Company "A" to attack the town from the left, Company "C" to make a frontal assault, the mortar platoon placed smoke in front of the town with the assault gun platoon covering the right flank of the force. The assault gun platoon leader reported an enemy tank going into position in front of the town of Kusel. At 1630 the force had entered the town of Kusel and proceeded South to Mutterstadt. The 80th Infantry and mortar layed preparations of 15 minutes fire in the town of Mutterstadt after receiving artillery and mortar fire, Company C of 56th AIB

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attached to Force Field, and working with Company A/714 as the point of the force, entered Mitterstadt encountering a road block, dismantling it.

22 March 1945 - At 0600 the force entered Mitterstadt with immediate orders to attack South toward objective - Speyer. The 92d Recon supported by one platoon of tanks from Company A, led the advance of the force toward the objective. At 0710, six enemy tanks were reported to the force in vicinity South of Speyer in vicinity of the railroad running East and West. With the advance elements moving toward the objective, the force remained in Mitterstadt with Company C being detached to CO's control.

23 March 1945 - At 0600, a company commanders meeting was called, the order of march given to the force that remained in Mitterstadt as Company C/714 plus Company L/56, Company A (minus) plus one platoon of Company L/56, Headquarters Company plus Company L/714. At 0630 the column from Mitterstadt moving South with no enemy resistance reported as of 0918. The force location was reported to CO CC-B at 918 with advance elements located 520852. At 0930 air reports that all bridges leading to Speyer are intact, by 0935 the force was located five kilometers South of Speyer. The tanks of the force will follow the Infantry. On 23 March 1945 at 0945 the point reported that anti-tank fire was being received from the edge of town. The 56th Infantry dismounted and sent ahead of the force with orders to deploy North in vicinity of Speyer for the attack on Speyer. At 0945, barrage balloons were up in Speyer. On 23 March at 1000, it was reported that a bridge on the outskirts of Speyer had been blown and that the Infantry deployed in this sector had received small arms fire. The commanding officer of Company C reported at 1300 that fire from enemy 88 AT guns was coming down the street with heavy small arms fire. Company A reported at 1320 that its elements were being held up by the same guns reported by Company "C". By 1330 the progress of the force was very slow due to heavy enemy anti-tank, and small arms sniper fire. At 1336, Company C/56 and Company C/714 reported casualties in their organizations and requested that medical personnel be sent forward for evacuation. From the beginning of action of Speyer and undetermined number of PWs were captured in the vicinity. The reconnaissance platoon leader was ordered by Major Field to gather up all PWs and place them in an enclosure. At 1400 a message from Force Section to Force Field reported that the 56th IF were entering the town of Han-noffen. At 1410, CO of Company C called for artillery fire on AT guns in- placed on the edge of Speyer. The force progress was slow at this time due to heavy enemy small arms which held up the Infantry and anti-tank guns which were delaying the tanks. At 1524, Lt. Grege, platoon leader of Company A, entered Speyer with his platoon firing at all enemy installations resulting in the capture of many prisoners. At 1505 a message from Major Field to his force ordered that elements of the remaining tank companies are to attack the open field and clear the north end of town. Company A/714 over-ran large caliber guns on reaching the edge of Speyer. Company L/56 having moved to this sector now occupied a portion of town to the right of the force advance. At 1545 Company A with 11 tanks had crossed the railroad tracks at

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the edge of town. At 1800 the Force 1st Headquarters Company moved into
C.ayer with a meeting of company commanders for the purpose of regrouping.
The force moved on through town encountering a road block suffering some
casualties.

24 March 1945 - At 0500 on 24 March 1945, elements of the Infantry re-
ported that the road block was out and the force proceeded into town.

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Commanding

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S/Sgt Hubert E. Barnes, 35104222	Co A
Cpl Arnel S. Harman, 35644550	Co A
Pfc John E. Blackburn, Jr., 35585952	Co B
Tec 5 Manley M. Warren, 6143559	Co B
Pfc Le Roy Davidson, 37315957	Co D

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MIA

1st Lt. Charles E. Hisiger, 01017723	Co B
S/Sgt Ward A. Dodge, 32354407	Co B
Cpl Jules Berlin, 36662228	Co E
Cpl Densil A. Henick, 35449770	Co E
Cpl William A. Russell, 35265002	Co E
Cpl Robert Osborne, 35677003	Co E
Cpl Thomas W. Sams, 34595928	Co F
Pfc John Gulezian, 33579817	Co F
Pfc Robert L. Kacyon, 35465290	Co F
Pfc Ulysses Kelley, 35395656	Co F
Pfc Richard A. Thomas, 35589471	Co F
Pfc Fred Dodge, 39190070	Co F
Pvt Alfred Schulman, 19084500	Co F
Pvt James A. Turner, 35697223	Co F
Pvt James A. Tucker, 35721690	Co F
Tec 5 Erle A. Loomis, 37539484	Co F
Pfc Royce A. Smith, 34740070	Co B
Pvt Donald A. Hendrickson, 37640039	Co F
Pvt Stanley Kulpinje, 31464965	Co F
Tec 5 William H. Shaw, 36426586	Co F

MIA

Sgt Warren A. Bartlett, 32520265	Hq Co
Sgt Glenn H. Miller, 35006174	Co A
Cpl Harold L. Meyer, 35344378	Co A
Pvt Thurman L. Ansel, 35400714	Co A
S/Sgt Jacob S. Morgan, 35740739	Co A

WIA

Tec 4 Donald T. Parkin, 3976496	Co A
Pfc Stephen Mateik, 31360414	Co A
1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge, 01018190	Co A
Pfc Anthony Videtto, 33936541	Co A
Sgt Clifton C. Boots, 38272111	Co B
Sgt James J. Conroy, 36616053	Co C
Sgt Richard E. Iverson, 36610773	Co C
Cpl William R. Lerby, 34099657	Co C
Pfc Earl M. Osborne, 35745943	Co C
2nd Lt. William A. Hurley, 01012195	Co D
Sgt Donald F. Harrington, 32659571	Co C
Tec 4 Michael Bohaczy, 33243132	Sv Co
Tec 5 Edward L. Kapulke, 33471224	Sv Co
Tec 5 Harold I. Losey, 36118844	Sv Co

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

BRONZE STAR

Cpl Jodie H. Morris, 34305598	GO 23, Sec VII 10 Mar 45
WOJG Charles L. Frazier, W2 127799	GO 23, Sec VIII 10 Mar 45
Cpl David L. Golden, 12171694	GO 23, Sec IX 10 Mar 45
Capt. James W. Leshman, O-436918	GO 23, Sec IX 10 Mar 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

S/Sgt Alden C. Bengston, 36273986	GO 21, Sec VIII 2 Mar 45
Sgt Francis A. Datti, 31090448	GO 21, Sec VIII 2 Mar 45
Cpl Daniel T. McGillicuddy, 31210326	GO 21, Sec VIII 2 Mar 45
Tec 4 Arnold C. Muenzenberger, 36202102	GO 21, Sec XI 2 Mar 45
Tec 4 Henry W. Mullett, 36430251	GO 21, Sec XI 2 Mar 45
Tec 4 George W. Spicer, Jr., 32562778	GO 21, Sec XI 2 Mar 45
Tec 4 George W. Wenrick, 35510029	GO 21, Sec XI 2 Mar 45
1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin, 01013371	GO 23, Sec I 10 Mar 45
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt, 01016006	GO 23, Sec I 10 Mar 45

OFFICERS ROSTER

**Battalion
Headquarters**

Major Frederick P. Field
Major William H. Comfort
Major James M. Boone
Capt. Robert C. Kelly
Capt. Morris Schwerts
Capt. John K. Shippe
Capt. Charles E. Jenkins
1st Lt. Joe C. Carlson
1st Lt. Arnold C. Heath

Commanding
Executive Officer
S-3
S-2
Comm O
S-4
Div GHO
S-1
Liaison Officer

Ho Co

Capt. George Harding
1st Lt. Cleo C. Taylor
1st Lt. Harold A. Sleeman
2nd Lt. Othal T. Parsons
2nd Lt. James R. Jenks
2nd Lt. Abe H. Traktman

Commanding
Rcn Off
Maint Off
Mortar Platoon Off
Assault Gun Platoon Off
SSO - EFM - Bn Cas Off

Co A

Capt. Robert A. Harrington
1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster
1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt
2nd Lt. George W. Branson

Commanding to Hospital
Maint Off to Commanding
Tn Plat Ldr
Tn Plat Ldr
Tn Plat Ldr
Tn Plat Ldr Battlefield Appointment

Co B

Capt. James A. Leehman
Capt. Herbert E. Magruder
1st Lt. William C. Goad
1st Lt. Charles E. Hisiger
2nd Lt. Harry T. Kettler
2nd Lt. Ivin A. Philpott

Commanding to Hospital
Commanding
Maint Off
Tn Plat Ldr - Missing in Action
Tn Plat Ldr
Tn Plat Ldr to Hospital

Co C

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
1st Lt. Harold S. Landau
1st Lt. Richard F. LaFrance
2nd Lt. John W. McDougal
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps

Commanding
Maint Off
Tn Plat Ldr
Tn Plat Ldr
Tn Plat Ldr

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Co D

1st Lt. John G. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Dethloff
2nd Lt. William W. Turley
2nd Lt. William J. Venema
2nd Lt. Frank R. Pagnotta

Commanding
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr to Hospital

Sv Co

1st Lt. George H. Hoyt
Capt. John E. Stuerwald
2nd Lt. Casimir F. Grochowski
2nd Lt. Christopher T. Garvey
CWO Joseph T. Collins
WOJG George M. Frost
WOJG Charles D. Frazier

Commanding
Bn Motor Off
Co Maint. Off
Trans Plat Off
Pers Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

Medics

Capt. Garfield S. Barnett
1st Lt. Leonard D. Wentworth

Med Off - General Surgery
Med Assist - MAC

SER TIME		IN : OUT		NOTATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
					Period 1 March 1945 to 16 March 1945 was spent in	
					resting of troops, drawing personnel reinforcements,	
					and vehicle replacements. Training in night patrols	
					and gunnery and platoon problems was also stressed	
					during this period.	
	1	170745			At 0745 the battalion moved from Cites de Charbonnages	
					after having been alerted two days prior, placing the	
					battalion on six (6) hour alert. Route of march:	
					Cites de Charbonnages, Faulquemont, Metz, Thionville,	
					Grebennacher, Baumholder.	
	1	180200			Bn closed in assembly area at Baumholder refueling -	
					CO's meeting.	
	2	180600			Left assembly area headed East on route shown on	
					overlay. Held up by Force Norton progress slow.	
					After leaving assembly area at Baumholder, Combat	
					Command was limited to one route. Continuous urging	
					of point and reconnaissance.	
	3	180900			Bn leaves over trail and across country toward Konnen-	
					berg.	
	4	180930			PW's start surrendering to tanks from there on become:	
					a problem as personnel to take care of prisoners is	
					limited	
	5	180945			Route from assembly area to town of Patersbach very	
					slow because of road and trail factor.	
	6	181000			From town of Patersbach Bn turned E-E across bridge	
					which was reported in by CO and relayed to CO-	
	7	181100			PW problem acute during period. Over 250 prisoners	
					counted by first unit of main body and many others	
					collected along column	
	8	181830			Bn left assembly area at Horschbach headed south-east:	
	9	181900			50 PW's being sent back by C/714.	
	10	181845			Mortar Plat ordered to take care of PW's.	
	11	181835			Many more PW's taken for over 1 mile along road. Some:	
					small arms fire estimated at 250 rounds.	
	12	181840			C/714 ordered to slow down.	
	1	191150			CO CC-B to meet CO/714 at coordinates 779989	
	2	191155			CO CC-B arrives at Force Field, discussion between	
					group lasts until 1255.	
	3	191400			In assembly area at above coordinates	
	4	191400			CO 12 AB calls CO CC-B asks situation and encourages	
					CO CC-B to move Field East towards objective.	
	5	191520			CO CC-B calls CO/714 that he is sending his S-3 with	
					instructions	
	6	191600			Company Commander's meeting	
	7	191650			Left area	
	8	191745			Arrived at Hansen	
	9	191800			Column in front of us going into firing positions.	
					Deployed off road	
	10	192030			Arrived at Imweiler at 2030, following column of 302:	
					Inf Combat Team after passing CC-B. Loc. CC-B Imweiler	
	11	192040			Msg to CO from CO CC-B/ Stop where you are, wait o	
					orders there has been a change	

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IN	OUT	NO: DATED: INCIDENTS. MESSAGES. ORDERS ETC	TAKEN
:	:	12:192145: COs meeting held south of Insweiler, change of objective	:
:	:	13:192145: Bn moves out	:
:	:	14:192200: Column halted behind CC team	:
:	:	15:192300: Ron discloses that road ahead is impassable, trucks of	:
:	:	Combat Command 302 team blocking roads and turn off.	:
:	:	16:192400: Vehicles turned around. Arty fire being received, believe-	:
:	:	d to be 88. Ron does not disclose loc. of weapons. so that	:
:	:	fire can be brought to bear on them. Inf team out to take	:
:	:	care of guns	:
:	:	1:200100: One C/56 Inf H/T turned over, towed 1 57 MM gun (1 cas-	:
:	:	ualty) (rds very dusty, nite march fast)	:
:	:	2:200630: In assembly area north of Gersheim - refueling, servicing:	:
:	:	some small arms fire in area	:
:	:	3:200832: C/714 to CO/ we are proceeding with caution as civilians:	:
:	:	seen to be pulling out	:
:	:	4:200834: CO to C/714/ push ahead we have to make time	:
:	:	5:200815: Norton's Force encounters road block	:
:	:	6:200820: Norton recon fer by-pass	:
:	:	7:200830: Bn cautioned in passing through Kittsabald as many enemy	:
:	:	seen entering the town	:
:	:	8:200835: CO to C/714/ Is there any signs of activity?	:
:	:	9:200837: C/714 to CO - No, but there is a bad town(Otterburg) ahead	:
:	:	there is a left turn which will slow the force down. We	:
:	:	are almost thru.	:
:	:	10:200840: Bn halted for ten minutes	:
:	:	11:200850: CO cautions C/714 not to take off too fast as terrain is	:
:	:	slowing down force and column will be spread out	:
:	:	12:200900: About 250 PW's marched down road. Collection by Ron Flat:	:
:	:	13:200915: Norton in Enkenbach, held up by 88 on hill.	:
:	:	14:200915: C/714 to CO - Am tying into the end of friendly column	:
:	:	will let you know the results of my reconnaissance.	:
:	:	15:201045: Bn pulled off road into area just east of Enkenbach	:
:	:	Nortons force involved in fight 4 tks of C/714 knocked	:
:	:	out. Casualties not ascertained as yet, fire consists of:	:
:	:	AA and AT fire. AA fire used against ground troops	:
:	:	16:201100: Norton's force moves Arty into position to bring fire to	:
:	:	tear on gun positions.(Over 30 PWs start to rear)	:
:	:	17:201030: Neukirchen - Bn put in area east of town to clear road.	:
:	:	Bn starts recon of routes to South and West to avoid fight	:
:	:	and get on with mission	:
:	:	18:201100: Friendly air support arrives. AA fire on planes is	:
:	:	intense	:
:	:	19:201110: A-3 reports to C/56 that he has some vehicles stuck and	:
:	:	that he should send maintenance vehicle with winch to re-	:
:	:	lease them	:
:	:	20:201115: AA against personnel becomes more intense, no reported	:
:	:	casualties	:

TIME	SER	TIME	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO. DATED	TAKEN
		21:201135	Report as of 1135, from Norton to CO CC-B - have laid Arty: fire on suspected positions of AA and AT guns but AA fire continues, intense when friendly planes fly over our area. Have sent 15 PWs to rear but enemy strength of positions continues.
		22:201140	Bn in assembly area to rear of Norton's force waiting for results of reconnaissance to southwest.
		23:201140	CC-B to CO/ Report to your half track immediately
		24:201150	General Ennis at Bn CO track with Bn CO
		25:201151	CO calls CC-B/ asks for CO CC-B
		26:201152	CO gives location of General Ennis to Colonel Bromley
		27:201200	Bn pulling into assembly area for refueling & servicing water and feed to right of road just outside Hisenberg.
		28:201700	Company commanders meeting in assembly area.
		29:201835	Liaison Officer with following Msg. - Go at once to town of Freinsheim. Mounted boys having trouble.
		30:202000	A/714, advance guard moves out
		31:202100	Area cleared at 2100 - road out of area bad and town to be passed.
		32:202100	Point reports that a column is using the super-highway
		33:202102	Point reveals that column is Norton's Force
		34:202110	CO tells point to increase speed to 8 MPH
		35:202210	A/714 position given to Arty approaching Freinsheim
		36:202215	Message from Hon Troop - that they had just come out of Freinsheim and had encountered lots of bazooka fire.
		37:202230	92/Hon Ldr meets column at next town and passes on information that enemy is in town with bazookas. He has one man wounded and needing medical attention.
		38:202233	Part of 92nd goes forward with Major Comfort to see Major Field with information on Freinsheim
		39:202236	Repeated attempts made to contact CC-B by CO with no results.
		40:202345	Bn moves out. Point encounters difficulty on road thru Freinsheim.
		41:202350	Bn turns around in town as underpass is too low for tanks
		1:210600	Bn enters Kercheim, Germany. CP set up in station.
		2:210700	Company commanders meeting. A/714 sent on patrol to Frankenthal
		3:211000	Patrol reports all towns cleared
		4:211050	Bn prepares to move out C/50 and L/714 to go to Frankenthal: and await arrival of Bn which is to proceed to West Wannerheim and hold until relieved by Inf. Div. and then to turn south.
		5:211100	Change of orders received. Bn to go south to Spayer on Rhine, Bn under tactical control of 92nd.
		6:211145	Bn moves out moving south and east, roads to be used - any leading in that direction
		7:211200	Point cautious about woods, see Jerries in woods, be on alert. Msg relayed to all stations
		8:211201	Columns bombed and strafed south of Treppots by three ME 109s
		9:211300	Column held up on road by guide from 92nd who reported situation in town ahead to be bad. (Road at this time is

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IN	OUT	NO	DATE	
:	:	:	:	also being used by Combat Team of 80th Inf Div.)
:	:	10:211340	:	Many PWs going to rear (150) all seem to be French and Italian
:	:	11:211400	:	Enemy air activity continues
:	:	12:211412	:	Attack on town ahead being planned. "A" to attack town from left and "C" to go in from front
:	:	13:211400	:	French and Italian PWs report 10 enemy tanks in Swertzen-galden and many 88s. Troops in town.
:	:	14:211530	:	Parsons to put smoke screen in front of village of Ruskein
:	:	:	:	Jenks to screen right flank from observation
:	:	15:211533	:	Clayton called for by CO
:	:	16:211540	:	Jenks observed a tank going into position in front of town of Ruskein
:	:	17:211544	:	Flank platoon of C started into town of Ruskein progress slow because of ditch
:	:	18:211630	:	Bn ordered to move on into town and proceed south through it
:	:	19:211635	:	Bn left Ruskein headed south to Mutterstadt - enemy road blocks reported in Mutterstadt. Hcn Plat sent out ahead: they were fired upon when within 300 yds of town and pinned down. A/714 point for Bn moves in with C/56. C/56 to hold town open as Bn moves through then tail Bn
:	:	:	:	AG and 80th Inf Arty and mortar to lay preparations of 15 minutes on town
:	:	20:211700	:	Enemy Arty active, some mortar fire
:	:	21:211800	:	C/56 enters town, encounters road block and starts to dismantle it
:	:	1:220600	:	Bn enters Mutterstadt. Attack south toward objective planned, 92nd supported by 1 plat tanks from A/714
:	:	2:220710	:	6 tanks reported at railroad south of town
:	:	3:220745	:	AT fire being received plus heavy artillery
:	:	4:220800	:	CP established in Mutterstadt. C/714 detached to CC-B control
:	:	1:230600	:	Company Commander meeting at 0600 - Order of march C plus D/56 mtd, A plus rest of D/56 mtd, Hq Co plus D/714: 56 Inf reports ATs positions have been wiped out. Enemy has withdrawn from towns that were previously objectives:
:	:	2:230630	:	head of column moves out
:	:	3:230635	:	rest of column moves out
:	:	4:230645	:	Msg for Clayton - slow down, you are going too fast
:	:	5:230700	:	on moving south. Major Boone calls AG to be prepared to smoke flanks. - route: main road south then to side road:
:	:	:	:	AG. on moving right along at 0918.
:	:	6:230718	:	Position sent to CC-B, advance elements 520852
:	:	7:230920	:	on moving to town on west to len. left flank still exposed
:	:	8:230930	:	Air supports bridge still intact at Speyer and one further down creek still in
:	:	9:230935	:	Speyer 5 Km south. Our point about 21.5 Km in front of

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IN	OUT	NO. DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
			US. Our force to occupy town changed. 92nd will occupy town
		10:230940	No anti-tank fire received as yet
		11:230945	Point received anti-tank fire at edge of town. Enemy doughs at left of point taken under fire. Doughs dismounted and sent ahead, tanks to follow doughs. Barrage balloons still up over Speyer
		12:231000	Bridge at Speyer blown up. Small arms fire received
		13:231300	Clayton reports 88 fire coming down street. Small arms fire heavy, C/56 out front and has prisoners
		14:231320	CO reports AT fire near him. A/714 held up by same guns
		15:231330	Progress very slow, doughs receiving heavy sniper fire
		16:231335	C/56 reports that they will have to take another route into town as they are zeroed in
		17:231336	C/56 and C/714 have casualties, send medical detachment forward
		18:231340	CO calls for Taylor to set up PW enclosure at his present location.
		19:231345	CO calls CO-B
		20:231350	CO calls for medics again
		21:231400	From Norton/ We are entering town now
		22:231402	Answer/ Field is attempting to swing doughs through suburbs of town to outflank gun
		23:231405	Gordon reports a regiment of Inf and 2 tanks in Hanhoffen
			Norton is in edge of city, don't know how far in they are
		24:231407	AT gun to right front, AT gun to left front.
		25:231410	Clayton calls for Arty fire on AT guns
		26:231430	Progress still slow. 2 Inf. companies working toward AT gun on left. Arty fired at it and adjustments being made
		27:231524	Kreng A/714 tanks enter town shooting, prisoners coming out. Doughs are still with tanks
		28:231505	CO Field transmits message that tanks are to dash across open field and seize north end of town. Pocket of enemy in ditch has been cleared. CO CO-B urges force on
		29:231525	A/714 over-running guns, large caliber
		30:231527	C/56 at Foundry
		31:231537	A/714 held up by CO for a while until situation clears
		32:231545	A/714 has 11 tanks, have just crossed the tracks
		33:231547	CO wants C/56 to swing across main road to AT gun
		34:231548	CO A/714 thinks AT gun is knocked out
		35:231605	A/714 across main road and proceeding down it. C/56 not too well organized. C/714 with other doughs to follow into town. L/714 to follow AGs into town
		36:231630	En less Hq Co moves into Speyer. Company Commanders meeting at filling station, short pause for regrouping.
		37:231715	Major Boone reports position of our force as near center of town to Norton's force.
		38:231805	Force encounters a road block in town, some casualties.
		1:240500	Road block reported down by Infantry. Civilians have cleared it

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At 0630 1 April 1945 Task Force Field moved out for Volkehausen, Germany, enroute bazooka fire was encountered and the town was by-passed, moving on toward Gunkelshofen. One enemy tank was sighted south of Hohenstadt, Germany at 0925 1 April 1945 by the point, Company "A", and was knocked out. At 1000 the point was moving in on Ochsenfurt, Germany. The bridge at the Main River was believed to be in good condition. One enemy tank was sighted on the far side of the river, fired upon and knocked out. The bridge was reported blown at 1100 by Captain Charles C. Clayton, Company "B", but that only the center portion. The supports were still in good condition. One Mark V tank was fired on and knocked out. At 1300 Captain Charles C. Clayton, Company "C", 714th Tank Bn., called for help from the assault gun platoon as he had sighted another enemy tank. The assault gun was not able to get into position fast enough, so Captain Clayton ordered his bulldozer into position, and with the aid of two light tanks, fired on and knocked out one enemy Mark IV tank. At 1425 1 April 1945 Company "B" was ordered to attack, by surprise, the town of Markbret, Germany. One platoon of Company "B" 16th ID was attached to Company "B" for this operation. The town was found heavily occupied by the enemy. Three light tanks were lost in the operation, five infantry casualties and five Company "B" men were casualties in this operation. Three men from Company "B" were listed as missing in action, and one man was killed in action. One of the three men listed missing in action was later recaptured when an enemy hospital was captured. However, many casualties were inflicted on the enemy. The task force CP was set up in Ochsenfurt, Germany, at 1600 1 April 1945. Bridge guard was established, security outposts and patrols were set up immediately.

At 1100 2 April 1945 a message was received from executive officer, CC-B, stating information that there was evidence of a Panzer Grenadier Division in the general vicinity of Staldorf, Germany (Coordinate 6010). At 2005 2 April 1945, a company commanders meeting was called. The task force was alerted to move after 2400 on 15 minutes notice. The task force commander, Lt. Col. Frederick P. Field, then Major, cautioned all company commanders of looting by personnel. Operation instructions were issued by CC-B with overlay, and the task force was alerted to move at 1400. A meeting of all officers was called at 1120 3 April 1945 to discuss plans for crossing the Main River and the assault on Eursburg, Germany.

At 1445 3 April 1945 orders were changed also route and objective were changed to cross the Main River and proceed to Leubelfied, Germany, going into a assembly area at that point, facing north, the unit to turn south and secure the bridge at Markbret, Germany. The entire task force except Headquarters and Task Force Trains were over the bridge at 1600. Tanks were definitely canalized and unable to move over the hill due to excellent dug in enemy positions. Time fire by artillery was called for at this point. At 1800 the task force was still unable to obtain positions on hill. The task force commander called the commanding officer, CC-B, and informed him of the situation and told him that he planned on leaving Headquarters Section on the other side of the bridge, but was ordered to move the entire unit over. At 1915 Lt. McConnell with the attached platoon of Company "B" 119th Engineers

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Battalion was clearing a dud bomb from the road. Capt. Clayton reported that his company was unable to move with Lt. McConnell's platoon on road. Colonel Charles V. Brooley, CG, CG-1, appeared in the area to discuss the situation with the task force commander at 1915. At 1941 the task force command section crossed the bridge. At 2100 the task force commander requested to pull back and consolidate positions. The request met with approval. The CP was set up and also outpost security.

At 0200 4 April 1945 enemy patrols infiltrated in to Eichenfurt and destroyed two jeeps belonging to Company "B" 119th Engineer Battalion, with grenades. Company "B" 56th AIB was attached to the task force for the operations on Erlach, Germany. The point moved out for Erlach, Germany, meeting little resistance. Hq & Hq trains remained in Klein Eichenfurt, Germany, waiting orders to move forward behind the force. At 1600 the tail of the column was hit by machine gun fire, turned and went back. At this time heavy artillery was coming in from front of the column. The M-2 half-track was hit by machine gun fire. At 1635 the assault gun platoon fired three rounds of E time fire in woods to the right of the column. The air CP reported enemy leaving Leubelsried, and Erlach at this time. Lt. McConnell and one enlisted man were killed by enemy machine gun fire. Several men were injured. Three men of an Platoon were also wounded. The point tank received AT fire and the tube of 76mm gun was shot off. At this time the task force commander urged movement in to defile positions to bring fire on anti-tank guns. Three enemy tanks were spotted by the air CP in the woods (Coordinate 695250) at 1725. The tanks were reported moving toward the force. One enemy AT gun was knocked out by Company "A" at 1810. At 2155 the force, having taken Erlach, Germany, moved in to assembly area for the night. During the afternoon and early evening, five enemy tanks and three 88mm guns were knocked out by the force.

A company commanders meeting was held at the task force commanders tank at 0600 3 April 1945. Ten enemy planes attacked forward elements by strafing and bombing. Observation plane was also attacked by one enemy plane. At 0830 no resistance was being encountered at Kitzengen, Germany. Capt. Clayton reported road block at railroad underpass. The engineers were ordered to demolish it. The air CP reported the road-bridge slightly damaged, but the railroad bridge was blown. At 0940 the task force was moving in to Kitzengen. Capt. Clayton reported one bazooka found and a number of snipers encountered. At 1200 the bridgehead at Kitzengen, Germany, was secured by the task force. Combat Command "B" was informed of the situation. At 1245 the 70th Tk Bn, CG "A", and one battalion of the 4th Infantry Division moved into Kitzengen. The task force was ordered to turn over the bridgehead to the other force and be prepared to move in any direction. Approximately 30 PWs were taken up to 1300. Artillery and mortar firing to the east side of the river. At 1330 French laborers claimed that German soldiers had been removing uniforms for civilian clothes and were leaving their posts. At 1600 the task force was preparing to send a flying column to Westheim, Germany. One hundred thirty enemy were reported entering town from the east. White phosphorus was reported falling south of Westheim, Germany, by Company "A". Air CP confirmed report. The task force commander cautioned the point not to fire on friendly troops. At 1635 it was reported that CG-A was entering Rottendorf, Germany.

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Friendly troops were reported firing on Westheim, Germany at 1630 and at 1725 the task force moved into position outside Westheim, Germany. Groups of Russians and Poles came out of town and announced that there were no enemy in the town. The commanding officer, Combat Command "B", ordered the task force to move to Siebelsheld, Germany and back to Wittzenen, Germany to flush out any enemy force in the vicinity. At 1800 the task force moved through Siebelsheld, Germany, toward Weidenhelf, Germany, thence back to Wittzenen. Fifty prisoners of war were taken with no opposition. The task force was ordered to remain in Wittzenen for the night and proceed on the original plan in the morning.

A company commanders meeting was held at 0630 6 April 1945 in preparation for moving. The task force moved out on its mission. No enemy resistance reported up to 1000. Company "A" 714th Tank Battalion eliminated Erlenbriet, Germany. Lt. Vernon R. Foster sighted one enemy tank and destroyed it. Orders received at 1200 were to go to Weinbernheim, Germany instead of moving to Eichenfeld and Markstett, Germany, to clear out any opposition the task force might encounter. At 1425 the town of Weinbernheim fell to the task force. A small task force was sent to Imhofen, Germany, immediately upon arrival in Weinbernheim. The town of Imhofen unoccupied by enemy troops. Lt. Col. Frederick W. Field, Task Force Commander, was awarded the Silver Star at 1600 6 April 1945 by Colonel Charles W. Brasley, Commanding Officer, CC-B, for gallantry in action. The task force remained in Weinbernheim, Germany, performing maintenance on vehicles and resting of troops on 7 and 8 April 1945.

On 9 April 1945 at 1000, sixty one (61) reinforcements were received. At 1515 verbal orders were received alerting the unit for movement. A company commanders meeting was held at 1730 to discuss plans of movement order. The point moved out at 1830. Capt. Clayton, Company "C", 714th Tank Battalion reported receiving a good deal of HE fire in the vicinity of Klein Langheim, Germany. 1st Lt. Richard P. Lawrence was seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire. Artillery fire on the town was called for by the task force commander. Capt. Clayton reported that fire was being received from opposite side of the creek. The mortar platoon was also firing into town. At 2300 the rocket launcher of Company "C" 714th Tank Battalion, fired into town at enemy wagon column.

One tank from Company "C" 714th Tank Battalion was hit in the gun shield by bazooka fire at 0830 10 April 1945. Another Company "C" tank was hit at 0915. Some type of fire was landing in assembly area but was light and harassing. The mortar platoon was firing smoke to cover Company "C" withdrawal. At 1515 Task Force Norton entered Klein Langheim from the north. A PW reported location of trains of opposing force and stated that the force numbered about three hundred. At 1430 the assistant S-3 of Combat Command "B" called for air to attack enemy trains. At 1640 Task Force Norton moved out on new objective with this task force blocking to the north. Gestel, Germany, was entered at 1700 and the task force remained there for the night. Refueling and resupply were accomplished immediately. Outposts were posted and security established for the night at 1700.

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At approximately 1230 11 April 1945, the point moved out from Castel, Germany. At 1250 the assault team (eleven leaders, Lt. Jones, sighted two 88mm anti-aircraft guns at railroad station in Ichienfeld, Germany. Lt. Jones requested artillery fire on positions. One enemy tank was sighted by Company 'A' in Markt, Germany. At 1255 two rounds of Artillery fire were received at this place. Two enemy were reported in town by Lt. Vernon S. Foster. The task force commander ordered Company 'C' 714th Tank Battalion into position in an attempt to level the situation. Artillery claimed there were four positions north and east of town and also two destroyed enemy tanks with artillery support. The task force commander requested air support in the south of town at 1330, but warned the air liaison officer not to bomb in town as an entry was ready to move in. Markt Albert was entered by the task force at 1700. Security was posted and the unit prepared to spend the night. One enemy Panther tank, with crew intact, was captured by Major William L. Comfort, 1st Lt. John A. Cook, with four light tanks.

A company commanders meeting was held at 0630 12 April 1945 in preparation for move. The point moved out at 0745. One enemy tank was knocked out at 0830 by the point tank of Company 'C' 714th Tank Battalion. The task force commander reported to both Division and 'H' and confirmed the destruction of four (4) enemy tanks during the previous twenty-four (24) hours. The force was advancing to Krautesheim at 1000 with orders to move into assembly area at that point before jumping off to a new objective. At 1015, Company D, last tank knocked out one Mark IV tank and took five prisoners after force had passed through. Enemy tank was located near tank that Clayton had knocked out previously. Commanding Officer, 488, instructed Task Force Commander at 1020 to pull into Krautesheim and come to rest until Task Force Norton could be moved into secure all around protection. Also to look over terrain to be negotiated on route to new objective. At 1030 Capt. Clayton knocked out staff car at the edge of Krautesheim. Air OP reported staff car, 1 light tank and 2 truck vehicles at cross roads out of Krautesheim. Capt. Clayton located in the center of town was unable to see these vehicles. At 1030 Company D knocked out 1 anti-tank gun. At 1035 a report that a German General by the name of von Bonn was in this area. The task force commander ordered the infantry to go through the town thoroughly and to look for staff officers. Lt. Cook with Company D was ordered on a reconnaissance mission to Ingolstadt. Lt. Cook reported horse drawn vehicles leaving Erlenheim for the hills. Lt. Schaughlin stated that he could bring fire on the vehicles. Task Force Commander said to fire on them. At 1205 Capt. Clayton stated he had knocked out 1 anti-tank gun and observed a column leaving Borselheim. The Task Force Commander requested air OP to observe and call for time fire on the column. At 1215 Capt. Clayton reported 3 more trucks knocked out and 1 Mark IV tank. Lt. Cook reported that he had knocked out 1 vehicle and sighted friendly troops entering town of Ingolstadt. At 1300 airforce attacked town of Herbolzheim on request to check enemy evacuating town. Lt. Cook took 25 prisoners and killed 5 of the enemy, also wrecked one horse drawn column and destroyed one anti-tank gun which was believed to be a tank before at Ingolstadt. At 1500 the task force point under command of Captain Clayton moved into Markt Nordheim, encountering no resistance. Civilians reported to Capt. Clayton that both bridges were mined. Capt. Clayton used prisoners to remove the mines. Approximately 55 prisoners were taken in town. The unit set up their CP in town.

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At 0800 15 April 1945, the task force received overlays for small task forces to occupy towns in the vicinity. Lt. Cook with a small task force occupied the town of Mumprechtshausen, reported that he had encountered no resistance, but found mines in two blocks of the town. Commanding Officer of Combat Command called a meeting at 1100 and gave orders for task force formation and information for commander to work on task forces. Orders were as follows: Task Force Clayton, 1 platoon of tanks plus two tanks, plus 1 platoon of infantry. Task Force Clayton's objective was Rudelsheim 95108; Task Force McLaughlin, Company A plus 1 platoon of Infantry, Task Force McLaughlin's objective was Herbolshausen 9210. Task Force Trusley, 1 platoon of Tanks plus Company C 36 AIB. Task Force Trusley's objective was Mulesheim. Task Force Cook, Company D plus tanks from Company C plus 1 platoon of Infantry. Task Force Cook's mission was to hold Herbolshausen in reserve. The mission of all forces was; Reconnaissance in force, if the objectives were free of enemy, to occupy, if town was held in force by enemy, to get on high ground and hold what ground they had. Task Force Comfort, Battalion Headquarters plus Mortar Platoon and Assault Guns to move to Kreutshausen and set up CP. One medic jeep per force. Medical Aid station located at CP. The Infantry was broken down as follows: 2nd Platoon to Task Force McLaughlin, 4th Platoon to Task Force Clayton, 3rd and 1st Platoons to Task Force Cook. At 1515 the Task Force moved out for their objectives. At 1515 Battalion Headquarters with Mortars and Assault Guns moved to Kreutshausen and set up the CP.

On 15 April 1945 the unit was ordered to move to Elstert. At 1500 the Task forces were relieved of their missions and unit consolidated with Headquarters, to move and secure bridgehead at Dietersheim. The initial movement was to Mumprechtshausen. Task Force moved from assembly area at Elstert at 1415. Order of march; A Company 714th Tk. Bn. plus 1 platoon of Infantry, Assault Guns, Company C 36th AIB, Company C, 714th Tk Bn, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, D Company 714th Tk Bn. At 1515 the point reached the town of Dietersheim. The towns were flying a white flag, both the bridges were intact and not mined. The point tank had at this time crossed the first bridge, but could not cross the second bridge because it was not strong enough to hold tanks. Lt Jenks reported that he had received direct fire at 1535, one round HE hit about 10 yards from his tank. At 1600 center of column received artillery fire, the command half-track and trains moved back to Gefilde. The Commanding Officer requested Air CP to try to locate enemy gun positions. Col. Field, at 1615, requested Engineers to bring up two spans of trestle to bridge site as the bridge had collapsed. Col. Cronley with Col. Field at the bridge site at this time. Remainder of Task Force Field crossed the bridge at Dietersheim at 2000. Orders from CC B: To establish bridgehead and post security for the night. Lt McLaughlin to hold the high ground to NE of town with Company C 36 AIB attached and Clayton with Company B 36th AIB attached to remain in town. CC B to remain in Unter Wesselbach with Col. Cronley's force. CC went to CC B for instructions for following days operations. At 2100 a medical jeep hit two mines injuring one man of the 36th AIB. Engineers to sweep roads in the morning. Mortar fire fell on force's elements on outposts at 2240. Lt Jenks observed mortars on side of a hill and adjusted artillery fire on this point. It was believed that this fire knocked out mortars as no more fire was received during the remainder of the night.

Operational instructions were received at 2300 for 15 April with overlay.

On 15 April 1945 at 0400 Company A reported heavy vehicular movement to the direct front. Company C also reports enemy tanks in the vicinity to the SE. At 0500 2 PWs walked through the lines and were interned by Company A. Company commanders meeting at 0530, operations instructions given with order of march, overlay and instructions were attached. Unit moved out toward Hermunhausen at 0630. At 0730 considerable small arms fire received from dense woods. A half-track hit a mine killing two men of Company C, 36th AIB. Column receiving scattered and harassing artillery. At 1012 a PW reported approximately 1000 enemy troops in vicinity of Reesbach and Heesbach. Task Force Field now entering Unter Reesbach. At 1040 the point moved into Ober Reesbach. Lt. McLaughlin knocked out one truck with ammunition and food, also one US model jeep. Lt. McLaughlin reported the point had destroyed another truck on east side of woods at 1115. At 1300 Task Force Field was into assembly area at Hermunhausen. CO directs Lt. McLaughlin to hold high ground east of town, also CO directs Ron to the main highway to await Col. Norton Force reaching the objective. A Polish PW reported that 5 105 mm guns are in the rear of Col. Fields Force. Lt. Cook with a platoon of light tanks sent to reconnoiter the woods. Lt. Cook found the previous location of the guns, at the same time the rear of the column was hit by sniper and SA fire. Lt. Cook held hot fire on the woods while the column clears. Lt. Cook evacuated with head wound. Company C Rocket Commander and Company A's First Sergeant also wounded. At this time intense artillery fire was being received in town of Hermunhausen. At 1600 Company and separate Platoon Commanders called to CP, intense artillery still was coming in. The unit was ordered to move to Heesbach at 1800, the town was reported to be cleared out by the 36 AIB at 2000. CO-2 decided force should stay in Schellert as Heesbach was not large enough. The companies outposted for the night, no unusual activity during the night. Movement orders for 16 April received at 2200.

At 0800 16th April 1945 the unit prepared to move out. Unit moved out at 0830. At 1000 the point sighted Markt Erlbach. CO CC-2 stated not to waste anytime clearing the town and to go through as quickly as possible. Air OP reported at 1025 stating the bridge at Adelsdorf was out. The engineers were directed to survey and estimate the necessary repairs. Air bursts and ground fire received on rear positions and tanks of Company "A". At 1500 a patrol of Company "D" encountered a mine field, 1 tank was damaged. At 1555 a bridge was completed and CO ordered Lt. Trusley to move out. Capt. Clayton entered Kirch Fernbach at 1720 with orders to outpost for the night. CO CC-2 decided to make a dash for next objective in order to secure bridge for next days objective. At 1800 intense artillery fire was received between Eberndorf and Kirchheimbach. Also vehicles were observed in this area. CO called artillery support to try to locate enemy guns. At 2000 the task force was ordered to spend the night at that location. Capt. Clayton found and destroyed, large caliber gun, 1 airplane, and a number of horses and wagons which were still hitched up. Lt. McLaughlin saw a hangar and supply dump and destroyed them. At 2020 Capt. Clayton reported that he had destroyed 2 170mm guns and a number of crated bombs at the airfield. Some machine gun fire was received by the outposts at 2300, artillery was called on this area.

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On 17 April at 0245 a company commanders meeting was held and orders for the days movement was given. The force jumped off at 0700 with Company A as the point. At 0745 Lt. McLaughlin reported that he had located a tank in a shed and two more at a greater range. At 0800 the point moved to Gross Habersdorf, located 2 box cars, 1 staff car, and 3 trucks, destroyed them. At 1230 Capt. Wilson had the bridge in condition and the column moved. A mine field was encountered at 1300, the engineers removed the mines and the column proceeded slowly. The lead tank of the point was hit by a panzerfaust. The forward observer was trying to locate the gun that was firing into bridge site and also laying time fire around column. The firing ceased but air CP continued to try to locate the gun. Lt. Rathloff observed 4 or 5 enemy on apparent CP and fired on them, they dispersed but apparently were not hit. At 1515 the bridge gave way directly in front of Lt. Jenks, but the engineers by reinforcing the bridge soon moved the remainder of the force over. At 1500 the force was moving but running into considerable small arms fire and panzerfaust. At 1600 there was no change in the situation. Capt. Clayton moved on to Fomhoff, stated that he could see into town but could not observe any action that might indicate the enemy in town. At 1700 the force was still moving. At 1820 Capt. Clayton had high ground overlooking Heilbronn. Colonel Nortons force was emerging from the woods at 8:25 approximately 2000 yards NE of Capt. Clayton's position, both forces were aware of each others presence. The CG informed C of CC-B of trouble in getting through, because of numerous mines that were laid and other obstacles such as craters and a blown bridge. The force went into assembly area at 2200, no unusual activities.

18 April 1945 the force in Heilbronn was alerted to move at 1115. A number of 20mm guns, tank sights, periscopes lenses, medical supplies, and X-ray equipment were found in the school house in Heilbronn at 0930. At 1240 leading elements encountered mines in vicinity of 1286. The engineer platoon swept the area. The forward elements knocked out 1 towed 75 mm AT gun at 1300. At 1520 the forward element received direct AT fire and HE, 1 round of AP went over the Communist Half-track. The leading elements moved through woods toward Wustendorf at 1400, progress was slow due to road by-pass limiting the number of vehicles. At 1630 the force jumped off for final drive into Ansbach. At 1700 Capt. Clayton reported that he had destroyed 3, 88s, 1 105 How, etc. Two hundred PWs were taken up to this time. A combat patrol led by Lt. Trusley received some time fire at 1800. At 1830 Col. Bromley ordered that the force remain in its present location until he cleared a suitable route into town.

At 1900 19 April reported that he had encountered a hastily constructed road block, and could remove it. The force moved into Ansbach at 2000. The CP was established for the night. The entire Division elements moving in. On 19 April an order to move to Fomthungen was received at 1000. Route of march on overlay. At 1600 the remainder of the force moved out. Lt. McLaughlin on the point with 1 squad of Engineers and 1 platoon of Infantry attached with orders to move out to objective as flying task force. The order of march for the rear elements was as follows:

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Co. C plus 1 plst. Infantry
Command Section - Tanks
Co. C/36 AIB minus two platoons
Assault Gun Platoon
Mortar Plst., followed by Hq & Hq Co.
Engineers
Co. D

Service Co. to remain in Ambsch. At 1600 the force was moving at a very fast rate. The road condition was poor. The second bridge at Herridon fell through and was by-passed. At 2040 the bridge at Ober-Schönbrunn fell through. AP fire was received in vicinity of Ober-Schönbrunn. The force turned back and by-passed to the NE over the bridge at Bockene. Co. A on the point continued to Aichen. An Apparent mine field was investigated by Co. A. At 2100 the remainder of the force cleared the bridge at Bockene. Artillery and smoke was laid at Ober-Schönbrunn to screen the by-pass. At 2120 a lucky round of arty. hit an ammunition dump in the vicinity of Ober-Schönbrunn, the dump exploded. The force closed into the assembly area at Aichen at 2140. Local security was set. Fourteen PWs were taken during the day's operation. A company commanders meeting was called at 2200 and orders were issued for next day's operations.

On 20 April the force moved to support Task Force Norton at Feuchtwangen at 0600. At 0700 the force moved to the high ground E of Feuchtwangen. Capt Clayton and Lt McLaughlin moved into position overlooking the town and observed some activity. Lt McLaughlin fired on some enemy trying to infiltrate into town at 0800. No contact was made at 0730 with CC-R who was supposed to have moved into and occupy the town. The force was ordered to fire only S of grid line 67. At 0900 permission was granted to move in and attack the town because CC-R was held up. Task Force Norton and Task Force Field ordered to take the town. Task Force Norton moved into town and Task Force Field was to protect the S flank of town. At 1220 TFP entered town and established a CP. Outposts of tanks and Infantry were set up W of the railroad. Three rounds of AP received in Co. A's vicinity, no information of where the rounds came from could be obtained. A combat patrol of 1 platoon of light tanks plus a squad of Infantry under Lt. Turley encountered a road block and cleared same. No resistance was met. A total of 12 PWs were taken during the day's operations.

On the 21st of April at 0600 the force was in an assembly area in Feuchtwangen. No unusual activities. At 2100 force received orders for march to vicinity of Zellingen. At 2200 an order to extend objective to Bopfingen was received. The force was alerted to move at 220630. No PWs taken during the day's operations.

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The task force moved out at 0630 22 April, with Bopfingen, Germany as its objective. No enemy opposition was met along the route. Bopfingen was reached at 1020 and ordered to move on to Ulmstein, Germany. At 1600, Ulmstein, Germany was taken and the CO established for the night with usual security outposts and patrols instituted. 129 PWs were taken during the day's operations.

At 0730 23 April, the Task Force was attached to Combat Command 'A', and ordered to proceed immediately to Willigen, Germany to pass through the established bridgehead to Holzheim, Germany. En route, Company C knocked out 2 enemy 88 mm guns. The Task Force closed in Holzheim, Germany at 1200. A Company C patrol released 600 Allied prisoners of war. In addition 20 Americans PWs were released. 67 PWs were taken and 11 enemy AT guns were destroyed. Estimated 101 enemy killed during the day.

The Task Force remained in Holzheim, Germany until 242000 April, when ordered to move to the vicinity of Aisligen, Germany and then to Rundersingen, Germany. A patrol from Co. B was sent out to reconnoiter bridges, and reported the bridge at the railroad and the autobahn south of Burgau intact, but mined. An enemy plane that had crashed was spotted by the patrol. Total PWs for the day was 9.

On 25 April a Company Commander's meeting was called at 0400 to issue orders for the days operations. The Task Force moved out. At 0730 the point, Co. A, reported moving into Femschert, Germany. The Company Commander of Company A, 1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin, reported the point had pushed through the town ahead and encountered a large number of enemy in a draw. At 1129 approximately 200 PWs had been taken. Nebelwerfer fire was received, believed to be coming from the vicinity of Gumburg, Germany. The Air CO reported that the artillery had fired on guns that were believed to have fired on the rear elements of the column, and guaranteed that they had been knocked out. The bridge on the autobahn was reported to have been blown at 1200. At 1230 six explosions were observed in the vicinity of Gumburg, Germany. It was believed to have been bridges or Ammunition Dumps being blown. The Task Force Commander informed Combat Command B that Prisoners of War and civilians had stated that the headquarters of two battalions, and several hundred enemy were located in Offingen. At 1400 C/36 was meeting heavy small arms fire from the woods to the right while trying to work in to town. The situation developed into house to house fighting. The Infantry was withdrawn to more favorable positions at 1610, D/36 was attached to assist in attacking the town. The 494th FA fired an intense barrage into the woods before the Infantry moved into town. The Assault Gun Platoon, Mortar Platoon, and Company C Rocket launcher also fired into town prior to the attack

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by the Infantry. The two Infantry Companies, 7/56 and 1/56 received intense small arms fire and many hand grenades while attacking the town. Company B, 56th AIB reached the objective and called for Company C, 56th AIB to move up to protect the left flank. Colonel Charles V. Bromley congratulated Company 56th AIB on a job well done. The force pulled back to Fattenbach for consolidation. The CP was set up at 2200 and security posted. A counter-attack was expected. All prisoners were taken during the day's operations. Around midnight unknown artillery was falling in the vicinity of town.

On 26 April at 0020 Federal (63 Inf) was fighting against stiff opposition north of P-town, and in LEL. At 0200 the Force was in the assembly area in Fattenbach, unknown artillery was coming in. At 0700 a patrol was sent in direction of Offingen. The civilians reported that Offingen was clear of the enemy. A patrol from Co. D 56th AIB plus 1 platoon of Co. F 714th Pk Bn was sent to investigate. At 0830 a patrol from Co. C 56th AIB plus 1 platoon Co. F 714th was sent in the direction of Reisenberg. Two 51 mm mortars were destroyed, and a number of panzerfausts. One platoon of Infantry of Co. C 56th plus one platoon Co. C, 714th were sent to Borgeu to clean out the enemy that had infiltrated. Artillery was being laid in vicinity of Borgeu. At 0930 a counter-attack was developing against the 63rd Inf. Div. in the vicinity of Leinheim and Gunsberg. The Force was alerted to move to Gunsberg to wipe out the counter attack. Lt. Trusley's patrol to Reisenberg was recalled. At 1005 civilians reported SS troops approaching Offingen. The patrol at Offingen reported seeing 6 SS troops from CP. Air CP going up to investigate. The patrol observed a few troops in the woods. At 1020 Belgians and Poles reported 3 batteries of small artillery and lot of 40 mm ack ack in Gunsberg. It was reported that at 0700 the SS troops left Offingen to get 30 other SS troops and were to return. At 1110 orders were changed to remain in present position and clean out Offingen. The plan was to move Lt. Trusley NW to the railroad and pivot to the right and work toward Lt. Blair who is going through town. Lt. Trusley was to contact the 63rd Inf. Div. at Gunsberg and maintain liaison with that unit. At 1130 Lt. Blair reported that he had reached the Danube River and seen only a few enemy. At 1135 Lt. Blair reported that he had cleared the town and had outposted along the railroad, also that he had 15 or 20 prisoners. At 1142 Lt. Furley with patrol cleared a road block and reported that there was a crater on the Offingen side of the bridge leading to Gundesmingen. Major Boone on the way at 1145 to contact Lt. Blair with the OI on the coordinated attack. Lt. Blair was to contact both Lt. Cook and Major Boone. Major Boone contacted

friendly forces on high ground N of forces position at 1200. Major Boone made arrangements to coordinate movement of both forces. The objective of the 63rd Inf. Div. was to secure the high ground N of the railroad. One Bn was to move through the woods toward Offingen. Major Boone contacted Lt. Blair's and Lt. Cook and notified them of the situation. At 1205 friendly troops moved in from the N. Positions were held in Offingen until the friendly troops arrived. An Officer from the 63rd reported into the CP and informed the CO of his mission and relative positions, also stated that his unit had thrown the artillery that the force had received during the night, and that they had planned on laying down a heavy barrage in the town of Offingen. Col. Bromley went to the CP at 1220, and gave new movements orders to proceed to Gumburg. At 1320 Capt. Clayton reported that he had cleared Gumburg. At 1330 the CO CO-B directed the main body to halt just E of the railroad, and that the point proceed cautiously to Leipheim. Capt Clayton reported that his lead elements were in Leipheim at 1330, also reported that he had contacted friendly troops who had been counter attacked twice during the night and once during the morning. At 1500 the force halted at Gumburg, turned around and returned on the route as before through Hattenbach and then to Burgau. At 1630 Capt Zabroski, CO-B met resistance on N side of town as he was entering. The enemy had infiltrated patrols during the night, also a large number were in the woods N of the main highway. The CP was established in Burgau at 1800, after the artillery and tanks had cleared the enemy from the town and woods. 31 Prisoners of War were taken during the day's operations.

On 27 April at 0700 an order was received from CO-B to be prepared to march at 1200, route of march on overlay. A Company Commander's meeting called at 0900 and the CI and march order was given to the companies. An order to move was received at 1030. At 1050 the column halted at the trail of the 63rd Inf. Div. column which was headed in the same direction. At 1130 the column was moving very slowly. CO-B informed the CO that the bridge at Zietmenshausen was out and was being repaired, and possibly this was the hold up. At 1140 the destination was changed. The unit was to proceed to Meltinfingen. The CO called the Exec. Off., Capt Clayton, Lt. McLaughlin to the command tank for instructions. The unit moved into Lengeringen and set up the CP at 1730. No resistance was met. At 2000 a patrol of 3 light tanks under Lt. Marnette plus 1 squad of infantry was sent out to contact OCA at Lendsberg. Liaison was effected with 253 Infantry CP at Schwabmunchen at 2040. At 2135 Company D reported that they had no radio contact with their patrol, and would report to the CP at first contact. At 2315 Co D still had not contacted the patrol. COB's LO called and stated that no bridgehead had been made also that he would try to contact the patrol to OCA if communication was available, also stated that OCA was at Lendsberg.

On 28 April 1945 at 0007, the patrol to OCA returned and made contact. The patrol leader reported the following: 23 American PWs were

CASUALTY

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KIA

Pfc John J. Lechmann, 20119155
Pfc Eugene (NMI) Grillo, Jr., 33228050
Tec 4 George P. Gray, 38036385
Cpl Charles Hake Jr., 13094943

MIA

Tec 4 John A. Skeen, 39400370
Pfc Edwin . Blessing, 38548888
Cgt John (NMI) Pakett, 35586258
Pvt Michael J. Penzino, 42142310
Pfc Jess (NMI) Zamora, 39687208

WIA

S/Cgt James D. Ufferman, 35422874
Cpl Mike (NMI) Zagoras, 37692132
Pvt Lawrence R. Driscoll, 31227973
Tec 3 Albert L. Holman, 15335848
Pfc Claude E. Crawford, 36316081
Pfc Peter F. Greenan, 32361077
Pfc James E. Beene, 6666318
Sgt Ralph NMI Phillips, 13132687
Tec 3 Charles NMI Klein, 16148802
Pvt Richard A. Beltrame, 36908323
Sgt Ralph L. Brown, 6867321
2nd Lt. John N. McDougall, 02006418
Tec 3 Milford O. Goodman, 38230196
Tec 3 Edward F. Kapelka, 33471224
1st Lt. Richard P. LaFrance, 01017434
Tec 4 Michael NMI Bohacnyk, 33243132
Tec 3 Harold I. Looney, 36118844
Cpl Leilon NMI McIntire, 35092984
Tec 4 Virgil E. Wohlers, 37457516
Pvt Robert E. Higgins, 35091314
Pvt Adolph G. Lounak, 37747008
Cpl Richard A. Berentson, 37444446
Tec 4 Daniel J. Korn, 36382381
Sgt Alton E. Glothar, 12171342
Pfc Adam NMI Beckadie, 6888717
Tec 4 Charles E. McDonald, 33104791
Tec 4 George W. Venrich, 35510829
1st Lt. Harold S. Landon, 01012433
Pvt Emmett G. Crawford, 38284771
Pvt Joseph P. Firmani, 35536846
1st Sgt Sam E. Tillman, 38234388

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P. H. FIELD
Lt. Col., Cavalry
Commanding

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released at Lamerdergen (2548), 1 German PW taken at Lamerdergen (2548), no enemy contacted enroute, friendly troops contacted at Buehloe (2342) 19th Engineer and 90th Recon Squadron, CCA 12th AD contacted at Landsberg (3443). The patrol leader returned with CCA's CI for 28 April 1945. A copy of the CI was made for TFF and the original sent to CCB. The patrol leader left for CCB at 0050 with the CI and 4 PWS. The American PWs were taken to C/56 for billets. An overlay and roster of the American PWs were sent to CCB. At 0800 the unit was placed on a 1 hour alert. At 0915 a combat patrol was sent out to reconnoiter the route to the bridgeheads. At 1015 C-4 reported that the mail clerk had run into 9 knocked out US trucks at 0950 at the southern edge of Grossertingen (259619). One round of HE was fired at him, the round was believed to have come from the woods at 2063. This information was released to CCB at 1020. At 1145, 25 PWs who were captured by the Company D patrol were turned over to CCB's PW cage. At 1200 the patrol returned. At 1300 the force was alerted to move in compliance with CI issued at 1430. At 1700 no unusual activities, the force was waiting orders to move. At 1930 the CO went to CCB for a meeting. At 2100 company commanders meeting was called and orders to move would not be issued before morning. Forty three PWs were taken.

On 29 April 1945 the force was alerted to move at 0900; at 1100 the force moved out for the objective. The force moved at a good rate of speed. The route of march was slightly changed, the force was to continue to Weilheim. At 2000 1 M5109 was shot down by Company D. The force was ordered to hold up in Weilheim for the night. At 2300 the CP was established and the force billeted. 12 PWs were taken during the day's operations.

On 30 April 1945 at 0600 the force was still in Weilheim and awaiting orders to move. At 0800 the force was ordered to move on original route after the Engineers had cleared. The point moved out at 0830. At 0915 the rear of the column cleared Weilheim. The column halted on the highway. A report came through that Task Force Norton had encountered light resistance at 1015. At 1100 a report came through that 5000 SS troops were stationed at the school in Bad Tols. At 1200 the force closed into the town of Hebach and the CP was established. No unusual activities. At 1600 the CO went to CCB and returned with orders to move by infiltration to the town of Arnheim and await further operation instructions. At 1800 the force moved into town of Lindelsdorf and the CP established. The CO returned from CCB at 2100 with the CI for 1 day. A Company Commanders meeting was called and the following instructions issued: CCB was to jump off and establish a bridgehead at 778095, then move to and seize town of Kochel. Company B 119th Engineers to put in a Bailey bridge. Company C 714th Tank Battalion to move to north of bridge site in the approximate vicinity of the east sweep of the river. Company C 56th AIB in an assembly position west of the river to act as reserve of Task Force Norton. Task Force Field to pass through the bridgehead to Kochel as Kochel is objective. Order of crossing: Company A plus 1 platoon Infantry, command section C/56, assault guns, mortar, C/714, D/714. Battalion CP to remain in its present location until given an order to move. To be executed on order. At 2200 no unusual activities had occurred. 14 PWs were taken during the day's operations.

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Pvt Stanley M. Volchck, 42074187
Cpl Douglas E. Berlin, 16133862
Pfc Arnold P. Bagdon, 32927590
Pfc Meyer Friedlander, 42035217
Tec 4 Patrick J. Griffin, 32552669
Cpl Theodore M. Mende, 36559310
Pfc Walter I. Lindemuth, 33243133
S/Sgt William F. Attison, 32365859
Pfc Rex E. Correll, 16132785
Pfc Richard A. Gilbert, 12198130
Tec 3 Alfred W. Jarmom, 32576844
Pvt George A. Richards, 42074210
Tec 3 John H. Reede, 31176209
Pfc Benjamin Weisberg, 32824630
Pfc Lester Stricoff, 12185911
Pvt Ernest J. Crawford, 38284751
Pfc Meyer Friedlander, 42035317
Tec 3 Frank W. Langenbecher, 33678950
Pfc Frank J. Hoffman, 36959334
Tec 4 Kenneth J. Fisher, 39613779
Sgt Orval Yates, 38293298
Tec 4 Lee Feldman, 32329112
T/Sgt Donald T. Ferguson, 36043691
Pfc Leonard King, 36647111
WOJG Charles D. Fraiser, W 2127799
Tec 4 Charles E. McDonald,
Pvt George E. McMenamin, 34099984
Tec 3 Irvin E. Bailey, 35141134
Pvt Ralph Armstrong Sr., 44090328
Pvt Henry L. Szanepniel, 32833303
1st Sgt Harry W. Shillinger, 35022621
Tec 3 Cecil Hall, 35678346
Pfc Sarkin P. Beyekian, 36878028
Pfc Bruno P. Chmielewski, 36369423
Sgt Gerald R. Holland, 32246415
Sgt Elmer L. Foster, 36619043
Sgt Harold W. Oakes, Jr., 37443908
Sgt Edward L. Mayberry, 33534814
Pvt Stanley E. Jones, 37397343
Sgt Charles L. Reed, 33521096
Pvt Neal W. Fisherman, 39135193
Cpl Edwin M. Shutchy, 31210186

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SILVER STAR

Lt. Col. Frederick P. Field, 0359720

OO 31, Sec I 14 Apr 45

BRONZE STAR

Lt. Col. Frederick P. Field, 0359720

OO 31, Sec IX 14 Apr 45

S/Lgt Walter A. Alverman, 36273975

OO 28, Sec III 1 Apr 45

S/Lgt Snook C. Morgan, 35740759

OO 28, Sec VI 1 Apr 45

1ec 4 George W. Gray, 38056385

OO 28, Sec VI 1 Apr 45

Capt. Robert L. Herrington, 0572556

OO 31, Sec K 14 Apr 45

1st Lt. Leonard A. Wentworth, 02047557

OO 31, Sec VIII 14 Apr 45

1st Lt. Charles C. McLaughlin, 01015571

OO 33, Sec IX 19 Apr 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Cgt Donald A. Ungers, 12047255

OO 28, Sec IX 1 Apr 45

S/Lgt Hubert L. Barnes, 36104229

OO 28, Sec X 1 Apr 45

Cgt Glenn H. Miller, 33058104

OO 31, Sec VII 14 Apr 45

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Major William K. Comfort
Major James M. Beane
Capt. Robert O. Kelly
Capt. Morris Schwartz
Capt. John K. Shippe
Capt. William H. Harridge
Capt. Charles E. Jenkins
1st Lt. Joe O. Carlson
1st Lt. Arnold G. Heath

Commanding Major to Lt. Col.
Executive Officer
S-3
S-2
Comm O
S-4
Hospital to duty No assigned duty
Div GND
S-1
Liaison Officer

Hq. Co

Capt. George Harding
1st Lt. Clee C. Taylor
1st Lt. Harold A. Sleeman
2nd Lt. Othel T. Parsons
2nd Lt. James R. Jenks
2nd Lt. Abe H. Trektman

Commanding
Rm Off
Maint Off
Motor Platoon Off
Assault Gun Platoon Off
S&O - RPM - Sn Gas Off

Co A

1st Lt. Charles J. McLaughlin
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster
1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt

Commanding
Tn Plt Ldr
Tn Plt Ldr
Tn Plt Ldr

Co B

Capt. Herbert E. McGruder
1st Lt. William W. Good
2nd Lt. Harry M. Kettler
2nd Lt. Ivin R. Philpott
2nd Lt. George E. Brenson

Commanding
Maint Off
Tn Plt Ldr
Tn Plt Ldr Hospital to duty
Tn Plt Ldr Trans from "A" Co

Co C

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
1st Lt. Harold S. London
1st Lt. Richard P. LaFrance
2nd Lt. John W. McDougal
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps

Commanding
Maint Off to Hospital
Tn Plt Ldr to Hospital
Tn Plt Ldr to Hospital
Tn Plt Ldr

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Co B

1st Lt. John G. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Dethleff
2nd Lt. William W. Turley
2nd Lt. William J. Venema
2nd Lt. Frank E. Pagnotto

Commanding
Maint Off
Trk Plat Ldr
Trk Plat Ldr
Trk Plat Ldr Hospital to duty

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Capt. John R. Stuerwald
2nd Lt. Casimir F. Grochowski
2nd Lt. Christopher T. Garvey
CWO Joseph T. Collins
WOJG George M. Frost
WOJG Charles D. Frazier

Commanding
Bn Motor Off
Co Maint Off
Trans Plat Off
Pers Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

Medics

Capt. Garfield S. Barnett
1st Lt. Leonard D. Wentworth

Med Off - General Surgery
Med Assist - PAC Trans to 82d

TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	ACTION
					TAKEN
				010630	Unit moved out for Volkshausen, encountered
					more barracks fire, by-passed town and moved
					toward Gnaukenigshofen.
			2	020925	McLaughlin sighted one tank and knocked it out
					vicinity south of Hohenstedt.
			3	011000	Point moving in on Ehenfurt. Bridge at river
					believed to be in good condition, one tank
					sighted on other side of the river, fire brought
					on tank knocked it out.
			4	011035	Bridge center span blown as unit entered town
			5	011035	Clayton reported that center span of bridge is
					blown but can be repaired. Supports are still
					good. One Mark V tank fired on and knocked out
			6	011300	Clayton's Bulldozer w/two light tanks knocked
					out another tank.
			7	011425	Co. D ordered to attack by surprise the town
					of Markthret with one platoon of infantry.
					Town found heavily occupied, due to lack of
					knowledge of situation, little accomplished
					3 light tanks were knocked out, 3 casualties
					3 Infantry casualties.
			8	011600	CP set up in Ehenfurt, bridge guard est.
					security outposts. patrols set up.
			1	020600	Usual duties around CP
1100			2	021100	Msg received from Ex. Off, CC-B stating info
					received that there is evidence of a German
					Grenadier Div. in general vic. at Eildorf
					Coord. 6010.
			3	022005	Co. Commanders meeting. CC sections unit orders
					of looting by personnel. Unit alerted to move
					after 2400 on 15 minutes notice.
			1	031120	CC called meeting of all officers to discuss
					plans for crossing and assault on Eurburg.
0800			2	030400	Operations Instructions were issued by CC-B,
					with overlay. Unit alerted to move at 1400
1445			3	051445	Orders changed, route and objective changed.
					Unit to cross river and proceed to Eubelried
					going into assembly area at that point facing
					North, then unit to turn south and secure bridge
					at Markthret.
			4	051600	All of force over bridge except Hq and trains
					Tanks are definitely immobilized and unable to
					move over hill due to enemy good dug in pos.

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					Arty laying time fire over enemy dug in out on hill.	
		5	051800		Force still unable to negotiate positions on hill. CO calls CO-2 and informs him that he must pull back to proximity of bridge and was planning on leaving Hq Section on other side of bridge, but higher says to move entire unit over	
		6	051915		McConnell removing dud bomb from road. Clayton reports unable to move until McConnell cleared.	
		7	051935		CO CO-2 appears in area to talk to Field.	
		8	051941		Cond. Section crosses bridge.	
		9	052100		CO requests to pull back & consolidate positions GP set up for night. One tank from Co. A stuck. IRVs sent to take care of tank. Outpost posted.	
		1	040200		Enemy patrols infiltrated into Ochsenfurt, 2 peeps destroyed belonging to 2/119 with enemy grenades.	
		2	040400		Inf. Co. 2/36 attached to Force Field, for operations on Erlebach.	
		3	040700		Point moved out for Erlebach, meeting slight resistance.	
		4	041100		Hq and Hq Trains still in Kl. Ochsenfurt waiting orders to move forward behind main force.	
		5	041300		Unit moving over hill to assembly area	
		6	041600		Tail of column hit by MG fire, turned and went back. Heavy arty fire coming in from front landing in woods. 3 fire rec'd on S-2 track.	
		7	041635		Jenks right AG lays 5 rounds MK heavy time fire landing in woods to right along edge.	
		8	041640		Air CP reports enemy leaving Leubermel to north Arty firing on Leubermel and Erlebach.	
		9	041650		Hilson reports M/T in our rear col. hit. Lt McConnell killed and 1 man, several men injured. 1 Ben peep hit by MG fire, 3 men hurt badly.	
		10	041705		Lead tank of point got tube shot off by AT. CO urges to move into defilade to bring fire on ATs.	
		11	041725		Air CP reports light tank leaving town from N. Clayton trying to spot it. 3 tanks spotted in woods at 695250.	
		12	041759		Tanks reported moving toward us. Field calls Cook to guard Half-Tracks. McLaughlin called forward, Clayton moving around woods to left. See coming around to move to north.	

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TIME PERIOD TIME ACTION
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13 : 041810: Mac. knocked out AT Gun.
14 : 041815: Force Field leading elements at 685238 reported to CO-2
15 : 042155: Unit taken Brisch moved into assembly area for night. 5 enemy tanks, 5 88's knocked out during afternoon and early evening, few PW's. 4th Inf. Div. Douche w/1 Co. 70 Tk Bn. moved up and took Brischeried.
1 : 050600: Unit Commanders meeting at CO's tank.
2 : 050715: 10 planes attacked forward elements by strafing and bombs. Cond section with h/t's in rear col. strafed. Obs. Plane overhead also attacked by 1 plane.
3 : 050830: No resistance being encountered at Kitzengen.
4 : 050845: Clayton reports road block at railroad underpass. Engineers to demolish. Air OP reports road bridge slightly damaged, railroad bridge in blown.
5 : 050940: Unit moving into Kitzengen, Clayton reports one machine found and number of snipers encountered.
6 : 051200: Bridgehead secured by Force Field. CO CO-2 informed of situation by Field.
7 : 051245: 70th Tk Bn, A Co and Inf Bn moved into town.
8 : 051315: CO CO-2 orders to turn over bridge head to other force and prepare to move in any direction.
9 : 051400: Approximately 30 PWs taken up to 1500. Arty and mortar firing to east side of river.
10 : 051530: French laborers say German soldiers had been removing uniforms for civilian clothes and were leaving their posts.
11 : 051600: Unit in Kitzengen preparing to send flying column to Westheim. 150 enemy reported entering town from East.
12 : 051630: Point of Mac reports WP falling S of Westheim. Air OP reports same. CO cautions Mac not to fire on friendly troops.
13 : 051635: CO-2 entering Rottendorf.
14 : 051640: Friendly troops firing on Westheim.
15 : 051725: Unit moved into position outside Westheim. Groups of Russians & Poles came out of town and announced there were no enemy or opposition in the town.

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TIME	ISSUED	TIME	ACTION
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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.			

16	051730	CO CO-8 orders to move out to Diebelried and back to Kitzengen and flush out what ever force can find.
17	051800	Unit moving through Diebelried toward Kappelndorf thence to Kitzengen. 30 lbs taken with no opposition. Unit ordered to rest in Kitzengen for night and proceed on original plan in morning.
1	050630	CO Commanders meeting for preparation of move.
2	050900	Unit resupplied and refueled.
3	050930	Force moved out on mission.
4	051000	Unit meeting no resistance in Hohenfeld. Mac exploiting to Obrienbriet. Foster sighted and knocked out one tank.
5	051115	Merkthret reported cleared and occupied by Div. ordered no firing into town. Force Field ordered to move North and Exploit town of Hohenfeld and Marktstett for presence of enemy.
6	051120	Unit turning about preparation for move to north.
7	051200	Orders to move to Hohenfeld & Marktstett changed to return to Kitzengen.
8	051300	CO-8 orders to move to Mainbernheim and clean out any opposition force might encounter.
9	051425	Unit in Mainbernheim no opposition, no prisoners. Small task force sent to town of Iphofen and found town unoccupied by enemy troops. Norton reports location at 820257.
10	05-----	Force confirms 1 Merk IV tank and 1 half/track knocked out by Jenks and Foster, in addition to the 5 tanks on 4 April.
11	051600	Major Field awarded Silver Star.
1	06-----	Unit in Mainbernheim. No Activities.
1	070800	Unit in Mainbernheim, consolidating and performing maintenance.
1	070800	Patrol and outpost instituted during night, no unusual activity noted.
2	072400	No unusual activities, usual patrols and duties were carried out throughout day.
1	080300	No unusual activity in area.
2	081000	61 reinforcements received.
3	081515	Unit alerted to move (verbal orders)
4	081730	Co. Commanders meeting held to discuss plans of order of movement.
5	081830	Point moved out for objective.
6	081945	Clayton reports receiving lot of fire.

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TIME	SER.	TIME	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.

1	110715	TF Norton moved out for objective. TF Field to remain in assembly area until Norton clears.	
2	111020	Unit in assembly area, 2 TMs brought in by Pvt. Grabowski after running battle.	
3	111140	Point reports firing on 4 enemy on side of hill	
4	111250	Jenks sighted 2 20mm guns at RR station in -ohienfeld, requested fire on gun.	
5	111255	1 tank sighted in Markt Bibart by Mac. Point received 2 rounds of AT. Foster reports lots of enemy in town. Clayton ordered up and Force trying to develop situation.	
6	111300	PM captured says there are dug in positions North East of town and that there are 2 tanks deployed; also they have arty support.	
7	111315	Mortar platoon firing.	
8	111315	Medics called for Co. A. Dough boys hit, comm- muned considerable fire being received.	
9	111330	Automatic weapons fire being received in town.	
10	111340	Six prisoners taken, information rec'd that there are 250 dug in on other side of town. Air OP states he can see signs in Altenhausen designating a Bn Hq. Some AI fire being received, Enemy supposedly well armed with Panzer Faust. PV states that he was told that 50 to 50 tanks were moved through the town last night, he did not see them.	
11	111530	CC requests Air support in woods south of town. Verne Air Corps to not drop eggs on Markt Bibart; as he is now ready to move doughs in.	
12	111545	Air Liaison Officer requests accurate coordinates and assures CC of immediate action.	
13	111700	Task Force Field moved into Markt Bibart. Security posted. Unit preparing to spend night.	
14	111800	1st. Comfort, Lt. Cook with 2 light tanks captured 1 panther tank and crew intact.	
15	112400	No unusual activities noted.	
1	112630	CC holds Co Commanders meeting in preparation for move.	
2	112730	Norton Force moves into town following point thru CC reports zig zag trenches and dug in positions outside town in pairs to 5K.	
3	112850	Clayton knocked out 1 tank at 0830. CC calls CC-B and confirms knocking out 4 tanks in past 24 hours. CC reports that there is 1 Panzer Regt present in this area. Field offered captured	

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TIME : SER.: TIME : IACI
IN : OUT : NO. : DATED : INCIDENTS, REASONS, OTHERS, ETC. : IIAI

19 : 12----- : Cook took 25 lbs, killed 2, and wrecked one horse-
drawn column. 1 AT gun which was believed to be at
tank before at Imptstadt.
20 : 121500 : Unit Point (Clayton) moved into Markt Nordheim, en-
countered no resistance. White flag hanging from
Church steeple.
21 : 121525 : Clayton reports that civilian stated that both
bridges are mined, he is using prisoners to take
down bridge.
22 : 121550 : Approximately 30 lbs taken in town.
23 : 121600 : Unit in town, CP set up.
24 : 122400 : No unusual activities.
1 : 150800 : Overley rec'd for small task forces to occupy towns
in vicinity.
2 : 151000 : Lt Cook with small task force occupied town of
Humprechtshausen reported that he had rec'd no resistance
encountered mine in two blocks of town.
3 : 151100 : CP to CG-5. Company Commanders meeting called.
4 : 151250 : CG gave orders for task forces formation & info for
Commanders to work on task forces were as follows:
Task force Clayton, 1 plat tks plus 2 tks, 1 plat
Inf.,- Obj. Rudlebrunn 95108; Task Force McLaughlin
Co. A plus 1 plat Inf. Obj. Hermetzenau 9210
Task Force Truiley, 1 plat tks plus C/56, objective
Rulshausen; Task Force Cook, Co. B plus 2 tks C Co
plus 1 plat of C/56, mission to hold Herbolzheim
in reserve. - Mission of all forces: Run in force
if objectives are free of enemy, to occupy, if town
is in force by enemy, get on high ground & hold
what ground they have. Task Force Comfort; Bn Hq
plus Mortar Plat and Assault guns to move to
Krautshausen and set up CP. One medic pass per force
Med. aid station at CP. Inf. broken down as follows
2nd Plat - McLaughlin, 4th plat - Clayton, 3rd Plat -
Cook, 1st Plat - Cook.
5 : 151315 : Task Forces moved out for objectives.
6 : 151415 : Bn Hq with Mortar and AG moved to Krautshausen. CP
set up, no unusual activities.
1 : 140830 : Unit ordered to move to Uptstadt.
2 : 141500 : Task Forces relieved of missions & unit consolidated
with Hq, to move & secure bridgehead at Dietersheim
initial movement to Hasenlohe.

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3 : 141415: Moved from assembly area Uhstedt, order of march-
A, 1 plat Inf, AG, C/56, C/714, Hq & Hq, D
4 : 141515: Point has reached town of Dietersheim. Town is
flying white flag, both bridges are intact and not
mined. Point tank has crossed 1st bridge, but 2nd
bridge not strong enough to cross tanks, bridge to
be reinforced.
5 : 141535: Jenks reports receiving direct fire on his position
round of HE landed about 10 yards from his tank,
6 : 141600: Arty fire received on center of column. Comd H/T
& tns moved back to defile. Air OP trying to
locate gun positions.
7 : 141615: Field requests Eng. to bring up two spans of tread-
way to bridge site as bridge had collapsed. Col.
Bromely with CO at Bridge site.
8 : 142000: Remainder of Force Field crossed bridge at Dietersheim
Orders from CO-B: establish bridgehead & post security
for night. McLaughlin to hold high ground to NE of
town with C/56 and Clayton with D/56 to remain in
WATER SE of town. CO-B to remain in Unter Reesbach
with Norton's Force. CO to CO-B.
9 : 142100: 1 peep hit two mines, Eng. to sweep in morning.
10 : 142240: Mortar fire falling on force elements on outposts.
Jenks observed mortar on side hill, fire adjusted
with Arty and believed to have knocked out guns. No
fire heard remainder of night.
11 : 142300: Operations Instructions received for 15 April with
overlay.
1 : 150400: Co A reports heavy veh. movement to direct front of
Co. C. Also reports tanks in vic. SE.
2 : 150500: 2 PWs walked through lines, interned by Co. A
3 : 150530: Co Commanders meeting, operations instructions given
w/order of march, overlay and instructions attached
4 : 150730: Considerable SA fire received from dense woods, 1
h/t hit mine, Arty scattered and harassing, road
block believed before bridge.
5 : 151015: PW states approx. 1000 men in vic. of Beerbach &
Reesbach. Field Force now entering Unter Reesbach.
Light Arty and Mortar reported at 071089.
6 : 151040: Point moving into Ober Reesbach.
7 : 151055: McL reports receiving mortar or light Arty.
8 : 151100: McL reports knocking out 1 truck with Ammo & food
1 US Model Peep.

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9 : 151155: Mel reports point destroying another truck at East:
side of woods.
10 : 151300: Force Field ordered to move into assembly area at :
Hermusneuses. CO directs Mel to hold high ground :
east of town, also CO directs ren to main highway :
and await Norton Force reaching objective.
11 : 151500: Polish soldier reports that 3 105mm are in woods :
to rear of force. Cook w/plat of lights ren woods :
and found previous location of guns, at same time :
rear column was hit by sniper & CA fire. Cook is :
holding hot fire on woods while column clears. :
Co C Rocket Comdr was hit also Co A first sgt. :
12 : 151500: Intense Arty fire being rec'd in town of Hermusneuses :
Lt. Cook evacuated with head wound rec'd from sniper :
while covering rear of column into town.
13 : 151600: Company and Plat Commanders called to CP, intense :
Arty still coming in on SE side of town.
14 : 151805: Unit ordered to move to Mosbach, town has been :
supposedly cleared by 56.
15 : 152000: CO CO-B decided force should stay in Schellert as :
Mosbach was not big enough.
16 : 152100: Co's outposted for night, no unusual activity.
17 : 152200: Movement order rec'd.
1 : 160800: Unit preparing for movement.
2 : 161000: Unit point has sighted Markt Erlbach. Higher states :
not to waste any time clearing M-E, to go through :
as quickly as possible.
3 : 161025: Air OP reports that bridges at Adelsdorf out. Engi :
survey to estimate repairs necessary.
4 : 161220: Air burst and ground fire rec'd on rear positions :
and tanks of Co. A.
5 : 161500: Patrol of Co D encountered mine field, 1 tk damaged
6 : 161555: Bridge complete & CO ordered Trusley to move out.
7 : 161720: Clayton entered Kirch Fernbach with orders to out- :
post for night. CO CO-B decided to make dash for :
next objective in order to secure bridge for tomorrow :
objective.
8 : 161800: Intense Arty fire being rec'd between Eberndorf :
& Kirchheimbach. veh. observed. Calling for Arty :
support to try to locate guns.
9 : 162000: Force ordered to spend night at present location :
Clayton found gun in woods, large calibre. 1 air- :
plane, number of horses & wagons still hitched up :

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IN	OUT	NO.	DATED
			Mal seen what resembled a hangar and supply dump & was destroying them.
10		162020	Clayton reports destroying 2 170mm guns & number of crated bombs at airfield.
11		162500	Some machine gun fire rec'd by outposts, arty fired into area on call.
1		170545	Co. Commanders meeting and order for days movement given. Unit jumped off 0700 with Co A as point 0745. Mal reports locating tank in shed, also sighted two more tanks at great range.
2		170800	Point moving to Gross Habersdorf, many Kruts obs. in the town. Inf ordered to move up to go into town with tanks.
3		171000	3 Tanks knocked out at intervals in vic. of Gross Habersdorf, 1 locomotive, 2 box-cars, 1 staff car, 3 trucks destroyed.
4		171250	Wilson has bridge in condition, column moving.
5		171500	Mine field encountered, engineers moved the mine & col. moved forward slowly. Lead tank of Mal hit by Panzer Faust. FC trying to locate guns who are firing into bridge site, also laying time fire up around column, firing ceased but Air CP trying to locate. Dethloff observed 4 of 5 Kruts in apparent CP and fired on them, they dispersed but apparently were not hit.
6		171515	Bridge gave way directly in front of Jenks, but Eng reinforcing can soon move remainder of Force over.
7		171500	Force moving but running into considerable small arms fire and Panzer Faust.
8		171600	No change in situation, Clayton moving on to Beuthoff he can see into town but can't notice anything that might indicate enemy in town.
9		171700	Unit still moving slowly, rear of col. moving.
10		171820	Clayton has high ground overlooking Heilbrunn. Norton Force emerging from woods at 825 approx. 2,000 yds NE N of Clayton's position, both forces are aware of each other's presence. CO informs CO-2 of trouble in getting through, numerous mines have been laid & obstacles such as craters and blown bridge.

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IN	CUT AND	DATE	INITIALS, REASONS, ORDERS ETC.

11	170000	In Assembly Area, no unusual activities.
1	180900	Unit in Assembly Area in Heilbronn, alerted to move 1115.
2	180930	Schoolhouse in Heilbronn yielded number of 20 mm gun barrels, tank sights, periscope lenses, medical supplies and X-ray Equipment.
3	181240	Leading Elements encountered mines via. 1206 Eng. Plat. sweeping area.
4	181500	Forward Elements knocked out 1 towed 75 mm AT gun.
5	181700	Forward Elements receiving direct AT fire and HE, 1 round of AP over Command HQT.
6	181400	Leading Elements moving through woods toward Wustendorf. Progress slow as road by-pass limited to number of vehicles.
7	181630	Unit jumps off for final drive into Ansbach.
8	181700	Clayton reports knocking out 3 SS's at 052842. Enemy very thick in bunkers and fox-holes.
9	181730	Clayton reports he has destroyed 3 SS's, 1 105 How. 200 PW's taken up to this time.
10	181800	Combat Patrol with Trusley moving into town are receiving a bit of time fire.
11	181830	Col. Bromley orders that we remain in present pos. until he has cleared suitable route into town.
12	181900	Trusley reports head block is hastily constructed but he can remove it.
13	182000	Unit moving into Ansbach. CP established for night. Entire Div. elements moving in.
1	191000	Order rec'd to move to Faustwangen, route of march on overlay.
2	191600	Remainder of Unit moving out. McLaughlin on point with 1 squad of Eng., 1 plat Inf., to move on out to objective as flying task force. Order of march: for rear elements. Co. C plus 1 plat Inf. Comd. Section (Tanks) G/56 Assault Gun Plat. Mortar Platoon, followed by Hq. and Hq. Engineers Co. D Sv. to remain in Ansbach.
3	191600	Rate of march, very fast. Road conditions, poor. Second bridge at Herridon fell through and by-passed.

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4 : 190040: Bridge at Ober-Scheunbrenn fell through. AP fire
being rec'd via. Ober-Scheunbrenn. Unit turned back
and by-passed to N E over bridge at Beckene. Co
A on point continuing on to Aichen. Apparent mine
field being investigated by Co A.
9 : 192100: Remainder of Unit clearing bridge at Beckene. Arty
(JN and Smoke) laid at Ober-Scheunbrenn to screen
unit as pass executed.
6 : 192120: Lucky round from Arty hit Ammo dump which exploded
in Vic. Ober-Scheunbrenn.
7 : 192140: Forces closed into Assembly Area at Aichen local
security set up. 14 PW's taken during day's
operation.
8 : 192200: Co. Centre meeting called with orders issued for
next days operations.
1 : 200400: Forces moving to support TPN in Feuchtwangen.
2 : 200700: Forces moving to high ground East of Feuchtwangen.
3 : 200730: Clayton and McLaughlin in position overlooking the
town, some activity being observed.
4 : 200800: McLaughlin fired on enemy trying to infiltrate into
town along road. No contact made at 0730 with
CO-R who is supposed to move into and occupy town.
Forces ordered to fire only South of grid line 67.
5 : 200920: Permission granted to move in and attack town as
CO-R held up. TPN and TFF ordered to take town.
CO-R ordered to observe no fire line. TPN to move
into town TFF to send force to protect South flank
of town.
6 : 201220: TFF entered town and established CP. Outposts of
tanks plus infantry set up West of Railroad.
7 : 201400: 5 rounds of AP received in vicinity of Co. A tks.
No information of where rounds came from.
Combat Patrol of 1 plat. light tanks plus squad of
Inf. under Lt. Turley encountered road block and
cleared same. No resistance met. Total of 12
PW's taken during day's operations.
1 : 210800: Unit in Assembly Area in Feuchtwangen. No unusual
activities.
2100 : 2 : 212100: Rec'd order for march and movement to vic. of
Zobingen. (see CI & overlay)
2200 : 3 : 212200: Order rec'd to extend objective to Bopfingen. Unit
alerted to move 220630.
4 : 212300: No PW's taken during days operations.

TIME : 0730 : TIME :
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1 : 220630: Force moved out for objective.
2 : 221000: March uneventful. Rate of march, very fast.
3 : 221100: Bopfingen reached and ordered to move on to the town of Chuchenheim.
4 : 221600: Unit still moving. All trains still with unit to remain until situation develops.
5 : 221600: Unit moving into Steinheim. CP established for night, security outposts, patrols instituted.
6 : 222300: No unusual activities. Total of 229 PW's taken during day's operations.
0730 : 1 : 230730: Unit attached to CO-4 and ordered to proceed at once to Dilligen and pass through bridgehead to Holzhelm.
2 : 231000: Clayton knocked out two SS's beyond bridge en route to Holzhelm.
3 : 231200: Unit closed in at Holzhelm.
4 : 231400: CP established, patrols instituted.
5 : 231600: Clayton on patrol released 600 Allied PW's plus 20 American PW's. (See Overlay)
6 : 232300: No unusual enemy activities. 67 PW's taken during day's operations, 11 AT Guns destroyed. Estimate of enemy killed - 101.
1 : 240800: Unit in Assembly Area at Holzhelm.
2 : 241400: Unit ordered to move to Weisingen. Closed into Weisingen at 1500, CP established and order rec'd to move to vic. Aislingen thence to Gundersmungen on order.
3 : 241500: Co. D patrol out to vic. Schepbach.
4 : 242000: Unit moved to Gundersmungen. CP established for night. Patrol from Co. D reports bridge at RR & Autobahn South of Burgau intact but mined. (See overlay of patrol) 1 plane, enemy, crashed with 3 bodies in it reported by patrol.
5 : 242230: Patrols returned.
6 : 242300: Total PW's taken during day's operations - 9
1 : 250400: Company Commanders meeting. Orders issued for jump off.
2 : 250630: TFF moving out for objective.
3 : 250730: Point reports moving into Renshart, observed Krauts running around town, doughs discounted to enter town.
4 : 250900: McLaughlin reports point pushed through town ahead; encountered large number of enemy in draw. (see overlay.) Several enemy surrendering, plan to

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			push on through drew with Trusley's doughs cleaning up.
	5	251119	Approx. 200 PW's taken. Nebelwerfer fire being rec'd. believed to be coming from vic. Gumburg. Air mission requested on Gumburg. Air OP reports Arty fired on guns that were believed to be firing on rear elements, and guaranteed that guns were knocked out.
1200	6	251200	Bridge on Autobahn reported blown.
	7	251230	6 explosions observed, vic. Gumburg, apparently bridges or dumps being blown. Air OP will try to observe.
1310	8	251310	CO informs OC-8 that PW's and civilians state that town of Offingen is Hq of two Bns and that there are several hundred Enemy there.
	9	251330	Situation growing rather hot as situation develops further.
	10	251400	Inf. trying to work into Offingen, meeting stiff. Small arce fire & burp gun fire from woods to right.
	11	251600	Situation develops into house to house fighting. Inf. withdrawn to favorable positions.
1610	12	251610	Co D/36th Inf. to move up from Linbach to help attack town.
	13	251730	Arty working over woods before Inf. moves in, also AG plus Mortar plus Co. C Rocket tk. laying intense barrage in with Arty.
1730	14	251730	Norton's Force moved into Horthausen
	15	251830	Inf. of Co. C & Co. D/36 moving in coordination on objective, receiving intense SA and handgrenades
	16	251900	CO D/36 reaches objective calling for C/36 to move up to protect left flank.
	17	251930	Col. Bromely extends his congratulations to D/36 for a job well done.
	18	252000	Force pulling back to Rettenbach for night and consolidation.
	19	252200	In assembly Area CP established, security posted. counter attack expected. PW's taken during day's operation - 441.
	20	252400	Unknown Arty coming in around town.
0020	1	260020	Federal (63rd Inf.) is fighting against stiff opposition north part of 1 - town and in ESE Lei.
	2	260200	Force in Assembly Area, Rettenbach, unknown Arty coming in.
	3	260300	Enemy plane flying over very low. SA fire heard from direction of Horthausen.

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2100	2105	10	272100: Negative reports from all outposts.	N
		11	272135: D Co rpts no radio contact with patrol. Will call on first contact.	
	2205	12	272200: Negative rpts from all outposts. No contact with patrol to CC-A.	N
	2300	13	272300: Negative rpts from all outposts. No contact with patrol to CC-A.	N
		14	272315: Cook says no contact with patrol to CC-A. CO-B LO called says no bridgehead made. Will try to contact patrol to CC-A if comm. available, says CC-A at Landsberg.	
		15	272400: Negative rpts from all outposts.	N
0009		1	280007: D Co Patrol to CC-A returned made contact.	N
		2	280020: D Co. Patrol Ldr. reported at CP.	
			Lt. Pagnetti reports:	
			23 American PW's released at Lamerdergen (2548)	
			1 German PW taken at Lamerdergen (2548)	
			No enemy contacts enroute.	
			Friendly troops contacted at Buchloe (2542)	
			19th Eng. (7 A)	
			90th Ren. qdrn. (10 AD)	
			CC-A 12 AD contacted at Landsberg (3443). Patrol leader returned with CC-A CI for 28 April 45.	
			Copy made of CI for TFF. Original sent to CC-B with patrol leader.	
		3	280050: Trusley rpts 3 PW's	
		4	280050: Patrol leader departed for CC-B with 1 and 4 PW's American PW's taken to C/56 for billets. Overlay and roster of American PW's sent to CC-B	
		5	280800: Unit on 1 hour alert.	
		6	280915: Combat patrol sent out to reconnoiter the routes to bridgeheads.	
1050	1050	7	281050: L-4 rpts, mail clerk ran into 2 keyhole trucks at 0950 at southern edge Grossaitingen (259619) One HK believed to come from direction woods NW at 2065 fired at him. Information released to CC-B at 1050	
		8	281200: Patrols returned. See Overlay and Operations report	
		9	281145: 25 PW's captured by D Co patrol turned over to CC-B: PW enge.	
		10	281500: Unit alerted to move in compliance with CI issued at 1450.	
		11	281700: No unusual activities, awaiting order for movement.	
		12	1950 : CC to CC-B for meeting.	



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1 : 13 : 282100: Co Commanders meeting. Unit will not move before
: : : morning.
: 14 : 282200: 43 PW's captured during operations of 27 and 28th:
: : : April.
: 1 : 290900: Alert to move.
: 2 : 291100: Unit moving out for objective.
: 3 : 291300: Moving at good rate of speed, no unusual events.
: 4 : 291630: Moved out of assembly area for objective.
: 5 : 291730: Route of march slightly changed. (see overlay)
: 6 : 292000: 1 ME 109 shot down by Co. D.
: 7 : 292300: Force ordered to hold up in Weilheim for night.
: 8 : 292400: CP established force billeted for night at Weilheim
: : : 12 PW's taken during day's operations.
: 1 : 300600: Force still in assembly area at Weilheim awaiting
: : : orders to move.
: 2 : 300800: Force ordered to move on original route after
: : : Engineers clear.
: 3 : 300830: Point moved out, nothing reported.
: 4 : 300915: Rear of column cleared Weilheim.
: 5 : 301015: Column halted on highway. Reported TFN has en-
: : : countered light resistance.
: 6 : 301100: Reported 5,000 SS troops stationed at school in
: : : Bad Tols.
: 7 : 301200: Unit closed into town of Habach. CP established
: : : No unusual activities.
: 8 : 301600: CC to CC-B, returned with orders for movement by
: : : infiltration to town of Durnheim to await further
: : : operating instructions.
: 9 : 301300: Unit closed into town of Indelsdorf. CP est.
: : : Security posted.
: 10 : 302100: CC returned from CC-B with Operations instructions
: : : for 1 day. Company Commanders meeting called &
: : : following instructions issued.
: : : CC-B to jump off and establish bridgehead at
: : : 723025, then move to and seize the town of Kochel
: : : B/112 to put in Bailey Bridge. C/714 move to N
: : : of bridge site, approx. vic. of the East Sweep off
: : : the river. C/36 in assembly position West of
: : : river to act as reserve of TFN. TFN to pass through
: : : bridgehead to Kochel with Kochel as objective.
: : : Order of crossings: A plus 1 Inf. Plat, Comd Sect.
: : : C/56, AG, Mortar, C/714, B/714. Bn CC to remain
: : : in present position until order to move. Execute
: : : on order.



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11	302200						No unusual incidents, PW's taken during day's operation - 14		
1	010700						C/714 preparing to move to Blocking Area.		
2	010800						Bailey Bridge swept away, unit ordered to remain in present position.		
3	011100						OC meeting. Task Force commanders issued verbal operating instructions.		
4	011120						Enemy information at present, nil.		
5	011200						Unit ordered to proceed on objective.		
6	011400						Co. C in Benediktshuarn. Comd. lost, Co. A, C/56, TPN occupying Benediktshuarn.		
7	011600						Orders rec'd to proceed to Bad Tolz, following TPN Objective Weisbach. OC states no possible movement by this unit tonight. CP established in Benediktshuarn. CP guard set up, security posted. Possible counter-attack by 30 troops expected.		
8	012200						No unusual incidents. 14 PW's taken during day's operations.		
1	020800						No unusual activities during night. Unit in easy area with outposts still on duty.		
2	021200						6 Yugoslavian partisans came into town with 30 PW's.		
3	021400						Unit informed that it will remain in present loc. indefinitely.		
4	021800						No unusual activities.		
5	022000						No unusual activities.		

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Hq CC-B 12 AD
HOHESTADT GERMANY
N662200
030400 April 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

Map: Central Europe, 1:100,000, Sheet Rothenburg, U-4

1.

ORDER OF CROSSING

TF Field
One Btry 494
TF Norton
Hq CC-B (Adv)
494 AFA
B/119 Engr
D/572 AAA



2. TF FIELD - After crossing, Adv rapidly to PL 1 on Rt B. Main body halt prepared to Spt TF Norton in taking PL 1 and PL 1A. On O Adv to PL 2 prepared to Spt TF Norton in taking PL 2. On O Adv to final Pos and await O.

3. TF NORTON: After crossing, Adv rapidly to PL 1 on Rt A. When secured proceed to take PL 1A. On O Adv to PL 2 and secure prepared to Spt TF Fields in Adv to final Pos. On O proceed to final Pos and await O.

4. 494 AFA - One Btry follow TF Field to firing Pos along Rt B. Balance of Bn following Hq CC-B across bridge thence along Rt B.

5. B/119 - Follow 494 across bridge then move along Rt A following Hq CC-B, prepared to evacuate Across MAIN RIVER by Assault bo

6. D/572 AAA - Protect cross until Cmn clears then resume normal Spt mission.

7. Hq CC-B - Follows TFN along Rt A.

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Maj. Field

You will be reinforced by one Infantry Company at 0400 at the bridge at OCHSENFURT.

You will attack at daylight along the original route, the ravine leading to ZEURELREID, to capture that town. After securing that town send a suitable fast task force to capture the MARKTERIET BRIDGE intact and establish a bridgehead for passage of troops to the southeast.

If bridge is not captured intact send task force to capture road bridges at KYTZINGEN and establish bridgehead.

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Col. Comdg**

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Hq CC-B 12 AB
HONESTADT, GERMANY
031630Z Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

Task Force Field: Move to Assy area Vio ZEUNERLRIED. Send a small fast Cln to seize bridge at SECHITS-MARKTERREIT.

Task Force Norton: Remain Pres Pos prepared to Adv on S side of river to seize MARKTERREIT on O.

494 FA: Spt Atk - prepare 10 Min Conc on MARKTERREIT and OBERNERREIT on call from Task Force Field. One Btry to accompany Task Force Field.

B/119 Engr: Remain Pres Pos. Control passage over bridge.

Hq CC-B: Remain Pres Pos initially.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "B"
12th Armored Division
AFG 262
US Army

9 April 45

SUMMARY OF HENRY INFORMATION:

By line generally CASTELL (8830) - 825280 - 8823 -
DOHRHEIM (8728) - 890195 - HENKENHEIM (8418) - 8217 -
GULCHHEIM (7011) - AUB (6808) - along Western edge of woods
to 6000.

8 to 15 Tanks have been Obs Vie 904221. Towns of
BIRKLINGEN (8726) and ZIEGENBACH (8925) Obs to have many
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Hq CC-B 12 AD
MAINBERNHEIM
091715Z Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CC-B moves via GROSS LANGHEIM, CASTELL, OBERLAIMBACH, KRAUTOSTHEIM, to Atk to NW and destroy Ry on front of 92 Cav.
2. a. TF Field moves immediately to Vic KRAUTOSTHEIM and Atks on axis MARKT NORDHEIM, KRASSOLZHEIM, NEUZENHEIM.
b. TF Norton moves after TF Field to Vic OBER AMBACH and Atks on axis ZIEGENBACH, NEUBAUHOF.
c. 494 FA Spt from Vic EINHERSHEIM.
d. Comd group CC-B follow TF Norton. Comd Gp.
e. B/119 move to MAINBERNHEIM prepared to Spt either TF.
f. D/572 Atk two sections AA to TF Norton.
3. Trains remain in Pres Pos.
4. B/82 Spt from Pres Pos.
5. Others no change.

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Eq CC-B 12 AB
SUSSEHEIM
141100B Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CC-B Atks to SE on axis NEUSTADT, EISENKIRCHEN, LANGENKIRCHEN, CADOLZBURG, WEINZIERLEIN, REGELSBACH, KATZWANG, prepared to Spt Atk of 42 Inf Div on NURNBERG on O. R/92 reconnoiter bridge at DIETERSHEIM.
2. TPN move rapidly to IPSHEIM. Capture bridge intact if possible or secure bridgehead on E bank of AISCHE RIVER. Assemble Comd Vic MAILHEIM.
3. TFF move to HASENLOHE prepared to Atk to secure bridge or bridgehead at DIETERSHEIM and assemble Vic (0410) on O. Maintain Ln with R/92 and reinforce them if they secure bridge intact.
4. 494 FA Spt Atk from Vic NEESSELBACH.
5. 1st Plat B/119 Atch demolition squad to TPN.

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Hq CC-B 12 AB
HISSELBACH
142230Z Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CC-B Adv in two Glms to Pos 8 of FURNBERG.

Rt Fox

TFP
1 Flat B/119
B/92

Rt Nam

TFN (Hq CC-B follow
Comd Gp)
B/119 (- Flat)
494 APA
933 FA (Sptg).

2. TFP Adv on axis (overlay) at #636 clearing DINTERSHEIM early as possible.
3. TFN move to DINTERSHEIM as early as possible in with TFP to determine clearing of Etc.
4. B/119 attach one Flat to TFP. Spt Adv. Move on Rte Nam after TFP.
5. B/92 follow TFP on Rte Fox. Rem main Rd NEUSTADT-FURNBERG to determine defenses, mines and demolitions at check Pts 1 - 4. Prepare to move to N to protect flank on O when Glna halts.
6. 494 follow B/119 on Rte Nam. Perform normal Spt mission. Coordinate movement 933 FA.

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Eq 00-2 12 AD
HEILSBROHN
181015Z Apr 45

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

MAP: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1:100,000

- 1. 00-2 continues ATK on new axis ANSBACH-FUCHTBAHN at 181000Z Apr 45. Secure town of FUCHTBAHN! 101 Cav Gp protects left flank of 00-2. Nine of 4 Inf Div reported in ANSBACH.**
- 2. TFF ATK 1100Z on route shown on overlay. Report contact with Rg or friendly forces.**
- 3. TFW ATK 1100Z on main road HEILSBROHN-ANSBACH.**
- 4. 494 PA normal Spt mission.**
- 5. R/119 continues to Spt Atch one Plat TFF. Follow axis TFW.**
- 6. R/92 reverted squadron control 0600Z.**
- 7. R/92 and R/134 Spt Adv.**
- 8. Adv GP 00-2 follows Comd Gp TFW. Rear GP HEILSBROHN**

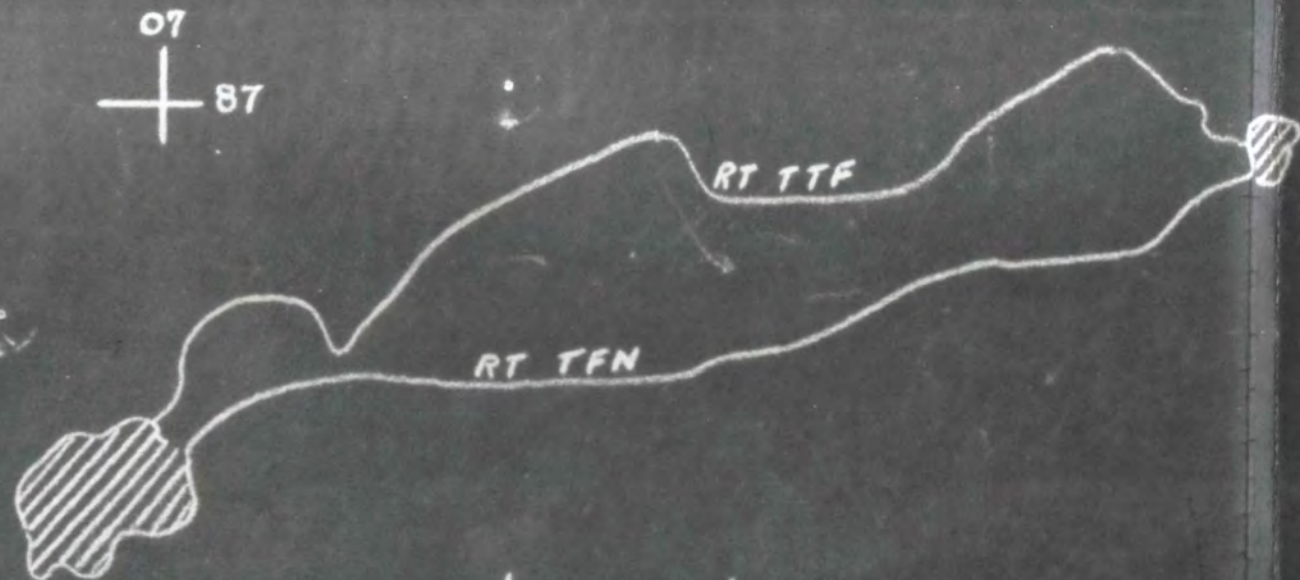
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Hq CC-B 12 AD
ANSBACH
191130B Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAP: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1:100,000

1. CC-B Cont Atk to SW, Obj FEUCHTWANGEN. Atk in two Clns (overlay). CC-B has secured Br at LEUTERSHAUSEN and is cont Atk on axis. CC-A blocks escape routes S of NURNBERG! 101 Cav Gp protects left flank of Div.
2. TFF send Adv Gd with all possible speed to seize Br at NEUNSTETTEN. If Br blown, move to S to seize Br or Bridgehead at STEGERUCK. If assigned route heavily blocked or mined, use alternate route. Main body no Adv beyond ELDERSDORF Jet, except on O.
3. TFF send Adv Gd with all possible speed to seize Br or Bridgehead at HERRIEDEN. Main body no advance beyond DAUTENMINDEN, except on O.
4. B/119 Spt Adv prepared to Br ALTMUHL RIVER if Br are blown. Priority to TFF on ANSBACH Br after advance Gds both TFFs and 1 Btry 494 clear Br.
5. 494 PA Spt Atk.

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CHECK POINT

1. Part I, Opn Memo No 8, this Hq, c.s., is hereby rescinded.

4. Check points shown on attached annex will be effective through Apr 45 and will be used by all organic, attached, and supporting units of this division.

5. With the exception of air OP reports this system will be used exclusively when reporting troop locations to division headquarters.

By command of Major General ALLEN:

WALLACE H. BARNES
Colonel, GAC
Chief of Staff

Uttarakhandi

5. Harry S. Earl
Natal S. Earl
Major, AGI
East AG

Dispositions: "A", plus 4 Inf Div, 42 Inf Div, 10 Armd Div, 101 Cav Bn, 256 Amer (C) Bn, 36 PA Gp.

Annex to JPR Memo No. 1

<u>Check Point</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Check Point</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>
A	- 99382	M	- T0621
B	- 3776	N	- 9310
C	+ T1577	P	- X8999
D	- 3269	Q	- Y0191
E	- 9669	R	- Y1486
F	- 99065	T	- X8978
G	- 8956		
H	- 38047		
J	- T0243		
K	- 99037		
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Hq CC-B 12 AD
FEUCHTWANGEN
212100H Apr 45

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

MAP: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1:100,000.

1. CC-B marches to ZOBINGEN 0630H 22 Apr 45. Awaits O at ZOBINGEN unless received prior to arrival.
2. March details:

a. Order of March:

Cross IP

TF Field	0630
TF Norton	0730
Hq & Hq Co CC-B (D/572 (-) Atchd)	0830
494 FA	0840
B/119 Angr	0915

- b. Rate of March: 12 MPH.
- c. Density: 30 VPM. Interval: one minute between march units.
- d. Reports: Crossing IP and Report Line "Red".
- e. Units responsible for guides as necessary.

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DATE: 25 Apr 45

Hq CC-A, 12th AD
DILLINGEN, GERMANY
230930Z Apr 45

OI No. 35

Map: Germany, 1/100,000

1. CCA Atks to seize WERTINGEN and secures Brhd over Danube R at DILLINGEN.

2. TF 1: Continues Atk to seize WERTINGEN. Patrol lte (overlay), establish contact TF Field at REIDSEND.

3. TF 2: Continue close-in defense of Br, patrol along rte (overlay), establish contact TF Field at AISLINGEN.

4. TF Field: Atk to seize and secure HOLZHEIM and high ground that Vic, Patrol along rtes (overlay). establish contact with TF 1 at REIDSEND and TF 2 at AISLINGEN!

5. Arty: Opt defense of Brhd and Atks of TF 1, TF Field.

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HQ CCA
23 APRIL 45

OVERLAY SHOWING PATROL ROUTES

MAP: GERMANY 1:100 000

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Hq CC-B 12 AD
LANGHEIM
2814303 Apr 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAP: CENTRAL EUROPE, 1:100,000.

1. Adv Elms 10th Armd Div at Y1194. 3 Inf Adv in AUSEBURG against stiff resistance. The French 1st Army has cleared one-half of the N bank of LAKE CONSTANCE. The XV Corps is generally along the 10 grid line in their Z.
2. 12th Armd Div Atks SE to block passes. CC-B follows 101 Cav and CC-A across LECH RIVER when bridge becomes available. Route from bridge will be determined by Adv of preceding Elm. Alternate routes are indicated on overlay, to be followed on O. Assemble in area indicated.
3. March Details:
 - a. Order of March:

TF Horton
494 FA
Hq & Hq Co CC-B (D/572 Atchd)
TF Field
B/119
B/82
 - b. TF Horton crosses IP (overlay) at H Hr. In rear to front. Units follow without interval.
 - c. All other details SOP.

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HQ CG-B12 AD
DURNHAUSEN
302000B Apr-45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. CG-B crosses LOISACH RIVER 1 May 45 and Atks S to capture INNSBRUCK!
2. TF Norton (-G/56) secure bridgehead on LOISACH RIVER at (728097) morning 1 May 45. Follow TF Field to Vie KOCHEL after bridge is completed.
3. B/119 (B/290 Sptg) ferries assault Co TF Norton. Build footbridge. Complete Bailey Bridge as early as possible. Regulate traffic on bridge.
4. 116 Cav Squadron maintain contact with 92 Cav Squadron protecting N flank of CG. Cross bridge on completion. Block to N and E including town of RICHLE.
5. TF Field cross bridge following 116 Cav Squadron (C/56 reverts to TF Field on crossing). Adv to S and clear town of KOCHEL prepared to Cont Adv to S.
6. 494 FA Spt river crossing and Atk to S. Coordinate fires sptg Arty.
7. B/82, B/134 normal spt mission.

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HEADQUARTERS 12TH ARMORED DIVISION

APO 262, U. S. ARMY

OPERATIONS IN GERMANY

MAY 1945

714TH TANK BATTALION
(Unit)

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**HEADQUARTERS
714TH TANK BATTALION
APO 262 U. S. ARMY**

25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 714th Tank Battalion for the period 1 May 1945 to 10 May inclusive.

**F. P. FIELD
Lt. Col., Cavalry
Commanding**

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* Unit Commander does not desire to make comments or critique.



At 0500 1 May 1945, Co "C" 714th Tank Battalion was preparing to move into a Blocking Area to permit Task Force Norton to cross the Lech River in the vicinity of Sindelsdorf. At 0800 the Bailey bridge which was to carry Task Force Norton across the river was swept away and the unit was ordered to remain in its present location. A Company Commanders meeting was held at 1100. The Task Force Commander issued verbal operating instructions. No enemy information at this time. At 1300 the unit was ordered to proceed on to the objective. At 1400 Co "C" entered Benidiotbuern, the unit followed and occupied the town. Task Force Norton also entered and assisted in occupying the town. At 1600 orders to proceed to Bad Tols, unit to follow Task Force Norton, the objective being Meisbach. The CO stated that the unit would not move till morning. The CP was set up and security posted. The unit was expecting a counterattack by SS troops. At 2200 no unusual activities had occurred. A total of 14 PWs were taken during the days operations.

On 2 May 1945 at 0800 the unit was in the assembly area and the security was still outposted. No unusual activities during the night. At 1200 a group of 6 Yugoslavian partisans came into town with 50 PWs. At 1400 the unit was informed that it would stay in its present location indefinitely.

On 3 May 1945 the unit was in Benidiotbuern performing usual duties. An order was received to prepare to move on 3 May on order. One light tank section was sent to CG-B for a combat patrol on 4 May 1945. Usual Bn., duties.

On 5 May 1945 the unit moved at 0630 to Laupheim. The march was uneventful. At 1800 the unit halted at Ulm due to bridges being out. The Recon Platoon reconnoitered for new route. At 2000 a jeep hit a land mine, two persons were injured. At 2200 the unit halted outside of Ulm for the night unable to continue the march.

On 6 May 1945 at 0800 the unit moved out for Laupheim. At 1100 the unit closed into Laupheim and the CP was established. The unit S-3 checked the area for targets to be guarded. Usual duties for the remainder of the day.

On 7 May 1945 the unit was engaged in occupying targets and establishing patrols.

On 8 May 1945 the unit was carrying out duties as had been prescribed, with Co "A" manning outposts, and Hq Co establishing and maintaining contact patrols.

On 9 May 1945 no change in duties.

On 10 May 1945, no change in duties.

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NAME

Capt. John K. Shipe, O 394 344
Sgt Eugene C. Cooley, 36275370

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

BRONZE STAR

Sgt Ralph L. Brown, 6865321	GO 42, Sec VIII	9 May 45
Tec 5 Maurice B. Johns, 36430384	GO 42, Sec VIII	9 May 45
2nd Lt. Thomas M. Gaffney, 02015018	GO 42, Sec XI	9 May 45

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Sgt George S. Conover, 32740246	GO 42, Sec XIV	9 May 45
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OFFICERS

ROSTER

Battalion
Headquarters

Lt. Col. Frederick P. Field
Major William R. Comfort
Major James M. Boone
Capt. Robert C. Kelly
Capt. Morris Schwartz
Capt. John K. Shipe
1st Lt. William W. Turley
1st Lt. Arnold C. Heath

Commanding
Executive Officer
S-3
S-2
Comm O
S-4 to Hospital
S-1 Trans from "D", 2d to 1st Lt.
Liaison Officer

Bn Co

Capt. George Harding
1st Lt. Cleo C. Taylor
1st Lt. Harold A. Sleeman
2nd Lt. Othal T. Parsons
2nd Lt. James R. Jenks
2nd Lt. Abe H. Traktman

Commanding
Hon Off
Maint Off
Mortar Platoon Off
Assault Gun Platoon Off
SSG - EFM - Bn Gas Off

Co A

Capt. Charles J. McLaughlin
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster
1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt

Commanding 1st Lt. to Capt.
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

Co B

Capt. Herbert E. Magruder
1st Lt. William W. Goad
2nd Lt. Harry N. Kettler
2nd Lt. Ivin R. Philpott
2nd Lt. George M. Branson

Commanding
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

Co C

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps
2nd Lt. Fred L. Shelton
2nd Lt. Thomas M. Gaffney

Commanding
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr Battlefield Appointment
Tk Plat Ldr Battlefield Appointment

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Co D

Capt. John G. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Dethloff
1st Lt. Joe C. Carlson
2nd Lt. William J. Venema
2nd Lt. Frank R. Pagnotta

Commanding 1st Lt to Capt.
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr Trans fr S-1
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

Sv Co

1st Lt. George H. Hoyt
Capt. John R. Stuerwald
1st Lt. Christopher T. Garvey
2nd Lt. Casimir F. Grochowski
CWO Joseph T. Collins
WOJG George M. Frost
WOJG Charles D. Frazier

Commanding
Bn Motor Off
Trans Plat Off 2nd to 1st Lt.
Co Maint Off
Pers Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

Medics

Capt. Garfield S. Barnet

Med Off - General Surgery

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TIME IN	OUT	SER.: NO!	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	ACCT PAGE
:	:	1	2 May	Unit in Benidictbuern, Germany with orders to remain at that point until further orders.	:
:	:	1	3 May	Bn in Benidictbuern, usual Bn duties, Order rec'd to be prepared to move on 5 May on order.	:
:	:	1	4 May	Usual Bn duties. 1 Light Tank Section to CC-B for Combat Patrol.	:
:	:	1	5 May	Unit moved out 0630 for Laupheim. March uneventful, administrative.	:
:	:	2	1800	Halted vicinity Ulm, bridges on route reported out. Rcn Platoon reconnoitering new route.	:
:	:	3	2000	Capt. Shipe in peep reconnoitering route, hit land mine. Capt. Shipe & Sgt. Cooley evacuated.	:
:	:	4	2200	Unit halted out of Ulm for night unable to continue march.	:
:	:	1	060800	Unit proceeding to Laupheim.	:
:	:	2	061100	Unit closed in Laupheim. CP established Bn S-3 checking to find targets to be guarded. Routing duties established for rest of day.	:
:	:	1	7 May	Bn engaged in occupying targets & patrols established.	:
:	:	1	8 May	Carrying out duties as prescribed. Co. A manning outposts, Hq Co establishing & maintaining contact patrols.	:
:	:	1	9 May	No change in duties.	:
:	:	1	10 May	No change.	:
:	:	1	11 May	Rec'd orders to move vicinity Augsburg & effect relief of 23 Tk Bn.	:
:	:	1	12 May	Co. C moved to Augsburg & effected relief of elements guarding targets at that point.	:
:	:	1	13 May	0900 Hq & Service and Co. A moved to Augsburg. Closed in Augsburg 1300. Co D moved from Blaubuern, arrived at Augsburg approximately 1700. CP established all outposts in town & vic. taken over. Co A in Aichach.	:
:	:	1	14 May	Bn S-3 making check & estimate of all outposts, determining no. of men to man posts. Cos. all being utilized for guard.	:

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HEADQUARTERS 12TH ARMORED DIVISION

AFQ 262, U. S. ARMY

OPERATIONS IN GERMANY

MAY 1945

714TH TANK BATTALION
(Unit)

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**HEADQUARTERS
714TH TANK BATTALION
APO 262 U. S. ARMY**

10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 714th Tank Battalion for the period 11 May 1945 to 31 May 1945 inclusive.

William R. Comfort
**WILLIAM R. COMFORT
Major, Infantry
Commanding**

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On 11 May 1945, the unit received orders to move to the vicinity of Augsburg and effect the relief of the 23rd Tank Battalion.

On 12 May 1945, Company "C" moved to Augsburg and effected the relief of elements guarding targets in that area.

On 13 May 1945 at 0900 Hq, Sv, and Co "A" moved to Augsburg, and closed in at 1300. Company "D" moved from Blauhuren and arrived in Augsburg at 1700. The CP was established and all outposts in town and in the vicinity were taken over. Company "A" was still in Aicbach.

On 14 May 1945 the unit S-3 made a check to estimate the number of men necessary to man all posts. All companies were utilized for the guard.

On 15 May 1945 the unit was performing usual duties and manning outposts as prescribed.

On 16 May 1945 the unit received orders to move to Wertingen. Bn Hqs moved at 1400.

On 17 May 1945 Company "B", Company "A", AG Platoon, Mortar Platoon, Sv Co and Co D not relieved by 23rd Tank Battalion. At 1800 Sv Co was relieved and moved out for Wertingen. At 2000 Hq Co was relieved from outposts and moved out for Wertingen.

Period 18 May 1945 to 31 May 1945, Unit in Wertingen, Germany. Security patrols initiated throughout month, and strategic points and valuable equipment outposted. During this time no unusual events occurred other than several minor complaints by local townspeople as to looting by D.P.s. Numerous suspicious persons were picked up at road blocks and were turned over to CIC Officials.

WILLIAM R. COMFORT
Major, Infantry
Commanding

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR

Capt. Charles C. Clayton, 0446021
2nd Lt. Fred L. Shelton, 02015017

GO 44, Sec VII 11 May 45
GO 45, Sec XVII 12 May 45

BRONZE STAR

1st Lt. Christopher T. Garvey, 01015743
2nd Lt. Othal T. Parsons, 01019333
Capt. John G. Cook, 01010872
1st Lt. Cleo C. Taylor, 01016080
Capt. John K. Shipe, 0394344
Capt. Morris Schwartz, 01013444
Capt. Garfield S. Barnet, 0539729
Capt. Robert C. Kelly, 01012598

GO 44, Sec XI 11 May 45
GO 44, Sec XII 11 May 45
GO 45, Sec XX 12 May 45
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GO 45, Sec XXIV 12 May 45
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GO 49, Sec I, 31 May 45
GO 49, Sec XII 31 May 45

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2nd Lt. Abe H. Traktman

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Hqn Off
Maint Off
Porter Platoon Off
Assault Gun Platoon Off
SSO - EFM - Bn Gas Off

Co A

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1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt
2nd Lt. William F. Attison
2nd Lt. William V. Okoniewski

Commanding
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr - Battlefield Apmt.
Tk Plat Ldr - Battlefield Apmt.

Co B

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Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
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Tk Plat Ldr - Battlefield Apmt.

Co C

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps
2nd Lt. Fred L. Shelton
2nd Lt. Thomas M. Gaffney
2nd Lt. John W. McDougal
1st Lt. Hugh Robinson

Commanding
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr Hosp Ital to Duty
Tk Plat Ldr Trans fr 494 FA

Co D

Capt. John G. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Dethloff
1st Lt. Joe C. Carlson
2nd Lt. William J. Venema
2nd Lt. Frank R. Pagnotta
2nd Lt. Thomas D. Sefton

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Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr - Battlefield Ampt

Sv Co

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Capt. John R. Stuerwald
1st Lt. Christopher T. Garvey
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Trans Plat Off
Co Maint Off
Pers Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

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Capt. Garfield S. Barnett
Capt. Max M. Earl

Trans to 11th Evac
Med Off - General Surgery
Trans fr 82d

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TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	ACTION taken
:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	1	11 May	Rec'd orders to move vic. Augsburg & effect relief of 23rd Tk. Bn.	:
:	:	1	12 May	Co. C moved to Augsburg & effected relief of elements guarding targets at that point.	:
:	:	1	13 May	0900 Hq & Sv. And Co. A moved to Augsburg. Closed in Augsburg 1500. Co. D moved from Blaubeuern, arrived at Augsburg approximately 1700.	:
:	:	1	14 May	Bn-S-3 making check & estimate of all outposts, determining no. of men to man posts. Companies all being utilized for guard.	:
:	:	1	15 May	Usual Bn duties. Co's. manning outposts as prescribed.	:
:	:	1	16 May	Unit rec'd orders to move to Wertingen. Bn Hq moved 1400.	:
:	:	1	17 May	Co. B, Co. A, Asslt Gun, Mortar, Sv. Co. and Co. D not relieved by 23 Tk Bn	:
:	:	2	171600	Sv. Co. relieved and moved out for Wertingen.	:
:	:	3	171800	D Co. relieved and moved to Wertingen.	:
:	:	4	172000	Hq. Co. rel'd from outposts and moved to Wertingen.	:
:	:	1	18 May	Bn assuming responsible guard & usual duties, Wertingen. Co. B and Co. A expected to be rel'd this date.	:
:	:	:	Per.	Unit in Wertingen, Germany. Security:	:
:	:	:	18 May	patrols initiated throughout month, and:	:
:	:	:	to	strategic points and valuable equipment outposted. During this time no:	:
:	:	:	31 May	unusual events occurred other than:	:
:	:	:	:	several minor complaints by local:	:
:	:	:	:	townspeople as to looting by D.P.s.:	:
:	:	:	:	Numerous suspicious persons were picked:	:
:	:	:	:	up at road blocks and were turned over:	:
:	:	:	:	to CEC Officials.	:

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HEADQUARTERS 12TH ARMORED DIVISION

APO 262, U. S. ARMY

OPERATIONS IN GERMANY

JUNE 1945

714TH TANK BATTALION
(Unit)

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HEADQUARTERS
714th Tank Battalion
APO 262, U. S. Army

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division,
APO 262, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the
714th Tank Battalion for the period 1 June 1945 to
30 June 1945 inclusive.

JACK C. CHILDERS
Lt. Col. Infantry
Commanding

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From 1 June 1945 to 13 June the unit, except for Company "A", remained at WERTINGEN, Germany guarding targets, acting as Security Troops, and conducting Training.

Company "A" was nearby at BUTTENWIESEN during this period.

At 1245B 13 June 1945, Bn. Hq. and Hq. Co. left WERTINGEN and moved to a new area at LAUCHHEIM, Germany. The rest of the Battalion also moved to various towns near LAUCHHEIM.

Service Company moved to HULEN.

Company "C" moved to REICHENBACH.

Company "D" moved to WALDHUSEN.

Companies "A" and "B" moved to GUNDELFINGEN and performed the duties of auxiliary trucking Companies moving PWs from GUNDELFINGEN to AALEN.

At 0710B 27 June Company "C" moved from REICHENBACH to BERNAT.

At 1700B 27 June the Battalion held a Review and Parade at LAUCHHEIM at which time the Commanding General of the 12th Armored Division presented the Battalion with its colors.

At 1030B 30 June 1945 Major William R. Comfort, 0450264 assumed command of the Battalion, vice Lt. Col. Frederick P. Field, 0359720 transferred.

JACK C. CHILDERS
Lt. Col. Infantry
Commanding

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CASUALTY

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Negative

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

LIEUTENANT

1st Lt Ralph E. Butts, 36430297	00 02, Sec XII, 27 June 45
1st Sgt Harry W. Shillingar, 36022621	00 03, Sec V 29 June 45

1ST LIEUTENANT

Pfc William F. Bartlett, Jr., 36102136	00 02, Sec VI 29 June 45
2nd Lt. William V. Chondowski, 00024970	00 03, Sec VI 29 June 45

2ND LIEUTENANT

2nd Lt Warren V. Nelson, 36199932	00 30, Sec VII 1 June 45
Pvt Herman B. Pedersen, 36021704	00 30, Sec VIII 1 June 45
2nd Lt Murray M. Lettner, 36021307	00 31, Sec I 4 June 45
Pfc Darryl L. Groveling, 36126704	00 31, Sec XII 4 June 45
1st Lt Ruben A. Joachim, 37317257	00 31, Sec V 4 June 45
Pfc Meyer Friedlander, 42002127	00 37, Sec V 26 June 45
2nd Lt. Thomas D. Saffin, 00024324	00 39, Sec IV 22 June 45
1st Lt. Hugh Robinson, 01262436	00 42, Sec I 27 June 45
Pfc Robert W. Hessler, 36473621	00 43, Sec VIII 29 June 45
1st Lt. Arnold C. Smith, 00021322	00 43, Sec I 29 June 45
1st Lt James A. Hagrada, 36002127	00 43, Sec I 29 June 45
Capt. John E. Steward, 00021379	00 43, Sec I 29 June 45
1st Lt Helen F. Hunsing, 36002127	00 43, Sec XI 29 June 45
Capt. Herbert E. Hagrada, 01000209	00 43, Sec XI 29 June 45
Sgt Prester Rothell, 36002127	00 43, Sec XI 29 June 45
Pfc Don E. Walker, 36002127	00 43, Sec XIII 29 June 45
1st Lt Francis J. Krosch, 33396004	00 43, Sec XIV 29 June 45
2nd Lt Walter W. Hoeske, 37234575	00 43, Sec IV 29 June 45
Sgt Allen E. Clothier, 12171342	00 43, Sec XVI 29 June 45
Sgt Elmer L. Foster, 36413043	00 43, Sec XVI 29 June 45
Pfc Ray A. Betelink, 17143338	00 43, Sec XVIII 29 June 45
Pfc Robert D. Adams, 15340046	00 43, Sec XIX 29 June 45
Pvt George F. Harshar, 36361274	00 43, Sec XVII 29 June 45

3RD LIEUTENANT

1st Lt Vernon J. Brett, 18046034	00 30, Sec XII 1 June 45
1st Lt Angelo T. Chinnano, 32521376	00 31, Sec IX 4 June 45
WOJG George H. Frost, Jr., 32 126324	00 37, Sec II 26 June 45
2nd Lt Robert C. Mahony, 33393336	00 43, Sec XIII 29 June 45
1st Lt Michael Schaefer, 36241132	00 43, Sec XIV 29 June 45
Cpl Don E. Jeffery, 36439013	00 43, Sec XIV 29 June 45
1st Lt Lewis H. White, 32207400	00 43, Sec XIV 29 June 45
1st Lt Leonard R. Schenck, 37653042	00 43, Sec XIV 29 June 45
1st Lt George W. Henrich, 35510009	00 43, Sec XIV 29 June 45
1st Lt Claude F. Allen, 36613714	00 43, Sec XVII 29 June 45
1st Lt Harold I. Leary, 36610044	00 43, Sec XVII 29 June 45

OFFICERS

ROSTER

Battalion
Headquarters

Lt. Col. Frederick P. Field
Major William R. Comfort
Major James M. Boone
Capt. Robert C. Kelly
Capt. Morris Schwartz
Capt. John K. Shippe
1st Lt. William W. Turley
1st Lt. Arnold C. Heath

Commanding
Executive Officer
S-3
S-2
Comm O
S-4
S-1
Liaison Officer

Hq Co

Capt. George Harding
1st Lt. Cleo C. Taylor
1st Lt. Harold A. Sleeman
2nd Lt. Othel T. Parsons
2nd Lt. James R. Jenks
2nd Lt. Abe H. Traktman

Commanding
Hon Off
Maint Off
Mortar Plat Off
Assault Gun Plat Off
SSO - EFM - In Gas Off

A Co

Capt. Charles J. McLaughlin
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster
1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge
1st Lt. Raymond M. Schmidt
2nd Lt. William F. Attison
2nd Lt. William V. Okoniewski

Commanding
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

B Co

Capt. Herbert E. Magruder
1st Lt. Wilman E. Good
2nd Lt. Harry N. Kettler
2nd Lt. Ivin R. Philpott
2nd Lt. George M. Branson
2nd Lt. Arthur Arnold

Commanding
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

C Co

Capt. Charles C. Clayton
1st Lt. Hugh Robinson
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps
2nd Lt. Fred L. Shelton
2nd Lt. Thomas M. Caffney
2nd Lt. John W. McDougal

Commanding
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

Co D

Capt. John G. Cook
1st Lt. Louis I. Dethloff
1st Lt. Joe C. Carlson
2nd Lt. William J. Venema
2nd Lt. Frank R. Pagnotta
2nd Lt. Thomas D. Sefton

Commanding
Maint Off
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr
Tk Plat Ldr

Sv Co

Capt. George Hoyt
Capt. John K. Stuerwald
1st Lt. Christopher T. Garvey
2nd Lt. Casimir F. Grochowski
CWO Joseph T. Collins
WOJG George M. Frost
WOJG Charles E. Frasier

Commanding 1st to Capt.
Bn Motor Off
Trans Plat Off
Co Maint Off
Pers Off
Supply & Evac Staff Off
Motor Trans Off

Medics

Capt. Andrew Thomas

Med Off

HEADQUARTERS 12TH ARMORED DIVISION
AFD 262, U. S. ARMY

OPERATIONS IN GERMANY
JULY 1945

71ST TANK BATTALION
(Unit)

**HEADQUARTERS
714TH TANK BATTALION
APO 262 U. S. ARMY**

10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, US Army.

**Transmitted herewith is Unit History of the 714th Tank Battalion
for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945 inclusive.**

**K. A. VON VOHTLANDER
Major, Cavalry
Commanding**

1 Encl: Unit History in quintuplicate.



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On 2 July 1945 Major William R. Comfort O-450264 was relieved of command of the battalion and assumed the principle duty of Executive Officer. Command of the battalion was assumed by Lt. Col. Jack C. Childers O-282405. Major James M. Beene O-1010726 was transferred on temporary duty to Headquarters 6th Corps.

From 3 July 45 to 6 July 45 men and officers of this battalion were transferred to the 771st Tank Battalion and the 36th Infantry Division.

From 6 July 45 to 10 July 45 men and officers of this battalion were transferred to the 1st Armored Division and to Infantry Division Reorgan. Det. H, Reception Station 7035.

On 10 July 45 Major Karl A. Von Veightlander O-289547 was transferred to this headquarters from the 771st Tank Battalion and took over duties of Executive Officer.

On 11 July 45 Major William R. Comfort was transferred from this headquarters to the 43rd Tank Battalion.

From 11 July 45 to 24 July 45 the battalion was engaged in usual battalion duties.

On the 25th July 45 men and officers were transferred to the 1st Armored Division.

From 25 July 45 to 31 July 45 the battalion was engaged in usual battalion duties.

K. A. VON VOIGTLANDER
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

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CASUALTY

REPORT

Negative

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AWARDS AND DEGRADATIONS

SILVER STAR

Capt. Charles J. McLaughlin, 01013371	OO 67, Sec IV	6 July 45
Capt. John G. Cook, 01010872	OO 72, Sec I	18 July 45

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR

2nd Lt. James C. Phelps, 02010536	OO 74, Sec IV	20 July 45
1st Lt. Wilmon E. Good, 01013750	OO 74, Sec V	20 July 45
Major William R. Comfort, 0450264	OO 81, Sec V	27 July 45

BRONZE STAR

Pfc John J. Lehmann, 20119155	OO 67, Sec VIII	6 July 45
Tec 4 Harry C. Patchin, 33396712	OO 67, Sec XVIII	6 July 45
Sgt Joseph F. Jacenetty, 36608982	OO 71, Sec VIII	15 July 45
Tec 4 Clarence F. Fitzpatrick, 37311310	OO 72, Sec VIII	18 July 45
Sgt Norman E. Hahn, 33186998	OO 72, Sec IX	18 July 45
M/Sgt Robert R. Johnson, 36313866	OO 72, Sec I	18 July 45
Cpl Dale E. Geom, 35546448	OO 74, Sec IX	20 July 45
S/Sgt Sidney J. H. Pratt, 38079494	OO 74, Sec IX	20 July 45
Sgt Howard A. Vance, 39192817	OO 74, Sec I	20 July 45
S/Sgt Dave P. Arbura, 15323881	OO 80, Sec I	26 July 45
Sgt Gerald R. Nallen, 33246415	OO 80, Sec I	26 July 45
Tec 5 Frank W. Langenhachen, 33678950	OO 81, Sec I	27 July 45
1st Lt. Louis I. Dethleff, 01014623	OO 81, Sec XI	27 July 45
Pfc Eugene Wilson, 37408869	OO 81, Sec XI	27 July 45
1st Lt. Vernon R. Foster, 03943324	OO 81, Sec XIII	27 July 45
Tec 4 Jesse L. Russell, 38319550	OO 81, Sec XIII	27 July 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Sgt Walter C. Crane, Jr. 12063225	69	
Tec 5 William M. Lawrence, 38134025	OO XXIV	10 July 45
Pfc Ray E. Aungst, 36534264	OO 69, Sec XIV	10 July 45
Tec 5 Vernon L. Beechan, 38275875	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Pfc John W. Boir, 33551259	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Tec 5 Henry N. Biette, 32576763	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Tec 5 Paul Benahak, 33485524	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Tec 5 Charles W. Brettell, 32528282	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Tec 5 Victor E. Bredeur, 36534526	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Tec 5 Emiliano G. Daniti, 32620282	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Pvt Robert E. Emerick, 36382450	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Pfc Ira M. Goldstein, 12156641	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Pfc Robert H. Heeter, 35329750	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45
Pvt Walter D. Hutcherson, 38081173	OO 72, Sec XVIII	18 July 45

S/Sgt Duward B. Jackson, Jr, 37090971
Tec 5 Billy L. Lucas, 35666589
1st Sgt Frank A. Scagliosa, 32552721
2nd Lt. Arthur Arnold, 02016377
Sgt George J. Pederni, 35588354
Sgt Morris H. Kerner, 37495689
2nd Lt. Harry N. Kettler, 02006358
Tec 4 Charles E. McDonald, 33104791
1st Lt. Harold S. Landon, 01012435
1st Sgt James A. McGuiness, 36169578

GO 80, Sec III 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec III 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec IV 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec V 26 July 45
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GO 80, Sec V 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec VI 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec VI 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec VII 26 July 45
GO 80, Sec VII 26 July 45

HERITAGE SERVICE UNIT PLACED

Service Company

GO 72, Sec III 17 July 45

OFFICERS

ROSTER

Battalion
Headquarters

Lt. Col. Jack C. Childers	Commanding
Major Karl A. Von Veigtländer	Executive Officer
Major James M. Boone * DS	S-3
Capt. Robert C. Kelly	S-2
Capt. Morris Schwartz	Comm O
1st Lt. Royal S. Kalis	S-4
1st Lt. Robert M. Kittle	S-1

Ho Co

1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge	Commanding
Capt. George Harding *	DS
2nd Lt. James C. Phelps	SSO

Co A

Capt. Orval O. Saunders	Commanding
2nd Lt. Shelby Speights	Tk Plat Ldr
2nd Lt. William V. Okoniewski	Tk Plat Ldr

Co B

Capt. Herbert E. Magruder	Commanding
2nd Lt. George M. Branson	Tk Plat Ldr

Co C

1st Lt. William R. Keegan	Commanding
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Co D

2nd Lt. Othal T. Parsons	Commanding
2nd Lt. Paul E. Wilhelm	Tk Plat Ldr

Sy Co

1st Lt. Christopher T. Garvey	Commanding
1st Lt. William H. French	Bn Meter Off
1st Lt. Michael Berda	Supply & Transportation Off
2nd Lt. Lee B. Herten Jr	Co Maint Off

Medics

1st Lt. P. L. Turner	MAC
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AUGUST 1945

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714TH TANK BATTALION
(Unit)

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HEADQUARTERS
714TH TANK BATTALION
APO 262 U. S. ARMY

10 September 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 12th Armored Division, APO 262, US Army.

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James M. Boone
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Major, Cavalry
Commanding

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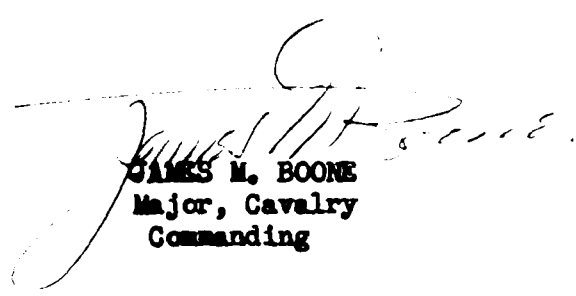
During the period 1 August to 31 August 1945, the Battalion was occupied in re-deploying troops. Security patrols and road blocks were in operation as Security Measures.

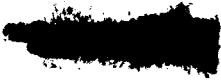
On 12 August 1945, the Battalion moved from LAUCHHEIM, Germany and vicinity and established at CP at NATTHEIM, Germany. Left LAUCHHEIM at 1030 and arrived in NATTHEIM at 1130, distance traveled, 29 miles. No unusual incidents occurred. A Security Patrol and Roving Road Block were established in Area of NATTHEIM FOR security measures.

On 24 August 1945 at 1645, a retreat ceremony was held in the town square of NATTHEIM, in which the Battalion Soft Ball Team were awarded prizes for winning the Division Soft Ball Championship.

On 27 August 1945, Lt. Col. Jack C. CHILDERS, 0282405, Commanding Officer, and Major Karl A. VON VOIGTLANDER, 02895471, Executive Officer, were transferred to Headquarters, Seventh Armored Division.

On 27 August 1945, Major James M. BOONE, O-1010726 assumed command of the Battalion.


JAMES M. BOONE
Major, Cavalry
Commanding



CASUALTY

REPORT

Negative

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SILVER STAR

1st Lt. Robert V. Kresge, 01018190
Sgt Matthew L. Scully, 33341853

GO 96, Sec I 7 August 1945
GO 96, Sec I 7 August 1945

BRONZE STAR

T/Sgt George D. Dalley, 32528492
1st Lt. Raymond H. Schmidt, 01016006
1st Lt. William W. Turley, 01012195

GO 96, Sec III 7 August 1945
GO 96, Sec V 7 August 1945
GO 101, Sec I 14 August 1945

CROIX de GUERRE

Lt. Col. William J. Phelan, 016870
Capt. Charles C. Clayton, 0446021
2d Lt. Harry H. Kettler, 02006358
S/Sgt Adrian O. Lindquist, 37314644

Ltr, Hq Seventh Army 14 Aug 45
Ltr, Hq Seventh Army 14 Aug 45
Ltr, Hq Seventh Army 14 Aug 45
Ltr, Hq Seventh Army 14 Aug 45

OFFICERS ROSTER

Battalion
Headquarters

Major James M. Boone
1st Lt. Robert M. Kittle

Commanding
S-1, S-2, S-3, Ex 0

Hq Co

2nd Lt. Wallace S. Holbrook

Commanding

A. B. C. D

2nd Lt. George M. Branson

Commanding, S-4

Sv Co

2nd Lt. Othal T. Parsons

Commanding

Medics

1st Lt. Arthur M. Thieberger

MAC