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SKETCH SHOWING ACTION AT SELESTAT,
FRANCE, 12 DEC 44, INVOLVING THE
FIRST BATTALION, 1420 INFANTRY

HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

AWARDS AND DECORATION REPORT

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
(A	warded on GO # 485, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 28 December	1944)
1st Lt.	GEORGE R. HULSE	01299411	Baltimore, Maryland	21 Sept 1944
Pfc.	WALTER W. GAMBERT	35913421	Seven Hill Village, 0.	30 Nov 1944
(1	warded on GO # 487, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 29 December	1944)
s/sgt.	ROY L. BOND	35633156	Kenninick, Kentucky	9 Nov 1944
Sgt.	LEBO SANFORD	34646007	Glendale, S. C.	26 Nov 1944
Pfc.	ALFRED F. MORRIS	32918645	Franklin, New Jersey	9 Nov 1944
Pfc.	DONALD J. MC CONKEY	33674459	Dunbar, Pennsylvania	7 Nov 1944
Pfc.	BERTRAND D. VINCENT	37539552	Jasper, Missouri	7 Nov 1944
Pfc.	DANIEL J. KLAFF	35289947	Cleveland, Ohio	20 Sept 1944
Pvt.	FRANK WILLIAMS	33666870	Pittsburgh, Penna.	20 Sept 1944
(1	iwarded on GO # 492, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 31 December	1944)
	CLIFTON S. PEDIGO		Knob Lick, Kentucky	7 Sept 1944

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

(Awarded on GO # 464, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 11 December 1944)

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
1st Lt.	WELDEN M. GREEN	01299734	Thatcher, Arizona	8-11 Oct 1944
Pfc.	WALTER J. SWOYER	33184992	Boyerton, Penna.	30 Aug 1944
Pfc.	PAUL J. MAYFIELD	36445966	Granite City, Ill.	9 Sept 1944
(A	warded on GO # 485, Hq.	36th Inf	Div, dated 28 December	1944)
Sgt.	HUBERT N. MASON	35558090	Lima, Ohio	8 Oct 1944
Pvt.	JOHN D. ADAMS	35847496	Quinwood, W. Va.	15 Oct 1944
(A	warded on GO # 486, Hq.	36th Inf	Div, dated 29 December	1944)
T/Sgt.	ROBERT J. ERIDGE	33673101	Greensburg, Penna.	21 Sept 1944
s/sgt.	OWEN K. THOMPSON	38036427	Anson, Texas	29 Sept 1944
s/sgt.	DAVID HANSEN	32130086	Buffalo, New York	8 Nov 1944
Sgt.	VITIANO V. DIAZ	38036475	Abilene, Texas	16 Aug 1944
Sgt.	AVERY E. RUDD	36055338	Alton, Illinois	26 Sept 1944
()	Awarded on GO # 489, Hq	, 36th Inf	Div, dated 30 December	1944)
1st Lt.	BERNARD A. ROONEY	01300387	Pittsburgh, Penna.	10-13 Nov 1944
s/sgt.	JAMES E. MESKILL	36236452	Phillips, Wisconsin	12 Oct 1944
975	ANTONIO FIGUERIEDO	31296575	Taunton, Mass.	1 Dec 1944
Pfc.	WILLIAM R. YOMMER	33733908	Grantsville, Md.	21 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 489, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 30 December 1944)

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
Pfc.	JOHN G. MILLER	33149148	Ephrata, Penna.	16 Sept 1944
Pvt.	JOHN L. MANNEY	34844909	Ripley, Mississippi	16 Sept 1944
(A	warded on GO # 492, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 31 December	1944)
s/sgt.	HAROLD L. MC GREGOR	20806268	Stamford, Texas	7 Nov 1944
Pvt.	HERBERT J. GOODWIN	38513343	Rotan, Texas	7 Nov 1944
s/sgt.	JESSE J. DOERING	37485118	Gregory, S. D.	27 Nov 1944
Pfc.	CONIO J. PETRUZZI	42067720	North Tarrytown, N.Y.	27 Nov 1944
Pfc.	CLIFFARD MARCUM	35770773	Williamson, W. Va.	8 Sept 1944

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

(Awarded on GO # 464, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 11 December 1944)

1st Lt.	DAVID W. SISCO	01297603	Newport, Virginia	29 Sept 1944
s/sgt.	JAMES W. SHEPPARD	20806527	Throckmorton, Texas	16 Aug 1944
Pfc.	CHARLES MARTIN	35794910	Cincinnati, Ohio	28 Sept 1944

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroism.

(Awarded on GO # 490, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 31 December 1944)

Sgt. FREDERICK J. ULIRICH 38027445 Boerne, Texas 9 June 1944

(Awarded on GO # 491, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 31 December 1944)

1st Lt. MURRAY P. CANADY 0410448 Ballinger, Texas 9 June 1944

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF ERONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as emended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat.

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
	(Awarded on GO # 467, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 12 December	1944) 29 Sept to
Pfc.	CHESTER E. CIBOROWSKI	42017917	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1 Oct 1944 29 Sept to
Pvt.	MASON ELSWICK	35769035	Pikeville, Kentucky	1 Oct 1944

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat.

(Awarded on GO # 475, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 19 December 1944)

Capt. JOHN H. EISENBERG 0407019 Amarillo, Texas 1 Oct 1944

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat.

(Awarded on GO # 465, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 12 December 1944) 32808990 New York, New York 26 Sept 1944 JERRY L. DILERNIA Pfc. (Awarded on GO # 466, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 12 December 1944) 29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944 20804577 Coleman, Texas T/Sgt. CARL F. STEWARD 29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944 15311298 Mt. Lebanon, Penna. S/Sgt. CHARLES R. HANNA 29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944 20804646 Coleman, Texas WILLIAM N. HUGHES Sgt.

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
	(Awarded on GO # 466, Hq,	36th Inf		1944)
Cpl.	CHARLES E. HOFFMAN	32567428	Morristown, N. J.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ROBERT L. GATES	34774264	Glen Raven, N. C.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	LAWRENCE A. BAILEY	31398823	Hallowell, Maine	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	EDWARD W. BUCKNER	34498551	Maynardville, Tenn.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	STANLEY C. RUSS	32301137	Union City, N. J.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ROBERT J. QUINN	36625139	Chicago, Ill.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ANTHONY T. SADOWSKI	32909389	Brooklyn, New York	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	R. P. VAUGHN	36564153	Cumberland City, Tenn	
Pfc.	MARVIN H. FEIST	36483061	Caseyville, Ill.	29 Sept 1944 to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	PEDRO LOPEZ	38026069	Cipres, Texas	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	PAUL W. GILBERT	37512255	Roscoe, Missouri	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	MARTIN A. BERERICK	42043937	Brooklyn, New York	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ROBERT E. HUTTON	34782819	St. Louis, Missouri	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	JOSEPH B. SZELOGOWSKI	36569189	Bay City, Michigan	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	NORMAN J. DAVIS	33764622	Louistown, Penna.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pvt.	GUY W. ZEINER	33620089	Allentown, Penna.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pvt.	FLOYD A. JENKINS	34891337	Stecoah, N. C.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pvt.	LARON L. GILLESPIE	34631853	Pontotoe, Miss.	29 Sept 1944 to 1 Oct 1944
Pvt.	ARTHUR DUNN, JR.	35877993	Middlesboro, Ky.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944

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RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
()	Awarded on GO # 467, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 12 December	1944)
Sgt.	MARVIN H. HROACH		Mt. Landing, Va.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ER NEST H. SULLEY	39911136		29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	EZEQUIEL B. ROIRIQUEZ	36592326	Eagle Pass, Texas	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	WALTER C. MC DONALD			29 Sept to
1000		00040000	Winchester, Va.	1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	ALBERT FULMER	33619068	Allentown, Penna.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
				29 Sept to
Pfc.	MATTHEW W. CAHILL	32853475	Pine Plains, N. Y.	1 Oct 1944
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(1	warded on GO # 474, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 19 December	1944)
s/sgt.	DORTY J. COOPER	20806817	Holliday, Texas	2 June 1944
(A	warded on GO # 475, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 19 December	1944)
Capt.	WILLIAM H. MARCUM	01295916	Oneida, Tenn.	28-29 Sept 1944
s/sgt.	THURMAN R. SCHULTZ	20805701	Snyder, Texas	16 Aug 1944
s/sgt.	ROBERT J. HRIDGE	33673101	Greensburg, Penna.	29 Sept 1944
Pfc.	FREDIE L. HUDGINS	34714715	Nashville, Tenn.	29 Sept 1944
Pfc.	MARK G. KOTAIT	33233238	Harrisburg, Penna.	29 Sept 1944
Pfc.	JAMES E. SMITH	35660053	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	29 Sept 1944
Pvt.	WILLIE S. ALLEN	33541113	Buckingham, Va.	29 Sept 1944
Pvt.	HERBERT E. NORRIS	33563817	Leonardtown, Md.	29 Sept 1944
				29 Sept to
Pvt.	ALFRED D. CARENDER	38037185	Pottsboro, Texas	1 Oct 1944
(A	warded on GO # 476, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, APO 36, dated 19 1	December 1944)
Sgt.	ROY E. JONES	35729958	Columbus, Kentucky	12 Nov 1944

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
(Award	ed on GO # 476, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 19 December	
			Brooklyn, New York	
			Memphis, Tenn.	
			Atlanta, Texas	
			Div, dated 19 December	
			Portland, Maine	
	The state of the s		Div, dated 21 December	
	RED PEREZ		San Antonio, Texas	9 Nov 1944
Sgt. ROBI	ERT G. GREESON	34807131	Chattanooga, Tenn.	9 Nov 1944
Tec. V ELMI	R L. EILAND	38052663	Houston, Texas	28 Sept 1944
Pfc. ESI	QUEL ARCHULETA	39690454	Visalio, Calif.	26 Sept 1944
Pfc. ELMI	R C. SPREHE	36055294	Hoffman, Ill.	26 Sept 1944
Pfc. J. 1	W. MERCER	20806516	Breckenridge, Texas	26 Oct 1944
Pvt. FRAI	NCIS J. LAIS	32943856	Amsterdem, New York	7 Nov 1944
	IAS G. HAMMOND	33515586	Newburg, Penna.	9-10 Nov 1944
		36th Inf	Div, dated 22 December	1944)
	L O. WASCHER		Champaign, Ill.	
			Div, dated 28 December	
	N W. WICK		Maplewood City, Misson	
	KANDER J. ZYRAMBI		Hartford, Connecticut	

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED
(Awarded on GO # 490, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 31 December	1944)
	. WILLIAM M. GERHARDT	01299395		25 Aug 1944
F/Sgt.	OLAN C. TUCKER	6380260	Wagram, N. C.	1 Dec 1944
s/sgt.	JOE A. SHUFORD	33454884	Shelby, N. C.	25 June 1944
Sgt.	HOWARD F. MILLER	37675727	Des Moines, Iowa	29 Nov 1944
Cpl.	POLK M. HRYANT	38555044	Austin, Texas	1 Dec 1944
Pfc.	AUGUSTA H. DUNLAP	20806493	Breckenridge, Texas	8 Oct 1944
Pfc.	OSCAR C. COLLINS	36236405	Alston, Mich.	2 Dec 1944
Pvt.	ONORATO F. FUNARI	33701074	Pittsburgh, Penna.	31 Aug 1944
Pvt.	ROY L. JERRERSON	35875058	Paris, Kentucky	31 Aug 1944
Pvt.	JOHN C. SOLOMON, JR.	34886613	Greeneville, Tenn.	31 Aug 1944
(1	warded on GO # 491, Hq,	36th Inf	Div, dated 31 December	1944)
Sgt.	EDWIN W. SOMERS	32757181	Pleasantville, N. J.	26 Sept 1944
Pfc.	ANTHONY G. POLLARD	37400334	Affton, Missouri	26 Sept 1944

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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(Awarded on GO # 467, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 12 December 1944)
29 Sept to
S/Sgt. WILLIE W. HUMPHREY 34150823 Winnsboro, Louisiana 1 Oct 1944

(Awarded on GO # 477, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 19 December 1944)

Capt. ALBERT F. FISHER 0425629 Electra, Texas 29 Sept 1944

ASN ENTERED SERVICE FROM DATE OF DEED

(Awarded on GO # 480, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 22 December 1944)

1st Lt. SAMUEL J. LUSTMAN 01288084 Chicago, Ill. 21 Oct 1944

S/Sgt. FREDERICK BOBB 32654855 New York, New York 21 Oct 1944

Pfc. ANTHONY BADALUCCO 35602446 Akron, Ohio 6 Oct 1944

COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

(Commended on GO # 468, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 13 December 1944)

Sgt. SAMUEL R. ANDERSON 36877260 Grand Rapids, Michigan 1 Oct 1944

Pfc. JOHN R. BANG 37346113 Englewood, Colorado 1 Oct 1944

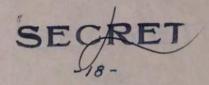
Pvt. ROBERT E. CORATIS 35914124 Columbus, Ohio 1 Oct 1944

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CONSOLIDATED CASUALTY REPORT 1 Dec to 31 Dec 44 Incl.

TYPE OF CASUALTY	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
KIA	3	34	37
DOW LWA	12	245	257
SWA	2	20	257 22
MIA	4	74	78
Total	21	382	403



Poster of Unit Commanders of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, inclusive.

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

Colonel GEORGE E. LYNCH, 0-17715. Entered Military Academy from U. S. at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION

Lt. Col. JAMES L. MINOR, 0-406993. Entered service from Tahoka, Texas

COMMANDING OFFICER, 2ND BATTALION

Major JOSEPH T. MIDDLETON, 0-383605. Entered service from Ballinger, Texas. Commanded Battelion from 1 Dec thru 5 Dec 44.

Lt. Col. MARVIN J. COYLE, 0-18602. Entered Military Academy from U.S. at Large. Joined Battalion and assumed command on 6 Dec 44.

COMMANDING OFFICER, 3RD BATTALION

Lt. Col. A. WARD GILLETTE, 0-18883. Entered Military Academy from U. S. at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Major SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, 0-350478. Entered service from Chicago, Ill.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS CO.

Captain ERWIN SANIGA, 0-1311688. Entered service from Ellsworth, Penna.

COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVICE COMPANY

Captain WILLIAM L. GOTCHER, 0-403593. Entered service from Voss, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, CANNON COMPANY

Captain HOWARD I. FORE, 0-1289062. Entered service from Monroeville, Ala.

Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period from 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, inclusive, continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Captain VERNON M. SCOTT, 0-407156. Entered service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQS CO 1ST BN

Captain VERNON Y. CORNELIUS, 0-407743. Entered service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY A

1st Lt. WILLIAM T. HEAD, 0-415775. Entered service from Goldthwaite,
Texas. KIA on 8 Dec 44.

1st Lt. RAYMOND J. SCHLODER, 0-1314234. Entered service from St. Mary's,
Penna. Assumed command on 8 Dec
44.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY B

Captain DEWEY W. MANN, 0-1290782. Entered service from Cumard, W. Va.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY C

Captain ORVAL O. SAUNDERS, 0-1285314. Entered service from Libby, Montana.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY D

Captain GEORGE A. TAYLOR, 0-408575. Entered service from Clinton, S. C.

Commanding Officer of Company from 1

Dec to 8 Dec 44. Duty to TD to U. S.

1st Lt. ALBERT R. BURR, 0-1293715. Entered service from Riverside, Calif.

Assumed command on 8 Dec 44.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQS CO 2ND BN

1st Lt. OTTO H. FICK, 0-347944. Entered service from Miller, South Dakota.

Roster of Unit Commanders of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, inclusive, continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY E

1st Lt. WELDEN M. GREEN, O-1299734. Entered service from Thatcher, Arizona.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY F

Captain GLENN A. GOFF, 0-1284130. Entered service from De Sota, Missouri.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY G

Captain JOSEPH BELLONTE, 0-1283897. Entered service from Niagara Falls, N. Y. Trfd to Hqs 2d Bn as S 3 on 23 Dec 44.

Captain CARL P. MATNEY, 0-407621. Entered service from Vernon, Texas.
Rejoined Company and assumed command on 23 Dec 44.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY H

1st Lt. EUGENE G. HETMANSKI, 0-1309554. Entered service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HOS CO 3RD BN

Captain ALBERT F. FISHER, 0-425629. Entered service from Electra, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY I

Captain RALPH D. KNOX, O-1288073. Entered service from Foley, Missouri.

Trfd to Hqs 3d Bn as S 3 on 6 Dec 44.

Captain HOLLIS M. HUGHES, O-398175. Entered service from Stamford, Texas.

Assigned to Company and assumed command on 6 Dec 44.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY K

Captain ALBERT G. KUDZIA, 0-1306287. Entered service from Kalamazoo, Mich.

Roster of Unit Commanders of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, inclusive, continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY L

Captain JAMES R. CROCKER, 0-1289051. Entered service from Petaluma, California.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY M

Captain ROBERT G. MATTOX, 0-313543. Entered service from Hollywood, California.

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
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TIME IN OUT	SER TIME NO. DATED	T TL OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAR
0015	1		Patrol from 2nd Bn 143 Inf has returned from bridge. Bridge blown. Stream has solid banks so will take bridge.
0030	2		Radio message from 1st Bn: 726664. In continuous contact with enemy.
0115	3		Plat of Tanks and TDs moved out at 1130A to go to 1st Bn.
0130	4		Capt Curry, Engrs, called. Capt errell gave him situation. Tank dozer repaired.
0140	-5		Maj Pietrie, Engrs, stoped at CP and said one dozer was ready to go and another will be ready by morning.
0145	6		Radio message from 1st Bn: Co C on objective at ol30A. Objective 747663.
0245	7		S-4 reports that supply train is in THANVILLE.
0315	8		Lt Levine, tank officer, reports that one of his tanks radioed in that a patrol coming from up the road reported fallen trees, possibly mined between the woods and THANVILLE.
0320	9		Capt McSwain called 636 TD Bn and inquired if the had any radio communications with in charge of the column going to notify us if they hear from them.
0335	10		Capt McSwain called Div and asked if they could check with 103 Div to see how flar the patrol that was sent out got, if they noticed our supply train on the way.
0340	11		Div reports that 103 Div is not sending any more patrols out and that patrol went as far as 723670 reports that everything was clear. They left at 22004 did not make contact with our lst Bn.

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1	TO :	FRANCE,		Place:	CP LEIPVRE
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IN	OUT	SER TIME (NO. DATED M	OR INCIDENTS MESS	RES ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAI
0410		12	junction 748642 upright logs bu at block but no by enemy but do	ts AT obstacle consisting of ring in ground antitank guns out know if bl	orts that patrol to in road at road logs supported by . Observed three enemy . Were not fired on ock was heavily deed from this point.
0500		13	Lt Powers, Engr block removed) to LA VANCELLE.	from 708650 th	road open (swept and rough HURST then W
	0515	14	Situation giver	G-2.	•
0515		15	platoon command information abo	er at 0445 and but block in ed om 1st En conta c 0230A and had	es he spoke to tank he reports that ge of woods vicinity ct patrol. Lt Laytham not returned. Supply ks nov.
0520		16	Capt McSwain ca and notify this evacuate our wo	Hq if 409 Inf	sked them to check had been able to
0545		17	Lt Laytham 636 and supply train roadblock at 72	n in THANVILLE	and reports armor . There is a physical has no Engrs.
0550		18	Msg over 300 rg to 00 lst Bn fr and tanks reach	om CO 142 Ini:	lay to 1st Bn. Msg Did supply train ocation.
0610		19	Msg from CO lst B 742658.		
9615		20	patrol never me without evacuat	ing wounded.	were out but contact ambulances returned
	0620	21	SECR	to G-2 and G-	7. PAGE # _2

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FROM: 010000A Dec 1944

TO 1 012400A Dec 1944

MAP _ FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf

Place: CP LEIPVRE

Date: 1 Dec 1944 . ..

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**1	OUT	NO.	TTAB DATED	OR MSG.	SECRE PDERS, ETC. ACTION TAY			
	0645	22			Capt Curry, CO of Engrs, notified to send a platoon of Engrs and dozer to this CP and a guide will be furnished to get them to roadblock SE of THANVILLE.			
0700		23			Maj Gentille, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports they began moving at 0630A. Details later.			
	0715	24			3rd Bn notified that 2nd Bn 143 In wasmoving. Capt Fisher states Co K moving now. Dozer is removing block and armor will push on into town.			
0745		25			Capt Curry, Engr CO, reports dozer in ditch and will take retriever fifteen minutes to pull it out. Col Lynch ordered a platoon of Engrs and a power saw report here to be guided by Lt Latham to 1st Bn. Roadblock may be removed by sawing and then tanks used to pull it out.			
0740		26			Capt Strader phoned and contact patrol to 143 Inf never made contact as now personnel showed up at contact point from 143 Inf. Our patrol remained at contact point from 2100A to 003DA and nobody showed up. Patrol returned on scheduled time and waited thirty minutes each time.			
	0755	27			Lt Laythem and Engr Plat left for 1st Bn.			
0805		28			Capt Fisher reports that Co K jumped off at 0645A and ran into an outpost west of town and drove them off, continuing to town. 3rd Bn armor is in KIENTZHEIM, all but north edge of town is clear.			
0830		29			3rd Bn reports Co K is in western edge of CHATENOIS. Enemy apparently withdrawn from KINTSHEIM.			
0840		. 30			2nd Bn reports that the roadblock is cleared and mines at 749643 causing heavy casualties. Called for engineers and tank dozer.			
	0845	31			Msg to CO 1st Bn: Engrs are on way, are there any more road blocks on way to obj? Ans: We don't think			
	so but keep everything in case. PAGE # 3							

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	0910	32			Col Lynch ordered 1st Bn contact patrol DIELFENTHAL and combat patrol to SCHERWILLER.
	0930	33			Msg to CO 1st Bn: Send contact patrol to 409 at 765678 and combat patrol to 765654
0940		34			Arty Ln O reports Co K in CHATENCIS and in contact with 2nd Bn 143 Inf. Our smoke in valley is obstructing observation. DUMBACH was cleared by 103 Div. EFING occupied by 14 Armd. Corps requests any targets fired on by us be fully identified as Corps is not too sure where they are located.
0945		35			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co K in CHATENOIS as of O750A. Sending patrols to SELESTAT and to investigate bridge coordinates 753646. Force of I & K Cos preparing to move N to CHATENOIS from KEITZHEIM.
		36			Capt Bunley notified Ass't S-4 that Col Lynch wents a change of trousers, drawers, shoes, and socks delivered to 1st Bn immediately. Also notified to have hot meal for all Bns tonight and tomorrow morning.
1015		37			Maj Petrie, Engr Officer, checked with Capt Hunley on constructionof bridges NW of VAL DE VILLE and S of THANVILLE.
1025		38			Maj McNeal, 753 Td, phoned and arrangements were made for the Plat of Co B now in ROMBACH to relieve platoon of Co A now with 3rd Bn in KEINTZHEIM sometime today.
	1030	39			CO of 83 Cml Co instructed to move a section of mortars in position vicinity 739 easting along CHATENOIS road.
1.	1040	40			Col Lynch ordered 2nd En to push chinto THANNENKIRCH ax he believes town has been evacuated. Leave Co less platoon in town. The Plat to continue down road to valley and establish a strongpoint at 704573.
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1045	41		2nd Bn 143 Inf notified to CHATENOIS with our 3rd Bn.	leave Co A TDs at
	42		Capt Strader phoned for for to 2nd Bn at the Hotel vici	ur minesweepers to report inity of the CHATEAU.
	43		+ 1 1 0 U U U U U U U I I I I AND	CO A 636 UD less 7 Plat.
	44		Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	45		Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, phone have entered THANNENKIRCH aupon. Co not in town yet.	and have not been fired
	46		Col Denholm, Div, called. 4 foot from THANVILLE to VALI	409th Inf is moving on DEVILLE leaving at 1200A.
	47		Road junction at 756639. A report that SELESTAT is ful	No opposition. Civilians
	48		THANNENKIRCH. Is receiving digging in on hill about 67	g fire and can see Germans
	49		Arty In O reports 2nd Bn Inmachine gun at 677598.	n O firing on enemy
1240	50	-	Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	51		753646 connot get across I	river as bridge is blown. ir feet deep. Patrol to ran into 25 Germans due
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	1255	52	Capt Hunley notified Capt Curry, Engrs, to have six minesweepers report to 3rd Fn immediately. If necessary take some from 2nd Bn. Go by way of CHATENAU - KINTZHEIM - CHATENOIS. 3rd Bn to attack east to SELESTAT at 1430A.
	1300	53	Plat of tanks from Co D 753 Tk Bn ordered to report to 3rd Bn CO at CHATENOIS. Maj Young, 3rd Bn, notifi.
	1305	64	CO of Cml Co notified to send observer to 3rd En immediately.
1320		55	Msg from CO 1st Bn: 2nd Bn 409 is moving from 714690 to 739650.
1325		56	Recon Plat reports in fire fight at 768633. When Plat returned fire they received Arty and mortar fire from the left.
1355		57	3rd Bn reports town of CHATENOIS receiving a very heavy shelling of Arty that is heavy caliber and seems to be long range fire.
1400		58	Recon Plat reports platoon pulled back to 757639 where it is still receiving mortar and heavy Arty fire.
	1420	59	Col Lynch left Regt CP for 2nd Bn.
1425		60	Regt CP moving from LEIPVRE to vicinity 725644.
1430		61	Capt Hearn 132 FA Bn phoned and is harassing points 795610, 2 rounds every five minutes till 1800A and one round every five minutes at 825625, 823627 till 1800A.
;	1435	62	G-3 given the situation.
1455		63	Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. About 1/3 of THANNEN-KIRCH is now occupied by our troops. Are still engaged in a fire fight with Germans (Cont'd)

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	1605	66	Situation given	to G-3.		
	1610	67	Capt Hunley gave would move them pty.	e 1st Bn word to SCHERWILLER	hat col Lynch said le if patrol finds it	he em-
1610		68	Gen Dahlquist c			
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0100	1		2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all is quiet, hear some small arms fire on the right. The entire Bn is in buildings in town.
0230	2		Lt Adams, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports all quiet in sector except a few rounds artillery.
0300	3 .		2nd Bn 143 Inf. All is quiet.
0330	4		2nd Bn, 143 Inf reports: Their Co F patrol that was to contact 142 Inf on right drew enemy tank fire. Also encountered enemy personnel at \$776613, number unknown. Patrol left at 2400A and was fired on at 1230A. Did not make contact
0400	5		2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all quiet.
0515	6		G-2 given situation.
0520	7		2nd Bn, 143 Inf, reports hearing some small arms fire in their area. Co F reports hearing enemy armor moving to their front across railroad tracks and is going to bring up a tank to fire to see what happens.
0605	8		2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all quiet now. Nothing ever came of armor to front of Co F.
0635	9		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that THANNENKIRCH and houses around it are clear but Co E received sniper fire during the night. More mopping up may have to be done this morning. Co F ambush Plat and Plat of Co G near ORCHWILLER have nothing to report.
0635	10		Lt Col Gillette, 3rd En CO, reports about ready to move. En received shelling during the night. Five casualties, 3 killed from Co l. En took six PWs from enemy patrol around NEUBROCK. PWs report that there was a Co of enemy dug in 200 yds S of town on either side of road. PAGE # 1

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	10 (Cont	(d)	A Bn with 16 to 18 machine guns is in town. An AT weapon at first road junction S of town. CO 3rd Bn notified that 2nd Bn 143 Inf would move at O800A.
0715	11		103 Div G-3 reports 2nd En 409 Inf 785627, 1st En 409 Inf at 795635. 60 meters wide along both sides of is reported by PW through division
0720	12		Radio message to 2nd Bn 143 Inf: Div reports 2nd Br 409 Inf at 785627, 1st Bn 409 Inf at 795635.
0730	13		Capt Hunley phoned CO 1st Bn. CO 1st Bn does not know if foot bridge is inyet. CO 142 Inf wants 1st Bn to move to VAL DE VILLE across bridge at 9800A. Transportation to move around long way to LIEPVRE.
0730	14		Maj Newell, Div G-3, notified following 143 Inf positions: Co A 641583-654582, B Plat at road at 633569, Plat at 634574. Co C (less Plat) 620561-629563, Plat 614570. AUBERE is clear. 1st En to jump off at 0730A to phase line A. 3rd En will be used to take RIBEAUVILLE and BERGHEIM.
0750	15		Maj Hensley, S-4, came to CP.
0815	16		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Bn moved only about 300 yards forward and received a great amount of small arms and 20-mm fire from S edge of town. Also receiving tank fire from NE. Leading elements of Bn now vicinity 776605 on right side of road. Need rade equipment for communications.
0820	17		Maj Eligood, S-3 132 FA, given situation of 3rd Bn and asked to have cub look for enemy tanks 797608.
0830	18		Col Lynch ordered Maj Middleton, 3rd Bn, to continue SE with Co E to clear town of BERGHEIM, then have Co E patrol ORSCHWILLER and remove any enemy there Co F to clear ST HIPPOLYTE and patrol (Cont'd)
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1115		32			2nd Bn 409 Inf n stream at 795635		626-78863	e. 1st Bn S of
1120		33			Gen Stack came t	O CP.		
1125		34			Capt Sorenson, 7 to 3 rd Bn. Will Have one more Pl	now have	five tan	sending two tanks ks with 3rd Bn.
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1350		46			Maj Bowden, 143 Inf, reports Co F in heavy fire fight at road junction 783622. Have hit physical roadblock manned with machine gun, small arms. Troops receiving mortar and artillery fire when they attempt to advance. Everything S of railroad in their sector clear. Co G now E of railroad in their sector clear. Co G now E of railroad. Co F now has physical contact with leading elements of Co I 142 Inf at 781616. Co F just overran an enemy Bn CP and killed three staff officers, one being a Captain. Now have 31 PWs and estimate 15 to 20 dead.
1355		47			Arty Ln 0 reports Arty firing on groups of enemy trying to escape SE of ST HIPPOLYTE.
1400		48			2nd Bn reports Co F in fire fight at ST HIPPOLYTE but believe they can handle it. Co G reports just contacted 636 Recon in ORSCHWEILLER. No opposition.
	1430	49			Capt Hunley gave Div the situation.
1445		50			IPW reports that 30 PWs from various units 716 Div. 736 Regt, 716 Engr Bn, G-5 Regt. Bel group Bitterman composed of stragglers. Captured at railroad station Report that they were trying to counterattack at the same time as our attack started, everything in SELESTAT. The bridge at 782623 has been blown.
1501		51			The following points have been checked by the 636 Recon and nothing encountered: 758518, 763614, 769598, 765603.
1515		52			636 Recon reports that they sent a two man patrol from ORSCHWILLER toward ST HIPPOLYTE and they encountered estimate 80 Germans going N at 746598. Our 2nd Bn notified of this.
1530		53			· 3rd Bn reports that Co K is at 788619, meeting resistance.
1540		54			Col Lynch arrived at CP. Also Gen Dehlquist.
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1800		64			Div called saying weather is unfavorable tonight and illuminating mission has been pancelled.
1825		65			G-3 called and wanted to know if bridge at 793619 is in our hands.
1830		66			CO 3rd Bn reports that they are within 200 yds of the bridge. Reports there is a lot of resistance including a Mark VI.
1845		67			2nd Bn reports that he is going to dig Co E in along the 69 grid, also meeting resistance, and there is two tanks to their front. Maj Middleton is trying to put in a roadblock at 733589. Has 20 PWs.
	1850	. 68			Capt Hunley notified Maj Newell about the bridge, also gave him the latest situation.
	1900	69			Col Lynch called Capt Quast, 132 FA, and informed him to have Corp Arty do som harassing fire on the road going SE out of SELESTAT. ALSO ON THE MAIN roads going into and out of GUEMAR. CO 3rd Bn report that he has tank block at 778610, 3 end of town. Two TDs at 789620 covering to N and E. Two tanks 789619 covering the E. one tank at 784617 covering to the S.
1915		70			2nd Bn 409 Inf reports that they are still in the same position. The strong point is still there and everytime they tried to move they were pinned down. Going to attack at daylight. CO AT Coreports that his guns are in position at 746616 SW-SE 747614 SE - 748615 SE.
.	1935	71			Capt Hunley Called Capt Groom: Col Lynchwants you to put your reserve guns in position tonight for indirect fire for tomorrow. In the outskirts of CHATENOIS.

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1943	72	Cml Co reports that they are in position 778621 and are going to do some harassing fire at 798641, 810627, 797608.
2015	73	Lt Peters notified to pick up PWs of 2nd Bn 143 Inf and 22 in the town of KINTZHEIM from 3rd Bn.
2120	74	Co F received a counter attack. Our Arty was called for.
2240	75	CO Cn called and reports that his ro with 2nd Bn has called for fires at 724582.
2245	76	2nd En reports that the counterattack has quieted down and that they have lost some buildings in the SE part of HIPPOLYTE.
2250	77	Capt Hunley called 636 Recon and notified them that Col Lynch wants them to start out on the mission that was not completed today.
2255	78	Capt Hunley notified Div G-3 of the counterattack.
2400	79	Capt Groom, CO 636 TD Co A, reports three guns in position to fire indirect fire and hooked in with Btry B 132 FA 734644.
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Hq 142 Inf CP Goord V-725644 02 Dec 1944

EMENY SITUATION:

Enemy front lines: No definite front line. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).

Enemy activity:

General: Enemy generally resisted our advance. Infantry: Scattered disorganized enemy groups en-(1) (2) countered vicinity THANNENKIRCH and SELESTAT with

mission to delay our forces in attacking E. Artillery: CHATENOIS shelled by heavy caliber artillery during afternoon 1 Nov. Artillery otherwise light and scattered throughout area.

Armor: Troops received SP fire from eastern edge

SELESTAT during morning 2 Nov.

Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 131 --In france: 4559

Identifications: 716 Engr En 736 Regt 726 Regt

OWN SITUATION:

1st Bn assembled vicinity V-744657, remaining there for the night. At 0800A this morning En moved to VAL DE VILLE (V-737650).

2nd Bn: Co E cleared THANNENKIRCH and outlying houses late yesterday. A Plat of Co G reached W edge of ORSCHWILLER b. before dark yesterday. This morning co G (complete) moved into ORSOHWILLER to clear it and at noon was still mopping up. Co moved to clear ST HIPPOLYTE this morning. Was 300 yds short of teem without contact at noon. Co E moving

SE from THANNENKIRCH at noon had reached 692582.

3rd En at 1430A yesterday a dvanced from CHATENCIS to attack
SELESTAT from the S. By nightfall had reached 775605. This
morning attack was continued at 0630A and strong opposition Ca was encountered after advance of 300 yds. At noon leading

elements were at 782617. 2nd En 145 Inf attached, at 1450A yesterday moved to attack SELESTAT from the W. At nightfall had reached western edge. This morning En crossed RR tracks into town and were engaged in hard fighting.

> JOHN B. HUNLEY, SECRET Capt., 142d Inf.

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Place: CP Goord y-725644
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0020		1			Received Div OI 022230A Nov 1944
0025	-	2			2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all quiet in their sector.
0100		3			2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all quiet in their sector.
0105		4			Lt Lustman, Div In 0, reports 3rd 3n 143 Inf has a Co on each side of road vicinity 675558.
	0135	5			Msg to CO ATCO (Cleared by radio at 0130A and phoned to Capt Scott, CO AT CO, at 0150A): One gun platoon to be at ORSCHWEILLER 7460 by 0600A,
196	. 3				attached to Go G 142 Inf.
0145		6			S-4 phoned and supply situation is taken care of. Arrangements for shower installations in SELESTAT is complete.
0200		7			2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all quiet. Same situation at 0300A, 0400A, 0500A.
0655		8			Maj Newell, Div G-3 Sec, called. Co L 143 Inf is on RIBEAUVILLE road about the 68 easting. Co A about 657553.
0730		9			CO AT Co reports Lt Barber, At Plat Ldr, got platoon in position vicinity ORSCH VEILLER at 0500A.
0750		10			Capt Wren, G-2 phoned and states 143 Inf observer in CHATEAU reports seeing mortar falling in center of ST HIPPOLYTE. Check to be made.
0755		11			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports they are firing mortars in eastern edge of town. Fighting still going on and enemy just knocked out one of our tanks with bazookas. Div notified.
0800		12			143 Inf reports Co K 674557, L 675559, I following Co L. Co A moving from 665 to 670 pasting. Co B from 6356 to 6154. Co C to attack AUBURE. (Cont'd)
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030000A Dec 1944 142 Inf FROM: Organization: 032400A Dec 1944 CP Coord V-725644 Place: FRANCE, 1:50,000 3 Dec 1944 % MAP : Date: TIME SER TIME SEC RESACTS, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAI' DATED MSG. NO. IN OUT (Contid) Road to RIBEAUVILLE clear to 67 easting. When road is cleared of trees and mines 3rd En will 13 attack town after armor reaches them. 0815 13 Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn 143 Inf and 3rd Bn 142 Inf to be watchful and be ready for any counterstack the enemy might attempt. 409 Inf is having a tough fight in northern sector. 2nd Bn 143 Inf notified. 0830 14 Capt Hunley checked with Lt Col Depholm, Div G-3, on detachment of Recon Co. It is not detached. 15 Capt Groom, Co A 636 TD Bn, reports he has 700 0835 rounds of ammunition on position to fire. 3,000 riunds at ST MARIE available for use. Recon Co notified that they are not detached and 0840 16 to continue on missions assigned. Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports Co E moving, no 17 contact. Co F being closed in on by enemy so Co G, less one platoon, is now moving to ST HIPPOLYTE to help Co F. Platoon of Co G will remain at ORSCHWILLER with roadblock. Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, phoned and asked for another platoon of AT Co. Col Lynch ordered him to use tanks after clearing BERGHEIM. 0910 18 Situation given to G-3, Capt Orcutt. 103 Div still working on SELESTAT. Report 1st Bn 409 Inf on edge of old wall to N of city.793627. 2nd Bn still held up at 788628. 0940 Maj Gentille, 2nd Bn 143 Inf, given situation. 0950 20 CO 3rd Bn given situation. Co K should be nearly to bridge now. Col Lynch checked to see if armor was covering main road to SE. Col Fillette said he 0952 21 Can hear nothing in 103 Div sector. CKCI PAGE # 2

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1000		22			2nd Bn 143 Inf CP at 775620. Can hear no activity. Co E 143 Inf patrol contacted Co E 409 Inf at 782631.
1020		23			Gen Stack arrived at CP.
1025		24			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports that Co E is in contact with the enemy 695580. Also Co G is in contact with Co F.
1045		25			Recon Plat reports they saw enemy notorcyclist at 763615 going SE. Asked to report locations.
1050		26			Maj Eligood, 132 FA Bn, reports observer with 2nd Bn 143 Inf reports enemy troops at 803625 and wants clearance. Capt Hunley checked with CO.2nd Bn 409 Inf and clearance was granted for ten minute duration. 132 FA Bn notified.
1100		27			Recon Plat reports they are in church steeple at ORSCHWEILLER.
700	1105	28			Gen Stack left Regt CP.
1110.		29			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co E fighting at 695 easting. Working on roadbubockstotheir rear.
1120		30			CO 2nd Bn 409 Inf one Co at 786626. Remainder of Bn working S from 793634. 1st Bn has a company at 800626.
1135		31			Arty asked for clearance on three enemy tanks at 800626. Col Lynch phoned CO 409-Inf and he states he has a Co on that point but he has no armor across that he knows of. Arty notified.
1140		32			CO Cn Co reports platoon moved from LEIPVRE, now in position vicinity 740644.
1145		33			CO 3rd En reports En up to RJ and establishing roadblock. Bridge is blown. SP fire coming down main

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030000A Dec 1944 FROM: 142 Inf Organization: 032400A Dec 1944 CP Coord V-725644 Place:_ FRANCE, 1:50,000 3 Dec 1944 MAP : Date: TTI OR SER TIME MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC. TICIDEM'S ACTION TAK MEG. DATE NO. CUT 34 Col Lynch ordered roadblock S of SELESTAT to move 1150 S to road junction 753579. Block to be one platoon of riflemen, section machine guns, 60-mm mortars, bazookas, two pieces of armor, and one or two antitank guns from Bn AT platoon. 2nd Bn 143 Inf to be prepared to assist your Bn if needed. Recon platoon reports observed about twelve enemy 35 1155 at cross roads 753579. Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, notified to have Arty observer at CHATEAU register Arty on road junction 753579: Fire to be close in and a preparation of 50 rounds. HIPPOLYTE cleared again and Co G ordered to attack S towards RODERN, then RORSCHWILLER. Co E to continue SE toward BERGHEIM. Gen 1200 36 Stack just left 2nd Bn CP. Capt Hunley called Capt Carey to send a D-7 down to 2nd Bn to clear a roadblock to their rear. 1225 37 Stituation given to Div G-3. Check made with G-3 on loaning some armor to 409 Inf. Will give 1315 38 decision later. Deal cancelled. 132 FA notified that 636 Recon on way to RJ 177. 1330 39 Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co G not moving yet but is helping knock out flak wagon SE edge of HIPPOLYTE. Co E no change. Engrs on way to 1345 40 remove block. Recon Plat reports they are vid nity 757584 and have hit a physical block with signs showing 1350 41 it is mined. Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP. 1415 42 Arty Ln O reports Arty firing on enemy guns at .1500 43 PAGE # 4

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030000A Dec 1944 FROM: Organization: 142 Inf 032400A Dec 1944 TO Place: CP Coord V-725644 FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP 3 Dec 1944. Date: TIME TYPE . IME CH SER MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. 150 ACTION TAK 38979 NO. CUT IN Situation given 1510 !! 44 2nd Bn 409 CP 779632. G-3. 45 Received Div Operations Instruction 031300A Dec 44. 1530 Gen Winn, AC of S, came to CP. Left at 1540. 46 1530 47 Lt Col Graham came to CP. 1545 48 Arrangements made with S-3 409 Inf for blanket 1555 clearance on targets E of 800 easting and S of 625 northing. 409 Inf Hq to notify this Hq when they want firing cancelled. CP moved from 725644 to KINTZHEIM. 1600 49 CP opened in KINTZHEIM. Div notified. 1630 501 2nd Bn 143 Inf reports that their patrols have contacted the 2nd Bn 409 Inf. Their CP at 779632. Disposition of right flank unit 783631 to 795627. Their intentions are to push until dark. Patrols have reached points vicinity 791623 and have found 51 1645 only Frenchmen and Germans hidden in cellars. Have dispatched a patrol to 794624. Gen Winn, AC of S came to CP. Left at 1700A. 1645 52 Msg from CG 36 Div: SHAEF directs that all units 2110 53 list estimates of enemy killed and wounded and enemy tanks destroyed for each 24 hour period. Each organization will forward this information so as to reach this Hq by 2400A Daily Capt Scott, CO AT Co, given permission to send 3rd Plat to ORSCHWILLER to join the others for 1730 54 local protection. Situation given to G-2. 1740 55 1800 PAGE # 5

030000A Dec 1944 FROM: 142 Inf Organization: CP Coord KINTZHEIM 032400A Dec 1944 Place: FRANCE, 1:50,000 3 Dec 1944 MAP : Date: TIME TYPE SIR TIE OR MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAK DATE MSG . NO. 57 Capt Stakes, S-3 2nd Bn 143 Inf, reports patrol 1805 to 795624 found several roadblocks made to defend from N and E but were unmanned. Blocks are made of logs and are mined, and can be bypassed. G-2 notified. 3rd Bn 143 Inf cleared RIBEAUVILLE except for snipers in E. Our troop locations and dispositions given to S-3 409 Inf. 58 1830 S-4 called and is set up at our last CP location. 59 1945 Capt Hunley gave him our situation Div called saying 2nd Bn 143 Inf will be relieved 60 2025 tomorrow. Will pull out at 0830A and will entruck at CHATENAOIS. Capt Hunley check with Capt Stake, 2nd Bn 143 Inf. Capt Wren, Div, called asking about Co E. Capt 2035 61 Hunley said the Co had not advanced and was on the 695 easting. Said civilian stated 3 or 4 105mm guns vicinity 674531. Col Graham gave situation to Div. No change. Div 2235 62 CP will move into RIBEAUVILLE. 3rd Bn reports for 24 hours ending 2000 estimates 2315 63 1 enemy KIA and 2 WIA. No tanks destroyed. 2nd Bn 15 enemy KIA 30 WIA, no tanks destroyed. Above information given to G-2. Received 143 Inf plan of a ttack for 4 Dec. 143 Inf Regt CP 658560. 3rd Bn from RIBEAUVILLE SE to OSTHEIM. 1st Bn takes 3 towns: HUNAWITER, 2330 64 RIGUEWIHR, ZELLENBERG. 2nd Bn assembles vicinity Regt CP. PAGE # 6

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Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 82 -- In Prance: 4641

OWN SITUATION:

1st En remained assembled in VAL DE VILLE.

Co G cleared ORSCHWILLER without resistance yesterday at 1400A. Co F cleared ST HIPPOLYTE after a fire fight until after dark last night. At 2120A and again this morning at 0830A enemy tried to retake ST HIPPOLYTE but without success. Emgagement continued in town beyond close of period. Two platoons of Co G moved at 0850A from ORSCH-WILLER to assist Co F at ST HIPPOLYTE. Co E, advancing SE slong road toward BERGHEIM encountered strong opposition yesterday, dug in for the night on 69 easting. ing Go E again met opposition at 695593.

3rd En in SELESTAT cleared its assigned sector by dark last night. Co K pushed to take bridge at 793619 this morning.

Bridge was blown,

2nd Bn, 143 Inf, in SELESTAT cleared its assigned sector by dark last night. This morning En remained in defense of this ground.

> JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt.,142d Inf.

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JOURNAL 040000A Dec 1944 FROM: 142 Inf Organization: 042400A Dec 1944 CP KINTZHEIM Place:_ FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP : 4 Dec 1944 1 Date: TIME PYPE Oct. SER TIME INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. CTION TAK 12: 1'ED ESG NO. 2nd Bn requested that two mine sweepers with crews 0015 be sent up to join Engrs by O800A 4 Dec. Capt Curry notified. 2 2nd Bn 143 Inf reports everything quiet in their 0400 sector. 3 2nd Bn 143 Inf reports all quiet. 0535 Capt Terrell phoned Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, ST HIPPOLYTE quiet last night and believed to be clear 0605 but could not guarantee no Germans after daylight. Maj Newell, Div, phoned and states 409 Inf will push and clear NE sector of SELESTAT today. 0800 5 Maj Petrie phoned and states dozer is on way to 0850 6 3rd Bn at SELESTAT. Situation and plans for today given to G-3. 1000 17 Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports leading elements of 1050 8 Co E at approximately 703574. Div phoned and enemy antitank gun vicinity 761576 and 772577. 3rd Bn notified. Maj foung states that Cos I & K are receiving heavy shelling. Co L leading platoon 756585. Will lay a concentration then advance. Tanks are 760590. Plat advancing 1115 9 then advance. Tanks are 760590. under smoke screen. . Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reports Co E 70,7570, moving with no contact. Cos F and G reports on one objective possibly RODERN. Have not made mhysical contact with Co E. No opposition. 1225 10 Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports RODERN clear and will move out for RORSCHWIHR and BERGHEIM in 1230 11 fifteen minutes. PAGE # 1

JOURNAL 040000A Dec 1944 FROM Organization: 142 Inf 042400A Dec 1944 TO i Place: CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP 3 4 Dec 1944 Date: TIME TYPE SRITIME OP. INCIDENTS, MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAL MSG. ATEX NO Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports observed enemy of HILL 336 (715570), will put Arty on them, then 12 1245 2nd Bn, reports observed enemy on begin moving. Capt Curry, Engr CO, notified to send dozer to 709599, then to contact Co L. 1250 13 14 Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co L down to 22 men 1330 attempting to reach road junction. Receiving heavy mortar and artillery fire. Using armor on steeple where enemy is believed to have OP. 1340 15 Situation given to G-3. Arty Ln O reports Arty fired on enemy mortar 16 1400 vicinity 743577 and enemy OP vicinity 718571. Col Lynch called 143 Inf, Col Adams, and discussed 1410 17 situation with him. 2nd Bn reports they are within 300 yards of RORSCHWIHR, in contact. Considerable resistance from right flank. 18 1435 Engrs report roadblock in ST HIPPOTYTE removed. 1440 19 Told to sweep shoulders on road from ST HIPPOLYTE to RODERN. Lt Fick, S-1 2nd Bn, reports Co F vicinity 707567 no contact. Co E in fire fight against enemy machine gun, and small arms vicinity HILL 336. 1455 20 Arty observer reports column of themy troops and vehicles leaving E out of BERGHEIM. Arty, TDs, and Arty observer reports column of themy troops and vehicles leaving E out of BERGHEIM. Arty, TDs, and arty observer reports column of themy troops and vehicles leaving E out of BERGHEIM. 1505 21 Arty, TDs, and 143 Inf' called saying they have a plat in edge of 1510 22 BERCHEIM. Enemy withdrawing E.

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-	1510	23			Col Lynch talked to Capt Strader, Bn to attack and move into BERGHEI held up by enemy machine gun fire. him to put mortar fire on MGs and	Col Lynch orders
	1535	24			Col Lynch ordered CO 3rd Bn to pull one Plat and armor, to SELESTAT. armor to pull back at dark. Co g junction tonight after dark. When out of SELESTAT and city is clear AT Co and a Plat of light tanks for Establish roadblocks of platoon, rarmor, AT guns and machine gun, at and 796623. Strong points to be establisherets on south side of town. One in reserve.	The Plat and vill take road 409 Inf pulls vill get you defense. vith 799626, 795627, stablished at and antitank shed on important
1620		25-			Capt Groom phoned for permission t vicinity of factory S of road june Permission granted.	fire on enemy tion 177.
1640		26			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports one in RORSCHWIHR and other platoons m should be nearly there. Still mee at town however. Receiving some e from unknown directions (believe to the from town).	ting resistance nemy tank fire hey are on road
1640		27			Arty In 0 reports firing on enemy 804614 and 735566.	guns vicinity
1645		28			143 Inf reports AT gun at brick fa BERGHEIM firing on our troops.	200
1715		29			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called. Wante target E of BERGHEIM. Capt Hunley	Date Car abase
1717		30			Arty radio mess ge states Arty is flak wagon and MGs 1000 yds E of B	
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Tomorrow Cos E and F from BERGHEIM to patrol E to
railroad and road. Learn condition of roads. Col Lynch called Col Minor, CO 1st Bn. Ordered 1st Bn to move to SELESTAT tomorrow morning by Co beginning at D800A. S and E half of town to be 1st Bn sector of responsibility. Search to be made of houses in sector. A Plat of tanks to be 1825 34 attached. Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, called. Said a message from Capt Strader in BERGHEIM indicated that Cos E and F 1830 35 had 50 to 100 PWs in town now.

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1	36			Div G-3 called. 143 Inf called Div and said they had made contact with only a squad of 143 Inf in BERGHEIM. Wondered if we were continuing on into town tonight. Col Lynch a ssured Div we were.
835	37	1		Col Lynch called Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, who said he had just talked to Capt Strader in BERGHEIM. All of Cos E and F are now in BERGHEIM with orders to take as much of town as they can tonight. Have many prisoners, probably 50 to 100 Col Lynch said to cage up PWs in BERGHEIM tonight, march them to RORSCHWIHR after daylight where they can be picked up by our MP trucks.
900	38			Col Lynch phoned Maj Eligood, 132 FA, to harass points 732563 and 728528 tonight.
	39			CO of Co D 753 Tk Bn phoned stating entire Co attached to 142 Inf according to new Div O.I. Have 12 tanks, 3 platoons of four each. If no mission tonight will report to this Hq early tomorrow morning.
I	40	-		Maj Eligoon, 132 FA Bn, reports 155 FA Bn will fire mission for 142 Inf tonight.
1	41	1		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports CP in RORSGHWIHR. BERGHEIM not clear, but two Cos are in town.
	42			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports Co F now holds two blocks on right of road. Co G holds triangle. Have two tanks in town. 143 inf has two tanks and are planning to go back tonight on same road came in on. PWs are in Castle in valley.
1930	43			Gen Dahlquist talked to Col Lynch on situation 1st Bn will move to SELESTAT tomorrow horning to take over southern edge of town. Recon troops to contact 2 DB at EBERSHEIM. AT Co will move to SELESTAT tonight. Co of light tanks will a so go over tonight. New boundry tonight putting (Cont'd) PAGE # 5
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2200		52			Maj Hensley, 3-4, called and said the showers would be ready at 0800A in CHATENOIS dec 5 1944.
	2200	53			CO Cn Co told to reconnoiter for positions near ORSCHWILLER tomorrow to be able to fire E and SE.
7	2210	54			Col Lynch informed CO 3rd Bn of 1st Bn's move to SELESTAT tomorrow beginning at 0800, taking over S and E sectors of town. 3rd Bn will do more cleaning out in N part of town. 2 DB is now reported at EBERSHEIM and after relief of 409 Inf will be left unit and make contact to us.
2220	2225	55			143 Inf had advanced to HUNAWIHR and not quite to RIQUEWIHR. Fought around RIBEAUVILLE nearly all day and have a roadolock on 703 easting. E of RIBEAUVILLE. Arty warned that tomorrow recon elements going to
		30			secure bridges at 781565, 788559, 791558 and 793563 and 783578. Asked for Arty support if needed.
2245		57			IPW reported that last group of 30 PWs taken by Co G included 2 men from an AT Co, gun got away. Enemy making practice of leaving AT guns single in towns for last defense and harassment.
2345		58			CO of Co D 753 Tk Bn came by CP and received instructions from Capt Hunley.
2350		59			Div called. Given situation. Wants on TG at 0615 in the morning.
2330		60			CO Co D 753 Tk Bn arrived at CP and wasinstructed to take light tanks on into SELESTAT, assembling them vicinity 780617. One Plat attached to 3rd Bn. Plat Ldr to report to CO 3rd Bn on arrival. Co (less one Plat) attached to 1st Bn and will join that Bn when it arrives in SELESTAT in morning. CO to report to CO 1st Bn at KINTZHEIM at 0800A for instructions. PAGE # 7

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	17 (Cont'd)	platoon gets into trouble and needs to cross. Stream reported to be 50 feet wide and 4 feet deep. Also very swift. Men will dry by infiltration after mission accomplished.
1310	18	Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co F will move to E with mission to seize and secure bridges to east of road junction 177.
1320	19	S-3 3rd Bn reports Bn CP at 787625. Plat of Co I with one tank and one TD at road junction 799627. Roadblock of two AT guns of AT Co, AT Mine Plat,
		two light tenks 795628. At 796636 there iare two AT guns and Plat of Co K. Bn AT Flat at 790629. Co L at 792623. Remainder of Bn searching house by house. Enemy roadblocks at 796624 and 795625. Minefield at 795626.
1330	20	Situation given to G-3.
1340	21	Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP.
1345	22	Arty Ln 0 reports Arty firing on enemy mortar vicinity 812599. Enemy gun firing on 1st Bn from azimuth 1400 mils.
1350	23	Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports Co F moving out.
1355	24	Capt Orcutt, Div, phoned and French suggests contact point with us to be 795637. Capt Hunley
	8 1	stated point OK as we have strongpoint close. Time of contact will be called later.
1425	25	Arty notified of route to be taken by Co F.
1500	26	Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, reports Co r at 760566 as of 1400A. Found a few booby traps.
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1505	28	Lt Col Denholm, G-3, phoned and one Bn of 141 Inf is attached to 142 Inf for purpose of garrisoning SELESTAT. All of 142 Inf units to be freed immediately. Col Lynch asked that they send representative here to receive instructions.			
1510	29	Gen Hess came to CP. Left at 1515.			
1540	30	143 Inf reports troops are in GUELAR. Town not clear but receiving only sniper fire. Platoon of Co I moving to assist Co K at OSTHEIM.			
1550	31	2nd Bn reports Co F at 778559.			
1600	32	636 Recon reports that a group of Germans were seen at 782570.			
1610	33	Capt Hunley notified 132 FA and Div G-3 about our Co F.			
1615	34	Capt Curry reports that he doesn't have enough material to build the foot bridge. He observes two bridges still in contact at 795610 and 100 yards SE of the other one.			
1630	35	Maj Newell, Div, reports that the French DB have a section of tanks at 795637 to make contact with them at this point. It will be a regular contact point.			
1635	36	Capt Hunley notified 3rd Bn about the above information.			
1645	37	Capt Hunley left for 2nd Bn.			
1650	38	Lt Col Coyle assigned to 2nd Bn as Bn CO.			
1700	39	Col Lynch talked to Maj Middleton 2nd Bn, on situation. Co A to move after moonlight tonight to ILLHAEUSERN. Mission to seize town (cont'd)			
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	39 (Con	t'd)	if bridge is in seize and secure it. If cut seize town W of river. 143 Inf has seized GUEMAR complete and is putting in a treadway bridge across stream between GUEMAR and REBEAUVILLE for armor. Your tanks will go by way of GUEMAR.			
-			Have troops examine stream for depth, width, and swiftness. If bridge is in seize small one also.			
1710	40.		CO 1st Bn phoned and states: Bn 141 Inf quartering party in SELESTAT now. What are they to do.			
1715	41		Col Lynch talked to CO 3rd Bn and Bn will remain in SELESTAT tonight. Move by truck at OSOOA tomorrow to ORSCHWILLER - ST HIPPOLYTE. Trucks to report to you at O73OA. First Co to come by			
			showers at CHATENOIS. AT Plat 12 ton trucks to be used for showering. Cn and AT released after movement complete. Leave one officer per Co to orient 141 Inf officers. Also leave all FOs. All attachments will remain with Bn of 141 Inf.			
1730	42		Capt Hunley returned to CP.			
1800	43		Lt Col Graham notified S-4 to have showers going by O800A for 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn to have priority tomorrow.			
1905	44		Capt Hunley made arrangements with Capt Fisher, S-1 3rd Bn, on place and time of arrival for trucks tomorrow.			
1935	. 45	-	CO Cml Co states he has been ordered to register on 807623 and 809639.			
1940	46		143 Inf phoned and states they can observe vehicles with lights moving E and W from CDLMAR from an OP SW of REBEAUVILLE. Asks if we can have an observer from CHATEAU try and pick the movement up. Then phone them the reading and location of observer so they can fire Arty on the road the			
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Hq 142 Inf CP KINTZHEIM 5 Dec 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Enemy front line: No definite front line. E. Enemy units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).

c. Enemy activity:

- (1) General: Enemy stubbornly resisted the entrance of our troops to BERGHEIM. After fibree fire fight our troops succeeded in entering the town, capturing approximately 100 PWs, four 81-mm mortars, one AT gun, end one or two 20-mm guns. BERGHEIM reported clear at 0900A.
- (2) Artillery: City of SELESTAT received several conc of 105-mm artillery during morning from direction of MUTTERHOLTZ. Road junction 177 very heavily shelled during yesterday afternoon by mortar and artillery from the SE.

d. Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 151 - In France: 4889.

(2) Identifications: 2nd Bn 269 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn remained in KINTZHEIM as Regt reserved uring afternoon.
 At OSOOA Bn began moving by Co to SELESTAT closing in at 1100A.
- b. 2nd Bn continued advance toward RORSCHWIHR and BERGHEIM under heavy small arms fire. RORSCHWIHR cleared by Co G at 1800A and BERGHEIM cleared by Cos E and F at 0900A. After darkness, about 2200A, Co G moved E to seize RJ 177. One Plat completed their mission at 0445A, second Plat became engaged in SA fight vicinity 743577.

C. 3rd Bn remained in SELESTAT continuing the mopping up of

the town.

JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt., 142d Inf. S-3

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0015		1	Gen Dahlquist wishes to meet Col Lynch at 143 Inf CP at RIBEAUVILLE at 0900 in the morning. Col Lynch to have any data on stream crossing available to discuss with the Gen at that time.
0105		2	Head of Co F is on main road to RORSCHWIHR.
	0110	3	Capt McSwain called 1st Bn. No word from Co C platoon as yet.
0250		4	Co F is back in RORSCHWIHR.
	0250	5	S-4 notified that Co F has returned to ROMSCHWIHR.
	0400	6	S-4 notified 2nd Bn S-4 that hot offee and clean clothes on way to Co F.
0445	1	7	Capt Curtis called stating that Co I has been relieved but Co K has not.
	0450	8	Called 1st Bn. No information on Co C platoon.
0525		9	lst Bn reports Co C platoon has moved out. Do not know if bridge is complete. Can hear small arms fire and grenades at location platoon was to cross.
	0605	10	Called Capt Markam, 1st Bn. No information about bridge.
0615		11	Capt Markam, S-3 lst Bn, called. Co C platoon crossed the river just south of town: Having hard fight. Co C sending another platoon to help. Have 15 PWs. Three Co C men wounded. Engrs have not put in bridge. Using boats.
1783	0630	12	Called Engrs. Ordered to start building a bridge in town at once. (SELESTAT)
4000	0635	13	Division notified of above.
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0700		14	Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports that everyone has been relieved except the Co K plateon.					
0720	-	15	CO 1st Bn reports that one platoon crossed river on rubber boats.					
0730	- 1	16	Capt Markam, S-3 lst Bn, reports that the platoon that is across the river is in a fire fight and would like a bridge put in to get the wounded out.					
0800		17	Capt Hunley, called Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, about the bridge where Co F was yesterday. Notified that it was blown.					
0815		18	Capt Markam, S-3 1st Bn, reports that there is an estimated 100 Germans across the river in the outskirts of SELESTAT. Capt Sanders is calling for artillery.					
0820		19	Capt Groom, TDs, reports that TDs fired the 180 rounds last night, harassing fire.					
	0830	20	Capt Hunley called CO 1st En and reports that Gen Dahlquist would like us to send out small patrols of two 2-man patrols to these points: 807650, 827642, 826635, to check the woods, swamp land, bridges. Observe for any enemy activity. To stay in position for at least an hour or more.					
15.15	0830	21	Col Lynch left for 143 Inf CP.					
10.0	0840	22	Lt Col Graham left for RORSCHWIHR to check on condition of Co F.					
0920		23	Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports Co K completedy relieved at 0500A.					
0940		24	Lt Col Graham returned to CP.					
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		34	(Con	t'd)	Took EMERSHEIM road N and E on trail to 817647. Stream about 30 to 40 feet wide and about waist deep. Received machine gun fire from woods at 821644.		
	1320	35			Col Lynch called Co 1st Bn asking about his situation. Col Minor said he has area cleaned out and has sent a patrol to bridge at 795610. If bridge is intact 1st Bn (one platoon) to outpost it and secure it for use in coming plans.		
					This patrol to send out patrols from bridge to right and left to determine condition of roads, bridges and what enemy there is. Let Bn has two platoons across river at present.		
	1355	36			Col Lynch called G-3 regarding the above and suggestions of plans to moves.		
1430		37			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, came to CP. Tslked with Col Lynch.		
	1450	38			Capt McSwain called S-4 advising them that Col Lynch wants to bathe 2nd Bn beginning at 0800A tomorrow.		
	1500	39			Capt McSwain called Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, advising him of Col Lynch's order for bathing 2nd Bn tomorrow, starting at O800A. Trucks will pick up troops at RORSCHWIHR; 6 Cn Co trucks to be there at O700A.		
1510		40			lst Bn reports Co A patrol got within 50 yards of lake and were fired on from right (grapevine field) patrol then returned.		
	1510	41			Capt Terrell, Comm O, called 2nd Bn. Have all radios in to be checked tomorrow morning. S-4 notified.		
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1535		43		143 Inf reports GUEMAR clear and s to SE. Still having trouble at OS enemy was reinforced last night. Co F at 675499.	THETM. Believe			
	1540	44		Capt Hunley notified 1st Bn 141 Ir to 806623 and investigate the cree width, etc. Also to go as far E o MUTTERHOLTZ as possible.	k as to depth.			
1545		45		Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, reports p 795610 was shelled by enemy artill will go out to seize bridge when t try to go farther.	ery. Phatoon			
1545	11	46		Information received by 1st Bn 141 Rch unit at 798640: German gun pos 75-mm guns 824629; one 47-mm gun 8 gun and one 150-mm gun 845625. To mile along railroad. French holdin EBERSHEIM who tried to sneak the surrender to Germans. They are out	tions: Two 35638; one 105-mm a Germans per ag five Americans rough lines and			
1635	1	47		Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	The State of the S			
1645		48		Capt Curry, Co B lll Engrs, report stated no bridge would be built vi until further ordered. Bailey Bri SELESTAT should be near completion bridge will be built under it.	dge SE of			
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1700		50		Div called. French report they pic at EBERSHEIM who said Germans were at MUTTERHOLTZ and were going to w				

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1825		54			lst Bn 141 Inf reports patrol left 799644 and went down road 600 yards to 804634 and observed three enemy in foxholes. Were not fired on and remained there for ten minutes then returned.			
1850	-	55			Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, reports bridge at 705610 is intact.			
	1905	56			Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn and ordered 2nd Bn to have Bn, less Co G, on alert to move by motor tonight by way of SELESTAT. Six AT Co trucks and six Cn Co trucks to report immediately. AT Co trucks will be ready to move from SELESTAT to 2nd Bn. This plan will be in effect if 1st En is successful in securing bridges on main road to SE of SELESTAT.			
1910		57			The tanks that are with 1st Bn 141 Inf are to assemble and report to CO 1st Bn.			
	1915	58			CO AT Co notified to assemble six trucks to be prepared to move to BERGHEIM tonight on short notice.			
	2010	59			Col Lynch called CO 1st En and inquired if he heard anything from the patrol. Ordered Lt Col Minor to start moving his En on out to the bridge and send one Co to the edgeof the woods to secure it. The rest of the En move on down to HERDOLSHEIM.			
2010		60	511	-	CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch and reports that platoon that was supposed to go out to secure the bridge went to the canal, not to the main stream. Col Lynch ordered CO 1st Bn to send one platoon around to the right flank to make crossing by wading and come in from the south to take this Fort. Also, when this is going on to send a squad from where they have the bridge secured on up the way to draw the attention of the Germans that are in this Fort. Then this platoon to proceed on up N on the road to where the bridges are. To have Co A (Cont'd)			
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JOURNAL 070000A Dec 1944 Organization: 142 Inf FROM: 072400A Dec 1944 Place: TO CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP : 7 Dec 1944 Date: TYPE OP. INCIDEN ACTION TA L TED KSO 1st Bn reports all still quiet. 0345 No report from patrol that was to secure bridge as yet. 1st Bn 141 Inf reports sector quiet since early 2 0350 in evening. 3 CO 1st Bn called. Plat of Go C could not get 0400 across stream. Worked downstream but could not find a place to cross. Germans very alert at bridge position. Had a fight with them there. 4 CO 1st Bn celled. Plat of Co C would not get 0400 across stream. Worked downstream but could not find a place to cross. Germans very alert at bridge position. Had a fight with them there where Germans are using an underground shelter. Lt Col Minor believes if we can get in behind the enemy some way we may still win the bridge which is still believed to be in. Wants to try rubber boats and make another attempt before daylight. Col Lynch called Capt Curry of Engrs to ask about 0415 rubber boats. Two are in CHATENOIS which Capt Curry said he could get to 1st Bn within an hour. Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn. Two boats will be 0420 coming to Bn at SELESTAT as soon as possible. Lt Col Minor will send a rinforced platoon of Go A on this mission with a guide from Co C to lead to stream crossing point. Tanks to be alert and ready to assist frontally. S-4 alerted to have dry clothes ready for about 0425 7 50 men of 1st Bn. G-2 36 Div given situation. 0520 8 S-4 reports Co C clothing left at D525A. 0540 9

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0550		10			lst Bn reports that platoon of co a left on its mission at 0535A. Boats arrived in plenty of time.
1	0620	11			G-3 given situation.
0630		12			Col Byrd of 1st Bn 141 Inf called and is prepared to relieve elements of 1st Bn when notified.
0700		13			Maj Newell, Div, called and asked if 141 and has relieved any of 142 Inf units last night. Ans: No, but Co G will be relieved at 0800A.
	0705	14			Capt McSwain notified Capt Fick, 2nd Bn, saying to shower the Bn this morning, starting at 0800A.
	0720	15			Col Lynch called CO lst Bn. Lt Col Minor said only a few rounds Arty fell in SELESTAT this morning but about 150 rounds fell last night. Platoon started from bridge.
	0730	16			Capt Hunley called Capt Curry, Co B 111 Engra, asking them to sweep road from GUE AR to 754579.
0735		17			Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Capt Hunley gave him information on 1st Bn patrol plan. 141 Inf has started the relief of Co G.
	0745	18			Col Lynch called Capt Curry, Co B ll Engrs. If present plan does not work out Col wants route reconnaissance over road from present location to BENEFELD. Route: EPTIG, EBERSHELM, KOGENHEIM, SERMERSHEIM.
	0750	19	100		Col Lyncht alked with Gen Dahlquis about situation
0810		. 20			Lt Col Minor, CO lst Bn, r ports Plat Co A did not get across stream due to heavy enemy shelling. Platoon is returning. SELESTAT receiving heavy shelling at present.
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0930		21			Regt I & R Plat reports enemy roadblock at 757584 has not been removed. Cannot by-pass it and enemy signs mark it as mined.
	0935	22			Capt Curry, Co B lll Engrs, notified to remove roadblock as soon as possible.
0935		23			Maj Eligood, 132 FA Bn, phoned for permission to fire on enemy troops vicinity 804643. Permission granted by Regt S-3.
	0950	24			Situation given to G-3. 141 Inf relieved our Co G with one reinforced pletoon. Remainder of 2nd Bn 141 Inf moving to REBEAUVILLE.
	1000	25			Col Lynch phoned Maj Petrie, Engrs, on status of rubber boats. Seven are available immediately and possibly ten. Col Lynch asked that they be in SELESTAT by 1600A today as might use them tonight.
	1045	26	-		Col Lynch left for Div CP at REBEAUVILLE.
1100		27	9-3		Regt I & R Plat report Engrs state roadblock at 757584 will not be completely removed before 1500A.
	1145	28			Situation given G-3.
1250		29			Capt Curry, CO Co B 111 Engrs, phohed. Road from KOGENHEIM to EPFIG flooded from 825 easting to 845 easting. By going N from EPFIG to ST PIERRE and back to SEMERSHEIM flooded area can be by-
					passed on treadway bridge in at 739733. 36th Engrs building bridge at 753647. SHERWILLER to 794665 o open and from 794665 to EPFIG is open.
1300		. 30			Capt Quast, 132 FA Bn, reports Arty firing on five enemy tanks vicinity 800553, direction of movement unknown. Also firing on enemy 3-gan Btry 843556.
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1330		32			Regt I & R Plat reports roadblock at 757584 now clear. 3rd Bn 141 Inf in position along road from vicinity 7659 to vicinity 751565.
1340		33			Lt Arnold, S-2 1st Bn, reports two enemy planes flying over SELESTAT. G-2 notified.
	1350	34			Col Lynch phoned CO 1st Bn to stop all operations SE of SELESTAT as had decided it unprofitable. Cûbs over area this morning report it all flooded even far to the N of SELESTAT.
1400		35			Engrs report road clear from road function 177 SW go GUEMAR.
	1510	36			Capt Hunley phoned Maj Eite, S-3 lel Inf, on relief of Co C. Maj Eite states he will take care of relief with Col Byrd, CO lst En 141 Inf.
1630		37			Col Reese phoned road information: ORBEY RJ at 577475 S to RJ 597448 to RJ 624446 from there south - series of sharp bends to RJ 644428. Good road all the way down 656446.
1650.		38			G-3 called to ask what Bn would be available on call in case of an emergency.
	1700	39			G-3 informed that above would be 2nd Bn. Bn to remain a part of 142 Inf but to be available in case of penetration in Gen Stack sector. Bn not to be used without permission of Div.
1715	-	40			CO 2nd Bn called and asked if road 3 from BERGHEIM to STATION DE RIBEAUVILLE station had been cleared. Capt Hunley checked with CO Co B 111 Engrs who did not know but would inquire further
1955		41			Capt Curry, CO CO B 111 Engrs, phoned to report road from BERGHEIM STAT S to STATION DE RIBEAUVILLE had not been swept.
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	1800	42	CO 2nd Bn notified that road had not been swept. Starting tomorrow morning Bn on one hour alert from O800A on. Bn will be moving one hour after notofied to move.				
	1805	43	lst Bn S-3 notified that Bn can begin bathing at 0800A using Bn AT Plat trucks.				
1845		44	I & R Plat and jeep across river N of SELESTAT for contact mission notified to return to this Hq tomorrow morning.				
	1920	45	Capt Hunley called 141 Inf. Our outpost at 780592 will be pulled in in morning and if 141 Inf wishes to put their own outpost there we will furnish guide to that point. Outpost at two small bridges. Also asked about TDs. 141 will call back.				
1940		46-	Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, brought in Operations Instruction.				
2010		47	Capt Groom, TDs, called. TDs firing on four points: 83755774; 84456316; 85306371; 85456022. Firing at rate of ten rounds per point per hour for eight hours: 0830-1230 and 0300-0700.				
	2030	48	Capt Hunley called Capt Wren, Div, about maps. Requested 50 #3619, 100 #3618 and 100 #3719, all 1:50,000: Will send them down.				
2040	1	49	141 Inf called OK to pull TDs out tonight.				
1	2050	50	Capt Hunley called TD Recon. Their outpost will be relieved by 1st Bn 141 inf tomorrow. Officer to report to 1st Bn 141 Inf early tomorrow morning and arrange relief. Capt Hunley notified 1st 141 Inf.				
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143 Inf has a Co in each town with some armored
attachments. Will not move tonight. Gen Dahlquist 2205 57 requests same strength be used for relief as 143 Inf had. Armor attached to 143 Inf will be attached to 2nd Bn 142 Inf. Relief to be by infiltration. Movement be prepared to start by 0700A. Movement to be by foot. 133 PA will be in support. Use own observers. S-4 information on present plans. PAGE # 6 -128DECLASSIFIED
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141 Inf Bn in SELESTAT will be relieved by 142 Inf.
141 Inf now relieving 143 Inf in GUEMAR and 0900 OSTHEIM. Lt Hamilton, S-2 2nd Bn, instructed to notify CO that Bn will relieve elements of 11 Inf vicinity m ad junction 177 with a Co reinforced by infiltration today. 636 Ren will maintain contact 0915 from SELESTAT south to GUEMAR. At night they will maintain outposts at road junction 751565 and road junction769598. CO 636 Recon Co given instructions as stated above. 0930 10 Capt Scott notified to have one Plat report to 1100 11 SECRET PAGE # 1

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0030		1			Lt Garrett, 1st Bn, called: Go B patrol contacted French at 0015A at 798641. Raiding party got to within 40 to 50 yards of raiding point when several heavy explosions caused seven casualties.		
	0500	2			Situation given to G-2.		
0915		3			Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, reports Chemical Observer reports approximately two enemy platoons vicinity 825625. Will place artillery on houses in that vicinity.		
0920		4			Lt Col Green, CC 132 FA Bn, reports approximately 150 rounds of artillery fell in S edgeof SELESTAT at 0730A. A 75-mm firing from SE approximately		
		10 E			at 0730A. A 75-mm firing from SE approximately 806602 fired two to three rounds per minute for fifteen minutes. A gun of approximately 105-mm threw a few rounds at same time from different direction.		
	1030	5			Col Lynch left for 2nd and 3rd Bns Returned 1200A.		
	1420	6	2		Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.		
hap?	1450	7			Lt Col Graham left CP to go to Personnel Section at ST MARIE.		
1525		8			Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left for 1st Bn in SELESTAT at 1530A.		
1535		9			Gen Dahlquist and Col Lynch returned to CP.		
1600		10			Capt Hunley returned to CP.		
1615		111			Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, called in regards to some French officers who are at their C. asking about the relief of troops in EBERSHEIM and outpost.		
	1620	12			Capt Hunley called G-3 in regards to the above. Was informed that he did nt know anything about it.		
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Co B took house this afternoon receiving some small arms fire. Had 3 WIAs from trip wire mines around 1925 24 PAGE # 2

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0140	-	1		Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, reported that Co B had contacted French on left at 2130A.
0315		2		Capt Cornelius called. A German patrol encountered at 802627, contacted French.
0600	.	3		CO 1st in reported light artillery during night.
0930		4		Arty Ln O reports Arty firing on enemy Infantry vicinity 775575.
1025		5		Lt Col Coyle, Co 2nd Bn, reports patrol went E on road from road junction 177 to blown bridge at point 174. One span of bridge is booby trapped. One squad continued E from blown bridge to house at 775575 where they encountered approximately ll to 12 enemy. Killed one enemy who fell out of window. Placed Arty on house and will continue to harass area. As patrol returned through woods from house to stream they encountered machine gun fire from machine gun and crew of approximately six men, killed one enemy. Patrol had one man killed and one wounded. Road is all under water except the center. Water in fields is waist deep. Patrol had to swim stream on returning from house to vicinity blown bridge. Current of stream is very swift. Road junction 177 is still receiving fairly heavy shelling intermittently, but no casualties have resulted.
-	1100	6		Situation given to G-3.
1115		7		Lt Col Denholm, G-3 phoned Col Lynch. 142 Inf will now have 636 Recon Co attached. 142 Inf to relieve Co I and part of AT Co 141 Inf at GUEMAR today. New boundry runs from 71353 SE to 738534. Enemy shelling MITTELWIHR and BENNIVIHR. 143 Inf has had no contact with their Co A since yesterday afternoon. 2nd Bn 141 Inf attacking towards KIENTZHEIM. 1st Bn 143 Inf was last reported in outskirts of SIGOLSHEIM.
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	1130	8			Capt Hunley notified CO 2nd Bn to relieve elements of 141 Inf at GUEMAR with one rifle Co reinforced with one Plat HMG, one Sect of 81mm mortars. It will have one Plat AT Co and 636 Recon Co attached. Engrs will be sent for you to have road swept.			
1.	135	9			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, notified to have an officer report to 2nd Bn CP at BERGHEIM soon after dinner.			
1:	140	10			CC 636 Recon Co notified to report to CC 2nd En at BERGHEIM after lunch. Your Recon missions will be taken over by Regt I & R Plat.			
1:	145	11			Capt Curry, CO Co B lll Engrs, notified to have Engrs sweep road from BERGHEIM to GUEMAR this afternoon for 2nd Bn.			
1:	145	12			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, notified to have Cn Co observer with Co of 2nd Bn that is going to GUEMAR.			
1:	155	13			Capt Hunley called Capt Marcum, 1st Bn. Arty in SELESTAT this morning the same as usual.			
1:	255	14	1		Capt Hunley called S-3 141 Inf and asked about establishing a contact point between 142 Inf garrison at GUEMAR and 141 Inf garrison at OSTHEIM. 727532 point of contact at 1700A. Two light tanks and Plat of Cml mortars to remain in position at GUEMAR.			
1305		15		- F. 18	Capt Marcum, S-3 1st En, called. Have two PWs who turned in as deserters to Co B who turned are sending them in. State 800 Germans came across RHINE with them five days ago. French civilian through lines reports 150 Germans in factory building at 825625.			
	315	16			Capt Hunley called Maj Middleton, and Bn, and warned him to infiltrate troops to GUEMAR this afternoon. Gave information of contact point with 141 inf at OSHEIM. Co E going to GUEMAR.			

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100000A Dec1944 142 Inf FROM: Organization: 102400A Dec 1944 OP KINTZHEIM TO i Place:_ FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP i 10 Dec 1944 Date: TIME THIT SER TIL SECRETES, ETC. ACTION TAK NO . DATED CUT TN Capt Hunley gave instructions to the I & R Sgt to 17 1325 send motorized patrol from SELESTAT to GUEMAR. Patrolling on a hourly basis. Also to have two night outposts; 769597 and 757584. PW Interrogator states that he just received two more PWs from 1st Bn. This PW states that there are 800 replacements in that area in front of B Cos outpost. PWs from 5th Co 726 Div.. 18 1340 1440 19 Col Lynch left for 2nd Br. 20 Relief of 141 Inf elements in GUEMAR completed at 1535 1500A. Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Co F less one platoon moved to BERGHEIM. Lt Col Graham notified Div G-3 at 1540A. 21 I & R Plat Sgt reported that contact had been made 1545 at GUEMAR with Co F and at SELASTAT with 1st En. Six men from I & R Plat are outposting with a part of Co G in front of road junction 177. Col Lynch returned to CP. 1605 22 arty Ln O reports Arty firing on exemy Btry at 875640. Also firing on two enemy cuns vicinity 1715 23 870640. Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, notified to put 1740 24 two Plats (8 TDs) in position for indirect firing. Send one Plat (4 TDs) to 1st Bn by daylight for firing direct targets. Col Lynch ordered 1st and 2nd Bns to be notified to fire no 81mm mortar ammunition except on 1755 1 25 counterattacks while in present positions. Both Bns notified. S-3 1st Bn states they plan to send a rainforced platoon to clean out houses vicinity 797623 E to 1815 26 80 easting tomorrow morning. CRET

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Col Lynch ordered Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, not to fire the artillery preparation before the patrols that leaves at 0700A. But to have the fires ready on call.

Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports that they are going to use TD on the raiding party tomorrow as there is a block in the way. Would like the Engrs to clear it. Believe that they will have to use TNT and then the doger. This block is at 796623.

Capt Hunley called Capt Carry about the above request. Lt Powers will check into this.

S-3 143 Inf called and informed Capt Hunley that they will send a contact patrol at 0300A and 0600A to the blown bridge at 738534 to contact Co E

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	2035	35			Capt Hunley called Capt Strader, 2nd En, and notified him to send a contact patrol at 0300A and 0600A to blown bridge to contact patrols from 143 Inf.
2050		36			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports that he is firing harassing fires for Co E at 765545 starting at 2100A and lasting until 0700A.
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1030	11	CO 2nd Bn reported to Col Lynch that a Frenchman states two fairly large enemy guns located vicinity 805554. Col Coyle warned to make sure companies are alert from now on in in regards to small groups of enemy left behind to attack our troops from the rear.					
1033	12	Col Lynch notified It Col Green, Co 132 FA Bn, of					
		gun locations. Will adjust medium artiliery on area and will get an air OP up if weather permits.					
1035	13	CO 1st Bn reports there are approximately six cy. inders located vicinity 792626. One has been punctured by shrapnel and is leaking.					
1105	14	Lt Arnold, 1st Bn, reports that Co C patrol ran into machine gun fire at 809639, 808631, 817635. Div notified.					
1115	15	Patrol report from 2nd Bn. The patrol ran into water 1,000 yards from GUEMAR and went as far as the 77 grid. Encountered no activity. The main road is dry. Div notified.					
1200	16	Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, reports: 145 Inf 1st and 2nd Bns still in RIBEAUVILLE. Co F is OSTHEIM receiving intermittent artillery fire. 3rd Bn less Co I attacking BENWIHR and reported in north sector of town with no small arms resistance.					
		Co I in ZELLENBURG, AT Co 686498. 141 Inf: Enemy attack on Cos F and G beaten off. Co E 675498. B 677497. Co K moving to pass east through Co B. Co C 681491. 36 Recon troop 628519, 640520, 653517. CC4 590485, 583487, 568482, 555500, 548515, BON HOMME 540550. Still no report from Co A less one Plat 141 Inf.					
1200	17	Capt Sullivan returned to duty and assigned to Regt Staff as assistance S-3 with duties as S-2.					
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JOURNAL 110000A Dec 1944 FROM Organization: 142 Inf 112400A Dec 1944 Place:_ CP KINTZHEIN FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP : Date: 11 Dec 1944 TIME TYPE OR 5 LIME RETERES, ETC. NO. DATED ACTION TA. MGG. 18 Div Civil Affairs called. 1330 Is sending a truck to GUEMAR to pick up refugees. 2nd in notified. Said it would be better to send a truck only as far as STATION DE RIBEAUVILLE in daytime. Civil Affairs notified. 19 CO 1st Bn reports no further report from patrol 1415 but they were receiving small arms, mortar, and artillery fire at last report. The Cml Officer stated it was not gas in the buildings. 1425 20 Col Lynch left for 1st Bn CP. 21 1435 Arty Ln O reports artillery adjusting on cross roads 824576, 805553, and 835561. Three vehicles observed by air OP approaching cross road 824576 and artillery now firing on them. Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reported patrol from Co E 1435 22 contacted Co F 143 Inf at OSTHEIM. 143 Inf also has one platoon AT Co in OSTHEIM. They are receiving self-propelled and artillery fire there. Patrol made arrangements with 145 Inf to meet their patrol at bridge between OSTHEIM and GUEMAR every even hour. Capt Hunley talked to Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn. 1445 23 patrol reaches contact point and 143 Inf parol does not show up within thirty minutes of the even hour, patrol to notify Co and then to notify us so we can call 143 Inf to check. Col Lynch returned to CP. 1515 Capt Strader, 2nd Bn, called. Said 1600A patrol will go to OSTHEM if 143 Inf does not contact our patrol at blown bridge. 1600 Capt Marcum, 5-3 1st Bn, reports that the platoon is moving on out and that it has gome about 400 yds. Receiving mortar and Arty fire. (Cont'd) 1620

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	26 (Cont	'd) Also r	eceived about ten ro alling around his Cl	ounds of 150-mm from due
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		attack 1st Bn	by enemy mortars.	d down on infiltration tanks, and small arms fire
1705	28	harass	ore, CO Cn Co, reporting fire for 2nd Bn, 782574, 777559, 76	rts Cn Co is firing tonight, points: 37571, 773537 (heavy),
1750	29	Inf at Report were pr Capt H plans check	OSTHEIM made contact from 143 Inf patrol ulling out of OSTHEI unley called 143 Inf or knowledge of any	I stated that their troops IM, possibly a relief. I who said they had no change at OSTHEIM. Will trol to contact 143 Inf
1835	30	Sweeper Capt H	rs with crews to repunley notified Capt	
1845	31	rounds 1st Bn rounds Knocked	at houses. Indirect today registering a dout two vehicles. harassing; 100 roununctions: 82425766,	Last night fired 240 by fired 65 rounds for the platoon fired 158 and also some direct fire. Tonight will fire 400 ads each on the following 80505528, 83505612,
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051\$	1	- G-2	given situation.	
0715	2	Deen	Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, or receiving heavy and larly for past hour.	called. SELESTAT has light caliber shelling
0730	3	GO C	Lynch called S-3 1st to any possible three rmed on any developmen	an and told him to alert at and to keep him
0755	4	on launkn	Lynch phoned CO lst B eft receiving a count lown. CO lst Bn is so to back up the line. kened some.	er attack. Strength ending part of Co C
0800	5	3rd	Lynch ordered CO 3rd En to be ready to move transportation ready	e on 15 minutes notice.
0805	6	Tet	Lynch called CO 2nd B Bn counter attack. N assing artillery on Co	n. Told him about ight quiet except for G at road junction 177.
0810	7	CO 3	ord Bn at ORSCHWILLER	And the second second second
0815	8	Col	Lynch gave situation	to Gen Dehlquist.
0840	9	trat	ted toward BEBLENHEIM Intense artillery prep	
0845	10	in h	nand. Approximately 1 30 B. Took 30 to 40 PW n left platoon at pres	y counter attack is well OO enemy hit right platoon s. Out of communications ent. A few enemy infil- TDS and platoon of Co B ea. A Plat of Co C will Plat of Co B.
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	0850	11		Col Lynch gave Gen Dahlquist the information on lst Bn.
0920		12		Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports that the FWs state that they were two companies strong that hit our Co B at 799627-795628.
0945		13 :,		Div called Col Lynch and reported that a deserter picked up this morning stated that there would be a counterattack on SELESTAT from the north and
-				south by the 106 Pz Brig. Also that there are no tanks with this outfit but that they have self-propelled guns. 1st En notified.
1025		14	-	Air OP reports that there are two tanks at 820625 and the 132 FA is firing on them.
	1025	15		Gol Lynch called GO 1st Bn and reported that there is one Go from 3rd Bn on the way to your Bn.
	1030	16		Capt Hunley called 3rd Bn. Col Lynch ordered that the Co going to 1st Bn is to report to CO 1st Bn.
151	1035	17		Col Lynch ordered Capt Groom, TD Officer, to send one Plat of TDs to 1st Bn CP.
	1045	18		Col Lynch called Lt C ol Minor, CO 1st Bn, and told him to commit 3rd Plat of Co C when Co I comes within about 30 minutes: Co I to be reserve Co and to be used as needed. French Ln O to 1st Bn reports that French strong
				point at 797641 was forced to withdraw to Foat junction at 794665 when 120 Germans approached position. 3rd Plat of Go C will be used on north to secure that flank.
*	1055	19		Col Lynch talked with Gen Dahlquist and gave him situation. A French prisoner has stated that railroad station at SELESTAT and high ground W of CHATENOIS was attack objective. Gen Dahlquist of CHATENOIS was attack objective. (Cont'd) said he would call VI Corps to have
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	19 (Cont'd)	them defend SCHERWILLER. Tanks at CHATENOIS attached to 142 Inf - Co B 753 Tk Bh tanks
1105	-20	Col Lynch called Maj Young, 3rd Bn Told him to gather trucks together after Co I is moved. Remainder of 3rd Bn ordered to move to CHATENOIS to meet any threat there.
1110	21	AT Co ordered to send four empty trucks to 3d Bn.
1115	22	Col Lynch called 132 FA FDC. Told them to have observer watch ground N of SELESTAR constantly. Germans have been putting smoke shells in front (east of) 1st Bn regularly all morning.
1117	23	Col Lynch called CO CO B 753 Tk Bn. Ordered him to send a platoon of tanks to lst Bn at SELESTAT. Another Plat to be alerted at CHATENOIS to report to CO 3rd Bn who will be there within an hour. 3d Plat of tanks may remain at VAL DE VILLE.
1120	. 24	Arty Ln O reports Arty fired on enemy gun Btry at 846613 and enemy at 882630. Air OP reports enemy now laying a smoke screen E of SELESTAT.
1120	25	Capt Wren, Div G-2, reports French state they observed approximately 250 enemy moving from NE toward SELESTAT. A deserter stated they were to seize railroad crossing at 776630 and then high ground W of CHATENOIS and dig in (HILL 530).
1125	26	Col Lynch gave situation to Gen D hlquist. The Gen ordered Col Lynch to be especially on the alert for action vicinity of CHATENOIS-SCHERWILLER pass. French have been ordered to restore positions.
1130	27	Col Lynch called 132 FA Bn inquiring about smoke enemy was reported to be laying. Maj Brickerhoff stated smoke was along 80 easting obstructing all our observation over swampy ground. (Cont'd)
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100	27 (0	on (d)	Col Lynch asked that Arty fire on road junction at 797641 for one-half hour in case any enemy are there.
1135	28		Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD, reports three TDs are on way to 1st Bn.
114	29		Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn. Enemy fired about a 100 round concentration and stopped platoon of Co A momentarily. Co I to put one platoon at 791628. Remainder of Co vicinity 786627 with two outposts on railroad vicinity 787633.
1140	30		Lt Col Denholm, Div G-3, phoned. said Flak wagons have been ordered to SCHERWILLER and should be there within one hour. Wants platoon of infantry to join them.
114	31		Col Lynch ordered CO 3rd Bn to put a reinforced platoon on bridge at 753646 and patrol along railroad to the E. Remainder of Bn remain on alert in CHATENOIS.
115	32		Col Lynch ordered Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, to send a platoon of infantry to SCHERWILLER (reinforced) with Co Wpns for protection of Flat wagons ordered there by Div. When Bn arrives at CHATENOIS to use Serv Co communications.
1155	33		Capt Wren, G-2, called. French In O says they consider situation at SELESTAT grave at 1120A. Are sending strong detachments of trmor to region EPFIG and DAMBACH LA VILLE.
120	0 34		Col Lynch called Lt Col Minor, CO st Bn. Told him of 3rd Bn detachments to SCHERWILLER. 3rd Bn will also patrol stream.
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1215	36	Lt Brandenburg, Cn Co, ordered to turn Cn Co guns to face NE to cover area between SCHERWILLER and SELESTAT.
1217	37	Maj Young, 3rd Bn, called. Half of Co K and part of Co M now on the way to CHATENOIS. Others to follow.
1220	38	Gol Lynch called Maj Young, 3rd Bn One Co, less one Plat, to go to 773632 in vicinity of 141 FA Bn Btry positions. One Plat of that Co to go into positions NE of the Arty guns 783637, to 778641
		along railroad track. Maj Young said this would be Co L. 3rd Bn will have following dispositions Co K: 1 Plat at SCHERWILLER, 1 Plat on bridge at 753646, 1 Plat in Bn reserve at CHATENOIS. Co L: 2 Plats in reserve at 773632, 1 Plat in position 783637-778641 along railroad tracks. 3rd Bn defensive sector to N of SELESTAT.
1230	39	Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn and told him of above. CO 1st Bn putting Arty on RJ that French left at 797641. Wire is out to forward platoon of CO B now and CO 1st Bn is still trying to learn their situation.
1235	40	Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, called. Situation of platoon of Co B. At 792636 one squad surrounded in factory. At 796636 another squad that has thirty prisoners is also surrounded. At 798635 8 men from Co B were captured at house. One of our men in the house called and said Germans were using house for Aid Station and not to fire with artillery. At 795635 Plat CP with one squad. Enemy estimated to be 120. A Plat from each of Cos A, C, and I are working to relieve the surrounded squads.
1300	41	Maj Young phoned and platoon of Co I moving NE to assist Co B platoon. Co I CP 791629. K Co to assist positions (Cont'd)

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	41 (Cont'd)	SCHERWILLER and 753646. 1 Plat Co K in CHATENOIS. CO L moving to position vicinity 773632. Co L to establish patrol contact with Co I on right and Co K to contact Co L by patrol on its left.
1305	42	Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, reports Capt Lyke, CO Btry C, had alerted two Cos of 36th Engrs and they are outposting area vicinity 7863. Will contact Co L immediately.
1310	43	Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, given situation of 1st and 3rd Bns. Things quiet in GUEMAR and RJ 177.
1330	44	Div reports 25 cargo and personnel carriers well dispersed moving N on GRUSSENHEIM 3149 ELSENHEIM road at 1230A.
1335	45	Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. Gen given situation on 1st and 3rd Bns. At 1350A consider running armor up road NW from 800626 to get in behind the enemy.
1400	46	Arty Ln O reports cub directing fire on enemy mortars vicinity 841589 and 808599
1410	47	Col Lynch phoned CO 132 FA Bn on situation of two Cos of 36th Engr outposting area vicinity 7863. If can get word to CO of Engrs have him call this Hq as one Co could set up defense between Co L and main road in SELESTAT while other Co could act as local security.
1415	48	Lt Col Minor, Co lst En, phoned and reports situation clearing up. Have several PWs. Several enemy in factory. Plat of Co C and I at entrance to factory gate. Trying to clean up situation before dark. Have 34 PWs, now a total of 107 PWs and have several more to come in. If necessary commit remainder of Co I to clear up area.
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1420	49	Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, phoned. Air OF directing fire on mortars at 812598. Another cub reports enemy infantry moving NW along edge of woods in same vicinity.
1445	50	Col Lynch called CO lst Bn on situation. Still no activity to SE. A platoon to be alerted for movement tonight to seize bridge at RATHAMHAUSEN.
1448	51	Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist on situation. Regts to S were hit by OCS candidates who came from Germany last night and state they were a Regt in strength. Details obscure. Plan granted for trying to follow up and seize bridge. Like to be extended beyond vineyard.
1455	52	Situation given to G-3.
1510	53	Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, phoned. Bn now has had approximately 200 PWs pass through Bn CP. Our troops still working on factory. Have recaptured part of 8 men that were captured by enemy. Capt Hunley warned him to keep observation on area SE of SELESTAT.
1520	54	Col Lynch gave situation to Gen Dahlquist.
1540	55	Capt Lowery assigned to 1st Hn as Exec 0.
1545	56	Col Lynch called CO lst Bn. Strong fight still going on in N point of town around factory. Two Plats of Co I and Plat Co C attacking there with tanks. PW total may now be between 200 and 300. lst Bn to take up same defensive positions as before tonight. Push outposts out farther.
1555	57.	Capt Wren, Div, called. French message states that in reference to 250 Germans reported seen this morning, that these had been reported by an outpost which saw them at 800630 at 0730A. PAGE # 7

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	67 (Cont'd)	5th Co on right. Also an attack to be launched from SE on SELESTAT of unknown strength. PW (Sgt Major of his Bn) stated Bn approximately 150 strength.	
1715	68	Col Lynch ordered Lt Col Minor, CO lst Bn, to have all troops on alert for enemy attack tonight. Be sure and resupply giving all an extra supply of hand grenades. Cos to hold tonight where they are: Have Tks and TDs placed to fire.	
1720	69	Situation and enemy information given to Lt Col Coyle, CO 2nd Bn.	
1720	70	Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Green and asked that a preparation be fired for la hours about 800637 on both sides of railroad. Also on both sides of road-vicinity 795610.	
1725	71	Lt Col Reese, G-2, phoned and stated the PW also said attack made by enemy tonight will be made by troops without artillery.	
1730	72	Div G-3 phoned requesting 1 Plat of 636 Rcn co report to G-3 to patrol road W of RIBEAUVILLE tonight.	
1730	73	1st Bn notified that enemy attack was to be made without Arty support.	
1730	74	Col Lynch ordered Maj Hensley, S-4, to send another load of ammunition to 1st En as enemy will likely try to infiltrate tonight under cover of darkness and then will continue attack during daying light tomorrow.	
.1735	75	Maj Newell, G-3, phoned. 143 Inf suggests that we patrol to OSTHEIM leaving GUEMAR at 2100A, 0300A and 1200A. They will patrol to GUEMAR leaving OSTHEIM at 1800A, 2400A and 0600A. This suggestion made as present contact arrangements (Con't) PAGE # 9	
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1	1740	76	1		Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, Co B receiving a counterattack supported by tanks.
1				2	Strength unknown. Putting artillery fire on enemy. Col Lynch ordered our armor to fire also. Enemy
		3			attack on Go B at 800626. Co L is available if needed, however use them only if needed desperately.
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400	1745	77	A P		Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahkquist and gave him the situation. Gen stated our ack ack men in
- 3					SCHERWILLER observed French moving tank back to
1745	:11	78	1		I & R Plat radioed message: Small concentration of
1110		i	1		self-propelled or artillery (14 rounds) fell at road junction 177 at 1740A.
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	1745	79	- 6		Et Col Coyle, CO 2nd Bn, notified about to release 1 Plat 636 Rcn Co. CO to report to Div G-3.
3	1750	80	5 .		Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn. Co w to move by motor
	1.00				immediately to CHATENOIS and report to Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn. Transportation from Serv Co.
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	1755	81			Col Lynch phoned Capt Leach, Ammo), ordering four 21 ton trucks to report to CO 2nd in at BERGHEIM immediately. Trucks stop at KINTZHEIM to pick up
	. 1				immediately. Trucks stop at KINTZHEIM to pick up Bn runner to guide them to BERGHEIM.
	1800	82			and should go 3rd En notifying him that Go F
	to the state of				will report to him at GHATENOIS to Februare Co K.
	1	1 13			of town. Not to De attached to Tracker Bn job. Bn
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-		1	-	1	boundary will be approved to 1791629; then to 786625. Bn CP to hove to SELESTAT tonight.
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JOURNAL 120000A Dec 1944 FROM: 142 Inf Organization: 122400A Dec 1944 Place: CP KINTZHEIM TO 1:50,000 FRENCE, MAP : Date: 12 December 1944 TIME CES ORDERS, ETC. TIME OLO ACTION TAK DATED MEG. OUT IN Capt Hunley talked to 3-3 about contact arrangements with 143 Inf. Same arrangements discussed as mentioned at 1735A. 1805 Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, phoned and he now has In O from 2 DB. Asking them to fire from 1815A for thirty minutes vicinity 824637. Have stopped firing for 1st Bn so believe things have quieted 84 1810 down. Capt Hunley talked to Capt Scott, CO AT Co, who states Plat of Co B at 800627 had fulled back to next roadblock. One AT gun knocked out and one abandoned because of no infantry support. 85 1815 Col Lynch phoned Capt Marcum, S-3 st Bn. Plat of Co B was forced back to 795628. Actual details on light tanks and AT guns unknown at present. 86 1820 TDs moving up to fire on road. I & R Plat reports nothing observed E of road today or vicinity GUEMAR. I.& R Plat instructed to run the patrol N of RJ 177 to SELESTAT every 15 minutes tonight. 1825 87 Maj Newell, G-3 section, told to notify 143 Inf that present contact arrangements is satisfactory 1830 and request it be left that way. Four Serv Co trucks reported to this Hq and were 1835 given a runner to guide them to BERGHEIM for Co F. Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, phoned on length of time for barrages to last on railroad E of SELESTAT and main road SE of town. Col Lynch 1840 ordered they be held up due to shortage of ammunition until a target actually develops. Ln 0 with Div reports: C Btry 133 FA. En reported to be surrounded vicinity 659559. Co.F. 141 Inf 1845 91 1 Plat 660505 PAGE # 11 --

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120000A Dec 1944 Organization:_ 142 Inf FROM: 122400A Dec 1944 Place:_ TO i CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 12 December 1944 MAP : TIME TYPE SECRE THE SECRET OR SLR TIME ACTION TAL NO. DATED PEG. OUT l Plat 662507, 1 Plat 664507. 91 (Cont'd) Enemy between 660505 and rest of company. 92. Div Ln 0 reports 155 FA (Btry unknown) is engaged 1900 in fire fight vicinity 659550. Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn. 1 light tank, 1 12-ton truck, 2 AT guns lost by enemy counterattack on platoon of Co B. Have had several casualties. 1 Plat of Co C at 783615 and 1 squad of Co C at 772602. 3rd Bn will take over Co C positions in S edge of town and also CO A positions at bridge SE of town. Will send a platoon of four medium tanks to you tonight to be committed in center of Co B area. Will give you details on relief of Cos C and A by Co K later. 93 1905 Col Lynch phoned CO 3rd Bn. Boundary to continue SE from 785622 along main road and on across stream. Co K to relieve Co C outposts and Co A platoon across river. Plat of tanks to continue on to town. Co L to move to vicinity of railroad at 785630. 1920 94 Co I to remain with 1st Bn. CO of Co B 753 Tk Bn notified to send third platoon of four tanks to 1st Bn within the hour. CO to accompany them and work with CO 1st Bn, Col Minor. 1930 95 Lt Col Coyle, CO 2nd Bn, states Co F is well on its 1935 96 way. Col Lynch states he will send a platoon of TDs to GUEMAR for any threat made by enemy. Sgt Clemens of 636 TDs notified to alert platoon: 1940 97 to report to BERGHEIM to GO 2nd En.
I & R Platoon outpost reported that OP had heard sound of tanks generally in 8060 grid square. 1945 98 Capt Groom, Co A 636 TD Bn, notified to send Plat of four TDs to BERGHEIM at 2nd Bn CP 720563 within the hour. TDs to be in position at GUEMAR by 1945 99 the hour. daylight, PAGE # 12

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2000	101		S-4 called. 3rd for move to SELE	Bn planning	to use	own AT Co trucks
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2015	103		Col Lynch called 3rd Bn sector in to be available	SELESTAT to	onight.	Co of 36 Engrs
2047	104		Message from I & and possibly one ration on GUEMAR town. SP gun fi of town - time 2	self-propel White fla ring from E	lled gur	firing concent- being fired over
2050	105		Capt Groom, CO C Plat of TDs is o because of darkn	on way to GUE	SMAR DU	going is slow
2055	106		S-2, Capt Sulliv about flares ove is doing some mo	rtar firing.	Taros	
2115	107		·Lt Wadleigh, IPW Another Bn ident Cos of 60 men es Regt CP of 308 R	phoned fol	lowing 308 m of railro	lroad tracks. ad (Cont'd)
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0100		1		Radio reports 1st	and 3rd Bn in an	all is quiet.		
0150		2		Maj Webster, S-3 : if contact is made out of communicati	143 Inf, wishes u	s to notify him		
0200		3		Lt Thompson, 2nd Bn, reports that our E'Co patrol contacted Co F of 143 Inf vicinity V-738534 at 2400A. No enemy contact. In 0 from 36th Engrs is now at 2nd Bn CP.				
	0520	4		Situation given G-2.				
0615		5		I & R Plat reports a few rounds of m 2nd Bn investigat	ortar falling in	ine gun fire with WEMAR at 0610A.		
0615		6		S-3 lst Bn reports	s 20 rounds of me at 0500A. Otherw	dium artillery ise no change.		
0630		7		I & R Plat reports at 0620A.	s firing continue	s in same place		
0630		8		S-4 states no rep. No replacements a	lacement yet on 5 vailable for la t	7-mm AT guns. on truck.		
	0635	9		Situation given G	-3.			
0700		10		on SELESTAT at 06	55A.	ry barrage falling		
5.3	0720	11		Capt Hunley check Arty not unusual, arms fire in N se and details later	however have a rector. Will give	confirmation		
0705		12		I & R Plat report SELESTAT at 0705A				
	0715	13		Situation and tro	op dispositions g	Iven G-3.		
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0745	14	CO 1st Bn reports all quiet in SELESTAT.
0750	151	Col Lynch gave situation to Gen Dahlquist.
0800	16	Radio reports no change.
9899 0800	17	G-3 notified this Hq request southern half of AUBURE vicinity 617553 be reserved for 142 Inf.
0810	18	Capt Wren, G-2 section, called. Reports a marked increase in Arty in both 141 and 143 Infs sectors since daylight. 141 Inf believes it may be a preparation.
0815	19	I & R Plat Sgt told to continue frequent patrolling between road junction 177 and SELESTAT this morning.
0830	20	Col Lynch called Capt Marcum, 1st En. He reports all quiet in SELESTAT. Col Lynch ordered Capt Marcum to send out four recon patrols toward the E and the woods and contact the enemy. Also to send out a contact patrol to the French.
0835	21	Radio reports I & R Plat report nothing.
0850	22	Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports that at road junction that Co B lost last night they are receiving MG fire. Going to send a recon patrol out that way. Also Co C reports that they got 15 PWs east of the factory.
0855	23	Gen Dahlquist called and was given the situation in SELESTAT.
0900	. 24	Col Lynch ordered 3rd Bn to have co F relieved from their command and returned back to 2nd Bn in BERGHEIM.
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		50	(Con	(bis	Plat has recovered position on 798 easting. Have 14 PWs and clearing more houses. Tanks are to fire on enemy roadblock to front of position.				
1450		51			Maj Newell, G-3 section, reports opns Instr coming out. 142 to continue on present wission and				
			5		all attachments less 1 Plat \$36 Rch will remain with RCT. However the plt of Engrs will also be dropped as Cos B and C of Engrs are to assist 141.				
1515		52			Radio message. Units have nothing to report.				
1530		53			Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that Cos I and L are assembled in houses and Co K will be assembled in about one half hour.				
1535		54			Capt Orcutt, Div, called and reports that the French are in WITTERNHEIM. Asked if we could relieve their platoon which is at 797640. Capt Hunley will call later in regards to the relief.				
1545		55			Col Lynch returned to CP.				
1620		56			Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports the following locations: Plat C Co 795635; LMG, 2 Tks, 1 TD, Res Plat at 792627; 2 Sqds 793618, 2 LMG, 2 Tks, 1 TD. 2 Plat Go B 795627 1 Sec LMG 1 TD 2 Tks, 1 Plat 799627 1 Tk 1 TD. Co A 1 Plat 798623 1 Sec LMG 2 TD, 1 Plat 794623, 1 Plat 795622 3 HMG. Co B CP at 793625. Co A CP at 791620. Co B lost contact with enemy and sending out patrols with enemy and sending out patrols contact the French.				
	1625	57			Capt Hunley called Capt Orcutt and reports that Col Lynch won!t be able to relieve that Plat				
*		3			since the 3rd Bn is in Div reserve				
4 1	1640	58			Col Lynch gave the situation to Gen Dahlquist.				
	1700	59			Situation given to G-2.				
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JOURNAL 130000A Dec 1944 FROM Organization: 142 132400A Dec 1944 TO Place: CP KINTZHEIM france 1:50,000 MAP : Date: Dac 1944 . TIME TYPE SER TIME OR CRE ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAI NO IN TED MSG. OUT IN (Cont'd) ordered flares to be fired and Arty, be fired in 68 that area. Col Lynch phoned and ordered Co K be alerted to move on 45 minute's notice. Tanks still to move 69. to BERGHEIM. Will notify you in 30 minutes of further developments. 70 I & R Plat reports 6 rounds SP fire fell on RJ 177. Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Green, CO 132 PA Bn, and warned him of 1st Bn situation. Lt Col Green to notify Btry of 141 Arty vicinity SELESTAT to 71 patrol Btry positions tonight. Message to I & R Plat: Maintain continuous patrol between road junction 177 and SELESTAT tonight 2025 72 immediately. 2030 1 Col L nch phoned Gen Dahlquist on 1st En situation. Gen will call Corps on sending French back to road junction 797641. 73 2030 74 S-4 given situation. 2045 2045 75 Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and states Capt Seeman just returned from DANBACH and French were sending armor to SCHERWILLER. Requests that we send an officer there to check on information. French had outpost at road junction 797641 as courtesy only because our boundary extended N of road junction: 2048 Col Lynch ordered Lt Knutsen, accompanied by French 76 interpreter, go to SCHERWILLER and check on French being in town. Lt Knutsen notified to report to Regt CP for 77 instructions immediately. PAGE #

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2050		78			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, phoned stating French Officer with him got in contact with his unit and they state they had understanding with our Div to withdraw from road junction tonight and return at O800A tomorrow. They also state they have a fairly large sized force at SCHERWILLER and outposting along railroad from 774655 to 775646, then W to SCHERWILLER.
	2055	79			Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, CO and Bn. Enemy on both sides of river. Our outpost at bridge fired on enemy, then attempted to withdraw to platoon and had to fight to get back. Putting Arty from foot bridge to RJ. Also our tanks are firing in area. Plares being fired every few minutes. Lt Col Green states he can fire 400 rounds in RJ area. Co K will move from SELESTAT to CHATENOIS tonight: One Plat of Co I going in position 788624 to stop enemy from infiltrating to rear. Cml morters to fire if possible.
	2105	80			Col Lynch phoned Maj Young, 3rd Bn, and ordered Co K move immediately to CHATENOIS by motor. Trucks will remain with Co K. Also outpost all entrances to CHATENOIS with 1/2 squad outposts. (6 outposts). Notify this Hq when Co closes in town.
	2115	81			Co G notified to have I & R Plat Sgt phone this Hq immediately.
2118		82			Maj Newell, Div, phoned and states 143 Inf unable to contact our patrol tonight. Requests it be investigated. Capt Strader, S-3-2nd En, notified. Will notify this Hq of details.
2145		83			S-3 2nd Bn reports our patrol did make contact with Co F 143 Inf at 1800A and 2000A. Will notify this
	2150	84			Maj Newell, G-3 section, notified of above information.
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JOURNAL 130000A Dec 1944 142 Inf Organization: FROM: 132400A Dec 1944 Place:_ CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP : Date: 13 Dec 1944 TIME TYPE REPORDERS, ETC. Oce SER TIME 'CTION TAK NO. D. TED E.G. TN OUT Col Lynch gave Gen Dahlquist situation at SELESTAT. 2155 2nd Bn reports patrol to contact Co F 143 Inf made contact at 2200A. Reports 143 Inf receiving small arms fire from E bank of river at OSTHEIM. I & R Plat will make contact in GUEMAR with Co E on the 2210 hour. 87 Lt Knutsen given instructions and left for 2215 SCHERWILLER to contact the French. CO 2nd Bn notified that I & R Plat will not patrol area between RJ 177 and GANZIMOTTI tonight as they are to make continuous patrol from GANZINOTTI to SELESTAT. CO states area take care of by Bn outpost at GANZINOTTI. Co G andoutpost have 2225 wire communications by phone. 2230 89 Div G-3 notified that patrol, from GUEMAR contacted 143 Inf at 2200A. CO 1st Bn reports situation well in hand. Have 90 2250 tanks working with Inf to clean out houses. Tank with Co C Plat reports hear one tank and four trucks vicinity 808626. Putting arty on it. Flares did not prove to successful. Col Lynch ordered flares to be fired every 15 minutes to interfere with enemy's efforts to reorganize. Plat of Co C going into position at factory facing N to cover river. Co C also to return outpost to bridge and Plat to RJ 795635. Co I still in reserve. Gap between Co B (63 N) and Co C covered by a squad patrol. 1 Tank and 1 TD in reserve: Gen Dahlquist given situation on lst Bn. 2255 91 G-2 phoned and 131 FA reports convoy moving NW 2300 from 7247. Taken under Arty fire. phoned and convoy consisted of only 5 vehicles. 2315 93 PAGE # _____

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JOURNAL 140000A Dec 1944 142 Inf Organization: FROM: 142400A Dec 1944 Place:_ CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 14 Dec 1944 Date: MAP : TIME TYPE CR SECRET TUE SEE ACTION TAL D. TED MSG TN CUT Capt Hunley called Capt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, and notified him to bring the 3 medium tanks, plus the Plat Ldr. Capt Knox reports that the tanks have 0700 already left for BERGHEIM. Capt Hunley informed Capt Knox that they are to pick up the tanks as they pass through BERGHEIM. Capt Hunley called Capt Strader in regards to 10 0705 the tanks. What are supposed to be attached to you the order has changed and the tanks and to join the 3rd Bn column as they passthrough BERGHEIM. The Plat Ldr will report in. Capt Hunley called Capt Orcutt, Div, that Col Lynch wants to know if he can have 1 Co of Engrs attached to us to relieve out Co A in order to have another Co in reserve in SELESTAT. Will call back. 0720 11 0730 12 Capt Hunley called Capt Sorenson, and En, and informed him of the change in the order. The tanks that were going to our 2nd Bh are reverting back to our 3rd Bh that is going into Div reserve at RIBEAUVILLE. Capt Orcutt, Div, called and reports that all the 0745 13 Engr Cos are committed except Co C that is being used for Engr work. Col Lynch ordered CO AT Co to have remaining AT 0750 14 Gun Plat and AT Mine Plat report to 1st Bn. They will be attached to 1st Bn and relieve Plat of Co C on south of town which will then be additional 1st Bn reserve. CO 1st Bn was notified of the above information. 3rd Bn S-4 reports that 3rd Bn has cleared SELESTAT and that the Co in CHATENOIS left at 0745A. 0800 15 CO 1st Bn mrdered to use AT Co as riflemen. Tell 0855 men to fire when they observe enemy in order to keep them from attempting to strike (Cont'd) 16 CKE

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	0925	18	-		CO lst Bn notifie	d to have Co I	moving by 1030A.
0930		19			Div G-1 phoned an to Div to guide b to AUBURE.	nd requested Hq	Commandant report of another unit
0940		20			Arrangements made Co I at RIBEAUVIL given G-3.		guide to meet of troop positions
0950		21			Maj Middleton, 2n Can be reached th		o ; in CHATENOIS.
	1000	22			and counterattack to 1st Bn so have at SELESTAT. Co tofficer to become route and be prepotented and the prepotent of the second attack SE against between RJ 177 and patrol area E alowith 1 Sqd to locinfiltrated. Conthis point.	e enemy as followed officer reports to be used in such a familiar with eared to attack as SELESTAT. (3 any enemy that a SELESTAT town as stream to 77 ate any enemy that with Frence with the second control of the second c	to Lt Col Minor upport of 1st Bn. route. (2) Ren NE frontally i) Be prepared to might infiltrate rd high ground W. 7642 every 3 hours hat might have
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1010	23	Col Lynch phoned Cn Co and ordered all guns to be faced toward 2nd Bn at GUEMAR as 132 FA can support 1st En.
1020	24	Lt Sorrell, 2nd Bn, reports mines and booby traps put on road NE of STA DE ST HIPPOLITE last night at 760578 and 768577. This information has been reported to Co B 36 Engrs who are now in position at road junction 177.
1045	25	Two French officers came to CP. Talked with Col Lync
1100	26	Capt Brauer, 132 FA Ln O, reports they shot propaganda leaflets vicinity 805627, 812628, 814620 at 0930-1015A. Observer saw Germans pick them up.
1125	27	GO lst Bn called. A patrol that checked area E of bridge and along railroad bed where we fired arty during attack found: 20 dead Germans, 30 rifles, 10 machine guns, and 2 bazookas. Col Lynch ordered CO lst Bn to send a patrol along river W from bridge to check if any Germans infiltrated.
1140	28	CO 2nd En reported that their O800. patrol did not make contact at point between GUEMAR and OSTHEIM. CO 2nd En notified that beginning tonight patrols would go complete route between towns.
1145	30	Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch. 3rd En to attack at 1300A. Asked if Co I had reached En to rejoin them. Capt Hunley called G-3 checking if Co I reached
1215	31	3rd Bn. G-3 will check and notify us. CO 1st Bn reports that smoke falling in front of Co B platoons. Co A has taken 15 lws in front of their positions.
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JOURNAL 140000A Dec 1944 142 Inf Organization: FROM: 142400A Dec 1944 CP KINTZHEIM Place: TO FRANCE, 1:50,000 14 Dec 1944 Date: MAP : TYPE: TIME TIE SER RESACES OBDERS, ETC. 153 ACTION TAL TED NO cur IN Col Blood of 117 FA reported that some men out of 32 1250 Co K broke into a room in the rear of a building they were using as a fire direction center and scattered considerable cloth over the floor to sleep on last night. The owner complained to Col Blood as he had had this part of the factory locked up to protect the owners property. 756640. 33 Capt Seaman, G-3 Section, reports that our Go I 1250 closed in at 1208A and that the Bn is complete. Radio Msg: Nothing to report. 34 1255 Col Lynch called CO lst Bn and he reports that the smoke has cleared up in front of Co B Plat. Also sending a patrol up to the NE. Have mined fields across the road and in the shoulders on roads in front of Co A and Co B. 35 1305 Capt Seaman, G-3 section, called and Gen Weems 36 1345 will be at this CP in approximately 30 minutes to consult with Col Lynch. Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, reports AT Co has completed the relief of Co C Plat. Two Plats of Co C committed to N at present. 1345 37 supply 3rd Bn. Troops have one C ration on them and 1 K ration on Bn train. S-4 told to issue 1 K ration tonight. 1 B ration has been issued but troops unable to consume them. S-4 will have 1 Bn K ration on hand after issue to 3rd Bn tonight. Check also made on truck situation used for transportation. Ammo supply sufficient. Col Lynch checked with S-4 on arrangements to 1455 38 Gen Weems came to Regt CP to consult with Col , 1410 39 Lynch. Also a Colonel. CO CO G reports patrols this morning E from CHATENOI to SELESTAT found no enemy. 1430 PAGE # 5

JOURTAL 140000A Dec 1944 Organization: FROM: 142400A Dec 1944 Place: KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP : Date: 14 Dec TIME TYPE S. BITI B CFL MSG. ACTION TAY NO DATED IN Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reports contact patrol made 41 1435 contact with co F at OSTHEIM. Co has two tanks in OSTHEIM and I tank platoon armed with 50 Cal 143 Inf given situation. 3rd Bn 142 Inf now attached to 143 Inf is passing through 3rd Bn 143 Inf to clean enemy from HILL 251. Enemy had infiltrated from SE to HILL 251 getting in behind 1445 42 3rd Bn 143 Inf. 43 Gen Weems and Col left Regt CP. 1620 44 G03 gave following information: 2 DB in attack on 1630 BINDERNHEIM last reported at 920660 with two tank Cos and at 918657 with a Bn of parachutists attached. Will continue on to BINDERNHEIM and will send a force E to DIEBOLSHEIM. French on left of 1st Bn will not keep tanks on roadblock at night, but will patrol SELESTAT - SCHERWILLER road junction 794665 triangle and have a strong force in SCHERWILLER. (1st Bn notified). MITTLEWIHR now being cleared up. 3rd Bn 142 Inf evidently passing through 141 Inf. CO 1st En reported firing 120 rounds Arty onto 1640 45 enemy positions to the E, then sent a squad from Co A out to 803682 where they picked up one PW while hearing groans of enemy casualties in the vicinity. Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called and reports that his 1715 46 trucks reported back to the Co but still were on call for 3rd Bn. Capt Hunley called Co G CO. Col Lyach orders him 1745 . 47 to have 3 outposts around the town tonight, also a listening post half way between CHATENOIS and where the wire line crosses the river. PAGE # 6

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	1800	48	Capt Hunley called Capt Scott, CO AT CO, and informed him that his trucks are supposed to remain in CHATENCIS and to use Sert Co Trucks for supply.
	1835	49	Capt Hunley called G-3 for information on 3rd Bn. G-3 does not have much information that is late. Co L 142 Inf was being sent along with Go C 143 inf to help Co A 143 Inf which had pressed by enemy attack. Co K 141 Inf also requiring help of Co C 141 Inf in its sector.
1900		50	Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports that he is firing 5 rounds per minute on ILLHAUSERN during the night on request of CO 2nd Bn.
1915		51	Ln 0 to Div reports: 2 DB elements 889673, 904663, 918663, 920659. Armd units at 906665 and 916664. Bn parachutists (attached) at 920658. Cos E and G 141 Inf back on HILL 393. E at 652528, 661525. G 662520, 666518. Two Cos of 143 Inf Bn have been relieved by our 3rd Bns.
1935		52	CO 1st Bn called. Says that a caretaker of the factory which was scene of enemy 12 Dec attack states that Germans were guided in, one Co S of river between railroad and stream, another Co on north side of river to a footbridge W of railroad crossing near SCHERWILLER (777643) and then coming back to attack SELESTAT from west.
2000		53	Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch ordered Co F to be alerted for movement of 15 minute notice. Says Germans may have broken through at MITTLEWIHR again.
1	2002	54	Col Lynch notified CO 2nd Bn: Co F to be assembled with equipment. Trucks to be notified.
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2040	55	Gen Dahlquist called Col Lyr 636 Rcn Troops in GUEMAR and report in at RIBEAUVILLE at as soon as possible, in Div taken off of the alert.	the 634 mp Pn OP
2045	56	Col Lynch called CO 2nd Bn r information. To get the 636 also about taking Co F off t to be in Bn and also Regt re	TD on the move and
2050	57	CO 1st Bn was notified of th	ne above.
2055	58	Capt Hunley notified 753 Tar of above.	nks and notified them
2240	59	Maj Hensley reports that bot have been resupplied. Also the exception of two platoor will be supplied later on the supplies are standing by waithat will permit them to do	o all of 3rd Bn with as of CO K of which ais evening. The ting for such time
2300	60	Capt Orcutt reports that the tank captured today and that our sector tomorrow. Both I motified.	it might be used in
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Hq 142 Inf OP KINTZHEIM 14 Dec 1944

ENEMY SITUATION:

gnemy front line: No definite front line.

Enemy units in contact: No change.

Enemy activity:

General: Strong forces of infantry attacked the left (1) flank of the regiment during the period between 2130A and 2400A. Period between 2400A and 1200A was marked by little or no activity.

Infantry: Inf forces infiltrating into our positions (2) succeeded, gaining the south side of the river in vicinity 795637.

- Artillery: Intermittent scattered artillery in SELESTAT (3)
- Armor: Two enemy tanks reported opposite Regt sector (4) coordinate 806604. 897637 reported one tanks

Miscellaneous:

PWs during period: 27 (1) -- Total in France: 5347

Identifications: No new units identified. (2)

2. OWN SITUATION:

At opening of period 1st Bn held positions in defense of SELESTAT. 3rd Bn was assembling in SELESTAT on Div order to be Div res prepared to move to RIBEAUVILLE sector on call. 2nd Bn held sector from 770598 to GUEMAR.

At 2015A enemy attacked, strength unknown, at north flank of 1st En positions in factory area at 793637, infiltrating S of stream bed. Attack was repulsed, our arty, armor and flares also being employed, and situation declared well in hand at 2250A. To meet possible threat, K Co at 2105A was ordered to CHATENOIS to outpost entrances on E.

At 0630A CG 36 Div ordered 3rd Bn, less Co I, to move to

RIBEAUVILLE. At 0950A CO I was ordered to join 3rd En at RIBEAUVILLE. Entire En closed in at 1208A. Co B, 36 Engrs, attached to 142 Inf, relieved Co G on position at RJ 177 (V-753579) early this morning. Go G, as Regt reserve, closed into CHATENOIS at 0945A.

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TOURNAL 150000A Dec1944 TROM: Organization: 102 Inf TO : 152400A Dec 1944 Place:_ CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: MAP : 15 Dec 1944 TIME TYPE OR TIE MINSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. NO IDATED HES ACTION TA CO 1st Bn reports that a combat patrol went out from Co B. Before leaving put a concentration on the house at 804617 (AP) (where the letter was 13 1050 delivered). When the patrol got near the house they stopped the Arty and started to fire TD fire into the house. This patrol closed in and gathered 28 PWs, 1 officer. 1st Co 760 Regt 708 Div. PW states that the letter has gone back to higher Hq. Col Lynch gave situation to Gen Dahlquist. 1315 14 Situation received from Capt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn. Co L 695503, Co I 684505, Co K got in MITTELWIHR 15 1330 last night without much opposition but enemy tanks scattered Co last night and a large portion of the Co is still unaccounted for. 1430 16 Col Lynch left for 1st Bn. French unit from SCHERWILLER Called and gave the following information: A Plat of Med tanks and one section of Infantry in position day night at road junction 797641. 1445 17 1st Bn patrol reports: (1) A recon patrol sent to 806649 reports that a 20-mm gun opened fire on it from the vicinity 300 yards east of pond. Terrain in that vicinity was said to be comparatively dry 1500 18 except for the swampy ground around pond. (2)
Combat petrol drew small srms fire from railroad
bed at 809638. Patrol did not engage. (3) Combat
patrol took 1 Officer and 28 EM PWs from house at 803626. S-3 1st Bn reports two French civilians report an enemy attack by FELDHERREN HALLE DIV of SATRPS was 1530 19 to be launched on SELESTAT soon. way from Germany.

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30th Inf: 2nd Bn now at 655500, moving to objective at 655496. Co I 645504 with rest of 3rd Bn behind. 143 Inf: Cos K and L at ZELLENBERG 1st Bn 681496 to tie in with Co K 142 Inf. 1820 Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, called. Patrol of Co A reached GARTFELD are at about 802624, took one 24 house, received strong fire from another, and withdrew at dark. Capt Hunley notified Capt Groom, TD Bn, that Col Wilbur requests one TD for demonstration tomorrow 1840 25 vicinity 725655. 1845 I & R Plat reports all quiet. Via radio. 26 Maj Hensley reported 3rd En resupplied except 1850 27 about 1/2 of Co K. Capt Hunley called G-3 asking about TD firing for demonstration tomorrow. Capt orcutt said TD was to be used to complete range which will then 1900 28 be available for future use for schools. No demonstration tomorrow. PAGE # 3

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5rd Bn 142 Inf: No definite locations. Co I pushing to take MITTELWIHR reached cemetery N of town when a very heavy Arty and mortar def nsive barrage was laid down. Go I in trying to fill gap between Co C 143 Inf and Co L 142 Inf reached cemetery when Arty caused them to withdraw to 689507. Tried to build line there and still drew enemy action.

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Hq 142 Inf CP KINTZHEIM 15 Dec 1944

ENEMY SITUATION: a. Enemy front lines: No definite line. 5. Bnemy units in contact: 760th Regt.

Enemy activity:

- General: No action other than resistance to patrols Infantry: Occupation of defensive positions. No (1) (2) offensive action.
- Artillery: Harassing SP fire on RJ 177 at 1000A 15 Dec. Intermittent artillery in area east of SELESTAT. 20-mm Gun fired on friendly patrol from position approximately 300 yds east of coordinates 806648. Two artillery pieces of undetermined caliber reported by PWs to be at 826624.

Armor: No armor reported in sector east of SELESTAT. (4)

Miscellaneous:

(1) Pws during period: 54 -- Total in France: 5401
(2) Identifications: 760 Regt. Pws taken were former members of 736th Regt and were recently incorporated into the 760th Regt. DR NA

OWN SITUATION:

- 1st Bn held positions in defense of SELESTAT. This morning a combat patrol from Co B to houses at 804617, following an Arty concentration on that point, took 28 PWs including
- one officer. 2nd En held sector from 770688 to GUEMAR. Co P was alerted for movement to RIBEAUVILLE at 2000A last night and released b. from alert at 2040A.

3rd Bn attached to 143 Inf for operations in MITTLEWIHR sector.

JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt., 142d Inf.

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JOURNAL 160000A Dec 1944 142 Inf Organization: FROM: 162400A Dec 1944 CP KINTZHEIM Place: FRANCE, 1:50,000 16 Dec 1944 1 Date: MAP : TIME TYPE THO DENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. OR SIR TIME NO . DATED 1'SG . ACTION TAK OUT IN Capt Hunley talked to Lt Sorrell, 2nd Bn, on blowing 0300 foot bridge vicinity SCHERWILLER. Lt Sorrell told to wait until after daylight and final word would then be given. Counter-battery called inquiring if we were firing harassing fire in 7753 grid square. Answer given was "yes". Sound base located vicinity 6651 NE to 7158 reports the fire. Lt Sorrell, 2nd Bn, reports Co E contact patrol from unit on right made contact in GUEMAR at 0420A. Unit in OSTHEIM expects counterattack at 0600A. 0440 0515 G-2 given situation. 4 Lt Sorrels, 2nd Bn, told to take but foot bridge west of railroad near SCHERWILLER. 0715 0750 Capt Hunley talked with Capt Marcum; S-3 1st Bn. Germans set off one of our trip flares about 200 yards in front of Co C last night. CO Co A 636 TD En phoned notifiying this Hq that he has received orders to release a TD to Co C 0805 7 now with 143 Inf. Plan is to even Cos up as replacements are unavailable. 3-3 1st Bn states French notified of our mines vicinity road junction 797641. S-2 2nd Bn notified to send Recon patrol to woods vicinity 745534. Also send night recon patrol down road E to ILLHEUSERN tonight to determine if 0840 road is outposted. S-2 1st Bn notified to send a recon patrol to pond 10 0845 .807659. Recon patrol to barracks 805644. Recon patrol from 800627 NE along road to cross road 807632. Recon patrol to investigate bridge 795610. Also check to see if stream is passable. CKET PAGE # 1

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0850	11			Msg from CG 36 Div. (Att S-2) Obtain 8 figure coordinate of roadblock 777568 and send to G-2.			
0915	12			Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports that there is a dive bombing mission going on. Planes strafed the road just east of SELESTAT about 800 yds in front of SELESTAT. Arty In 0 reports that planes went on to BALDENHEIM and MUTTERHOLTZ.			
0930	13			Our Arty In O reports that their OP in SELESTAT reports activity along the road to MUTTERHOLTZ.			
093	5 14			Capt Hunley called 132 FA for direction of activity along road to MUTTERHOLTZ. Asked if they had an air OP up. Reports that Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, just went up.			
0945	15			Radio message. I & R Plat reports cross-road being shelled.			
095	0 16			Lt Col Reese called Capt Wren at Div in regards to dive bombing missions for 142 Inf. The Arty will smoke these targets. To get in touch with Maj Baker and have him coordinate with 142 Inf for the missions which are at 823627 and 795610			
1015	18			Lt Hamilton, 2nd Bn, reports that the contact patrols with 143 Inf are very good. The times of 143 Inf patrols are 1800, 2400, 0600. 2nd Bn at 2100, 0300, 1200.			
1050	19			Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports the petrol that went out 100 yds east of the place where they captured 28 pws the other day ran into a roadblock and also mines. Was fired on by four MGs so returned.			
115	5 20		1	Capt Sullivan, S-2, called Lt Col Reese in regards to the air missions. Col Lynch wants them flown. Lt Col Reese also informed Capt sullivan to notify the artillery to have their smoke ready on call. PAGE # 2			

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1200		21			2nd Bn reports foot bridge vicinity 775644 was blown by our troops at 0930A.
1215	. 1	22			Maj Baker phoned and planes are coming in now for dive bombing targets at 823627 and 795610. Warn troops of this.
3	217	23			Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Minor, GO 1st Bn, to have observers watch planes and to notify troops to lay low.
1220		24			S-3 1st Bn reports patrol to the lake vicinity 806648 went 400 yards to east of lake and drew no fire. Country very open. Civilian stated enemy had 2 MGs at barracks vicinity 804643 guarding a bridge.
1222		25.			Maj Maker, Div Air Support Officer, phoned S-2 requesting a report on results of ir missions.
1225		26			Lt Col Minor, CO lst Bn, phoned to report on air missions. Mission on 795610 completed. Two to three direct hits. Details later. Planes bombed and strafed.
1230		27			1st Bn reports a 6-man patrol from Co A on way to 795610. If they can get to position will hold and reinforcements if needed will follow.
1300		28			lst Bn reports patrol from Co C to railroad over- pass 809638 drew MG and rifle fire. Enemy 81-mm mortar 100 wards back of overpass. Bn now putting mortar fire on enemy.
1305	- !!	29			2nd Bn reports booby traps and trip flares ere still at foot bridge area. Three charges to north of stream.
1315		30	-		S-3 lst Bn reports four enemy left area 795610 shortly after bombing and walked Si. Stopped on road at bridge site as talking to (Cont'd)

JOURNAL 160000A Dec 1944 142 Inf FROM: Organization: 162400A Dec 1944 CP KINTZHEIM Place:_ TO PRANCE, 1:50,000 16 Dec 1944 MAP : Date: TYPE CE OR MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. D. TED ACTION TAK MSG 10 OUT 30 (Cont'd) someone, stepped carefully as if mines were layed and proceeded on. S-2 left for PRO office at Div forward. 31 1345 G-2 given situation. Planes will comb enemy. Co GP at 776559 this afternoon. Two enemy planes 1350 over RIBEAUVILLE at 1200A. Col Lynch left for 1st Bn C P. 33 1400 G-2 notified to fly air missions it possible at 824627; house and troops at entrance to woods vicinity 808601; and enemy gun battery vicinity MUSSIG 842589. Bns notified. Mission at 808601 to be flown NW to SE. 1405 34 1415 35 S-2 1st Bn reports our patrol reacted 795610 without opposition. Took 8 PWs and men now digging in on SE side of bridge. Fridge has been hit by heavy artillery or bombs. Details later. G-2 notified. S-2 143 Inf reports the artillery 70 with 3rd Bn 142 Inf reports observing enemy troops leaving MITTLEWIHR. Request direction of movement and 1430 36 estimate of number of troops. 143 Inf notified report was from Lt 0 with 3rd Bn 142 Inf. He-een-be Information can be obtained 1435 37 from him. 1505 Col Lynch returned. 1510 Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP. 39 S-2 1st Bn reported that Co A patrol to 802623 drew quite a bit of fire from houses there. Patrol withdrew and artillery is being placed on that 1515 40 point now. PAGE # __ 4

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1520		41			G-2 reports air missions are being directed by artillery. The Fort at 295610 is not being bombed again.
160	5	42			Col Lynch returned to CP.
162		43			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, phoned Col Lynch. 3rd Bn being relieved tonight and vill return to RIBEAUVILLE. Casualties have not been too heavy. Co K has 44 E M and 2 officers missing in action. Now have 99 on line. Co L has 106 on line. Believe enemy withdrew this afternoon. Took two PWs today from edge of MITTLEWIHR.
1808	5	44			S-2 1st Bn reports they are sending patrols tomorrow to: (1) Co C combat patrol leave road junction 795625 then to 808631 then N to overpass. (2) Co E patrol leave 800627 and move up road NE. (3) Co A patrol leave 800625 E along route 100 to 150 yards, S of main road. Unconfirmed report states enemy has retaken position at 795610 in force. Further details later.
1830		45			S-3 1st En reports heavy artillery by enemy forced our troops to withdraw from 795610. Further details later. Two wounded and one man killed.
185		46			Lt Hamilton, 2nd Bn, reports outpost in front of road junction 177 observed what looked to be signal flares toward SELESTAT. Requests 2nd Bn be notified if anything occurs.
4	1910	47	-		Col Lynch phoned CO Co G and ordered the Co to be on fifteen minute's alert as previously ordered.
200		48			Div Ln 0 reports at 1400A. 1st Bn 30 Inf 653481. 2/30 plus 1 Plat Co G 143 Inf 654505. 3/30 in KEYSERBERG, town clear. Bridge across RHINE at 8435 reported damaged and believed impassable as result of today's bombing.
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ENEMY SITUATION:

Enemy front lines: No definite front line.

Enemy units in contact: 65th Pioneer Bn, 2nd Co. Enemy activity:

(1) General: Occupation of defensive positions.
(2) Infantry: No offensive action.
(3) Artillery: Intermittent artillery on SELESTAT and surrounding vicinity.

(4) Armor: No armor reported in vicinity.

Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 13 - In France: 5414 (2) Identifications: 65th Pioneer En 2.

Identifications: 65th Pioneer Bn

OWN SITUATION: 2.

lst En held positions in defense of SELESTAT. 2nd En, with Co B 36 Engrs attached, held sector V-770598 south to GUEMAR. Relatively guiet along regimental front. 3rd En En attached for operations to 143 Inf. Separate and attached units - no change. 8.

JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt., 142d Inf. 8-3

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Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVI 17 and 18

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- b. (1) Elements of 2 DB hold and guard left flank at SCHERWILLER (V-7665), RJ at V-798641, EBERSHEIM (V-8267), KOGENHEIM (V-8570), WITTERNHEIM (V-9068), and NEUNKIRCH (V-926680).
 - (2) RCT 143 atks on Div order, in zone of action, captures HAUSSEN (V-7547) and secures obj line as shown on overlay,

2. a. ROT 142:

Atchds

Co A 636 TD Bn Co B 753 Tk Bn Co B 111 Med Bn

In supports

CO B 111 Engr C Bn CO A 83d Cml Wpns Bn 132 PA En

(1) Atks on Div order from present positions, captures
ILLHAEUSERN (V-7754) and RATHSAMHAUSEN (V-8262);
secures obj line as shown on overlay, maintains
contact with 143 RCT on right, 2 DB on left.

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Atchd;

Co A (less 1 Plat) 636 TD Bn Co B (less 1 Plat) 753 Tk Bn AT Co (less 1 Plat) 142 Inf

In supports

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 - (2) RCT 145 atks on Div order, in zone of action, captures HAUSSEN (V-7547) and secures obj line as shown on overlay.

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Co A 636 TD Bn Co B 753 Tk Bn Co B 111 Med Bn

In support:

Co A 83d Cml Wpns Bn 132 FA En

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- (1) Atks from present positions on order of this Hq. seizes and holds designated obja 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - (a) For routes, boundaries, and objs see overlay.
- (2) Seizes objs 1, 2, and 3 with one rifle Co (reinf).
 - (a) This Co will approach objs via routes # 7 and 8 under cover of darkness.
- (3) Seizes obj 4 with one rifle co (reinf).
 - (a) This Co (less 1 Plat) approaches obj via route # 9 under cover of darkness.
 - (b) One Plat with atchd armor approaches obj via route # 10 under cover of darkness.
 - (c) This Co secures bridges A, B, and C and este les roadblock beyond C if bridge is
- (4) 55 B 56 Engr Bn holds on present position, remains prepared to move all or in part to GUEMAR to protect right and rear of 2nd Bn.
- (5) Plat AT Co 142 Inf holds GUEMAR protects right and rear of 2nd Bn.
- (6) CO 2nd Bn will plan supporting fire preparations to precede atk, and will make arrangements directly with CO's of supporting units.
- O. 3bd Bn
 - (1) In Div res at RIBEAUVILLE.
- d Co G 142 Inf
 - (1) Becomes Regt res, moves on order to SELESTAT and occupies area "G", protects left flank and rear of lat En.
- 0. 132 PA Ph
 - (1) In direct support of RET 142.
- f Cc A 83d Cm3 Wpns Bn:
 - (1) In direct support of 1st En 142 Inf

OPERATIONS OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY FO 31 HQ RCT 142, 161800A DEC 44 MAP: 1/50,000 SECRET DON LINE SE

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Organization:_ 142 Inf

Place:_ CP KINTZHEIM

17 Dec 1944 Date:_

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1325	11			Patrol of Go A to GARTPELD area. Went to 805625. Cleaned out one house. Took two PWs. Patrol had one man killed by machine pistol fire, two killed by S-mines, Ewo wounded by Arty. Patrol leaded states fire encountered was heavier than any before
1345	12	÷,		Lt Sorrells, 2nd Bn, reports that the relief of Co by Co F is completed. Div notified.
142	5 13			Capt Hunley called Maj Baker, Air Support Officer, and requested air mission over 807502 and a repeat on 823628.
143	0 1 14			Col Lynch went to 3rd En CP.
1435	15			S-4 called and reports that Col Lynch, G-4, called him to have 15 trucks report to our 3rd Bn. Asked if the knew of any more.
143	5 16			Capt Hunley called Maj Newell, Div and asked about the above. Informed that they are only on alert, might relieve one of the 141 and Bns on the line so that they may move.
. 144	0 17	4 5		Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn CP.
1445	18			Maj Newell, Div, called. Said of had ordered 3rd En to move to ZELLENBERG as soon as trucks are available. Will remain in Div reserve but CO 3rd En will report to CO 143 In.
1450	18			S-4 called. Said trucks for 3rd Ba will be on the way shortly.
1530	19	133		S-4 reports 13 trucks left for 3rd Bn at 1520A.
1545	20			French Col and Recon patry came to CP to discuss plans for relieving our 1st Bn in BELESTAT. B Because of Col Lynch's absence they will return Because of Col Lynch's absence they will be the Col Lynch's absence they will be t
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	31 (Con	(b)	and 3rd Bn 30th Inf estimates 300 enemy vicinity							
2010	32		Col Lynch gave situation to G n Dahlquist. 1st En to be assembled in RIBERUVILLE as soon as possible so they can be used in S if anything breaks. Col states he estimates the French might have relief complete by noon. 2nd Bn to stay in command of sector. Rcn troop might relieve Co B 36 Engr at							
2045	33		CO 1st Bn reports capture of map which showed							
			plan of enemy attack which hit him at night. Was three Cos leaving MUTTERHOLTZ along railroad with line of departure north south road at 809 easting. Col Minor given instructions to move En as relieved by Co to RIBEAUVILLE to be Div reserve. Lt Peters will be sent to reconnoiterarea and lead column to assembly area. Cn, AT and four or five Setv Co trucks will be at 1st En CP at 0830A. One Plat of							
			tanks and one Plat of TDs to accompany the Bn. One Plat of each report to BERGHEIM in Regtl reserve, but establish communications and liaison with 2nd Bn. A. Co, less one Plat, to assemble in KEINTZHEIM after trucks have returned. Co G return to CHATENOIS in Regtl reserve. Cml Co remain in support of French.							
2050	34		Capt Hunley called G-3 on location for 1st Bn assembly area. What recon Co is to replace Co B 36th Engr and what time were Co B Engrs to go after relieved? 1st Bn to occupy area previously occupied by 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn CP was vicinity 694549. Other questions to be answered later tonight.							
2055	85		CO 2nd Bn given following orders by phone. Bn sector, after relief of 1st Bn, to extend to S edge of SELESTAT. Regt I & R Plat will maintain contact between 769599 and French. Recon to to report to between 769599 and French. Recon to to report to you tomorrow morning to relieve Co B 111 Engrs. You tomorrow morning to be announced. (Cont'd)							

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36-Inf/142)-0.3 Report of operations in france 1400

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TO : 180000A Dec 1944

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Place: CP KINTZHEIM

Date: - 18 Dec 1944

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	0735	5			Capt Hun of Med t OSTHEIM.
	0735	6			Col Lync RORSCHWI
	0740	7			Capt Hun lst Bn w trucks t instead
	0742	8			Capt Hun notified Div. No Co truck
	0750	9			Capt Hun installs
	0800	10			I & RPLs in conts Ren taki
*	0830	13			Col Lync
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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAKE

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Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, brought in opns Instr.

Situation reported to G-2.

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Capt Hunley called CO 2nd Bn that there is some addition. Col Lynch ordered that he send Co B, reinforcedwith heavy weapons and one Plat of med tanks, on to OSTHEIM to relieve one Co of 143 Inf by 1600A today.

Capt Hunley notified Capt Sorenson that one Plat of Med tanks is going to be attached to Co & in OSTHEIM.

Col Lynch notified S-4 to move Serv Co into

Capt Hunley notified Capt Scott, CO AT Co, that lst Bn will not need his trucks, to use his trucks to move to ST HIPPOLYTE this morning instead of CHATENOIS.

Capt Hunley called Capt Marcum, S-3 1st Bn, and notified him that they are getting ten trucks from Div. Not to use our AT Co trucks but to use Cn Co trucks.

Capt Hunley notified Tanks and TDs to move all installations to ST HIPPOLYTE.

I & RPlat Sgt notified of situation and to keep in contact with the French in SEE STAT and 36 Rcn taking over RJ 177.

Col Lynch gave situation to Gen Diblquist.

S-3 143 Inf phoned to state he believes arrangement can be made to get proops in OSTHIM by motor if necessary.

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	0845	13			2nd Bn notified of above information. Enemy plane			
		-			strafed 2nd Bn CP. No casualties. Fire started in barn to rear of CP.			
	0850	14			ØØ 8-3 143 Inf notified that it will be OK to			
					make arrangements to move Co G as close to OSTHEIM by motor as possible.			
0915		15			CO 2nd Bn phoned requesting that 4.2 mortars now vicinity 733542 stay in position.			
	0920	16			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, notified to move Cn Co to			
1000		17			S-4 states Co G just left for OSTHEIM.			
	1000	18			CO CO D 753 Tk Bn ordered to send one Plat to 2nd Bn at BERGHEIM to reinforce 636 Rcn Co at RJ 177. Remainder of Co to look for assembly area in ORSCHWILLER.			
1020		19			CO lst Bn phoned and states he does not believe French will have relief completed by noon. Co C is the only Co relieved.			
	1020	20			Capt Hunley checked with G-3 on 4.2 mortars at 733542. They will remain in position at present. Further details will be decided later.			
1040		21			G-3 phoned and Plat of 4.2 mortars how at 733542 belong to 143 Inf and will be moved when our relief is complete at OSTHEIM. If we want mortars there, will have to move a platoon of our co to that vic.			
	1050	52			S-4 notified that Col Lynch had given permission for their installations remain in present locations.			
1100		23		-	S-3 1st Bn reports French now relieving Co A.			
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180000A Dec 1944 TROME Organization: 142 Inf 182400A Dec 1944 Place:_ CP KINTZHEIM FRANCE, 1:50,000 18 Dec 1944 . MAP : Date: TIME TYPE OR RITTLE ORDERS, ETC. CUT I NO . DATED 15G. ACTION TAI IN S-4 phoned Col Lynch. 241 1130 Service installations will move to THANNENKIRCH as soon as possible. Serv route will be across mountains, via CHATEAU to THANNENKIRCH. 25. CO AT Co reports Co closed in ST HIPPOLYTE. 1135 261: Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned and he has been 1140 wounded in leg by sniper fire within 50 yards of where Co P 143 Inf had troops. Now located at 7051. Suggests relief be made at night. Road from OSTHEIM to BEBLENHEIM covered by Arty fire. Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist suggesting that 1145 27 relief be made after dark tonight. Gen gave permission to make relief after dark. 2nd Bn states relief of Co B 36th Engrs by 636th Rcn completed. Notified relief of 143 Inf to be 1145 28 made after dark. G-3 notified that Co B 36 Engrs had been relieved 1147 and on way to RIBEAUVILLE. 60 2nd Bn called. Asked if relief of 143 Inf at OSTHEIM would be after dark. Was told Div had 1220 30 approved. 1st Bn reports relief complete in SELESTAT but 1330 31 have not cleared town. G-3 notified. Div In O reports: 2/30 654499 Co F, 659495 Co G, left rear Co E. CC5 has made contact with 3d Bn 1330 32 30 Inf in KAYSERBERG. Destroyed one enemy tank. Co K 141 Inf receiving counteratteck NW of HILL 351. Towns of BEBLENHEIM, MITTELWIHR, and BENFI-WIHR being shelled by enemy artillery and tanks. PAGE # _ 3

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JOURNAL 180000A Dec 1944 Organization: 142 Inf FROM: 182400A Dec 1944 Place: CP V-705573 TO FRANCE, 1:50,000 18 Dec 1944 MAP : Date: TIME TIME Cit SRITILE MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. NO IDATED ACTION TAL MSG TN OTT Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, called. His CP 33 1335 now at RIBEAUVILLE and one Plat of 3 TDs is there. May be reached through 753 Tk Bn switch. Another Plat of four TDs at BERGHEIM. 1400 ! Col Lynch left for 1st Bn in RIBEAUVILLE and will return to forward CP in BERGHEIM. 34 GO GO A 636 TD Bn states he now has four TDs in GUEMAR, three TDs in BERGHEIM, and three TDs 1600 35 in RIBEAUVILLE. Div notified of CP moving to CHATEAU W of BERGHEIM. 1620 36 37 Col Lynch ordered CO AT Co, less one Plat, relieve 636 Recon Co at RJ 177 at 0830A tomorrow. One 1640 Plat of Co D 753 Tk Bn will remain at RJ. 1645 38 Col Linch arrived at CP. S-3 636 Tecon Co phoned in regards to relief of 636 Recon Co. Col Lynch stated it would be 1650 39 relieved tomorrow. 1700 CP opened at CHATEAU vicinity V-705573 40 Capt Hunley notified CO Cn Co that we would 1810 41 probably use Cn Co trucks tonight. Cn Co CP at RORSCHWIHR. Capt Hunley checked with G-3 on status of 1st Bn 1810 1: 42 and found 1st Bn is under Regt Control, but not to be communitted without consent of Go G. Capt Hunley called CO 2nd Bn and he reports that Co G is in position and is waiting for the word. Also going to send contact patrols from GUEMAR 1845 43 to OSTHEIM.

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1 . 11	FROM:			Organization: 142 Inf
	TO :	182400A		Place: 0P V-705573
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2030		44		Lt Hamilton, 2nd En, reports that relief is completed. Have patrols out looking for Capt Strader who was wounded.
2045		45		Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports the following locations: Going to have contact patrols out to contact Co G starting at 0900A and every two hours thereafter. Going to set up roadblocks at 693499, 694500, 697502 The last of which will be Co I. Boundary on the left and MITTELWIHR on right (692499); Co L will tie in with Co I on right and extend to 704506. Co K will have a strong point at 705508 and 703514. The remainder of the Co at BEBLENHIIM.
	2130	46		Capt Hunley called S-4 and notified him to send five $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks to 2nd Bn.
	2145	47		Capt Hunley called Capt Lowery in regards to the trucks. Was informed that the Div rucks went back, to Div and Serv Co, also went back to their Co. Capt Hunley notified him that they were going to get AT trucks in the morning. So send a guide to AT Co in the morning and pick them up.
	2150	48		Capt Hunley called AT Co and notified them that they were to send the trucks to 1st Bn, just to keep the 1st Bn mobile. Also that there is a guide coming over to pick them up in the morning.
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FROM: 171200A Dec. 1944 TO : 181200A Dec. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf CP KINTZHEIM 18 Dec 1944

ENEMY SITUATION:

Enemy front lines: No definite front line.

Enemy units in contact: No change.

Enemy activity:

(1) General: The enemy continued to maintain his defensive tactics.

Infantry: No offensive actions.
Artillery: Spasmodic shelling of SELESTAT and OSTHEIM areas by medium and heavy caliber shells.
Armor: No armor reported in regimental sector. (3)

Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 18 -- Total in France: 5432

Identifications: No new units reported. (2)

OWN SITUATION: 2.

- 1st Bn held positions in defense of SELESTAT. Relief in this sector by elements of 2 DB (French) nearly complete at close of period. 1st Bn assembled in RIBEAUVILLE. 8.
- 2nd Bn held sector from 770598 to GUEMAR prepared to take

over 143 Inf positions at OSTHEIM. 3rd Bn in Div reserve at ZELLENBERG.

> JOHN B. HUNLEY Capt., 142d Inf. 8-3

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IQURNAL 190000A Dec 1944 Organization:_ FROM: 142 Inf 192400A Dec 1944 Place: TO CP V-705572 FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP : Date: TIME TIFE INCIDENTS, TIE OR MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAK MSG . DATED IN 2nd Bn reports all quiet during night. 0435 Lt Weston, G-2, given situation. Capt Hunley called CO 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn is in position and relief completed, but unable to make contact with Co C 143 Inf on right in the darkness. 0730 Col Lynch discussed situation and attachments of 3d Bn 142 Inf with CO 143 Inf. CO 143 Inf states he now has some Engrs and Plat of Cn Co with 3rd Bn. Also a Plat of 4.2 morters that were in 0845 ZELLENBERG. Need replacing. 0925 5 CO 2nd Bn notified that a Sec of 4.2 mortars from Co C 99 Cml Bn will report to him sometime today to replace the 4.2 mortars in STA de RIBEAUVILLE. Capt Hunley called Maj Young, 3rd Bn. A tank and a TD officer will come to 3rd Bn preparatory to a 0950 platoon of each which will be attached to 3rd Bn. A Plat of Cml mortars also to be attached to 3rd 3rd Bn has 29 PWs. Bn. 1000 7 Col Lynch left for 1st and 3rd Bns 1020 CO 2nd Bn reported that Capt Strader had been 8 located. Was evacuated through a different aid station. CO of Co C Cml Mortars reported to CP for instructions. One Sec will report to CO 3rd Bn at BEBLENHEIM, reconnoiter for positions at 1020 9 ZELLENBERG. One Sec will report to CO 2nd Bn at BERGHEIM and move weapons to STA de RISEAUVILLE. Section moving into ZELLENBURG will not move S of RIBEAUVILLE before dusk. Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, reported that relief of 636 Tcn Co by AT Co completed at 1000A. They have not 1030 10 eared area yet. CKE PAGE # 1

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JOURNAL 190000A Dec 1944 Organization: FRO.L 142 Inf 192400A Dec 1944 Place: CP V-705572 FRANCE, 1:50,000 19 Dec 1944 MAP Date: TIME TYPE INCIDENTS MUSSAGES, ORDERS ETC. Cit ACTION TAY NO. CUT Two officers from 3d Div came to C for information on situation preparatory to relief 11 / 1030 Lt Sorrell, 2nd Bn, reported unit how in SETE STAT is CCL, 2 DB, commanded by Col Menjannett. CP 12 1055 at main crossroads in CH TENOIS. One medium tank and one Plat TDs in reserve at CHATENOIS. Have two Cos of Inf and two medium tank Cos in SELESTAT. At RJ 797641 they have two platoons of Infantry and one Plat of medium and light tanks. Situation given to G-3. 13 1115 Div In O reports: 141 Inf Co F AMMERSCHWIHR, Co E 670495, Co G KIENTZHEIM. 2/15 E 673498, F 682495-682505, Co G 688498. 1/30 656480, 2/30 1150 14 less Co F KAYSERBERG. 3/30 652480. 3/143 665805, Cos A and B RIQUEWIHR, Co C 690501. 2/143 BEBLENHEIM. 143 Inf attacking east today to take SIGOLSHEIM and BENNWIHR. 1155 15 Col Lynch returned to CP. I & R Plat reports no change. 1220 16 Capt Hunley called TDs. Told Lq Quinn to move Plat TDs at 1330A to BEBLENHEIM. 1230 17 Col Lynch talked to CO 143 Inf. CD 143 Inf asked 1240 18 us to stage a "Chinese Attack" and fire Arty on
HILLS 208 and 216, to began at 1430A to 1500A when
one Bn 143 Inf and French are going to attack
SIGOLSHEIM and HILL 351. 3rd Bn, 142d Inf, notified
Told to fire 200 rds Cml mortar and 200 rds ARty. Also told to fire tanks the last five minutes of preparation. Also to fire 200 rds 60mm mortar. Capt Hunley left to check on tank novement. 1310 19 PAGE # 2

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1320		20			Col permission t	lled. 1st Bn off a d attack by 143 Ir o put one Go of 1s n 143 Inf pulls ou	Gen gave
1355	2.3	21		1	Capt Hunley retu	rned to CP.	
1425		22			Capt Knox, 3rd B tos tay.	n, reports the Cml	outfit is going
	1535	23		1	Col Lynch left f	or 2nd Bn and RIBI	CAUVILLE.
1630		24			Col Lynch return	ed to Regt CP.	
1730		25			I & R Plat repor	ts no change.	
1730		26			3rd Bn has 12 PW as soon as possi	s and requests the	en e vacuated
1900		27			W along road from Bridge at 651474 that was by-pass was fired on by Patrol from AMME resistance but a they were fired	: French CC5 sent m AMMERSCHWIHR to in tact, enemy pi ed. Patrol reache small arms. Patro RSCHWIHR SE to 671 s patrol approache on by enemy SP and nd elements of CC5 ht small arms resi	LABAROCHE: 11 box at 647474 a RJ 637474 and 1 returned. 458 met no a point 6846 forced to retire. now in
-	2045	28-			were there an hor By the time Inf of the five Fren only five houses	Gen Dahlquist and ch tanks got into ur before 3rd Bn l arrived enemy had ch tanks and were in edge of town. ps withdrawn to KI r lst. En to reliev	43 Inf arrived. destroyed three able to occupy Gen Dahlquist

TOURNAL 190000A Dec 1944 142 Inf FROM: Organization: 192400A Dec 1944 CP V-705572 Place: FRANCE, 1:50,000 19 Dec 1944' MAP : Date: TIME Wit. SER TIE ORDERS, ETC. OTION TAK DATED MEG NO. OUT Col Lynch phoned Maj Young, 3rd Bn on situation. 2050 Plat of Cos I and L have moved forward to straighten line. Had a few casualties in Co L. Right flank of Co I now ahead of Co C 143 Inf but tied in by our road block. Now have a total of 54 PWs for afternoon. Took 8 PWs from hill E of MITTLEWIHR who surrendered because of our mortar and artillery fire. Capt Hunley called Cml Mortar Co. Sec of mortars to be in ZELLENBERG by daylight tomorrow morning. Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, notified. 3rd Bn also notified that 2rd Bn would be responsible for particle between 30 BEBLENHEIM and OSTHEIM, starting at 0700A tomorrow; patrol contact point at RJ 181 (715503) at present. 2nd Bn patrols to cover entire distance between towns. 2145 31 Capt Hunley notified CO 2nd Bn that 2nd Bn will began patrolling between BEBLENHEIN and OSTHEIM beginning at 0700A tomorrow. CO 2nd Bn reported that their contact patrol between OSTHEIM and GUEMAR was ambushed, 2 men missing. 2nd Bn sending out combat patrol immediately to investigate. G-2 notified. 3rd Bn notified. 2240 32 I & R Plat notified. PWs captured by 3rd Bn are from 1st and 2nd Cos of 5th Regt. Cos were about 60 strong. Do not know of any coming plans. 2nd Co had 9 MGs (2 heavy). 33 lst Co 4 MGs. 3rd Bn notified. Also notified of 2nd Bn patrol that was ambushed.

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REPORT 180

FROM: 181200A Dec. 1944 191200A Dec. 1944 TO :

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Hq 142 Inf 19 Dec1944 36-Inf/142)-0,3 Report of noce

a. Enemy front lines: Irregular indefinite front.

E. Enemy units in contact: No change.

Enemy activity:

- General: Static in the GUEMAR OSTHEIM sector of the Regtimental front. In the BEBLENHEIM area there was passive resistance to our progress and in one instance a group of one officer and twentyfive (25) men submitted to capture without a struggle.
- Infantry: SA and sniper fire combined with light and heavy caliber mortar fire in vicinity 693505 constituted the most agressive enemy activity.
- Artillery: BEBLENHEIM and adjacent areas were subjected to harassing 105-mm artillery and SP fire.
- Armor: No armor reported in contact with Regt units. Miscellaneous: Pws during period: 26 - Total 5458 No new identifications

OWN SITUATION:

- lst En remained in RIBEAUVILLE. 1 1946 Co G completed relief of Co F 143 Inf in OSTHEIM at 2030A. AT Co comp eted relief of 636 Ren Co at 1000A.
- 3rd Bn completed relief of elements 143 Inf vicinity BEBLENHEIM during night of 18 Nov.

JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt., 142d Inf. 3-3

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Putting one Co on the top of the hill from 2nd Bn.

Co I has 1 Pw. Col Lynch genng to send one Co from 1st Bn down to you to be used in reserve. Col Lynch to be called before using them. 9 0730 Capt Hunley called Lt arnold that Col Lynch ordered one Co to be ready to move at 0900A by motor to ZELLENBERG and dismount there. More information later. CO 1st Bn to move the one Co at 0900A 0745 10 into BELLENHEIM. G03 notified of 3rd Bn counterattack and of movement of one Co 1st Bn to BEBLENHEIM. PAGE # _

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200000A Dec 1944 142 Inf FROM: Organization: 202400A Dec 1944 CP V-705572 TO Place: FRANCE, 1:50,000 20 Dec 1944 Date: MAP : TYPE TIE OR MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAK NO. DE PEL MSG. Capt Orcutt phoned and Gen requests the Plat of 12 0810 Co K counteration the enemy before they get set. S-2 2nd Bn reports a combat patrol checked the 13 0815 area where enemy was heard pounding stakes and report nothing there. Capt hunley notified him to make a further check during day light. I & R Plat reports all quiet. 14 0830 S-1 1st Bn reports Co A to move to BEBLENHEIM. G-3 notified. 16 Radio message to CO 3rd Bn: Report situation. Col Lynch gave Gen Dahlquist the situation. The Gen stated he believed that a Bn of 15th Inf would 0945 17 take over MITTLEWIHR. Col Lynch suggested relief be made after dark. 1st Bn reports Co A left on time. 0910 Col Lynch left for lst Bn CP. 0915 19 Capt Orcutt, Div, called and requested information 0940 on a report from Arty that enemy was forming vicinity 6949. Radio message to CO 3rd Bn: Report details of 0945 21 enemy attack forming vicinity 6949. Col Denholm came to CP. It is believed relief of our Bns by 3d Div will be completed less one Bn by 2l Dec. 1st Bn 15th Inf will take over area now/occupied by Co I 142 Inf. 0955 Arty reports they are harassing points 715482, 72447 and 709489 with medium until 11004 and points 720497 and 695491 with light until 1030A. 1000 23 PAGE # 2

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200000A Dec 1944 FLOW: Organization: 142 Inf 202400A Dec 1944 TO Place: CP V-705572 FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP 20 Dec 1944 Date: TIPL TIME OR INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SER TIME DATE ACTION TAK MEG . NO . Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Cannot observe at present, but 24 1005 will continue to try. Lt Col Denholm left CP. 1010 S-1 1st Bn states Col Lynch has left for BEBLENHEIM 1030 but will return to 1st Bn CP. 1040 | Capt Hunley checked with G-3 on Recon Co.from 3d 27 Div relieving AT Co 142 Inf at RJ 177. Capt Fisher, S-1 3d Bn, reports everything in hand. Co A now has a platoon on HILL 251 also. Line now in position as held before "Chinese attack" was 28 1125 pulled yesterday. Capt Seeman, Div, phoned and only one of our Bns will be relieved tomorrow. RCT will close in 1250 STRASBOURG 23 Nov 1944. Arty Ln O reports artillery firing on enemy troops 1320 30 vicinity 710505 and 497493. I & R Plat reports a three man energy patrol vicinity 760565 was fired on and then withdrew. French had a small counterattack (strength unknown) in NE edge of SELESTAT between 0200A and 0400A today. No 1330 31 PWs taken and no ground lost. 3rd Bn reports a small group of enemy attempting to enter MITTLEWIHR along main road from SE. Co I set to take care of them. Arty now firing on enemy. 1335 32 Regt CP moved to RIBEAUVILLE. Opened at 1430. 1400 33 Capt Hunley notified CO 2nd En to put 9-man outpost at RJ 178 (V-749564) tonight. Also a 9-man outpost at 762589. Quartering party will assemble at 2nd En CP and leave tomorrow for STRASBOURG at 1330A. 1500 | 34

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FROM: 200000A Dec 1944

TO : 202400A Dec 1944

MAP : PRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization:	142 Inf
Place:	RIBEAUVILLE

Date: 20 Dec 1944.

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	1515	35		CO 1st Bn notified to have quarter 2nd Bn CP at 1300A and to report to	ng party at
1525		36		I & R Plat reports all quiet except of Arty falling in SELESTAT.	
1	1530	37		GO AT Co notified to assemble in Stafter being relieved. Quartering 2nd Bn CP to Lt Col Graham at 1300 leave at 1330A.	porty report to
	1545	38		Capt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, notified to party to 2nd Bn CP in BERGHEIM at to leave at 1330A. Squad of Engrs	300A prepared
1555		39		Div Ln 0 reports: Two Plats Co E in SIGOLSHEIM. No communications. Inf closed in ZELLENBERG. 3rd Bn ZELLENBERG at 1400A.	lst Bn 15th
1605		40		CO 2nd Bn reports contact patrol w vicinity 7253 at point 726533. Sepatrol to investigate woods vicini details later.	nding a strong
1620		41		Col Lynch returned.	AND THE
1735		42		CO A 636 TDs reported the following TDs. 1 with 1st Bn, 4 with 2nd Bn 2 need patching up and are being wo TD Co.	3 with 3rd Bn.
	1755	43		Lt Col Reese, G-2, given situation	100
1800		44		I & R Plat reports all normal.	A STATE OF THE STA
:	1805	45		CO 2nd Bn notified to put 9-man out from OSTHEIM to GUEMAR vicinity 73	
	1850	46		CO Hq Co and S-4 notified to have meet Lt Col Graham at 2d En CP in	uartering perty ERGHEIM at 1300A.

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IDURNAL 200000A Dec 1944 142 Inf MC I'L Organization: 202400A Dec 1944 TO Place: FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 20 Dec 1944 MAP TIP TIME OR TIME DESSAGES ORDERS, ETC. SER ACTION TAK DATE HSG. NO . S-3 3rd En reports relief of Co I has begun. Will notify this Hq when relief is completed. G-3 not fd. 47 1905 3d Bn Exec O requests a Btry of 133d FA remain in position until after 0700A. CO of 15th Inf relieving Co I 142 Inf has no armor or FO with it. 1920 Capt Hunley checked with Lt Col Green, 132 FA on 1935 49 Arty support for 3d Bn. Lt Col Green states there are one Btry of 132 PA and two Btrys 141 PA that are registered and can support 3rd Bn. 1940! 50 Capt Hunley checked with G-3 on armor and FO that should be with CO of 15th relieving Co I 142 Inf. 1945 51 Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist and pointed out that 133 FA in support in this sector was scheduled to move at 0630A in the morning which would be before relieving Arty had registered. Gen said 133 FA would have to remain until 3d Div Arty had registered 52 Gen Dahlquist called and said 133 HA Bn will remain In position until 3d Div Arty has fully registered and numbered its defensive fires. 3d En notified. Capt Seeman, Div, called. Said 3d Div would like our armor left in until relieved by theirs: This 2010 53 might have to be tomorrow night. Tos have not arrived yet. Capt Hunley called 3rd Bn who said relief could be made in daylight. Wants tanks of 3rd Div to come bi first thing in the morning. Div G-3 asked to arrange for 3d Div tanks to effect relief first thing in the morning. Div In O zelled. Stated that two Flats of 3d Div that had gone into SIGOLSHEIM by mistake were now assumed to be lost after fighting in the town. No further word from them. French 3 DIA have reached 580452, 527437, 523439 today. PAGE # 5

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FROM: 191200A Dec. 1944 TO : 201200A Dec. 1944

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Hq 142 Inf 20 Dec 1944

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ENEMY SITUATION:

Enemy front lines: Indefinite front.
Enemy units in contact: 1st and 2nd Cos 5th Inf Regt. Enemy activity:

(1) General: The period was characterized by aggressive local counterattacks and active patrolling.

Infantry: Co strength attacks vicinity 696505 initially succeeded in bending the defensive plat lines of our forces. The mission of this attacking Co was reported by a PW to be the high ground evidently referring to HILL 251.

Artillery: Enemy artillery of light and heavy caliber fell periodically within the Regtl sector.

(4) Armor: No armor was reported during the period.

Miscellaneous: (1) Pws during period: 20 --- Total in Pren (2) Identifications: 1st and 2nd Cos 5th Regt. --- Total in France: 5478

OWN SITUATION: RCT held line MITTLEWIHR - OSTHEIM - GUEMAR - RJ 177 (753578) - GANZINOTTI (V-770598) with 2nd and 3rd Bns. 1st En in reserve at RIBEAUVILLE.

> JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt., 142d Inf. S-3





Hq 142 RCT CP Coord V=705573 201200A Dec 1914

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Maps: FRANCE Road, 1:200,000, Sheets # 62 and 87

I. a. Current.

2. a. ROT 142:

142 Inf 132 FA Bn Co B 753 Tk Bn Co A 636 TD En Co B 111 Engr Bn Co B 111 Med Pn

will move by vehicular transportation, 23 Dec 1944, to vic STRASSBOURG, assemble as Div res in grea to be designated.

(1) Additional truck allowance.

Serv Co 142 Inf 2 20 Ton 3d Bn 142 Inf 14 " " 2d Bn 142 Inf 15 " " 1st En 142 Inf 16 " " Hg Co 142 Inf 3 " "

3. a. Conduct of march:

- (1) For location of IP's (Piv and Regtl); route, and mileage to destination See Strip Map, Armex # 1.
- (2) For Serial and March Unit Assignments, with condg O's, order of march and Time Schedule - See March Table, Annex # 2.
- (3) Lead vehicles of each march unit will not exceed a speed of 25 MPH.
- (4) A distance of 100 yds will be maintained between vehicles; a time interval of 10 minutes between the tell of one such unit and the head of next a time interval of 20 minutes between the tell of one sorial and the head of the next will be managed.

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3	2nd Bn	Coyle Lt Col	60	6	60	0902	0920
4	lat Bn	Minor	60	6	60	1022	1040
5	AT CO BQ CO Cn CO	Scott	17 17 53	6	55		
6	Co A 636 TD	Groom	23 29 52	5	55	1300	1320
7	Co B 111 Eng	Capt	23 13 36	4	35		1440
8	132 PA Bn	Lt Col Green	82	8	80		1530

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JOURNAL 210000A Dec 1944 FROM Organization:__ 212400A Dec 1944 Place: TO CP RIBEAUVILLE FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: MAP : 21 Dec 194 TIME TYPE OR TIE MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. MSG ACTION TAK NO. DETED IN OTT I & R Plat reports all quiet. 0110 I & R Plat reports all quiet. 0400 2 G-2 given situation. 3 0530 G-3 given situation. Capt Seeman stated the Bn of 0700 4 15th Inf had armor and would relieve our armor. Notify 15th Inf before pulling our armor. Col Lynch phoned Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn.
Everything quiet except a small enemy patrol fired a few shots approximately 30 minutes ago. Cur tanks in MITTLEWIHR area relieved, but TDs are not. After Bn is relieved will march to ZELLENBERG and 5 0755 entruck at RJ NW of town. Assembly area to be announced. 0830 6 I & R Plat reports all quiet. 0855 2nd Bn reports patrols from AT Co: (1) patrol left RJ 181 and continued east without contact to 173 where they heard vehicle moving vicinity 774565. Water has receded on both sides of road with exception of small puddles. Ground still very marshy. (2) patrol left RJ 177 and continued east to bridge at 174 where they set off an enemy health them. We assumblies. booby trap. No casualties. Area S of road from 76 easting still flooded, but area clear of water except small puddles N of road to point 174. 0900 1 Capt Hunley left for Div CP. 8 Lt Col Denholm, Ge3, phoned Col Lynch. If trans-portation is available will move lst Bn after 1300A. Will notify this Hq later if trucks can be found. 0910 9 2nd Bn reports patrol from Co F left at 2000A and 0910 continued east along N side of main road to ILLHAEUSERN to a point vici nity 765545 (Co 10 (Cont'd) PAGE # _1

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	TO :			Dec	1944 Place: CP RIBEAUVILLE
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		10	(Con	t'd)	where they heard vehicle movements on road to north of ILLHAEUSERN. Area is not flooded up to this point, however, ground is very marshy. Patrol returned with no contact.
0940		11			2nd Bn S-2 reports patrol examined woods south of GUEMAR on west of river. No contact with enemy made At point 179 are locks permitting water to drain from woods. Locks can be crossed on foot without too much difficulty. Below this point 179 are some small boats tied up on enemy side of river. Bridge at 746538 blown but can be crossed by placing a plank over blown part which is approximately 8 to 10 feet in length. As patrol was investigating bridge they set off a booby trap (concussion grenade but nobody wounded. On west bank of river were tracks and places where boats had been slid on the bank.
0955		12			Gen Dahlquist phoned and Col Lynch gave him the situation. Discussed plans for blocking an enemy thrust north or south of GUEMAR. Ist Bn will not move today.
1005		13			Capt Hunley returned to CP.
1020		14			Lt Col Denholm, G-3, phoned and it is the Generals desire to bring Co A back to RIBEAUVILLE today.
1025		15			S-3 636 TD Bn phoned requesting permission for Co A to move to STRASBOURG tomorrow morning if they can get clearance from Div. Permission granted if Div gives clearance. Will notify this Hq on further details.
	1030	16			Capt Hunley notified Maj Young, 3rd Bn, to release Co A and start them moving by foot to RIBEAUVILLE after lunch. 3rd Bn to cross IP at 0730A 23 Nov. Will have 20 trucks available for 3n use.
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	FROM:		17		Dec 1944 Organization: 142 Inf		
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- 186	1035	17			1st Bn S-3 notified that Co A is returning to RIBEAUVILLE after dinner.		
1040		18			3rd Bn phoned stating 133 FA Bn moved out before daylight. Can now see 40 to 50 enemy forming to front and have very small amount of defensive fires due to move.		
	1045	19			Capt Hunley checked with G-3 133 FA Bn. Moved only on orders of Div after 0900A today 3d Div stated they could handle situation.		
	1050	20			lst Bn given permission to send trucks to ZELLENBUR to haul Co A bed rolls etc. Trucks to be timed so as not to wait in ZELLENBERG area too long.		
	1055	21			S-4 notified we would draw 40 trucks for 1st and 2nd Bns tomorrow.		
1000		22			Arty phoned stating they are firing on enemy tanks and vehicles vicinity 718485.		
1130		23			2nd Bn reports 3rd Bn 7th Inf now relieving them. Capt Hunley notified them they would cross IP CHATENOIS at 1145A 22 Nov.		
	1200	24			Capt Hunley called S-3, 636 TD Bn. TD Bn wants to send Co C in our convoy instead of Co A as planned. Capt Hunley a sked for a representative from Co C to comer to CP to coordinate with him.		
	1210	25			Capt Hunley called Capt Seeman, Div, requested an air OP up over the tanks where reported.		
1225		26		1-1	I & R Plat reports that their patrol just got back and reported all quiet. French report that there is heavy artillery dropping in SELESTAT.		
1245		27			Lt Col Denholm, G-3, reports that the 36 Div is closing out and all calls will be made to 3d Div.		
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		28	Lt Col Graham last can
	1250	29	Lt Col Graham left for new area.
	1315		Capt Hunley left to check area for 3rd Bn.
1335		30	Capt Hunley returned to CP.
	1340	31	Capt Hunley called Lt Col Gillette. Asked if he could stay in BEBLENHEIM instead of moving. Was informed that it will be OK. Also informed to send some one over to the 1st En area tomorrow morning. CO 3rd En asked about trucks to move them ower to where the 1st En is. Will check into that. Also to release the light tanks.
1345		32	S-4 called and wants a 3d Bn guide at 695551 to guide the trucks into the 3rd Bn area. There will be two groups of trucks coming down, one of 20 and the other 9. The time that the guide should be there is at 221700A.
1400		33	I & R Plat reports that everything is quiet. The French report that they will have a patrol going from SELESTAT to RJ 177 on the even hour. So now there will be a patrol on that road every hour.
1410		34	CO 3rd Bn called and reports that the area that the Rst Bn is in now is being taken over by 2nd Bn 7th Inf 3d Div. Asked about his status of the place
	1415	35	Capt Hunley called Capt Marcum and was informed that the 2nd Bn 7th Inf is moving in tonight with them.
•	1425	36	Capt Hunley called CO 2nd Bn and asked if there will be enough room in BERGHEIM so that the 3rd Bn of ours can move in. Reported that there should be enough room for them. Capt Hunley said that 3rd Bn will send a quartering party over to reserve the buildings.
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JOU AL 210000A Dec 1944 142 Inf Organization: FROM: 212400A Dec 1944 Place: CP RIBEAUVILLE TO FRANCE, 1:50,000 21 De'c 1944 Date: MAP TIME TYPE OR INCIDENTS, TIME MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAP MSG. DATE NO. Capt Hunley called CO 3rd Bn and gave him the 1440 37 situation on the above information, that the 2nd Bn 7th Inf is taking over the 1st Bn. So now to send a quartering party to our 2nd Bn CP to reserve what the 2nd Bn is now in in BERGHEIM. That they have 3 cos there an with that and a few more buildings there ought to be room. To also start moving out in the morning at 0830A, so that the AT trucks can bet back to their company to move in time. can get back to their company to move in time. I & R Plat relieved of patrolling road between GUEMAR and SELESTAT. To assemble in RIBEAUVILLE. 38 1530 S-3 3rd Bn phoned on relieving TDs that were with Co I before being relieved by Co K 15th Inf. 1540 39 Capt Hunley checked with 3rd Div and they stated TDs would be relieved tonight. 3rd Bn notified. 1545 40 Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist and gave him the situation. 132 FA Bn to remain in position for 1815 41 two to three days. 1820 Capt Hunley called Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, in regards 42 to AT trucks. Trucks are to return to AT Co at ST PILT tonight. Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports the unit that is going to relieve them has arrived. 1835 43 CO 2nd Bn states relief is progressing, but not 1845 44 completed. Capt Hunley checked with Maj Eligopd, S-3 132 FA 1850 Bn, on harassing fires for tonight. They are firing 40 rounds per point intermittently throughout the night at 721412 and 728505, 734512 and 732493. Capt Hunley requested that they double rate of fire for tonight. If this Hq has anymore points to be harassed tonight will notify 132 FA 45 FDG. PAGE # __5

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ENEMY SITUATION:
a. Enemy front lines: Indefinite front. Enemy units in contact: No change.

Enemy activity:

- Aggressive patrols attempted the infiltration of our positions in the northern sector of the Regt front. In the southern sector the enemy harassed the area with sniper fire and local counterattacks of platoon size.
- Infantry: Receding water in front of Regt sector en-abled the enemy foot troops to operate unrestricted by the road nets. Sharp patrol activity and small attacks were numerous.

Artillery: Light to heavy shelling occurred within the Regimental area.

Armor: Three enemy tanks and two half-tracks were observed at 718485. Time 1130A.

Miscellaneous:

PWs during period: 20 1- Total in France: 5480 Identifications: No new identifications.

OWN SITUATION:

lst Bn, less Co A, remained in RIBEAUVILLE.

2nd Bn remained in defensive position with no change in D.

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3rd Bn remained in defensive position vicinity REBLENHEIM. Co I relieved by Co K of 15th Inf, relief completed at 2030A.

Co A detached from 3rd Bn and returned to 1st Bn control vicinity RIBEAUVILLE.

JOHN B. HUNLEY, Capt., 142d Inf.,

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JOURNAL 220000A Dec 1944 142 Inf Organization:_ FROM: __ 222400A Dec 1944 CP RIBEAUVILLE Place:_ TO i FRANCE, 1:50,000 22 Dec 1944 MAP . Date: TIM TIME SER TIE ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAK NO . DATED IN G-3 3d Div phoned stating they had received following message: CG 36 Div to CO 142 Inf: 132 FA and 142 Inf complete must arrive today. 0900 S-4 notified that 142 RCT complete would move today. 3rd Bn to get 16 22 ton trucks. 0930 " 0950 1 3 CO AT Co notified that Cowould leave at 1615A following 3rd Bn. Capt Hunley left to notify units of change in 1010 march table. Capt Sullivan left to check IP. 1030 5 1110 Col Lynch left for BERGHEIM. 1115 7 1st Bn S-2 states Bn closing out of area in RIBEAUVILLE. 1140 Capt Hunley returned to CP. 1155 9 Col Lynch returned to CP. 1250 Col Lynch left for STRASBOURG. 10 1330 11 CP moved to STRASBOURG. CP opened in OBERHAUSBERGEN vicinity 961007. 1545 12 2nd Bn reports they are closed in area vid nity 1700 13 950035 at 1415A. CO 1st Bn reports 1st Bn closed in area vicinity 1755 14 MUNDOLSHEIM at 1515A. 142 RCT less Cn and Co B 111 Med closed in assy 2030 15 area vicinity STRASBOURG. Capt Hunley talked with CO AT Co. AT Co closed in at 0900A. CO Cn Co had contacted CO AT Co who 2255 16 directed CO on Co back to where on Co guide was PAGE # 1

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0045		1			CO Cn Co called. He is setting up for night in LAMBERTSHEIM. Has lost two trucks and also was never able to find guide.	KEPORT			
0730		2			last night in GRIESHEIM with one last ton truck, maintenance truck and one 1/4 ton truck.	90			
	0900	3			Capt Hunley left to visit Bns and separate Cos.	Operat			
1000		4			Capt Sullivan, Regt S-2, came to TP.	rat			
1040		5			Gen Hack came to CP.	0			
1055	1	6			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	n.			
	1110	7			Gen Stack left CP.	1			
	1305	8			Col Lynch left for Bns.	TO			
1415		9			Gen Dahlquist phoned for Col Lynch to come to Div CP as soon as possible. Col Lynch notified at 3rd Bn to report to Div CP.	106			
1440		10			Lt Fick, 2nd Bn, called. Has 27 Italians ready for trip to PW enclosure. Will need two trucks to transport them with baggage. Capt Co, notified by Lt Col Graham.	142 6			
1525		11			Capt Hunley returned.	4			
1615		12			Col Lynch phoned from Div for Maj Young to report to Div G-3 as soon as possible. Naj Young notified.	0			
1635		13	-		Col Lynch returned to CP.				
2230		14			Capt McSwain called Capt Hunley and notified him to have the quartering party up to Div by O800A and report to Col Travis.	1			
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2250 16	Capt Hunley no at this Regt C	Prified all Busand Separate Cos to be Prat 0715A in the morning, A sering party with transportation	30
2350 17	Div G-2 report Be on alert fo alert of 1814A U.S.uniforms.	s the following information: or enemy paratroopers during recent to 2015A. Believe to be wearing Watch out during the night.	Operations
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JOURNAL 240000A Dec 1944 Organization:_ FROM: 142 Inf 242400A Dec 1944 Place: CP OBERHAUSBERGEN TO FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 24 Dec 1944 NAP : TYPE Ort ORDERS, ETC. D. TED HEG. ACTION TAL Div called. Wants a Bn alerted to be ready to 0145 move within an hour's notice. 1st Bn notified. (PW deserter said they had a small bridghead built up near GANBSHEIM and may attack the town). Our 1st Bn ready if anything developes. Capt Scott, CO AT Co, notified to have trucks ready to move lost Bn if needed. CO Cn Co notified to have trucks ready to move to 1st Bn CP to be ready to move the Bn. Cn Co notified. AT Co has 11 12-t trucks. Cn Co has 6 trucks. 2 Cn Co trucks left for 1st Bn at 0240A. 0250 G-2 given situation. 0530 3 Quartering party left for Div CP. 0730 4 Col Denholm, Div G-3, phoned Col Lynch. CO 143 Inf states they took six PWs last night from west bank 0900 5 of RHINE vicinity GAMBSHEIM who stated they did have a bridgehead. 143 Inf committed reserve Bn in that area this morning. Gen requests 1st Bn of 142 RCT move by motor to GAMBSHEIM immediately. The Bn will remain in Regtl reserve until committed when it will revert to 00 143 Inf. As soon as situation is cleared Bn will be released. Capt Lowery, 1st Bn, notified that the Bn will move to GAMBSHEIM within thehour. The Bn will remain under Regtl control until committed by 143 Inf, upon which the Bn will revert to control 143 Inf CO. The AT trucks will be sent to you 1mmediately. There will be six $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks 0905 6 from Serv Co also. AT Co notified to send trucks to 1st Bn immediately 0910 7 Capt Hunley checked with Div G-3 on road from STRASBOURG to GAMBSHEIM. They state the read is 0920 8 clear for traffic if vehicles stay well spaced. PAGE # ___

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	0925	9	Capt Hunley gave CO 1st Bn dispositions of 143 Inf troops. Vehicles move on road north from STRASBOURG well spaced.
1025		10	Capt Lowery phoned and Bn is moving.
	1100	11	Capt Hunley checked with G-3 on bombing by planes this morning. The planes were friendly and bombing installations across RHINE from 141 Inf.
1230		12	Maj Newell, Div, phoned and 7th Army orders state 1/3 of Div moves 25 Dae and 2/3 or 26 Dec. Warned this Hq that an OI would be out stating that it covered all details. It is probable that this RCT will move tomorrow.
(self)	1240	13	Col Lynch left for Div CP.
1300		14	Capt Lowery phoned and states Bn now closed in GAMBSHEIM.
	1350	15	Col Lynch phoned Capt Hunley from Div. First elements will cross IP at 0900A. 3rd, lst, 2nd Bns, AT, Cn, Serv, Hq Co. Asked Div for 60 trucks. No attachments for the move. Christmas dinner will be on Dec 27. lst Bn will return to old bivouac area at 1530A if not needed by then. Have their units assembled and trucks stand by so they can move in ten minutes if released.
1350	1	16	Col Coyle, CO 2nd Bn, came to CP. Capt Hunley gave him the instructions for moving tomorrow.
	1400	17	CO 2nd Bn left CP.
	1410	18	Capt Hunley checked with G-3 on attachments of Co B 111 Med Bn. They will move with this RCT.
1430		19	Maj Newell G-3 section phoned and 1st Bn will be released no later than 1600A.
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	1720	32	I & R Plat sent to investigate flares.
1730	1	33	Capt Lowery reports 1st En closed in MUNDOLSHEIM.
1735		34	Capt Knox, 3rd Bn. called Charmen and Com
			white, one yellow, and two green flares observed. Azimuth 32 degrees from town, 3rd Bn is in. Did not know distance - estimated about 2000 yds.
1740	1	35	Capt Goetcher, CO Serv Co, phoned Capt Hunley on trunck allotment. Capt Hunley stated the breakdown would be as follows: 1st Bn 19, 2nd Bn 19, 3rd Bn 17, Hq 3, Serv 3.
1745		36	Capt Scott, CO AT Co, states he is sending a civilian end-ene-PW to IPW cage who states he came through lines today.
1745		37	Lt Brooks, Comm 0 3rd Bn, states flares whee being shot by 2nd Bn 141 Inf.
1830		38	S-4 gave Capt Hunley details on truck allotment.
	1840	39	CO 2nd Bn notified he would have 18 trucks for movement.
	1845	40	S-3 3rd Bn notified they would have 17 trucks for movement.
	1850	41	CO Hq Co notified he would have three trucks for movement.
1940		42	G-2 section phoned and requests all units be alerted in regards to enemy paratroopers. Four PWs have been taked to the north.
2000		43	AT Co states trucks have returned to Co area from
2025		44	S-3 3d Bn states FFI have approx 85 collaborationist in a fort E of HOLTZHEIM and they do not believe in a fort E of HOLTZHEIM and they do not believe they have sufficient guards in case enemy should they have sufficient guards in case enemy should
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JOURNAL 250000A Dec 1944 Organization: I'ROM: 142 Inf 252400A Dec 1944 Place: CP OBERHAUSBERGEN TO FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: WAP 25 Dec 1944 TYFE Ort PIPTIE ACTION TA. I NO IDATED ISG Capt Orcutt, Div, phoned and states we will have 0800 1 fighter bomber cover on our move today. If have any panels suggest they be put on the vehicles throughout the column. Units notified. S-4 phoned and 2nd Bn received trucks at 0740A. 0805 2 Capt Hunley notified all units to display panels on vehicles if they were available for the move. 0815 3 Col Lynch left for new CP. 1000 4 Lt Col Graham called from SARREBOURG. Said two Cos of colored troops in our area would probably be out by 1500A today. 1040 5 1300 CP moved to vicinity SARREBBURG. 6 1400 Col Lynch arrived at new CP. 1500 8 Regt CP opened in TROIS FONTAINES \$48085. 1620 9 Tail of column of Co B 111 Med Bn closed in. 1620 10 Gen Stack came to CP. Left at 1635. 1655 11 Gen Stack came to CP. Left at 1705. 1900 S-4 reports shower point is located in 3rd Bn 12 motor pool. Water point in BIBERSKIRCH. PAGE # _

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JOURHAL 260000A Dec 1944 Organization: 142 Inf FRO : 262400A Dec 1944 Place: CP TROIS FONTAINES FRANCE, 1:50,000 GOOTA 545085 Date: 26 Dec 1944 TYPE TILE ACTION TAK CATE NO. IN Lt Col Graham left to inspect Regtl shower point 0800 and 1st and 3rd Bn bivouac areas. Capt Hunley checked with S-4 on targets for ranges. Will have them ready for firing on the 28th. 2 0815 Capt Hunley talked with Maj Newell, Div, about training areas. Areas to be generally to south. 3 0835 Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, askef for shower allotment to continue tomorrow morning, enough for two Cos. 4 0840 Capt Hunley left for training areas. 0850. 5 1045 Capt Hunley returned to CP. 1100 17 Col Graham returned to CP. G-3 phoned and Gen is having a meeting of Regtl COs and separate Bn COs at 1000A tomorrow. Place Div CP. Div begins training 28 Dec 1944. 1950 Capt Hunley called Maj Petrie, 111 Engrs, and made arrangements for use of three 2-man instruction 2120 9 teams from Co B 111 Engr Bn for 29 Dec. Co B 111 Engrs notified of above and requested to 2130 10 report to Bns for instructions after 1400A 27 Dec. PAGE # .

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270000A Dec 1944 FROM:

272400A Dec 1944 TO :

FRANCE, 1:50,000 MAP ;

Organization:	142	Inf

CP TROIS FONTAINES Place:

Date: 27 Dec 1944

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The same	0905	1			Col Lynch left for Div CP.
0930		2			G-3 section phoned and gave following changes to TM # 21 Div 24 Dec 1944: 1 1/2 hours instead of 2 hours for camouflage, weapons etc. 1 1/2 hours instead of 2 hours for for Basic Battle Drill.
	0935	3		16	Capt Hunley left to look over training areas.
1130		4			Col Lynch returned to CP.
1135	-	5			Capt Hunley returned to CP.
	1245	6			S-1 and S-4 notified to attend meeting of Colonel's at 1400A.
1310		7			Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn talked with Capt Hunley.
1400		8			Col Lynch held a meeting of Bn Co's and Co Co's and Staff at Regt'l CP.
	1545	9			Capt Hunley arranged with Capt Curry, CO Co B lll Engr Bn, for 1 squad of Engrs to assist in putting up targets tomorrow. Squad will report to this Hq approximately at 0830A.
	1610	10			Capt Hunley made arrangements with S-3 Div Arty for an officer to report to this Hn tomorrow morning to get details on demonstration to be conducted by 142 RCT.
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FROM: 280000A Dec 1944

TO : 280000A Dec 1944

MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf

Place: CP TROIS FONTAINES

Date: 000 P 30005

MAP :					Date: 28 Dec 1944
IN	OUT	SER NO.	TIME	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. ACTION TAKEN
	0830	1			Col Lynch left for Div CP.
1015		2			Officer from 131 FA came to CP and received instructions from Capt Hunley in regard to Officers' school to be held by 142 RCT.
	1040	3			Capt Hunley left for Regt range area.
1105		4	(3)		Col Lynch returned to CP.
1140		5			Capt Hunley returned to CP.
1215		6			2nd Bn reports four ramp mines at \$65076.
	1505	7			Col Lynch left for Regt review and presentation of awards area.
1615		8			Col Lynch returned to CP. Maj Gen Melbourne, CG 21 Corps, came to CP with Gen Dahlquist, CG 36 Div and conferred with Col Lynch.
	1630	9			Gen Melbourne and Gen Dahlquist left CP.
1705		10			S-4 called stating he had permission to use movie building for officer school 291430 to 291630A.
	1755	11			Capt Hunley asked CO AT Co to send three AT 12 ton trucks to both 2nd and 3rd Bns tomorrow at 0700A. To be used for hauling troops to ranges.
-	2115	12			Bn 3-3's notified that officers school would be held in movie building in 2nd Bn area at 291430A.
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JOURNAL 290000A Dec 1944 142 Inf FROM: Organization: 292400A Dec 1944 CP TROIS FONTAINES Place: Coord 548085 FRANCE. 1:50.000 MAP ; Date: 29 Dec 1944 TIME TYPE OR INCIDENTS, SER TIME MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. NO . DATED MSG. IN OUT Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn range. 1 1010 Returned at 1120A Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn. Will also visit 1st Bn. 1330 Maj Puck, Div PM, reports he has stationed some MP's on outskirts of TROIS FONTAINES to check vehicles and also for security purposes. 3 1410 Lt Col Graham left for 1st Bn. 1415 4 Lt Col Graham returned to CP. 1530 Col Lynch returned to CP. 1535 Col Lynch left for Div. Will return around 1900A 1655 7 or 2000A. Col Lynch called from Div: To notify Lt Col 8 1715 Coyle about the tackical walk that is coming up. He is to replace Lt Col Minor. Maj Gaddes, Div Arty, asked if help could be obtained to instruct an Arty defense platoon in infantry tactics. Capt Hunley said he thought something could be worked out. 1745 Col Lynch returned to CP. 1945 10 PAGE # _

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0715		1			S-3 3rd Bn phoned for information on the 15 minute alert.
	0730	2			Capt Hunley checked with G-3 who states verbal order still in effect. Will give details to this Hq in approximately 30 minutes. CG to go make a reconnaissance today.
	0735	3			S-3 3rd Bn notified to cancel training and that verbal order was still in effect until further notice.
	0825	4			Col Graham left to inspect quarters in following order: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.
0825		5			G-3 section phoned and Bn is to remain on alert until 1800A. A En of 143 Inf will then be put on alert. Trucks to remain at En area and troops to take clase in training.
	0835	6			S-3 3rd Bn notified of above information.
1030		7			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.
8 1.	1035	8			Col Lynch left to visit the Bns.
	1300	9.			S-3 3rd Bn asked if 3rd Bn officers would attend officers school. Ans: yes.
	1345	10			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn, 1st Bn, and Officer school.
-	1410	11			Capt Hunley left for Arty School; on to and ranges. Returned at 1550A.
1555		12			Received Div Opns Instr 601300A Dec 1944.
1600		13			Col Lynch returned to CP.
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TROIS FONTAINES

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	0945	1			Col Lynch left to visit Bns. Returned at 1035A.
1120		2			Lt Col Wilburn, CO 636 TD, came to CP.
	1150	3			S-3 lst Bn notified that the Bn would have a platoon of TDs attached for platoon and company problems on 6, 8, and 9 Jan.
	1205	4			Lt Col Wilbur left CP.
	1210	5			S-3 3rd Bn notified of TD status.
	1455	6			Capt Hunley notified Bns to have a staff officer at Regt CP at 1600A prepared to make reconnaissance of assembly area N of SARREBOURG.
	1500	7			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.
·	1510	8			Capt Hunley notified AT, Cn, Sv, Hq Cos to have officer report to this Ho at 1600A prepared to go N of SARREBOURG on rcn of assembly area
	1600	9			Quartering party with Lt. Col Graham in command left for RCT assembly area vicinity DOMFESSE vic Q-3957.
1730		10			G-3 phoned and reuested Capt Hunley attend a meeting at G-3 office at 1930A.
	1900	11			Capt Hunley left for Div CP.
2000		12			Col Hardy of Div stated Plat of Clr Co now located near Div CP. Have 12 vehicles and will leave route of march at CR entering into 143 Inf assy area.
2050		13			Capt Orcutt, Div, phoned and states a P-47 crashed this afternoon approximately six miles S of SARREBOURG. If any trace found in Regtl Trg sector notify Div.
2055		14			Capt Hunley returned to CP.

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CP TROIS FONTAINES Place:

Date: 31 Dec 1944

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2125		15			Col Lynch returned to CP.
2310		16			Col Graham and quartering party returned from reconnaissance of new RCT assembly area north of SARREBOURG.
2315		17			Regt'l MP Plat patrol reports a white flare went up vicinity town of Co B lll Med followed three minutes later by amber flare
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