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37TH TANK BATTALION

AFTER ACTION REPORT - December 1944 w/supporting documents

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SEVENTH TANK BATTALION
APO 254, U. S. ARMY

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7 January 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report for December.

TO : Commanding General, 4th Armd Div., APO 254, U. S. ARMY.
Att: MAJOR SPIRES.

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1 DECEMBER 1944 AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

1 Battalion located at Mittersheim, 41529 DINT, 4th Armd Div., 4th Armd Div. Reserve under control of Combat Command "A".

2 DECEMBER 1944

Orders from Combat Command Reserve alerted the Battalion at 0300 to be prepared to move on order to vicinity of Mackwiller. - Orders came to move out at 1000. Route of march - Mittersheim, Fenetrange, Niederstinzeln, Wolfskirchen, to Burbach. Battalion assembled in vicinity 555355.

3 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion remained in the same assembly area. Orders came to alert one medium company to assist in clearing Sarre Union. Sarre Union had been counterattacked by several enemy tanks with infantry earlier. "A" Company moved to vicinity 510345 after dark prepared to move on Sarre Union at first light.

The remainder of the Battalion was alerted to be prepared to move on order after 0730 4 December 1944.

4 DECEMBER 1944

"A" Company moved into Sarre Union supported by 26th Infantry Division. Reported mission complete at 0845. One enemy tank (abandoned) and one sniper killed.

Battalion now in Combat Command "A". Orders came to be prepared to move northeast through Task Force ODEW (35th Tk Bn and 53rd Inf) after they had established a bridgehead over the river at Damfessel - Order of March in the Battalion: Co "A", Co "B", Co "C" and Co "D".

5 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion was alerted to move on its mission at 1115. The mission was to march northeast and secure the high ground vicinity Singling, Rohrbach-les-Bitche, and Blinning. These towns were fortified towns in the Maginot Line.

The attack was carried out with the 37th Tank Battalion leading, infantry and artillery support was coordinated in the beginning. On reaching an area just south of Singling the tanks were out of support of artillery fire. Most of the artillery had attempted to displace forward so as a result not enough fire could be obtained. This was due in most part to the fact that only one very poor road was open. The Battalion consolidated their position 1000 yds. south of Singling.

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Ltr, Hq 37th Tank Bn, 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

6 DECEMBER 1944

Orders were received to assault Bining and Rohrbach while CCB took Singling. The force encountered enemy pillboxes and direct anti-tank and tank fire. Most of the enemy resistance was encountered from Singling and the high ground about the town which hit our exposed flank. CCB had not yet come up to attack Singling so it was decided to take this objective before proceeding on to our own. This was accomplished after overcoming stiff enemy resistance. In the meanwhile the 1st Bn, 328th Inf, 26th Division (which had been attached to us) was inclined to move into Bining with "D" Co in support. This too was accomplished against heavy enemy opposition and the force occupied and outposted the town that night. By the time CCB had come up and relieved the force in Singling it was too dark for further action so the battalion (less D Co) assembled in the same position held yesterday.

Orders came from Combat Command "A" to hold fast and repel any Counter-attacks until we are relieved by the 12th Armd. Div.

7 DECEMBER 1944

During the morning tank force in Bining repulsed several enemy counter-attacks. Battalion ordered to move at 2100 to a vicinity 555355.

8 DECEMBER 1944

All elements were closed in bivouac by 0600 and at 0900 orders were received to proceed to vicinity of Mittersheim.

9 - 12 DECEMBER 1944

No enemy activity was encountered during this period. All time was spent in recuperation and maintenance.

The disposition of troops in the Division are as follows:

Combat Command "A"	Combat Command "B"	Combat Command Reserve	Division Trains
35th Tank Bn	8th Tank Bn	37th Tank Bn	126th Ord (Hq)
51st Armd Inf Bn	10th Armd Inf Bn	53rd Armd Inf Bn	46th Med (Hq)
B/704 TD Bn	C/704 TD Bn	A/704 TD Bn	144th Sig Co
B/489 AAA Bn	A/489 AAA Bn	489 AAA Hq	3804 Gas Co
A/46 Med Bn	B/46 Med Bn		444 Trk Co
A/126 Ord Bn	B/126 Ord Bn		C/489 AAA Bn
			1st Plat-16th PH

13 DECEMBER 1944

At 1500, orders were issued from CCR to alert one medium tank company. This company was to march to Aachen to support the 87th Infantry Division. "A" Company received orders from the 87th Division that led them to believe they would be committed the following day.

14 DECEMBER 1944

"A" Company moved out at 0800 for area vicinity of Aachen. Remainder of the battalion still in the area of Mittersheim carrying on with training.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn, 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

15 DECEMBER 1944

At 1500, orders were received from the Battalion Commander to alert the remainder of the battalion and prepare immediately to move forward in support of the 87th Division. Battalion moved out at 1545 under command of the Executive Officer to vicinity 570460 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi NE Oermingen. Orders were issued to be prepared to move at 0715 in the morning. Order of March- Rcn, Hq, Hq Co, D, B, C.

16 DECEMBER 1944

Head of column moved out at 0715 and arrived in assembly area 615543 2 mi NE of Woelfling.

"C" Company was to relieve "A" Company and be attached to the 347th Infantry Regiment. "B" Company was attached to the 345th Infantry Regiment.

Small arms mortar and artillery fire were met by our units but advancing elements continued to proceed forward slowly. Penetrations were made into Germany Proper. The first in the battalion was "A" Company in command of Lt. Walters.

17 DECEMBER 1944

First word was received of enemy penetrations to the north (Belgium and Luxembourg).

Several anti-tank guns were found in position and destroyed. Penetrations were made into Germany Proper by the remaining companies of the battalion.

Heavy artillery and mortar fire being met by our heading elements. The supporting infantry experienced heavy small arms and machine gun fire on same sectors.

Tanks were reported and seen in this sector and several were engaged at long range.

18 DECEMBER 1944

Companies still in the same general area. Considerable difficulty was experienced in resupplying the tanks due to artillery fire and the mud.

Reconnaissance platoon still doing the liaison work between the companies and battalion headquarters.

Several enemy planes were seen in the area. Intense anti-aircraft fire prevented them from strafing or doing any accurate observation.

The battalion holding high ground just north and east of Nieder Gailbach.

Not much change in the situation is contemplated. The enemy appears to be fighting a stiff delaying action.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

19 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion still holding same ground as previous day. Enemy fire consisted of artillery and mortar fire. Nature of terrain and mud prevented any extensive cross-country maneuvering.

Orders were received that the Battalion would be relieved from attachment to the 87th Inf. Div. and return to Mittersheim and from there to a destination, unknown as yet, in Belgium. The mission was to counter-attack, from the south, the German salient in the Ardennes.

Orders were received as to the route of march, time of departure. Route of March - Fenetrange, Bebestraff, Morhange, Pont a Mousson, Arnaville, Conflans, Longwy. Time of Departure - 0830.

The Division now under III Corps control. 37th Tank Bn in "CCR".

20 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion moved out at 0830, arrived in assembly area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South Meix-le-Tige, Belgium at 2330. Service Co. closed at 0700, 22 Dec 1944.

DISTRIBUTION

"CCA"

35th Tk Bn
51st Inf Bn
66th FA Bn
274th FA Bn
A/704th TD Bn, S.P.
A/25th Cav
B/489th AAA Bn
A/24th Engr Bn
A/46th Med Bn
A/126th Ord Bn

"CCB"

8th Tk Bn
10th Inf Bn
22nd FA Bn
253rd FA Bn
B/704th TD Bn S.P.
B/25th Cav
A/489th AAA Bn
B/24th Engr Bn
B/46th Med Bn
B/126th Ord Bn

"CCR"

37th Tk Bn
53rd Inf Bn
C/704th TD S.P.
24th Engrs A & B
995th Engrs A & B
489th -A, B, C, & D

DIV. TRAINS

A & B of 25th Cav
Plat/704th TD
Hq Div Arty
94th FA Bn
126th Ord Bn
46th Med Bn
144th Sig Co
3804 Gas Sup Co
444th Truck Co
C/489th AAA Bn
1 Plat/16th FH
C/R 2

Orders received from "CCR" to proceed north through Arlon to kilometers N. Arlon. Be prepared to move North on order from there. Battalion moved out at 0715 and closed in assembly area (P609249) at 1330.

21 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion remained in assembly at Meix-le-Tige. Maintenance of vehicles was necessary after the 120 mile march. Rehabilitation was begun immediately.

22 DECEMBER 1944

Vicinity C/R 2 miles N. Arlon. Orders received from Hq "CCR" to move out to N. at 0600. Mission to contact enemy elements reported in vicinity Flats-bourghoff to destroy all enemy elements and proceed northward.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

23 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion moved out at 0600. Order of March: B/37, B/53, 37-53, D/37 will remain. Route of March - Perle, Holts to Flatsbourghoff. Radio Silence until 0730. Battalion went into an assembly area $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers South of Flatsbourghoff. Assault and mortar platoons established OPs and registered.

First enemy contact gained just south of Flatsbourghoff by Co "B" in the form of mortar, small arms and direct AT fire. Enemy infantry was seen with white helmets and capes. Orders were issued for the attack by Bn CO, tanks to advance cross country with infantry mounted on tanks and the remainder in half-tracks. Artillery preparations were laid on woods and possible AT positions.

Attack was launched and objectives were taken, orders were issued to proceed on toward Bigonville. Before Bigonville could be reached it was too dark so the elements outposted the high ground North of Flatsbourghoff. Losses - 2 medium tanks destroyed, 1 Officer and 3 EM KIA.

Enemy losses: 2 SP, 75mm, 1 German operated Sherman tank; estimated 30 enemy dead.

Orders received from Hq CCR to launch an attack on Bigonville at first light.

24 DECEMBER 1944

Battalion with Inf and Arty support to attack Bigonville at 0800. Resistance was met immediately on entering the town in the form of small arms, artillery, bazookas, and direct AT fire. The attack progressed slowly and by nightfall the high ground to the north and east of the village had been taken and outposted. Infantry succeeded in cleaning out most of the town.

Enemy casualties were unknown dead. 428 prisoners (paratroopers, some being women), 39 American EM and 3 Officers who were prisoners were rescued, also 2 40-mm Bofors. AA guns, 1 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck, 1 $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, 1 water trailer were retaken.

The battalion held defensive positions on the high ground and awaited orders.

Orders received from CCR were to move at 1230 from our present position to the Division's left flank.

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Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

25 DECEMBER 1944

The head of the column moved out from an area SW of HERCHEUZ at 1230, after having completed a thirty (30) mile night march from BIGONVILLE. The composition of the column was as follows:

D/37

B/53

1 Sqd. Eng. (Halftrack)

C/704

A/37

A/53

C/37

C/53

B/37

94th FA to support from present location

The immediate plan of action was as follows:

According to S-2 information VAUX LES ROSIERES had very few enemy in it. PETITE ROSIERES was known to contain more enemy. D/37, B/53, Eng, and C/704 were to continue through VAUX LES ROSIERES in column, and without halt. At PETITE ROSIERES, D/37 would continue to march and take up a position on the high ground NE of the village. Their position to be supplemented by C/704. Captain McMahon, Bn S-2, was in command of this group. B/53 was to clear the town out, which they did, taking sixty-five (65) prisoners.

The remainder of the column was to turn E in PETITE ROSIERES and proceed toward NIVES, and COREVILLE. The first element to turn here was A/37; this company assisted by A/53 cleared NIVES. As this was going on C/37 plus C/53 proceeded to COREVILLE and cleared that town. This was completed by 1430. Artillery support on these towns was provided on call by the 94th FA. These fires were pre-arranged.

It was reported by Lt. Boggess, CO Company "C", that the bridge just out of COREVILLE on the road to REMOUILLE had been blown, producing a large crater. The bulldozer was ordered forward and proceeded to fill the crater with a large stone wall that was nearby. The tanks of C/37 and A/37 overwatched this operation. This was completed at approximately 1515 and C/37 plus C/53 proceeded to high ground W of REMOUILLE and overlooking the town. A/37 plus A/53 proceeded into REMOUILLE on the road, all guns firing and supported by direct fire from C/37. As A/37 and A/53 proceeded to clear the town, C/37 and C/53 moved down and along the W edge of town. While this was going on B/37 took up a position on high ground about one (1) kilometer NE of COREVILLE, this to cover to the NE. After REMOUILLE was cleared, the town was outposted and A and B/37 exchanged positions, and C/37 took up a position N of the town. There was no artillery fire on this town due to the proximity of OCB on the E flank. Over three hundred (300) prisoners were taken from the town. The command spent the night of 25-26 December in these positions.

Ltr. Hq 37th Tank Bn. 7 Jan 1945 cont'd:

26 DECEMBER 1944

At 0925, the artillery opened up on REMICHAMPAGNE, and the BOIS DE COHET. Simultaneously as the tanks and infantry started moving N, and the artillery was pouring it on, the P-47s started to bomb and strafe. The BOIS de COHET was given a good going over. The coordination of tanks, infantry, artillery, and air was to perfection. Planes came over tanks at antenna altitude and strafed to the front. The combination of artillery and planes took care of the BOIS de COHET, which was the unknown quantity.

In the attack on REMICHANPAGNE B/37 and B/53 paralleled the NS road from REMOVILLE to REMICHANPAGNE and swung over and into REMICHANPAGNE from the S. C/37 plus C/53 moved to the W of the town covering the town, and were ready to support with direct fire. Artillery fire was kept on the town as long as possible and then supplanted by direct fire from C/37. When REMICHANPAGNE was cleared up, B/37 and B/53 moved to a position just SW of CLOCHIMONT, and overlooking that town. Artillery fire was put on CLOCHIMONT, C/37 and C/53 moved to a position about one (1) kilometer NW of REMICHAMPAGNE to cover in direction of SIRET and VILLEROUX. At approximately 1500 and continuing for almost an hour, hundreds of C-47s came over and flew to BASTOGNE dropping supplies to the garrison there.

At 1520, Lt. Col. Abrams called up Captain Cwight, Bn S-3, and ordered him to bring C/37 and C/53 forward to B/37's position, saying "this is it".

Upon reaching B/37's position, the orders were given by Colonel Abrams. They were as follows:

C/37 and C/53 will march on ASSENOIS, go through it and continue on until contact is made with elements of the 101st Airborne Division. B/53 will follow and will clean out ASSENOIS. C/37 and C/53 will be under command of Captain Dwight and will be supported by three (3) Battalions of 105 and one (1) Battalion of 155mm artillery. Artillery to be on call from anyone in the force and to be lifted by call. The artillery will hit the town of ASSENOIS and the edges of both woods to the N of ASSENOIS.

After all tank commanders and infantry platoon leaders were given the situation the force moved out at 1610, tanks leading, as is customary.

Upon coming into sight of ASSENOIS, Lt. Boggess, called for the prepared artillery fire. The fire came like the rains, few if any rounds missing their mark. As the edge of the town was reached Boggess called for the fire to lift and proceeded into the town without waiting for the fire to cease.

Due to the heavy artillery fire two tanks were unable to find their way through town. One infantry halftrack got forward into the tank column. One halftrack suffered a direct hit in the town. None of the tanks were fired upon by the enemy in the town, although there was considerable ineffective anti-tank fire as the column approached the town.

As the force left ASSENOIS it was composed as follows: Lt. Boggess' tank, Lt. Wrolson's tank, another tank, a break in the column of approximately 300 yards, an infantry halftrack, another tank and the S-3's tank. All went well as the force proceeded on, firing 30 calibre machine guns into the woods on both sides of the road.

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26 DECEMBER 1944 CONT'D

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During this time Captain Dwight was met by Brigadier General McAuliffe, acting Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division, who came to the perimeter defenses of BASTOGNE.

By 1830, all of C/37 and G/53 had taken up positions on the perimeter defense. Colonel Abrams went to the 101st Airborne Division CP to make arrangements to get their trains through. C/53 lost five (5) half-tracks on the mission. One by our own artillery, one by mines, and three by bazooka fire. It was obvious, after the battle, that the force would have had considerable trouble if it had waited for the artillery to lift.

Colonel Abrams called Colonel Jacques at approximately 1930 and asked to have A/53 come up and clear the edges to the woods North of ASSENOIS.

27 - 28 DECEMBER 1944

The edges to the woods NORTH of ASSENOIS as requested were cleared by 0300, December 27, 1944; the road was safe for passage of all types of vehicles. This task was performed against strong enemy opposition and in an heavily wooded area.

D/37 escorted the trains of the 101st and 10th Armored into BASTOGNE. The trains consisted of some forty (40) trucks and seventy (70) ambulances. Up to this time D/37 has covered the NW flank from the same general area it took up on the 25th.

In the area between CLOCHIMONT and ASSENOIS were seven (7) anti-tank guns of 75mm or larger, one blocking the entrance to ASSENOIS. Between ASSENOIS and the perimeter defense of BASTOGNE were eight (8) more guns. In the woods on both sides of the road N of ASSENOIS were 25 - 30 assorted enemy vehicles, including full track prime movers. There was at least one bazooka to every 10 enemy soldiers. The above weapons were ineffective due to fast, decisive movement, and accurate, well coordinated artillery fire, coupled with excellent air support.

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28 DECEMBER, 1944

Bombers were over again at 0500 this morning. The day broke cloudy and did not look good as far as air support for troops in Bastogne.

C/37 received small arms fire from woods to their Southeast at 1000. "B" Company was alerted to aid the 53rd in cleaning out some woods between the road up which we had advanced and the main road just North of Assenois. Fog was heavy making visibility almost nil. No enemy were found in the woods.

Ren Platoon went to Assenois in search of a suitable Battalion CP.

A platoon of the 467th AAA Battalion was attached to the 37th for support against air attack. Plans were made to open fire on enemy planes tonight.

Lt. Col. Abrams has gone to Division to see the Commanding General.

"A" and "B" Companies were still in position keeping open the supply routes.

29 DECEMBER, 1944

At 0030, a call came from the 101st Airborne to be alert for a possible push from the North and Northeast. Captain Lamison was called to the 101st Airborne Division CP at 0500. At 0530, Lt. North went to CCR as Liaison Officer. Captain Lamison returned with word that we were to move to the vicinity of Clochimont, 515522.

At 1900, Bastogne was bombed and strafed by an unknown number of enemy planes. A number of near hits were scored on our Battalion area. Major Bautz's tank was nearly hit. A direct hit was scored on "B" Company's kitchen truck. One man was seriously injured. The Battalion cooperated with the anti-aircraft platoon in firing on the planes.

The area was bombed about six (6) times during the night. The last five attacks were lighter than the first. In the course of the night, three (3) enemy planes were downed.

Orders were received to move to Clochimont at 0900, tomorrow morning.

30 DECEMBER, 1944

The Battalion area was again bombed heavily at 0710, but no serious damage resulted.

At 0900, the Battalion moved out for Clochimont and arrived there at 0945. The order of march was Hq Co, D, A, B, C, and Service elements.

A Company Commanders meeting was held. Counterattacks made during the night had been repulsed. We were to be ready to move at anytime in the event of an attack on either flank. Reports indicated that enemy in U. S. uniforms are infiltrating through our lines.

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Ltr, Hq 37th Tank Bn, 7 Jan 1945, cont'd

30 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)

Colonel Blanchard of CCR brought orders at 1545 for us to move to the vicinity of Chaumont, 518488, to be in position in case of an attack from that flank.

The Battalion moved out at 1620. The order of march was Rcn, Hq, Hq Co, A, B, and C. The Battalion arrived at the assembly area at 1700.

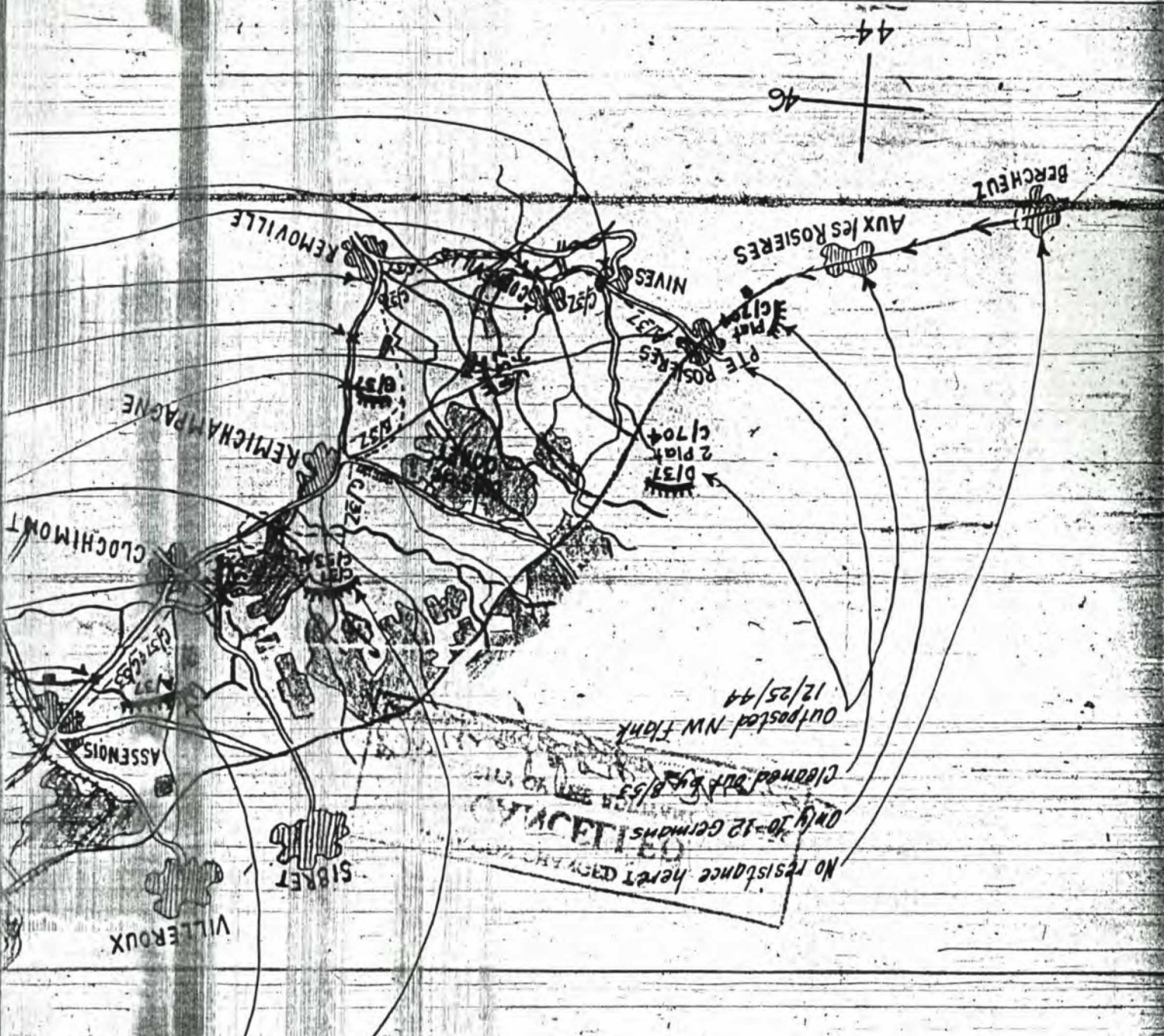
31 DECEMBER, 1944

For a change, the night was quiet as was this morning. During the night enemy aircraft strafed our bivouac area, however, no damage resulted.

For the Battalion Commander:

Ray C. Moon
RAY C. LOON,
1st Lt., Inf,
Adjutant.

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2 Incls:
Incl # 1 - Overlays
Incl # 2 - Journal



protected NE flank
prior to attack of
Assenois

protected NW flank
covered wooded area
until 1520, 26 Dec.

MAP: Bastogne, France & Belgium (121)
 SCALE: 1/50,000
 DATE: Dec. 25-27, 1944
 BY: 37th Tr Bn

No resistance here
 ONLY 10-12 GERMAN SOLDIERS
 CLAIMED BUT BY 8/53
 12/25/44
 Outposted NW flank

54

59

Protected NE flank prior to attack on Assenois

BASTOGNE

VILLEROUX

ASSENOIS

CLOCHIMONT

YAMPAGNE

Bn C.P. 26-27 Dec.

Outer perimeter 101 Airborne. Our leading elements arrived here 1650, 26 Dec.

Teller mines thrown in road between vehicles

Edges of woods cleared by A/53 by 0300, 27 Dec.

Cleaned out by B/53

Crater easily by-passed

B/37 direct fire on Clochimont prior to attack.

C/37 Night of 25-26 Dec.

C/37 and C/53 received orders here - moved out 1620, 12/24/44

Overwatch to NE, changed places with A/37 at 1800, 12/25/44

Crater in road by-passed to the west.

Cleaned out by A/37 and B/53 12/25/44 at 1800

Bridge blown, large crater filled by bull-dozer. A and C/37 overwatching 12/25/44 at 1630

Cleaned out by C/37 and B/53 12/25/44, 1400

Cleaned out by A/37 and A/53 at 12/25/44

Positions held overnight 25-26 Dec 1944

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37th TANK BN

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FROM: 1 December 1944

TO: 2 December 1944

TIME FILE SERIAL TITLE SOURCE ACTION
IN OUT U. W.S. MSGDSIGNED MESSAGE TAKEN

1045 C.O., "CCR" arrived to discuss with our C.O. the protection of rear areas by units in Res Comd - Things talked about - Protection of bridges - Also about keeping civilians from entering or leaving town.

1700 C.O. has gone to Division.

1800 C.O. returned from Div, the advance for today hasn't gained much ground. They are being held up by 15 Tanks in vicinity of Hill 318, 574375. Receiving AT and Arty fire from woods N of Saar Union. Companies spent the day training new and old men to function together. Red Cross Clubmobiles paid us a visit; was located at Co "D" area. The Bn received a typhus shot today. Mr. Lubrano and T/Sgt McGuire spent the day with us, taking PTA's. Plans on returning to Adm Cen tomorrow morning. 1st Lt. Holmes jd the Bn today and was asgd to Hq Co. No move anticipated until day after tomorrow.

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FROM 2 December 1944

TO 3 December 1944

TIME	TILE SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION	
IN	OUT	U. S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TAKEN
			0030	Received word that we would move to Weyen.	
			0800	Route of march Fenestrange, Barendorff, Hershland and Weyen.	
			0630	Bn C.O. has gone to Div to a meeting at Berg.	
			0715	Received message from "CCR" to remain in place until further notice. Bn C.O. returned, gave plans and orders. Bn in "CCR" direct support to "CCA", under control of "CCB" for this operation. We move out at 1000 for Burbach, then to area vicinity of Mackwiller. Bn bivouacked at 555355.	
			2400	Message from C.O. Often to C.O. 37th Tk Bn to take cmd of "CCA" first light in the A.M.	

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FROM 3 December 1944

TO 6 December 1944

TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION	
IN	OUT	U.	W.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TAKEN
				0730	C.O. left to take comd of "CCA".	
				1000	C.O. relieved from "CCA" and re- turned to 37th Tk Bn.	
				1415	Reports Mackwiller has been taken by 71st. Minesfield S & E of town. They are marking it. Word received of a counter-attack vicinity of Saar Union. Also that we are to send 1 Medium Tank Co ("A") plus 1 TD Plat pick up guides at Pisdorf who will lead Co "A" to their position. C.O. 37th Tk Bn and Co "A" have gone to Pisdorf to meet guides from 26th Inf Div. Rest of Bn ready to move on notice.	
				1700	Bn C.O. returned and placed Lt. Walters in an assembly area near Pis- dorf. No guides were met.	
				1710	Bn C.O. has gone to "CCA". 1900 Bn C.O. returned and gave orders to be ready to move on orders anytime after 0730 4 Dec/44. Co "A" to move 0700 with Inf and clean up Saar Union.	

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FROM: 4 December 1944

TO: 5 December 1944

TIME	TITLE SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	U. S. LSCDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TAKEN
		0800	Co "A" with 26th Inf moved into Saar Union.	
		0845	Reported 1 in abandoned tank, killed 1 sniper.	
		1100	Bn C.O. has gone to "CCA". Co "B" moved to Hill 318 relieving Co "A" 35th. 1 Plat of Co "C" moved to vicinity of 580389.	
		1200	Bn C.O. returned from "CCA" with plans and orders. Plans show we are in "CCA" with 35th Tk Bn & 53rd Inf. "CCB" consists of 10th Inf, 51st Inf & 8th Tk Bn. "CCB" will be on our left flank. 35th moved out to clear out Domfessel and make a bridgehead across stream. 37th Tk Bn to pass thru them and continue. Order of March for 37th, Co's A, B, C, D. Bn Hqs to remain at present location until ordered up.	

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FROM: 5 December 1944

TO: 6 December 1944

TIME	FILE SERIAL	TELE	SOURCE	ACTION	
IN	OUT	U. S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TAKEN
			0800	Co "C" moved out to vicinity of 555388. Arty fired concentration at 0530. Rest of Co's be ready to move at 1115.	
			1115	Companies moved out on mission.	
			1300	Head of column passed thru 35th.	
			1315	Crosses Phase Line #1. (Rd Döhlingen to Bütten). Message Bn C.O. to Trover 2 enemy tanks, 1 AT Gun at vicinity Döhlingen.	
			1330	Called for Arty preparation of Schmittviller.	
			1345	Msg fr Bn C.O. to higher Hqs - crossed Phase Line #2 (Trail Schmittviller - Ralling) received direct fire fr Left Flank - Have drpd Capt Hays with Maj Alanis to clean out. Msg Bn C.O. to all C.O.'s - 2 enemy vehicles moving in on right flank.	
			1435	Msg to 7 to Cook (Arty) put concentration on Roheback - Bining - Schmittviller.	
			1445	Msg fr "CCA" to Bn C.O. - What is your situation?	
			1455	Msg fr Bn C.O. to "CCA" - At 2000	

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FROM: 5 December 1944

TO: 6 December 1944

TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION
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ys 3 of Phase Line #3 (Road Achen
to Bining - Received some direct and
indirect fire - Have been received
direct fire all the way up. Msg C.O.
to Cook - Preparation on Bining and
Schmittviller - Also fire today has
been unsatisfactory - not hitting
target and not receiving when called
for.

1535 Msg fr C.O. 35th to our Bn C.O. -
Give me your situation also I'm send-
ing up Co "B" of TD's to your position.

1550 Msg fr "CCA" to G.O. 37th - Consol-
idate where you are. Bn Hqs moved to
vicinity 1/2 mi NE Schmittviller.

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FROM 6 December 1944

TO 7 December 1944

TIME		SERIAL		T.D.E.		SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U.	W.S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE		
				0730	37th, 51st, Co B 704th TD and 1 Bn of 328 moved out to attack Bining - Rohrback - Task force encounters enemy pillboxes, direct mortar and Arty fire.		
				1500	Bn Hqs moved due to enemy arty fire Tanks move to posn, posn they originally held.		
				1700	Bn Hqs moves to vicinity S of Schmittviller.		
				1930	Received word to hold fast - keep what we have and repel enemy counter-attacks until we are reld by 12th AD.		

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FROM: 7 December 1944

TO: 8 December 1944

TIME		SERIAL		THE	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U.	S.S.					
						<p>Capt Lamison arrived with orders for our relief. Each Company to guide outfits of 12th AD to their poen and then assemble in vicinity of Schmittviller. We move at 2100 tonight.</p> <p>O.M. DABC Hq (Bn S-3)Track to remain until next day until all outfits of the 12th AD are in poen.</p>		
				1100		Bn starts moving out.		

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FROM 9 December 1944

TO 10 December 1944

TIME	TITLE SERIAL	THE	SOURCE	ACTION	
IN	OUT	U. S.	MSG DESIGNER	MESSAGE	
			0900	Col. attended Unit C.O.'s meeting with the General.	
			PM	Co Comdr's meeting - Col. said the next 2 days will be spent on personnel cleaning up - Also talked on subjects of which the Companies will include in their tng. Also we will do some firing with mortars, .30 - .50- and 75's.	

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FROM 11 December 1944

TO 12 December 1944

TIME	TITLE	SERIAL	TITLE	SOURCE	ACTION																																
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				<p>Capt Lamson visited "CCR" and returned at 0945 with the following information. The following are in the different Combat Commands as shown:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>"CCA"</td> <td>"CCB"</td> <td>"CCR"</td> <td>Tns</td> </tr> <tr> <td>35th</td> <td>8th</td> <td>37th</td> <td>126th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51st</td> <td>10th</td> <td>53rd</td> <td>46th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B/704</td> <td>C/704</td> <td>A/704</td> <td>144th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B/489</td> <td>A/489</td> <td>489 Hq</td> <td>3804</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A/46th</td> <td>B/46th</td> <td></td> <td>444th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A/126</td> <td>B/126</td> <td></td> <td>C/489</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>16th P H</td> </tr> </table>	"CCA"	"CCB"	"CCR"	Tns	35th	8th	37th	126th	51st	10th	53rd	46th	B/704	C/704	A/704	144th	B/489	A/489	489 Hq	3804	A/46th	B/46th		444th	A/126	B/126		C/489				16th P H	
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			1100	Visited by Maj Churchill of "CCR".																																	
			1120	Visited by Col. Blanchard, "CCR" CO. Talked about Tng Schedule - Also Tank status - Had dinner with the Col.																																	
			1215	Gen. Patton stopped by - Visited Sv Co Mess - Picture was taken of Col. & Maj Bautz talking to him.																																	
			1630	Meeting of all Officers: 1. Re: Co "A" having 1st Capt Spen- per and Lt. White wounded and Lt. Walters taking comd of Co "A". Also C.O. read order on promotion of Lt. Walters fr 2nd Lt to 1st Lt. Then pinning 1st Lt. Bars on him.																																	

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FROM 11 December 1944

TO 12 December 1944

TIME	FILE SERIAL	FILE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT	U. N. S.	MSGDST/IN	MESSAGE	
				<p>2. Issue of socks daily has been started. A Clean pair of socks for a dirty pair.</p> <p>3. Lt. Marston is trying to get steel wool for the cleaning of pots and pans and mess gear.</p> <p>4. Parking <u>on</u> road prohibited.</p> <p>5. Officers will not drive vehicles.</p> <p>6. Showers and Laundry on 13 Dec/44 for the Bn. Clean underwear & socks will be given for dirty ones at the showers if you want them.</p> <p>7. It appears that we will be here for at least five more days.</p> <p>8. At present we are in "CCR". There is no present plan for movement of Div. The Div. to be held in Corp Reserve until there is a break thru, Russians said Gen. Patton said the situation on the 4th and 26th Div. Front is critical. Said all enemy reserve have been committed.</p> <p>10. Russians have made a double break thru in vic of Budapest.</p>	

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11. Also gave a talk to the Officers that hard work in this area will show results on the battlefield. Officers should set the example.

12. Movies beginning today at 1800 and 2000. The Bn started tng today and have started off good. Capt McMahon took over duties as S-2 today. Lt. Donahue took cmd of Co. "D".

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FROM: 12 December 1944

TO: 13 December 1944

TIME	TIME SERIAL	TIME	MSG DESIGNATED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	U. S. S.				

			AM	<p>Visited by Lt. Col. Gillis (Ex O "CCR"), talked with Col. and then Capt Dwight took him out to the range to watch the firing. He told Capt. Dwight that only a favorable report would be submitted to his C.O. Com- panies continued tng. Movies again tonight.</p>		
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FROM 13 December 1944

TO 14 December 1944

TIME	FILE	SERIAL	TIME	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION
IN	OUT	U.	W.S.	MSGDCS/UNIT		TAKEN
			AM	Companies turned in laundry. Also had showers.		
			PM	Col. interviewed by War Correspondent.		
			1600	Co Comdrs meeting. Capt Dwight gave the Western Front Situation.		
			1730	Movies for all (especially Officers) shown by a Capt from the Air Corp (Div Air Support Party) showing the P47's strafing etc.		
			1500	Telephone Msg from Lt Col Gillis (Ex O "CCR") to alert 1 Co. Bn C.O. and Co Comdr to report to Gen Gaffey at 1600.		
			1745	Col. returned. Co "A" to support 87th Inf Div. Reason - Their Tk Bn have all but 5 Tks in maintenance. The Col. & Co Comdrs to go to Aachen to get instructions tomorrow morning. If while they are gone and msg rec'd from Div that the road is clear. Co "A" with 2nd in cmd to march Co. to Aachen. Rcn to post guides S-1 Track to go and act as relay.		

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FROM

14 December 1944

TO

15 December 1944

TIME	TITLE SERIAL	THE	MSG DESIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	D.	U. S.			
	0800			Col. & Lt. Walters (Co "A" Comdr) left for Co A CP near Aachen.		
	1100			Visited by Gen. Gaffey - Talked with Major Bantz about getting Tanks out of mud.		
	1145			Col. returned.		
	1300			Co "A" moved out.		
	1400			Red Cross Doughnut Truck arrived.		
	1530			Visited by Gen. ("CCAR" CG)		
	1620			Msg from Co "A". In assembly area at 1620.		
	1730			Lt. Cook (C.O. Co "B") reports that a phone in a booth by a range guard along the RR track was in working condition. It rang and the range guard listened and the persons spoke German. Capt. Dwight said he would report it to G-2 in the morning.		
	1755			Msg rec'd from Co "A" finally deciphered at 2115 - Msg to Coord. 627560 at 0730 15 Dec/44. Looks like they are going to commit us. No further information available.		

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FROM: 15 December 1944
TO: 16 December 1944

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U.S.	TITLE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
			0800	Col. left for Co "A" to find out situation.		
			1100	Visited by Major and Capt. from 94th FA Bn. Talked with Maj Bautz about firing.		
			1300	Meeting of Companies; were given Order of March - "D", Bn Hq, Hq Co, "C", and Sv Co. Route of March - Fenetrance, Drisdorf, Saar Union, Omerage, Kilthausan, Achen, Miclice, w/Bn Comd Group.		
			1310	Capt Lamison from "CCR". Msg from Chief of Staff. Col. to dis 1315 Bn Co. to 87th Inf CP Alert Bn.		
			1500	Rec'd word from C.O. to move out. Word was given out to companies to move out at 1545. Head of Col. moved out at 1545. Arrived at Fenetrance 1610. Niederstingel 1620. Pisdorf 1635. Sarre Wir den 1710. Saar Union 1720. Oermingen 1755. Assembly area 1/2 NE Oermingen 570460 at 1800.		
			1830	Co Comdrs meeting. Were given plans for tomorrow and summary of the front.		

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FROM 15 December 1944

TO 16 December 1944

TIME	FILE	SERIAL	FILE	SOURCE	ACTION
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				Ready to move at 0715. Order of March - Rcn, Hq, Hq Co, D, B, C.	
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FROM 16 December 1944
TO 17 December 1944

TIME IN	FILE CUT	SERIAL U. S.	THE MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
		0715	Head of column moved out arrived at Kalhuissan 0725. Aachen 0735, Woelfing 0750. Arrived at assembly area 615543. 2 mi NE of Woelfing. Co "C" to relieve Co "A" attached to 347th Inf Regt, Co "B" to go to 345.		
		1310	Lt. Walter's tank knocked out. He was evacuated Lt. Whitehill reports there are 6 Tiger Tanks at 607648. Inf is trying to chase them out of woods. Capt. Dwight to Liaison with 3rd Bn 347th. Report Capt McMahon with 2nd Bn 345th.		
		1450	Co "C" in position 650520. Capt Lamison returned with the following information and Arty fired on 6 Tanks along road 6306147, 648612. Unknown number of mortars firing from Mitter- shelm, 286 fired at 1330. 347th Inf rec'd small arms fire and scattered Arty rounds leading to Obergailback mined. Also path leading NE. 12th A.D. G-2 Reports from civilian Valley east of Mecklsheim and Seyweiler is a trap.		

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FROM: 16 December 1944

TO: 17 December 1944

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				Arty posn in or near, also advance up valley disastrous as ridges flanking valley are covered with gun posn dug in etc.		
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1620				Co "B" in posn.		
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1730				Capt Leach returned to the Bn. Lt Cook reported crossing stream.		
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FROM

17 December 1944

TO

18 December 1944

TIME	FILE SERIAL	FILE	SOURCE	ACTION
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		1010	Capt Lamison returned with the following information. Paratroops landed NW of VIII Corps Hqs (vic. of Achen) last night estimated in 50 to 90 carrier planes. P.W. Statement to Master (Believed 2nd AD) an all out effort to gain objective. St. Vith in Belgium. Deep penetrations were made of 3000 to 4000 yds taking the town of Echstornack and Borgdosh. Eleven Divisions identified and 500 to 700 tanks, 12th SS Panzer Div, 116 Panzer Div, 2 Panzer Div, 5 Panzer Div, 18th Inf, 66th Inf, 26th Inf, 560th Inf, 352nd Inf, 276th Inf, 212th Inf.		
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Co "B" lost tank by mines. Lt. Ihlo has gone to retrieve it.

		1440	1 Mel09 passed over our CP and flew off to the west. Rec'd heavy fire from us.		
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		1530	Co "A" moved out to position with Co B. Capt Dwight in comd of Co A & B.		
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		0800	7-3 to Cook one 88 reported in Ger-		
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TO 18 December 1944

TIME	FILE	SERIAL	FILE	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION
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				sheim. Cook to 7-3. Received one round from town to our right when moving into position.		
		0805		7-3 to Cook. 88 reported by church in Gersheim. Cook to 7-3 - Fired on by AT Gun when moving believe it's in house, will fire on it.		
		0810		7-3 to Trover - Cook is to your left front.		
		0828		McMahon to Trover - Have you moved out yet. Yes, as yet no resistance.		
		0830		7-3 to Cook - Gersheim in our hands.		
		0835		Cook to 7-3 - Nothing much in town. Shot up some buildings, have run into bottle-neck because of terrain. Should we sit tight and support from here?		
		0837		7-3 to Cook - G.O. of this Bn will be down to see you.		
		0845		3 to 7-3 wants information on Cook's progress. 7-3 to 3. Cook has not crossed stream. He is in pond, will fire on town to his right.		

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TIME	FILE SERIAL	FILE	SOURCE	ACTION	
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			0850	7-3 to Cook - This Hq wants you to lay fire on town to your right. Have it layed down for 5 minutes, make last round WP. They will move up while you're firing. Will enter town when they see WP. About 10 rds per Veh. Will notify you when to begin.	
			0900	Cook to 7-3 - Made foot Rcn of stream, we can carry out orders any way.	
			0902	7-3 to Cook - Do you see anything of a hvy weapons company behind you?	
			0905	McMahon to Trover - Are you still moving? And have you passed thru friendly troops? Trover to McMahon - Still moving haven't passed thru yet.	
			0906	3 to 7 - Tell 5 that none of the plans I gave him last night have started yet.	
			0944	7-3 to Cook - They want to move in at 1000. Start firing at 0900.	
			1000	1-8 to Trover - What time did you jump off this morning? How far did you advance. What opposition are you encountering?	

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FILE IN	FILE SERIAL OUT	U. S.	THE MSGS ASSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
			1015	7-8 to 7 - Going down to 7-3 for awhile be back in 45 minutes.		
			1016	7-8 to Trover. - How are you getting along? Much firing going on? Trover to C.O. - Trover not here, lots of arty fire coming in. Leach to C.O. - Objective being entered by friendly troops. Cook will attempt crossing now.		
			1030	Leach to C.O. - Run into mines.		
			1105	C.O. to McMahon - What progress are they making-advance of 1 mi - Resistance light.		
			1125	Harris to C.O. - Expect General at this Hqs. He would like to see you. Okay-I will be there.		
			1130	Wrolson to McMahon - Situation here hasn't changed. We are waiting for C.O. to return McMahon to Wrolson Are you meeting any resistance? No, we are still waiting and under cover.		
			1215	Trover to McMahon - First came back from up front. Leading Company pinned down by machine gun fire. I		

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am going to try and get up there & take them under fire.

1217 Trover to McMahon - leading elements located 655620.

1308 Leach to 7-3 - Bridge nearly completed. Won't be able to move out for awhile.

1400 7-3 to Leach - How are you doing? Preparing to cross bridge now.

1420 McMahon to Trover - What is the situation? Wrolson to McMahon - Preparing to lead attack on.

1422 7-3 to Leach - On the move slowly, all across.

1430 2-7 wants Wrolson to reply. C.O. tried calling, no results.

1442 7-8 to Trover - Give location of where you started from this A.M.

1448 7-3 - 7 - Dwight reached Hq where we are working and is moving forward.

1455 3 to 7 - Have Co A ready to move when I get back.

1456 Trover to 1-8 - we are located between 335442, Enemy arty falling.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. S.	TITLE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
		1458	McMahon to Trover	How much Arty falling? Quite a few rounds.		
		1521	McMahon to Trover	Coordinates are impossible location for you. Leach to Trover - we have been receiving fire from our right flank. Think it is you.		
		1522	7 to White Will.			
		1525	3 to White Will	Are you ready to move? Yes, moving now.		
		1527	Cook to 7-3.			
		1534	Trover to Leach	Don't fire on two tanks until we reach our objective, we are near Siavers.		
		1540	Leach to Trover	Give us your location in relations to ours.		
		1542	3 to Leach	Open fire on them, you have been wasting 15 minutes, take them under fire.		
		1545	Trover to Leach	We are SW of that town. 7-18 inform 1-8 that sugar will be up soon. Will hold sugar until I find sugar.		
		1546	2 to 7	Trover going to 459. Is		

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TILE IN	TILE SERIAL CUT	TILE U. W. S.	TILE MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				engaged at present.		
	1548			Trover to Leach - Are you in town spelled Seyweiller? No we are in town beginning with Wal.		
	1550			3 to Leach - I am going up with Walter's unit. Want to contact White's Unit?		
	1605			Bn C.O. to Dwight - Bring back Co "A" to this area. 7-3 relayed message to Dwight.		
	1610			7-3 to Dwight - Can we use the sugar with you for Leach? Yes, that's who its for. McMahon to Trover - Find out what situation is and let me know. 1-8 to McMahon - 18 waiting to stop sugar.		
	1615			Trover to McMahon - Still fighting and don't know where we will be. 2 enemy tanks at 650615 might have a hard time gassing up.		
	1630			7-3 to Sugar - If guide is there have him contact Leach.		
	1640			1-8 to 7-3 - Trover, is sugar going to area he was in last night. I don't		

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TIME	FILE SERIAL	THE	SOURCE	ACTION
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			know but 7 will know. 7 to 1-8 to 7-3-Yes, Sugar is on it's way to that area.	
		1655	Trover reports he don't think it advisable to re-supply tonight. Due to his position being under heavy arty fire and in addition enemy tanks are in his vicinity. He says he has plenty of ammo & rations, un-til the morning.	
		1725	7-3 - 7 - The persuader with baker is coming back with that unit. He has something wrong.	
		1800	7-3 - 7 - Regt C.O. wants our C.O. to report to him if possible.	
		1815	Bartz to Leach - Request situation. Contacted C.O. of Inf made hasty plans for out-posting town. Plans not good. But good for tonight.	
		1825	McMahon to Trover - Did you receive your Sugar? McMahon to 1-8 - Trover cannot use Sugar tonight, wants it in the morning.	
		2030	Rec'd msg there would be friendly	

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			0600	Leach to 7-3, to 7. Guide from White contacted Leach at 0500		
			0900	7-3 to 7. Leach wants a retriever to where he is.		
			0910	Bautz to Leach. Retriever on the way. (Hc Co).		
			0945	Chandler to Wrolson. Col. wants to see the CO at this CP.		
			0950	1 RE109 in our area, flying from East to West, flying at about 1000 feet.		
			1035	Trover to Mac. Moving back. Will give you situation and location after refueling.		
			1040	Mac to Trover. When will you be ready for resupply and where will you be?		
			1045	Trover to Mac. I'll be where I left Mattingly and take over from there. Be there at 1200 and leave transportation there to bring to area.		
			1046	Leach to Trover. Do you have any vehicles on left side of woods where you are operating.		
			1046	Trover to Leach. No, I'm moving back. You can't see me.		

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			1140	18 to Trover's operator- I am on the way with your sugar to where you dropped me yesterday morning.		
			1141	Trover's operator to Mattingly- We are coming right over now.		
			1143	Mattingly to CO- We have run into artillery fire on top of the hill with the trains.		
			1144	Dwight to Mattingly- Will you be able to make it OK?		
			1144	Mattingly to Dwight- Yes, we are taking a new route.		
			1335	78 to 7- CO taking a run down to where Leach is.		
			1415	3 to 73- Have you heard anything from Leach? No, not for the last two hours. Our CO is with Leach		
			1455	18 to Trover- Have your maintenance officer here with his peep. me at the area where you saw me. Tell me him as soon as I can locate him.		
			1515	Mattingly to Trover's operator- My peep is out with broken oil pan. Will have your Maintenance peep tow it back. I want to take the other peep out with me.		

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It has no radio and I don't know your location anyway.

1517 Trover's operator to Mattingly- Stand by while I check with CO.

1518 Harris to Mattingly- Take your peep back and have Karsen take your place. Leave the other peep where it is.

1519 Mattingly to 7- Tell Karsen I will meet him where he brought me the night before last and then guide him to my position.

1523 Mattingly to 7- Tell Karsen to let me know when he starts out so I can let these people know.

1540 Mac to Trover- Have you finished with sugar yet?

1540 Trover to Mac- Yes, they are on the way back.

1545 18 to 16- We have a guide at the place you were to meet us.

1550 2 to 7- Did Dwight get that message to Donahue?

1550 7 to 2- Donahue will call me soon and I'll give it to him.

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			1550	2 to 7-	There are two tanks firing into that area. Donahue and that unit will receive that direct fire. That's why I want to inform him.	
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			1555	16 to Trover-	Section that was there has maintenance trouble and I'm taking his place. What do you want me to do? Do you want me to remain in the same place?	
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			1600	Wrolson to 16-	Trover says to remain where you are.	
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			1600	16 to Wrolson-	Do you want continual radio contact all the time?	
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			1605	Wrolson to 16-	Keep radio contact until otherwise informed.	
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				16 to 73-	I have come here to replace Mittingly. I have to stay in contact with the CO here. The other section is here. Shall I keep them here with me overnight? I'll send them back in the morning.	
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				73 to 16-	Keep them as long as you need them.	
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				3 to Donahue-	Do you have any word of the unit with you?	
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			Donahue to 3- Those vehicles arrived back a few minutes ago and had no trouble.		
		1605	3 to Donahue- Have your other people moved to Leach yet and are you coming here tonight?		
		1605	Donahue to 3- They left an hour ago. We'll wait until the men eat before moving. It's only over the ridge.		
		1610	73 to Leach- Sugar to you just passed my position. Should get to you in 30 minutes.		
		1615	73 to Leach- I have one of Voltz's vehicles here in case you need it.		
		1650	Trover to 3- Inform Ho that we're buttoned in for the night. Situation unchanged.		
		1700	Leach to 73- Sugar vehicles are on the way back now.		
		1812	73 to Leach- Has Leach the situation. The Battalion Commander has the plans. My vehicle will stay where it is, so can inform you of any switches.		

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		1813	Leach to 73- I'm in contact with that CO and am making plans. My radio will stay open.		
		1930	Mac to 7- Have some information but have no transportation to get to you.		
		1930	Dwight to Mac- The only way I can get to you is to take a vehicle down there.		
		1931	Mac to Dwight- My information isn't too important. Charley stays in the same run tomorrow. Other than that everything is normal.		
		1931	Dwight to Mac- I'll let you know if I'll come down to you		
		2140	Harris to Leach- Same situation as Purple Heart Valley. Be on the alert. If anything comes up during the night give us a call. You can get most of the information from that Bn CO.		
			Leach to Harris- Same situation as plying with the orders he has		
		2230	Mac to 7- Have important information Can you arrange transportation?		

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			0640	Ralston to Chandler- Tell Trover I have some information for him and will give it to him at first light.		
			0810	Harris to Leach- How did everything go last night.		
			0811	Leach's operator to Harris- Everything went fine. We heard some vehicles, up to our front and fired some rounds where we thought they were.		
			0811	Harris to Leach's operator- There was a report from another source that there were tanks up around Gershiem.		
			0800	Lamison brought word that we are relieved and move out at 1300 to Mittershiem.		
			0845	5 to Trover- Instructions to move to familiar road junction. Guide will meet you enroute.		
			0847	Wrolson to Trover- Ask CO if he is coming to see CO I am working with or if I should see him.		
			0849	Trover to Wrolson- Tell that CO that we have received orders to move back to that general area.		

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0905 Wrolson to Trover- Leave your vehicle
in place until further orders.

Trover to 5- I notified the Unit
Commander I'm attached to that I'm to
move out.

0905 5 to Trover- Tell that unit they are
12 hours behind time. You are to
obey our orders.

~~0925 9 to 7- I have a message for NCS of
unit we're attached. Will you relay?~~

0925 7 to 9- No, we are out of the net.

1025 Trover to 5- I'm at the crossroads
and there's no guide.

1025 Trover to 5- The guide just showed up.

1026 Trover to 7- Sgt. Roberts is here but
there's no guide. Do you want Roberts
to take me into you?

1026 7 to Trover- That is correct.

1030 Major Pellegram brought word that we
are in Division Reserve, and also the
route of march.

1040 Trover to 7- We have reached assembly
area.

1050 Trover to 7- Sending a messenger to
your CP. Let me know when he arrives so

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				1055 78 to 7- Checking in.
				1130 Leach to 5- CO here told me to stand fast here.
				1130 5 to Leach- I have contacted that 6 and you are to move out. Route of March: Woefling, Achen, Sarre Union. Order of March: HQ, D, A, B, C, SV to move out at 1300 from their position and proceed to Mittersheim.
				1205 7-3 to 7- 7-3 can't do Leach any good. CO to 7-3 - Stick to mission and don't clutter the air.
				1255 78 to 5- Take over the net.
				1300 Weisweiler.
				1330 Achen.
				1345 7 dropped out of column because of maintenance trouble.
				1400 7-3 column again
				1400 Kelhausen.
				1404 Oermingen
				1435 Sarre-Union
				1440 Sarre-Werden
				1445 Pisdorf

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1500 Niederstenil

1510 Fenetrange

1530 Mittersheim

1700 Company Commanders' meeting. We

leave at 0830 or thereafter. Order of march: Hq, Hq Co, D, A, B, C, SV.

1 gas truck with each company.

Nets open at 0815.

Company peeps with Reconnaissance.

Kitchen.

4th AD in 3rd Corps. 3rd Army.

CCA AND CCB have gone forward. It is

believed the Germans are using all

their reserves for this counterattack.

Medical companies to organize into

2 platoons.

Use men that they have to man tanks

that they have.

No rations tomorrow.

Feed B rations whenever possible.

Take everything that don't run.

Cavalry and CCR proceed us. Keep road

clear.

24th Eng. leave tonight at 2300 on

Route A.

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				704 leaves 0730 - 20th on route A from present location of Cutting. 25th Cav. and 18th Field Hospital and CCR Hqs. leave their present location of Niederstingel at 0730 on route B. 37th leaves their present location after CCR Hqs clears Mittersheim on Route A. Radio to a minimum.		

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	OUT	U. W.S.				
				<u>20 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0855				Loudrefing		
0905				Vic of Cutting		
0911				Domnom-les-Dieux		
0937				Benestroff		
0950				Bermering		
1030				Morhange		
1040				Baronville		
1100				Destry (Halt)		
1113				Brulange		
1117				Arraincourt		
1135				Vatimont		
1140				Han-sur-Neid.		
1155				Bechy		
1200				Luppy		
1215				7 to 3 - Passed check point 2		
1217				Buchy		
1225				Vigny		
1255				Column at 2000 returning		
1355				Head of column moving out Lesmenils		
1415				Pont-a-Mousson		
1425				Vandierés		
1425				Pagny-sur-Moselle		
1450				Arnaville		

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1500			Bayenville	
1505			Onville	
1532			Chambley	
1545			Puxieux	
1550			Mars-la-Tour	
1610			Halted and checked lights	
1639			Moved out	
1640			Jarny	
1655			Conflains	
1705			Abbeville	
1740			Narroy Le See	
1925			Liaxy	
2330			Head of column arrived at assembly Area 1/4 mile South of Meix-Le-Tige, Belgium.	
<u>21 DECEMBER, 1944</u>				
1500			CO has gone to CCR.	
			Dist. of troops in each CC.	
			CCA CCB CCR	
			35 8 37	
			51 10 53	
			66 22 704-A,B, Plat C	
			274 253 24-A,B, 995 Attach	
			A/704 B/704 489 -A,B,C, 1/2D	
			A/25 B/25	
			B/489 A/489	
			A/24 B/24	
			A/46 B/46	
			A/126 B/126	
				25 (-) Plat C/704 Hq Div Arty 26 (-) 44 (-) 04 44 C/489 Plat 167-Hwsp

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1630

Co Comdrs meeting. We will move tomorrow. Rumor that paratroops have landed, 15 miles from here. Check security. Watch out for fires. Capt. McLahon gave a brief description of our immediate front. Who and what the enemy are and what they are trying to do.

1845

Meeting Co Comdrs and Staff. Lux. front was held by 3 American Divs. Having wide spaces. The en attack has been in small groups, especially at night.

At 0600, 5 or 6 miles of Arlen, CCA (Right), CCB (Left) 26th Inf, 80th Div attacked North. Destroy all elements and proceed North - no objective. CC"R", 37, 53rd Inf Plat, 94, moves to vic Wolkrange, P6017. Rcn to post guides. Order of March: D, Hq, Hq Co, A, B, C, move at 0730 - Rcn moves out 0725. Trains remain where they are. We are to be prepared to move from that assembly area on short notice. Hereafter, double sentry post. Roads and trails to be covered by 1 or 2

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tanks. Outpost from tk sect. towards enemy about 50 to 75 yards with telephone. Challenge no. In case of en tks call tank. They will wait until very close range before opening fire. In event they cannot identify a tank, spot light will be used to identify it. Outpost to be double. The Battalion when in assembly area will go into a quadrangle formation with CP in center. Mortar and Assault will always be laid for defense fire. En trps have American uniforms and identify themselves by not wearing a steel helmet at daylight. At night by red, blue, and yellow light. Their routes and buildings are marked by a white dot. Germans, as they advance, chase civilians in front of them and clog our roads. Keep them off roads. Columns must be alert. Exposed buildings.

When in an assembly area, in case a tank came around don't fire unless the first round will be a sure hit. Men to be alert for aircraft.

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				<u>22 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0730				Head of column moved out from assembly area 1/4 mile South of Meix-Le-Tige.		
0755				Arrived at Udange.		
0800				Arrived at Wolkrange. Assembly area 610180, 1/4 mile Northeast of Wolkrange.		
				CO has gone to CCR for a meeting.		
1155				CO returned from CCR. We are to move at once to crossroad, from there we will receive additional information. Order of March: B, Ren, Plat of 53, A, Hq, Hq Co, D, C.		
1230				Head of column moved out.		
1245				Arrived at Wolfringen.		
1255				Udange		
1328				Arlon		
1337				Quardvents - Assembly area (P609249).		
1400				Capt. Lamison arrived with situation of CCR, CCA. They are meeting no enemy. Our Ren made a Ren of roads, bridges, and troops.		
1915				CO returned from CCR with the following information. CCA (Martalange) putting in bridge. Rec. arty fire. Cav troop receiving		

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artillery and mortar fire. No orders for tomorrow. CCR to clean Bigonville so CCA can carry on. 37th less two companies to continue on. 12 Corp on our right. Friendly mine fields at 625298, 630292, 633264. III Corps advances N on St. With at H from D day. 4 AD attacks on Corps Order on D day and overcomes and destroys all enemy resistance encountered in zone. CCA moved from present position during night D-1 to attack position N of Arlon. Attack on order at H hour, overcome and destroy enemy in zone. Maintain contact with 26th Div on right. CCB from present position assists in screening movement of CCA and Arty units into attacking position. Attack on order and destroy enemy in zone. CCR follows CCA, prepare to reinforce CCA or CCB or repel counterattack on either flank. 25 Cav (at Arlon) when relieved by elements of Cav with CCB's assembly in Area 5. Protect W flank of Division during attack. Maintain contact with CCB and with elements of 8 Corps when gained.

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4 AD arty, -253, and 274 (105 SP) will be placed to support initial phase of attack.

66 and 274 attached to CCA. 22 and 253 attached to CCB, and 94 in direct support of CCR and general support of Division.

No traffic allowed on roads in 4 AD area and on main road leading N of Arlon without approval of higher headquarters.

CO was called to CCR.

(Rec following messages)

We are waiting for friendly elements to arrive and will support them when they arrive.

10 PW from 8 Co, 15th Paratroops, Witry P475032

PW states elements of company in woods 6 Kil. East of Witry.

PW's were on Patrol.

~~PW Elements of 8 Co, 15th Paratroops, Witry~~

PW on patrol 1740

4 Tiger tks attacking Vaux Rosi Eres P4548 from Southeast 1720A.

En Small arms, machine gun, and rocket or bazooka fire from vicinity 566387. En force

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estimated at 30 to 50 Inf believed to be cut off and presenting stiff opposition 1820h. Council reports 30 tanks vic of Arsdorff (6412). CO returned from CCR.

23 DECEMBER, 1944

Co Comdrs meeting. 26th Inf rpts 30-40 tks plus trucks near Arsdorf. PW also states same. 26th Div rpts 10 tks in woods

Fora Darshdorf.

CCA front receiving mortar, rocket, small arms fire.

CCB - No enemy activity.

Tomorrow CCA and CCB continues on.

CCR attacks town and takes high ground of Bigonville. 66th or 94th supports.

IP 1st rd junction North of us on main rd.

Move at 0600. "B" Company leads move.

Order of March: B/37, B/53, (-37)-,

53 (-), D/37 remains here. Move up main road to road leading into Pearle, to Holtz, then to Flatzbourhoff. Rcn Platoon leaves at 0500. Go over same route and then send

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				messenger back to meet column and give report on route.		
				Cav of CCA in Flatzbourhoff.		
				Order of March is Bn Hq, Hq Co, A, C.		
				When "B" crosses IP pick up B/53 and contact cavalry in Flatzbourhoff, then push on through woods and block road coming in from the East.		
				Maint tracks with Bn. Hq.		
				Mortar and assault guns move up road and take OP and prepare to fire outside of town and down draw.		
				A & C Co. will stop along road.		
				Fwd Observer from 94th with A Co.		
				Capt. Cook, 94th, with Bn Hq.		
				Radio silence until 0730.		
0730				Nets opened.		
0800				CO to Leach - What is the hold up?		
				Leach - Road temporarily closed.		
0810				Leach met guides and turning at point he was supposed to.		

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0815				Arrived at La Follie		
0823				What is the matter up there? Going down steep grade, can't move too fast.		
0840				Cook to Abe - Giles is with Leach, I will relay any transmissions.		
0850				Abe to Leach - What's holding you up? Leach - Traffic and road but we're moving now.		
0930				3 to 6 - All of Whitehill through.		
0930				73 to 6 - Leach is at my position. He can move forward if he wants.		
0930				3 to Trover - If you have any steel tracks stay outside of town and fall in at rear.		
0932				Leach to Abe - We are moving now.		
0933				10 to Abe - Now have my vehicle back with me.		
0934				73 to 6 - All of Whitehill through.		
				1 kilometer N of CP 37.		
0948				6 to Leach - Are you moving? Leach to 6 - Yes.		
1000				Abe to Leach - Get grousers on at 1st opportunity.		

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1005					3 to 7 - Get Message to Higher Hq. Met no enemy yet. Have seen fresh tracks of 1 enemy tank. Some of our people are in that area.		
1010					Smoke in woods to right.		
1030					Bautz to Whitehill - Move off road and wait for the doughs.		
1035					CO to Cook, CO to Whitehill- Put on Grouzers. 3 relayed to Trover.		
1055					2 to Whitehill - Put on Grouzers.		
1100					Enemy activity 598398.		
1120					CO to 3 - How are things going. Arty and mortar coming from North. Do you have the road cut?		
1130					Air reports enemy infantry going in woods with white capes near town of Check Point 32. Could we put some artillery in there? They're firing direct fire in there.		
1135					Put artillery North Grid 40, West of town in woods.		
1140					CO to 10 - Is that position clear to go into position? Anything coming in there? No it's all over.		

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1143

Dwight to Bautz- How about getting arty
in woods. Inf in small groups.
Bautz to Dwight. - Use that you have. Air
rpts en CP at Flatzbourhoff.

1145

Dwight reports enemy wearing white capes.

1147

Dwight to Leach - Use Inf you have up
there.

1150

10 - The other units are here with me.
I will put them to use.

1151

3 to 7 - Cook rpts 1 Sherman and 1 SP
coming from the North towards our position.
They are getting in position to take them
under fire.

1200

CO to 3 - Get plane to watch vehicles
for you.

1205

3 to Leach - Have you any information on
the left flank?

1206

3 to CO - 2 pos Arm. 596-395 by plane.

1208

CO to 3 - Are they in position to take the
arm. under fire? Is the woods clear to your
right? I think so. Inf will not go into
the woods to my front.

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3 to CO - One tk hit by direct fire.

3 to Leach - Give me direction of fire that hit tank.

10 to 3 - Rpt large arty pc to my direct front about 2000 yards.

3 to CO - Doughs move to rear too much.

3 to CO - GI said his CO told him to take off. They are streaming past me.

3 to 73 - Pick up Ren and bring them here.

3 to Leach - I'm pecking away at one on the hill. Is that one you knocked out?
It is smoking. It was knocked out. There's a H/T beyond that tank believed to be knocked out.

Dwight - I will get air on that H/T.

Dwight - there are 2 more tks N of his point.

3 to Bautz - Dough boys on our left are moving up again, but ones on right are not.

Leach to 3 - En personnel moving back towards the town. Snipers are active on our left.

3 to Bautz - What about smoke on edge of woods to help D, B, get up there.

Bautz - We are preparing to fire on that position.

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				3 to Bautz - Quite a few men with capes are running into woods, about 20 or 25. We are about to fire there. Let us know effect.		
1247				Dwight to Leach - I can see a bunch of white people in that woods. We are bringing fire on them. Leach that is very good. The coordinates on that woods is 595-390. Inf is this side of the RR. I cannot see that firing.		
1250				Whitehill - Inf we are to work with are here. We are standing by for orders.		
1251				Dwight to Leach - Is it possible to get by that vehicle up there. I don't know. there is an SP and H/T after that. Bautz to Dwight. Did you see that round. Short 100, right 200. Another to the right.		
1254				Bautz to 3 - On the way. That's good. That's making them move.		
1300				Artillery too short. Increase range 200 yards.		
1301				Leach to 3 - They are leaving woods.		
1302				3 to 7 - Good. Increase it 200 more.		

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1302				3 to 7 - That was a good one. (naming arty).		
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1303				Bautz to 3 - On the way. En heading back towards the town.		
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1304				Bautz to 3 - Do you see anything? No most of them have left the woods.		
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				Leach to 3 - I think I see German aircraft.		
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				Bautz to Whitehill and Trover - CO report to CP. Bring Inf Co. Comdr.		
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1330				Inf picked up civilian coming through woods. On the CO's order, A & C & Inf moves out to assault Bigonville.		
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1355				Bautz to 3 - Have plane check and see if those 2 tks are still near that crossroad.		
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				3 to Bautz - Plane can't see tanks, but there's an SP and Personnel in the town. Are taking them under fire.		
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1402				CO to Whitehill - 2 en tks previously reported		
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1410				Dwight to Bautz - There are at least 2 SP's in that town, 1 by the church, 1 painted white.		
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				Bautz to Whitehill - Did you get the last message? (Yes).		
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			<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1420			CO to Whitehill - Move out on mission. CO to Trover - Whitehill moving out, you follow.		
1425			Dwight to Whitehill - As you come up this hill in the woods there is Inf and in town two (2) or three (3) SP guns.		
1426			Dwight to Trover - As Whitehill goes over the dough boys on the left ought to stick their nose over hill and help them out. I'm going to put HE in woods when Inf moves up.		
1430			Dwight to Whitehill - What was that puff of smoke? My left track knocked off. You'd better get on another vehicle.		
1435			Leach to Dwight - Cook just saw a couple of trucks move into edge of town.		
1442			CO to Giles - Are you going to be able to contact Whitehill to bring down fire?		
1445			Jacques to Abe - Keller's mission complete.		
1446			Giles to CO - Just got stopped by mines.		
1447			3 to CO - There's mines across this road. They will have to do like Leach did.		
1448			7 to CO - We can take care of that fire mission. CO - I'll take care of it.		
1450			3 to 78 - It's good enough for the engineers to work up here.		

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			73 to 7 - Did you get that message?	Yes,	
			will take care of it.		
1451			10 to 7 - Engr's have gone forward already.		
1515			3 to 7 - Whitehill's Retriever can pull out the vehicle now.		
1535			7 to CO - Just North of where tks were knocked out is a concrete house and Jerries are running from woods into house.		
1540			CO to Trover - Whitehill received basooka fire from woods. He will take woods under fire and you will proceed into town.		
1542			CO to 3 - What was your message about concrete house?		
1542			Msg from 7 to CO - I sent that message.		
1543			Trover to CO - will have to swing to left of Whitehill. Can't get down draw.		
1545			CO to Leach - Take town under fire w/ anything you have in position.		
1546			7 to 73 - Is CO there? Ans. No. Can you contact him by radio? Ans. No.		
1600			CO to Leach - Do you see me? I'm with "A" Co. Yes I see you now.		
1605			Leach to CO - My left flank observes troops in woods. Yes there are troops over there. Are you coming over to see me? Ans. Yes.		

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			<u>23 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1600			Hellb 5 - Tell CO we are carrying out the instructions delivered by 3. CO - Roger on your message.	
1600			Moved to new assembly area. Arrived at P 593-384 1/2 mile Southeast of Flatzbourhof.	
1700			Co's A, B, and C remained where they were. Leach's flank reports observing 3 SP's. His flank observer couldn't bring fire on them with his radio.	
1810			About 50 rounds of 20 and 40mm fire came over our area. Seemed to be coming from the North. At first, appeared to be flares. We traveled a distance of about 14 kilometers. Captain Trover was killed in action.	
2005			Rec message from CCR for CO to report there at once.	
			<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944</u>	
0815			CO to 7 - Can't see smoke.	
0816			CO to 7 - Stop smoke, no good.	
0820			CO to 7 - Fire falling 200 yards short.	
0821			CO to 7 - Rpt to high hqs we are at edge of	
0822			CO to 7 - WP. 500 yards short.	
0823			McMahon to Whitehill - Have you run into anything?	
0825			CO to Leach - Let's move in there. Move in.	
0826			CO to 7 - Have Engineers check road.	

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			24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)	
0826			CO to 7 - Lift artillery fire.	
0827			Keller to 8 - I am on the right, will move left and follow unit to town.	
0833			McMahon to Whitehill - Move out.	
			CO to Jacques - Have him report to me, I want to show him what his troops are doing.	
0835			CO to Cook - Stop all artillery fire.	
0840			Leach to 6 - Lot of sniping. Hold right there.	
0840			CO to Whitehill - Fire on the buildings.	
0843			2 to 3 - Doughs won't go through artillery fire.	
0849			CO to Leach - Move to West and pick up some Inf.	
0848			CO to 2 - Still some Inf Whitehill can use here.	
0900			2 to Whitehill - Make Inf come with you.	
0901			2 to CO - Inf won't move. Plat went into first bldg and won't move.	
0904			Jacques to Abe - Trying to find you.	
0905			3 to Whitehill - Your firing on our Inf.	
0906			2 to Whitehill - Got them coming now.	
0910			2 to Whitehill - Move your left flank up even.	
			2 to Whitehill - Meet at edge of town on high ground, after cleaning up town.	
0925			CO to Whitehill - What is your situation? Inf slowly catching up.	

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
0926				CO to Leach - I have a report here that unit with us is receiving fire from high ground West of him. Leach will take care of that.		
0928				McMahon to Whitehill - Your unit here. That on the left of town isn't doing anything. Whitehill - I can't do a thing until I can get up there.		
0929				CO to Whitehill & 2 - I'm going to send Leach on high ground North of town, skirting the town. Have Whitehill leave a few vehicles on this side of town to cover.		
0930				McMahon to Whitehill - Move that unit on left of town up some more.		
0932				McMahon to Whitehill - This unit hasn't moved very far. Get them up there.		
0931				Dwight to Leach - Do you have that Plat skirting the town. Yes.		
0931				CO to 3 - Can you hear what he is saying? No.		
0932				CO to 3 - Will you get over and contact Leach?		
				Keep me informed.		
0935				McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming along? Going thru town now, Inf following.		
0940				Dwight to Leach - Where are you located now? West side of town. Dwight - You have three		

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		<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
0945		vehicles on the South side of town. Dwight to Leach - Turn around. McMahon to Whitehill - Don't forget to leave a unit on this end of town.		
0950		3 to CO - We are N of town now.		
0942		CO to 3 - On that position of that company up there. I want to get by that on to high ground.		
0945		3 to Leach - Did you hear that?		
		CO to 3 - They look like cement bldgs, do you think there is anything in them. McMahon to Whitehill - Have part of your unit on this end of town go up to road.		
1000		CO to 2 - I can see those tanks on the South of town. They are not doing any good there. May do him more good where he's at.		
1000		Leach to 3 - I just got hit in the arm.		
1001		Dwight to CO - We are on that ground now. McMahon to Whitehill - Are you going to move unit on this side of town with you?		
1002		Leach to Dwight - Is that smoke up in front of you? Yes. McMahon to Whitehill - How are you doing? Moving along as fast as we can, it is getting hot. Snipers are getting hot. Our planes		

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			fired on us.		
1010			CO to 3 - Did they do any damage up there? (opening planes). I used two red flares, I guess they recognized us.		
1013			Whitehill to McLahon - I cannot get Inf moving to clear out bazookas.		
1015			McLahon to Whitehill - See if you can send some of your vehicles down side roads. The streets are narrow.		
			2 to CO - Whitehill can't go any farther without Inf. CO is there. Anyway I can't get Inf up there. Use concrete fuse.		
			McLahon to Whitehill. - The situation is if I fire on one side I can't fire at the other all at the same time. I have gotten some Inf on the move.		
1020			Lanison to 7 - Was that friendly or enemy planes firing up there? That was our planes. See if you can straighten that out.		
1025			McLahon to Whitehill - How are you coming now? We are moving now behind the bldgs. I finally got the Inf to move.		
1030			3 to Whitehill - Are you shooting up on this high ground? No, I'm not, I'm being held up		

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1031			by bazooka fire. One of our tanks have been hit Dwight said.		
			Dwight to Leach - That's bazooka fire isn't it? Yes, I think it is.		
1035			Dwight to Leach - OK Leach that should hold it for a while, let's get Whitehill through now.		
1038			McMahon to Whitehill - Are you moving now?		
1039			Whitehill to McMahon - No, still being held up by bazookas.		
			McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming now?		
1044			Whitehill to McMahon - About the same, we haven't got those bazooka's yet. Inf working on them.		
1049			Dwight to Whitehill - How are you coming?		
			Whitehill to Dwight - I can't get the Inf to		
			CO to 3 - Do you have anything to report?		
			3 to CO - Fired on by bazookas. I tk hit.		
			CO to 3 - You take charge, I'm going back.		
			3 to CO - Only 5 of us up here.		

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
				CO to 3 - Soon as he gets through I want to put him up there. You take care of that.		
				Dwight to Leach - That guy was firing at you from the house.		
				Dwight to CO - 2 tanks and Inf approaching town.		
1100				CO to Dwight. - They must be enemy.		
				McMahon to Whitehill - How are you coming?		
				Leach to 7 - I fired at what I thought was tanks, but turned out to be haystacks.		
1129				Whitehill to McMahon - Passing the church now, still bazooka men around, don't see our Inf.		
				McMahon to Whitehill - Only Inf I see are the ones going back.		
1132				Whitehill to McMahon - Progressing along, need more Inf.		
				McMahon to Whitehill - You'll have to just use what you got.		
				Whitehill to McMahon - It will be a slow process.		
				McMahon to Whitehill - Use HE on those bldgs.		
1143				En clm Lorhead heading Southeast.		
				CO to 3 & 2 - Voltz's people are at the entrance to town if you need them.		

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1151

McMahon to Whitehill - If I was you I would move more out of town.

McMahon - We have cleared the town now.

Inf is cleaning it up now.

3 to 2 - The town is not clear yet.

There is still firing.

2 to 3 - I said the Inf was cleaning it up.

Whitehill to 2 - I have a man with a broken foot. Where are the Medics?

2 to SO - Don't run that peep up here yet, the town isn't clean yet.

2 to 3 - I'm going to have Whitehill send one unit up around those buildings.

2 to 3 - I wouldn't fire too much into that town. Our doughs are in there and God know what will happen if they get pinned down.

1209

McMahon to Whitehill - Where did that shell come from?

Whitehill to McMahon - I don't know but they are playing ball.

McMahon to Whitehill - Could you identify what that was that hit the tank.

Whitehill to McMahon - I think it's Bazookas.

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
				2 to 3 - Do you know of any frd. traps in the building in this end of town.		
				3 to 2 - No.		
				2 to 3 - I just saw a man run into a bldg. I couldn't identify him.		
				3 to 2 - Probably enemy.		
1215				McMahon to Whitehill - How is that unit doing?		
1220				McMahon to Dwight - Would it be OK to fire flanking fire into that town.		
1225				McMahon to Whitehill - 50 cal. will set them on fire as well as incendiary.		
1228				McMahon to Whitehill - Blow holes into buildings and shoot 50's into the holes.		
1230				McMahon to Whitehill - Fire ME into bldg then cease fire and move on up with doug's.		
1234				McMahon to Dwight - 4 or 5 Germans walked over to that haystack.		
1234				Dwight to McMahon - I know, I saw one waving a white flag.		
1240				Charley 16 to McMahon - Nothing to report now.		
1250				Dwight to Whitehill - How are you making out?		

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1250				Whitehill to Dwight - My unit and Inf are moving into village.		
1250				Dwight to McMahon - I see a flag from that building.		
1250				McMahon to Dwight - It's a German Med. Den.		
1255				Dwight to McMahon - There may be civilians too.		
1300				McMahon to Dwight - No, it's a medic with a bunch of Germans. They are coming out now.		
1300				Dwight to Whitehill - It should be easier now. I just took about 50 of them.		
1300				McMahon to Dwight - I won't search them now. The doughs will do it.		
				Dwight to McMahon - If you want to talk to them, it's OK.		
1300				McMahon to Dwight - I'll talk to the officers.		
1300				Dwight to McMahon - You keep me covered, I'll talk to them.		
1305				Dwight to Whitehill via McMahon - How are you coming along?		
1306				McMahon to Dwight - They're coming along OK now.		
1307				Making our way through the town. Dwight to Bautz - Inf complaining, anymore Inf we can send through town to make a second mop up.		
1308				Bautz to Dwight - I'll try to get some.		
1310				Bautz to Dwight - No, those people you have there will have to do the job. We can't get more Inf.		

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				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1310				Lamison to Dautz - Want status of an action on right flank.	
1311				Jacques to Abe - My "A" has come to other side covering roads in that sector.	
1312				Abe to Jacques - Need more men to follow through town.	
1312				Jacques to Abe - Yes, I'll send them up with your "C".	
1313				Abe to Dwight - Have you anything on high ground?	
1315				Dwight to Abe - Yes, tanks, we can see for about 5 miles.	
1315				2 to 7 - We are up here too.	
1315				7 to 3 - Leave "A" there to cover N. Pull back to cover West. Plan same as when started this morning.	
1320				Abe to Lamison - No activity on right flank at 611-430. Plane rpts on trying to destroy bridge.	
1340				3 - Get someone to see if they can get the rest of Leach's outfit up here.	
				Dwight to Whitehill - ...	
				Whitehill to Dwight - Coming OK. Smoke from the barn is holding us up.	

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IN	OUT	U. S.	MSGDSIGNED	MESSAGE	TAKEN
				<u>24 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1450				Dwight to Whitehill - Tell the Inf we have these PW's and 3 American Officers. 3 to 7 - First element thru the town. One of 10 vehicles hit a mine, will blow me up some. CO to Bautz - There are 2 - 40mm towed guns in this town. Send something down to tow them out for CP defense.	
1451				McMahon to 7 - Also in town there is 1 peep, 1 GMC, and 1 Trailer.	
1455				3 to Bautz - Can't contact plane. See if you can and if they have changed channels.	
1456				Cook to 3 - The persuaders are on my Bn Channel. I can contact them if you wish.	
1600				10 - All these weapons are laid and registered, 1-1/2 hours ago.	
1605				3 to 7 - The doughs that are supposed to be here haven't arrived yet. There are things that have to be done before dark.	
1855				town so we can organize things before dark. Bautz to 3 - The matter will be taken care of. CO - Assemble all commanders. Am coming in at once.	
1900				HNN - Have "A" Co report to this CP at once.	

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1910				NYC - Have "B" Co report to this CP at once. YIN - Have "C" Co report to this CP at once. CO returned from CCR with following information. We move tonight at 1230. About thirty miles. 30 PW's taken today.		
1945				Order of March for Bn: C, B, Hq, Hq Co & "A". Being relieved by Engineers tonight. Reserve Comd moving to West flank tonight. Clear out enemy and relieve 101st Airborne. Cross IP at 0100. Res Comd, Ren D/37, B/53, Res Comd, 37-, 53-, 1 Battalion of 155. Bn: A, B, Hq, Hq Co, C. Co Maint. march with companies. Bn will halt 0250, 0450, 0650. Rate of march: 8 miles per hour. Nets open at 0100. Cross country at Pearle to avoid curves in road. Co's to start moving at 1200 from there present location. Route of march: Bigonville, Platzbourhof, Pearle, cross country to Monscheid, Neuperic, La Follie, Halt, turn right at cross road and Check Point 1, Heinstert, May-la- Check Pt. 2, Leglise, Offains, right fork to Longlier. Molinfaing.		

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			<u>25 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
			Head of column moved out at 1230 from assembly area, crossed IF at 0100. Capt. Dwight's tank hit a mine. The Battalion took Vaux-les-Rosières, Pte Rosières, Nives, Sure, Min De Rosières. Co's outposting towns and high ground. Assembly area P156-428.		
			Destroyed 2 tks, 1 cargo truck, 1 trailer, 1 enemy peep, killed 100.		
			D Company and "A" Co remains in place. "C" Co. take position at Hill 480. B Co. comes out of town to the East of town on high ground and assaults the town.		
1515			Those troops with red panels are ours.		
			Engineers with four bridging trucks will be at Removille, Clochimont, Sibert. C Co. to lead to Clochimont. "C" Co to move at 0800. Maximum party we can get.		
2410			LGR - 5 en guns rptd at 523543. En tks at 49 05.		

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TIME IN	FILE OUT	SERIAL U. N. S.	FILE DISPOSITION	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0945				"D" Co rpts enemy active throughout night. CO to Leach - Is that your arty falling in that town?		
				Leach - Yes. C Co to CO - Troops observed going into woods. CO - Those trps must be enemy.		
1050				CO to 7 & CO to Leach - I saw some enemy 1 kilometer of cross road.		
1100				Bn Hq moved out.		
1115				CO to Leach - Rpt en moving towards you. Be on lookout for them.		
1120				Boggess to CO - Rpt 6 AT guns at left front.		
1130				Msg from Dwight to 7 - Get 47's to work this area. 2 on AT guns at 465507. Inf dug in from 465511 to 470511.		
1135				Same msg rptd to higher headquarters. Also want to know when they will work this.		
1155				Msg fr Higher Hq - Does Object know about the air target?		
1200				If Abe needs information about units on his right have him contact McCalley.		
1200				Msg 7 to Donahue - Promise air on the target.		
1210				Leach to CO - Is CCE firing close to us? Do they know we are here at concentration 8? Ans. Yes they do.		

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				<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1215				Msg from Higher Headquarters - Stand by.		
1220				Re: Your air request - you will get it as soon as it's in the area.		
1225				Msg from Higher Hqs. 55 BM GB DA IQ ID CH CG JG EG LJ HM AF FH KF 0900. Switch on - PZ Cage in VAUX.		
1255				Msg Leach to 7 for CO - Getting direct fire from direction of COE, not far over our head. Also some snipers - would like to get some doughboys up here.		
1300				Msg CO to Leach - Whitehill on way to pass through. Just hold on. Leach - I'm running short of HE and 30 cal. It will be a good field of fire for Whitehill. Germans infiltrating back.		
1302				Abe to Jacques - Make sure you send that outfit in rear of Whitehill - Also an infiltrating in towards Leach.		
1310				Tom to Abe - Air rpts veh, med tks, and lights near Sibret. Are they yours? Ans. No.		
1313				Cohen to Abe - Wait.		
1315				3 to Leach - Where is arty landing? Ans. Right edge of Chk Pt 8. Landing between me and town.		

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				<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
1316				Cohen to Abe - Msg from 53. En coming through in some force there. Can you give me some coordinates? Ans. Near Northing.	
1320				Jacques to Dwight - Msg has been delivered to Leach.	
1335				Abe fr Cohen Operator - It is necessary to display panels right away - If any question call Cohen.	
1335				7 to Leach - Check on panels.	
1336				3 to 5 - Those people have been taking a good look today (meaning Air Corps).	
1337				Msg fr Higher Hqs - Air knocked out tanks at Sibret and are working up that way.	
1343				Whitehill to Leach - What is the situation up there? Ans. It's pretty quiet up there. Deploy behind me.	
1345				3 to Whitehill - You're almost where I am. You're going the wrong way. I'll straighten you out.	
1347				7 to 3 - Request further information on situation. Ans. En Inf along edge of woods. 2 hvv cal guns taken under fire but not destroyed.	
				7 - Did Air work that area over? Ans. No.	
1355				3 to Leach - One of your tanks is moving up on wrong road. Try and catch him.	

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1355			Baum - Give me your disposition. Have you people cleaned "C" town, when you do that where too?		
			Bautz - We will move to Hohen.		
1348			Msg fr Higher Hqs - KKTDB WHEZV ZTCWV YUCWV		
			XVXQS WUCOZ WUCYO WQLE TUDDE BFKH BXXIC I WWR XQS W VDLN GR		
1400			2 to 6 - Rpt that large number of en have moved into town at coordinates 459-533. Also 2 tks were observed going into that town. "B" Co has knocked out 1 H/T. (Bautz - Can you est the no. of H/T's). Ans. - 2 tks, 15 H/T's.		
1405			2 to 7 - Those vehicles are JAW troops, they are in the town.		
1405			7 to 332 - There are 2 tks, 15 H/T, at 45-533. Leach to Whitehill - Come right up the column and defilade behind me. Baum to 7 - That's the town you are in now. B to Baum - That doesn't make sense to me because we are in a couple of them. Send it up by Liaison Officer.		
1425			Jacques to Abe - Just got word on Cohen's position. He's going into that patch of woods to right of Leach. Also "A" Co up to Leach now.		

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1445			Baum to Bautz - Give disposition of your troops in regards to Charley town. We are going to move South of Charley town.		
1439			Bautz to Baum - There is no change in the disposition of our troops in Charley town. Bautz to CCR - In regards about message you sent before, about using town for Bases. Do you mean this town.		
1455			Jacques to 3 - Cohen's forces are almost through the woods. Good thing. Also my "A" Company hasn't jumped off yet because of bazooka fire, but they are taking care of it. They are at the edge of woods to Leach's front. CCR to Bautz - Did you have message for me? Baum to 7 - Inf rpts the Roger town is N of the town we took this morning. Bautz to CCR - That msg doesn't mean a thing to us. CCR to 7 - Two places above there you are not.		
1511			CO to 3 - Alert those 2 Co's up there for movement. You are in command. Get everything well in hand over there, it's the push!		
1520			C-47's flew over our position and dropped		

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supplies to the 101st Airborne.

Dright to Whitehill - Move out.

Dright to CO - Give the Inf 20 minutes to mount up and get his men together. Don't move until you have things together.

CO to Whitehill - What is your situation? I have moved North of town on high ground now. Are you meeting any resistance?

3 to 3 - Concentration 9. We can get 4 units, 3 small and one big on 15 minutes notice.

CO to Whitehill - What are you running into. Looks like direct fire. Can you tell where it is coming from? I'd like to know that.

CO to 3 - Msg for Cook - I'd like to put stuff along the edge of the woods Northeast of Street Pt.

3 to Rogness - We are moving out at once.

CCR - 5 AT guns at 506-540.

Pautz - Can you get air on them?

3 to 3 - Int. by plane 5 AT gun 506-540 West of Sibret along main road.

CO to 3 - Are you ready to go? Ans. Yes.

Leach to CO - Jerries in blast and they are working them over now.

Abe to Baum - Why aren't they pushing up there?

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				<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1621				The Reserves are doing the whole thing. Leach to CO - Have you been able to investigate it?		
				Ans. Yes. This looks like a Jerry vehicle with an 88 camouflaged. Put a 105 into it and destroy it.		
1624				CO to "A" Co - Can you see that town there?		
				Ans. Yes. Can you observe any activity in it?		
				Ans. No.		
1625				Abe to Baum - I want to tell Bull we are moving on. So don't shoot on us. You rear troops are liable to shoot on us.		
1626				CO to 7 - Get that ready, tell Cook (94th).		
1630				3 to "C" - Make sure your people are ready.		
1631				Young to Abe - Our FC would like to know where your landing elements are. Ans. We are on high ground by crossroads. You rear elements protect our supply line.		
1634				CO to Cook through 7 - Can I get concentration in a minutes notice? Ans. Yes.		
1635				Rogress to CO - Request of Concentration. CO to 7 - 9, Play it soft and sweet.		
1636				CO to 7 - Raise arty 200.		
				CO to 7 - Raise arty 400 more.		
1640				Blanchard to Bautz - We are going to do it tonight. Get everything together. I want to meet Abe and Jacques at JP 74 in about 45 minutes.		

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<u>25 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>								
						Bautz - Can I meet you?		
						Blanchard - Yes.		
1645						Donahue to 7 - Is 2 there with you now?		
						Should I leave that part of my outfit out there?		
1650						3 to Roggess - How are you doing?		
1651						CO to 7 - Can we get a liaison plane to those people over there?		
1650						326th Engineers rescued.		
1650						CO to 7 to Higher Headquarters - We have contacted unit required.		
1653						Roggess to 3 - Have reached objective.		
						3 to Roggess - Consolidate.		
1655						3 to Roggess - You have a tank back up here - make him move.		
1657						Those people up North have been contacted at 1645.		
1655						Blanchard to Bautz - Find Assembly area for whole command in area Abe went to.		
1700						Was that physical contact or Abe personally?		
						Ans. Physical contact.		
1701						CO to 7 - Send Msg. Msg - pick assembly area for entire command.		
						Abe to 7 - The whole road is ablaze. There is fighting going on.		

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			<u>26 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1703			3 to 30 - We are here but no Inf. Party at CP 9 was pretty heavy. Met a Captain and set up an outer defense for town, and I'll go ahead and put our people in position. There must of been tanks that got lost back in that town.		
1705			Bautz to Planchard - The whole place and roads are ablaze. If G-4 brings supplies up to place we talked about it will be best.		
1710			30 to 7 3 to 30 - At edge of woods there's tallermine on the ground. I got a couple tanks through. I think it's okay now.		
1725			30 to 7 - Msg for Hicker Hs - Everyone should attack, get off their high horse. Have everyone attack, COB.		
1730			30 to 3 - There's an assault run stuck at 7 to Leach - Are you ready to take your supplies? ()		
1750			30 to Whitehill - I'm through here myself. I'm going forward to make contact with this unit.		
1755			Msg for Hicker Hs - I recommend to send anything you can to that town, anything that walks, vehicles, planes, etc.		
			30 to 7 - The info they gave me was correct. Dorahue to 7 - Town at 450-550 - 1 en tk and 30 on W/C N of town - estimated 15 - 30 more tks.		

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			26 DEC 26 1944 (CONT'D)		
1855			<p>This town also has a CP of a Panzer Bn. This information gained from PW taken from H/T knocked out by this unit. Notify 2 that the Big Boys that were with us are no more.</p> <p>CC to Whitehill - Town between me and you is cleared. We are trying to clear that route now.</p> <p>CC to M - Ck. Pt 9 clear and secure.</p> <p>CC to Jacques - Bring them all together.</p> <p>It would be good to leave "A" Co there also.</p> <p>2 to Donahue - Can you use your observer on that road there?</p> <p>Donahue to 2 - Arrangements are being made now to bring interdiction fire on that jct now for a period of 2 hours. We still hear movement there. Some flare just went up.</p> <p>2 to Donahue - Use that observer and keep us informed.</p> <p>Received word from SCR to be ready to move forward on order.</p>		
			<p>forward Order of March: D/37, Hq Trns, Res Comd, 40 Med. Supply trks, Hq & Hq/53, 94 -, 155-(704 (q)-A/53, B/37, H/37, G/53, move to vic of Bastogne. Enemy tanks moving S from Sibret. D Co. lost tank in action.</p>		

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL U. N. S.	TITLE MSGS ASSIGNED	MESSAGE	SOURCE	ACTION TAKEN
				<u>27 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
2400				<p>Moved out from assembly area Removille at 0500. Arrived at assembly area at 0700. Route of March: Removille, Nemichampagne, Clochmont, Pastogne, CP 548571. 3 Co lost 3 trucks through enemy action. The town of Pastogne was bombed.</p>		
				<u>28 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0500				<p>Bombers were over again. Major Parker, Col. Jacques, visited our CP today. CCB, CCA, still trying to make contact. (1) The following msg was received: 9th AD holds Sibret and Villeroux and cleaning woods NW of Assenois. CCB cleaning woods S and E of that town. CCA attacking North and are SW of Salvacourt. (2) CCB Burnon, 8th & 10th, Assenois, 22 FA, Grandure, 253 FA, Chermont, 776 FA (155 H) Burnon, CCA, Weisenbach, 17 FA, Weis Div Fwd, Redange, 274 FA, Strainchamps. An AAA Platoon was attached to the Battalion today. Plans were made to open fire on enemy planes tonight if they can be recognized. Also plans were made to be out tonight. CC has gone to Division to see Commanding General. A & B Co's are still in position protecting and keeping open our supply route.</p>		

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			<u>28 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>	
			All other units are slowly advancing. Enemy Personnel, vehicle and weapons losses for period 26 & 27 December: 2 Cargo trks, 7 AT guns, 2 Arty pcs 75 or over, 1 Personnel carrier, 3 passenger cars, 30 killed, 10 wounded. A "D" Co tank ran over a mine about 0600 today.	
			<u>29 DECEMBER, 1944</u>	
0001			Received word from 101st Airborne that an enemy column is on the road going South from the N.	
0700			CCR sent same message.	
0815			A & B Co. left from their assembly area where they were keeping the road open. Joined the Bn. at this location, Bastogne.	
1510			Message received, hasty friendly mine field located one five zero yards each side of road at 51549, 12 yards wide. All damaged on tks will be destroyed wherever found to prevent recovery.	
1500			A Lt. Col., 3rd Arm'd Bn, and Lt. from 10th AD visited the Battalion today. Captain Lamison brought word that we are to move to vic of Clochimont, 515522.	

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				<u>29 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>		
1900				Bn planes bombed Bastogne and were met with a hot reception. Company Commander's meeting. Move to Clochimont at 0900, 30 December. Order of March: HQ, HQ Co, D, A, E, C, Sv. Planes were active bombing throughout the night. "B" Company kitchen was destroyed by a direct hit. A total of three planes were shot down.		
				<u>30 DECEMBER, 1944</u>		
0700				Bn planes again bombed Bastogne causing a few casualties.		
0900				Bn moved out from Bastogne, arrived at Assenois 0920, Clochimont at 0945.		
1030				Company Commander's meeting. CO gave the situation. The enemy counterattacked during the night and were repulsed. We are to be ready to move at any time in case of an attack on either flank.		
1230				Received following message from CCR. Reports indicate men in US uniforms are infiltrating through our lines. Men in German uniforms will be requested to identify themselves.		
1455				A Lt. Col. from FA Bn of the 6th AD visited our CP.		
1545				Col. Blanchard, CO CCR, brought orders for us to move to vicinity of Chaumont, 51S483, to be in position in case of an attack from that flank.		

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<u>30 DECEMBER, 1944 (CONT'D)</u>						
1550				Company Commander's meeting. We were out at 1600 to vicinity of Chaumont. Order of March: Ron, D, Hq, Hq Co, A, B, C. Route: Clochivout, Grandruc. Chaumont, arrived at assembly area 1700.		
2055				Rec following message. R.C.P.W. came at Remichampagne.		
<u>31 DECEMBER, 1944</u>						
0600				Nothing happened during night.		
0650				Received following message: Activity of small arms and arty fire Viller-la-Bonne-Eau, starting 0520A. CCR.		
0955				Received following message: 4 persuaders on road to Chk Pt 103. Can you have guide pick them up at CP 113. (Sv Gats).		
1030				Major Scotti visited our CP.		
1500				The Battalion received three new tanks with different suspension system and new track.		
1630				A Major from 25th Cav visited CP today.		
1600				Received following message from Sv Co, 37th: 5 Off, 11 EM arrived at this CP, 1400.		
1810				Message is at HQ. Place. This is a copy of message from Sv Co.		
2100				Officers and EM replacements arrived at this CP. One of them used to be in the 37th Armd Regt at Pine Camp. An aircraft strafed around our bivouac area during the night. No damage done.		

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