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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: 150001 December 1944

To: 152400 December 1944

Place: Siersthal, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Major Martin D/O	
1200	0930			Capt Wadle to A for Rcn.	
1145	0930			Col Moorhead and Maj Shirley to 71st Inf, B Co (776) and 324 Inf CPs.	
0950	1100			Lt Mishkin and Lt Henningsen from rear.	
1020				Lt Hovey from Rcn.	
1200	1255			Capt Cole with Capt Wadle from A Co.	
1200	1415			Capt Weir for information.	
1245	1255			General Biederlinden (CG Div Arty) Info re; PBs.	
1700	1405			Capt Wadle to B Company	
1615	1430			Col Moorhead w/Capt Cole to regt Hq.	
1700	1500			Lt Sanford to B Co.	
1505				3 enemy tks 722548, 1 enemy tk heading SE at 728545. Phoned from Fl 2	To ABC and Rcn.

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In	Out				
0700				Lt Stoltz D/O	
1730	0840			Col Moorhead called Flavor--C Co will go with 114 Inf when 114 relieves 324 the night of 17 Dec 1944.	
0855				From Flavor--2 enemy tks reported 742545.	Called to Cos
0920	0930			Major man from 749 Td Bn.	
1405	0915			Capt Rothschild to rear.	
0955	1000			Capt from Engineers rptd to Colonel Moorhead to arrange plans for digging in M 36. Capt will send Lt Tveter here to report to Major Shirley.	
1230	1005			Col Moorhead and Maj Martin to ABC Co.	
1005				The 2 tks previously rptd are now 3 tks and they are at Nousseviller.	
1055	1230			Lt. Movey from Rcn.	
1105				25th Cav elements at 697547-676556	
1120				Lt Tveter from Engineers to discuss plans for defilading M36s.	
1128	1500			Lt. Peter from B Co	
1128				Of 3 enemy tks rptd 1 went from Nousseviller to Volmunster--2 went to Lengelsheim. 2 armored vehicles at 728548. 1 armored vehicle 740-555	

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In	Out				
1230				Captain Cusick From Rear.	
1305				"B" CP Rear 697485	
1450	1500			Col. Kirkpatrick from Div. Arty for conference with Col. Moorhead.	
1600	1620			General Biederlinden from Division Artillery.	
1625				Col. Moorhead and Major Shirley to Division Artillery.	

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In	Out				
0700				Lt. Sanford D/O	
0850				746535--1 enemy tk rptd by air OP-- under arty fire now.	
0900				725518 location of tk working with us.	
1400	0910			Maj Shirley to Air OP	
1530	0915			Col Moorhead to 71st Regt CP	
1005				2 tks 735-557	
1010				2 tks 746-535 arty hit one--it burned.	
1020				Fr Rcn 718557 taken. fwd elements cavalry on road 664581.	
1100				G5 and 2's firebugs are now moving and have contacted friends he is with.	
1400	1615			Capt Weir in from G Company.	
1500	1615			Lt Hovey Rcn Co.	
1900				G5 and Tk elements with him have pulled off of hill and request to check out.	Permission granted to check out by Col Moorhead.
2250				Lt Cohen (G5) called on information concerning 2 guns to be placed in same position as today to fire at pillboxes in 100 Div Sector. He is to commence firing at 0900 in the morning.	Maj Martin requested that he make sure that guns are dug in well

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In	Out				
0700				Capt Welch D/O	
0745				A4 moving to 1000E 400N of pt 66 720514	
0800				A5 at 2500E, 300S of pt 66 735508	
0900				A4 at 500E 100N pt 66 715510	
0950				A4 at 1100E 500N of pt 66 723515	
1045				A5 at 1800W 1400N pt 57 742524 working North.	
1300				Correction on A5--1800W 400N pt 57 742514.	
1200	1330			Lt Mishkin and Capt Cusick fr rear	
1305				Col Moorhead to 71st Regt.	
1305				A5 is 744514 instead of above coord.	
1410	1305			Capt Wadle to C co.	
1410	1305			Capt Rothschild also went with Capt. Wadle.	
1420				788518 2 tkds rptd thru FW.	Sent to A
1420	1500			Maj Man, Capt Wilson 749 tk grp	
1725	1421			Capt Wadle to rear echelon.	

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In	Out				
1445	1600			Capt. Merrill TD Group.	
1510	1600			Lt. Holmes, Lt. Bratland from B Co. Lt. Hovey from Ren.	
1515	1615			Colonel Jacoby from TD Grp.	
1530	1545			Capt Weir "C" Co.	
1700				No more on Fort as they have entered unit 6. From Div Arty.	
1735				C Co called Maj Martin as to when C5 will be returned to them from 100 Div.	Col Moorhead will call them later on it.
1930				Col Moorhead called Fleet 3 about getting C5 back with C.	
1940				Frigate 3 request that Lt Cohen (C5) report to frigate Hqs.	Lt Cohen notified.
1955				Rcn OO reporting on fwd elements of 80th Div.	
1957				Msg for Col Moorhead from C Co. Just talked to 3 of big people we are with. He said OK to make switch on C5	
	2000			C5 will be relieved at 0900 hours in the morning and will not leave pos until relieved.	
	2010			To B send 2 destroyers to relieve C5 have them here not later than 0730 hrs in the morning.	

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To: 192400 December 1944

Place: Siersthal, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Capt. Wadle D/O	
1055	0920			Col Moorhead, Maj Martin to Cos 71st Regt.	
0935	1100			Lt Henningsen from rear.	
0950	1010			Lt. Cohen, Capt Anderson w/destroyers.	
0940				C4 at 3000S-200 to 800W of 56 714496 1/2 C5 at 1800W-1400N of 66 693524 C3 at 3200W-2400N of 57 728534 1/2 C5 (Cohen) moving to join remainder of C5.	
1029				A4 at 1100E-500N of 66 721515	
1135	1045			Lt Stoltz to 80th Div.	
1050	1120			Colonel Kirkpatrick from Div Arty	
1155				Infantry at 735523.	
1615				from Rcn 00, 92nd Rcn at our location will establish liaison. Elements at 675565. Also people like us and people we were with this morning have elements at 698565.	
1700				C5 in position at 1200S 700E of 56 717548	

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From: 200001 December 1944

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Place: Siersthal, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Capt Rothschild D/O	
1000	0830			Capt. Rothschild to rear.	
0900				From rear--ammunition drawn 250 HE 50 APC	
1020	0915			Col Moorhead and Capt Wadle to Cos.	
1015	1030			Capt Kreiser from 824 TD.	
1119				1/2 A5 741519 A4 714510	
1155	1205			Lt. Peter, Lt. Wilson, Capt. Weir in for conf.	
1520	1300			Major Shirley and Capt. Wadle to investigate port Simserhof.	
1315	1320			Lt. Hovey from Rcn. Co.	
1320				1 enemy tk at 745563--fr Div Arty	Sent to Cos.
1315	1325			Lt. Mishkin and Capt. Gusick fr rear.	
1354				Disposition of A and C, report from Rcn CO on forward elements of Cavalry on our right. B4 will be at Petit Rederching.	
1520	1300			Col Moorhead to Companies.	
1445				745513 unidentified tks rptd fr Ritter.	

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From: 210001 December 1944

To: 21 2400 December 1944

Place: Siersthal, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0100				Colonel Moorhead to be at 44 Div Arty at 0630.	
0210				"B" Co is attached to 324th Inf and are to send Liaison Officer to them.	
0215				"B" 5 will return in the morning.	
0700				Major Martin D/O	
0830				Message from 44th Div—all men from Iowa can send Cable Greetings. Men from Des Moines can send greetings personally over short wave. Have name, rank, serial no. in immediately	
0940				607158 - "B" co's probably CP	
1015	1025			CO 324 in to find out what happened to "B" Co.	
1022	1100			Major Stiver from TD Grp.	
1300	1500			Lt Hovey from Rcn.	
	1300			Lt. Stoltz and Capt Rothschild to Sarreinsming to hold CP area. Lt. Stoltz to stay there. Capt. Rothschild in at 1610.	

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From: 220001 December 1944

To: 222400 December 1944

Place: Siersthal, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Lt. Sanford D/O--takes Lt. Stoltz place.	
0900				Capt. Preisler 824 re billeting.	
1230	1030			GP left Sierstahal and closed in Sarreinsming.	
1400	1430			Lt. Mishkin, Capt. Cusick, Lt. Henningsen from rear.	
14	1540			Called to Flavor: Bn CP 545547, Bn rear 528513, B CP 572584 c CP 528576 1 564595 1 550585 2 595615 2 530582 3 560615 3 521575	
1600	1630			Major Stiver from TD Group.	

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From: 230001 December 1944

To: 232400 December 1944

Place: Sarreinsming, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Lt. Stoltz duty officer.	
0940	0810			Col. Moorhead to flavor.	
0820				Call regarding Catholic Mass.	
0830	1400			Lt. Stoltz to 87th Division.	
0835				Capttain Wadle, Major Martin to "B" Co.	
0955	1015			Capt. Cole from "A" Co.	
1050				B3 at 582597, 1/2 of B4 586611.	
1230				Pl. Wng. 3 tks sitting South end Rabblesheim--579628.	To Companies.
1420	1300			Capt. Rothschild to rear.	
1300	1330			Capt Cole from "A" Co.	
1300	1600			Lt Mishkin and Capt Cusick fr. rear.	
1415	1530			Major Stiver--S--2 TD Group.	
1540				Call from Capt. Weir 114th Inf requests that 1 platoon C Co be placed indirect fire positions.	Request to be in/through channels Corps and on down. May Shirley
2055				From Flavor 6--Request 1 Platoon A to join Bn of 71st Inf. in vicinity of Sarrequemines tonight.	Called to A Col. Moorhead
2330				Flavor rpts unidentified tks vic woods E Rouling. CONFIDENTIAL Hamilton observed	

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Place: Sarreinsming, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Capt Welch D/O	
0030				A4 has reached destination.	
0820				Capt Anderson "B" Co in for info.	
0930	0820			Col Moorhead, Maj Martin to Div Arty	
0835				Lt. Galvin receives order to rpt to Div re observation by air.	
0900	1120			Lt. Peter from A Co for conference.	
0920	1120			Lt. Jones from Rcn for conference.	
0940				Tell Capt Weir Capt Dutton will work on him any time.	
0945	1120			Lt. Hovey from Rcn for conference.	
1000	1120			Lt. Kujawski from B Co for conference	
1007	1120			Capt Weir from C co for conference.	
1130				"B" Co rpts 2 enemy tks are at 567611 rptd by our people.	
1140				Fr Flavor--observed by Inf. enemy tks at 565612 and 570609.	Called to ABC
1330	1230			Bn CP closed in new location at Siltzheim (528516)	

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In	Out				
1440				From Flavor: Enemy tks at 5656-5940	Called to ABC
1505				Fr Flavor: Fleet 3 rpts 3 enemy tks at 565607.	Calls to ABC
1510				Flavor requests disposition of B Co- in conjunction with enemy tks.	B Co 3rd Plat moving to vic 565575. Toby will try to bring fire on them.
1530				Call to Flemish regarding tks at 565608. (Capt Wadle)	
1555				Major Martin--Col Moorhead to Div Arty.	
1555				Have been in vic 565608 where enemy tks were rptd--400 to 500 yds from it. Saw nothing. Arty shelling, hitting nothing. From R-6.	
1745				A5 1400W 300N pt 53 1/2 A3 1300E 200S pt 53 Rest of 3 2400E Ft 53	

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In	Out				
0700				Capt. Wadle duty officer.	
0830				Capt Wadle to Companies.	
0830				Maj Martin and Col Moorhead to Cos.	
0900				A want A4 to bring up 60 cigars.	Phoned to rear.
1200				B Co. B Co.-- 1 section 1st platoon moved into defensive AT position at 550585 at 0700 hrs. Other section in artillery position with 1 section 2nd platoon at 567556. 3rd platoon 1 section in defensive AT position at 572580.	
1750				Lt. Galvin to meet Maj Barkley at the airstrip at 1500 hrs 26 Dec 44. If you cannot make appointment let him know.	
1800				Flaxon 3 at 621572.	
1800				To Ren 6. Ammo dump at 621572. make reconnaissance at dawn and rpt on its condition and the possibility of our removing it.	

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2000	1120			Capt Wadle to A Company	
1210				512612--2 enemy tanks rptd by flavor.	To "C" Co.
1215				Rcn picked up ammo okay.	
1700	1335			Major Shirley--Capt Welch to A Co.	
	1430			Telephone message to flavor 2. Enemy mine field in forward edge of trees at 624559. (AP)	
1450	1451			100 enemy infantry and 2 enemy tanks at 668563. Source Hickory II thru Flavor II	Sent to "A" Co.
1500				G Co reports enemy infantry 515600	Sent to Flavor TD
1545				Message from C Co to rear through CP. C co rear moving back at 1600 hrs. Have you room for them.	Sent to Hq and answered "yes".
1600				G5 observes a lot of enemy infantry at 545603 and requests artillery conc.	
1600				Rcn 33 and AOP cannot observe inf due to haze--G5 adjusting for Arty.	
1730				From "B" Co--T/V Vernon S. Anderson wounded by mortar fragment. Moderately severe to severe.	
1747				From Rcn Co Friendly mine field 60155555. ABC informed.	
1820				Flavor 2--Special program to be conducted by Florence (220FA) tonight. Contact Flavor for details.	

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In	Out				
0700				Capt Rothschild duty officer.	
0830				Fr R6 He found it himself this morning and doesn't think it will be necessary to have any markers, but we should find out if there are any friends to the N of it. It is definitely what we use.	
0840				A to A rear. Send Franco and Burton immediately to our CP with equipment.	
0900				From A6 to H6--Rcn was made of area discussed last night. After talking to people we are with it was decided not to move our elements up there. A6 will contact H6 later and give more detailed information.	
0930				B wants 200 cigars.	
0930				Friendly tanks at 1000m 200E of Pt 53.	
1230	0937			Maj Shirley, Capt. Welch to Companies.	
1230	0950			Colonel Moorhead to 71st, 324th, 114th, A and B in order.	
0950				B3 1 unit 551589 1 unit 561586 B5 2 units 573582 B4 2 units 588566 B4 2 units 566556	

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In	Out				
0700				Major Martin Duty Officer.	
0735				2 enemy tanks reported 515600	To Co. "C"
0845				"B" Co wants 100 Luckies and 20 Camels.	
0900				"A" 4 is going into position at 0800 this morning, at 2500N 25W of Pt. 53. (611587)	
1100				Captain Wadde reports enemy guns vicinity 605615	To Falvor 2
1520	0930			Captain Rothschild to 17th Army Rear.	
	0930			Captain Welch to "C" Company.	
1110				"A" wants 2 DR4's heavy wire. Stop at Granlie's track for reel.	Sent to A7
1420				OP 2nd Plat. "C" Co 519582, regarding 2 enemy tanks reported on message 0735, vehicles could be heard at distance 3000 yards azimuth 340 degrees--no description.	
1150				"Rcn" CP Pt 22, 2200S-100E 532549, "Rcn" 20 fr Pt 22, 6000E-3000S--Send shoes for skillet to new location.	
1145	1155			General Biederlinden - Re: General situation.	
1145	1230			Lt. Hovey, Lt. Jones from "Rcn"	

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In	Out				
1400	1630			Major Stiver TD Group.	
1410	1630			Colonel Jacoby TD Group.	
1310				2 enemy tanks reported vicinity 546625. Artillery firing on them now---Infor- mation from Florence OP.	
1325				In addition to tanks other vehicles on road at 549625. May be more in woods. Air OP.	
1435				C Co CP 700S-1000E of 23.	
1500	1630			Liaison Officer from 824th with situation.	
1645				Capt. Weir "C" Co.	
1645				Capt Wadle from "A" Co.	
1730	2200			Meeting of Company Commanders and Executives.	

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In	Out				
0130				5 SP guns or tanks vic. NIEDGAILBACH. Picked up by gun flash. When they were fired on they stopped shooting.	
0215				561605 Tank moving around and fired on by moonlight adjustment. rr. Florence.	
0425				2 enemy tanks were fired on by Arty but were still there at 0340. 558603.	
0700				Lt. Stoltz duty Officer.	
0715				"C" Company wants C9 sent up to their place as soon as possible.	
0800				Capt Merrill, Hellcat, called requesting last night's activities.	
0835				Florence reports some enemy tanks at Hobkirchen.	
1100	0635			Major Martin to B Company.	
0900				From B Co. Have heard noises in direction of Hobkirchen but unable to see anything due to haze.	
1355	1100			Colonel Moorhead to Regiments and Cos.	
1130				A4--1700N-200W of pt 53.	
1200				A to A rear--ammo at 5800W 500N pt 62 50 camels 30 luckies. at 3400W 200N pt 62 100 luckies. Please pick up this PM.	

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1305				Major Stiver from TD Group.	
1340	1200			Capt Welch to Corps	
1500				C Company wants 150 luckies brought to C3 this afternoon.	
1800				Rcn wants 200 cigars in morning. bring to Rcn CP.	
1935				B Company reports harrassing fire mission on road between Wiltersheim and Rebeisheim.	
1937				From Fleet 1 - Rotation 1 man - 15 months overseas. Emergency has priority. name to be in Army by 30 December 1944.	

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0020				Starting immediately all personnel will wear gas masks at all times until further notice.	
0615				Flaxon has a patrol out which heard a tank motor in NE corner of Gersheim. Could be one tank. Heard at 0315.	
0700				Lt. Sanford duty officer.	
0815				A company wants generator for hammermill.	
1220	0830			Major Martin to B company.	
1615	0830			Capt Welch and Lt. Stoltz to 824th	
1045	1230			Major Stiver TD Grp.	
1350	1405			General Biederlinden and aide.	
1220	1240			Capt. Weir from "C" Co.	
1225	1300			Lt. Peter from "A" Company	
1615	1715			Lt. Movey from Rcn. Co.	
1700				G Company wants 9 luckies tomorrow.	
1720				2 tanks vic 598616 being fired on by 157 FA. In adjustment stage.	

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In	Out				
1745				flavor reports tanks at 598616 are digging in.	
2030	1940			Colonel Moorhead to Div. Arty.	
2255				5986-6103 at dusk same 2 tanks as 1720 message were sighted at these coordinates. fr. flavor.	

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From: 300001 December 1944

To: 302400 December 1944

Place: Siltzheim, France

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In	Out				
0330				1 tank heard at 510576.	To Companies.
0645				1 tank heard E part Neidergailbach.	To Companies.
0805				half Tracks, S. P.'s and tks at Neidergailbach. 2 bns TOT.	
0700				Capt Welch duty Officer.	
0915 1630	0915			Capt Wadle, Major Martin on Rcn	
1100	1020			Capt Rothschild to rear.	
1045	1050			Lt. Jones from Reconnaissance Co.	
1200	1000			Colonel Moorhead to Regiments.	
1050				"C" wants load of luckies brought to C3 position	Sent to trans.
1105				Col. called on radio he is on way to "C".	
1110				Enemy gun 5190-5886, S and F report.	
1115				A3 is from point 53 2700E 200S 63755B	
1125	1300			Lt Hovey from Rcn Co.	
1220				From Flight 2 -- 1 enemy tank 6453-5874 157 RA wasn't allowed to fire at him because one of our patrols in vic.	

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In	Out				
1300				542-6185 foot bridge appears wide enough but not strong enough for tks.	To Cos.
1320	1445			Major Stiver TD Group.	
1400				Flushing OP reports what appears to be a direct fire weapon at 615586.	
1500	1415			Col Moorhead to rear.	
1630				A company wants 2 maint men sent up to them in morning to work on clutch.	
1825				Ren wants 200 cigars in the morning.	
1855				B to B rear. Have Spud ready to roll-Pancake boy will pick them up there.	
1900				From Ritter--2 man guard on bridges 488-484--489-465.	
1910				Flavor 37 wants Sanford to call him.	
2020				Tanks in woods from 562611. rr. Florence	To Cos.
2048				Unknown no tanks East out of Reinheim 595600.	To Cos.
2050				Tank moving W of Reinheim 595600.	
2110				From Lt Craig-Flavor--sirens on tank are turned on.	

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: 300001 December 1944

To: 302400 December 1944

Place: Siltzheim, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2055				Correction on last two messages-- 1 tank 2048 Reinheim 595600. Florence 6 through flavor. Moving NW out of Reinheim.	
2110				Unknown number tanks at 5261. one tank in Weidergailbach.	
2145				Watch 4 approaches. Road S out of Bliesgerwiller. Road S from Bebelnheim. Road due S of Reemheim. June out of Reemheim SE to Obergailbach.	
2145					
2145				from General Biederlinden, they mean business--big attack up north started with company attacks.	

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: 310001 December 1944

To: 312400 December 1944

Place: Siltzheim, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700				Captain Wadle duty officer.	
0900				150 luckies for B Co. this morning.	
1135	0945			Col Moorhead to 71st, 324th, bridges and Div. Arty.	
1015	1025			Lt. Hovey from Reconnaissance Co.	
1035				Col Moorhead is on his way to B Co.	
1100	1135			Major Stiver TD Group.	
1210				From Flavor - 1 tank 581-608 rptd air OP.	
1305				Small group of enemy personnel at 558616, rptd by Rcn 53.	
	1300			Major Martin and Capt Welch to ABC.	
1550	1315			Colonel Moorhead to Div Arty.	
	1325			Major Shirley to Rcn.	
1532	1330			Lt. Stoltz to 614th TD.	
1335				Enemy vehicles at 5745-6105 on bridge just came out of town from air OP, #4 Patrol 3.	
1345	1348			General Biederlinden and aide.	

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From: 310001 December 1944

To: 312400 December 1944

Place: Siltzheim, France

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1335				Air OP reports 609-605 1/2 track 574-605 3 armored vehicles out of Bebelshelm.	
2005				from Flavor--Hickory 2 reports that Arty OP observed tanks and SP guns this afternoon moving from Althiem (6763) towards (6662) Seyweiler. Tanks moving around Althiem (6963)	
2005				12 rounds HE at 513-591.	

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A.P.O. # 758, U. S. ARMY

Casualty Report For Period
1--31 December 1944

BATTLE CASUALTIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE AND DATE OF CASUALTY</u>			
Schmidt, Ferdinand J.	Pvt	38157405	SWA	5	Dec	44
Gilbert, Joseph H.	Sgt	37169960	LWA	5	Dec	44
Lacourse, Maurice G.	Pvt	31152226	LWA	7	Dec	44
Schmidt, Ferdinand J.	Pvt	38157405	DOW	6	Dec	44
Metzdorff, Addis F.	Tec 5	37444839	LWA	11	Dec	44
Berg, Elmer O.	Pvt	37280568	SWA	11	Dec	44
Freelander, Arnold E.	Cpl	37081843	KIA	11	Dec	44
Antonson, Eric A.	S/Sgt	37170092	KIA	11	Dec	44
Shurson, Stanley A.	Sgt	17050357	KIA	11	Dec	44
Elijah, Robert C.	Sgt	20745776	KIA	12	Dec	44
Scott, Elden R.	Sgt	20745059	SWA	26	Dec	44
Wuttke, Ralph C.	Tec 5	20745053	LWA	26	Dec	44
Anderson, Vernon L.	Tec 5	37169913	LWA	26	Dec	44
Kirschenmann, Jacob	Tec 5	37169825	LWA	26	Dec	44

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BATTLEFIELD PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

December 1944

1ST LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN

Willis F. Cole, Jr.	0403967	(8 December 1944)
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2D LIEUTENANT TO 1ST LIEUTENANT

Douglas Brown	01691757	(8 December 1944)
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APPOINTMENTS TO 2D LIEUTENANT

1st Sgt	Robert W. Bartley	(20745753)	01998089	(11 December 1944)
S/Sgt	John C. Britz	(20918591)	01998103	(14 December 1944)
S/Sgt	William J. Clark	(20923223)	01998105	(14 December 1944)
S/Sgt	Henry A. Wiese	(39077495)	01998106	(14 December 1944)

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS FOR MONTH OF

DECEMBER 1944

AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS:

ARTHUR MYGLAND, 17050328, Sergeant, Company "C" 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Next of kin: Mrs Alma Mygland, (Wife) Rugby, North Dakota. (Section III, General Orders Number 50, Hq 44th Inf. Div., 30 December 1944)

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

ALBERT A. LIEGL, 37040829, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service from 25 January 1943 to 16 September 1944 in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Marion, Iowa. (Section VII, General Orders Number 121, Hq Seventh Army, 6 December 1944)

SIGURD O. JOHNSON, 20745819, Corporal, Co. "B" 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from McLeod, North Dakota. (Section VI General Orders Number 46, Hq 44th Inf. Div., 25 December 1944)

JACOB E. SACKMAN, 37081956, Staff Sergeant, Co. "B" 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Tuttle Lake, North Dakota. (Section VI General Orders Number 46, Hq 44th Inf. Div., 25 December 1944)

MARION M. TOYNE, 20745800, Technician Fourth Grade, Co. "B" 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Lisbon, North Dakota. (Section VI, General Orders Number 46, Hq 44th Inf. Div., 25 December 1944)

RALPH W. VEALE, 37151460, Sergeant, Co. "B" 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 November 1944. Entered military service from King City, Missouri. (Section VI, General Orders Number 46, Hq 44th Inf. Div., 25 December 1944)

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Roster of Key Personnel

Month of December 1944

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
Moorhead, Dwight E.	Lt. Col.	0276115	Battalion Commander
Shirley, William O., Jr.	Major	0416964	Executive Officer
Martin, Rowland R.	Major	0353867	S--3
Rothschild, Jack H.	Captain	0347302	S--1
Welch, John C.	Captain	01030536	S--2
Wadle, Louis J.	Captain	0435920	Ass't S--3
Cusick, Jess L., Jr.	Captain	0453372	S--4
Edelson, Sidney	Captain	0501338	Battalion Surgeon
Dutton, Kirk A.	Captain	0486603	Dental Surgeon
Mishkin, Edward A.	1st Lt.	01030506	C.O. Hq. Co.
Cole, Willis F., Jr.	Captain	0403967	C.O. Co. "A"
Anderson, Donald N.	Captain	0435949	C.O. Co. "B"
Weir, William C.	Captain	0397960	C.O. Co. "C"
Hovey, Vernon F., Jr.	1st Lt.	0349103	C.O. "Ren" Co.

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