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IN	OUT				
1 JANUARY 1945					
1300	0830	1		S-3 rptd to 410th Inf div to inspect gun positions	
0900		2	312400A	G-3 Periodic rpt recd.	
0922		3		Bn. LO rptd to CP with sit.	
0922		4		Plan #15, plus overlay, recd.	
0922		5	010600A	Operation memo, OI #38, plus overlay recd.	
1300		6		S-3, 5th TD Gp visited CP and recd S-3 rpt.	
	1330	7		Daily G-3 report forwarded.	
	1830	8		Gun rpt to G-3, 103d Inf, and CG Seventh Army Overlay and prt on AT positions to C of S, 103d.	
2 JANUARY 1945					
1230	0850	1		S-3 left to inspect 57 mm positions in 409th area	
1300	0850	2		Lt. Burch left to inspect gun positions of Co. "A" & C.	
	0850	3		Memo on AT defense sent to 410th, 411th & 409th Inf. Regts.	
0945		4		Bn. LO rptd to CP on situation. G-3 periodic rpt plus overlay recd.	
1300		5	012100A	Barrier defense play plus overlay recd.	
1030		6	1030	Co. "B" atchd to 776th TD Bn. for opns.	
1030		7	1030	One plat from "B" atched as Div CP Defense was reld and reverted to Bn. control, jd co at 1300 hrs.	
1100	1100	8		Daily G-1 rpt sent to higher	
1250		9	1255	Message from AT officer, XV Corp to reinforce Co. "B" with one TD Company	
	1330	10		S-3 visited 776th TD Bn.	
1630		11		Co. "C" CO rptd that TD section returned mission with 411th Inf. Mission accomplished, no casualties.	
1800		12	010001A	Staff Sgt. C. H. Sturkey promoted to 2nd Lt.	
3 JANUARY 1945					
0500		1	022400A	G-3 periodic rpt recd, plus overlay. Co. "B" reld from atch to 410th Inf and atched to 44th Inf Div.	

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<u>3 JANUARY 1945, cont'd</u> (At Farschviller, Fr.)					
0500		2		OI #39, recd. Co. "A" reverts to Bn. Control (614th TD Bn. less Cos. "B" & "C" held in mobile res.	
1000	1045	3 4	030800A	Mine field overlay recd. S-3 sent message to Co. "A" to reconnoiter positions as shown on overlay attached.	
	1100	5		New locations reptd to G-3, 103d Inf Div by LO	
	1120	6		Daily G-1 rpt sent to higher headquarters.	
1130		7		Verbal message; one plat Co. "A" reptd to Hq. Comdt, 103d, at 1015 hrs. Co. "A", less one plat, closed at Puttelange.	
1130		8		Recd Co. "B" gun positions; Co. CP at Sarregumines.	
1425		9		OP #40. Plat A1 for Div withdrawal, recd.	
1630		10		Gun rpt to G-3, 103d Inf.	
	2020	11		Daily S-3 rpt to CG Seventh Army	
	2020	12		Daily S-3 ppt to 5th TD Gp, for Jan 1, 2, & 3d.	
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<u>4 JANUARY</u> (At Farschviller, Fr.)					
1230	0940	1		S-3 rptd to C of S, 103d Inf. Div.	
0950		2		Bn. LO rptd to CP on situation.	
0950		3	032400A	G-3 periodic rpt plus overly recd, no change	
1200		4		Co. "C" operation rpt recd; no change or action.	
	1200	5		Daily G-1 report forwarded to higher hqs.	
	1805	6		Daily S-3 rpt to higher hqs. Gun ppt to G-3, 103d Inf. Div.	
<u>5 JANUARY 1945</u> (At Farschviller, Fr.)					
1230	0940	1		S-3 rptd to C of S, 103d Inf Div.	
0950	0950	2		Bn. LO rptd to CP on situation.	
0950		3	032400A	G-3 periodic rpt plus overlay recd, no change	
1200		4		Co. "C" operation rpt recd; no change or action	
	1805	5		Daily S-3 rpt to CG Seventh Army	

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<u>5 JANUARY 1945, cont'd.</u>					
0950	1000	3	041000A	OI #41, plus overlay, recd, no change.	
		4		Daily G-1 report forwarded to higher hqs.	
0950		5	042400A	G-3 periodic rpt plus overlay recd, no change	
1300		6	021530A	OPns memo; all CS weapons manned at all time.	
	1902	7		Daily S-3 rpt to CG Seventh Army. Gun rpt to G-3, 103d Inf. Div.	
<u>6 JANUARY 1945 (At Farsbhviller, Fr.)</u>					
1000	0800	1		S-3 prts to 103d Inf. Div.	
0945		2		Bn. LO rpts to CP on situation. G-3 PR recd.	
	1000	3		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
1600	1515	4		S-3 visited 290th FA Bn.	
	1935	5		Gun rpt and Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
<u>7 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0930		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on situation.	
		2	051600A	OI #42, plus overlay recd, no change. OI #45 plus overlya recd, no action reqd.	
	1030	3		Daily G-1 rpt forwarded.	
1400		4		S-3, 5th TD Gp picked up S-3 rpts. Co. "C" rpts no action.	
	1940	5		Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
<u>8 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0945		1		Bn. LO repts to CP on situation; (G-3 periodic rpt No 56 & Mine fld overlay #8, recd.	
	1000	2		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
	1945	3		Gun rpt and Daily S-3 report forwarded.	

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<u>9 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0830		1		Bn. LO Rpts to CP on situation. G-3 Periodic rpt plus 2 overlays recd.	
1200		2		Daily G-1 rpt forwarded.	
	1425	3		Bn. CO & S-3 visited Co. "C" gun positions.	
	1855	4		Gun rpt and daily S-3 ppt forwarded.	
<u>10 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0940		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on situation. Bn. read from XV Corps and asgnd to XXI Corps, VOGO. Recd G-3 Periodic Report No. 60.	
	1930	2		Gun rpt and Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
<u>11 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
1015		1		Bn. LO rpt to CP on situation. G-3 Periodic rpt No. 61 recd.	
1045		2		Daily G-1 rpt forwarded.	
1645		3		G-2, 4th TD Gp visits CP.	
	1925	4		Gun rpt and Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
<u>12 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0955	0815	1		S-3 rptd to 103d Inf Div CP	
1000		2		Bn. LO rpts to CP on situation. G-3 periodic rpt plus overlay 7 mine field overlay recd.	
	1050x	3xx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
	1045	3		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
	1930	4		Gun rpt and Daily S-3 ppt forwarded.	
2100		5		Telephone; from G-3, 103d Inf. Div; Co. "A" would be employed in morning; 2 plats in center of div. one plat along AA line.	Co. "A" in-formed

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<u>13 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0930		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on sit. (G-3 PR No 63 recd.	
1400		2		S-3, 5th TD Gp picked up S-3 rpts.	
	1520	3		Overlay of positions to G-3, 103d Inf. Div.	
	1520	4		Daily G-1 Report forwarded.	
1925		5		Co. "A" alerted for move to 409th Inf sector. Ordered by G-3, 103d Inf. Div.	Co. "A" alerted.
	1945	6		Gun rpt and Daily S-3,rpt forwarded.	
<u>14 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0930		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on situation. OI #48 recd.	
	1045	2		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
1300		3		OI #49 recd; Co. "A" atched to 409th Inf. Co. "G" atched to 410 Inf., C6. "B" to 411th Inf.	
1500		4		MO # 8, plus overlay recd.	
	1945	5	1550	Co. "A" passed IP enroute to Reichshoffen, Fr. S-3 rpt and gun rpt forwarded.	
<u>15 JANUARY 1945 (At Farschviller, Fr.)</u>					
0930		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on situation.	
0930		2	140001A	G-3 Periodic rpt plus overlay recd.	
	1100	3		VOCO to Ren Plat CO to assemble plats and move to Farschviller)	
1745		4		VOCG, 103d Inf. Div. to move to Reichshoffen, France at 0800 hrs, 16 Jan 45 (MO #8)	
	1945	5		Gun rpt and Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
	2030	6		March orders plus overlay sent to March U comdrs.	
<u>16 JANUARY 1945 (At Reichshoffen, Fr.)</u>					
	0645	1		Bn. CO & S-3 left for Reichshoffen, Fr.	
	0800	2		Bn. CP, 1st & 2d Ren Plat, Hq. Co, left for New CP	
1300		3		Closed in Reichshoffen, France.	

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I N	O U T				
<u>16 January 1945 cont'd</u>					
1130		4		S-2, 645th TD n. visited CP, requested bn relv 813 TD Bn vic Hindstein by 1800 hrs.	Arranged for relief.
1700		5		Co. "C", 2d Plat, in position at Hindstein.	
	1820	6		Gun rpt forwarded	
1100		7		Brig. Gen. McAuliffe visited CP--wanted vehicles dispersed and for CO to make apt to see him.	Veh dispersed CO notified.
<u>17 JANUARY 1945 (At Reichshoffen, Fr.)</u>					
0500		1		Hv en art shell fell in vic of CP--no casualties	Rptd to Div.
0945	0920	2		CO rept to 103d Inf Div	
1000		3		Bn LO rptd to CP with situation and Periodic Rpt #67, & G-2 Periodic Rpt #29	
	1000	4		CO ordered 1st Rcn Plat to ren for tank approach on rt flank, and 2d Rcn on Lt flank	
1005		5		Brig Gen Hicks, Div ARTY CG, visited CP to check on enemy shelling	Ex O took him to crater.
1345		6	171200	OP & Overlay recd--rcn intermediate MDR RR	
1414		7		CO Co. "A" sent overlay of gun positions.	
1530	1500	8		CO & S-3 visited 1st Armd GP CP	
1643		9		Critical Pts infor recd	Plotted.
	1805	10		Gun rpt forwarded	
<u>18 JANUARY 1945 (At Reichshoffen, Fr.)</u>					
1000	0830	1		CO rpts to 103d Div. CP	
0930		2		Bn LO rpts to CP on sit. G-3 rpt recd.	
	1015	3		S-1 Daily Rpt forwarded	
1115		4		CO Co. "C" rpts one plat reld plat of 645th TD.	
	1320	5	181320	Rcn mission on ft flank asgd Rcn plat.	
	1815	6		S-3 rpt forwarded	
1830		7		Div G-3 rpts that Co. "B" not reld from 106th Cav for about 2-7 days.	
1816		8		Overlay of psitions from 813th TD Bn.	
	1910	9		Gun rpt forwarded.	

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<u>19 JANUARY 1945 (At Reichshoffen)</u>					
0845		1		G-3 Periodic rpt plus overlay recd.	
	0900	2		CO sent 1st Rcn Plat to contact 827th TD Bn., 2nd Rcn Plat to 813th TD Bn.	
	0915	3		Asst S-3 left to contact 31 Engrs on positions.	
	0930	4		Daily G-1 rpt forwarded.	
1435		5		Co. "B" closed in Reichshoffen, Fr.	
1715		6		OI #51 recd. G-2 periodic rpt recd.	
	1930	7		Gun rpt forwarded; G-3 notified of chg in co locations.	
		8		Co. "A" & "C" gun positions recd.	
2030		9		Msg sent to C to contact Wyoming.	
	2045	10		Daily S-2 rpt, 1st Armd Gp recd.	
2050		11		From G-3; Be on alert for enemy traffic	All units alerted
2115		12	230019	Ords to run new MLR. OI #52 recd.	
2115					
<u>20 JANUARY 1945 (At Reichshoffen)</u>					
0845		1		Bn LO rpts to CP on sit.	
	0830	2		S-3 makes men of Rt flank.	
1050		3		Bn. CO & Capt Finely makes men of rt flank.	
	0925	4		Bn CO rpts to Div, recd orders to withdraw.	Units alerted
	1200	5		Msg to Co. "A" to rpt to 409th Inf. for orders	
	1350	6		Capt. Ogelsby in charge of moving Bn. Hq.	
1400		7		Mr. Victor Jones, Boston Globe visited CP to obtain story on fight at Climbach, Fr. 14 Dec.	Given avail- able informa.
	1410	8		G-1 rpt forwarded. S-1 left for new CP.	
	1410	9		Co. "C" notified of atch to 409th for movement then to 410th at completion of move.	
1545		10		OI #53, G-3 rpt #70, G-2 rpt #61 recd.	Units alerted
<i>1</i>	1550	11		CP, Hq. Co. & Co. "B" moved by infiltration to new locations.	
1830		12		Bn. CP opened in Printzheim, France.	

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<u>21 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
0910	0730	1		S-3 rptd to 103d Div CP	
0920		2		Bn. LO rpts to CP with sit. G-2 Rpt #62, and G-3 Rpt #71, plus overlay, recd.	
1040		3		Lt Burch rpts 2 half-tracks, 2-3" guns destroyed in position by demolition	
1450		4		CO "C", rpts to Bn. CO on situation of move.	
1455	1455	5		2d Ron Plat CP to Minversheim, Fr.	
	1500	6		Daily G-1 rpt forwarded.	
1735		7		1st Ron Plat CP at Pfaffenoffen, Fr.--in comm with I Co, 409th Inf. Asked for maps	Maps sent
1837	1735	8		Daily S-3 prts for 2 prior days forwarded.	Padded.
		9		List of Critical Points, SOI, recd	
<u>22 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
0900		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on sit. G-3 Periodic Rpt #72 plus overlay, and G-2 PR #63, recd.	
0927		2		Recd First Armd Gp S-2 Report of 21 Jan.	
	1000	3		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
	1300	4		Bn. CO rpts to Div Hq.	
	1350	5		Msg to CO. "A" & "B"--Meet CO immediately.	
1400	1515	6		LO 827th TD Bn.	
1900	2200	7		Co. Comdrs in for meeting.	
	1740	8		Daily S-3 report forwarded. Gun rpt to Div.	
<u>23 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
1000	0845	1		Bn. CO leaves for Div Hq.	
0855		2		Bn. LO rpts to CP on Sit. Critical Pts order recd.	
				G-3 PR # 73 (222400) and G-2 PR #64, recd.	
	1030	3		Daily S-1 report forwarded.	
		4	1030	S-1 coordinates defense of town of Printzheim w/units located in town. All roads guarded.	
	1120	5		Bn. CO & S-3 leave for Div Hq.	
	1645	6		Daily S-3 Rpt forwarded.	

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<u>23 JANUARY 1945 (Cont'd) At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
2145	1855	7		Gun report to Div.	
		8		First Armd Gp S-2 rpt recd.	
2240		9		Bn. LO rpts to CP on sit. OI # 54 & #55 recd.	
<u>24 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim,,France.</u>					
0910	0730	1		S-3 rpts to Div.	
0920		2		Bn LO rpts to CP on sit. G-3 rpt and Engr mine field overlay recd.	
1625	1330	3		CO & S-3 inspects gun positions.	
	1400	4		Daily S-1 rpt forwarded.	
	1600	5		Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
1630		6		Barrier Def Plan and OI #56, recd.	
	1820	7		Gun rpt to 103d Inf. Div.	
<u>25 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
0940	0900	1		CO & S-3 rpts to Div Hq.	
0910		2		Bn LO rpts to CP on sit. G-3 PR #75 and engr minefield recd. Message from CO. Co. "B" that Schillersdorf captured by Germans. Four EM of 3d Plat Co. "C" made way back to CP. No further information on remainder of plat.	
1045	1000	3		CO & S-3 left for Ingwiller, Bueswiller, Fr. One EM from plat in Schillersdorf picked up on road.	
	1100	5		Daily S-1 rpt forwarded.	
1225		6		Msg from Div that searchlights in area tonight.	Units informed.
1410		7		CO Co. "C" rpts to CP on loss in Schillersdorf. One EM killed and two wounded by eny shell at Zutzendorf, Fr.	
	1920	8		Gun rpt to Div., S-3 Daily rpt forwarded.	
<u>26 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
	0758	1		Ammo rpt to S-4, Bn.	

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<u>26 JANUARY 1945 cont'd</u>					
0900		2		Bn LO rpts to CP on sit. G-3 PR #76 and G-2 PR #67, plus overlays recd.	
0940		3		Tng Memo #3, Seventh Army recd	Distributed to cos
	1030	4		Daily S-1 rpt forwarded.	
	1200	5		Map Thrust Line Code of Bn.	To all cos.
	1255	6		CO & S-3 inspects Gun positions.	
	1620	7		Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
1800		8		Co. "C" rpts 1 Off and 13 EM are missing from platoon which was in Schillersdorf, Fr.	
2110		9		CO CO. "A" rpts that 1 civilian shot by gd at 2100 hrs at Lixhausen, Fr.	Sol placed under gd & investigation held. Civil affairs notified.
<u>27 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim)</u>					
0900		1		BN LO rpts to CP on sit. G-2 PR #68 recd.	
1000		2		CO 807th TD Bn. visits CP.	
	1030	3		Daily S-1 Report forwarded.	
	1350	4		Daily S-3 report forwarded.	
1351		5		Bn. LO rpts to CP, w/G-3 PR #77.	
1815		6		Mine field overlay from 328th Engrs recd.	
	1820	7		Gun Prt to Div.	
<u>28 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim)</u>					
0100		1		OI #57 and #58, plus overlays recd.	
0900		2		Bn LO rpts to CP, G-3 PR #78 and G-2 Rpt #69.	
	1015	3		Daily S-1 Report forwarded.	
1450		4		CO & S-3 inspects gun positions.	
	1500	5		Daily S-3 rpt forwarded.	
	1810	6		Gun rpt to Div.	
		7	1800	Co. Comdrs Meeting held by Bn. CO	
<u>29 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim)</u>					
0830		1		Bn. LO rpts to CP on sit. G-2 PR #70	

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<u>29 JANUARY 1945 (Cont'd)</u>					
0940		2		LO, 807th TD Bn. visits CP--given overlay of guns.	
	1040	3		S-2 and 1st & 2d Rcn Plats ldrs rpt to Div G-2.	
1200	1100	4		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
		5		Co. "C" rpts enemy shells in vic	Rpt to Div.
	1355	6		Daily S-3 Rpt forwarded.	
	1812	7		Gun rpt to Div.	
<u>30 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
0845		1		Overlay of positions from Co. "C"	
0850		2		Bn. LO rpts to CP on Sit. G-2 PR #71 and G-3 PR #80.	
	1015	3		Daily S-1 report forwarded.	
1750		4		Bn LO rpts to CP with minefield overlay #7.	
	1840	5		Gun rpt to Div.	
2300		6		Bn. LO rpts to CP w/ OI #59.	
<u>31 JANUARY 1945 (At Printzheim, Fr.)</u>					
0830		1		S-3 rpts to Div. Hq. for H of Charm.	
0840		2		Bn. LO rpts to CP on sit. G-3 PR #81, G-2 PR #71.	
	1000	3		Daily G-1 report forwarded.	
1500	1025	4		S-3 left for Co. "A" CP and 409th Inf. Regt CP	
	1410	5		Daily S-3 report forwarded.	
1815	1545	6		S-3 left for Co. "A" CP	
1945	1545	7		Bn. CO departed for IRON.	
	1835	8		Gun rpt forwarded to Div.	