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

L-1044

STATISTICAL REPORT OF REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED IN MARCH 1945

<u>AGCT</u>		<u>NUMBER OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>	
Group I	7	27 Weeks	2
Group II	42	31 Weeks	1
Group III	72	35 Weeks	2
Group IV	55	36 Weeks	37
Group V	1	38 Weeks	12
		39 Weeks	2
		40 Weeks	8
		43 Weeks	2
		45 Weeks	2
		48 Weeks	5
		52 Weeks	5
		55 Weeks	2
		58 Weeks	5
		60 Weeks	2
		65 Weeks	2
		75 Weeks	1
		77 Weeks	3
		79 Weeks	2
		82 Weeks	3
		87 Weeks	3
		90 Weeks	1
		100 Weeks	2
		102 Weeks	29
		105 Weeks	4
		110 Weeks	8
		112 Weeks	2
		122 Weeks	2
		125 Weeks	3
		131 Weeks	4
		137 Weeks	2
		140 Weeks	1
		142 Weeks	1
		145 Weeks	3
		150 Weeks	2
		180 Weeks	1
		200 Weeks	3
		208 Weeks	3
		225 Weeks	2
		230 Weeks	3

<u>AGE</u>	
19 Years	40
20 Years	9
21 Years	28
22 Years	22
23 Years	10
24 Years	10
25 Years	12
26 Years	7
27 Years	4
28 Years	4
29 Years	5
30 Years	3
31 Years	4
32 Years	7
33 Years	6
34 Years	3
35 Years	0
36 Years	0
37 Years	3

<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>	
Unqualified	3
M-1	174
Carbine	22
IMG	31
60mm Mortar	1

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STATISTICAL REPORT ON AWARDS

<u>TYPE OF AWARD</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER PUBLISHED ON GENERAL ORDERS DURING MARCH</u>
Distinguished Service Cross - Missing In Action	2
Distinguished Service Cross	4
Silver Star - Missing In Action	1
Silver Star - Posthumous	13
Silver Star - Oak Leaf Cluster - Posthumous	3
Silver Star	98
Silver Star - Oak Leaf Cluster	14
Bronze Star Medal - Missing In Action	1
Bronze Star Medal - Posthumous	5
Bronze Star Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster - Posthumous	1
Bronze Star Medal	92
Bronze Star Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster	10
	<u>TOTAL</u>
Distinguished Service Cross	6
Silver Star	129
Bronze Star Medal	109
TOTAL (MARCH).....	244

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AWARDS AND DECORATION REPORT

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

Authority of Award: Section I, General Orders Number 43, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, dated 23 March 1945.

Captain Paul H. Frederick (then First Lieutenant) (Army Serial No 01298689), 142d Infantry, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, as Commanding Officer, Company "L", 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division, on 22 and 23 September 1944, and from 29 September 1944 to 2 October 1944. Captain Frederick displayed indomitable courage, sound judgment and unusual devotion to duty in successfully carrying out his mission against an enemy strongpoint. After engaging and clearing all enemy opposition from the town of Remiremont, for three days he led his small group through enemy territory, and, by his inspiring leadership, saved his men from being killed or captured. On one occasion, in an encounter with a hostile force, he and one of his men killed six enemy soldiers, wounded four and captured one. Although the group was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar barrages, he encouraged his exhausted men forward, and led them safely back to friendly troops. The services rendered by Captain Frederick were in keeping with the highest traditions of our armed forces. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

Authority of Award: Section I, General Orders Number 69, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 28 February 1945.

RAYMOND T. LAHAR, 01 293 612, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 9 November 1944, near Vanemont, France. While leading an assault force in an attack on a stubbornly defended enemy-held hill, Lieutenant Lahar, displaying outstanding courage, led his group in destroying the hostile outposts. By executing a brilliant outflanking maneuver, he took the enemy force completely by surprise

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and inflicted heavy casualties. When the enemy moved up reinforcements and infiltrated back into their original positions, Lieutenant Lahar, with complete disregard for his personal safety, made a lone reconnaissance of the enemy positions. Although he was severely wounded in both legs by hostile automatic weapons fire, he ordered a litter to be built and continued to command his group. Several hours later contact was reestablished with another friendly unit and the patrol was saved. Entered military service from Newport, Vermont.

Authority of Award: General Orders Number 85, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 9 March 1945.

BERNARD P. BELL, 34 336 107, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 5 December 1944, in Selestat, France. While leading his platoon in an attack to drive the Germans from well-fortified positions, the platoon was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire from a building one hundred yards away. Ordering his men to cover his advance, Sergeant Bell fearlessly dashed through a hail of enemy fire and reached the German stronghold. Kicking a door open, he fired his carbine several times, shouting to the Germans to surrender. Overwhelmed by his audacious action, ten enemy soldiers dropped their weapons and fled out of the building. Sergeant Bell then continued the attack toward a large factory and, by a brilliant flanking maneuver, destroyed singlehanded an enemy position which served as an outpost for the factory, thus enabling the platoon to successfully seize the factory, capturing eighty-five of the enemy and forcing the remainder to withdraw in disorder. Entered military service from Columbiana, Alabama.

NATHANIEL KAPLAN, 01 297 047, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "C", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 26 November 1944, in St. Croix, France. When the leading elements of Company "C" were subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire, wounding six men of his platoon, Lieutenant Kaplan immediately dashed forward across the exposed area to assist his men. Skillfully employing his M-1 rifle, he forced the enemy to abandon the machine gun position, then rushed forward under withering enemy small arms fire and occupied the deserted German position. Spotting another well concealed enemy position from which heavy automatic weapons fire was being directed upon him, Lieutenant Kaplan fearlessly exposed himself to fire upon it, killing five Germans with his deadly fire and forcing the remainder to flee in disorder. Reorganizing his men, he then led them in clearing his assigned sector of the town until, suddenly, heavy machine gun fire from three enemy tanks swept the advancing platoon. Courageously leading his men forward, in the face of the withering fire, he personally directed the platoon's fire against the tanks, killing three of the Germans and forcing the tanks to withdraw. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

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Authority of Award: General Orders Number 85, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 9 March 1945.

BUREN A. MARSHALL, 35 708 118, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "C", 142d Infantry Regiment (Missing in Action), for extraordinary heroism in action on 25 September 1944, in France. When a large hostile force launched a savage counterattack and threatened to surround his platoon, necessitating its withdrawal across an exposed clearing, Private First Class Marshall remained in position to cover the movement with his automatic rifle. Although he became the target for the enemy fire, he calmly placed his weapon on a small rock wall and, sweeping the enemy with deadly fire, enabled his comrades to effect a successful withdrawal. While attempting to cross the clearing and rejoin his platoon, Private First Class Marshall was seriously wounded in both legs by a burst of machine gun fire. Unable to walk or crawl, but undaunted by his perilous situation, he again put his weapon into action and directed effective fire into the midst of the approaching enemy force, silencing one of the hostile machine guns. Despite the intense pain of his wound, he continued firing until all his ammunition had been expended. Next of kin: Mr. Guy E. Marshall (Father), Route #2, Morganfield, Kentucky.

EUGENE M. PERRY, JR., O 536 912, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "E", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 5 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Panges, France. While leading his platoon in an assault on a strongly defended enemy road block, Lieutenant Perry was suddenly subjected to intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire which halted the platoon's advance. Immediately deploying the platoon, Lieutenant Perry crawled forward alone, through withering fire, to within a short distance of an enemy machine gun position. Then, with well aimed rifle fire, he destroyed the gunner and silenced the enemy gun. Suddenly, a second machine gun opened fire, wounding him in the head. Despite his wound, he fearlessly charged the position, firing as he ran and forcing the enemy to abandon their weapon. By his heroic actions, Lieutenant Perry disorganized the enemy's defenses by neutralizing two machine guns, and enabled his company to successfully seize the enemy road block. Entered the military service from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Authority of Award: General Orders Number 128, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 30 March 1945.

GENE P. DAUGHERTY, 37 616 042, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "L", 142d Infantry Regiment (Missing in Action), for extraordinary heroism in action on 30 November 1944, near Kintzheim, France. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy position, Sergeant Daugherty's platoon was subjected to intense machine gun fire which wounded several of his men. Realizing the necessity of

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quickly eliminating this obstacle, Sergeant Daugherty fearlessly dashed through withering enemy fire toward the machine gun and hurled three hand grenades into the position, completely destroying the weapon and forcing its crew to withdraw in confusion. As a result of his extraordinary heroism and selfless devotion to duty, his company was enabled to successfully seize its objective. Next of Kin: Mr. John P. Paugherty (Father), Bethel, Missouri.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:
(Awarded on GO # 57, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 1 March 1945)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
Pfc.	HILERY RHOADES	35697654	Coral Ridge, Ky.	7 Jan 1945

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

(Awarded on GO # 63, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 March 1945)

1st Lt.	FRED P. MOTZ, JR.	0463272	Larchmont, N. Y.	8 Jan 1945
Cpl.	DENVIL E. CLARK	38452792	Patmos, Ark.	31 Jan 1945

(Awarded on GO # 65, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 March 1945)

Pfc.	DAVID A. WILLIAMS	37730313	Liberal, Kansas	8-9 Feb 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 66, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 March 1945)

S/Sgt.	FRANK J. BELTER	36833083	Park Falls, Wisconsin	11 Feb 1945
Pfc.	ELDON B. KELLER	35894681	Elkhart, Ind.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	JOHN LYNCH	36688599	Chicago, Ill.	25 Sept 1944
Pfc.	RICHARD H. ZOROMSKI	36680970	Stevens Point, Wis.	9 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 98, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 24 March 1945)

Cpl.	ISAAC M. CLARK	36066125	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	25 Sept 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 98, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 24 March 1945)				
Pfc.	CHARLES R. GANT	34890507	Burnett Cove, N. C.	14-15 Sept 1944
Pfc.	BEN L. BRAY	38581429	Portales, New Mexico	1 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 100, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 26 March 1945)				
Pvt.	BENNIE P. FRATELLO	42023964	Oswego, New York	12 Dec 1944
(Awarded on GO # 103, Hq, 36th Inf div, dated 29 March 1945)				
Pfc.	REED L. YOUNGBLOOD	14131124	Birmingham, Ala.	14-15 Sept 1944
(Awarded on GO # 105, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 30 March 1945)				
Pfc.	PAUL A. GUNN	31353920	Allston, Mass.	10 Feb 1945

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR

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

(Awarded on GO # 68, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 March 1945)

Pvt.	FRANK WILLIAMS	33666870	Pittsburgh, Penna.	15 Sept 1944
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action: (See authority above.)

Pvt.	FRANK WILLIAMS	33666870	Pittsburgh, Penna.	7 Oct 1944
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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 # 58, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 March 1945)

2d Lt.	CLARENCE F. BRADBERRY	01315774	Netro, W. Va.	6 Dec 1944
T/Sgt.	ELMER J. EGGE MEYER	36055056	Chester, Ill.	25 Nov 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 58, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 March 1945)

Cpl.	MARK SCHNEIDER	33645207	Paterson, New Jersey	13 Dec 1944
Pfc.	RAYMOND E. DAILY	33455555	Washington, D. C.	13 Dec 1944
Pfc.	FERDINAND ZURAWSKI	31261194	Lowell, Mass.	13 Dec 1944
Pfc.	PAUL W. GUTHRIE, JR.	34678116	Burlington, N. C.	13 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 59, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 3 March 1945)

T/Sgt.	LINDELL D. SCOTT	20837722	Delta, Colorado	8 Jan 1945
Sgt.	VERNON L. ANDREWS	39863772	Glendale, Arizona	12 Dec 1944
Sgt.	MELVIN T. NEALIS	37580248	Hallock, Minn.	11 Dec 1944
Tec 5	STANTON A. WHITE	32652881	New York, N. Y.	25 Nov 1944
Pvt.	THEODORE W. KARAU	37269569	Rochester, Minn.	11 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 60, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 3 March 1945)

Pfc.	EWEL BELL	34926968	New Albany, Miss.	6 Dec 1944
Pvt.	FRA NK E. CABLE	33921523	Rochester, Penna.	6 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JOSEPH VOELKER, JR.	33422497	Donora, Penna.	6 Dec 1944
Pfc.	JOHN O. GREGORY	35465524	Shickshinny, Penna.	26 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO # 61, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 4 March 1945)

Sgt.	WILLIAM H. HEATHERINGTON	35229886	Bellaire, Ohio	1 Feb 1945
S/Sgt.	ZACK BARACK	35276036	Fort Hayes, Ohio	30 Sept 1944
Sgt.	ROBERT K. SINK	33099371	Philadelphia, Penna.	30 Sept 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 61, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 4 March 1945)

Sgt.	LEWIE R. HOLLAND	34170306	Gneiss, N. C.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	JOE F. KOISHOR	36479305	Granite City, Ill.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	RALPH E. PACE	37697310	Muscataine, Iowa	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	GEORGE F. RICHARDS	31309457	Wakefield, Mass.	7 Dec 1944
Pfc.	CHARLES L. HARRIS	37580571	Park River, N. D.	12 Dec 1944
Pfc.	ALLEN E. STERN	32974966	Brooklyn, N. Y.	9 Jan 1945
Pvt.	DOMENICK GALLO	33673240	Greensburg, Penna.	16 Aug 1944
Pvt.	HUBERT W. AIKIN	36629354	Whitesboro, Texas	9 Jan 1945

(Awarded on GO # 62, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 4 March 1945)

1st Lt.	KENNETH L. IVEY	01310847	Susquehanna, Penna.	18 Aug 1944
S/Sgt.	ROY E. JONES	35729958	Columbus, Ky.	9 Jan 1945
S/Sgt.	LEONARD A. OBERMEIER	35259888	Rockport, Ind.	1 Feb 1945
S/Sgt.	WILLIAM V. KALINAUSKAS	32268076	Freehold, N. J.	9 Sept 1944
Sgt.	CLAIR M. SWOPE	33574892	Altoona, Penna.	9 Sept 1944
Tec 5	WILLIAM V. HOWLAND	34782870	Coral Gables, Fla.	1 Feb 1945
Pfc.	ERNEST L. CHAVEZ	39564961	Los Angeles, Calif.	2 Feb 1945
Pfc.	JAMES E. SULLIVAN	36713975	Logan, Ill.	30 Jan 1945

(Awarded on GO # 63, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 March 1945)

1st Lt.	WILLIAM O. REPKE	01692527	Newark, N. J.	9 Jan 1945
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T/Sgt.	BERNARD P. BELL	34336107	Columbiana, Ala.	4 Feb 1945
T/Sgt.	BRUNO DIETZ	38052459	Houston, Texas	2 Dec 1944
S/Sgt.	GAYE H. PARE	19166856	Kelso, Washington	23 Sept 1944
S/Sgt.	ANDREW SULIN	35484405	Cumberland, Penna.	14 Dec 1944
S/Sgt.	RALPH G. KINDER	35702565	Richmond, Ky.	2 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 64, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 Mar 1945)

S/Sgt.	EVAN E. VOSS	36805153	Manawa, Wisc.	9 Jan 1945
Cpl.	GERHARD A. MILLER	36236357	Watertown, Wisc.	11 Dec 1944
Tec 5	WILLIAM J. HUGHES	39180470	Tacoma, Wash.	8 Jan 1945
Pfc.	ROLLY W. WALKER	36892759	Battle Creek, Mich.	2 Feb 1945
Pfc.	JOSEPH J. EUSTACHEWICH	42101935	Newark, N. J.	8 Jan 1945
Pfc.	FREDERICK F. KREIGELSTEIN	36768678	Maywood, Ill.	2 Feb 1945
Pvt.	JAMES W. ARNOLD	37540844	Topeka, Kansas	6 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 65, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 March 1945)

1st Lt.	ELIRED HUMISTON	01303992	Monterey, Calif.	3-4 Dec 1944
1st Lt.	STEWART H. LA BARGE	01290090	Spence Falls, N. Y.	3 June 1944
T/Sgt.	CHARLES L. PEGG	35367239	Redkey, Ind.	2 Feb 1945
Pvt.	LAWRENCE A. BUTLER	39583979	Mesa, Arizona	6 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 66, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 6 March 1945)

2d Lt.	JAMES G. EBERHARDT, JR.	01061104	Tampa, Fla.	8 Jan 1945
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T/Sgt.	RALPH E. CAIN	35750633	W. Va. Borkeley Springs,	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	STUART O. STUMP	33047962	Honaker, Va.	9 Jan 1945
T/Sgt.	PERSHING E. FREEMAN	33503886	Waynesboro, Penna.	30 Jan 1945
S/Sgt.	MARTIN F. ROBINSON	37615900	Poplar Bluff, Missouri	8 Jan 1945
Pfc.	GEORGE LUCAS	33764685	Scalp Level, Penna.	25 Sept 1944
(Awarded on GO # 67, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 March 1945)				
Sgt.	GILBERTO GONZALEZ	38561310	Falfurrias, Texas	2 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 68, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 March 1945)				
Pfc.	CHARLES W. HEAL	39725795	Altadena, Calif.	1 Feb 1945
Pfc.	HOWARD G. BARNER	34926997	Thyatira, Miss.	9 Feb 1945
Pvt.	ERNEST L. HARPER	35848454	Trout, West Virginia	9 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 70, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 March 1945)				
Pfc.	WILLIAM VAN MILLIGAN	36612180	South Molland, Ill.	26 Sept 1944
(Awarded on GO # 75, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 9 March 1945)				
T/Sgt.	OLIVER P. CONNOLLEY	36321182	Mt. Pulaski, Ill.	10 Feb 1945
Pfc.	HAROLD J. MUSCHEK	33591917	Philadelphia, Penna.	9 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 86, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 March 1945)				
Pfc.	OMER YOUNKIN	35627415	Columbus, Ohio	7 Jan 1945
(Awarded on GO # 89, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 March 1945)				
S/Sgt.	TRAVIS SMITH	20848763	Bangs, Texas	25 Sept 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 89, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 March 1945)				
Pfc.	RICHARD L. NICHOLS	37721094	Bethany, Missouri	2-3 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 94, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 21 March 1945)				
Capt.	JAMES P. SWEENEY	0516259	Chicago, Ill.	24 Jan 1945
1st Lt.	ORVILLE S. BRAUN	01293001	Evansville, Ind.	11 Feb 1945
Cpl.	EDWIN A. RACKOW	38036505	Santa Anna, Texas	25 Sept 1944
Pfc.	ROBERT S. MC CAMMON	39286623	Temple, Oklahoma	11 Dec 1944
Pfc.	CHAMBERS F. BRYSON, JR.	39286609	Pasadena, Calif.	13 Dec 1944
(Awarded on GO # 96, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 23 March 1945)				
2nd Lt.	WILLIAM M. HEARN	01319207	College Park, Ga.	11 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 98, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 24 March 1945)				
2d Lt.	CHARLES E. O'BRIEN	02055984	Des Moines, Iowa	11 Feb 1945
S/Sgt.	WILFRED O. ALFORD	38628472	Mexia, Texas	11 Dec 1944
S/Sgt.	RUSSELL E. PIERCE	35719228	Terre Haute, Ind.	8 Jan 1945
Sgt.	BARTON PRICE	38036794	Palestine, Texas	11 Feb 1945
Pfc.	DOMINICK PAZZAGLINI	32945261	Endicott, New York	10 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 99, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 25 March 1945)				
Major	HUGH W. ROBERTS, JR.	03888746	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	11 Feb 1945
Capt.	JOSEPH BELLONTE	01273787	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	27 Nov 1944
S/Sgt.	FRANKLIN J. APLIN	20805420	Canyon, Texas	7-10 Dec 1943
Pfc.	JOHN E. BUWA	35259460	South Bend, Ind.	27 Nov 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 99, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 25 March 1945)

Pfc.	THOMAS CARMOSINO	32989655	New York, N. Y.	11 Feb 1945
Pfc.	JOSEPH KOZAK	33685874	Leetsdale, Penna.	11 Feb 1945
Pvt.	ALEXANDER G. PENDLETON	31381094	Greenwich, Conn.	14 Dec 1944
Pvt.	ORLAND D. HUBBLE	38025855	San Antonio, Texas	21 Sept 1944

(Awarded on GO # 103, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 29 March 1945)

T/Sgt.	CHARLIE L. DIGGES	38026439	Campbellton, Texas	2 Dec 1944
Pfc.	FRANK L. NAHLEN	38669521	Conway, Arkansas	2 Feb 1945
Pfc.	WILLIAM P. HENDERSON	33710304	Pitcairn, Penna.	4 Feb 1945
Pfc.	EDWARD H. COPENHAVER	35778516	Mason, W. Va.	4 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 105, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 30 March 1945)

1st Lt.	EDWIN P. ARNOLT	0526240	Metuchen, N. J.	2 Dec 1944
S/Sgt.	THOMAS J. CORNETT	35267637	La Rue, Kentucky	25 Sept 1944
Pfc.	DANIEL CAVALIERE	32823179	Brooklyn, N. Y.	30 Jan 1945
Pfc.	JOHN J. EBERT	6853275	Souderton, Penna.	1-2 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 106, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 31 March 1945)

S/Sgt.	ERNEST K. TURNER	6893753	Berwick, Penna.	11 Feb 1945
Pfc.	ARNOLD J. SWINDALL	33659556	Norland, Virginia	2 Dec 1944
Pfc.	WILLIAM B. ANDREWS	38666152	Little Rock, Ark.	3 Feb 1945
Pvt.	ELWOOD K. RIFE	33941179	Cumberland, Penna.	9 Feb 1945

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POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded the following named individual for gallantry in action:

(Awarded on GO # 75, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 9 March 1945)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
S/Sgt.	ALLEN PHILLIPS	35258124	Waddy, Kentucky	1 Feb 1945

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR

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

(Awarded on GO # 64, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 5 March 1945)

S/Sgt.	ROY E. NELSON	36752493	Chicago, Ill.	9 Jan 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 70, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 March 1945)

S/Sgt.	GAYE H. PARE	19166856	Kelso, Wash.	10 Feb 1945
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Sgt.	CHARLES W. LEADINGHAM	33715052	Monaca, Penna.	9 Jan 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 96, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 23 March 1945)

2d Lt.	RUSSELL R. HOLSTER	01998716	Midland, Texas	2 Dec 1944
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S/Sgt.	THOMAS BATALEAS	32811108	New York, N. Y.	11 Feb 1945
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Pfc.	EWEL BELL	34926968	Blue Springs, Miss.	9 Feb 1945
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Pfc.	RICHARD L. CALLIHAN	35779670	Greenup, Kentucky	9 Feb 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 100, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 26 March 1945)

Sgt.	JAMES E. OWENS	33651798	Duty, Va.	9 Dec 1944
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Pfc.	LAWRENCE A. BUTLER	39583979	Scottsdale, Arizona	9 Feb 1945
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Pfc.	CLIFFORD MARCUM	35770773	Williamson, W. Va.	30 Jan 1945
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

(Awarded on GO # 68, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 7 March 1945)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
S/Sgt.	JESSE J. DOERING	37485118	Dallas, South Dakota	2 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 89, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 March 1945)

2d Lt.	SHELBY SPEIGHTS	02006899	Poplarville, Miss.	9 Jan 1945
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a third Oak leaf cluster in lieu of the fourth Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

2d Lt.	SHELBY SPEIGHTS	02006899	Poplarville, Miss.	14 Nov 1944
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fifth Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

2d Lt.	SHELBY SPEIGHTS	02006899	Poplarville, Miss.	13 Dec 1944
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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 # 91, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 18 March 1945)

Sgt.	JOSEPH H. JACOBSON	12110945	Hartford, Conn.	13 Dec 1944
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

(Awarded on GO # 88, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 March 1945)

Pfc.	FASTINO L. CARRASCO	38036478	Abilene, Texas	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	GLENN R. CORRION	36986022	Bay City, Mich.	12 Dec 1944

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

(Awarded on GO # 102, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 29 March 1945)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
Pfc.	ALVIN A. VAAL	35259876	Meinrad, Ind.	14 Sept 1944

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France:

Pfc.	ALVIN A. VAAL	35259876	Meinrad, Ind.	22 Sept 1944
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France:

Pfc.	ALVIN A. VAAL	35259876	Meinrad, Ind.	23 Sept 1944
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously, for heroic achievement in combat:

(Awarded on GO # 84, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 14 March 1945)

Pvt.	CLAUDE R. HOWELL	36973219	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	9 Jan 1945
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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 # 77, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 9 March 1945)

T/Sgt.	JOE G. COPELAND	20848684	Santa Anna, Texas	12 Dec 1944
T/Sgt.	ALVIN J. MYERS	37705008	Alamosa, Colorado	11 Feb 1945
S/Sgt.	GAYE PARE	19166856	Kelso, Wash.	10 Feb 1945
S/Sgt.	STANLEY SZCZEPANEK	36129275	Centerline, Mich.	11 Feb 1945

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(Awarded on GO # 77, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 9 March 1945)

Tec 4	HAROLD HOOVER	36105472	Detroit, Michigan	10 Feb 1945
Pfc.	DANZIL A. BOARD	35834435	Akron, Ohio	8 Dec 1944
Pfc.	HENRY J. EHMER, JR.	42031834	Flushing, N. Y.	26 Nov 1944
Pfc.	CARROLL MILLER	38051135	Lake Charles, La.	24 Jan 1945
Pfc.	WILLIAM WILSON	35560669	Mason, Ohio	10 Feb 1945
Pfc.	ARTHUR P. CERESINA	32759413	Trenton, N. J.	17 Dec 1944
Pvt.	ANTHONY T. RAGALSKI	6667533	Fort Hayes, Ohio	4 Dec 1944
Pvt.	JUDAS E. LEVI	35902076	Rushville, Ind.	4 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 79, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 11 March 1945)

Sgt.	JOSEPH MATKO	35277142	Bridgeport, Ohio	26 Nov 1944
Sgt.	JAMES R. BERRYHILL	34921965	Johnson City, Tenn.	18 Dec 1944
Tec 4	JOHN F. MULLENIX	36055344	Paris, Ill.	6 Jan 1945
Pfc.	BENJAMIN J. DRAGAN	33848585	Kingston, Penna.	18 Dec 1944
Pfc.	JOSEPH P. BOGEN	32217208	Brooklyn, N. Y.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	WILLIAM A. OWENS	33821780	Fairfax, Va.	31 Jan 1945
Pfc.	PETER P. CACCAVALLA	32876675	Ozone Park, N. Y.	11 Feb 1945
Pfc.	JOSEPH J. GERACI	34150901	New Orleans, La.	26 Nov 1944
Pfc.	GEORGE W. WOODS	34544196	Lake Wales, Fla.	4 Feb 1945
Pfc.	RICHARD E. DOMM	38628258	Fort Worth, Texas	4-6 Feb 1945
Pfc.	GEORGE J. MONTGOMERY	34339775	Vinemont, Ala.	17 Dec 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 79, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 11 March 1945)				
Pvt.	DAVID C. SWEET	32373068	Utica, New York	17 Dec 1944
Pvt.	B. Q. EVANS	20805184	Sweetwater, Texas	11 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 81, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 12 March 1945)				
S/Sgt.	WILLIAM W. JOHNSTON	38037219	Van Alstyne, Texas	20 Dec 1944
Tec 5	EUGENE J. DRZENIECKI	35294424	Toledo, Ohio	21 Sept 1944
Pvt.	JOHN G. KELLEY	35065596	Cleveland, Ohio	21 Sept 1944
(Awarded on GO # 83, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 14 March 1945)				
S/Sgt.	NORMAN C. CURNUTT	38342433	Canadian, Texas	28 Jan 1945
Sgt.	OSCAR L. LARRIMORE, SR.	6394169	Savannah, Ga.	3 Feb 1945
Sgt.	CHARLES W. HUNGERFORD	20848732	Big Spring, Texas	9 Jan 1945
Sgt.	LELAND F. THOMPSON	20848761	Thrifty, Texas	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	ROBERT D. BELCHER	33647751	Grundy, Va.	24 Jan 1945
Pfc.	RALPH D. ESIAN	35062098	Cleveland, Ohio	1 Feb 1945
Pfc.	ADAM J. SZYMANOWSKI	32301437	Carteret, N. J.	8 Jan 1945
Pfc.	JACK GREENFIELD	32481903	Lakewood, N. J.	15 Dec 1944
Pfc.	ALBERT H. KASSNER	38026266	Corpus Christi, Texas	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	ELMER P. SCHLAG	36236602	Merrill, Wis.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	DOCTOR W. EVANS	20805196	Sweetwater, Texas	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	HENRY B. THREADGILL, JR.	34900764	Memphis, Tenn.	17 Dec 1944
Pfc.	RALPH R. GRUPICO	42091924	Watertown, N. Y.	11 Feb 1945

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(Awarded on GO # 84, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 14 March 1945)

Pfc.	HAROLD J. MUSCHEK	33591917	Philadelphia, Penna.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	DANIEL C. CAMPBELL	33885577	Hookstown, Penna.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	EDWARD C. MURRAY	33792393	Philadelphia, Penna.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	LAWRENCE BURCH	37511738	Springfield, Mo.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	RUSSELL W. CROW	37540536	Paris, Missouri	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	GEORGE WELTEROTH	33503955	Waynesboro, Penna.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	MATTHEW F. RUGGIERO	32598375	Hoboken, N. J.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	EWEL BELL	34926968	Blue Springs, Miss.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	PATRICK J. O'CONNOR	32797775	New York, N. Y.	9 Jan 1945
Pvt.	JOSEPH VOELKER, JR.	33422497	Hazzard, Penna.	9 Jan 1945
Pvt.	RICHARD L. CALLIHAN	35779670	Greenup, Ky.	9 Jan 1945

(Awarded on GO # 88, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 March 1945)

S/Sgt.	WILLIAM A. ADAMS	38607512	Snyder, Texas	26 Nov 1944
Sgt.	JOSEPH C. SMITHSON	34733262	Bluff City, Tenn	12 Dec 1944
Pfc.	ALFRED M. WARREN	36823726	Laurium, Michigan	4-6 Feb 1945
Pvt.	AUGUSTINE D. DININO	32929833	Buffalo, New York	7 Dec 1944
Pvt.	STEWART BISKUP	33885576	Monaca, Penna.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	DONALD E. BROWN	37364456	Wray, Colorado	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	WALTER THORN	35084225	Rangoon, W. Va.	12 Dec 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 90, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 March 1945)				
S/Sgt.	MANUEL N. MARTINEZ	38026217	Robstown, Texas	12 Nov 1944
(Awarded on GO # 91, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 18 March 1945)				
T/Sgt.	JAMES L. COOK	38036418	Merkel, Texas	9 Nov 1944
T/Sgt.	WYNDELL A. ROWE	20848757	Santa Anna, Texas	24 Oct 1944
Pfc.	SALVATORE ANGOTTI	35847621	Lumberport, W. Va.	9 Jan 1945
Pfc.	LESTER J. BOODRY	36236455	Tipler, Wisconsin	24 Oct 1944
Pfc.	JOSEPH P. DE MARCO	33780062	Philadelphia, Penna.	12-13 Feb 1945
Pfc.	FRANCISCO W. ESTRADA	38442056	Demins, New Mexico	11 Dec 1944
Pfc.	GARETH S. FORD	39143086	Susanville, Calif.	12 Feb 1945
Pfc.	SUMNER M. GAY	31387142	Cranston, Rhode Island	27 Nov 1944
Pfc.	JAMES M. JORDAN	34725344	Jacksboro, Tenn.	13 Dec 1944
Pfc.	JOSE G. LANZA	39289251	San Diego, Calif.	24 Oct 1944
Pfc.	CHARLES A. SCHWARZ	32799238	Middle Village, L.I.	13 Dec 1944
Pfc.	FRANKLIN R. TOMPKINS	35004087	Circleville, Ohio	9 Nov 1944
Pfc.	JACK H. WATSON	34811989	Russelville, Ala.	11 Dec 1944
Pvt.	LEWIS H. HARLOW	33545512	Mineral, Va.	12 Feb 1945
(Awarded on GO # 92, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 19 March 1945)				
Pfc.	ROBERT L. COBURN	35210838	Nonchalanta, Ky.	3 Feb 1945
Pfc.	LEONARD MORENO	39021351	Los Angeles, Calif.	23 Jan 1945
Pfc.	WILFRED J. MORIN, JR.	37744786	Pittsburg, Kansas	2 Feb 1945

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(Awarded on GO # 95, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 22 March 1945)

Capt.	ROBERT G. MATTOX	0313543	Hollywood, Calif.	5-8 Nov 1944
1st Lt.	DAVID AZRIEL	01299318	Los Angeles, Calif.	15 June 1944
Pfc.	JAMES C. PLUMMER	20804422	May, Texas	26 Nov 1944
Pfc.	MED D. KOUGH	33767457	Saltillo, Penna.	28 Nov 1944
Pfc.	HERBERT C. ANDREWS	6891034	Allentown, Penna.	28 Nov 1944
Pfc.	CONRAD BAYENS	37707583	Denver, Colorado	28 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO # 101, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 27 March 1945)

Pfc.	EDWARD D. NICHOLS	20105530	Woburn, Mass.	3 Dec 1944
Pfc.	HOWARD L. ANDERSON	34595068	Canton, N. C.	3 Dec 1944
Pfc.	HOMER C. BERLIN	37178541	Gibbon, Minnesota	3 Dec 1944
Pfc.	VIRGIL L. WAGNER	35778651	Barboursville, W. Va.	3 Dec 1944
Pfc.	PAUL C. MONTGOMERY	35277207	Columbus, Ohio	8 Jan 1945
Pfc.	MARTIN D. SODIKMAN	42117138	Buffalo, New York	15 Dec 1944
Pfc.	ROLAND W. RIGGS, JR.	15132733	Cleveland, Ohio	23 Sept 1944
Pfc.	CHARLES R. DUDEK	36519268	Camp Custer, Mich.	11 Feb 1945
Pfc.	CLARENCE C. KIRBY	34492300	Knoxville, Tenn.	26 Nov 1944

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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(Awarded on GO # 77, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 9 March 1945)

S/Sgt.	RAYMOND F. SIMONS	35754415	New Cumberland, W. Va.	2 Feb 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 77, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 9 March 1945)

Sgt.	STEVE A. WHISDOSH,	33430353	Norvelt, Penna.	5 Feb 1945
Sgt.	FRANK KUREJWA	31332777	New Haven, Conn.	10 Feb 1945
Pfc.	JAMES TANOS	13200366	Philadelphia, Penna.	10 Feb 1945
Pfc.	JOSEPH CASCONI	42136742	Brooklyn, New York	10 Feb 1945

(Awarded on GO # 84, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 14 March 1945)

Pvt.	JOE A. GONZALES	38579689	Sante Fe, New Mexico	9 Jan 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 88, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 March 1945)

Cpl.	ARVIL R. MOORE	38037196	Denison, Texas	10 Jan 1945
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

(Awarded on GO # 81, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 12 March 1945)

Tec 4	CLARENCE A. KRAUSE	38026421	Shiner, Texas	5 Jan 1945
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(Awarded on GO # 88, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 March 1945)

Sgt.	HOWARD H. NIX	20810981	Garrison, Texas	9 Jan 1945
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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period
1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, inclusive:

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

Colonel GEORGE E. LYNCH, 017715. Entered the Military Academy from
the United States at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST BATTALION

Lt. Col. JAMES L. MINOR, 0406993. Entered Service from Tahoka, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, SECOND BATTALION

Lt. Col. MARVIN J. COYLE, 018602. Entered the Military Academy from
Indiana.

COMMANDING OFFICER, THIRD BATTALION

Lt. Col. EVERETT S. SIMPSON, 0405521. Entered Service from Amarillo,
Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Major SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, 0350478. Entered Service from Chicago, Ill.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Captain ERWIN SANIGA, 01311688. Entered Service from Ellsworth, Penna.

COMMANDING OFFICER, CANNON COMPANY

1st Lt. CLARENCE H. BRANDENBURG, 01291404. Entered Service from Port
Huron, Michigan.

COMMANDING OFFICER, ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Captain VERNON M. SCOTT, 0407156. Entered Service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVICE COMPANY

Captain WILLIAM L. GOTCHER, 0403593. Entered Service from Voss, Texas.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period
1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, inclusive, continued:

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO 1ST BATTALION

Captain VERNON Y. CORNELIUS, 0407743. Entered Service from Brownwood,
Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY A

Captain RAYMOND J. SCHLODER, 01314234. Entered Service from St. Mary's,
Penna.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY B

1st Lt. DAVID W. SISCO, 01297603. Entered Service from Newport, Vermont.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY C

1st Lt. NATHANIEL KAPLAN, 01297047. Entered Service from Camden, N. J.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY D

1st Lt. ALBERT R. BURR, 01293715. Entered Service from Riverside, Calif.
Commanded fr 1 Mar to 6 Mar 45, incl.

Captain GEORGE A. TAYLOR, 0408575. Entered Service from Clinton, S. C.
Rejoined Co and Assumed Command on
7 Mar 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO 2ND BATTALION

1st Lt. OTTO H. FICK, 0347944. Entered Service from Miller, S. D.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY E

1st Lt. ROGER S. ENSIGN, 01823135. Entered Service from Duluth, Minn.
Commanded fr 1 Mar to 12 Mar 45, Incl.

Captain JOE W. GILL, 01702996. Entered Service from Canyon, Texas. Asgd
to Company and assumed command on 13 Mar 45.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period
1 March to 31 March 1945, inclusive, continued:

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY F

Captain GLENN A. GOFF, 01284130. Entered Service from De Sota, Mo.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY G

Captain CARL P. MATNEY, 0407621. Entered Service from Vernon, Texas.
Commanded until WIA, 20 Mar 45.

1st Lt. BERNARD A. ROONEY, 01300387. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh,
Penna. Assumed command on 20 Mar
45. KIA, 21 Mar 45.

1st Lt. ROBERT S. HUGHES, 01311894. Entered Service from Ashland, Penna.
Assumed Command on 21 Mar 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY H

Captain EDMUND C. SULLIVAN, 0422338. Entered Service from Waterbury,
Connecticut.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ CO 3RD BATTALION

Captain ALBERT F. FISHER, 0425629. Entered Service from Electra, Texas.
Duty to TDY to USA on 23 Mar 45.

1st Lt. KENNETH M. AXELROD, 0407711. Entered Service from Borger, Texas.
Asgd to Co and assumed Command on 24
Mar 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY I

Captain ALBAN E. REID, JR., 01308752. Entered Service from New Haven,
Conn.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY K

1st Lt. EUGENE R. HAMMOND, 01310835. Entered Service from Kenosha, Wis.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142d Infantry Regiment for period
1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945, inclusive, continued;

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY L

Captain JAMES R. CROCKER, 01289051. Entered the Service from Petaluma,
Calif. Relieved of Command 16 Mar
45.

1st Lt. KENNETH T. PRICE, JR., 0448055. Entered Service from Duncan, Okla.
Assumed Command on 16 Mar 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY M

Captain ROBERT G. MATTOX, 0313543. Entered Service from Hollywood, Calif.

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FROM: 010000A Mar 1945
TO : 012400A Mar 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 1 Mar 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0050		1			OP #1 reports all quiet.	
	0115	2			G-2 given situation.	
	0200	3			G-3 given situation.	
0210		4			OP # 2 reports all quiet.	
0300		5			OP # 1 reports all quiet. 2 bursts of mortar shells on left flank.	
0450		6			I & R OP # 1 reports flare at 355°. All quiet otherwise.	
	0530	7			G-3 given situation.	
	0625	8			G-2 given situation.	
	0630	9			G-3 given situation.	
0650		10			OP # 1 reports 10 rds rockets vic 992270, 10° from their OP.	
	0820	11			Col Lynch checked with CO AT Co to see if planks for crossing river had been arranged. CO AT Co stated they were taken care of.	
	0825	12			Capt Hunley checked with S-3 111 Engrs for lumber in constructing positions for 4.2 mortar platoon. Any lumber along road between BRUMATH, MOMMENHEIM, HOCKSTETT can be picked up. S-3 Engrs will check on rubber boats for 5, 6, 7 March.	
	0830	13			Capt Hunley arranged with Maj Lowery for Lt from 4.2 mortar to pick up lumber at LAUENDORF for building positions.	
0840		14			CO AT Co states activity for night was: Cn Co fired 6 rds at enemy carrying ammo, carts vic 972267. 4.2 mortars fired at enemy movement vic 979264 at 2045A and 979264 at 2110A.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0845		15			Capt Groom, 636 TD, states he fired 96 rounds HE, 2 rds smoke, and 10 flares for harassing fire for 132 FA Bn.	
0855		16			Capt Terrell received information on PW taken last night. Seems as though a Bn of 115th relieved a Bn of 104th and the Bn of 104th moved to vicinity HAGUENAU. Several units previously at COLMAR have been identified vic SARREGUEMINES. Capt Terrell requested information as to whether the prisoner knew anything about fire vic 004253.	
	0900	17			Lt Col Gillette to Lt Ward at Reinf School: You finish your present schedule at noon. Have instructions on interlocking band of fire, tactical wire and overhead fire this afternoon. Would like to see breakdown of scores on range. Order should be out this afternoon assigning the men to Cos.	
0905		18			Col Reese, G-2, phoned and prisoner states fire was a small paper storage house adjoining inf factory vicinity 004253.	
0910		19			S-3 2nd Bn phoned requesting a member of CIC investigate passes and administrative details in SCHWEIGHAUSEN as civilians state they have no mayor and know nothing of instructions to not leave town.	
	0913	20			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP in BERSTHEIM. Returned 1120A.	
0925		21			CO AT Co phoned requesting information on registering of 4.2 concentrations.	
	0927	22			Capt Hunley checked with Plat Ldr of 4.2 mortars who stated CO 142 had told him AT observers could probably register for him.	
	0930	23			Capt Terrell left for 2nd Bn. Returned 1000A.	

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FROM: 010000A Mar 1945
TO: 012400A Mar 1945
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: CP UHLWILLER
Place: 142 Inf
Date: 1 Mar 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1015		24			A call from Reinforcement School: Is it possible to use the rifle range Sunday morning for a crack and thump demonstration. Capt Hunley will check on it and notify you.	
1121		25			Col Reese phoned that part of the 104 Div has been up at the XV Corps. Also 189 from the COLMAR sector located up on the 9th Army front. Reports that there is another OI coming down with another raiding party scheduled on 3-4 March. Tomorrow night the 143 Inf is making one.	
	1320	26			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn, then 2nd Bn. Ret 1530A.	
1410		27			Mr Sidick phoned that the cloth has been delivered to Lt Axlerod for tonight.	
	1947	28			Lt Col Gillette called Maj Spitler to extend his training of reinforcements a half day longer. To have Sunday morning set aside for church services.	
	1505	29			Lt Col Gillette phoned Mr Sidick in regards to showers for 2nd Bn 3rd March and 5th March for reinforcements. Also have a show down inspection of 2nd Bn.	
	1507	30			Lt Col Gillette phoned S-1 in regard to paying the 2nd Bn March 3.	
1510		31			Col Reese phoned Capt Terrell that it will be impossible to get the photos in time due to time factor. Trying to get the photo interpretation in time.	
1515		32			Capt Sanders phoned Capt Hunley in regard to the relief of Cos A and B tonight.	
	1540	33			Capt Terrell called Lt Edmiston that it will be impossible to get the photos that were (Cont'd)	

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Place: 142 IN
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		33	(Cont'd)		taken yesterday. Also asked as to where the route of evacuation of PW for tonight's raid. Informed that he will be at Co G CP. Capt Terrell reports that he is going to send 4 MPs to Co G CP.	
1600		34			Capt Orcutt phoned Col Lynch that there are four officers from this Div going up to the 1st Army front for briefing on SEIGFRIED Line. CG would like to send Maj Lowery, from this Regt to represent the Infantry officer. Others will be from Engrs and Artillery. They are to leave 0800A on 3d March and report to VI Corps. More details later. Col Lynch states that it would be alright, but would prefer making his own choice hereafter. Will call the Gen on it.	
	1610	35			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn.	
1610		36			OI # 161 and 162 received.	
	1610	37			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Seaman, Div, in regards to the rifle range. Would like to use it Sunday morning for a crack and thump demonstration for the reinforcements. Capt Seaman states that he would call back if he can get it.	
1625		38			OP # 1 reports picked up estimate 3 Or 4 enemy digging in at 946276, also 8 to 12 at 949276. Firing 81mm mortar on them at present.	
	1638	39			Capt Terrell gave the correct time to CO 3rd Bn which is 1643A, to synchronize for the raid tonight. Also notified CO AT Co, Cml, 132 PA, and Cn Co.	
1717		40			Lt Lustman, Div In O, thot the 42 Div got 3 PWs last night after that broadcast that they had. Of the 3 PWs, 2 have been identified from 7th Co 221 Regt 16 Div.	
1730		41			Col Reese, Div, phoned that the interpretation officer could not find any defenses. (Cont'd)	

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Place: CP UHLWILLER
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IN	OUT					
		41	(Cont'd)		Points covered 967277 to 967270, 995263 to 995255.	
1815		42			S-2 of 141 Inf phoned that they are sending a patrol to 0124 at 2015A hours.	
1830		43			OP # 1 reports of seeing 1 German coming out of dugout at 936276 and walking into woods.	
1900		44			Capt Seaman, G-3, phoned that the range at 990162 is not available for Sunday morning, but there is one south of ROTTELSHEIM 985170 that can be used on that day.	
	1920	45			Capt Hunley talked with CO 1st Bn who states that he is sending patrol tonight that will work up to vicinity of 954284.	
	1925	46			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Orcutt to have the searchlights be ready to turn on at 2015A.	
	1930	47			Capt Hunley made arrangements with switchboard to have a line open from this CP to 2nd Bn to Co G, 132 FA.	
	1935	48			Capt Hunley phoned Lt Fick to have an officer from 2nd Bn and Co G to be on phone at all times, an officer that will know situation. Maj Eligood of 132 FA notified of above as well as both OPs. OP # 2 reports flares one every minute coming up from CLAUSENHOF.	
2000		49			OP # 1 reports seeing red, white, green, yellow flares around NEUBOURG.	
2005		50			CO 3rd Bn reports that flares went up near crossing of their left platoon.	
	2007	51			Maj Eligood, 132 FA, notified to let us know when the last round is on the way.	
2015		52			Maj Eligood reports that last round is on way.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 012400A Mar. 1945

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Date: 1 Mar. 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2017		53			OP # 2 reports more flares going up around CLAUSENHOF area.	
	2025	54			Col Lynch ordered Cml Mortars to stop firing.	
2030		55			OP # 2: Flares going up in CLAUSENHOF area as well as small arms fire.	
2037		56			AT Co: Scattered rifle shots believed to be our fires about 50 to 75 yds inside woods.	
2040		57			OP # 2. 2 White flares, 310°/	
2042		58			OP # 2 reports fire coming from objective "X". CO 3rd Bn ordered MG and mortar to fire on "X". Reports everything is quiet now.	
2045		59			White flare coming up from middle of the firing reported by OP # 2.	
2047		60			White flare went up further up west.	
2050		61			Capt Scott, AT Co, fired on obj # 2 when the first white flare went up and drew fire from obj # 2.	
2051		62			Another white flare, think it is German, about 330°. Reported by OP # 2.	
2100		63			CO 3rd Bn reports that they are on obj 1 and 2, getting some scattered fire.	
2101		64			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, reports that he has picked up where the flares are coming from, vic 974266. Coming from the left of obj # 2.	
2102		65			CO 3rd Bn reports a counterattack of about 5 rounds of estimated 75 or 81 falling vic 990254.	
2103		66			OP # 2: White flare went up.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2107		67			CO 3rd Bn reports everything has been quiet the last few minutes.	
2110		68			Fire fight started to left by left Plat. OP# 2.	
	2112	69			Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn to send a contact patrol tomorrow night, 1 squad, to point that we talked about this afternoon.	
2127		70			CO 3rd Bn reports all quiet, going for obj # 3. Just talked to the Plat going for obj # 3.	
2130		71			Capt Saunders reports that relief is completed, Co A for Co B.	
	2133	72			Capt Hunley gave the situation to G-3. Capt Hunley asked Capt Seaman if the reinforcement could use the range at 990162 on Monday. Informed that it is OK for Monday.	
	2135	73			Capt Hunley called Maj Spitler that it would be OK to use range for crack and thump demo Monday.	
2137		74			CO 3rd Bn reports on obj 1 there is lots SA fire.	
2141		75			CO 3rd Bn reports that firing haddied down.	
2147		76			CO AT Co reports for green flare in vic obj # 3. CO 3rd Bn informed him not to fire until given the order to fire.	
	2150	77			Capt Terrell gave situation to G2.	
2153		78			OP # 2: White flare observed.	
2210		79			Call for the red concentration, by Co K.	
2215		80			Cml Mortars firing, also AT Co and 132 FA.	
2225		81			CO 3rd Bn reports that OP reports small arms and that there is some arty falling on this side of river.	

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Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 1 Mar 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2231		82			SECRET	
2240		83			CO 3rd Bn to Maj Eligood, 132 FA: Continue firing for a while.	
2242		84			CO ATCo reports that they are crossing the bridge. The guard was not there. They were going across the right bridge.	
2245		85			CO 3rd Bn called for counter-battery fire.	
2257		86			Capt Quast, 132 FA, reports that they have stopped firing on red.	
2300		87			Cml Mortars to fire for at least another 5 minutes. CO to 3rd to Cml mortars - continue firing all across the right.	
2320		88			CO AT Co relayed a msg from Lt Hammond to CO 3rd Bn: Received 4 walking and 2 liter casualties. No PWs. 2 Plats have gotten back and cleared. Boat is at bridge sight. Bridge is broke. Did not get into house. Heard considerable noises of base plates and talking coming from the road on the right. Did not set house on fire. Fired MG, BAR into house.	
	2335	89			Cml Plat notified to stop firing.	
	2350	90			G-3 given situation.	
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NO. 215

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
1 Mar. 1945

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FROM: 281200A Feb. 1945

TO : 011200A Mar. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 62d AIB, 14th Armd Div - no change.
 - b. Right flank - 143 RCT - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility restricted to 2-3 miles due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defense line along W bank of MODER River with little activity.
 - b. At 2045A a PW surrendered to Co F vicinity R-002249 - identified as 5th Co 103 Regt 47 VGD.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a. and b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
1 March 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS: **SECRET**

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Maps: FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets, HAGUENAU 5,6,7 & 8.

1. a. RCT 142 with present atchmts continues present mission, prepares to relieve elements RCT 143 in sector west of R-021241 on 4 March 1945.

2. a. 1st Bn (with present atchmts):

- (1) continues present mission.
- (2) Initiates rcn of sector now held by AT Co preparatory to relief of that unit 4 March 1945.
- (3) After relief of AT Co, will hold present sector plus additional sector with not more than four (4) rifle platoons on line.

b. 2nd Bn (less Co E if at HUTTENDORF):

- (1) Relieved on position by 3rd Bn 2 March 1945.
- (2) Upon relief will move by motor and marching to Regt res pos BERTHEIM - HUTTENDORF - NEIDERALTDORF area.
 - (a) Trans furnished 3rd Bn for move to OHLUNGEN will remain at disposal of 2nd Bn.
- (3) Sends normal quartering party to BERTHEIM, HUTTENDORF, NEIDERALTDORF; makes arrangements to take over billets now occupied by 3rd Bn.
- (4) Rehabilitates and conducts training in accordance with TM # 5, Hq, 142d Inf., 27 Feb. 1945.

c. 3rd Bn (less Co K if at OHLUNGEN):

Atchd: 1 Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
1 Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn

Atchmts effective on completion of relief.

- (1) Initiates immediate rcn of sector now held by 2nd Bn.

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- (2) Moves by motor to assy area at OHLUNGEN afternoon of 2 March 1945 on organic vehicles and trans furnished by AT Co and Cn Co.
 - (3) Relieves 2nd Bn on present pos with not more than three (3) rifle platoons 2 March 1945, as much of relief as possible to be completed during daylight.
 - (4) Initiates ren of 143 RCT sector W of R-021241 prior to 4 March 1945, preparatory to relief of elements in that sector.
 - (5) After relief of elements 143 RCT, will hold entire sector with not more than four (4) rifle platoons on the line.
- d. AT Co:
- (1) Continues present mission.
 - (2) Trucks furnished 3rd Bn for move to OHLUNGEN will remain at disposal of 2nd Bn.
- e. Cn Co:
- (1) Continues present mission.
 - (2) Trucks furnished 3rd Bn for move to OHLUNGEN will remain at disposal of 2nd Bn.
- f. Sv Co: No change.
- g. Co A 636 TD Bn:
- (1) Atchmts of 2nd Bn remain in pos. Become attached to 3rd Bn upon completion of relief.
- h. Co B 753 Tk Bn:
- (1) Atchmts of 2nd Bn remain in pos. Become atchd to 3rd Bn upon completion of relief.
- i. One (1) Plat Co B 83 Cml Wpns Bn:
- (1) Continues on present mission.
 - (2) Supports 1st Bn in sector relinquished by AT Co.
- x. (1) At night all front line units will devote maximum possible Co strength to maintenance of 1/2 squad outposts, so spaced as to insure detection of any enemy infiltration.

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(2) In daytime, minimum force on front line positions.

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2 MARCH 1945

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JOURNAL

FROM: 020000A Mar 1945
TO : 022400A Mar 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 2 Mar 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0030		1			CO 2nd Bn to Capt Fore: Co G has captured 1 PW vicinity 992254 at 2400A. AM sending him down for interrogation. Capt Fore notified IPW.	
0100		2			OP # 1: All quiet.	
0115		3			Lt Kalis, 2nd Bn: PW reports 2 light panzer units vicinity 960274.	
0145		4			CO 3rd Bn: Final report on raid. Raid: Obj # 1 985261, obj # 2 979264, obj # 3 979268. Casualties: 8 WIA, 1 KIA, 3 MIA. No PWs. Left platoon encountered hasty mine field vic obj # 2. Raiding parties reached objs without being fired on, but immediately after reaching obj received fire from flanks 989257 and 976267. Platoon that went through woods encountered 3 strand barbed wire between obj # 1 and # 2. Received many grenades - one MG crew knocked out by enemy grenade fire. Visibility very poor, none in woods. Plat did not get into house at obj # 3 due to enemy activity.	
0230		5			IPW: PW 2d Co 115 Regt; deserter; position of Cos: 2 -989257, 995256; 3rd 995256-997254; 1st 997254-000254; 4th or 7th 985260-989257. Strength 40/50, his Co has 6 to 8 MGs, gave two MG pos; 2 MGs 993256, one 2 MG pos 994257. 60 mines on open ground from 990257 to 994255. Mines at path entrance to woods at 995256. Expect us to attack through their MLR at edge of woods; 2nd line of defense behind railroad. No reserves that PW knows of. PW Polish, many non-German in outfit. In position about 1 month, some casualties from artillery, morale very low.	
	0240	6			G-2 given raid report and PW information.	
0245		7			OP # 1: All quiet.	
0440		8			OP # 1: All quiet.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0600	9			G-2 given situation.	
0800		10			CO 1st Bn states 3-man rcn patrol left at 2300A and got to river where two men refused to go any farther. Patrol leader then returned to area and picked up two more men and crossed river vicinity 943273 at 0100A. Patrol got to vic 947280 without drawing any fire, listened a short time and returned at 0500A. Heard considerable activity vicinity RR station vic 938275. More detailed report later.	
	0815	11			Capt Hunley notified each Bn to have Plat Ldr or responsible NCO here at this Hq by 1130A to attend a demonstration of flame-thrower F-2. Trans will be furnished from this CP by 1st Bn as they are sending AP Plat Ldr who states he has jeep available for entire afternoon.	
0820		12			G-2 phoned and states he would like to talk to Co K in regard to last night's raid. Capt Terrell: Plan on going to Co K this morning. Suggest I meet you at 2nd Bn CP at 1030A in OHLUNGEN. Col Reese, G-2, agreed to be there by 1030A.	
	0850	13			Col Lynch phoned CO 3rd Bn and ordered a critique be held by Co K this morning. Col Simpson to stop at this Hq in ten minutes to confer with CO.	
	0853	14			Capt Terrell notified Col Reese, G-2, that he believed would be better to meet at 2nd Bn CP at 1330A to talk to Co K as they were busy for this morning. Col Reese stated he would phoned this Hq about 1300A before leaving Div CP.	
	0855	15			Col Lynch ordered G-2-1st-Bn phoned CO 1st and stated he would be at 1st Bn CP about 1030A to discuss plans for raid tomorrow. Div is requiring Bns to send combat patrols each night so only send 1 squad on this mission.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0900		16			CO 3rd Bn came to CP to confer with Col Lynch.	
0905		17			OP # 1 reports all quiet except 1 rifle shot and 1 burst from enemy MG coming from vic 946276 at 0835A.	
	0927	18			Col Lynch left for 1st and then 2nd Bn.	
0935		19			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, phoned CO 3rd Bn, that one of the MIA had returned. Details later.	
0940		20			OP # 2 reports all quiet.	
	0955	21			CO 3rd Bn left CP.	
1100		22			Col Lynch returned.	
1245		23			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	1300	24			Lt Col Gillette left for KRAUTWILLER, RF School.	
	1315	25			Capt Terrell left for OHLUNGEN to visit Co K and discuss raid. Returned 1440A.	
	1320	26			Col Lynch left CP. Returned 1525A.	
	1450	27			Capt Hunley left for 3rd Bn. Returned 1540A.	
1644		28			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
1720		29			Capt Orcutt phoned Capt Terrell that 15 rounds per day per gun for indirect firing for TDs.	
1845		30			I & R OP # 1 reports 15 flares during last 15 minutes, 360° to 45°, in four places.	
1900		31			1st Bn squad reinforced patrol to 943276, will leave at 2130A. 2nd Bn patrol to point of woods at 000253 will leave at 2200A. G-2 notified.	
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IN	OUT					
1930		32			GO ATCo reports hearing and seeing enemy movement to his front. Checked for safety of firing arty and Cn Co.	
	1940	33			S-2 143 Inf given mission of 2nd Bn patrol.	
2000		34			I & R OP reports 2 flares, one green, one red over NEUBURG.	
2015		35			CO 3rd Bn reports relief of 2nd Bn complete. G-3 notified.	
2050		36			I & R OP reports all quiet. OP # 1	
2225		37			I & R OP # 1 reports small arms and MG fire vic 946276.	
2230		38			I & R OP # 2 reports activity in factory area north of SCHWEIGHAUSEN. Our own MGs appear to be firing in woods where 2nd Bn patrol is going.	
2232		39			I & R OP # 1 reports more MG bursts in same area (936276). Also 2 pinkish flares, and a flash burst near RR station to left of mill.	
2240		40			I & R OP # 1 reports firing in above area now friendly rifle and tommy gun fire.	
2250		41			I & R OP # 1 reports firing now both enemy and friendly small arms.	
2300		42			OP # 2 reports a tracked vehicle which pulled into factory area fired two rounds to S. Tank moving again to E. G-2 notified and given sit.	
2305		43			OP # 2 reports enemy tank headed N, now 2-3000 yards away.	
2330		44			CO 2nd Bn called. Patrol has returned. Nothing encountered in the woods. Co has not yet talked to patrol leader. Will report later.	

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IN	OUT					
2345		45			CO 2nd Bn reports patrol, after crossing at 996250, checked both patrol points of woods at 997253 without finding anything. Was in area one hour. G-2 notified.	
2410		46			Co B patrol left at 2130A. Crossed river at mill (941273). Entered woods at 944275. Got into woods 100 yards, not quiet to road, when fired on by MG to front. Tried to maneuver and was fired on from left flank by rifle grenades and two riflemen. Patrol then withdrew. Returned 2330A. No casualties.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 218

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
2 March 1945

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FROM: 011200A Mar. 1945
TO : 021200A Mar. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 62d AIB, 14th Armad Div - no change.
 - b. Right flank - 143 RCT - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility restricted to 1-2 miles, improving to 5-7 miles by 1100A.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued to hold present defense line W of MODER River.
 - b. Co K raided enemy on E bank of MODER River beginning at 2000A. Crossed river on wooden planks and reached objectives; (1) Q-985261, (2) Q-979264 without being fired upon by the enemy, but immediately upon reaching objective received fire from both flanks Q-989257 and Q-976267. Platoon going through woods encountered 3-strand barbed wire between objective # 1 and # 2. Enemy used many grenades, knocking out one MG crew. Platoon did not reach house on objective # 3 Q-979268 due to enemy activity. Co suffered; 1-KIA, 8-WIA, and 2-MIA in raid. No PWs taken. Returned about 2345A.
 - c. Co G took 1 PW at 2400A vic Q-992254, identified from 2nd Co 115 VGR, 47th VGD. Position of Co approximately 989257 extending to 995256.
 - d. Upon completion of raid Co K returned to vic UHLUNGEN and Co E was transported to HUTTENDORF at daylight.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5.a,b,c, and d.

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JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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From: 011800A Mar.
To: 021800A Mar.
Hq 142 Inf
021900A Mar. 1945

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 5

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front Line: No change.
b. Units in contact: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary.

(1) At 2000A Co K raiding party crossed river to objs at 985262, 978264, and 979268. Raiding parties reached obj without being fired on, but immediately after reaching obj received fire from flanks vic 989257 and 996267. Barbed wire was encountered 983263. Plat at 978264 reports observing hasty mine field in that vic. Plat at 979268 observed eny on RR embankment, estimated to be 1 group of 10 and 1 of 4 or 5. Rcn patrol from 1st Bn went to 946277, patrol reports many emplacements at this point, also considerable movement could be heard to north. Concertina type wire found 942275 to 942273. Patrol was not fired on. At 2300A Co C recd 4 rds 75mm SP at 960266, and at 1432A Co F recd 15 rds 75mm SP at 004256.

Shell Report:	1st Bn	2nd Bn	AT Co
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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: PWs today 1 - Total for France: 6238

UNIT	PWs	CAPT'd BY	CAPT'd VIC
2nd Co 111 VGR 47 VGD	1	2nd Bn	992254

A Polish PW took advantage of confusion created in eny lines by Co K to cross river and surrender to Co G. PW gave following locations of Cos: 4 or 7 Co (not positive) at 985260 to 989257; 2nd Co 989257 to 995256; 3rd Co 985256 to 997254; 1st Co 997254 to 000254. The Co has 2 MG positions, 2 MGs 993256 and 2 MGs 994257. 60 Mines have been laid on open ground from 990257 to 994255 and also at path at entrance to woods at 995256. His unit has a 2nd line of defense behind RR. PW did not know of any reserves in rear of his Bn. His unit has had some casualties from our arty fire. Co strength 40 to 45 men. His Co has 6 or 8 MGs. PW states morale of his unit is very low.

5. a. WEATHER: Forecast for 3 Mar - Sky cloudy throughout day with light rain in morning. Visibility 2 miles in precipitation, improving to 5-6 miles in afternoon. Wind from SW, 6-8 mph. Min temp 40°

b. Almanac:	MARCH	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
3	0707	1817	2249	0914	
4	0705	1818	2353	0936	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 030000A March 1945
TO : 032400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 3 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0100		1			I & R CP reports all is quiet.	
0700		2			Reports are "all quiet" up to and including 0700A.	
	0815	3			Capt Hunley to Capt Saunders, 1st Bn: What did your patrols report? Ans: We only had one patrol, report will be down in a little while.	
0840		4			Reinforcement School: Will fire Crack and Thump course Monday morning. Need 1 Lt, 1 Hvy, and 1 50 Cal MGs. Capt Hunley: I'll arrange for them this morning.	
0843		5			Col Reese, Div, to Capt Terrell: You are set for tonight; tomorrow night would like ren patrols. Also, would like your plans for tonight sometime later today when convenient.	
0845		6			OP # 1: All quiet.	
	0845	7			Capt Hunley left for all Bns. Returned 1205A.	
	1015	8			Col Lynch left for Bns. Returned 1150A.	
1300		9			1st Bn reports that an enemy MG at 941277 was firing a burst every 5 minutes from 1105A to 1140A. Our Arty on that point has quieted MG.	
	1315	10			Capt Terrell phoned S-2 of 1st Bn and 3rd Bn in regards to a list of possible bridge site for both foot troops and vehicles. Would like the width, depth, condition of the ground, etc.	
	1330	11			Capt Terrell gave the raid of 1st Bn to Maj Wren - leave at 2230 A, cross river at 941272, proceed to woods vic 944275, enter woods, go N across RR and turn E along RR to 948278, then north by east to 951278 at which point raid is to take place, then withdraw. 1 Plat from CO B will perform this.	
	1348	12			Col Lynch left for R.T. school. Returned 1635A.	

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 3 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1630		13			Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, arrived at CP.	
1635		14			Capt Seaman called. Between 1700A and 1800A unit on our left will stage a "Chinese Attack". 1st Bn notified.	
1640		15			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP. Left at 1720A.	
1700		16			CO Cn Co reported that at 1120A and 1150A, Cn Co fired on group of enemy seen entering woods at 941279.	
1730		17			I & R OP # 1 reports that Germans have returned arty fire on 14A area. Germans firing from behind MERTZWILLER. G-2 notified.	
1915		18			OP # 1 reports at 1815A at 5° heard tanks firing toward 14th Armd sector. Tanks deep in woods.	
1940		19			OP # 1 reports sighting flashes of estimate 30 rds of rocket fire on 14th Armd sector, coming from vicinity MERTZWILLER. G-2 notified.	
2020		20			Capt Saunders, 1st Bn, phoned Capt Hunley that 2 PWS deserted their position and walked into the right plat of Co A.	
2030		21			OP # 1 reports that 2 rockets every eight minutes falling away to their left. Coming on a 360°. Our artillery falling the area of the rockets.	
2038		22			OP # 1 reports that 2 more rockets went off.	
2055		23			OP # 1 reports green flares to front.	
2055		24			3rd Bn OP reports enemy tank heard at 003255.	
	2115	25			CO 3rd Bn notified to have a squad sized patrol go to 996258 tomorrow night with mission of taking PWS.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
CP UHLWILLER
Place: 3 March 1945
Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2125	26			S-2 1st Bn notified to send reconnaissance patrol tomorrow to 960274 - 200 yards N of CR to see if tanks can be spotted. If tanks are located combat patrol will follow to same area the next night. S-3 2nd Bn notified to have platoon-sized raiding party on night of 5 March. To go to 005255, RR station, a reported Co CP.	
2135		27			S-3 1st Bn reports raiding party under way.	
2230		28			S-2 1st Bn reports 2 PWs are from 1st Co 1st Bn of 104 Regt. 28 men in Co, mostly Polish. Picked up by our outpost at 950270.	
2245		29			S-3 1st Bn called. Outpost reports hearing aburst of MG fire to front where 1st Bn raiding party should be.	
2255		30			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
2305		31			1st Bn S-2 reports enemy MG located after firing at 944276.	
2310		32			3rd Bn reports that Co I heard half-track and horse drawn piece to left of factory at 2240A. Germans using bird calls as signals at 005251. 3rd Bn contact patrol to Co L at 2253A reports all quiet. Co I contacted 143 Inf at 2258A. All quiet.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 217

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
3 March 1945

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FROM: 021200A Mar. 1945
TO : 031200A Mar. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 82d AIB, 14th Armad Div - no change.
 - b. Right flank - 143 RCT - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Colder. Partly cloudy to cloudy. Snow flurries. Visibility 2-3 miles.
5.
 - a. Same.
 - b. 3rd Bn completed relief of 2nd Bn at 2015A. 2nd Bn returned to reserve positions as shown on overlay.
 - c. A squad-sized patrol of 2nd Bn left former F Co area at 2200A to cross MODER River at 996250. Entered woods at 997253. Checked E and S points of woods with no enemy action resulting. Patrol returned at 2330A.
 - d. A squad-sized patrol of 1st Bn left Co B positions at 2130A. Crossed river at mill (941273). Entered woods at 944275. Got into woods 100 yds, not quite to road when fired on by MG to front. Tried to maneuver and was fired on from left flank by rifle grenades and 2 riflemen. Patrol then withdrew and returned at 2330A.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5. a. b. c. and d.

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JOURNAL

FROM: 040000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf.

TO : 042400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 March 1945

Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0020		1			Capt Saunders: Plat got into woods a ways and were fired on from 944 GL. Plat returned and is going out again. Will have to knock out MGs before they can go farther.	
0040		2			OP # 2 at 001248: Two red flares 1000 yds from OP. Shot from 90°, died at 104°.	
0045		3			3rd Bn: One round Arty fell near CP. Came from direction SCHWEIGHAUSEN. Medium caliber.	
0100		4			OP # 1: All quiet.	
	0115	5			Div given situation.	
0450		6			Capt Saunders phoned Capt Terrell that the patrol just returned. This platoon did not get any further then they did the 1st time.	
0500		7			OP # 1: All is quiet.	
0530		8			G-2 given situation.	
0600		9			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports that 3 shells fell in OHLUNGEN, did not cause damage, believed SP.	
0610		10			OP # 1 reports that 3rd of SP fire fell in town of DAUENDORF. Could not see.	
0637		11			Capt Saunders reports that Co A heard a tracked vehicle moving down to vicinity 955274, firing mortars at that point now. Have TD with Co C alerted.	
0648		12			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
0710		13			S-3 3rd Bn reports sighting a track moving from HAGUENAU to SCHWEIGHAUSEN factory at 0700A	
0825		14			S-2 3rd Bn reports Co I combat patrol to RR jct at 997258 will leave approximately 2300A tonight.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 4 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0915		15			OP # 1. All quiet.	
0919		16			Capt Saunders states they are sending two rcn patrols tonight; one to vic RJ 960274 to see what is there, the other to RR and RJ at 955275 where a SP is believed to be.	
	0937	17			Capt Terrell phoned Maj Wren, Div, in regard to the 2 PWs/ that Co A got last night. Maj Wren states that their Co is located 948276 to 955274. The 7th Co to E of their pos, 8th Co to their W. Also, they relieved the 5th Co on night 25 Feb.	
	1000	18			Capt Hunley phoned Capt Seaman, Div, if we could get one 105 TD Tank for our reinforcement school tomorrow morning. Want to show them our supporting weapons. Will have a guide down by the road that leads into the rifle range vicinity 998158 at 0900A tomorrow morning.	
1030		19			Capt Seaman, Div, to Capt Hunley: One 105 TD, one M-36 TD w/90mm, and one M-4 w/76mm will be available for you tomorrow. Have your guide at entrance to range at 0900A tomorrow to meet them. Crews will be with them. Capt Hunley notified Maj Spitler, Reinf. Train. School.	
	1035	20			Capt Hunley to Capt Belamy, 2nd Bn: Have crew, with 57mm gun, at Reinf Train School tomorrow at 0900A. Guide will meet them same place and time as for TDs.	
	1113	21			Situation reported to Div.	
1115		22			I & R OP reports tank firing from 001264, 6 rounds, falling 005243.	
1125		23			Capt from 59th AFA came to CP and discussed plans for supporting 142 Inf.	
1140		24			Lt Edmundson: Patrol briefed and will be sent out at 1300A	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1310		25			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	1325	26			Maj Eligood, 132 FA, given information on use of 105mm Arty piece to be used at 142 Inf R.T.School tomorrow.	
	1330	27			Capt Hunley left for 1st and 3rd Bns. Ret. 1450A	
1340		28			CO 3rd Bn came to CP and conferred with Col Lynch. Left CP at 1415A.	
	1418	29			Capt Terrell notified Lt Peters, Regt MP Plat Ldr, to let 1st Bn vehicles pass post and enter area previously occupied by AT Co without passes.	
	1435	30			Capt Terrell gave complete reports of last night's riading party to G-2.	
	1525	31			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn. Returned 1625A.	
1535		32			OP # 1 reports an enemy red cluster flare at 938277.	
1715		33			S-3 1st Bn reports they have 3 rcn patrols tonite. 3rd Patrol to go to vic 948276. All these patrols will leave at 2300A and go different routes. Co C has left to relieve AT Co.	
	1730	34			G-2 given situation.	
1750		35			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, phoned and states lights will be turned on at 1800A over Div front. If need them turned off notify this Hq.	
1755		36			CO AT reports Co relieved and enroute to assembly area. Will Cn observer be relieved or is he to remain?	
	1800	37			CO AT Co notified that Cn observer is to turn over communications to arty. Defensive fires are to be fired before he leaves. If this is (Cont'd)	

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TO : 042400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 4 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		37	(Cont'd)		complete tonight fine, if not, the observer to remain till morning.	
1850		38			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co I heard tank moving E vic 998258 at 1805A and tank still moving E vicinity 002257 at 1830A.	
1945		39			Capt Saunders: Co C set up in pos about 1830A, but failed to phone in.	
1946		40			Maj Baker, G-3, called. Wants to know where R.T. School demonstration is to be. Not'd at 2000A.	
	2020	41			Arrangements made with Maj Eite, S-3 141 Inf, for our contact patrol to leave area on even hours and their patrol leave on odd hours. Point of contact with 141 Inf by our Co I patrol is R-021241, Co I patrol left at 2015A.	
	2025	42			Maj Roberts, Exec O 3rd Bn, notified that 141st was on right instead of 143. Also notified of above arrangements.	
2100		43			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
2120		44			Maj Roberts reports Co I completed relief of 1st Co 4th Bn 143 Inf at 2115A. Lt Vance received word from 143 Inf that there was wire and trip flares at 004245. Will determine extent tomorrow and notify this Hq of details.	
	2130	45			Maj Baker, G-3 section, notified that relief of elements of 143 Inf by Co I 142 Inf was completed at 2115A. He stated 443 AAA was holding an air recognition school of 13 days duration with 1 hour instruction per day beginning at 1300A ea day vic BRUMATH. 142 Inf has been allotted maximum of 4 EM, preferably men who operate OPs. Would like number and name of men to attend by tomorrow morning. School to begin 061300A Mar 1945.	

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FROM: 040000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2315		46			OP # 2 reports all quiet.	
2330		47			GO AT Co states his Co is set for showers tomorrow morning beginning at 0800A. Maj Hunley stated he would have entire day for inspection and rehabilitating.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 218

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
4 March 1945

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FROM: 031200A Mar. 1945
TO : 041200A Mar. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left Flank - 62d AIB, 14th Armad Div - no change.
 - b. Right Flank - 143 RCT - no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair to cloudy. Colder and snow during last part of period. Visibility very poor due to clouds and haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued to hold defense line W of MODER River.
 - b. At 2020A two (2) PWs deserted and were taken by 1st Bn outposts vicinity 950270. Identified as from 1st Co 1st Bn 104 VGR 47th VG Div.
 - c. Raiding party from Co B left at 2135A, crossed river at 941272, proceeded to 944 grid line where they were fired upon by enemy MG. Patrol withdrew, returning at 0020A. Raiding party left again at 0100A and encountered enemy MG at same area and was forced to withdraw without accomplishing mission, returning at 0450A.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5. a., b., and c.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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From: 031800A
To : 041800A
Hq 142 Inf
041900A March 1945

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 7

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Front Line: No change.
E. Units in contact: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary.

(1) The enemy remained in defensive role, but there was a marked increase of activity throughout the area. Approximately 100 rds during the period. At 2315A combat patrol from Co B was fired on from 941276 by MG, and again at 2320A from 944276 by MG. The enemy continued to shoot flares and fired occasional bursts of MG fire along the front. Rockets were again reported coming from MERTZWILLER sector.

Shell Report:	<u>1st Bn</u>	<u>3rd Bn</u>	<u>AT Co</u>
	10	3	2

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: PWs this period: 2 - Total in FRANCE: 6241

UNIT	PWs	CAPT'd BY	CAPT'd VIC
1st Co 104 Regt 47 Div	2	1st Bn	951267

Two deserters who came into Co A pos were picked up at 2220A. PWs gave 1 MG pos at 953276, others behind RR. Co strength 25/30 men each. Co consists mostly of Pvt's and Cpl's and nearly all Poles. PW knew of no res behind his Bn; his Co located from 95 E to 96 E. Stated 7th Co E of RR sta vic 960275. States food is bad and morale low.

5. a. Weather: Forecast for 5 Mar - Scattered low clouds throughout day with increased middle clouds above 14000 ft during afternoon. No precipitation. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile in patchy fog areas before 1000A, improving to 3-5 miles thereafter. Wind less than 5 mph; variable. Min temp 27°.

b. Almanac - March	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
5	0702	1820	----	1000 - Last Qtr
6	0700	1821	0057	1028

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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ORDER OF BATTLE NOTES: The 47 VG Div

History: The 156 Reserve Div was organized originally as a mobilization and training Div. In the fall of 1942 it was transferred to Belgium and the following year to the BOULOGNE area in northwestern France. Sometime during the late spring or early summer of 1944 it was upgraded to become the 47 Inf Div. Toward the end of August 1944 the Div became embroiled in the northern French campaign and, by the end of September, was estimated to have a residual combat strength of only about 1500. During the following six weeks it underwent a reorganization into the 47 Volksgrenadier Div, reportedly in Denmark. Next contacted by the US First Army toward the middle of November, the Div evidently remained in line until the end of 1944 in the DUEREN (AACHEN) area, having reportedly effected a consolidation with the 12 VG Div. On 1 Jan, the 47 VG Div was relieved in the vic of DUEREN, its 103 and 104 GRs being marched to a point about 30 km from COLOGNE where they entrained for LANDAU. According to PWs, troops of the 103 and 104 GRs arrived in LANDAU about 10 Jan, remaining in that area until about 12 Jan when they marched to ASCHBACH (R-1837), arriving there 14 Jan. From 16-19 Jan troops of the 103 and 104 GRs were committed in the HATTEN-RITTERSHOFEN area where the 103 GR reportedly suffered 112 casualties during one night alone. At the end of Jan the Div was re-assembled in the vic MERTZWILLER, where it received some replacements mainly consisting of GAF reconvaescents with little Inf training and 2 days rest. On or about 28 Jan it reappeared in line in its present sector NW of HAGUENAU along the MODER River, relieving elements of the 10 SS Pz Div (Frundsberg).

(Sources: G-2 Periodic Report, # 379, Hq, 36th Inf Div)

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UNIT JOURNAL

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5 MARCH 1945

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JOURNAL

FROM: 050000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 052400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 5 March

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0030		1			CO 3rd Bn reports patrol now across river and in edge of woods. Using 536 radios for communications tonight.	
0155		2			Combat patrol from 3rd Bn left at 2300A, crossed river vicinity 998249, were not fired on but did not reach ob. Moved N to 996255 where a large number of infantry (35 or 40) were heard deploying to front at 2315A. A train came from N to 000259 and gun from train fired 3 rounds which went over forward area to the rear. Patrol did get within 100 yards of RR. Returned at 0130A.	
0210		3			1st Bn rcn patrol of 3 men left area and crossed river vicinity 941272 at 2300A, continued E to 946273, then turned to 949276, stopped 10 yards short of woods where considerable enemy activity could be heard. Flares went up on both flanks but don't believe they were aimed for patrol. Patrol returned 2400A.	
0305		4			1st Bn reports recon from Co C went along road from 9627 to 952272, heard enemy and 1 flare went up and could see enemy outpost. Enemy very careless. Patrol returned at 0200A. Patrol Co C left 2300A and worked way to 959278 where enemy outpost could be heard. At 964273 there is a house that enemy is using for cooking etc. Could hear considerable enemy movement there. Enemy very careless in smoking, etc. Could hear motor of tank in distance. Returned 0200A.	
0400		5			I & R OP reports all quiet but for one flare to front.	
0530		6			I & R OP reports gun flashes seen approximately 45° of gun firing to DAUENDORF and UHLWILLER.	
0800		7			Capt Saunders phoned Maj Hunley that 2 Germans got into the mill in part of the left Plat of Co A.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 050000A March 1945
TO : 052400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 5 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		7	(Cont'd)		Did not know anything about it until this morning. Call to them to come across, which led to the killing of one. Will get the other out after dark tonight.	
1935		8			Lt Quinn, TDs: Do you have anything for me this morning: Maj Hunley: No, will let you know if anything turns up. TDs fired 50 rounds indirect fire last night.	
	1953	9			Maj Hunley to Capt Saunders, 1st Bn: Now that your positions have been changed around I would like an overlay of your positions. Capt Saunders: I'll have an overlay down to you within a short time.	
	1955	10			Maj Hunley to S-3 3rd Bn: I would like an overlay of your gun and platoon positions. S-3 3rd Bn: Will have one made up for you.	
	1010	11			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn. Returned at 1135A.	
	1025	12			Maj Hunley left for AT Co. Returned at 1050A.	
	1050	13			Capt Terrell phoned the patrols for tonight to 1st Bn. Send Rcn patrol to 970272. On the night of 7th March prepare for a raid in this vicinity. Also called 3rd Bn to send rcn patrol to 013250, and tomorrow night to send a squad raid to this vicinity.	
	1100	14			Maj Hunley phoned all 3 Bns in regard to air recognition school that the 443 AAA is putting on, starting tomorrow afternoon at 1300A and lasting for 13 days. The class will last for an hour. You to send a man to this Hq by 1215A each day. Transportation will be furnished by this Hq.	
	1100	15			Col Albright left for 3rd Bn to confer with Col Lynch.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 050000A March 1945 142 Inf
TO: 052400A March 1945 Organization: CP UHLWILLER
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000 Place: 5 March 1945
Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1146	16			Maj Hunley phoned G-2 in regards to the train which brought in and fired the gun. It has been confirmed that this gun fired 3 rounds, believed to be at least 155 Cal. Would like to know if any shell reports were made from any of the rear units.	
	1150	17			Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn in regards to a bridge for tonight's raid. Col Coyle states that his A & P Plat is building a bridge for tonight's crossing.	
	1210	18			Capt Terrell gave G-2 the following patrol inf: 1st Bn platoon combat patrol leaves at 2200A and crosses river vicinity 941273 with objectives 949277, 945276, then return. 2nd Bn platoon combat patrol leaves at 2100A, crossing river vicinity 008246 with objective RR station vicinity 005254. 1st Bn Rcn patrol leaves for 971272 at time to be announced in preparation to a raiding party for night of 7 March. 3rd Bn Rcn patrol leaves for 013230 at time to be announced preparatory to raid tomorrow night.	
1210		19			Lt Treadgold, G-2 section, called Maj Hunley saying that the VI Corps is convinced that there was no railroad gun firing as reported. They did not receive information from any rear unit in regard to shelling. Believes the train was bringing in supplies, also, they would not bring gun of that type up so close to front lines. RR gun could only shoot straight down tracks.	
	1305	20			Lt Col Gillette left for Reinforcement School, then 2nd Bn training area.	
	1315	21			G93 given following names of men to attend air recognition school: Hq I & R, Cpl. John Fakalaris, ASN 36320922; 1st Bn, PFC Paul W. Guthrie, ASN 34678116; 2nd Bn, Pvt. Walter P. Kurlinski, ASN 36236327; 3rd Bn, Pvt. Dexter M. Brinker, ASN 37704484.	

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FROM: 050000A March 1945
TO: 052400A March 1945
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,00

142 Inf
Organization: CP UHLWILLER
Place:
Date: 5 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1325	22			Col Lynch left for Div CP. Returned at 1720A.	
1325		23			S-2 3rd Bn reports 4 enemy MGs with concertina wire along river bank known to be in area vicinity 013250 where rcn patrol is to operate.	
1400		24			Lt Lustman, Div In O, reports 443 AAA Air Recognition School will be held vicinity 983145 near MP post and main junction in BRUMATH. Students to bring pencil.	
	1405	25			Capt Quast, 132 FA, given permission to fire vicinity 002264.	
	1447	26			Maj Hunley phoned CO 3rd Bn if anyone from the 59 FA has been around today. They are going to relieve the 132 FA. You might have to register for defensive fires. Also, use your 81mm mortars for close in support for this outfit cannot fire high angle fire like 132 FA.	
1450		27			Capt Seaman phoned that the 240's are going to fire to the front of our 3rd Bn. Mission to fire on the railroad tracks to tear them up.	
1453		28			OP # 1: Considerable MG fire between the hours of 1300A to 1330A and 1400A to 1430A. Coming from vicinity 943277.	
1845		29			Lt Col Gillette returned.	
	1610	30			Maj Hunley left for 2nd Bn. Returned at 1653A.	
1615		31			S-2 1st Bn reports they have spotted enemy gun vicinity 964324 and firing counter-battery now.	
1655		32			OP # 1 reports seeing a German leave vic 936276 for woods and at 1630A two enemy came towards mill vicinity 942273.	
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1657		33			S-3 1st Bn states Co B has completed its relief of Co C which is on its way back.	
1725		34			1st Bn reports observing 2 ambulances enter area where gun was fired on by our counter-battery vicinity 936276.	
	1740	35			Maj Hunley notified G-3 to not turn lights on over 142 RCT area tonight because of patrol.	
	1815	36			Maj Hunley notified S-3 1st Bn that Engrs are bringing a Secret Sniper's Weapon to 1st Bn tonight. It is not to be used in area where enemy is likely to capture it. Should go to Co B and will be available tonight and tomorrow night.	
1820		37			S-3 3rd Bn reports they have detected a train vicinity 002263 by puffs of smoke. Cn Co to fire concentration and believe to have scored hits.	
1840		38			OP # 1 reports 8 rounds mortar fell vicinity mill 942273.	
1850		39			OP # 1 reports 9 rounds mortar fell on mill vicinity 942273.	
	2000	40			S-3 notified all Bn S-3s that this Regt would begin a Sniper School in near future. 18 men from each Bn to attend. Ea Bn will also furnish instructors. Names of men attending Fifth Army School in May 1944 will be used for instructors if possible. Names, rank, and serial numbers of men attending will be phoned this Hq as soon as possible. Further instructions will be furnished in writing at later date.	
	2115	41			Capt Terrell phoned Lt Arnold in regards to the traffic going from DAUENDORF to UHLWILLER. That there 225 trucks pass our MP check point. To limit the traffic as they have started to shell the cross roads now. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		41	(Cont'd)		Lt Arnold phoned back that there is a Co of 14 Armd in town with them. Asked if they should have a pass also. Capt Terrell states that they also have to have a pass. To get in touch with the Co immediately and give him the facts.	
2022		42			Capt Saunders phoned that off all the names phoned to him only two are present. 1st Sgt. Pershing E Freeman, and S/Sgt. Ralph G. Kender (now at the Reinforcement Training School).	
2041		43			OP # 2 reports hearing train come in just now. Could hear the squeaking of breaks, vic 002260. It came very slowly down the tracks.	
2047		44			Capt Matney, CO Co G, phoned Maj Hunley: Is the unit on our right aware of our raid tonight? Capt Matney thought that the 141 Inf is firing some 60mm mortar flares, of which there is a considerable amount going up. Maj Hunley checked with S-3 141 Inf in regards to above. States that there is considerable amount of action out here, but don't have the complete details as yet.	
	2052	45			Maj Hunley called CO 2nd Bn if there is considerable action there. CO 2nd Bn states he believes that these flares are enemy. Going to hold up on the patrol.	
	2052	46			Capt Terrell called Maj Eligood at FDC if he had any concentration around the RR tracks vic 000260? Maj Eligood states that they do not have any near that point. Capt Terrell asked if he could check in some way with the 240 Arty around there as they did some firing this afternoon on the tracks. Maj Eligood will check into it right away. Capt Terrell said to tell them to stop firing at 2115A, at which time the raiding patrol will have been out as it is leaving at 2100A.	

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CP UHLWILLER

Place: _____

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Date: 5 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2110		47			Maj Eligood phoned Capt Terrell that the guns won't be able to fire in that short a time, also that they tore the track up this afternoon.	
	2120	48			Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Spitler in regards to the Reinforcement School. You are to leave all of the stuff there. There are some new reinforcements coming to us within the next day or so, so, in addition, you to send all of the instructors back to their companies tomorrow except the kitchen crew which will stay there with their equipment and with the equipment you leave there. Sometime tomorrow morning Maj Roberts is coming down with new instructors to contact you. Show him around the different areas and give him the problems and schedule that you have. Have contacted Maj Hensley to send enough rations for about 25 men for tomorrow's dinner.	
	2125	49			Capt Terrell called CO 2nd Bn to go ahead with his patrol, for the big guns are tied up on other missions at present. CO 2nd Bn states that Cn Co fired on the train.	
2130		50			Capt Terrell monitored conversation between 1st Bn and 132 FDC. Talked with Capt Saunders that Co B is in a fire fight. In the hill to the front of Co B.	
2200		51			OP # 1: All is quiet.	
2223		52			Maj Eligood phoned that the 155 FA did some shooting in the area around the S end of bend in road. Don't know the number of shells fired. Fired between the time of 2100A to 2115A.	
2300		53			OP # 1 and 2: All is quiet.	
2345		54			IPW reports: The deserter that walked into our Co A outpost 943273 at 0800A from 6th Co 104 VGR. Has been in position for four weeks. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: _____
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 5 March 1945

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IN	OUT					
		54	(Cont'd)		Location of his Co is from 937276 to 945276, with 3d Co on right. Strong dugouts with logs on top. Received a couple of casualties a day from OPs and walking around out in the open. Morale very low and the food bad, but plenty of ammunition, about 1,000 rounds per MG. From 45 to 50 men in his Co. Also 6 LMGs and 1 HMG. G-2 given situation.	
2347		55			CO 1st Bn would like searchlights turned on in twenty minutes.	
	2349	56			Called Capt Orcutt, Div, in regards to above. Capt Orcutt states that we did not want them on tonight, also the 141 Inf wants them turned off at 2300A in their sector. Will have to clear through them first. Will call back. Capt Orcutt phoned that the lights will be on at 0005A. Will have them turned on over the 96 grid for the rest of the night.	
	2352	57			CO 1st Bn informed of above.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 219

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
5 March 1945

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FROM: 041200A March 1945
TO : 051200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 62th AIB - No change.
 - b. Right flank - 143 RCT relieved by 141 RCT by 042200A.
Elements of Co I 142 RCT relieved elements of 4th Bn 143 RCT at 2115A.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and colder. Visibility restricted due to haze and mist.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defense line on W bank of MODER River.
 - b. Elements of Co C relieved AT Co at 1830A and elements of Co I relieved elements 4th Bn 143 RCT at 2115A.
 - c. Combat patrol from 3rd Bn reached vicinity 996256 and returned due to hearing estimated 35-40 enemy to their front.
 - d. Recon patrols from 1st Bn succeeded in reaching areas vicinity 959273, 952272, and 946273 without being discovered by the enemy.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5. a., b., c., and d.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 041800A
To : 051800A
Hq 142 Inf
051900A March 1945

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Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General summary: The entire sector was quiet throughout the period with only about 40 rounds arty reported. At 2330A Co B patrol heard wagon and eny et 946276. Co C patrol heard tracked vehicles vic 95952730 and observed 4-man enemy patrol at 962273. Co I patrol heard large eny group (est 35 or 40) at 966255 and also reported hearing RR train come to vic 000259 at 0015A. Gun from train fired 3 rounds and moved out. Scattered MG bursts across front during period.

Shell Report:	1st Bn	3rd Bn	Cn Co
	3	0	1

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: No change.

5. a. Weather: Forecast for 6 March - Light drizzle after sunset. Partly cloudy morning, cloudy afternoon. Visibility 2 miles at dawn with haze, improving to 10 miles by 1030A. Wind SW, 5-10 mph. Minimum temp 38°.

b. Almanac:	March	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
	6	0700	1921	0057	1028
	7	0658	1923	0202	1103

C. C. Terrell
CADER C. TERRELL
Capt., 142nd Inf
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ORDER OF BATTLE NOTES:

A PW from 2 Co 104 VGR taken by 14th US Armd Div during the period stated that 1 Co and 2 Co 103 VGR were in position to the W of his unit, vic BITSCHHOFFEN (Q-9128), where it had recently moved from the HAGUENAU sector. This would explain the story of the deserter from 5 Co 103 VGR captured 1 March vic R-002249 who stated his Co had just been relieved by elems of I Bn 115 VGR, and that it had been instructed to prepare for a "long march."

One more of the COLMAR units, the 106 Pz Brigade, less armored outfit of Nineteenth Army, was identified by First US Army during period. 10th SS Pz Div, whose assault was checked so effectively by 36th Div in January, has been reported identified in the central sector of the Eastern front.

(Source: G-2 Periodic Report # 387, Hq 36th Inf Div.)

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142 Inf

TO : 062400A March 1945

Organization:

CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Place:

6 March 1945

Date:

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0035		1			OP # 2: One red flare fired from house at 000247 over factory area. Considerable small arms and MG fire between azimuth 90° and 100°. Also flares in other sectors.	
0050		2			OP # 1: Nothing to report.	
0100		3			2nd Bn raiding party left at 0035A, moved through Co I, crossed bridge at 0055. Patrol well under way.	
0100		4			IPW report: Two deserters from 2nd Co 115 Regt; even strength 41; 6 LMGs, 1 HMG; MG positions 990258 and 994256, MGs pull back during daytime. 1st Co on left, 2nd Co on right, and 7th Co on right of 2nd Co. Boundary between 1st and 2nd Cos 995256. Positions: 1st Co from paper factory to 995256; 2nd Co from 995256 to mine field at 990256. Mine field positions previously reported by PWs verified. Co CP approximately 997259, in woods. PWs Yugo Slava, only a few non-Germans left in Co. Morale very low. PWs do not know about train.	
0120		5			CO 1st Bnc called, wants all but 1 light turned off. Div notified.	
	0140	6			Maj Hunley called Capt Orcutt about turning out lights.	
0150		7			Capt Saunders requested all lights be turned off. Div notified.	
0215		8			Capt Saunders: Co C patrol crossed stream vicinity Co B and worked along stream, then to cleared gap in woods vicinity 969268. Patrol heard considerable activity in woods on both sides and could not advance farther. Enemy was free with lights, Placed mortar on them. Spotted tank vic 969273. Patrol returned by swimming back across stream.	

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6 March 1945

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IN	OUT					
0220		9			OP # 1: Quiet except for MG fire	into factory area.
0222		10			OP # 2: Intercept message - Co E to G: "We are on objective". Also, Co M MGs firing into factory area.	
0235		11			Capt Saunders: Combat patrol back across river. Details later.	
0250		12			OP # 2: Intercept message - Co E to Co G: "We have 3 enemy".	
0253		13			Lt Arnold: Co C 3-man rcn patrol; left at 2200A from 970264; crossed stream at 970266; went to edge of woods 972267, there heard considerable enemy activity (talking and movement); then to 968270, same activity. Heard SP firing from vicinity 971273. Patrol then returned.	
0330		14			Capt Saunders states combat patrol left 2200A and reached point vic 944275 where 1 squad was put in position while the other two continued forward. At same time squad got in position party was fired on by enemy MG from right flank and left flank. Also few riflemen fired grenades at them. Patrol withdrew a short distance, exchanged few shots and returned at 0230A.	
0335		15			1st Bn requested searchlights be turned on. Capt Fore notified them that as soon as 2nd Bn raiding party had returned the lights would be turned on.	
0340		16			G-2 given situation.	
0345		17			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
0400		18			Capt Matney, CO Co G, states raiding party is back and has 3 PWs. No casualties, details later.	
0405		19			Capt Fore phoned Div and requested lights turned on to 96 grid. Permission granted. 1st Bn notified.	

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IN	OUT					
0408		20			CO 2nd Bn phoned and states patrol returned. 3 PWs Seems to be many enemy vicinity factory. Platoon did not get to objective. Full report in the morning.	
0455		21			IPW states 3 PWs from 3rd Co 115 Regt. 1 squad in factory and 1 squad to E in bushes. Co is 40 to to men strong with 6 LMGs and 1 HMG. 2ndCo on their right and do not know who is on their left. Stated our patrol took them by surprise. Co CP is in RR station.	
	0600	22			G-2 given situation	
	0630	23			G-3 given situation.	
0700		24			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
0800		25			Maj Roberts came to CP to confer with Col Gillette.	
0800		26			3rd Bn ren patrol left at 0412A returned 0550A. Approached to within 150 yards of woods and heard voices. One man moved additional 25 yards but did not go into woods. At this place heard Germans and rifle bolts click, also heard calls. Withdrew and the patrol returned.	
	0821	27			Maj Hunley called all 3 Bns to submit to this Hq two names of officers who will qualify as in- structors for the Sniping School as soon aspos.	
0900		28			Capt Saunders states batteries are dead on Sniper Weapon and desires to have them replaced by tonight. Did not get to test weapon last night.	
0902		29			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	0908	30			Capt Terrell gave patrol instr to 1st and 3rd Bns. Requested strength and time of departure be phoned this Hq as soon as pos. 3d Bn to send a squad combat patrol tonight to vic 014249. Ren patrol to 990263.	

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IN	OUT					
		30	(Cont'd)		1st Bn sending combat patrol to 960275 and recon patrol to 978268. G-2 notified.	
	0918	31			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn on OHLUNGEN. Returned at 1050A.	
1000		32			S-2 141 Inf reports their observer in HAGUENAU reports SP vic 025264 firing towards SCHWEIGHAUSEN at 0925A. Fired 5 rds every 5 mins. Will put arty on the enemy SP.	
	1015	33			All Bn S-3s notified to inform Bn COs to meet at this CP at 1315A today to confer with Col Lynch.	
1105		34			Two officers from CCA 14th Arnd Div came to CP and checked with Maj Hunley on use of searchlights tonight.	
1240		35			1st Bn: Co A outpost observed tank at edge of woods 963272. Firing 60mm mortars at it and got one hit. Arty about to be fired also.	
	1300	36			Maj Hunley called all 3 Bns in regards to the Sniper School. The men that you have submitted to this Hq that have attended the Sniper School last May are to report up here at this Hq this afternoon at 1500A. (Two each per Bn and Lt. George H Norton from Co C and Lt Earnest A. Detterman from Co G), also to send the men that are to attend school to WITTERSHEIM to Serv Co by 1400A tomorrow afternoon. To have men complete with all of their equipment as it will be an eight day stay.	
	1310	37			Capt Terrell phoned Lt Collar, 3rd Bn S-3, to put trip flares on the bridge that Co G used in their raid last night. And when time comes for another patrol to cross to send a man from your A&P Plat down to take the flares out.	
	1310	38			CO 1st Bn and CO 2nd Bn came to CP, also Lt Col Larsen, to confer with Col Lynch.	

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IN	OUT					
	1320	39			Lt Col Larsen left for 70th Inf Div.	
	1325	40			Maj Hunley called Ass't S-4 that there will be 6 NCOs and 2 officers coming to Serv Co this afternoon. This Regt is going to have a Sniper School training starting in a couple of days. These men are going to be instructors of the school which will last for 8 days. And tomorrow afternoon there will be 54 men who are going to attend this school.	
1350		41			CO 3rd Bn arrived at CP for meeting of Bn COs.	
	1500	42			Bn COs left CP.	
1510		43			S-2 1st Bn states patrol will leave at 2400A. Ren 3-man patrol will leave from Co B.	
	1515	44			G-2 given full details for tonight patrols.	
	1600	45			Capt Terrell checked with 1st Bn to see what firing was caused by.	
1620		46			1st Bn states the firing is being done by 14th Armd Div. Seems to be firing Armor and heavy weapons into RR station vicinity 937275.	
1625		47			S-2 3rd Bn phoned requesting searchlights on until 2100A as they will be doing some work with wire. After 2100A patrols are leaving.	
	1635	48			Lt Col Gillette notified Mr Sidick that bazooka men will be issued pistol and assistant will carry M-1 rifle. AT Co pistols are being reduced and men will be armed with carbines and M-1s.	
	1640	49			Lt Col Gillette notified CO AT Co he could turn in his pistols and substitute with M-1s and carbines. The Co will have a total of 159 weapons.	

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IN	OUT					
1840		50			CO 1st Bn would like to have a searchlight trained on 96 grid line and ready to be switched on on call.	
	1845	51			Maj Hunley notified G-3 of above.	
1845		52			Capt Reid, CO Co I, asked to have interrogators stress getting pass-words as he has several German speaking boys.	
1900		53			OP # 1 reports that at 1820A 8 rounds mortar fell S of mill.	
1905		54			S-2 1st Bn states rcn patrol from Co B will leave at 2100A.	
1930		55			I & R OP # 2 reports hearing RR train sounds on track again. Will get Cn Co to fire on it.	
2040		56			S-3 3rd Bn reports at 1940A Co A saw 2 red flares at 006255. Several rifle shots over northern tip of SCHWEIGHAUSEN at 002248. At 1955A Co I saw 2 white and 2 amber flares at 006255. At 2020A Co I outpost saw 2 enemy across stream at 015244, probably outpost.	
2100		57			S-2 1st Bn reports that at 2015A an enemy patrol approached mill at 977263, fired a few shots and withdrew.	
2100		58			I & R OP reports all quiet.	
2155		59			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co L now relieved by Co K.	
2250		60			I & R OP reports all quiet.	
2400		61			3rd Bn reports all quiet. Patrol is in but details later.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 220

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
6 March 1945

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FROM: 051200A March 1945
TO : 061200A March 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold. Visibility restricted due to mist.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held MLR without changes in local positions.
 - b. Recon patrols from 1st and 3rd Bns succeeded in reaching objectives 972267 and 014248 respectively without being detected by the enemy. 1st Bn combat patrol reached vicinity 944275, but due to superior enemy strength was forced to withdraw before completing mission. 2nd Bn combat platoon of Co G succeeded in taking 3 PWs vicinity 003253 but were unable to reach objective which was RR station vicinity 004255. PWs identified from 3rd Co 115 VGR 47 VGD.
 - c. Light harassing mortar and artillery fire scattered along Regimental front during period.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5., a., b. and c.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142nd Inf.
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Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
06 March 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

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Maps: FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets, XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. a. RCT 142 with present atchmts continues present mission.

2. a. 1st Bn:

- (1) Will be relieved on pos by 2nd Bn 7 March 45, as much of relief as possible being completed during daylight.
- (2) Upon completion of relief present atchmts pass to 2nd Bn.
- (3) Upon relief will move by motor and marching to Regt res pos BERTHEIM, HUTTENDORF, NEIDERALTDORF area.
 - (a) AT Co and On Co trans now with 2nd Bn in Regt res area will be delivered to CO 1st Bn at DAUENDORF after dark 7 March 1945.
- (4) Sends normal quartering pty to BERTHEIM, HUTTENDORF, NEIDERALTDORF; makes arrangements to take over billets now occupied by 2nd Bn.
- (5) Rehabilitates and conducts training in accordance with TM # 5, Hq, 142d Inf., 27 Feb. 1945.
- (6) Initiates immediate rcn and planning in accordance with OI # 4, Hq, 142d Inf, dtd 25 Feb. 1945.

b. 2nd Bn:

Atchd:

- 1 Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
- 1 Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn

In support:

- 1 Plat Co B 83d Cml Wpns Bn (4.2 mortars)

Atchmts and support effective on completion of relief.

- (1) Initiates immediate rcn of sector now held by 1st Bn.

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(2) Moves by marching to relieve 1st Bn on pos 7 March 1945, as much of relief as possible to be completed during daylight.

(3) Makes necessary ren and plans in compliance with OI # 4, Hq, 142d Inf, dtd 25 Feb. 1945.

c. 3rd Bn (with present atchmts)

(1) Continues present mission.

d. AT Co: No change.

e. Cn Co: No change.

f. Sv Co: No change.

g. Co A 636 TD Bn:

(1) Atchmts of 1st Bn remain in pos, becomes atchd to 2nd Bn upon completion of relief.

h. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

(1) Atchmts of 1st Bn remain in pos, become atchd to 2nd Bn upon completion of relief.

i. One (1) Plat Co B 83d Cml Bn:

(1) Supports 2nd Bn in sector relinquished by 1st Bn.

(2) Upon relief, plat moves to support LYNCH

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(3) Upon completion of relief, plat moves to support 2nd Bn.

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 9

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General summary: The enemy remained in defensive role during period. At 2400A Co B patrol was fired on by MG from 94952770, and at 0005A from 94852770 by MG and rifles. Co C patrol observed light vic 972266 and heard enemy at 968270. Observed SP fire from vicinity 971273. 3 PWs were captured by Co G raiding party vic 004253. Raiding party was fired on from vic 007253 and 004255. At 1240A Co A outpost observed tank edge of woods at 963272; fired on tank with mortars and crew was reported abandoning tank. About 40 rds arty was reported in our sector, with about 25 rds being 75mm.

Shell Report: 1st Bn 3rd Bn
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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: PWs this period: 6 Total in FRANCE: 6247

UNIT	PWs	CAPT'd BY	CAPT'd VIC
6 Co 104 VGR 47 Div	1	1st Bn (A)	943273
3 Co 115 VGR 47 Div	3	2nd Bn (G)	004253
2 Co 115 VGR 47 Div	2	3rd Bn (L)	985253

The PW from 6 Co 104 Regt stated his Co had only 2 plats. Total Co strength of 45-50 men. His Co has 6 LMGs and 1 HMG atchd, Co in pos 937276 to 945276. 2 PWs from 2 Co 115 Regt state Co has 6 LMGs and 1 HMG atchd. HMG pos at 990258, LMG at 994256. 1st Co on E of 2 Co and 7 Co on W of 2 Co. Co CP at 997259. 4 SPs in Div but does not know location. 3 PWs from 3 Co 115 Regt states their Co has one sqd in factory and 1 sqd in woods to E of factory vic 007254, Co CP in station 006255. Morale of all PWs very low. PWs captured by Co G asked for candy and cigarettes as soon as they had been captured. Mine field previously reported at 990257 to 994257 was verified.

5.a. Weather: Forecast for 7 March: Light fog at dawn restricting visibility to 1-2 miles. Partly cloudy throughout day and with showers in afternoon over mountains and in RHINE Valley. Wind from NW, 7-9 mph. Min temp 34°.

b. Almanac: - March

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
7	0658	1823	0202	1103
8	0656	1825	0304	1146

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7 MARCH 1945

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JOURNAL

FROM: 070000A March 1945
TO : 072400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 7 March 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0047		1			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
0130		2			OP # 1 reports hearing small arms and MG fire on a 60° azimuth from OP, just saw a flare went up in the same area.	
0145		3			3rd Bn Co L patrol. Left 2100A and returned 2350A. Crossed at 989257. Crossed the first stream on logs and 1 flare went up. Was not fired on. Had to wade the next stream which was muddy and the next stream bed was dry. Went into woods 20 yards where they could hear voices which sounded like a relief. Crossed trail about 50 yards to where they could see RR tracks. Stayed there and observed for 20 minutes, could hear an estimate 25 enemy voices in the right and left, also heard some coming from vicinity RR tracks. Withdrew same route.	
0150		4			CO 1st Bn phoned that Co C patrol ran into a mine field vicinity 962274 and drew mortar and arty fire, don't know the number of casualties. Also some small arms and MG fire.	
0435		5			OP # 1: All quiet.	
0650		6			Capt Saunders: Co B patrol just returned. Will have patrol details later.	
0703		7			OP # 2: Self propelled firing from 60°, 2 seconds between firing and shell landing. Falling in OP area. 4 rounds	
	0800	8			Maj Hunley phoned S-3 111th Engrs and discussed possibilities of getting some Engrs to assist with Sniper School for a period of 8 days.	
	0844	9			Capt Terrell gave 3rd Bn patrol mission for tonight: Squad ambush patrol to 987264. Rcn patrol to CLAUSENHOF 018247.	

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

142 Inf
Organization: GP UHLWILLER
Place: 7 March 1945
Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0925	10			Lt Col Gillette left for River Crossing Problem area vicinity MOMMENHEIM. Returned 1120A.	
	0940	11			Capt Terrell notified S-3 1st Bn to send rcn patrol to 970273 tonight, and combat patrol to 944274-946276.	
	0945	12			G-2 given patrol information for tonight.	
	1000	13			Maj Hunley checked with S-3 1st Bn to see if Snipers Weapon was used last night. He stated no, that due to rain the weapon was not sent out. Maj Hunley was requested it be sent to this Hq today as Engrs were to pick it up.	
1070		14			CO 3rd Bn states patrols will leave after 2400A. Observers from 59 AFA are now at CPs and will register today, 1 Btry is now in position and other two Btrys will be in this afternoon.	
	1030	15			Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1138A.	
	1030	16			Capt Terrell phoned Lt Col Coyle in regards to his relief. Don't use the road leading to NEUBOURG, use at night only. Also, do not use the E-W road between DAUENDORF and UHLWILLER. The road between UHLWILLER and OHLUNGEN is open to a point 967238 where there is a road junction, turn left into woods from there.	
1300		17			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	1305	18			Col Gillette notified CO AT Co to report to this Hq sometime this afternoon.	
	1307	19			Lt Col Gillette notified Mr Sydick, Ass't S-4, to start making change of socks every other day instead of every 3 days. Effective immediately.	
1315		20			S-2 141 Inf phoned stating they are firing on enemy activity vicinity 010254.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1330		21			CO Co A 636 TD reports 1 TD knocked out by estimated 88mm. The enemy was firing on 3 TDs that are in position. Azimuth taken from vic TDs are: 003246 - 310°; 005246 - 317°; 005245 - 79°; 997248 - 360°.	
1335		22			S-3 1st Bn states combat patrol will leave at 2230A and recon patrol at 2100A.	
	1340	23			Maj Hunley arranged with Officer from Searchlight Bn to have lights available between 2200A and 6100A.	
	1343	24			Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1712A.	
1500		25			OP # 1 reports all quiet except at 1405 enemy fired at our cub plane from vicinity 947276.	
	1525	26			Maj Hunley left CP. Returned at 1605A.	
	1620	27			Maj Hunley talked with CO AT Co, requested 2-day training schedule.	
	1635	28			Maj Hunley talked to Capt Belamy about demonstration Also requested use of a pillbox for flame throwing and demolition demonstration.	
1730		29			CO 1st Bn requested one light be turned on over 95 easting at 2200A. Maj Hunley stated arrangements were complete for one light at that time.	
1835		30			1st Bn states relief completed, but Co A. Co A reports knocking out half-track vic 960275 with 60mm mortar between 1400-1500A.	
	1850	31			G-3 given situation. Maj Hunley requested a clearance for a pillbox to be used at demonstration. Capt Orcutt stated 141 Inf had cleared through French pillboxes vic 050142, 072163, and 053120 to use demolition charges and flamethrowers. Maj Hunley stated he would make a recon and then notify Div for clearance.	

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IN	OUT					
	1920	32			Maj Hunley discussed details on locating pillboxes and securing flame throwers for demolition school. Requested Lt Crawford contact S-3 1st Bn tomorrow in regards to river crossing problem.	
	1925	33			Maj Hunley checked on details of KOD TD with Capt Groom. The shell type and size unknown; hit boogie wheel and severed track. Retriever now in process of taking TD out. Will re-shuffle vehicles so as to have same areas covered with 3 vehicles.	
	1950	34			Capt Terrell notified S-2 141 Inf of 3rd Bn patrol going to CLAUSENHOF after 2400A.	
2010		35			3rd Bn phoned and requested searchlights over Ol easting. Maj Hunley phoned G-3 and requested searchlights over Ol easting - time phoned 2013A. Lights to be on until notified otherwise.	
2030		36			OP # 1 reports two or three bursts of friendly MG and enemy MG fire vicinity mill coordinate 942273.	
2045		37			OP # 1 reports one round estimate 81mm mortar fell approximately 900 yards short of OP site.	
2150		38			Capt Groom states he is going to have to turn in 3 TDs for a period of couple days to be replaced by 90mm. Suggest I turn in two from reserve platoon plus the one KOD today. Will leave one in indirect fire and 4 with 2nd Bn and 3 with 3rd Bn. Maj Hunley stated OK.	
	2153	39			G-3 given situation. Relief complete except AP platoon, vicinity 960265.	
2200		40			1st Bn reports relief completed and command of sector passed to CO 2nd Bn.	
2205		41			S-3 per 2nd Bn reports relief complete.	

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IN	OUT					
	2210	42			G-3 notified relief completed and given disposition of both Bns.	
	2215	43			Maj Hunley checked with S-1 1st Bn to be sure that ordnance inspection had been arranged for tomorrow. The schedule will begin at 0900A. Bn will have pay, showers, and show-down inspection for the day.	
2233		44			CO 1st Bn requested lights being used by 14th Armd be turned off or adjusted for 30 to 40 minutes as it was interfering with the Combat Patrol crossing open area vicinity of mill 942273.	
	2236	45			Maj Hunley phoned G-3 and requested they arrange for 14th Armd lights be adjusted for a period of 30 to 40 min as they are interfering with our combat patrol crossing clearing N of mill.	
2300		46			OP # 1 reports all quiet except a couple of flares and small amount of small arms fire in 14th Armd Div sector.	
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NO. 221

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
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FROM: 061200A March 1945
TO : 071200A March 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: No change.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT had two combat patrols operating in enemy territory, but, due to mine fields and superior strength of enemy in areas assigned as objectives, they were unable to take prisoners. Two recon patrols were vicinity 990263 and 978268 preparatory for raiding parties to follow night of 07 March.
 - b. At approximately 0200A a small enemy patrol came to vic mill 942273, fired few shots then withdrew.
 - c. Co K relieved Co L on position, relief completed about 2155A. Remainder of RCT front - no change.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5. a., b. and c.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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To : 071900A
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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 10

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy Front Line: No change.
b. Units in Contact: See overlay.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General summary: The enemy remained quiet throughout period with exception to lt arty fire and an enemy patrol vic 977264. Combat patrol from Co C located mine field with trip wires at 959272 to 961272. Concertina wire was on north side of mine field. Patrol was fired on by MGs from north and received mortar fire coming from 962273 and 958274. Co B patrol observed approx 20 enemy walking along trail from 976266 to 978265. Co L patrol observed group of approx 25 enemy along RR vic 987263. Squad combat patrol from Co I searched houses and brush vic 013248 and found the area unoccupied, but heard enemy MG firing from RR. A total of 28 rounds arty was reported in sector.

<u>Shell Report:</u>	<u>1st Bn</u>	<u>3rd Bn</u>
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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: No change.

5. a. Weather: Forecast for 8 March: Scattered low clouds in morning becoming broken to scattered in afternoon. No precipitation. Visibility 1 mile at dawn improving to 5-6 miles after 1030A. Wind NE, 4-6 mph. Min temp 36°.

b. Almanac:	<u>March</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>
	8	0656	1825	0304	1146
	9	0654	1826	0402	1259

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TO : 082400A March 1945

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Date: 8 March 1945

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IN	OUT					
0130		1			Lt Quinn, 636 TD Bn, reports TD gotten out OK.	
0250		2			I & R OP # 1 reports all quiet. Some small arms and mortar fire near mill from 0115-0130.	
	0439	3			G-2 given situation and patrol reports for evening.	
0450		4			OP # 1: Small arms fire coming from left of mill at 0300A. At 0400 a burst of MG fire right after one flare that went up near mill.	
0500		5			IPW: 2 PWs from 2 Co 115 Regt. Strength of Co about 40 men with 5 MGs. The 7th Co on right and 1 Co on left. PW states he did not think train could run along tracks as they are torn up. He did not know of anything else new, that has not been reported.	
0745		6			OP # 2 reports a small SP gun firing at church steeple. Have made several hits. Fired 17 rounds in 25 mins. On Co now firing on it. Seems to be at an azimuth of 45° from OP # 2.	
	0810	7			Maj Hunley phoned Lt Hale, 1st Bn, and requested names of men from Bn AP Plat to attend demolition school by noon today instead of 1800A as stated on TM # 6.	
	0830	8			Capt Terrell gave the patrols for tonight to the Bns. 3rd Bn 1 squad combat patrol to CLAUSENHOF. Mission to capture the mortar vic 016247 and the personnel with the Germans carrying the weapon. Rcn patrol entered woods about 998253 go NW guiding along the trail to vicinity RR Jct at 996258. 2nd Bn rcn patrol go to woods at 960275 and swing to the left, come out from behind at 948276. Rcn patrol to 970272, look and observe for a squad raid for tomorrow night.	
0850		9			Maj Wren phoned Capt Terrell that Gen Stack ordered that we send our patrols for tonight after midnight.	

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IN	OUT					
	0900	10			Capt Terrell notified the two Bns of above inf.	
1000		11			Gen Hess arrived at CP. Left at 1030A.	
1100		12			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
1125		13			Maj Wren phoned, mine fields that we reported in confirmed by photo interpreter as possibly being a mine field. Location of which is 95842724 to 9842714 - 95982712 - 95982704.	
1155		14			S-3 111 Engr Bn phoned in regards to Sniperscope. Have to turn it in either today or tomorrow. Maj Hunley requested we keep it for tonight, and would like to have a new battery. Capt Bellamy stated fine, will send a battery up.	
	1250	15			Maj Hunley instructed Lt Norton of Sniperschool to use rifles with telescopic sights only. Now have 21 and full quota of 27 will be available later. There will be 1 rifle for every 2 men and should be assigned so as both men are from same platoon. Will work out shower schedule and let you know this afternoon.	
1300		16			OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
1305	1305	17			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn. Returned 1545A.	
	1310	18			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn. Returned 1403A.	
1315		19			S-2 3rd Bn reports ren patrol from Co L to vicinity 998253-995260 will leave at 0130A. Squad ambush patrol from Co I to CLAUSENHOF will leave at 0230A.	
1325		20			S-2 2nd Bn reports ren patrol from Co G to vicinity 970272 leaving 0200A. Ren patrol from Co E to vicinity 950275-948276 leaving 0200A.	
	1330	21			Capt Terrell gave G-2 patrol routes and time of departure for tonight.	

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IN	OUT				
	1400	22		Maj Hunley left for Reinforcement School and Sniper School. Returned at 1635A.	
	1415	23		Lt Col Gillette left for S-1 section in WITTERSHEIM. Returned at 1700A.	
1420		24		S-3 2nd Bn requests lights be turned on at 2100A and will notify this Hq when desire to have them off.	
1445		25		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
1600		26		CO 3rd Bn requests lights be turned on at dark and remain on until notified otherwise.	
	1620	27		Capt Groom, TDs, given permission to pull another TD from reserve platoon and one from 2nd Bn to switch for 90mm. Leaves 3 TDs with each Bn.	
	1630	28		Capt Terrell gave combat patrol details to S&2 141 Inf.	
1700		29		OP # 1. Nothing to report.	
	1735	30		Maj Hunley notified G-3 to have lights turned on over right half of 3rd Bn sector at dark and remain on until otherwise notified.	
	1750	31		Lt Col Gillette phoned S-4 and ordered sufficient signs be made for entire Regt so as not to reveal unit designation. The authorized symbol will be used on all signs made.	
1850		32		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co F received 25-30 rounds 81mm between 1600A and 1730A.	
1855		33		Cn Co reports they have confirmed reports of KOd two trucks, one 1050A and other 1830A, vic 00182526. One truck burned and appeared to have been loaded with gasoline. Div notified.	

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IN	OUT				
2025		34		S-2 3rd Bn phoned that Co K heard a horse drawn cary, believed to be a chow wagon, vicinity 989262, fired 6 rounds of arty and mortar on it. TGA to Div.	
	2135	35		Maj Wren, Div, given situation.	
2258		36		OP # 2: Quiet in our sector. One flare and few bursts MG fire observed in sector to our left a few minutes ago.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 222

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Ft
8 March 1945

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FROM: 071200A March 1945
TO : 081200A March 1945

Maps: GRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and warm with showers.
Visibility restricted to 1-2 miles due to haze and rain.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. Combat patrol to 948276 encountered MG fire and was unsuccessful in completing mission. Combat patrol to 987264 reached objective and captured 2 PWs identified from 2nd Co 115 Regt 47th VGD. Recon patrol to CLAUSENHOF (017248) reached objective, searched 4 houses, located 1 enemy mortar firing from vic 018248.
 - b. 2nd Bn relieved 1st Bn on positions, relief completed at 2200A. 1st Bn assembled BERTHEIM, NIEDERALTDORF and HUTTENDORF.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraphs 5., a. and b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142 Inf.,
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From: 071800A
To : 081800A
Hq 142 Inf
081800A March 1945

S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
a. Enemy Front Line: No change.
b. Units in Contact: No change. (See overlay attached S-2 Periodic Report # 10).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:
a. General Summary: Excepting 1t arty and scattered bursts from MGs, the eny remained quiet all along the sector. About 2200A Co L ambush patrol captured 2 PWs vic 987260. At 2300A Co E combat patrol saw 8 to 10 eny vic 944273. Co I rcn patrol searched west four houses in CLAUSENHOF (017248) and found them unoccupied, but believed they saw mortar fire from east side of town, also heard voices. OP in SCHWEIGHAUSEN reports SP firing small caliber shells at church. Only 4 other arty rds were reported during period.

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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.
4. PW's: PWs this period: 2 - Total in FRANCE: 6249.

2 Co 115 Regt 47 Div

PWs stated Co strength 40 men with 5 MGs. 7th Co to the west and 1st Co to east. When asked about train on RR vic 000260 the PWs thought it was not possible as they had previously observed that track had been destroyed. Both PWs were Germans.

5. a. Weather: Forecast for 9 March: Steady rain until 0900A with rain showers thereafter. Low overcast in morning with some breaks in afternoon. Visibility 1-2 miles in precipitation, 6 miles elsewhere. Wind NW, 12-14 mph decreasing to 6-8 miles after 1200A. Colder with minimum temp 33°.

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10	0652	1828	0455	1344

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Capt., 142nd Inf.
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JOURNAL

FROM: 090000A March 1945
TO : 092400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 9 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0040		1		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
0235		2		3rd Bn requested lights be turned off. Maj Hunley phoned G-3 and asked for all but one light be turned off in 3rd Bn sector.	
0330		3		3rd Bn requested lights be turned on.	G-3 notified.
0500		4		OP # 1: Nothing to report.	
	0600	5		G-3 given situation.	
0730		6		I & R OP # 1 reports hearing enemy vehicle to front apparently moving back toward MERTZWILLER.	
	0850	7		Lt King gave patrol reports to Maj Wren.	
	0910	8		Capt Terrell phoned patrols for tonight to 2nd Bn: 2400A 1 squad to point 948276. In case the patrol doesn't find anything, move parallel along the RR to 946276. 2200A 1 squad to go to 970272. Lay an ambush there and get some PWs. To stay in position there for 2 Hrs. 2400 Rcn patrol to house at 979267. 3rd Bn: 2300A 1 squad raid go to 990257. Straight down th 987 grid to about the 26 grid and turn E. Come back S to about the 99 grid. 2400 Co I to send same squad that went towards CLAUSENHOF to complete their mission. 0200A Rcn go to 008253 tip of woods. G-2 notified.	
	0950	9		Capt Terrell left for 3rd Bn and Lt King for 2nd Bn to give them some daylight patrols for today. Lt King returned at 1115A and Capt Terrell at 1212A.	
	1050	10		Col Lynch left for Div. Returned 1650A.	
1200		11		3rd Bn reports Co K received 5 rounds estimated 81mm mortar from due N.	

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FROM: 090000 A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1140		12		3rd Bn reports patrol to vicinity 013246 received fire from across river after firing on one enemy seen moving about.	
1200		13		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co E had exposed themselves and drew MG fire from vicinity 962272.	
1210		14		S-3 2nd Bn reports patrol from Co F went to edge of woods vic 983263 where they found barbed wire, trip flares and what looked to be anti-personnel mine. Could hear voices about 150 yards to front.	
1250		15		S-2 2nd Bn reports patrol crossed river from 977263 to edge of woods where they could hear noises as though they were eating chow. Returned to position and received five rounds motor believed to be from vicinity 975266.	
	1300	16		Capt Terrell gave G-2 information about daylight recon patrols.	
1320		17		CO 3rd Bn reports patrol from Co K reached tip of woods vic 997251 and were fired on by M/P and returned.	
1328		18		Lt Lustman, Div Ln O reports. Corps Air OP has reported roads vic 9929 and 040264, only ones open N of HAGUENAU. The others are blocked by freshly fallen trees to depth of 100 yards.	
1330		19		OP # 2 reports 12 rounds 75mm vicinity 001246 at 1320A.	
1400		20		S-2 141 Inf reports they have spotted gun firing 35 rounds towards SWEIGHAUSEN from vicinity 020264.	
1400		21		3rd Bn reports Co I received 20 rounds 75mm vicinity 001246 at 1355A. Believed to have been fired from vicinity 002264.	
1500		22		OP # 1 reports at 1300A observed 1 enemy 948277 at 1315A vicinity 936276 saw 3 enemy go in dugout. Fired mortars and chased them out, went E on trail.	

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FROM: 090000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
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1545		23		Received Div OIs # 11 and 12, 09 March.	
1630		24		S-3 2nd Bn requested some Engrs to assist in laying wire to front of Co F. Maj Hunley stated he did not believe Engrs were available and that Inf boys would probably have to lay it.	
	1635	25		Maj Hunley checked with S-3 111 Engr to see if a squad of Engrs were available if needed to lay wire. S-3 Engrs stated he believed so, but would like to have job wait until tomorrow as men were now working on roads. Maj Hunley stated he would call back later.	
	1650	26		Maj Hunley notified S-3 2nd Bn that under present circumstances Col Lynch did not want any more wire lain to front of our positions.	
2120		27		Capt Bellamy, 111th Engr S-3, phoned Maj Hunley that he has two pillboxes at Fort.	
2125		28		OP # 1: Nothing to report.	
2215		29		CO 3rd Bn phoned that he would like the lights turned over Co I.	
	2220	30		Maj Hunley phoned Capt Orcutt, Div, that he would like the lights turned on over the Ol easting for the 3rd Bn. About 2 lights.	
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From: 081800A
To: 091800A
Hq 142 Inf
091800A March 1945

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NO. 12

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD: No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General Summary: Eny attitude unchanged. Cn Co reports confirmation on two trucks KO'd vic 00182526. Co K fired mortars on horse drawn cart at 2000A vic 989262. Eny vehicle reported moving toward MERTZWILLER at 0730A. At about 0300A Co I patrol observed 10 to 12 eny in woods vic 014247. Co L patrol moved to objective at 995260; they were not fired on, but eny MG fired on bridge that was used for crossing from vic 994256. Patrol did not observe eny along route or at objective. Co G patrol discovered mine field vicinity 970270 and heard sounds of wood cutting vic 973272, also movement at 970272. At about 1200A Co E drew MG fire from vic 962272. At 1200A Co I patrol vic 013246 received fire from north of river. Co F patrol moved to edge of woods vic 983263 where they located barbed wire, trip flares, and AP mines. Could hear eny about 150 yds to front. Patrol recd 5 rds mortar as they returned, firing from vic 975266. At 1300A Co K patrol reached tip of woods vic 997251 and were fired on by MG. At 1315A 3 eny in dugout were fired on by our mortars, eny left dugout and ran east on trail. OP in SCHWEIGHAUSEN reports 12 rds 75mm landed vic 001246 at 1300A, and Co I reports 20 rds 75mm landed SCHWEIGHAUSEN at 1355A. Believed gun firing from 002264. Earlier in period 25-30 rds 81mm mortar landed in Co E pos.

Shell Report: 2nd Bn 3rd Bn
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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: No change.

5. a. Weather: Forecast for 10 March: Cloudy sky, partly cloudy at noon and cloudy in late afternoon. Few showers or drizzle late afternoon. Visibility 2 miles with light fog, improving to 5-6 miles after 1030A. Wind W, 5-10 mph. Min temp 40°.

b. Almanac:

March	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
10	0652	1828	0455	1344
11	0650	1830	0540	1458

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CADER C. TERRELL,
Capt., 142nd Inf.
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 223

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Jr.
9 March 1945

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FROM: 081200A March 1945
TO : 091200A March 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and rain, becoming clear during latter part of period. Visibility restricted to 1-2 miles due to haze and mist. Increased to 3-4 miles about 1030A.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT patrols to vicinity 996253, 017247, 970272, and 950275 failed to reach objectives due to a great amount of enemy activity. Forward elements received a small amount of harassing fire throughout period. Ren patrol from Co L reached RR jct vic 995260 by crossing foot-bridge 997247 and after 50 minutes observing no enemy activity was heard or seen.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See par. 5.a.

JOHN B. HUNLEY
Maj., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 100000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 102400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 10 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0015		1		3rd Bn reports they would like farthest east light turned off as they have an I Co patrol going out. Capt Terrell notified Div.	
0050		2		OP # 1: Observed 1 White flare approximately 60° from OP.	
0245		3		OP # 1: Quiet. A few MG bursts 40° from OP.	
	0340	4		Maj Hunley gave G-2 Co G, K, and F patrol reports.	
0400		5		S-3 2nd Bn gave Maj Hunley Co F combat patrol report.	
0505		6		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	0600	7		G-3 given situation.	
0645		8		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	0700	9		G-2 given patrol reports from Co I com and Co E combat.	
	0750	10		G-2 given situation.	
0820		11		CO 1st Bn states they have arranged to replace men unqualified at Sniper school.	
	0825	12		Maj Hunley phoned Lt Norton who stated 1st Bn men were taken care of.	
	0830	13		Maj Hunley notified Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, that sniper school would be extended. All of 3rd Bn men to be replaced except three by noon.	
	0835	14		Maj Spitler 2nd Bn notified to replace men at sniper school that are not experts or sharpshooters by noon. Men to report to RSO. Equipment there will remain.	
0845		15		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	

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FROM: 100000A March 1945

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Place: CP UHLWILLER

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Date: 10 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0842		16		<p>Capt Orcutt, Div, phoned stating the recon elements from 14th AD would be around today. Expect relief tomorrow night. Regt assembly area as follows: MOMMENHEIM (9317), MINVERSHEIM (9120), SAESSOLSHEIM (9312), FRIEDOLSHEIM (8112), MAENNOLSHEIM (8011), ALTENHEIM (8013), WOLSEHHEIM (7911), MURCHHAUSEN (7813) and DUNTZENHEIM (8512).</p>	
	0847	17		<p>Lt Norton at sniper school given information on exchange of men by noon. Sniper school to start over at 1300A.</p>	
	0852	18		<p>Maj Hunley notified S-3 2nd Bn to go ahead with plans of rotating companies tonight, but not to carry out plans until further notified by this Hq.</p>	
	0900	19		<p>Bn COs notified to report at this Hq at 1100A to confer with Col Lynch.</p>	
	0900	20		<p>Patrol routes for tonight given to S-2 of 2nd and 3rd Bns.</p>	
0928		21		<p>Capt Bellamy, Engrs, called. Asked if our other Bn was going to take the river crossing training. Maj Hunley: Do not know due to new plans coming up. Capt Bellamy: The boats 142 now has are the only training boats available at present and 143 Inf asked for some boats for this type training. Maj Hunley: Will know more about plans now coming up later and will then give you details.</p>	
0935		23		<p>Maj Wren called Capt Terrell. Capt Phillips from unit on our left will be over to see us this afternoon and would like overlay of our patrol routes, crossings, etc..</p>	
1045		24		<p>COs of Bns arrived at CP to confer with Col Lynch. Left at 1130A.</p>	

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FROM: 100000A March 1945 Organization: 142 In^t
TO : 102400A March 1945 Place: CP UHLWILLER
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 10 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1200		25		OP at 993252 reports they can hear small arms fire about 1000 yards in woods to their north. Considerable firing heard on two occasions. Capt Terrell reported this to G-2.	
	1245	26		Bn S-3s notified to instruct Bn Chaplains to report at this Hq at 1630A today to confer with Col Lynch.	
1310		27		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	
	1320	28		G-3 given situation.	
	1350	29		Col Lynch left for 1st Bns new crossing problem.	
1500		30		Lt Lustman phoned the following towns for our RCT: DUNTZENHEIM 8512, SAESSOLSHEIM 8312, MAENNOLSHEIM 8011, for two Bns and one unlettered unit; HOCHFELDEN 8717, SCHWINDRATZHEIM 9017, one Bn and Regt CP and one unlettered unit; WALTENHEIM 9216, Tank Co, Serv Cos in WITTERSHEIM and MINVERSHEIM.	
1523		31		OP # 1 reports observing concertina from the trail going into the woods vicinity 942276 extending to the left to road crossing at RR. This wire is on this side of road on benches.	
	1555	32		Lt Col Gillette left CP. Returned at 1700A.	
1635		33		Col Lynch returned.	
1636		34		Col Lynch conferred with Bn Chaplains.	
1710		35		3rd Bn requested lights be turned on at dusk, but beginning at 2400A only one light to be left on over area 0125.	
1815		36		Capt Bellamy, 111 Engrs, wants trans for school personnel for tomorrow from 1300-1430A. To be short haul to BRUMATH.	
1825		37		Lt Lustman brought in OI # 163, 101500A March.	

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FROM: 100000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 102400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 10 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	2035	38		S-4 notified to send two 2½-ton trucks to reinforcement school for transporting personnel as requested above.	
2100		39		I & R OP reports all quiet.	
2140		40		G-2 called. Corps wants all units notified that there is a possibility that enemy may attempt to drop parachutists in the Army area tonight. Units notified.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 224

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
10 March 1945

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FROM: 091200A March 1945
TO : 101200A March 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and warm. Visibility restricted due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued to hold MLR on west bank of MODER River with only a small amount of harassing arty, SP, and mortar fire along the front.
 - b. Combat patrols to 017247, 948276, 970272 with mission to take prisoners failed to accomplish the mission due to alertness of enemy. Combat patrol to 987263 reached obj where enemy voices could be heard. Some hand grenades were thrown but no return fire received. Observed dugouts vicinity 990257.
 - c. Rcn patrol to 979267 crossed river vicinity 977262 and encountered wire along woods. Moved 200 yards to right and found wire there also. Rcn patrol to 008253 crossed river vic 008247. Heard voices of enemy in factory. Observed dugouts vicinity 009257.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5, a, b and c.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
10 March 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

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1. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

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

- (1) Will be relieved in sector on 11 March 45 by elements 14th Armd Div, relief to be completed 120600A Mar. 45.

2. a. 1st Bn:

- (1) Starting 111300A March 45, moves to DUNTZENHEIM (Q-8512) on organic trans and fifteen (15) $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks furnished by AT Co (9 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T Trks) and Cn Co (6 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T Trks).
- (2) Upon completion of move immediately returns AT Co and Cn Co trans to respective units.
- (3) Prepares to continue training in accordance with TM # 5, Hq 142d Inf, 27 Feb 45.

b. 2nd Bn:

- (1) Will be relieved by elements of 14th Armd Div 11 March 45, relief to be completed by 120600A Mar 45. (All possible relief to be completed during daylight).
- (2) As relieved assembles DAUENDORF - NEIDERALTENDORF, moves by motor to HOCHFELDEN (Q-8717).
- (3) Units relieved in daylight will move on foot to NEIDERALTENDORF, and thence by motor to HOCHFELDEN.
- (a) Twenty-five (25) $2\frac{1}{2}$ -T Trks (including ki trks) will be furnished by Sv Co and assembled in NIEDERALTDORF by 111500A Mar 45. No trks will be moved to DAUENDORF prior to dark.
- (4) Reorganizes, rehabilitates, prepares for future operations as directed by this Hq.

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c. 3rd Bn:

- (1) Will be relieved by elements of 14th Armd Div 11 Mar 45, relief to be completed by 120600A Mar 45. (All possible relief to be completed during daylight).
- (2) As relieved, assembles OHLUNGEN, moves by motor to SAESSOLSHEIM (Q-8312) and MAENNOLSHEIM (Q-8011).
 - (a) Twenty-five (25) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks (incl ki trks) will be furnished by Sv Co and delivered to CO 3rd Bn at OHLUNGEN 111500A Mar 45.
- (3) Reorganize, rehabilitates, prepares for future operations as directed by this Hq.

d. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

- (1) Res elements move at discretion of CO to WALTENHEIM (Q-9216) morning of 11 Mar 45.
- (2) Elements in the line leave pos on order CO of Bn to which atchd, move to WALTENHEIM under control Co CO.

e. Co A 636 TD Bn:

- (1) Res elements move at discretion of Co CO to SCHWIND-RATZHEIM (Q-9017) morning of 11 Mar 45.
- (2) Elements in the line leave positions on order CO of Bn to which atchd, move to SCHWINDRATZHEIM under control Co CO.

d. AT Co:

- (1) Moves by motor to MINVERSHEIM (Q-9120) upon receiving unit organic trans released by 1st Bn afternoon 11 Mar 45.
- (2) Prepares for future operations as directed by this Hq.

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Will be relieved in position by elements 14th Armd Div morning 11 March.
- (2) Moves to WITTERSHEIM (Q-9420) upon receiving unit organic trans released by 1st Bn afternoon 11 Mar.
- (3) Prepares for future operations as directed by this Hq.

f. Co B 111 Med Bn:

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- (1) Moves under control Co G to MINVERSHEIM (Q-9120) morning 11 Mar 45.

g. Plat Co B 83 Cml Wpns Bn:

- (1) Passes to Co control 111500A March 45, becomes atchd to RCT 141.

h. Hq Co 142 Inf:

- (1) Moves by motor to HOCHFELDEN (Q-8717), starting 111300A March 45.
(2) Initiates rcn for Regt CP at HOCHFELDEN morning 11 Mar and marks designated route thereto.

i. (1) Sv Co: No change.

- (2) Sniper School: No change.

- (3) Demolitions School: No change.

- (4) Reinforcement Training Center: No change.

x. (1) All units will send normal quartering parties to designated billeting areas morning 11 Mar 1945.

- (2) Front line units will ontruck and dispatch troops to new area in groups not larger than companies, or at intervals not less than 15-minutes.

- (3) Units being relieved will leave one (1) officer per Bn and one (1) senior NCO per Co with relieving units for twenty-four (24) hr period.

- (4) Units report arrival in new location.

- (5) For motor routes to new areas see overlay, Annex # 1.

4. a. Regt CP HOCHFELDON.

- (1) Fwd CP moves afternoon 11 March 45.

- (2) Rear group moves after relinquishing responsibility of sector to 14th Armd Div.

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From: 091800A
To : 101800A
Hq 142 Inf
01800A March 1945

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S-2 PERIODIC REPORT

NO. 13

Maps: GSGS, FRANCE, 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-14, 5-6-7-8.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy Front Line: No change.
- b. Units in Contact: No change.
- c. Defensive Organization: Patrol located double apron barbed wire from 013248 to 014248, and trip wires 012248. Barbed wire from 978264 to 980264.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

a. General Summary: Little enemy activity was reported during the period. At 1945A vehicles were heard moving in factory area vic 003253 and again at 0445A. At various times during the night personnel could be heard moving about in factory area. Co I recon patrol searched woods vic 009253 and heard voices and movement in woods and a great deal of noise in the factory area. Co K raiding party threw hand grenades at enemy vic 985262 and 993256, also heard horse drawn wagon vic 992259. Co I patrol heard bird calls vic 014248 and observed fox holes vic 015248. Co E patrol received A/W and rifle fire from 942275, entered woods at 948275 and found no enemy. Co F patrol heard horse drawn cart to north from their position at 978264. Report barbed wire from 978264 to 980264. Co G ambush patrol went to point vic 969262 and waited there for two hours, did not observe any activity. Only 12 rds 75mm arty was reported in sector, however, there was 1st harassing mortar fire all along the front line positions.

Shell Report:	2nd Bn	3rd Bn	OP # 1
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3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: No change.

4. PW's: No change.

5. a. Weather: Forecast for 11 March: Partly cloudy with showers in VOSGES. Visibility 1-2 miles in light fog, improving to 4-6 after 1030A. Wind NE 6-8 mph. Min temp 39°.

b. Almanac:	March	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
	11	0650	1830	0540	1455
	12	0648	1831	0618	1616

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JOURNAL

FROM: 110000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A March 1945

Place: OP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 11 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0030		1		OP # 1 reports everything quiet.	
0100		2		G-3 called and asked if searchlights for 3rd Bn were OK.	
	0110	3		Capt Terrell checked with 3rd Bn and notified by 3rd Bn that lights were OK. Div notified.	
0150		4		OP # 1 reports observing a burst of MG fire near mill.	
0250		5		OP # 1 reports all quiet except for a burst of MG fire again.	
0330		6		OP # 1 reports considerable activity at edge of woods to our front. A lot of small arms fire, some mortar.	
	0615	7		Maj Hunley gave Div our Cos E, F, I and L patrol report.	
	0845	8		Capt Terrell gave Bns patrol instructions for tonight: 3rd Bn: 1 squad leave at 2300A and cross river vicinity 987257, go N to trail 987262, lay an ambush along trail vicinity 990260. 2nd Bn: 1 squad leave at 2300A and cross river vicinity 973264 and clean tip of woods 972267 from behind.	
0855		9		OP # 1 reports a 20mm gun firing at one of our planes at about 20 degrees.	
0910		10		CO AT Co phoned stating town allotted him was full. Maj Hunley instructed him to look in WITTERSHEIM.	
	0920	11		S-3 2nd Bn notified to turn over a sketch of booby trapped mills to each unit relieving them.	
	0935	12		S-2 2nd Bn notified to turn all photos and blow-ups plus maps issued to Cos to elements making relief.	
0945		13		CO Cn Co phoned stating town assigned is full. Maj Hunley stated he would check.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 110000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 11 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0946		14		CO Cn Co phoned stating town assigned is full. Maj Hunley stated he would check.	
	0946	15		Col Lynch phoned G-3 in regards to 14th AD beginning relief early. Maj Young stated he had called them and they should have parties over soon.	
	0950	16		Maj Hunley checked with Capt Goetcher, CO Serv Co, on available space in WITTERSHEIM. Capt Goetcher stated there was space for approximately 2 Cos and 1 Co in MINVERSHEIM.	
	1020	17		Maj Hunley checked with Maj Newell, G-4, on vacancies in towns for Cn and AT Cos. G-4 stated that he believed 2 Cos could be billeted in town of SCHWINDRATZHEIM. Now checking HOCHFELDEN for your troops. Will notify you on further details.	
1150		18		Maj Young phoned Maj Hunley that we can have HOCHFRANK-ENHEIM.	
1200		19		Maj Hensley reports the trucks and guides are all arranged for.	
	1315	20		Capt Terrell notified G-3 that we did not need any lights tonight.	
1310		21		Capt Seaman called in regards to sniper ranges. Was told we would use them for at least another 6 days. He stated would notify 14th AD and if they objected we would have to move them.	
	1335	22		Plat of 4.2 mortars given permission to displace for new area effective now. Maj Hunley notified him to inform each Bn that they were moving.	
	1340	23		S-3 1st Bn notified Maj Hunley that Rifle Cos had cleared and Hq and Co D are now moving.	
	1320	24		Col Lynch left to look over new areas. Returned 1545A.	

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FROM: 110000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A March 1945

Place: GP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 11 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1355		25		S-2 2nd Bn reports left Plat Co F received 15 rounds (est 120mm) from the N. No casualties.	
1400		26		Col Gillespie CO CCB came to GP and conferred with Col. Lynch. Left at 1430A.	
1432		27		Capt Seaman states 14th AD notified CO CCB this morning to make relief during daylight.	
	1435	28		Maj Hunley notified CO 3rd Bn of above information and suggested the CO of unit relieving 3rd Bn contact his Hq. for confirmation of orders.	
	1450	29		Capt Terrell notified S-2 2nd Bn to retain 1 copy of photo and maps of this area. S-3 2nd Bn states 1 Plat of Co F now relieved.	
	1510	30		Maj Hunley phoned S-3 CCA in regards to gap left at 937271 extending E to 950270. The CCA S-3 stated he would check into the matter.	
1515		31		CCA called stating people had been instructed about 1400A to contact our unit about relief.	
	1555	32		Maj Hunley gave Maj Spitler permission to start Co G moving before dark.	
	1600	33		Lt Col Gillette left for new GP in HOCHFELDEN.	
1602		34		S-3 2nd Bn states relieving elements have contacted the Bn in regards to relief of Co E.	
1605		35		3rd Bn states only Co L now moving. Co relieving Co K will start at 1730A and other unit about 1 hour later.	
	1650	36		Capt Terrell phoned 3rd Bn - your Bn to shower tomorrow from 0800-1900, also show-down inspection, care and cleaning of equipment and individual. 2-hour march, not to be on road. 15 min close order drill and calisth.	

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FROM: 110000A March 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 112400A March 1945 Place: CP UHLWILLER
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 11 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1710		37		CO AT Co reports Co closed in WITTERSHEIM at 1700A.	
	1715	38		Maj Hunley phoned S-4 to have showers ready for 3d Bn.	
	1716	39		G-3 notified AT Co had closed in new area and 1st Bn should be closed but no confirmation.	
1720		40		CG 36 Div to CO 142: Request number additional vehicles needed to move your organization administratively?	
	1721	41		Maj Hunley checked with S-4 on number of vehicles needed. He stated 8 more on other words a total of 75 2½ ton trucks.	
	1722	42		CO 142 to CG 36 Div: Total number of vehicles needed is 75 2½ ton trucks.	
	1724	43		S-3 2nd Bn notified the Bn would have showers on 13 Mar. Tomorrow to have 2 hour road march, 15 min Close order drill, show-down inspection, care and cleaning of equipment.	
1730		44		S-3 2nd Bn states Co F sending patrol to vic 973264 and 972267. S-3 3rd Bn states Co K sending patrol to vicinity 987257 and 987262 to set ambush vicinity 990260.	
	1740	45		S-3 2nd Bn notified that 14th AD lights would be over their area tonight. If they interfere notify this Hq and we will have them adjusted.	
1825		46		Sgt Major reports 1st Bn and Co B 111 Med closed in new area at 1815A.	
	1830	47		G-3 notified of progress of relief.	
1840		48		S-3 111 Engrs states S-3 1st Bn has requested problem delayed until tomorrow afternoon. Boats have been assigned to 143 RCT for tomorrow afternoon and following afternoon. If problem is not run (Cont'd)	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 110000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A March 1945

Place: CP UHLWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 11 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		48	(Cont)	tomorrow will have to be on morning 13 March. Maj Hunley stated he would get in touch with S-3 1st Bn for full details and notify Engr Hq.	
1845		49		CO 3rd Bn states relieving elements there and Co K being relieved.	
1855		50		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co F now relieved.	
1930		51		Cn Co reports closed in new area at 1900A.	
1940		52		Capt Seaman phoned Maj Hunley in regards to relief. Given the latest information.	
	1940	53		Maj Hunley phoned G-4 in regards to information on number of trucks needed for administrative move. Request 100 2 1/2 ton instead of 75 2 1/2 ton.	
2035		54		3rd Bn requested lights turned on to assist in relief. Both Co K and Co I in process of relief.	
	2040	55		Maj Hunley phoned G-3 and requested two lights be turned on immediately with beams directed over 9920 and 0026 grid.	
2050		56		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co E in process of being relieved. Left Plat of Co E automatically relieved. Support platoon relieved. Right platoon still in process.	
	2105	57		Maj Hunley checked with CO 1st Bn in regards to problem for tomorrow. It was decided to have problem tomorrow morning at usual time.	
	2108	58		Maj Hunley notified S-3 111 Engrs that 1st Bn was set for problem tomorrow morning. Engrs stated fine and problem would start at 0730A.	
2115		59		S-2 141 Inf phoned to request Maj Hunley arrange with CCB to continue the contact patrol as previously carried out by Co I of 142 RCT.	

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FROM: 110000A March 1945
TO : 112400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP UHLWILLER
Date: 11 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2116		60		CO 3rd Bn stated the CO of unit coming in had contacted the CO CO of left flank 141 Inf. All but one outpost of Co K relieved and right platoon of Co I not relieved. Tanks have left and TDs will be leaving soon.	
2130		61		Capt Stallings phoned stating Col Lynch was to attend a meeting in the morning at 1000A at Div CP held by Gen Stack.	
	2150	62		G-3 given situation.	
2215		63		CO 3rd Bn reports Co I completed relief at 2205A. The CO has taken command of sector.	
2225		64		S-3 2nd Bn reports they are waiting on last platoon of Co E.	
2300		65		S-3 2nd Bn states Co E is relieved and on way back. CO of relieving unit has assumed responsibility.	
	2310	66		Col Lynch notified 14th AD that relief had been completed and was turning command of sector over to him.	
	2312	67		Col Lynch notified G-3 that relief was complete and 14th AD had now assumed command of sector.	
	2320	68		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley left for new CP in HOCH-FELDEN.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 226

Hq 142 RCT
CP UHLWILLER, Fr.
11 March 1945

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FROM: 101200A March 1945
TO : 111200A March 1945

Maps: RANGE, 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and warm. Visibility restricted due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT combat patrols to 942275, 017248, and 008253, with mission to take PWs, could not reach objectives because of enemy small arms, MG and mortar fire so withdrew and returned to respective Co areas. Rcn patrol to 960275 crossed stream vicinity 942273 and were fired on from front and left flank; vicinity 953275 by several rifles - withdrew along route taken. Rcn patrol to search woods vicinity 009253 reached point vicinity 009252 where voices were heard and dugouts observed. Returned along same route.
 - b. RCT held defense line with little observed any activity and a small amount of harassing fire on forward elements.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5, a and b.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 120000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 122400A March 1945

Place: CP HOCHFELDEN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 12 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0010		1		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley arrived at CP.	
0600		2		3rd Bn closed in area at 0115A. 2ndBn at 0200A.	
	0810	3		G-3 given situation.	
	0920	4		Maj Hunley left for 1st Bn. Returned at 1150A.	
	0935	5		Col Gillette left for inspection of Regtl area. Returned at 1153A.	
	0940	6		Col Lynch left for Div CP. Returned at 1152A.	
	1200	7		Lt Col Gillette notified Mr Snyder that ceremony for Bns will be held tomorrow afternoon about 1600A. More details later.	
1415		8		CO 3rd Bn came to CP.	
	1430	9		Lt Col Gillette gave details of ceremony tomorrow to Bns. Each Bn to furnish one 150-man Co to make up a composite Bn. To be in 1st Bn area at DUNTZENHEIM at 1600A tomorrow.	
	1530	10		Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Roberts to abandon the reinforcement school and send instructors back to their units this afternoon. To leave kitchen there for the mine school tomorrow. Also there will be no mine school after tomorrow. And tomorrow you will be the CO of troops. Be up here tomorrow morning at 0900A.	
1640		11		Lt Lustman brought OI # 194 12 Mar.	
	1700	12		CO of each Bn notified to be at this Hq for a meeting at 2100A.	
	1708	13		S-4 notified to have 4 1½ ton trucks report to Engr School at KRAUTWILLER at 0730A tomorrow.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 120000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 122400A March 1945

Place: CP HOCHFELDEN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 12 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1715	14		SECRET CO AT, Cn, Co A 636 TD Bn and Co B 753 Tk Bn notified to attend meeting at Regt CP in HOCHFELDEN at 2100A tonight. CO Co B 111 Engrs notified to report to this Hq at 2030A tonight to confer with Col Lynch.	
	1820	15			S-4, Regt Surg, and CO Hq Co notified to attend meeting at this Hq at 2100A.
2100		16			Meeting of Bn and separate Co COs held at Regt CP.
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 227

Hq 142 RCT
CP HOCHFELDEN, Fr.
12 March 1945

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FROM: 111200A March 1945
TO : 121200A March 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: x x x.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cooler. Visibility poor and restricted to 1-2 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT relieved on position afternoon and night 11 March by elements 14th AD. Relief completed at 2300A and last elements closed in new assy area vic HOCHFELDEN at 120200A March.
 - b. Combat patrol from Co F with mission to clear tip of woods 972267 encountered S/A and mortar fire vicinity 972266 and were forced to withdraw.
 - c. Latter part of period RCT began reorganization and rehabilitation in preparation for future offensive action.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5, a, b and c.

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Maj., 142d Inf.
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Hq 142 RCT
CP HOCHFELDEN, Fr.
12 March 1945

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Maps: FRANCE, 1/25,000, HAGUENAU 1-8.

1. a. See current intelligence summaries and atchd overlay, enemy defenses, Annex # 1.
- b.
 - (1) 36th Inf Div attacks D-day H-hour on axis LA WALCK (Q-9027), SOULTZ (R-1037), WISSEMBOURG (R-1548) to capture WISSEMBOURG and the high ground N of WISSEMBOURG, uncovering Siegfried line in zone.
 - (2) RCT 141 atks H-hour D-day on right, seizes obj line C, clearing HAGUENAU - SURBOURG road. (See Overlay).
 - (3) RCT 143 atks H-hour D-day on left, seizes obj line "B". (See overlay).
2. a. RCT 142 - (FIRST PHASE)

Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn
Co B 753 Tk Bn
One Plat Co B 111 Engr (C) Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

In support:

132 FA Bn

- (1) Atks H-hour D-day in zone of action (see overlay) seizing limited obj "A".
- (2) Maintains contact with RCT 143 on left and RCT 141 on right.
- (3) Holds one (1) Bn initially in Div res vic DAUENDORF (Q-9425).
- (4) Upon seizing obj line "A" defends designated objs (see overlay) prepared on Div order to move by motor for rapid follow up of any breakthrough to N and NE, or prepared on Div order to pass through RCT 143 upon their capture of obj line "B".

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3. a. 1st Bn:

- (1) Initially in Div res at DAUENDORF (Q-9425).
- (2) Prepares for foot movement to MERTZVILLER on two (2) hr notice, or to mop up pockets of German resistance by-passed by 2nd or 3rd Bns in the dark.

b. 2nd Bn:

Atchd:

One (1) Plat 636 TD Bn
One (1) Plat 753 Tk Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn

- (1) Crosses LD H-hour D-day on foot bridges prepared by atchd Engrs.
- (2) Atks in column of Cos, seizes and organizes for defense obj "A" and bridge at 960295 (principle mission).
 - (a) For LD, direction, routes of atk and objs - see overlay, Annex # 2.
- (3) Establishes roadblocks # 1 and # 2 defending them initially with infantry and bazookas and reinforcing them as armor and AT guns arrive.
 - (a) Armor crosses bridge at NEUBOURG at first opportunity and under control CO 2nd Bn.
- (4) Contacts 3rd Bn at bridge (960295) and with combat patrol contacts 141 Inf at 001264.

c. 3rd Bn:

Atchd:

One (1) Plat 636 TD Bn
One (1) Plat 753 Tk Bn

- (1) Crosses LD H-hour D-day on footbridges prepared by supporting Engrs.
- (2) Atks in column of Cos and:
 - (a) Seizes obj "B" with one (1) rifle Co.
 - (b) Establishes roadblock # 6 with equivalent of one (1) rifle Plat reinforced with automatic weapons.
 - (c) Seizes and organizes for defense obj "C" with Bn (less).

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- (d) Establishes roadblock # 5, defending initially with bazookas and infantry, and reinforcing them as armor and AT guns arrive.
1. Atchd armor, with inf protection, follows route "X", joins Bn at earliest opportunity.

(3) Contacts 2nd Bn at Bridge (Q-960295), and 143 Inf at a point to be announced.

(4) Rifle Co which seizes obj "B" will sweep woods to RB # 1 and RB # 6 after daylight leaving sufficient force at obj "B" for its defense.

d. AT Co:

- (1) Co (less one (1) gun Plat) acting as inf follows 2nd Bn on order of this Hq and establishes RB # 1.
- (2) Reinforces block with one (1) plat 57mm AT guns as soon as crossing is effected on bridge N of NEUBOURG.

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Reinforces fires of 132 FA Bn from positions vic OHLUNGEN (Q-9723).
- (2) FOs to 2nd and 3rd Bns.

f. 132 FA Bn:

- (1) No preparation - see FA Plan to be issued later.

g. Co A 636 TD Bn:

- (1) Attaches one (1) Plat to 2nd Bn and one (1) Plat to 3rd Bn, establishes officer Ln with ea Bn CO without delay.
- (2) Co (less atchmts) remains initially in Regt res at NIEDERALTDORF (Q-9423) prepared to join either the 2nd or 3rd Bns in event the planned junction of armor and infantry is delayed or disrupted.

h. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

- (1) Attaches one (1) Plat to 2nd Bn and one (1) Plat to 3rd Bn, establishes officer Ln with ea Bn CO without delay.
- (2) Co (less atchmts) remains initially in Regt res at NIEDERALTDORF (Q-9423) prepared to join either the 2nd or 3rd Bns in the event the planned junction of armor and infantry is delayed or disrupted.

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i. Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn (Atchd to 2nd Bn):

- (1) Atchd and additional supporting Engrs erect three (3) footbridges in ea Inf Bn crossing area (see overlay) immediately prior to H-hour D-day in such a manner as not to disclose the imminent attack.

j. Co B 111 Med Bn:

- (1) Collecting station initially at NEUBOURG, thereafter at MERTZWILLER (Q-9630).

k. Regt Service elements remain in present positions.

l. Regt Hq Co:

- (1) Initially remains at NIEDERALTDORF.
- (2) I & R Plat will operate OPs at DAUENDORF and NEUBOURG.

- x. (1) Details of movement to assy areas and fwd assy areas to be issued orally.
- (2) 2nd and 3rd Bns will be prepared to resist tank or SP atk with Bazookas, AT grenades, and AT mines.
 - (3) Bridges will be erected at NEUBOURG by 36th Engrs (under Div control) beginning at H-hour D-day.
 - (4) It is essential that armored units join the infantry Bns at earliest possible moment.
 - (5) The night assault will be accomplished entirely with hand grenades, rifles will not be fired in the dark.
 - (6) When units in column meet resistance the unit behind the elements in contact will by-pass the resistance leaving the engaged unit to reduce the resistance.
 - (7) AT mines will be employed on roadblocks.
 - (8) Mortar platoons of 2nd and 3rd Bns will be echeloned.

4. a. Rolls will be left at fwd assy areas.

 b. Each rifleman will carry:

- 3 Bandoleers
- 3 Frag grenades
- 1 WP grenade.

 c. Bn transport to be left at rear assy areas.

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- d. Each Bn will maintain a straggler pick up point south of respective crossing site. Stragglers will be returned to unit immediately.

Regt MPs will maintain straggler points at N ends of OHLUNGEN, UHLVILLER, DAUENDORF.

- c. PWs: To NEUBOURG.

5. a. Regt CP initially at NEUBOURG, thence to MERTZWILLER.

- b. There will be radio silence until H-hour.

- c. Normal radio nets will be operated plus 753 Tk Co SCR 300 net.

- d. Normal wire nets established to include AT Co.

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Annex # 1 - Int Overlay
Annex # 2 - Opns Overlay

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FROM: 130000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 132400A March 1945

Place: CP HOCHFELDEN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 13 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0830	1		Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
	0850	2		Maj Hunley left for 143 Inf CP and Div. Returned 1110A.	
1025		3		Col Lynch returned.	
	1035	4		Bn COs and separate Co COs, S-4, Regt Surg, CO Co A 636 TD Bn notified to attend meeting at this Hq at 1300A today.	
	1055	5		GO Co B 753 Tk Bn notified of meeting at this CP at 1300A.	
	1100	6		Capt Terrell left for CCA CP. Returned at 1210A.	
1300		7		Meeting of Bn COs and separate Co COs held at Regt CP.	
1600		8		Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP and left with Col Lynch and Lt Col Gillette for ceremony area vicinity DUNTZENHEIM.	
1740		9		Col Lynch and Gillette returned.	
	1830	10		Maj Hunley checked with Cn Co to see if they wanted a chance to shower. CO stated they had showered a few days ago.	
	1844	11		Maj Hunley checked with G-3 to see if air recognition school was finished. Capt Stallings stated he would check with 443 AAA S-3 and call back.	

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FROM: 140000A March 1945
TO : 142400A March 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP HOCHFELDEN
Date: 14 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0750	1		Lt Col Gillette phoned each Bn CO to check that no training was done today. Only necessary checking to be done and that to be held to a minimum in order to enable the met to get as much rest as possible.	
	0810	2		Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP. Returned at 0920A.	
	0815	3		Lt Col Gillette phoned Regt Surg and ordered a complete check be made of areas occupied by troops after they had moved out. Strict attention to be directed when in areas as at present. Check closing of latrines and garbage pits and policing of quarters.	
0900		4		Capt Seaman G-3 section phoned and states the Gen desires Col Lynch be present at Div CP for meeting at 1100A. Capt Terrell notified Col Lynch at 2nd Bn CP of above information.	
0905		5		Lt Lustman Div Ln 0 brought Div OI # 155 and Div outline Plan "UNDETONE" FO # 1.	
0940		6		Maj Hunley checked with CO Co B 753 Tk Bn on time for Inf to report. Capt Sorenson stated about 1800A and he would stop by this Hq after lunch.	
	0945	7		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP and Div CP. Returned at 1230A.	414.2 ✓
	0955	8		Lt Col Gillette notified CO 3rd Bn to make a thorough check in Bn for gas masks - all troops will carry them at all times effective now. All Bns and separate Co COs notified to carry gas masks.	
1005		9		CO 1st Bn requested permission to take 2 jeeps and 1 ambulance to DAUENDORF this afternoon and establish Bn Aid station as it was to assist 3rd Bn. Lt Col Gillette granted permission for 1 jeep and 1 ambulance plus aid station be taken to DAUENDORF this afternoon.	
	1930	10		Col Lynch and Lt Col Gillette left for fwd CP in DAUENDORF. Arrived at 2020A.	

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1. a. x x x.

b. See FO # 41 (FIRST PHASE).

2. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn
Co B 753 Tk Bn
Two (2) Plats Co B 111 Engr Bn

- (1) After securing obj line "A", follows RCT 143 by bounds, passes through RCT 143 at obj line "B" on Div order.
- (2) Atks two (2) Bns abreast in new zone of action (see overlay), seizes obj line "D", maintains contact with 103 Inf Div on left and RCT 141 on right, then 14th Armd Div.
- (3) After seizing obj line "D", assembles on order in Div res vic BI RENBACH (R-1141), SCHOENENBOURG (R-1339), RETSCHVILLER (R-1139), SOULTZ (R-1137) prepared to move by motor on six (6) hr notice to N and NE.

3. a. 1st Bn:

Atchd:

One (1) Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn

- (1) From forward assy area vic BIBLISHEIM (Q-0433), and on order this Hq, passes through elements RCT 143 in zone of action on obj line "B", atks to NE, seizes objs "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I" and "K".
- (2) Organizes obj "K" for defense.
- (3) Contacts 14th Armd Div on right, 3rd Bn 142 on left by combat patrol

b. 2nd Bn:

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- (1) Follows in route of 1st Bn by bounds on order this Hq, prepared to pass through either 1st Bn or 2nd Bn to secure obj line "D".
- (2) Prepared to send contact patrols to right or left (either motorized or foot) as directed by this Hq.

c. 3rd Bn:

Atchd:

One (1) Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn

- (1) From forward assy area vic GUNSTETT (R-0235), and on order this Hq, passes through elements RCT 143 in zone of action on obj line "B", atks to the NE, seizes objs "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", and "9". (See overlay).
- (2) Organizes obj "9" for defense.
- (3) Contacts 103 Div on left and 1st Bn 142 on right by combat patrol.

d. AT Co:

- (1) Follows 2nd Bn 142 by bounds as directed by this Hq, prepared to assume defensive roll either as Inf or as AT troops.

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Reconnoiters for fwd positions behind RCT 143.
- (2) Displaced forward as directed by this Hq, continues to reinforce fires of 132 FA Bn.
- (3) FO to 1st Bn when this order becomes effective.

f. 132 FA Bn: Arty plan later.

g. Co A 636 TD Bn:

- (1) One (1) Plat atchd to ea of 1st and 3rd Bns.
- (2) Co (less atchmts) in Regt res follows adv of RCT by bounds as directed by this Hq.

h. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

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- (1) One (1) Plat atchd to ea of 1st and 3rd Bns.
- (2) Co (less atchmts) in Regt res, follows adv of RCT by bounds as directed by this Hq.

1. Co B 111 Engr Bn:

- (1) Atchs one (1) Plat to ea of 1st and 3rd Bns, reconnoiters routes of supply, clears obstacles and mines on routes of Regt adv.

j. Co B 111 Med Bn: Details later.

k. Regt Hq Co: Details later.

l. Regt Service elements: Details later.

4. a. x x x.

5. a. Axis Sig Comm - in path of 1st Bn.

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TO : 152400A March 1945

Place: CP DAUENDORF

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 15 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0050	1		Maj Hunley phoned 2nd Bn and was given the situation as of 0045A. Co E and F in position with Co G following.	
	0053	2		Lt Col Gillette phoned CO Cn Co - mines placed by our troops at 929278. Troops at OPERALL trying to remove them but have instructions to remove them as soon as troops have pushed out beyond that point.	
0058		3		1st Bn closed in DAUENDORF.	
0105		4		OP # 2 reports a couple bursts of MG fire and 4 flares.	
	0110	5		Maj Hunley notified Capt Sorenson about mines at 929278.	
	0112	6		Msg to 3rd Bn: Are you moving? Ans: Yes.	
	0115	7		Maj Hunley phoned G-3 that 3rd Bn is moving and that the armor is there and assembling in area. Will be moving out in fifteen minutes.	
0130		8		Col Lynch returned.	
0145		9		OP reports MGs firing in 3rd Bn sector.	
0147		10		OP reports 2nd Bn sector ablaze with MG, mortar, and many flares. About 3 MGs. G-2 notified.	
0210		11		OP # 2: Mortar flashes 2000 yds at 40°. 12 Rds fell at 80° from OP at 918267, fired from 40°. Red flares fired at 70°. MG fire from 40° firing considerable.	
0215		12		CO 2nd Bn: Co E not bothered much, but Co F receiving considerable fire.	
0220		13		Radio intercept: Co K at edge of woods - 275 northing.	
0222		14		Radio intercept: Co F to CO 2nd Bn: Still receiving heavy fire and arty fire.	
0228		15		OP # 2 reports more mortar flashes 2000 yds from OP (918267) at 40°	

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IN	OUT				
0230		16		OP # 1: 12 Rds arty fell vic mill at 956267.	
	0245	17		G-2 given situation.	
0250		18		Radio intercept: Co F receiving heavy casualties.	
0251		19		Runner from Co L reports: Capt Fisher: Co L and part of Bn Hq Co pinned down at 943274. Mortar, arty, and small arms fire. MG fire from both flanks. Runner was sent back with orders to Capt Fisher to have Co move forward without delay.	
0300		20		Radio intercept: Co F making no progress in woods as yet.	
0305		21		OP # 2: Mortar (Approx 120mm) still firing from vic 935295. Shelling area vicinity 946275.	
0307	0307	22		Maj Hunley called CO 2nd Bn. Col Coyle said tanks are now there.	
	0312	23		Engrs told it's OK to start on Bailey bridge. Col Lynch said to start on it.	
0315		24		OP # 2 reports 20 rds mortar fell between NIEDERMODER and mill.	
	0320	25		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: What is position of front line?	
0321		26		OP # 1 reports 30 rds concentration - 20 in NEUBOURG and 10 vicinity mill.	
	0335	27		Msg to AT Co: Report situation.	
0340		28		Msg from 3rd Bn: Co I - We are approaching obj "F".	
0340		29		2nd Bn: Co E 150 yds in woods vicinity 933283.	
	0345	30		Col Lynch gave CO 2nd Bn instructions and situation.	

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IN	OUT				
0355		31		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, came to CP. Told to move Co L at once and catch up with 3rd Bn column.	
	0400	32		Msg to AT Co: Move to obj. Evans follows with remainder of AT Co.	
0415		33		Div reports Co E 143 at 927286, Co K held up S of BITSCHHOFFEN. Capt Terrell gave Div our situation.	
0417		34		Radio intercept: CO 2nd Bn to Co F: Reorganize and prepare to attack.	
0420		35		OP # 2 reports 2 more arty rounds fired in PHAFFENHOFFEN firing from MIETESHEIM.	
0425		36		Msg from AT Co: We are moving now.	
0438		37		OP # 1 reports rifle fire in woods 10° from OP.	
0447		38		OP # 2: Our tanks now 40° from OP.	
	0448	39		Msg to AT Co: Evans on way with remainder of Co.	
0450		40		143 S-2 reports our tanks passed through their 2nd Bn and should be at 930278.	
	0520	41		Maj Hunley notified CO Co A 636 TD Bn to send AT Co TDs to UEBERACH and contact CO 2nd Bn for information on crossing stream.	
	0525	42		Msg to CO AT Co: TDs on way to you now. Report situation.	
0527		43		OP # 2 reports all quiet except some small arms fire in woods.	
0530		44		OP # 1 reports enemy MG fire to their front. Observe friendly MG tracers leaving edge of woods S of MERTZWILLER and going towards the town.	

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0545		45		OP # 1 reports our MG fire from vicinity mill towards woods. Observed a purple, white and purple flare in woods N of mill.	
0547		46		Radio intercept from AT Co: Enemy on two sides. Hurry up with TDs.	
	0550	47		Msg to CO AT Co: Have remainder of Co and Co L joined you?	
	0550	48		G-3 given situation.	
	0552	49		Col Lynch gave Gen Dahlquist the situation.	
0600		50		OP # 1 reports still friendly and enemy MG fire in woods N of woods.	
0605		51		Msg from AT Co: Co L just passed on my right. Waiting for instructions.	
	0607	52		Msg to AT Co CO: Are you on objective? Ans: On objective with 12 men.	
	0610	53		Msg to CO AT Co: How much of Co L passed you? Ans: One Plat of Co L passed.	
0615		54		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: On objective "F" - Cos I and K on objective "C".	
	0616	55		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: One Plat Co L just passing RB # 1. Hold at objective "C".	
0618		56		Msg from AT Co: What is delay on TDs?	
	0625	57		Msg to AT Co: Bridge at 930278 is necessary.	
0639		58		2nd Bn reports Co G has reached road vic 934280.	
0640		59		OP # 1 reports 6 rounds arty fell vicinity mill.	
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IN	OUT				
	0642	60		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Armor delayed. Remainder of Co L in DAUENDORF. 2nd Bn making slow progress.	
0643		61		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Need tank. Enemy tank on obj "C".	
	0713	62		Msg to CO AT Co: Attempt to join 3rd Bn on obj "F". 3rd Bn on obj "F" and "C".	
	0725	63		CO 142 to CO 3rd Bn: We will transmit fire missions for you by 300.	
0730		64		14 Armd rcn reports dismounted enemy along edge of woods at 977265. Firing arty on them.	
	0730	65		Capt Crocker left CP with instructions from Col Lynch. To take reorganized elements of Co L with 3rd Bn armor plus some of AT Co. To cross at bridge, pass through Co G, fight along RR to RB # 1 and establish positions there.	
0750		66		CO AT Co reports he can not move.	
	0755	67		CO 142 ordered CO 2nd Bn to send Co G along RR to join AT Co at RB # 1. Co F to hold area G Co is now clearing out (933283). Co L (Capt Crocker's group) proceed N to join 3rd Bn. Co G then to return and go on route to MERTZWILLER as planned.	
	0755	68		S-2 gave situation to G-2. An Arty FC reports 143 Inf at 930304.	
0805		69		OP # 2: Nothing to report.	
0820		70		Radio intercept: CO 2nd Bn to Co G: After completing present mission move with tanks to 951276 and relieve AT Co.	
0830		71		Arty firing for 3rd Bn on 2 tanks at 957296. G-2 notified.	
0835		72		Radio Intercept: 2nd Bn to Co G: Meet tanks on ridge 931278. Start on new mission.	

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IN	OUT				
	0840	73		Col Lynch talked with CO 2nd Bn. Bridge is reported to be at site now. 2nd Bn to go straight to objective with 1st Bn mopping up in rear in woods.	
	0845	74		Col Lynch gave situation to CG.	
0852		75		Radio intercept: 636 TD Bn: 10 enemy tanks at 957296.	
0900		76		Treadway bridge in at 0855.	
0901		77		OP # 1: Nothing to report.	
	0905	78		AT Co and 3rd Bn notified by radio: Bridge in. Co G on way.	
0907		79		Msg from CO AT Co: About 15 enemy on 3 sides. No enemy artillery, only mortars. Last fight at 0820A. 2 casualties. Now fighting. Need litter and bearers for 1 casualty.	
0915		80		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Situation remains same. Co I and K. Do you hold bridge site?	
0940		81		Gen Dahlquist and Gen Halsey came to CP.	
1000		82		OP # 1 reports all quiet. Haze still restricting observation.	
1000		83		Co G with armor at 935277.	
	1002	84		Gen Dahlquist and Gen Halsey left.	
1007		85		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Send litter bearers and medics immediately. Weasel if possible.	
1008		86		Msg from CO AT Co: Sniping continues. Co G on tanks not in position.	
1011		87		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Co I has possession of the bridge site.	

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IN	OUT				
	1020	88		Maj Hunley talked to CO 2nd Bn: Co G is still moving. Maj Hunley instructed the Col to send tank dozer, Plat of Engrs up diagonal road with column.	
	1030	89		Col Lynch phoned S-3 2nd Bn who stated Co G at 938276. Col Lynch ordered Co E to push forward and not to hold up to make contact with Co F. Co F to push forward and establish contact with Co E.	
	1040	90		Radio msg to AT Co: Co E at 938276.	
1040		91		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Co K in SW end of town 959391 to 959288.	
	1045	92		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Is Co K in contact with Co I? Msg cleared 1058A. Ans: No.	
	1046	93		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Co G moving NE on road. Co E moving NE on road toward you. Tanks following, in position 500 yds in woods" Msg cleared 1058A.	
	1100	94		Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn.	
1115		95		Lt Quinn, Tk Co CO, called: I just came back from woods. Co G is making progress. Saw Capt Crocker, he is pulling out now.	
	1120	96		Msg from 3rd Bn: CP at 95702885.	
	1120	97		Maj Hunley gave situation to Div.	
	1125	98		Maj Hunley gave the 1020A order to CO 2nd Bn to Lt Quinn. (About tanks, dozer, etc).	
1135		99		Still too smoky to observe. Can just make out woods outline. Can hear American MG fire.	
1142		100		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Have you anything regarding tanks for us? Ans: Tanks on the way.	

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1150		101		Msg from CO 142 to CO 3rd Bn: Have you any targets for air mission, notified and we will oblige?	
1153		102		Col Lynch returned.	
1200		103		Lt XXXXX Anderson phoned Maj Hunley that the tanks are on their way to 3rd Bn.	
1202		104		Gen Hess arrived at CP.	
	1203	105		Msg to CO 2nd Bn. Tanks moving NE on road, near road block.	
1224		106		OP # 2 reports armor moving with Co I.	
1236		107		OP # 1 reports heavy arty falling 940276. 2 rds of about 155mm. OP # 1 reports heavy arty falling vic 942278. 4 rds of about 155mm.	
	1250	108		Msg to CO Co L: AT Co Plat with TD has mine sweepers, check and notify.	
1300		109		Msg from CO Co L to CO 142: Mine sweepers with 2nd Bn.	
	1301	110		Msg to CO Co L: Send back to bridge to pick up the mine sweepers. What is position of front line.	
1305		111		S-3 2nd Bn phoned that Co E is moving slowly, receiving small arms fire.	
1307		112		OP # 1 reports heavy arty falling vicinity 935276. 6 rds of 75 fell along RR.	
	1308	113		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Do you have whole town S of creek?	
	1310	114		Col Lynch gave situation to Gen Dahlquist.	
1320		115		S-3 2nd Bn reports tanks have reached 9385 on road to MERTZWILLER.	
1325		116		CO 1st Bn reports tanks now entering SW edge of woods.	

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1330		117		CG called CO. Has been thinking of effect of 1st Bn if send around woods to NW to attack MERTZWILLER from N. Does not want to attack MERTZWILLER tomorrow. RR bridge at 953307 may be intact and we should try to get it. However, 1st Bn is already committed to pass through 2nd Bn.	
1345		118		Msg from 3rd Bn: Air Corps appears to be bombing NE of town.	
	1350	119		Lt Col Gillette gave order to 2nd Bn: 1st Bn to pass through 2nd Bn, within 1/2 to one hour. 2nd Bn to follow and clear to 100 yds on either side of road. 2nd Bn to assemble as Regt res at bend in road 948292.	
	1400	120		Exec O told CO 1st Bn to take RR bridge at 953316 as one of their objectives.	
1405		121		I & R OF reports seeing our infantry at 943277, probably AT Co moving E.	
	1405	122		S-2 gave PW information to G-2.	
1410		123		G-2 reports 103 Div has elements in GUNDERSHOFFEN, GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN, UTTEHHOFFEN, ENGWILLER.	
	1415	124		S-3 to CO Co B 753 Tk Bn: 4 tanks now with Co L to continue until Co L joins AT Co. Then 2 of 4 to go back to NE route, 2 tanks continue with Co L to CR on 96 easting.	
1425		125		I & R OF reports Co L at 945 easting in small arms fight	
	1427	126		Msg to CO AT Co: Co L is about 500 yds to your W. Can you see them?	
1430		127		Intercept Msg: AT Co thinks Co L is in front of them and attacking them.	
	1435	128		Msg to Co L: Look out for AT Co, they are to your east.	

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	1437	129		Msg to AT Co: Are you still receiving friendly fire?	
1442		130		Msg from AT Co: Yes, we are still receiving friendly fire, coming pretty close. From Co L or G. More likely from Co L.	
	1446	131		Msg to 1st Bn: Have you contacted leading elements of 2nd Bn?	
1447		132		Msg from 3rd Bn: I have location of tanks, what is location of 2nd Bn? Ans: Same as tanks.	
1450		133		OP # 2 reports our Inf moving at 947278.	
	1455	134		Capt Hearn, 132 FA, given permission to fire harassing fires and fire on any targets N of RJ 962297.	
	1457	135		Msg to CO Co L: Have you seen AT Co?	
1500		136		S-3 2nd Bn states their fwd elements 937285. Co E on left, Co G following Co F. Co A now passing through Co F. Have had several casualties from schu-mines.	
1505		137		Msg from AT Co: Co L has joined me.	
1506		138		Msg from 3rd Bn: Contact has not been made between Co I and K.	
	1510	139		G-3 notified of above and given latest situation.	
1518		140		Capt Hearn, 132 FA, states 1st Bn has called for fire mission vicinity 943285, on enemy personnel.	
	1520	141		Msg to CO Co L: Continue E. Clear road to CR 960275 and establish road-block with 2 tanks and 2 TDs.	
	1520	142		Msg to CO Co AT: Reorganize and move to 950279. Establish defense.	
1535		143		1st Bn Arty Ltn 9 reports Bn stopped vicinity 938285.	

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1350		144		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and ordered 1st Bn advance 3 Cos abreast until reaching edge of woods. Push the troops so they will not be fighting tonight as you must move tomorrow. If necessary use the two Cos now in town to expand bridgehead to N edge of town.	
	1600	145		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley left for fwd CP at UEBERACH.	
	1602	146		Advance 3 Cos abreast until reaching edge of woods. (Msg to CO 1st Bn)	
1615		147		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley arrived at CP in UEBERACH.	
1615		148		1st Bnn held up due to clearing out enemy strong points, took 30 PWs.	
	1640	149		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Do you have sufficient ammo to send reinf Plat SW to join 1st Bn?	
1644		150		Msg from CO Co L: We are moving, but receiving MG fire.	
1728		151		S-3 2nd Bn phoned that their 2 leading Cos have been passed through by 2 Cos of 1st Bn.	
	1740	152		CO 2nd Bn notified that instead of following 1st Bn to go into defensive bivouac in corner of woods; rest, resupply, and be prepared for further instructions.	
1810		153		Lt Col Gillette and Capt Terrell arrived at new CP at UEBERACH. CP officially open.	
1905		154		3rd Bn asked to shoot on tanks with Inf ridging coming toward them from NW. S-3 checked with 1st Bn. 1st Bn tanks still at edge of woods. 3rd Bn given OK to fire (1920A). 1st Bn receiving heavy shelling, resistance.	
	1925	155		G-3 given situation.	
	1945	156		Lt Quinn, 636 TDs, ordered to move reserve elements of armor to UEBERACH tonight.	

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1945		157		IPW reports PWs last captured were from 13th Co 104 Regt. Their Co was assembled and ready to move back to LAUBACH at 1900A when our troops hit them and dispersed Co. 6 120-mm mortars and 2 150mm howitzers abandoned.	
2115		158		Msg from Co I states N end of MERTZWILLER held by 5 or 6 SPs and several personnel carriers with mounted 50mms. Co I broke up counter-attack of 40 men. 3 SPs (enemy) may have been knocked out. Believe bridge at MERTZWILLER is in.	
	2130	159		CO 142 talked with CO 3rd Bn. Warned of PWs report of withdrawal.	
	2135	160		CG to CG 36 Div: 1st Bn joined 3rd Bn an hour ago. 3rd Bn had one Co and 2/3 within town with a number of casualties. Co I not able to get to N side of bridge, but hold S side. Bridge able to carry armor. Have been fighting off enemy attacks during the day. Estimate 6 SPs and 100 Infantry in N of town. KO'd 3 SPs during the day. PW reports indicate general withdrawal to ZINZELLE river tonight. 1st Bn going ahead with attack on N end of town tonight. Will try to seize high bridgehead both frontally and on left flank. Will use arty. Bns to be resupplied tonight. 3rd Bn had lost most of comm last night. Will need replacements and reorganization. 1st Bn received heavy shelling upon emerging from woods, receiving casualties. AT Co is complete at RB established this morning. Have 85 men. Co L got turned N from mission of seizing NEUBOURG RJ. 2nd Bn in reserve along MERTZWILLER - UEBERACH road, also protecting it. CG states a Co of 143 Inf is across river S of GRIESBACH. Gen is having bridge put in. Prepare to send 2nd Bn, 142 Inf, to GRIESBACH or toward LAUBACH early tomorrow morning. 143 Inf to try to get into GRIESBACH tonight. Div has taken 400 PWs today. Use 6 Bns arty on MERTZWILLER in preparation for 1st Bn. 2nd Bn be ready to move at first light across MERTZWILLER to push to FORSTHEIM or LAUBACH with last obj MORSEBRONN.	

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2200		161		G-3 reports 143 Inf has Co A and 2 Plats of Co C across river at 946311. Resistance increasing.	
	2210	162		Col Lynch notified 132 FA of Gens order to use 6 Bns of Arty on 1st Bns preparation. 132 FA estimates this may total 800 to 900 rds within 4 min period.	
	2215	163		Order to 2nd Bn: 1st Bn to attack MERTZWILLER tonight. 2nd Bn to arise at 0600, be ready to move anytime after 0700A on Regt call. Be ready to move on LAUBACH and MORSEBRONN, passing through MERTZWILLER.	
	2225	164		Order to CO AT Co: Move out to junction at NEUBOURG Sta as soon as 2 Pcs of armor which are being sent to you arrive. Establish RB defense there. Believe enemy withdrew from this point as PW states.	
	2230	165		Ln 0 of Engrs told to get rubber boats, enough to take 40 man Plat across at a time, up to 1st Bn, as soon as possible.	
	2245	166		Order to CO Co A 636 TD: Send 2 TDs up to AT Co present positions at 950276 right away. Officer to stop by CP for further instructions.	
	2250	167		G-2 given PW information. 143 Inf total now 276. 141 Inf has 137.	
2255		168		Col Reese, G-3, called. The Gen wants to know if ammo was captured with 150mm Howitzers. If so turn them around and use them.	
2300		169		OP # 1 has nothing to report.	427.476
2325		170		CO 1st Bn called. There is no bridge intact in MERTZWILLER as Co 1 had reported. Only abutments are left. Stream 74 feet wide. Will have patrols test depth of water.	
2330		171		Engr Ln 0 states early estimate on rubber boats is 0030.	

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank: 143 RCT continued atk to NE towards GRIESBACH.
 - b. Right flank: 141 RCT continued atk W towards SOULTZ.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility restricted due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT began moving from rehabilitation area via HOCHFELDEN to DAUENDORF area at 2000A in preparation for an atk N to seize MERTZWILLER.
 - b. RCT jumped off on atk at 0100A with 3rd Bn on right and 2nd Bn on left, 1st Bn in res at DAUENDORF.
 - c. At close of period G and K were fighting in MERTZWILLER and remainder of Regt mopping up area between MODER River and MERTZWILLER. Total of 19 PWs processed at close of period.
 - d. Regt CP moved from HOCHFELDEN to DAUENDORF at 2000A opening at 2100A.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5.a,b,c, and d.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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IN	OUT				
	152335	1		Col Lynch told CG that bridge is not in. Is bringing up rubber boats. CG states Div now has about 550 PWs for the day. 103 Div may have 200 or 300. Estimate enemy has lost 2500 on front today.	
	0001	2		Lt Col Gillette checked with 1st Bn on vehicles entering town. They are moving in now.	
	0030	3		Lt Col Gillette checked with CO AT Co in regards to his armor. Has received it and will let us know when they push off.	
0050		4		CO AT Co phoned Lt Col Gillette that they are pushing out now.	
0110		5		The rubber boats arrived at CP. Were instructed to go to the main road junction in town at 958283 where there will be a guide from 1st Bn.	
	0112	6		Lt Col Gillette phoned Maj Lowery that the boats are on the way. Maj Lowery states that they have 2 patrols out checking the river.	
0120		7		Lt Collier phoned Maj Hunley in regards to how many tanks and TDs they should have, also how many the 1st Bn should have. Maj Hunley informed him that they are supposed to have two of each and the 1st Bn 4 of each.	
0135		8		OP # 1: Nothing to report except at 0130A 2 air bursts.	
	0220	9		Lt Col Gillette to Maj Lowery, 1st Bn: What is the status of your Bn? Ans: One of our patrols just got back. I will call you back just as soon as I find out what he has to say.	
0245		10		CO AT Co reports he is in new positions and digging in. Also clearing up area, so far no resistance.	
0246		11		Maj Lowery, 1st Bn: Patrol went 25 yds W of bridge site (959296) to fjord where there was evidence of German armor crossing. Crossed river in water knee-deep to waist-deep. Went up bank on opposite side. River fordable. Planned operation to start in. (Cont'd)	

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		11	(Cont'd)	45 minutes. Rubber boats have arrived and 2 Cos will start crossing and will establish bridgehead until bridge is in.	
0303		12		Msg from Co I to 3rd Bn (Intercept): Getting tank fire, believed to be friendly. Check.	
0320		13		S-4: 1st and 2nd Bns supplied. 3rd Bn will be supplied in 30 minutes. AT Co will be taken care of shortly.	
0330		14		Col Minor: Am going to jump off at 0430A. Will let you know.	
0410		15		OP # 1: Nothing to report.	
	0430	16		Col Lynch notified Gen Dahlquist that 1st Bn had humped off.	
0455		17		Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, phoned and states they pushed off right behind arty preparation at 0430A.	
0558		18		OP # 1 reports all quiet.	422.476 Mertzwiller
0600		19		CO 1st Bn reports Cos A and B are across river and meeting some resistance. Going to try and ford flank across. Bridge crew will begin work immediately.	
0620		20		Maj Petrie phoned Col Lynch and was given permission to use smoke generator to build bridge if needed.	
0650		21		CO 1st Bn states troops progressing very well, but beginning to receive MG and arty fire.	
	0655	22		Maj Hunley requested CO 111 Engrs check to see that footbridge is sent to MERTZWILLER. 143 Inf had a small counterattack against their bridgehead but is now cleared out. Got one bridge on S stream reinforced, but other not in.	
	0730	23		G-3 given situation.	

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IN	OUT				
	0730	24		Maj Hunley checked with 3rd Bn on location of Co L. Co L now in process of clearing S end of town. Have a Plat of Co K and section HMG from Co M on obj "F". Co L entered town from obj "F".	422.476 Mertzwiller
	0745	25		Maj Hunley phoned Div CWO and requested smoke generators be put vicinity 962283 and 953296. Col Merrill states they are coordinating with Engrs.	
0755		26		Capt Bellamy, S-3 111 Engrs, states they have one generator for MERTZWILLER and one for 143 Inf. Maj Hunley requested putting one vicinity 953296 and 962283. S-3 Engrs stated he would get to work on the generators and if needed any held will call this Hq.	
	0800	27		Maj Hunley notified Maj Roberts to have Co L send a strong combat patrol to the S and contact AT Co vic 960274. This patrol to leave when Co L has completed mopping up S end of MERTZWILLER. The patrol to determine status of road for possibility of use for vehicles, etc.	
	0812	28		Maj Hunley phoned G-3 and requested air stand by for any mission vic 970245 SE to 978291. Also, be prepared to fire on any targets vicinity LAUBACH.	
	0814	29		Gen Dahlquist arrived at this CP.	
	0817	30		S-2 gave PW information to G-2. 5 PWs of this morning were from 1st Co 147 TD Bn.	
	0817	31		S-3 talked to CO 1st Bn. Co C now crossing on foot bridge.	
0825		32		G-2 states enemy used time bombs in road at MITTESHEIM. PW deserter from 115 VGR said his unit had orders to withdraw to ESCHBACH.	
0835		33		Lt Peters reports PW total of operation this far: 1st Bn 78, 2nd Bn 19, 3rd Bn 66. Total 163.	

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	0845	34		Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
0855		35		Maj Petrie, Div Engrs, called. Germans had another bridge and ford just west of Bailey bridge going in. Engrs will put in treadway here and expect to get it in in half the time required for Bailey. 3 to 4 hrs after bridging is on ground.	
	0910	36		Capt Terrell phoned CO AT Co to send a 25 or 30 man patrol, move out from your location and down to vicinity 999258.	
0940		37		OP # 1 reports 6 rds heavy cal artillery fell vicinity 931277. OP ordered to move to UEBERACH.	
0945		38		Gen Dahlquist phoned and stated armor not to use 143 bridge but stand by as Engrs will have a treadway in vicinity 959296 by 1400A. 2nd Bn to cross foot bridges of 143 Inf when they are complete. This Hq to stay in contact with 143 Inf so as to know when they are in. Col Lynch notified.	
	0950	39		S-3 3rd Bn notified that an advance straggler point is set up vicinity 958293.	
1000		40		3rd Bn states Co I has reported 6 enemy planes strafing to their front. Believe they are preparing to bomb bridge site.	
1010		41		1st Bn states planes bombed and strafed NW end of MERTZWILLER.	
1015		42		Maj Baker, Div Air officer, phoned and requested a true story on planes. 103rd Div had bombing mission on UTENHOFFEN and flight leader stated mission accomplished and identified our troops SW of MIETERSHEIM. 143 Inf stated planes strafing. Target was marked and believe the target was hit.	
1020		43		3rd Bn states Co I reports a Plat has contacted AT Co on position.	

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1025		44		1st Bn reports 15 rounds estimate 105mm fell vicinity bridge site in MERTZWILLER. No casualties and came from due N. Request cub.	
1030		45		Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, reports bridges progressing. Co A 250 yds beyond fork, Co B 150 yds to left of fork, Co C between bridge site and main road fork. Planes did work over NW end of town; however, it is possible that they were in town to NW as never actually saw results. Was at bridge site at the time and Engrs had same impression as I did.	
	1040	46		Capt Terrell notified 1st Bn of information obtained from PWs taken in the town. 7th Co only about 25 men left; elements of 10th, 14th Cos in town. Some 75 SPs there, number unknown. Comdr of 7th Co in charge of defense of town. Capt Cornelius stated Cos had pushed off again. Out of wire comm with them, but do have 300 radio contact.	
1050		47		CO AT Co reports patrol out and have not hit any opposition. Request an arty or Cn observer. There is one log across road in two places between UEBERACH and me that needs removing by Engrs.	
1053		48		Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, reports cub picked up some guns to N firing on bridge site. Guns were taken under fire by our arty (with 3 Bns). Enemy guns approximately 7000 Yds at 70°, estimate 4 guns, 105 Hw.	
1119		49		Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP. Left at 1123A to see Col Lynch who is at 1st Bn.	
1128		50		Capt Hearn, 132 FA, reports that they are firing on enemy Inf vicinity of church at 971296. Also Inf and SP on the knob vicinity 966293.	
1135		51		Gen Hess arrived at CP.	
1150		52		Col Lynch returned.	

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	1140	53		Maj Hunley phoned 1st Bn who reports that they just got a msg from Maj Lowery that two rds just came in and got a direct hit on the truck carrying the treadway. Damaging the bridge and truck. It is at a stand still at present. Bailey bridge estimated to be another hour.	
	1151	54		Col Lynch phoned Maj Baker who states that the Arty called in for an air mission for 1st Bn vic 965303. There is some Inf and SP gun.	
1153		55		S-2 3rd Bn phoned that the Co K patrol returned, went down the road and contacted AT Co at the NEUBOURG sta. Observed no mines on the road. Are setting up an all-around defensive on the road leading into the woods.	
1159		56		Maj Petrie phoned that they cannot get any where near the treadway sight. Got a direct hit on a brockway truck. Have received 8 casualties from shelling.	
	1205	57		Col Lynch called Maj Lowery who states that the Bn is moving slowly forward. Also gave him the information about the treadway bridge. Are getting another truck up. Going ahead with the Bailey bridge, and it will be done in about 1 hour. Col Lynch asked if they still wanted the air mission that they called for. Maj Lowery thought that Co A has advanced on out to far for the air mission.	
	1208	58		Col Lynch phoned Div CWO and requested factory area NW of town and hill vicinity 965293 be snaked as believed the enemy was observing bridge site and hindering Engrs on work.	422.478 Mertzwiller
	1210	59		Col Gillette phoned Div Air officer and cancelled air mission for NE edge of MERTZWILLER.	
1212		60		S-2 3rd Bn reports patrol found road from MERTZWILLER to NEUBOURG OK except one tree that is felled across it.	
1215		61		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co G and section of MGs from Co H now moving	

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FROM: 160000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 162400A March 1945

Place: CP DAUENDORF

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 16 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1217		62		CO AT Co states he last heard from patrol they were about 1200 yds out and could hear friendly MG fire.	
	1220	63		Capt Terrell notified S-2 3rd Bn to have troops of Co L in SE edge of town observe area vicinity 965293 in order to prevent enemy from forming behind our smoke screen and infiltrating into our positions.	
1225		64		Capt Stallings G-3 section states 141 Inf has a combat patrol about to METZGEN advancing without opposition. Patrol is to continue on to contact us. Capt Terrell requested he notify 141 Inf of our patrol going to about 00 grid.	
1240		65		Capt Saunders reports barn vic 964296 has been burned by our patrol. Enemy had been using it for an OP. From barn to RR track is a series of entrenchments and well dug in positions.	
	1245	66		CO AT Co notified to send a few guards with squad of Engrs up N road as protection. The Engrs are to sweep and clear road. Capt Scott states patrol is about on objective (00 grid) and met no opposition. Report American troops unit unknown behind them.	
1250		67		Maj Spitler states 2nd Bn column clearing old area enroute to new assy area vicinity 945305. Co G reinf to relieve Co of 143d vicinity 960310.	
1255		68		S-3 1st Bn states Co A 96302985, Co B 960298 and Co C moving to advance up center road through town. Co A is receiving some SP fire, but still moving slowly.	
1300		69		Maj Lowery states men have stopped work on Bailey bridge due to exactness of enemy artillery. Treadway has not arrived. Believe observation is from church vicinity 967297.	
1315		70		CO 1st Bn states Co A now at RR and road junction vicinity 964299. Co C advanced up center road. Co B still moving.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1335	71		Col Lynch gave Gen Dahlquist the situation. GRNESBACH has fallen and a Bn of 143 Inf mounting on armor and continuing NE. Gen stated he is on way to GRIESBACH and if armor can get down road skirting edge of woods to MERTZWILLER will send it down in order to cut off enemy from behind.	
1350		72		Maj Lowery reports Bailey launched and in 30 minutes armor should be across. Shelling has stopped and only a few rounds have fallen in the town. Cos are progressing meeting small arms and MG fire.	
1405		73		CO 2nd Bn states Bn now in area-Co G has moved out for objective "A" to relieve Co 143 Inf.	
1408		74		Gen Stack came to CP. Left at 1435A.	
	1410	75		G-3 given situation.	
1430		76		2nd Bn reports Co G on objective "A" waiting for Co 143 Inf to clear.	
	1437	77		CO Cn Co instructed to make rcn for new positions on W side of MERTZWILLER.	
1440		78		Co C now at RR vicinity 962300, Co A moving on into houses. Receiving SP fire from woods to E.	
	1450	79		Col Lynch left for 1st Bn and fwd Regt CP.	
1452		80		Capt Cornelius states 1st Bn armor has crossed river and that bridge is complete.	
	1515	81		G-3 given situation.	
1545		82		Lt Evans patrol report: Reached objective without opposition. Road blocks at 972220, 973267, 988266. At 962274 there are box mines. Two trees across RR at 977268. Friendly patrol was from troop B 19th Armd Regt. Dead bodies of Americans vicinity 958273, 958275 and 948276. Two large bridges across RR N of SCHWEIGH- AUSSEN and several small ones are in tact.	

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TO : 162400A March 1945 Place: CP DAUENDORG
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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1547	83		Capt Terrell left for fwd CP. Also Maj Hunley.	
1600		84		Col Lynch, Capt Terrell arrived at fwd CP; Maj Hunley arrived at 1645A. CP in MERTZWILLER officially opened.	
1745		85		S-3 1st Bn states Co C will attack woods vicinity 968300 at 1825A after a 5 minute arty preparation. Co A in position vicinity 966300, Co B vicinity factory 957303.	
	1815	86		G-3 given situation.	
1830		87		S-3 1st Bn reports Co C now entering woods with armor.	
1850		88		S-3 1st Bn reports Co C on objective with no opposition. Organizing for defense. Ren patrol from Bn left at 1825A for LAUBACH. Co B has reached RR at 957304. Still searching factory buildings.	
1855		89		G-2 reports air CP observed a column of vehicles moving E from vicinity 989302 to ESHBACH.	
	1945	90		All units except 1st Bn notified to prepare for a motorized move as an RCT on short notice. This move depends on thrust made by 143 Inf towards WISSEMBOURG.	
	1955	91		G-3 given situation. 2nd Bn 143 Inf cleared woods to 98 easting after being relieved by our Co. They have now jumped off from 981320 for FORSTHEIM. Armored column has contacted enemy armor and reports say they have advanced about 1000 yds out of GRIESBACH. 3rd Bn 143 Inf still in MIETESHEIM.	
2000		92		CO Co B 111 Engrs states he would like to request some help in transporting the 12 rubber boats if we move as planned. Maj Hunley stated he would keep them in mind.	
	2015	93		G-2 given situation.	
2025		94		S-3 111 Engrs checked with Maj Hunley on NEUBOURG bridge site. Higher Hqs is thinking of constructing (Cont'd)	

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TO : 162400A March 1945 Organization: _____
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Place: CP MERTZWILLER
Date: 16 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		94	(Contd)	bridge. Maj Hunley notified him site clear of enemy but road is mined.	
2055		95		Capt Hearn, 132 FA, states they are harassing RJ 988302 and point 978290 tonight.	
2120		96		S-2 3rd Bn reports patrol found a footbridge, log bridge and bridge believed to take armor vic 969295. Engrs are going down to blow them.	
2130		97		S-3 1st Bn states patrol to LAUBACH reached RJ 979312 and were fired on by friendly weapons. Tried twice to be recognized but failed and then returned. Maj Hunley notified him of prepared move.	
2135		98		Gen Dahlquist phoned and 143 Inf had cleared LAUBACH earlier this evening and now have FORSTHEIM. Tail of Armd column passing RJ 9834 a few minutes ago. Wants 142 to send a motorized patrol through LAUBACH to MORSEBRONN to determine if bridge is blown vic 994323. May use that route for 142 Inf tomorrow if bridge intact	
	2155	99		Lt Col Gillette notified CO 3rd Bn to not blow bridge and to keep outpost out as Co C now holds point of woods at 9730. Plat of Co L still vic 960283. Sending patrol to vic 954283 as believed can hear a wounded man.	
2200		100		Arty phoned stating Div had ordered harassing fires stopped beyond 98 easting.	
2245		101		Rcn patrol (motorized), 2 jeeps and 8 men left with mission to proceed NE to determine status of bridge vicinity 994323.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO/ 229

Hq 142 RCT
CP UEBERACH
16 March 1945

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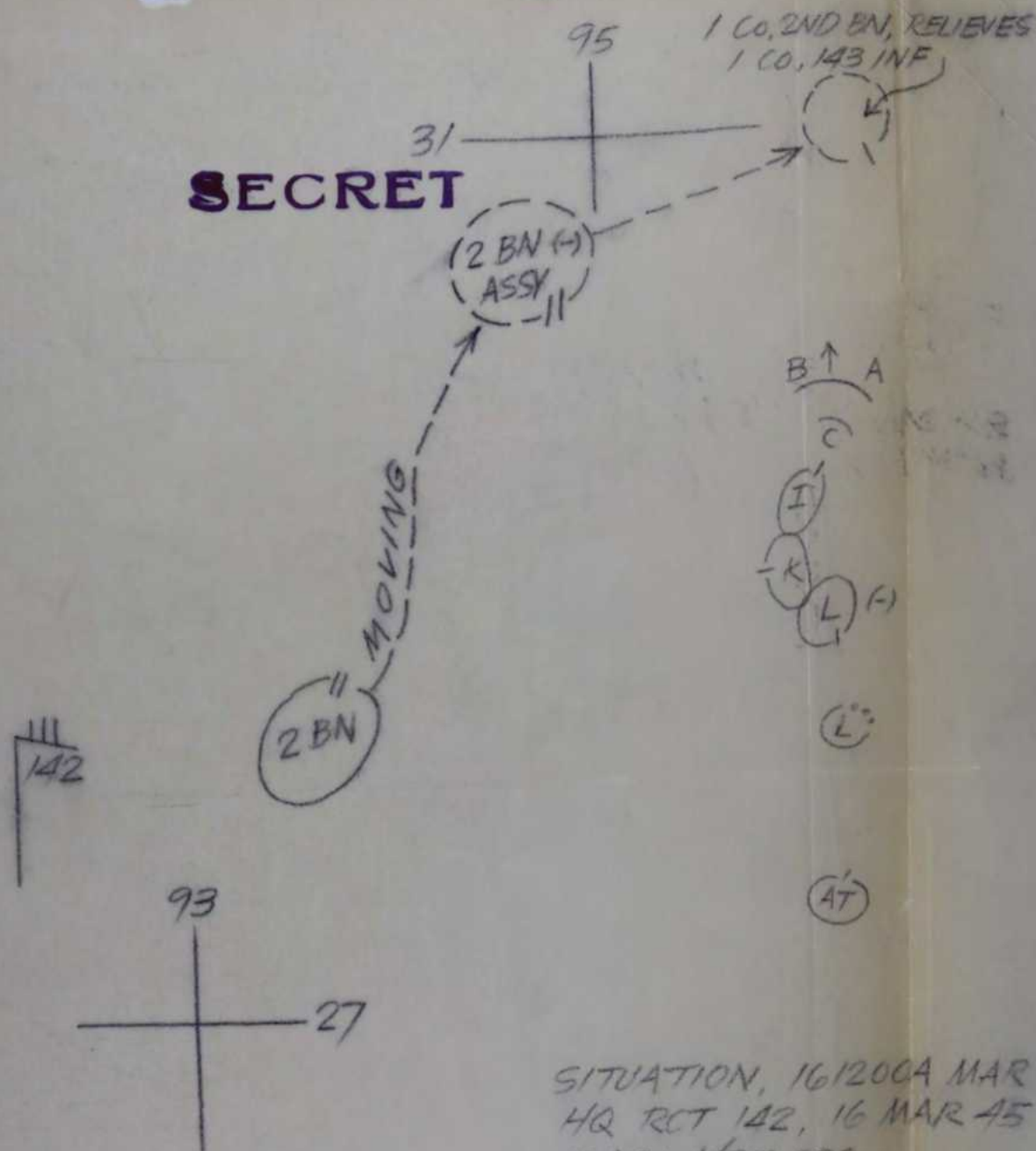
Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility restricted from 500 yds to 1 mile due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued atk on MERTZWILLER. 1st Bn passed through 2nd Bn about 1500A and pushed three Cos abreast until reached MERTZWILLER about 1830A. 2nd Bn assembled in Regt rea, reorganized and set up defense along W edge of woods E of UEBERACH. AT Co pushed from vic 950276 to RJ vic 960274 at 0130A and established defense. At 0430A 1st Bn crossed river vic 960295 and pushed forward to N end of town. At close of period Co A on right was approximately 250 yds behind road fork and Co B 150 yds beyond fork on left. Co B between fork and crossing site. Co L completed clearing of SE edge of town and contacted AT Co on position by a combat patrol at 1030A.
 - b. At close of period a total of 194 PWs had been taken from 7th, 10th and 14th Cos of 104 Regt.
 - c. Regt CP moved from DAUENDORF at 1600A and opened in UEBERACH at 1700A.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5, a, b, and c.
RCT continuing process of clearing town of MERTZWILLER and mopping up snipers in woods between UEBERACH and MERTZWILLER.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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TO : 172400A March 1945 Place: CP MERTZWILLER
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 17 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0105		1		Patrol to bridge at 993322. Bridge is out. Saw 2 enemy tanks KOd at 988318 and 983317 along road, also small 75mm gun with wps carrier KOd at 992322. Road passable except for KOd vehicles which can be pushed off road. Bridge span 20-22 feet, angling across. stream width 5 ft. Gap from bank to bank about 18 ft. Col Lynch and G-2 notified.	
0150		2		G-2 called. VI Corps wants units notified that civilian have been picked up that were German soldiers in Corps sector.	
0435		3		141 Inf called. They are sending a task force through us to LAUBACH and would like our units notified. Also, if there is any help we can give them in getting through MERTZWILLER. Maj Hunley notified 1st and 3rd Bns. Task force will leave about 0630A.	
	0530	4		Div given situation.	
	0645	5		Capt Terrell to Capt Orcutt: What is 143 situation? 1/143 013348; 2/143 FORSTHEIM; 3/143 MIETESHEIM.	
0730		6		CO 132 FA talked with Maj Hunley about situation in our sector.	
	0740	7		Maj Hunley gave CO 1st Bn situation.	
0750		8		Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch: When 141 has bridge in at LAUBACH 142 RC will move into MORSEBRONN, HEGENEY, DURRENBACH; assemble and prepare to move from there to WISSEMBOURG after 143 Inf has bridge in west of GUSTETT.	
0815		9		CG phoned and stated 142 Inf area now MORSEBRONN, HEGENEY, LAUBACH and want to put 141 RCT on our right. Send motorized patrol on ESHBACH road to WALBOURG to determine extent of bridge vic 030315.	
0855		10		I & R motorized patrol left to rcn road ESCHBACH east to 030315. Also turn north at 015311 and proceed to MORSEBRONN.	

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FROM: L70000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 172400A March 1945

Place: CP MERTZWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 17 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0825	11		1st Bn notified to keep on alert for a Bn of 141 Inf to pass their CP and notify this Hq when it has passed. S-3 1st Bn states one Co has already passed.	
	0830	12		Col Lynch notified CO 132 FA Bn to remain vicinity MERTZWILLER until further notified. CO 132 FA stated he was to support 141 Inf column until they reached WALBOURG.	
	0850	13		1st Bn notified to be prepared to move on 30 minutes notice less kitchens, on foot with organic trans to HEGENEY. 1 Co on foot, 1 Co on tanks and a rcn element has passed from 141 RCT. 3rd Bn now on 30 min alert to move to MONTBRONN.	
	0900	14		2nd Bn notified to be on 30 minute alert; 1 Co to report to S MERTZWILLER prepared to move with 132 FA, 1 Co to report to Sv Co at N MERTZWILLER.	
0908		15		Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, reports 1 Bn 141 Inf passing their CP. Road is blocked with vehicles.	
	0925	16		AT Co notified to be prepared to move on 30 minute notice behind 3rd Bn to MORSEBRONN. Co still under Regt control. Be sure and use Cerise panels.	
	0930	17		Cn Co notified to be prepared to move to assembly area at MERTZWILLER on 30 minute notice.	
	0940	18		All units notified to use Cerise panels on moves.	
0942		19		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and requested he come to Div CP to discuss plans for future move. RCT has 4 or 5 hours yet to prepare.	
0943		20		I & R message states trees felled across road vicinity 976299.	
	0947	21		Col Lynch left for Div CP. Returned at 1105A.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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Date: 17 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1015		22		I & R Msg states: Trees felled at 98753010, 100 yds deep. Dozer required. May take several hours to clear.	
1025		23		G-4 called. Wants two officer representatives to pick up trucks. One to be at Regt CP, one to go to G-4 office. Regt to get 45 trucks.	
	1025	24		G-2 given patrol information.	
1027		25		6 PWs from 7th Co 104 Regt, gave themselves up at factory this morning. Taken by Co D.	
1030		26		I & R reports they are entering ESCHBACH. No res yet.	
1040		27		G-2 called. 141 Reports working on bridge E of LAUBACH.	
1045		28		Distribution of trucks to be received: 1 Engrs, 9 2nd Bn, 17 1st Bn, 11 3rd Bn, 2 Hq Co. Given to S-4.	
1047		29		Lt King returned and reports bridge E of LAUBACH is now in.	
	1120	30		Bn and separate Co COs notified to attend meeting at Regt CP at 1215A.	
1123		31		CO 111th Engrs states bridge train, personnel to construct them and 1 Plat of Co B will be at 142 as soon as possible	
1135		32		I & R Patrol returned. Bridge at 014314 is out and the one at 030315 is out. Several stone houses of mines in E end of ESCHBACH.	
	1145	33		S-3 2nd Bn notified to pull Co G back to Bn assembly area immediately.	
1150		34		Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, states 103 Div cleared NIEDERBRONN - REICHSCHOFFEN. 143 2 Plats across river and fighting in GUNSTETT, bridge not complete. MORSEBRONN and HEGENEY clear. French have cleared SCHIRRHHEIM, SCHIRHOFFEN and DRUSENHEIM.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1210	35		Maj Hunley phoned 1st Sgt of Tanks to have Co less 1 Plat with 3rd Bn and 1 Plat to go with 1st Bn.	
1215		36		CO Sv Co phoned. Instructed to send Bn transportation officer or Sgt to pick up vehicles at 143 CP in MIETESHEIM.	
1215		37		A meeting of Bn and separate Co COs held.	
	1235	38		Maj Hunley phoned 2nd Bn S-3 about transportation officer, if he has left yet. Ans: Yes, also that they have a line to 143 Inf. Maj Hunley gave him the information to give to Capt Goetcher, CO Sv Co. The breakdown of trucks is different; 15 3rd Bn, 16 1st Bn, 2 Hq, 5 2nd Bn, 2 Engrs.	
	1300	39		Maj Hunley notified Capt Bellamy, 111 Engrs, to have the treadway follow behind 3rd Bn and Bailey bridge to follow behind 1st Bn. Also, 2 Plats of Engrs, one each Bn.	
1300		40		Capt Fells, 36 Rcn Trp, arrived at CP and received mission from Col Lynch.	
	1330	41		Lt Col Gillette sent Msg to S-4: Prepare hot supper for all troops.	
	1355	42		Maj Hunley notified all units that bridge at GUNSTETT is not in yet. Probably won't be in till midnight. Made all necessary arrangements to move out, then rest.	
	1405	43		Lt Col Gillette called CWO. Requested 4 smoke generators - 2 for each column. They will report to 142 Hq shortly.	
	1420	44		Maj Hunley called Div. Col Lynch would like 2 cub observers in air while RCT is on road.	
1515		45		G-2 phoned that Corps air OP picked up 1 enemy tank vicinity 024365, 1 at 024363, and 3 vic 044358.	

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Place: CP MERTZWILLER
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IN	OUT				
	1530	46		Col Lynch left for 132 FA CP. Returned at 1715A.	
	1615	47		Lt Col Gillette called Maj Resejec, 143 Inf. 143 Inf in fire fight in GUNSTETT. Bridge has not been started as yet. Engr officer on way to site and if possible work will begin.	
	1637	48		Maj Hunley called CO 1st Bn. They have 16 trucks.	
1725		49		Gen Dahlquist and Gen Halsey arrived at CP. Left 1745A.	
	1730	50		Capt Terrell phoned G-2 and requested CIC make efforts to stop civilians from returning to MERTZWILLER. Suggest posts be established at NEUBOURG and UEBERACH.	
	1750	51		Bn COs and COs of Tks and TDs notified to attend meeting at Regt CP at 1845A.	
1815		52		Col Albright, Div C/S, states 143 Inf has 2/3 of GUNSTETT and hope to have remainder in 15 minutes. Troops advancing up hill to N of GUNSTETT and Germans coming down with white flags. 3rd Bn 143 Inf has cleared BIBLISHEIM.	
1845		53		Meeting of Bn and Separate Co COs held.	
1915		54		Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 1930A.	
2015		55		CO 111 Engrs phoned and suggests he put treadway or Bailey bridging in each column in order to take care of anything. As it now stands there is one Bailey in one column and treadway and Bailey in the other. Maj Hunley stated he would call later.	
	2020	56		Maj Hunley notified CO 111 Engrs that it was OK to put bridging in both. 3rd Bn moving at 0200A and it should be in position ready to move.	
	2022	57		CO 1st Bn notified he would have treadway in column also.	

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 Place: CP MERTZWILLER
 Date: 17 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2024		58		Gen Dahlquist phoned and requested time Regt might be clear of bridge as CCA has to cross about 0500A. Col Lynch stated foot troops should be clear by 0230A. Armor leaving here at 0400A and reach bridge by 0500A it should be cleared by 0515A. Gen stated not to make a change in times until he called later.	
	2030	59		Msg sent by runner to CO tanks and TDS to move armor at 0400A instead of 0200A.	
2055		60		G-3 states our troops and enemy both on hill 224. Will notify 142 of later information on GUNSTETT soon.	
2120		61		Gen Dahlquist states we must be clear of N road going E through GUNSTETT at least by 0530A. Still a few snipers in town. Elements fighting in southern edge of woods. Bn left for DIFFENBACH at 2100A. Col Lynch stated he would be clear. Bridge trains will assemble N of road.	
	2125	62		CO 1st Bn notified of above information.	
	2127	63		CO Co B 753 Tks notified to leave at 0300A instead of 0400A.	
	2129	64		CO 3rd Bn notified that we must have GUNSTETT & SURBOURG road clear by 0530A. Rcn patrol has been ordered to proceed up road to NE as soon as 143 Inf permits.	
	2140	65		Capt Fell, 36 Rcn Trp, notified to have 2 jeeps and 1 M-8 alerted to reconnoiter road to NE GUNSTETT as soon as 143 Inf situation permits.	
	2142	66		CO Co A 636 TD Bn notified to leave at 0330A instead of 0400A in order to have GUNSTETT road clear by 0530A.	
	2205	67		1st and 3rd Bns notified to close up column while detrucking to 5 yards between vehicles.	

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TO : 172400A March 1945

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 17 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2305		68		CO 3rd Bn called. Is going to pull phone at 2330A. CO will ride at head of 3rd Bn column with CO 3rd Bn.	
	2335	69		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn - will join CO 3rd Bn for movement.	
2350		70		Gen Dahlquist to Lt Col Gillette. Bridge is in at GUNSTETT.	
2400		71		3rd Bn began moving to GUNSTETT.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 230

Hq 142 RCT
CP MERTZWILLER
17 March 1945

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FROM: 161200A March 1945
TO : 171200A March 1945

Maps: FRANCE, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair to cloudy. Visibility 5 miles to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles due to haze during latter part of period.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT completed clearing MERTZWILLER at 1900A. Co A set up defense vic 965299, Co B 957304, Co C 970300. 2nd Bn less Co G remained vic 946304, Co G vic 960310. 3rd Bn remained in S MERTZWILLER. AT Co occupied defense position vicinity 960275. Regt CP moved to MERTZWILLER opening at 1700A.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5.e.

RCT assembled in MERTZWILLER as Div reserve prepared to pass through 143 RCT on short notice and continue as a motorized RCT to WISSEMBOURG.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 180000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 182400A March 1945

Place: CP GUNSTETT

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 18 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0020		1		Regtl CP moved to GUNSTETT.	
0300		2		3rd and 1st Bn cleared GUNSTETT on way to PREUSCHDORF and MERKWILLER.	
0315		3		Regt CP opened in GUNSTETT.	
	0340	4		Div G-3 notified of advance of Bns. Two Bns 141 Inf in SURBOURG, no resistance. One Co has been sent to SCHWABWILLER. 103 Div has cleared WOERTH and established bridgehead.	
0420		5		Capt Balante, S-3 2nd Bn, wants to make sure TDs are notified of change in assembly area and meeting place.	
0425		6		Gen Dahlquist called. Wants Rcn Trp to close into GUNSTETT. Rcn Trp notified.	
	0425	7		Order to CO 2nd Bn: Move Bn to original assembly area beginning at 0500A.	
	0450	8		Msg to G-3 36 Div: Culvert bridge at R-012347 badly damaged. Request immediate repairs.	
0515		9		Motorized patrol of I & R Plat to DIEFFENBACH: Found 2 Cos of 2nd Bn, 143 Inf, about to attack town so could not pass through. Road clear to OBERDORF.	
0540		10		Radio Msg from 1st Bn: We are getting close to where we are to attack.	
	0545	11		CG given situation by Col Lynch.	
	0545	12		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Tank and TDs at 024561 (OBERDORF).	
	0550	13		G-3 given situation.	
0655		14		Arty radio reports 3rd Bn adjusting defensive fires at 058385.	
0700		15		143 Inf states Co F is in DIFFENBACH. No further details.	

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FROM: 180000A March 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 182400A March 1945 Place: CP GUNSTETT
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 18 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		16		Msg from 3rd Bn: On objective. All bridges intact except one at 044385.	
	0705	17		Msg to 3rd Bn: Mount Co on armor and move to next obj. Guard bridges.	
	0708	18		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
	0715	19		Msg to 2nd Bn: 1st Bn on objective. Proceed to PREUSCHDORF and guard bridges with one Co. Remainder of Bn follow 3rd Bn at 1000 yds.	
0720		20		Msg from 2nd Bn: Bn less Co E in assembly area.	
0730		21		CO 1st Bn states they have not jumped off as yet, but are in assembly area 0637.	
0735		22		Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 0745 for DIFFENBACH to contact Col Lynch.	
	0755	23		Maj Hunley phoned 753 Tk Bn and checked on light tanks we were to have in column. Wants two Plats, one Plat in each column.	
0815		24		Msg from 3rd Bn: Send aid station and transportation.	
0830		25		Msg from 3rd Bn: Send tanks. Will smoke observation which notified. Guides at edge of town.	
0835	0835	26		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: 6 Arty pieces and some Inf left town last night for SULTZ or SIEFGRIED LINE.	
	0840	27		Lt Col Gillette left for Fwd CP.	
0840		28		Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
0844		29		CO 1st Bn states he has MERRWILLER and bridges are blown.	
0850		30		Col Lynch returned.	

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FROM: 180000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 182400A March 1945

Place: CP GUNSTETT

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 18 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0852	31		Col Lynch instructed CO 1st Bn to continue on to next objective. Armor will follow as soon as bridge is completed. Platoon of Ren Trp will lead you. One Bn of 143 Inf is to pass to your right as soon as bridge is in and attack SOULTZ. If hit main defense line feel it out and then hit it. If it is too strong will have to wait until can get Arty up. Two Bns of Arty are moving to vic MERKWILLER W of river.	
	0855	32		Gen Dahlquist left for Div CP.	
	0910	33		G-3 given situation.	
	0940	34		Col Lynch left CP in GUNSTETT for DREUSCHDORF.	
1130		35		Regt CP opened in DREUSCHDORF.	
1135		36		Msg from 1st Bn: Roadblock 090390 and bridge out 087401.	
1245		37		Maj Hunley requested Air Ln party get a ren and bomber mission over INGOLSHEIM as PW reports all enemy gathering vicinity INGOLSHEIM.	
1250		38		Msg from CO 142 enroute: 1st Bn bridge train at 010344. Send to Bn by 3rd Bn route.	
	1255	39		Lt Col Gillette gave mission to Engr Ln 0 to carry out above orders.	
1320		40		G-3 states Co D 753 Tk Bn less Plat now committed by 142 Inf are attached to 141 Inf.	
1322		41		Msg from 3rd Bn: We hit roadblock at 081427 and are moving.	
1333		42		Msg from 2nd Bn: 2nd Bn (less) at LAMPERTSLOCH. Co E and Plat of Co F at LOBSANN.	
	1350	43		G-3 given situation.	
1405		44		Msg from 1st Bn: Coord 1st Bn 105390.	

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FROM: 180000A March 1945
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP DREUSCHDORF
Date: 18 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1415		46		Corps Air OP has identified 3 Tiger tanks vicinity 135400, 131395, and 144395. Given OK to get air mission on them immediately.	
	1425	46		Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn.	
1450		47		Msg from Fwd CP: Move CP to 094425.	
1505		48		Msg from Fwd CP: Two roadblocks 100440 undefended. Moving forward.	
	1510	49		G-3 notified of situation.	
	1630	50		Lt King left CP to check road for traffic.	
1715		51		Regt CP displaced and moved to vicinity 095424, closing in at 1830A.	
1830		52		Forward elements of 3rd Bn less 1 Co vicinity 109454. One Co 117445, 1st Bn vicinity 114441. 2nd Bn 0943.	
	1900	53		Maj Hunley and Capt Terrell left for Bns to issue orders for tomorrow.	
1905		54		Msg from 3rd Bn: Fwd elements vicinity 113456.	
	1954	55		Msg to 1st Bn: Discontinue mission. Stop in place. Rest and resupply.	
	2000	56		Msg to 3rd Bn: In addition to Hunley's instruction send combat patrol into objective immediately with SCR 300 radio and determine presents and strength of enemy. 1st Bn will not continue tonight. Bn will follow 2nd Bn tomorrow by bounds on your original route.	
2010		57		Maj Hunley returned.	
2025		58		Div Ln 0 reports 14th Armd and GCG 5DB at SALMABACH and S outskirts of LAUTERBURG, meeting resistance. 103 Div in BOBENTHAL and SCHONAU in contact. (Cont'd)	

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FROM: 180000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 182400A March 1945

Place: CP DREUSCHDORF to
094425

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 18 Mar 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		58	(Cont)	42 Div at LUDWIGSWINKEL in contact. 636 Ren 170457. 141 Inf 160440.	
	2050	59		Maj Hunley notified CO 2nd Bn that he would get 3rd Bn armor instead of 1st Bn. Will keep own TDs.	
2145		60		Elements of 14th Armd CCA vicinity 171470 and will continue to 170479 as of 1845A.	
2150		61		Capt Terrell returned.	
2218		62		G-2 phoned that 2nd Bn 141 Inf meeting strong opposition in STEINSELTZ and on HILL NW of REIDSELTZ. Enemy armor active to N and W.	
2300		63		Col Reese, Div, phoned that the 141 Inf is in REIDSELTZ and are sending a Flat sized patrol to STEINSELTZ that will stay there.	
2330		64		Msg from S-4: RSO 091429.	

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FROM: 190000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 192400A March 1945

Place: CP DREUSCHDORF

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 19 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0005		1		Msg from 3rd Bn: Moving along road SW to ROTT. Have not contacted enemy.)Div notified at 0050A.)	
	0045	2		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Continue on same mission as today at 190800A.	
	0055	3		Lt King left for 3rd Bn to get details on their sit.	
	0057	4		Lt Col Gillette called 2nd Bn: It appears that 1st Bn will not enter WISSEMBOURG tonight. At 0700A your Bn will leave, with armor, pass through 3rd Bn and continue with today's 3rd Bn mission. 2nd Bn will have 3rd Bn 2 Plats of tanks and also Engr train. Use own TDs.	
0130		5		Msg from 1st Bn: OBERHOFFEN in our hands. Supply route impassible. Request location of 3rd Bn - are they abreast of us? We will have to use air supply route. Tiger tank opposing us. (Div notified).	
0130		6		Msg from 3rd Bn: Our location 125466. (Div notified)	
	0130	7		1st Bn given 3rd Bn location 125466. Also, 3rd Bn has not had contact.	
	0200	8		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Friendly patrol is in vicinity STEINSELTZ. What is the size of force in OBERHOFFEN?	
0213		9		Lt Lustman, Div Ln O, brought in OI # 168. G-2 reported 2nd Bn 141 Inf picked up 2 Russian PWs who escaped from WISSEMBOURG 172400A March. Said 500 Russians in camp for past 7 days, have been working on emplacements S of WISSEMBOURG at 180465 and 157565. These emplacements have been earlier confirmed by a Polish deserter.	
	0300	10		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: What is your position? Report sit.	
0420		11		Msg from	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP DRUSCHDORF
Date: 19 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0410		11		Lt King returned from 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn CP is in S end of ROTT. A combat patrol toward WISSEMBOURG was fired on from both sides of road N of ROTT by small arms, MG and mortars. A PW states about 180 Germans hold defense S of WISSEMBOURG.	
	0420	12		Msg to 3rd Bn: How is bridge at ROTT? Answer immediately.	
	0435	13		CO 2nd Bn notified of 3rd Bn meeting enemy north of ROTT. 2nd Bn to leave at 0600A to attack through 3rd Bn.	
	0440	14		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: 2nd Bn leaving here at 0600A to attack through you. Have all possible information for CO 2nd Bn when he arrives at ROTT. Your tanks go to 2nd Bn.	
	0445	15		Msg to CO 1st Bn: 3rd Bn met enemy NE of ROTT. 2nd Bn leaving here (0943) to attack through them. 1st Bn to attack at 0800A on prescribed route.	
0535		16		Msg from 3rd Bn: Bridge is intact.	
	0800	17		Col Lynch and Lt Arnold left for CLEERBOURG to contact Bns.	
	0805	18		Msg to 1st Bn: Send requested information on bridge at OBERHOFFEN immediately.	
0835		19		CG called and wants reserve Bn committed around west flank by noon if Bns are held up by frontal attack.	
	0845	20		Msg to CO 142 from Lt Col Gillette: If Bns are held up in frontal attack Div CG wants reserve Bn committed around west flank by 1200A.	
	0900	21		Maj Hunley and advance CP groupe moved to CLEERBOURG.	
0920		22		Regt CP opened in CLEERBOURG.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0930	23		Msg to 2nd Bn: "Friendly troops in left last reported at 107497. Will move north. Report situation.	
	0932	24		Msg to 1st Bn: 141 Inf reports their patrol in town 144456. Can you contact. Report situation.	
	0935	25		Msg to CO 142 Fwd: If Bns are stopped in front line attack CG wants 3rd Bn to flank to west before 1200A.	
0940		26		Msg from CO 142 Inf Fwd: I am at 1st Bn 136464. 1st Bn attack 1030A.	
1015		27		Msg from 2nd Bn: Co B 123477.	
1030		28		Gen Hess came to CP. Left at 1040A.	
1100		29		Msg from 2nd Bn: Approximately front line vicinity 133478. We are moving and have taken some PWs. (Div notified).	
1130		30		Msg from 1st Bn: Bn moving to final objective.	
1135		31		Col Lynch arrived at CP in CLEEBOURG.	
1050		32		Msg from Fwd CP: 1st Bn jumped off at 1030A. No contact.	
	1150	33		3rd Bn ordered to assemble in ROTT and be prepared to move into WISSEBOURG on 30 minutes notice.	
	1200	34		Msg to Cn Co: Be prepared to move from present position on call to assembly area vicinity ROTT 1247.	
1235		35		Msg from 2nd Bn: In WISSEBOURG, found place to cross Tks and TDs, but not trucks.	
	1240	36		Msg to 2nd Bn: Send tank dozer to 1st Bn at 154484 accompanied by an officer as soon as you finish with dozer.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1240	37		Msg to 2nd Bn: 1st Bn moving to BERGZABERN. Assemble in E WISSEMBOURG prepared to follow 1st Bn on foot.	
	1300	38		Horsefly air mission requested on BERGZABERN where 15 Nebelwerfers are reported. Observe road N to BERGZABERN.	
	1310	39		Engr Ln 0 ordered to send Plat Engrs into WISSEMBOURG at once to join 1st Bn.	
1315		40		Msg from 1st Bn: One bridge intact. Building another.	
	1320	41		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley left for 1st Bn.	
	1400	42		Msg to all Bns: All red panels will be put on vehicles as soon as possible.	
	1408	43		Msg to S-4: Establish advance dumps in WISSEMBOURG. Move all your installations to WISSEMBOURG as soon as practical. Regtl CP is moving there now.	
1515		44		Msg from Fwd: Advance elements at OBER OTTERBACH. No contact.	
1518		45		Msg from 2nd Bn: We have 50 PWs. No transportation.	
	1545	46		Regt CP moved to WISSEMBOURG. Opened there at 1600A.	
1605		47		Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 1625A.	
1607		48		Received OI # 169.	
1630		49		3rd Bn CP vicinity 155486.	
	1635	50		Lt Col Gillette left for forward area vicinity OBER OTTERBACH.	
1637		51		Msg from Fwd: AT and Cn Co vehicles report to 3rd Bn WISSEMBOURG. 3rd Bn ready to move on.	
1640		52		Msg from 2nd Bn: CP at 160503.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP WISSEMBOURG
Date: 19 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1645	53		AT and Cn Cos and 3rd Bn notified of message to move.	
1710		54		Msg from 1st Bn: We are attacking with tanks and infantry. Casualties are heavy.	
1720		55		Lt Col Gillette returned.	
	1722	56		Lt Arnold left to notify AT Co to not dismount but move to NE edge of WISSEMBOURG, then turn trucks over to 3rd Bn.	
1723		57		2nd Bn moving out of SCHWEIGEN to seize DORRENBACH and converge on BERGZABERN from the west.	
1755		58		Lt Arnold returned.	
1820		58		Msg from 2nd Bn: Head of column at 163522.	
1910		59		Msg from Fwd: 1st Bn in OBER OTTERBACH. Not clear. 2nd Bn front line at road west of OBER OTTERBACH. (Div notified).	
2000		60		59 AFA moving 2 Btrys to 162503.	
2025		61		Msg from Fwd: 1st Bn reorganizing in town. 2nd Bn moving on. How soon can you have line to 162503? (Ans: Line being layed to 1st Bn now. Will be lain by this point. (Div notified)	
2030		62		Col Snow, CO 155 FA Bn, came to CP. Left at 2100A.	
2056		63		S-4 in OBERHOFFEN. Kitchens in ROTT.	
2145		64		Maj Hunley returned to CP to pick up guide for 3rd Bn. Left at 2150A for 3rd Bn to issue orders to move out and continue W through OBER OTTERBACH behind 2nd Bn.	

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP WISSEMBOURG
Date: 20 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0315		1		Maj Hunley called Capt Terrell to notify Capt Scott to mount up on his trucks at 0700A as Inf. To be in advance of his column and report to Col Lynch.	
0330		2		Maj Hunley phoned that 1st Bn has elements at 180530 and one Co receiving HMG fire.	
0400		3		Maj Hunley phoned to send the I & R up right away to SCHWEIGEN.	
0445		4		Maj Hunley phoned that elements of 3rd Bn at 142514.	
	0700	5		Lt Col Gillette and Lt Arnold left for forward CP.	
0730		6		Col Lynch returned.	
	0815	7		Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
0820		8		Lt Col Gillette phoned and requested Engr tape off area 156495 as there is a minefield there. Area mined is in 132 FA Bn sector. Engrs notified of above.	
0835		8		Msg from AT Co: Co in no enemy contact. CP at 164509. Can you run wire?	
0930		10		3rd Bn located at 137524 as of 0830A. No resistance. 103d Div meeting fierce resistance at REISDORF. 1st Bn right flank, 3rd left. Sending Co locations soon.	
	1100	11		Regt CP moved to SCHWEIGEN Germany.	
1120		12		Capt Hearn, 132 FA Bn, reports 2nd Bn getting counter-attack. Now firing arty vicinity 163527.	
	1210	13		TDs notified to shift some TDs so they can fire on tanks coming along road vicinity 182544.	
	1215	14		Msg to CO 2nd Bn: We are employing TDs to fire on tanks vicinity 182544.	
1220		15		Msg from 2nd Bn: Heavy Counter attack. Bn at 163525.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 202400A March 1945

Place: CP SWEIGEN, Germany

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Date: 20 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1222		16		3rd Bn at 147532.	
	1223	17		Msg to 2nd Bn: We are displacing TDs to fire on tanks that are firing on you.	
1225		18		Msg from Arty: 3 tanks at 182543.	
	1240	19		G-3 given situation. 141 Inf jumped off at 1200A from vicinity 199514 and 190514.	
1330		20		Gen Dehlquist came to CP. Left at 1420A.	
1425		21		CO 3rd Bn reports that a Plat of Co I had succeeded in getting past enemy pillboxes with surprise, but before Bn could close up with it, enemy had reacted to the Plat of Co I with fires, Plat ldr was killed and Plat withdrew. Bn now reorganizing and will advance again. 2 PWs taken.	
1430		22		Coordinates of 2nd Bn 163525.	
1700		23		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports that enemy has reacted with nebelwerfer and arty on 3rd Bn again making attempt to pass through Seigrified defenses. Little small arms heard. Exact position of 3rd Bn not known.	
1730		24		409th Inf requested use of a building at 122498. Permission granted.	
1740		25		Capt Fisher at 3rd Bn rear reports receiving message that Bn is on objective.	
1740		26		From G-2: 141 Inf now at 192524 (1 Co) 1 Co 199522, 1 Bn 204518-206516-211517.	
1800		27		Msg from 3rd Bn through Capt Fisher: Want rations and ammo and help to carry it.	
1810		28		Capt Fisher reports Bn on HILL 464 and still fighting.	

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Date: 20 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1850	29		3rd Bn told to prepare to send a guide to foot of hill where 3rd Bn started up to guide the 1st Bn up.	
1950		30		Gen Dahlquist and Maj Young came to CP. Left at 2130A.	
	2140	31		Col Lynch talked with Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn about has'nt moved out as yet. Capt Fisher to contact CO 3rd Bn why not and inform Col Lynch. 3rd Bn supplies have arrived.	
	2230	32		Msg to CO 2nd Bn: Send at least 4 patrols to enemy pillboxes to see if they are occupied. If not, occupy them.	
2238		33		Msg from 3rd Bn: Have beaten off counterattack. Another one forming; still disorganized, casualties heavy. Cannot spare men for litter carrying.	
2240		34		Plan for tonight. AT relieves 1st Bn in OBER OTTERBACH. 3rd Bn now at 153527 to push toward DORRENBACH. 1st Bn to occupy positions now held by 3rd Bn, protecting rear and flanks of 3rd Bn and assisting the capture of DORRENBACH if necessary. Also, in morning to continue to clear high ground to west and contact 103 Div. One Bn of 143 Inf to push through 1st and 3rd Bns and continue along best routes to BERGZABERN.	
	2255	35		Msg to S-4: One 2½ T truck to be at depot # 3 PHALSBURG at 1000A 21 March to pick up RTUs.	
	2400	36		Change in plan. 3rd Bn not to move. 1st Bn to pass through 3rd Bn and accomplish mission. Orders issued about 2330A.	
	2400	37		Msg to 1st Bn: Let us know when you move.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP SWEIGEN, Ger.
Date: 21 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0010	1		Capt Terrell to Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn: How wide is 3rd Bn front? Let us know. Also inform us when 1st Bn reaches 3rd Bn.	
0030		2		1st Bn left for new area at 0015A. All units notified.	
0200		3		Msg from CO 1st Bn: They have arrived at the new area, but the guide was not there.	
	0201	4		Lt Arnold checked with 3rd Bn about guide.	
	0200	5		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Have contacted 3rd Bn about guide. Will send one immediately.	
0220		6		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, phoned that the guides are in position, sending out 2 more.	
	0221	7		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Guides in position and carrying party working in same area.	
0230		8		Lt Arnold at 2nd Bn phoned in patrol reports. Cos G and F found enemy still occupying pillboxes to their immediate front.	
0245		9		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, phoned that the guides are with the 1st Bn and are bring them up.	
	0250	10		G-3 given situation.	
0520		11		Msg from 3rd Bn: Receiving some small arms fire. Front line not changed. Have not received any ammo.	
0520		12		Msg from 1st Bn: Head of Bn just about at CP of 3rd Bn. Rest of Bn is progressing rather slowly.	
	0525	13		Engr Squad and Plat of Rcn and tankdoler left to clear roadblock and assist advance of 1st Bn to objective, then continue with 1st Bn 143 Inf to BERGZABERN.	
	0527	14		G-3 given situation.	

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IN	OUT				
0550		15		Msg from 1st Bn: Bn will attack as soon as we close up.	
	0720	16		Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn to call to Germans in pillboxes to come out. 2nd Bn has already done this but enemy will not come out.	
0730		17		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports nebelwerfer and some mortar being received between where he is and Bn. Bn ammo not received as yet. 1st Bn jumped off at 0715A.	
0732		18		S-3 2nd Bn reports second msg intercepted on German telephone in pillbox: "Hold until 1800A when reinforcements will arrive."	
	0735	19		Col Lynch gave situation to CG. 1st Bn jumped off at 0715A from 3rd Bn positions to attack DURENBACH. 2nd Bn attacked at 0600A and apparently caught Germans by surprise as they overran several pillboxes. Germans are locked up in some of them and there is no way to get them out until Engrs can get up with demolitions. Engrs are on the way. Inf one pillbox where Germans gave up an enemy telephone is still operating. One Msg from enemy CO says to "hold at all costs. A Co is 4 miles behind you"; another message stated "Hold up until 1500A when reinforcements will arrive". Col Lynch suggests after reaching DURENBACH for one Bn to swing E to come in behind Seigfried Line positions W of OBER TTERBACH. 3rd Bn reported they had a counterattack last night but Col Lynch thinks this was reaction of Engrs on flanks. Casualties of 3rd Bn reported to be heavy. Arty on 3rd Bn light.	
	0755	20		Capt Fore, Comm O, checked with CO 2nd Bn to see if a German speaking was present near pillboxes in order to tell enemy to surrender as we were going to use flamethrowers and TNT to blow pillboxes in on them	
0800		21		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, states 3rd Bn armor has just arrived.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0825	22		G-3 given situation. French have a reinforced Co in STEINFELD and have dragon's teeth breached. 141 Inf sending one Bn to OBER OTTERBACH to relieve elements 142 RCT.	
	0827	23		Col Lynch talked to CO 111 Engrs about charges to blow pillboxes. Engrs state special charges and crews to apply are enroute to area. Suggest you pour gasoline in boxes and set them afire.	
	0830	24		Col Lynch talked to Lt Hanna and ordered gasoline poured in pillboxes. Have two PWs taken by persuasion. Pillboxes surrounded are vicinity 1653. Shelling area with spasmodic fire.	
	0840	25		Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
0845		26		Gen Dahlquist phoned and ordered bazookas and rifle grenades be fired at parts in pillboxes. Lt Col Gillette state he would check and get the order complied with.	
0915		27		G-3 phoned and requests CO 1st Bn 141 Inf be held here and notified that 1st Bn will now assemble at SCHWEIGEN and be prepared to pass through 2nd Bn 142 RCT. Recon party from 141 RCT will be at our CP today.	
0930		28		S-2 2nd Bn reports they have encountered 4 enemy MGs dug in along line extending from 159532 to 161532.	
0935		29		CO 2nd Bn requests 2 tanks and by all means 1 to assist in blowing pillboxes. 4 men from Co B shot in back after passing some of the boxes. Have 5 boxes that can be reached from S side. Gasoline, bazooka and white phosphorus grenades ineffective. No casualties as yet from enemy shelling.	
0940		30		CO AT Co states he has given the tank Sgt a direct order to go on up trail that is cleared by 2nd Bn until they reach CO 2nd Bn who will give them further orders. Trail to be followed by tanks is running NW from 169526.	

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IN	OUT				
	0945	31		CO 2nd Bn notified that tanks had been ordered to proceed up trail until contacting him.	
	0953	32		G-3 given situation.	
1000		33		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, states 3rd Bn not moving at present. Col Lynch ordered they move out immediately.	
1010		34		Arty Ln 0 with 1st Bn reports forward elements 153542-158540. Fired left flank covering fire about 15 minutes ago.	
1028		35		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports they are sending 25 PWs back.	
1030		36		Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP.	
	1045	37		Engr Officer instructed to have Engrs maintenance Plat get to work on soft spots on trails to 3rd Bn.	
	1055	38		Capt Terrell notified Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, that it was the Col's orders to get a wire in to CO 3rd Bn at once.	
1100		39		S-2 2nd Bn states Engrs are there ready to blow pill-boxes but enemy is now dropping mortar, about 1 rd per minute, on top of boxes. No more messages from enemy phone.	
1115		40		132 FA Bn reports 1st Bn has called for preparation near DORRENBACH.	
	1115	41		Capt Terrell notified Capt Fisher that 36 Rcn Trp was attacking to 138545 and Col Lynch orders 3rd Bn attack west with 2 Cos to contact them.	
1125		42		Capt Hearn, 132 FA Bn, states cubs are up and have fired on Nebelwerfer NE of DORRENBACH. Unable to pick up any enemy guns due to haze.	
	1130	43		G-3 given situation.	

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IN	OUT				
1135		44		Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports they are sending back 15 more PWs.	
1140		45		CO 2nd Bn states they have 8 pillboxes buttoned up and Engrs are working forward to blow them now. Co G on ridge is in fire fight, strength unknown. Col Lynch ordered the Bn leave 1/2 squad to keep each pillbox buttoned up and remainder of force continue NW. Arty now firing 240mm on bo x vicinity 174529 where believed enemy is directing fire on town of OBEROTTERBACH.	
1245		46		Capt Fisher reports that his Bn is at 154541.	
1250		47		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch that 143 Inf is going to push through our 1st Bn.	
	1310	48		Msg to CO 1st Bn: What is your situation. What is causing your delay? Ans: Situation unchanged. Enemy pillboxes.	
1315		49		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: 1st Bn is stopping us, will move as they do.	
	1330	50		Col Lynch ordered: (1) AT Co be attached to 2nd Bn to occupy pillboxes behind advancing Bn, (2) that Co F now in OBEROTTERBACH in reserve be employed in the Bn attack, (3) that Engrs with 2nd Bn be given a direct order to assault surrounding pillboxes and lay beehive charges whether there was mortar fire falling or not.	
	1400	51		Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn who states that they have troops at 161531 and extending to the right 400 yds vicinity 164528. Have cleaned out seven since last reported. That makes a grand total of 17 pillboxes. The Engrs blew one and got one PW who went over to the next one and talked them out, went on to the next one and had to blow it. Have a total of 28 PWs today. Receiving some arty, believe to be coming from one gun away off, coming on an azimuth of 40°, a 150 Cal. Col Lynch told them to go on and that the AT Co is going to be attached to you for occupying the pillboxes taken.	

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IN	OUT				
	1340	52		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Observers report your column moving at 1 mile per hour. Are your forward elements also moving? Reply immediately. Ans: We are now moving.	
	1405	53		Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
1410		54		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: We are behind 1st Bn. Will move as soon as possible.	
1420		55		Maj Petrie, CO 111 Engrs, asked if our Inf could assist Engrs in carrying and handling demolition charges. S-3 stated they could.	
1420		56		Gen Hess came to CP.	
1425		57		Lt from G-2 called to make arrangements with Capt Terrell for propaganda broadcast to enemy tonight.	
1430		58		Msg from 1st Bn: We are moving with stiff enemy resistance.	
1435		59		CG called. Would like military road that runs E/W across Seigfried defenses from 173530 opened so that route of supply to 1st and 3rd Bns can be had. Lt Col Gille explained that defenses on slopes W of UBEROTTERBACH had not been cleared yet.	
1445		60		CO 3rd Bn to S-3: 2 Cos of 3rd Bn have not moved out yet. Eny fire is strong to left of 1st Bn and in front of 3rd Bn route, from nose of hill at 151540. 3rd Bn receiving considerable sniper fire from HOHENBERG (421).	
1500		61		CO 1st Bn to Exec C: 1st Bn receiving very strong resistance. Have taken 8-10 pillboxes (small ones). Bn out of bazooka ammo. Have no Engrs. Bn receiving many casualties. Co A at 153543, B at 156543, C behind B.	
1510		62		CG came to CP and said to supply our 1st and 3rd Bns with bazooka ammo and Engrs from 1st Bn, 143, which is behind our 3rd Bn.	

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IN	OUT				
1515		63		Col Lynch returned.	
1515		64		Lt Williamson, tank officer, reports his tanks have knocked out 5 pillboxes in 2nd Bn sector.	
1520		65		Corps Air OP reports sighting 200 friendly vehicles in ANNWEILER.	
1525		66		G-3 reports dozer has cleared road to 134540. A minefield is being cleared there.	
1545		67		2nd Bn requests another demolition squad and behave charge. CO 3rd Bn suggests using one Co to assist 1st Bn on flank from south. CO 142 answered: Yes, do it at once.	
	1550	68		Exec O ordered S-4 to get 1st and 3rd Bnsupply trains on the way. Load extra bazooka ammo. Carrying parties from Cn Co will be arranged.	
1600		69		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Route of Co to assist 1st Bn will be to the S to strike hill on W giving 1st Bn trouble.	
1605		70		Msg from CO 2nd Bn: Co F has cleared 3 more pillboxes on left. Not up to HILL 421 yet. Co E has swung E going down. 9 pillboxes blown so far. One Bn of 141 Inf to assemble in OBEROTTERBACH and pass through 2nd Bn after dark tonight.	
	1610	71		CO 142 Inf ordered CO AT Co to relieve his Plats by infiltration and send them to close behind 2nd Bn and occupy pillboxes. Send one tank N on main road to check road to W from main road at 173530. To see if dragon's teeth obstruct road, to see if road is usable for tanks going into the hills.	
1630		72		CO AT Co reports that a tank has already returned from mission above. There is a steel girder block on road before dragon's teeth. Bridge is also blown. Road to W is also blocked and impassable. Tank was hit by an AT gun but returned.	

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IN	OUT				
	1630	73		G-3, Capt Orcutt given situation.	
1640		74		Msg from CO 143 to CG 36 Div at 142 CP: 1st Bn 143 is now committed and is abreast 1st Bn 142, to its right. Several pillboxes to front.	
1650		75		Msg from 1st Plat 36 Rcn Trp: Sweeping road from 135542 NE. No mines yet. Dozer with me. Friendly arty falling near me. My location 135542.	
	1700	76		CO 142 to CO 36 Rcn Trp: Push assault along so as to reduce objective before dark.	
1710		77		CO 1st Bn states Cos B and C now have DORRENBACH. Co A still fighting to knock out pillbox 154544. 1st Bn 143 trailing 1st Bn 142 Inf. Co L assisting Co A on pillbox, heavy casualties. Col Lynch ordered 1st Bn remain in town blocking road to E and protect 3 Bns right flank, and their own right rear. Gen Dahlquist told Col Lynch he would contact CO 143 Inf and order 1st Bn 143 Inf press on through to BERGZABERN immediately.	
	1720	78		G-2 and G-3 given situation.	
1730		79		Msg from 1st Bn: Co B in town meeting resistance. Committing Co C and A fighting for high ground 154544.	
1750		80		Gen Dahlquist talked to Col Lynch. 2nd Bn 143 Inf will move along trail used by our 1st and 3rd Bns and continue on to BERGZABERN so will have enough troops to take care of any counterattack. 36 Rcn Trp will be attached to 143 Inf immediately. 103 Div got knocked out of REISDORF today.	
1825		81		Arty S-3, Maj Eligood, reports Ln 0 with 2nd Bn reports counterattack of unknown strength vicinity 168528. Fire called for and stopped by CO 2nd Bn.	
1830		82		Msg from 36 Rcn: Need help to take objective. Receiving enemy arty fire, pinned down by enemy fire, small arms and arty. Location 137543.	

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1845		83		Msg from 3rd Bn: Co unable to flank. MG fire from 150537.	Receiving heavy
	1835	84		Msg to 3rd Bn: Continue attack until moonset.	
	2000	85		Col Lynch called Maj Petri, CO 111 Engrs, about personnel to breach dragon's teeth tonight. All of attached Engrs are scheduled to go with assault units. Maj Petrie said men from Co A of Engrs would have to do the job.	
	2010	86		2nd Bn notified that PWB propaganda broadcast would be held in 2nd Bn sector within an hour.	
	2015	87		S-2 gave PW information to FDC. 188558 location of nebelwerfers. 190573 location of nebelwerfer.	
	2030	88		S-3 called S-3 132 FA Bn and asked him to have arty prepared to fire a smoke screen from 183546 to the E about 1000 yds. This to be any time after 0600A.	
	2045	89		Col Lynch talked with CO 143 Inf. 1st Bn, 143, now is beyond DORRENBACH. Hope to get into BERGZABERN under cover of dark. Problem will then be to open supply rte.	
	2100	90		G-3 given following locations: F 162530, AT (less) 164528, E 166527, Plat G 167524, G (less) 163524.	
	2110	91		CG given situation by Col Lynch.	
2135		92		G-2 reports LANDAU taken by 80th Div. German soldiers strung along roads not attempting to resist.	
2200		93		Msg from 3rd Bn: Co L on top of hill. Moving without opposition.	
2220		94		S-3 2nd Bn reports they are still receiving some sniper fire.	
2300		95		S-3 2nd Bn reports 13 PWs taken by Co F from 1 pillbox.	
2305		96		Lt King reports PWB broadcast completed.	

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2315		97		S-3 2nd Bn reports German reinforcements were heard coming in on right flank.	
2325		98		Msg from 3rd Bn: Co L cannot find pillboxes. Have set up defense.	
	2330	99		G-3 given situation.	
	2400	100		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: 143 Inf 3rd Bn will attack to 138544 at 0700A. Will then swing east. You will move and attack to west along ridge at 0700 until contact 143 Inf. Then occupy pillboxes you have taken and sweep both slopes back to east.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 231

Hq 142 Inf
CP SCHWEIGEN, Germany
21 March 1945

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FROM: 201200A March 1945
TO : 211200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS:
 - a. Left flank: 409th Inf 103 Div, fighting against fierce resistance at REISDORF.
 - b. Right flank: 141st RCT fighting in SEIGFRIED Line vic 194517.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair and warm. Visibility restricted to 1-2 miles due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued to fight defenses of Seigfried Line near OBER OTTERBACH. 1st Bn relieved by AT Co (reinf) during night and moved out by foot to pass through 3rd Bn vic 1553 and attack to NE to seize DORRENBACH. 2nd Bn continued pressure against first line of Seigfried defense NW of OBER OTTERBACH clearing 3 pillboxes and surrounding 8 others. 3rd Bn cleared HILL 464 SW DORRENBACH, reorganized to attack to W with two Cos abreast to contact 103d Div vicinity BOLLENBORN. 36 Recon trp continued to reconnoiter routes for supply and to probe enemy defenses in the mountains SW of DORRENBACH.
 - b. RCT forward elements covered by accurate enemy arty, mortar and rocket fire, inflicting heavy casualties on advancing troops.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. RCT in need of rest and reorganization due to heavy casualties and fatigue.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5.a and b.

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0050		1		Received Div OI # 170 and 171.	
0230		2		1st Bn 143 Inf between DORRENBACH and BERGZABERN. 2nd Bn 143 close to 3rd Bn 142 Inf and between believed to be in fire fight with our Bn. 1st Bn 141 Inf vic 166527 unable to advance. 1st Bn 142 unable to contact by radio. 2nd Bn 142 Inf no change. 3rd Bn 142 Inf no change.	
0505		3		1st Bn 141 Inf called. Have not advance. Must clear strong points in path of advance. Patrols out to find route by pillboxes.	
0515		4		Engr officer returned from blowing dragon's teeth. Job completed - gap blown vic 174529.	
	0530	5		Div given situation. Information on blown dragon's teeth, also report of 1st Bn 141 Inf.	
0550		6		1st Bn 141 Inf reports Co A in trenches vicinity 167524. Sending out patrols to find out German defenses. So far patrols have received heavy MG fire. 1st Bn 141 is being held up.	
0623		7		132 FDC firing on tank at 173551. Lt Arnold checked with 143 Inf where their 1st Bn was. Ans: Somewhere between DORRENBACH and BERGZABERN.	
	0630	8		Capt Orcutt given situation.	
	0650	9		Msg to 1st Bn: What is position of 1st Bn 143?	
	0745	10		Capt Terrell called 2nd Bn: Co F took 3 pillboxes last night. Co E 1 or 2, and Co G 1. All boxes have been occupied.	
	0750	11		Maj Hunley called Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn. Bn waiting for 2nd Bn 143 Inf to pass through them - will move out when they have cleared. Co I (less 1 Plat) and part of Hq Co will stay in present positions. Pillboxes to remain occupied.	

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IN	OUT				
0800		12		Maj Lowery, 1st Bn, called: Need litters and carriers badly. Have 3 cases that must be removed at once, will send them to 154528 with PW help. Bn in town. Need ammo. Rations starting to come through. Have water. Receiving a terrific amount of arty; about 150 civilians in town (DORRENBACH). Col Lynch ordered 2 Cos protect DORRENBACH and 1 Co on HILL vic 157544, also a reinforced Flat at 162537. 2 Cos in town to be outposted around outskirts of town. A pillbox at 155539 could not be cleared by Co A. 10 PWs taken from one compartment but others refuse to come out, box covered by 50 Cal and would like to be relieved. Engrs to work on it.	
0820		13		G-3 called Capt Terrell. 1st Bn 143 Inf has German defense plan of this whole area. Also, 2nd Bn 143 to lay mine from 1st Bn 142 when 2 Bn 141 Inf moves out so that contact will be had. This information given to 1st Bn by Maj Hunley.	
0820		14		Gen Stack arrived at CP.	
0840		15		Msg intercept from Co L: Coordinates of Co 152543.	
	0845	16		Col Lynch phoned CO 1st Bn: Send messenger to 2nd Bn 143 Inf that they are the lead Bn and are to continue on to BERGZABERN. Col Minor states enemy are shelling the town, barrage after barrage.	
0850		17		Maj Roberts 3rd Bn states he believes the Engrs left their CP about 0700A for 1st Bn. Will make a thorough check and notify this Hq.	
	0855	18		Gen Stack left CP.	
	0900	19		G-3 given situation.	
	0905	20		Maj Hunley checked with Maj Roberts to be sure Col Simpson understood his mission. Intercept from Co L put them too far to N.	

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0915		21		Col Albright Div C/S came to CP, left	0923A.
0930		22		CO 1st Bn 141 Inf talked to Col Lynch: Have blown 3 pillboxes and fighting our way up to LD. Started at 0700A and sending Co A around to left. Sending 9 PWs back. Col Lynch told him the dragon's teeth had been blown for armor. Your Bn reverted to 141 Inf at 0800A today. The assault Co of 1st Bn 141 Inf approaching stream. 5 pillboxes at edge of stream are occupied.	
	0935	23		Col Lynch notified Gen Dahlquist of above. Gen Given the situation of all Bns.	
	1005	24		Col Lynch talked to Maj Roberts and ordered a radio message be given CO 3rd Bn to assault HILL 469 vic 145540 as soon as possible. Enemy on that hill is holding 3rd Bn 143 Inf from advancing. CO 3rd Bn now reports position 148544.	
	1010	25		Col Lynch talked to Gen Dahlquist. 3rd Bn will be able to assist 3rd Bn 143 Inf. When 1st Bn 141 Inf crosses stream and attacks E to flank pillboxes the 23 or 24 pieces of armor at OBER OTTERBACH have been ordered to come out and fire their basic load of ammo at boxes to assist the Bn of 141 Inf.	
1015		26		Msg from 3rd Bn: Progress slow. Fighting vicinity 148542. K0d 3 pillboxes.	
1020		27		CO 1st Bn 141 Inf states he has contacted the right flank of 1st Bn 143 Inf vicinity 165530. Have taken 15 PWs and one officer. Now moving my left Co on through them. Col Lynch notified Gen Dahlquist of this.	
1025		28		Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at 1045A.	
	1030	29		Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn area. Returned 1220A.	
	1035	30		Maj Hunley notified 2nd Bn of location 1st Bn 143 Inf. Co F vicinity 163500.	

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1055		31		CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf states Bn moving for 20 minutes towards HILL 301 vicinity 1755.	
	1130	32		Capt Terrell gave situation to G-2.	
1200		33		Maj Roberts states CO 3rd Bn reported locations same as before. Am meeting still resistance.	
	1205	34		Col Lynch gave situation to CG. 3rd Bn still meeting stiff resistance. CG anxious to clear area and road that 3rd Bn is working on. Col Lynch said he may use some of 1st Bn to assist 3rd Bn. 1st Bn is sending down 75 PWs.	
1240		35		Arty reports that Co of 1st Bn is in position on hill east of DORRENBACH.	
	1330	36		CO 142 to CO 3rd Bn: Where is resistance holding up Co L?	
	1335	37		Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn.	
1445		38		Exec, 3rd Bn, called from 3rd Bn rear. Co L is pushing off on new attack from LD. S-3 notified Exec, 3rd Bn, that CO 142 Inf was attaching one Co of 1st Bn to 3rd Bn to strike resistance holding 3rd Bn from the north.	
1400		39		At 1340A positions of 141 Inf; Co A 168536, C 163532, B following C.	
1405		40		CO of Co A 636 TDs reported his TDs were ready to pull out from OBEROTTERBACH to position at 180528 to fire for 7 or 8 minuts. S-3 1st Bn 141 Inf notified.	
	1410	41		CO 142 to CO 1st Bn: 3rd Bn at 148542 held up by resistance on hill at 144540. You attach one Co to 3rd Bn. Have it move to W ant attack hill from north. Leave minimum of one Plat on hill at 163543. 3rd Bn on channel 21 waiting for Co to check in.	

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1425		42		Maj Gentle, 143 Inf, reports 2nd Bn 143 at 170559. Has a report of 500 Germans on road leading from BOLLENBORN to BERGZABERN. Wants us to inform their 2nd Bn as they are out of contact. 1st Bn notified.	
	1430	43		G-3 given situation.	
1500		44		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co F has just cleared 5 more pillboxes and is now on objective, hill at 159532. Co G has cleared 2 or 3 pillboxes in last hour. Co E now moving after being held up.	
	1505	45		CO 142 to CO 3rd Bn: 103 Div elements east reported at 142552.	
1515		46		1st Bn 141 Inf reports they have taken 100 PWs and 20 pillboxes. Have contact with 2nd Bn 142 RCT. Co G 142 Inf states they have cleared woods to stream.	
1517		47		Msg from 3rd Bn: Friendly TD or tank firing on obj. Believe to be from 143 Inf.	
	1525	48		Msg to 3rd Bn: 143 Inf firing TDs on southern slope of hill and sending Co to left around hill.	
	1528	49		Msg to 3rd Bn: Keep us informed as to position of all Cos. 143 Inf must be informed.	
1535		50		Div Ln C reports Corps arty fired on 100 enemy troops vicinity 152558 and 300 troops vicinity 149561. Elements of 103 Div vicinity 135573 and 142552.	
1543		51		143 Inf reports elements now at 139543, and moving on to town.	
1545		52		Msg from 3rd Bn: Tank or TD from 143 Inf firing at CO 3rd Bn, Col Simpson.	
	1547	53		Maj Hunley notified 143 Inf of above and requested TD fire be stopped.	

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1550		54		TDs report mission completed N of OBEROTTENBACH.	
	1600	55		Lt Col Gillette gave situation to Gen Dahlquist.	
	1600	56		Maj Hunley gave G-3 situation.	
1605		57		Col Lynch phoned from 2nd Bn and gave following information. Co E 167528, Co F on objective. Co G 167525. Co C 141 Inf 167530 and Cos E 142 and Co C 141 are intermingled. Co F sending contact patrol to Co I. Contact CO 3rd Bn and order a contact patrol be sent from Co I to Co F, then if any pillboxes are located the Cos can send a force to clear them out.	
1610		58		Msg from 1st Bn: Have contacted Exec Officer 3rd Bn in regards to Co to be attached. He says 3rd Bn is on objective and Co is no longer needed. Would take several hours to get Co over there. Am receiving continuous heavy shelling. Have contacted enemy in woods at east end of town. Advise immediately if there is change in order on Co to 3rd Bn.	
	1615	59		Msg to 1st Bn: Do not send Co to 3rd Bn.	
	1620	60		Msg to 3rd Bn: Co F sending a contact patrol to your Co I. Send patrol to meet them.	
1624		61		Msg from 3rd Bn: CO reports he is mopping up objective. He has not made contact with 143 Inf at the point where he was supposed to due to arty and mortar fire. CO wants to know if he is to keep a Co on objective or if he should return after contact with 143 Inf.	
	1624	62		Lt Col Gillette phoned Gen Dahlquist and gave him the correct location of 2nd Bn.	
1625		63		Col Lynch returned.	
	1627	64		Maj Hunley gave latest situation and locations to G-3. 3rd Army units at 155610.	
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FROM: 220000AMarch 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 222400A March 1945

Place: CP SWEIGEN, Ger.

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 22 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1630		65		Msg from 3rd Bn: 1st Bn CO reports that he will be very late before he can get a Co to 3rd Bn. 3rd Bn CO reports they are now mopping up objective. Will it be necessary for 1st Bn to send a Co to 3rd Bn now?	
	1633	66		Msg to 3rd Bn: Co will remain on obj. You will not get Co from 1st Bn.	
1700	1700	67		Msg from CO 1st Bn: Co K has made contact with A-1 of 143 Inf at 142543.	
1719		68		Msg from CO 3rd Bn: Coordinates of all Cos are Cos I, M and Hq Co on hill 446, Co L is on HILL 489, Co K sweeping slopes of HILL 489.	
1723		69		Gen Stack phoned Col Lynch and asked if we knew where the 1st Bn of 143 Inf was. Ans: No. Gen Stack wants us to send a Msg to CO 1st Bn asking where the 1st Bn of 143 is.	
	1725	70		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Where is the 1st Bn of 143 Inf.	
1800		71		Msg from 1st Bn: Ask S-4 to pick up stragglers at our motor pool and send them with our rations.	
1802		72		Msg from 1st Bn: 1st Bn 143 Co B moving to HILL 341, remainder of Bn in town 165545. 143 2nd Bn Cos F and G at 175555, jumping off to attack town 190558. Co E on 341 to be relieved by Co B.	
	1815	73		Col Lynch phoned Gen Stack and gave him the above information of 1st Bn 143.	
1850		74		Msg from 1st Bn: Tell S-4 to send foot powder, socks, and potassium Permanganate. (S-4 notified).	
1852		75		141 Inf states Co A and B have taken Fort and Co A now vicinity 167539. Co C vicinity 172532. 3rd Bn now moving up to by-pass 1st Bn. 2nd Bn moving up from SE to RECHTENBACH.	
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FROM: 220000A March 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 222400A March 1945 Place: CP SWEIGEN, Germany
MAP : GERMANY, 1/50,000 Date: 22 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1905		76		S-3 2nd Bn reports Co F contact patrol made contact with Co I and swept slope of objective. Co E on objective. Co G has a couple hundred yards to go. The last pillbox they got they captured 15 PWs within.	
1920		77		Maj Youn, Div, phoned Maj Hunley that one Bn is in BERGSABERN. There is a new CI coming out putting us in Div reserve. One Bn of 143 Inf remains in BERGSABERN and 143 RCT less one Bn marches to WINDEN (2855) tonight. To be prepared to relieve the one Bn in BERGSABERN tomorrow and also to assemble the rest of the Regt in BERGSABERN as Div reserve.	
1925		78		Maj Hunley gave instructions for tomorrow to 2nd Bn - they are to continue mission reducing defenses in area.	
1935		79		Msg to CO 1st Bn: Remain in present position, sweep area 500 yards wide around present defense perimeter, prepare on order tomorrow to move to BERGSABERN and relieve Bn 143 Inf.	
2115		80		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch that 143 Inf is having a hard time trying to find the road leading to DORRENBACH and would like guides from our Regt to guide tanks into DORRENBACH.	
2120		81		Col Lynch phoned Maj Gentle that he will send guides to 139544 and to have this as a meeting point to guide your armor down into DORRENBACH. Don't know the condition of the road.	
2125		82		Col Lynch phoned CO 3rd Bn to send a guide down to 139544 to guide some of the 143 Armd to road junction 152540. Before this send a patrol from this point 152540 down the road to DORRENBACH to check the road as it is passable or not. And betupar return back and then guide the column down.	
2129		83		Col Lynch phoned Maj Gentle and asked if they had a dozer with the column. Ans: Yes. Also told Maj Gentle about sending patrol to DORRENBACH.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP SWEIGEN, Germany
Date: 22 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	2145	84		Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist and gave him the above plans. Gen Dahlquist states to have our 1st Bn ready to move out on tanks in case there is a breakthrough of the 143 Inf.	
	2210	85		Capt Fore gave situation to G-2 and G-3.	
2215		86		CO 2nd Bn phoned Capt Fore and asked if someone from his staff phoned in the following information on the morning of the 19th - that 4 litter bearers were sniped at, and on two different occasions aid men were sniped at. In Co E area one aid man was going to assist a wounded man and was wounded himself at a distance of 50 yards. On the same morning these 4 litter bearers were sniped at their insignias were plain to be seen.	
2300		87		Maj Wren, Div, phoned that PW captured by 103 Div - 2 from 36 VGR got orders to assemble the rest of their Div in KLINGENMUNSTER (2060) and make their best way back across the RHINE. Also, PW from 118 Regt, 36 VGR, - service trains were given orders to assemble in the same town and make their way across the RHINE. 300 PWs from 719 Regt at 0361 were previously caught by our air Corps which destroyed many of their vehicles.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 232

Hq 142 Inf
CP SCHWEIGEN, Gr.
22 March 1945

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FROM: 211200A March 1945
TO : 221200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
 - a. Fair and warm. Visibility restricted to 2-3 miles due to haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st Bn continued to press enemy and cleared DORRENBACH about 1530A. 2nd Bn continued to clear pillboxes NW of OBER OTTERBACH. 3rd Bn continued to push NW from 154537 in an effort to contact forward elements of 103 Div. 1st Bn 141 Inf attacked N to right of 2nd Bn 142 Inf at 1800A to reach LD vicinity 174534 in order to attack E to flank Seigfried line.
 - b. RCT with assistance from Engrs continued to blow and clear pillboxes in the Seigfried line during period. During period 180 PWs passed through the Regt PW cage.
 - c. At 2130A a 5 minute broadcast was made by PWB vicinity OBER OTTERBACH in an attempt to force the enemy to surrender.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory due to fatigue and casualties.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5.a, b and c.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.
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23 MARCH 1945

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FROM: 230000A March 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 232400A March 1945 Place: CP SWEIGEN
MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000 Date: 23 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0015		1		Lt Lustman, Div In O, brought in OI # 172.	
0050		2		2nd Bn reports that between 2300A and 2400A estimate 150mm arty fell in OBEROTTERBACH at rate of 1 round every 30 seconds.	
0100		3		Maj Hensley reports units have been supplied.	
0110	0110	4		Lt King called 143 Inf that guide at 149542 is waiting to meet armor and guide it to 142840. 143 will check at once.	
	0120	5		Maj Hunley called G-3. Instructions contained in OI # 172 will be effective only on fall of BERGSABERN. Last report on town was that all 3 Bns of 143 Inf were at edge of town and that some troops were in town. Out of contact now. Maj Hunley gave Div our situation.	
	0200	6		Maj Hunley checked with 3rd Bn and with 143 Inf regarding meeting point of their patrol and our guides. Guides waiting at 149542.	
	0235	7		Maj Hunley called 143 Inf. They are all set regarding the armor and we can call our guides in. Have 3 Bns in BERGZABERN.	
	0245	8		Msg to CO 3rd Bn: Patrol for 143 armor no longer necessary. (Msg cleared)	
	0530	9		Asst S-3 called 143 Inf: 143 has all 3 Bns assembled in BERGZABERN. Does not know if town is clear yet.	
0600		10		141 Inf called. Asked about supply route to DORRENBACH. Was told that it was opened last night. 3rd Bn 141 Inf is at 165542.	
0645		11		CG called Col Lynch. 142 Inf to assemble Bns in BERGZABERN as soon as possible. There to mount trucks and pursue E to the RHINE.	

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TO : 232400A March 1945

Place: CP SWEIGEN

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
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0700		12		G-3 called. 25 trucks for RCT to be sent to BERGZABERN via 103 Div route. RCT to go NE toward INGENHEIM, DILLINGHEIM, ROHRBACH.	
	0710	13		S-3 called Div T/O. 25 trucks to be ready in 30 min and to be picked up at QM Co.	
	0720	14		CO 142 to CO 1st Bn: Prepare to move to BERGZABERN immediately.	
0720		15		G-3 called. Wanted to know if Bns have had any contact this morning.	
0725		16		S-3 2nd Bn reports 1 or 2 pillboxes to front of Co G still active. No arty after 2400A last night.	
	0730	17		G-3 notified of above. Reports 143 Inf has cleared BERGZABERN. 3/143 is half through KEPELLEN, 2/143 moving out from BERGZABERN. 141 Inf about the same as last night. 103 Div on N has KLINGENMUNSTER, now turning east. 3rd Army never was in SILTZ.	
0735		18		S-2 3rd Bn reports 15 PWs picked up during the night in bunkers already cleared. No contact this morning.	
0735		19		CO 141 Inf called Col Lynch. Have reports of friendly tank firing into pillboxes N of OBEROTTERBACH. Wants it stopped as Germans appear to be giving up. Tanks and TDs notified.	
0750		20		Maj Roberts reports no actual physical contact with enemy between 2300A and 0100A approximately 700 rounds of arty fell vicinity 150536.	
	0800	21		Msg to 1st Bn: "Assemble troops prepared to move on 30 minute notice."	
	0805	22		Maj Hunley notified CO 3rd Bn to assemble Bn 1000 yds SW of DORRENBACH prepared to move to BERGZABERN.	
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FROM: _____

Organization: _____

TO : 232400A March 1945

Place: CP SWEIGEN

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 23 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0812	23		Msg to 2nd Bn: AT Co detached and to assemble in OTTERBACH. I & R Plat to return here immediately.	
	0815	24		CG to Col Lynch: Get a Bn or any force you can moving as soon as possible. Route INGENHEIM, ROHRBACH, RULZHEIM, HORDT. Will get a platoon of Rcn to you or will get it on road ahead of you. 143 Inf now moving KAPellen, WINDEN, ERLNBACH, RHEINZABERN, NEUPFOTZ.	
	0820	25		Col Lynch to CO 2nd Bn: Assemble Bn vicinity OBER-OTTERBACH immediately prepared to ride 132 PA trucks over military road W to BOLLENBORN, then E to BERGZABERN. Bn will be rear element of Regt. Send a Rcn patrol to determine passibility of route to military road. Get information to his Hq as soon as you can. If trails are not open your Bn may have to assemble at SCHWEIGEN and move over secondary roads to BOLLENBORN.	
0835		26		2nd Bn reports last two pillboxes in Co G area have been cleared.	
0900		27		CO 2nd Bn reports 141 Inf sent 2 tanks from OBER-OTTERBACH over military road W this morning. Rcn patrol is checking pillboxes to right front of road now.	
	0902	28		Msg to 1st Bn: Move to BERGZABERN immediately, meet Co of tanks and Co of TDs at RJ 195561. Move on road to 252596. Rcn platoon will have preceded you.	
	0910	29		AT Co notified to move by trucks by way of WISSEMBURG, BOLLENBORN, BERGZABERN. Have an officer on RJ 195561 awaiting orders.	
	0911	30		Capt Saniga ordered to move Hq Co, to BERGZABERN.	
0920		31		CO 141 Inf states that as far as he knew the immediate area was clear. White flags are flying over pillboxes to E of main road. We are to clean area E to STEINFELD BERGZABERN road. Engr have been ordered (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 232400A March 1945

Place: CP SWEIGEN

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Date: 23 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		31	(Cont)	to clear main road and it should be open for any traffic by 1200A.	
	0923	32		S-4 notified to send 2 trucks to Hq Co as they are to move at noon. S-4 installations move at 1400A going by bounds from town to town. The 25 CM trucks will be 17 to 3rd Bn and 8 to 1st Bn. Trucks to go to BERGZABERN and wait at RJ 195561 with officer, available for instructions. Organic transportation will move with the Bn.	
0935		33		Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP.	
0940		34		S-3 143 Inf states road from RECHTENBACH to BOLLENBORN will take 2½ ton trucks and it will be OK to bring vehicles that way from 1200A on.	
	0945	35		S-4 notified to use route RECHTENBACH - BOLLENBORN road instead 103 Div route.	
0948		36		CO 1st Bn states Bn less 1 Plat now assembled in DORRENBACH. Col Lynch ordered he start moving on to BERGZABERN and let platoon follow; Bn to assemble in east end of town and coordinating point is RJ 195561. Have 55 PWs that were collected in searching area.	
	1000	37		G-3 given situation. At 0910A forward elements of 143 Inf were in HERGERSWEILER (2655).	
	1005	38		Maj Hunley talked to CO 3rd Bn and clarified orders for move. 11 trucks and organic transportation will meet the Bn in BERGZABERN.	
1007		39		2nd Bn reports last Co closing in OBER OTTERBACH.	
	1025	40		S-4 notified that truck plans were changed. 3rd Bn to get 9 1½ ton trucks from Cn Co and 6 from A ¹ Co, plus 2 2½-T trucks from Serv Co. 1st Bn to get 8 2½-T trucks from Serv Co.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP SWEIGEN
Date: 23 March 1945

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IN	OUT				
	1030	41		Col Lynch notified Maj Lowery to contact CO 1st Bn and notify him to mount on the approx 25 pieces of armor and proceed on route. Trucks are changed, but will be 8 trucks of own Regt catch up to him. Will be light tanks also and they are to be loaded lightly and used to lead column.	
1045		42		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and states there has been a column of enemy horse-drawn arty reported moving E vicinity HERXHEIM.	
	1050	43		Col Lynch ordered 636 Rcn Plat to start out on 142 Inf route and attempt to intercept the column.	
1110		44		Maj Baker, Div Air Officer, reports Air OP observed enemy tank vicinity 219573 and bridge at 219574 believed to be prepared for demolition as one man is standing by.	
	1108	45		Col Lynch, Maj Hunley, Capt Terrell and forward CP party left for BERGZABERN.	
	1200	46		Lt Col Gillette gave situation to G-3. Was notified the bridge at 225581 is blown.	
1315		47		Msg from Rear to Fwd: Bridge at 215574 out. It can be by-passed to E. Bridge at 225581 intact. Bridge at INGENHEIM out. Go by way of MULHOFFEN.	
	1325	48		Msg to AT and Cn Cos: When your transport returns move to BERGZABERN. Check with G-3 if direct road is open. Otherwise use mountain trail west from RECHTENBACH.	
	1330	49		Lt Col Gillette notified Div we were pulling switch and that we could be contacted by radio.	
	1315	50		CO 1st Bn instructed in BERGZABERN to take secondary road around NIEDER HORBACH.	
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FROM: 230000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 230000A March 1945

Place: CP SWEIGEN

MAP : GERMANY, 1/50,000

Date: 23 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1325	51		G-3 notified that 1st Bn is moving out	at 1330.
	1325	52		2nd and 3rd Bns ordered to start moving	to close behind 1st Bn at once.
	1330	53		1st Bn moved out.	
1430		54		Head of column in ROHRBACH and contacted	tail of 14 Armd on same route. Being held up by AT fire outside of HERXHEIM.
	1445	55		CO 1st Bn instructed to by-pass resistance	and 14th Armd column by taking route S from ROHRBACH to STEINWEILLER - HAYNA - RHEINZABERN - RULZHEIM - HORDT and to move out at 1500A with rcn platoon preceding column.
1500		56		Regt CP established in BILLIGHEIM.	
	1515	57		G-3 notified of situation and route of	1st Bn.
1520		58		Div Ln 0 brought OI #	
1530		59		Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at	1615A.
1617		60		Msg from Rcn Plat: Received fire from	woods NE of STEINWEILER. Bridge blown at 292587.
	1620	61		Rcn Plat ordered to try route BILLIGHEIM,	MUHLHOFEN, STEINWEILER.
	1700	62		G-3 given situation.	
1745		63		Maj Hunley returned from ROHRBACH where	1st Bn was turned around.
1750		64		Gen Stack arrived.	
	1800	65		Msg to 1st Bn: Retain transport and be	ready to move on short notice.

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FROM: 230000A March 1945 142 Inf
TO : 232400A March 1945 Organization: CP BILLIGHEIM, Germany
MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000 Date: 23 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1815	66		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley left to contact 1st Bn who are sending Co B and tanks to STEINWEILER to reduce resistance found by recon platoon.	
1817		67		Msg from 3rd Bn: "Bn on trucks at INGENHEIM waiting here for further orders". T/S 1805A.	
	1840	68		Gen Stack left CP.	
1848		69		Maj Young, Div G-3, arrived at CP.	
1928		70		G-3 reports 2nd Bn 141 Inf in STEINWEILER. Entered from SW.	
1930		71		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley returned.	
	2025	72		Msg to 1st Bn: What is location of your leading element	
	2035	73		Msg to 1st Bn: Leading elements of 143 Inf at 395577 at 1800A.	
	2043	74		G-3 given situation.	
2045		75		Rcn Plat leading elements have passed the town HAYNA.	
	2050	76		Col Lynch instructed CO 2nd Bn to mount Bn on 132 FA trucks and begin moving at 2200A.	
	2050	77		Msg to 3rd Bn: Send Ln 0 to Regt CP at 265597 at once.	
	2100	78		CO AT Co instructed to set up RB vic 405624, 398622 and 406616 immediately upon closing in RULZHEIM.	
	2105	79		Msg to S-4: Move at 0800A to HERXHEIM - WEYHER picking own route.	
	2130	80		Regt CP moved to RHEINZABERN.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 230000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 232400A March 1945

Place: GP BILL RHEINZABERN

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 23 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2315		81		Regtl CP opened in RHEINZABERN.	
	2318	82		Msg to COs 2nd and 3rd Bns: Continue march to 395577.	
1120		83		Msg from 1st Bn: Enemy howitzer in good order at 3357. Our position at 2100A was 3458.	
1125		84		Rcn reports just on west edge of HORDT. Receiving small arms and tank fire.	
	1135	85		Col Lynch instructed CO 2nd Bn to dismount at RULZHEIM and proceed on foot with organic transportation to N and take up defense position between 425661 and 425640. Send 3 Plat and 1 Co sized combat patrols to RHINE River. One Co less one Plat to go to BELLHEIM and search it out.	
	2400	86		Msg to Div: Head of 1st Bn W of HORDT and meeting small arms and tank fire at 2330A. 2nd and 3rd Bn enroute to RULZHEIM.	
2400		87		Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP and was given situation by Col Lynch.	
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JOURNAL

FROM: 240000A March 1945
TO : 242400A March 1945
MAP : GERMANY, 1/50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP RHEINZABERN
Date: 24 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0015	1		Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
0020		2		CO Hq Co reports that 1st Bn was detracking S of RULZHEIM and receiving tank fire from left front.	
0030		3		Msg from 1st Bn: Have met small arms and AT fire at 4062, proceeding on foot. Inform unit coming from W.	
0050		4		Msg from 1st Bn: 407618 Infantry, tank and artillery resistance.	
0055		5		Msg from 1st Bn: Column at main road 396582 progressing north. No resistance. Contacted 94th Rcn at this point.	
	0145	6		Msg to 1st Bn: Plat TDs detached from you and attached to 2nd Bn immediately. 2nd Bn moving by KUhardt to HORDT to 4265. Continue your mission.	
	0245	7		Msg to Div: 1st Bn 142 Inf clearing up HORDT, after meeting tank and infantry resistance. 40 PWs from RULZHEIM.	
	0410	8		Regt CP moved to RULZHEIM. Opening at 0440A.	
	0500	9		Msg to Div: Previous message erroneous. 1st Bn attacked KUhardt and now moving on HORDT.	
	0510	10		Msg to 1st Bn: 2nd Bn closing vicinity 920654. 3rd Bn closing in RULZHEIM. 2 TDs with Co A and Co A to join rest of Bn. Remainder of TD Plat report to 3rd Bn after HORDT cleared.	
0620		11		Msg from 2nd Bn: Enemy fire from west edge of town hitting in our troops.	
0632		12		Msg from Rcn Plat: Co B is in HORDT.	
0645		13		Msg from 2nd Bn: Send 2 light tanks. Enemy is fleeing like ants.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 240000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A March 1945

Place: CP RHEINZABERN

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 24 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0650		14		CO 1st Bn came to CP and reports HORDT clear. Most of the enemy escaped to east. Have sent platoon patrols to try and round them up.	
0715		15		Msg from 2nd Bn: Co G has reached church vic 396658.	
	0730	16		Msg to Div: Our troops captured and hold KUhardt. Request relief by 143 RCT.	
	0815	17		Msg to Div: Two Plats of Co G in BELLHEIM, town not reported clear. Co E receiving small arms fire vicinity bridge at 417654. Bridge blown this morning.	
0823		18		Msg from 2nd Bn: Patch of woods at 428645 cleared. Signs of enemy 24 to 36 hours old. Co E in fire fight along RR running E and W.	
	0844	19		Msg to 2nd Bn: Complete mission by using Co F to sweep to river in sector.	
	0845	20		Msg to all Bns: Forward observers and tanks to accompany combat patrols.	
0900		21		Msg from 2nd Bn: Co G has cleared BELLHEIM and has taken some prisoners.	
0917		22		Gen Stack arrived at CP and was given situation by Col Lynch. Left at 0935A.	
1030		23		Msg from 1st Bn: Terrain unsuitable for tanks on present patrol.	
1032		24		Msg from 1st Bn: Front line 432624 to 435636 with patrol to RHINE River.	
1100		25		Gen Dahlquist arrived at Cp. Left at 1115A.	
1030		26		Msg from 2nd Bn: Front line at 425654. Friendly tanks passing through BELLHEIM.	

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FROM: 240000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A March 1945

Place: CP RULZHEIM

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 24 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1125		27		Msg from Div: Enemy waving white flags on pillboxes in Div sector, cub plane will circle area where they are	
1150		28		Gen Brooks, CG VI Corps, visited CP.	
	1200	29		S-3 1st Bn notified that VI Corps commander was on his way to HORDT enroute to SONDERNHEIM. Stop him at HORDT as the other town has not been cleared.	
1240		30		Msg from 2nd Bn: Patrol from Co F has returned from making sweep to RHINE. Co F patrol now at 415645. Co E patrol 438654 and a patrol from Co G to left of Co E. Co G cleared BELLHEIM before moving. 14th Armd now bivouaced in my position.	
1245		31		S-3 1st Bn gave following patrol report. Patrol left HORDT to NE and crossed bridges vicinity 440641 and continued on secondary road to 460638, then S to RHINE at 440637. Men got wet as had to swim lagoon vicinity 440638. Returned along route taken. While on RHINE observed concrete pillboxes along other bank of river.	
	1330	32		Maj Hunley left for Co B 111 Engrs.	
	1345	33		G-3 given situation.	
1350		34		Maj Hunley returned.	
1430		35		Col Gillette returned.	
1500		36		Maj Elligood, S-3 132 FA Bn, reports our planes ready to bomb masses of vehicles, horse-drawn arty, and personnel at 472680.	
1530		37		S-3 2nd Bn came to CP. Two Cos with Bn Hqtrs are going in at BELLHEIM. Co F along road at 413637 to 417654.	
1830		38		Coordinates R30 373615.	
1845		39		Maj Spitler reports Co F is in position withoutposts established.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP RULZHEIM
Date: 24 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
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1850		40		S-3 1st Bn reports outpost could not get to river because of enemy dug in along RR at 4664.	
1855		41		Coords of Co F outposts: Plat outguard at 462644, from that there are 5 outposts. These should be in position now. S-3 gave him information of 1st Bn enemy contact.	
2015		42		Maj Ressijec, 143 Inf, called. Wants clearance to fire on 455610. Lt Arnold checked with 1st Bn who gave OK. 143 notified.	
	2050	43		Maj Hunley called 2nd Bn. Their Plat has contacted 1st Bn Plat at outpost position. 1st Bn notified to pull out their Plat to cross river vicinity 450619 tomorrow morning with what force is deemed necessary and clear out area in their sector.	
2230		44		Lt Lustman arrived at CP with OI information.	
	2312	45		Lt Col Gillette checked with 2nd Bn. All quiet in sector.	
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Hq 142 Inf
CP RULZHEIM, Ger.
24 March 1945

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FROM: 231200A March 1945
TO : 241200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS:
 - a. 103rd Div fighting on W bank of RAINE River.
 - b. 143 Inf outposting W bank of RHINE River vicinity LEIMERSHEIM.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and warm. Visibility good, 6 to 8 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT continued pressure on enemy pursuing him to W bank of RHINE River. At close of period HORDT, BELLHEIM, KUhardt and RULZHEIM had been cleared of enemy and patrols were sweeping area on W bank of RHINE River. A total of 388 PWs were taken during period.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5.a.

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FROM: 250000A March 1945
TO : 252400A March 1945
MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP RULZHEIM
Date: 25 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0223		1		Maj Hensley phoned that showers will be ready in morn.	
	0600	2		G-2 given situation.	
	0620	3		G-3 given situation.	
	0805	4		Maj Hunley notified Maj Roberts to send quartering party to OTTERSHEIM and report as soon as possible if more room is needed.	
	0807	5		S-3 2nd Bn notified to move all installations W of 398 N-S line this morning. Co F took 12 PWs last night. A 6-man german patrol with 2 Co H men as prisoners came from HORDT and were picked up by outpost of Co F. 6 men were also taken vicinity 456645 as they came in a boat from island to dry ground.	
	0818	6		S-3 1st Bn notified to send quartering party to BELLHEIM this morning. Area W of 395663 SW-W is 1st Bn. Do not give up clearing of area from HORDT to RHINE.	
	0835	7		CO Cn Co notified to send quartering party to KNITTELSHEIM this morning. Co to billet in west half of town.	
	0850	8		S-1 2nd Bn notified of change. 2nd Bn to occupy E of dividing line.	
	0855	9		S-3 1st Bn notified of change. Bn to occupy W of dividing line. S of river	
	0905	10		Co A 636 TDs notified of move to N end of BELLHEIM this morning.	
	0910	11		CO Co B 753 Tk Co notified of movement to N end of BELLHEIM this morning.	
	0930	12		Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1105 after visiting 1st and 2nd Bn areas.	

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FROM: 250000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A March 1945

Place: CP RULZHEIM

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 25 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0945		13		Maj Baker, Div Air C, reports enemy boats working on river at about 464640 and 464645. Wants to put Armd rcn on river there. S-3 wants to check with 2nd Bn first.	
	0950	14		Maj Hunley left for 2nd Bn.	
1040		15		CO AT Co reports there is an arty outfit in KNITTELSHEIM.	
1050		16		Received Div CI-#174 from Div Ln C.	
1105		17		Col Lynch returned after visiting 1st and 2nd Bn areas.	
	1115	18		Lt Arnold notified G-4 to not send 40 trucks for movement of RCT as troops are to move on foot.	
1120		19		Maj Hunley returned.	
	1122	20		CO Co A 636 TD Bn notified to move to BELLHEIM after 1200A.	
	1125	21		S-3 3rd Bn notified by Lt Col Gillette to shuttle men from shower point over secondary roads to OTTERSHEIM. Remainder of Bn to begin moving by foot to OTTERSHEIM at 1400A.	
1127		22		G-3 states they are sending a representative to towns in our sector after dinner with order to clear towns of unnecessary personnel.	
	1130	23		Lt Col Gillette gave Mr Sidick msg for SSO to locate theaters in OTTERSHEIM and BELLHEIM. Athletic equipment to be distributed tomorrow.	
	1132	24		CO Cn C notified to get moved to new area between 1300A and 1500A.	
	1135	25		CO Co B 753 Tk Bn notified to move between 1300A and 1500A having roads clear by 1500A.	

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FROM: 250000A March 1945
TO : 252400A March 1945
MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP RULZHEIM
Date: 25 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1148		26		G-3 phoned and states 143 Inf will only make physical relief of our elements along RHINE.	
	1250	27		Col Lynch left for Div. Returned at 1535A.	
1305		28		S-3 1st Bn states outposts will be 459634, 45956280, 46156220, 463617, 462611, Co B patrol now vicinity 452632. Having to chop way through.	
1310		29		CO Co F states outposts will be in position by 1430A. Will notify this Hq when they are in. Patrol found bridge at 463647 passable for vehicles, investigating it for possible armor.	
	1420	30		S-3 143 Inf given situation.	
1505		31		S-3 1st Bn reports Co B now at 459634.	
1525		32		CO AT Co reports Co closed in KNITTELSHEIM.	
	1550	33		Lt Col Gillette left for new CP in BELLHEIM.	
1600		34		CO Co B 753 Tk Bn reports Co closed in BELLHEIM.	
1630		35		S-3 3rd Bn reports Bn closed in OTTERSHEIM and have taken 2 PWs.	
1700		36		Maj Hunley returned.	
1820		37		CO 1st Bn reports Co B on the way in. Outpost should be relieved shortly.	
1822		38		S-3 2nd Bn expects Co F to be relieved within 20 min.	
	1830	39		G-3 given situation.	
1835		40		S-3 1st Bn reports outposts # 1 and 2 yet to be relieved	
1915		41		2nd Bn reports Co F now completely relieved.	
1918		42		CO Co B reports outposts completely relieved.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A March 1945

Place: CP BELLHEIM

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 25 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	2005	43		Col Lynch left for new CP.	
	2015	44		G-3 notified relief was complete and RULZHEIM was closing.	Regt CP in
2030		45		Regt CP in BELLHEIM opened.	

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Hq 142 Inf
OP HULZHEIM, Ger.
25 March 1945

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FROM: 241200A March 1945
TO : 251200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: No change.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st and 2nd Bns continued to sweep area between HELLHEIM HORDT and RHINE River by patrols. Attclose of period entire area practically clear and each Bn establishing outposts along bank of river. 3rd Bn remained in Regt reserve at RUIZHEIM.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See par. 5.a.
RCT continued to clear enemy from west bank of RHINE River.
A total of 154 PWs were taken for 24 hour period.

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FROM: 260000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 262400A March 1945

Place: CP BELLHEIM

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 26 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1245		1		CO AT Co phoned that his guard post in his area are man- ned as of 1230A.	
	1345	2		Maj Hunley left for 3rd Bn.	
	1345	3		Maj Hunley left for 3rd Bn.	
	1445	4		Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
1500		5		Maj Hunley returned.	
1635		6		Col Lynch r eturned.	
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Hq 142 Inf
CP BELLHEIM
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FROM: 251200A March 1945
TO : 261200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: See overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS: RCT no change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: No change.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st and 2nd Bns continued to clear enemy from W bank of RHINE in their sector. 3rd Bn remained in Regt res.
 - b. RCT relieved at 1930A by 143 RCT and assembled in Div reserve vicinity BELLHEIM, OTTERSHEIM, KNITTELSHEIM. Latter part of period spend in reorganization and rehabilitation.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See Par. 5., a. and b.

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FROM: 270000A March 1945
TO : 272400A March 1945
MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BELLHEIM
Date: 27 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
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0745		1		S-3 3rd and 2nd Bns called in regards to schedule for rainy day. Maj Hunley stated he would notify them later.	
	0800	2		Maj Hunley notified 3rd and 2nd Bns that they could make up own schedule for rainy day except the 3 hour march which must be accomplished	
	0805	3		Maj Hunley notified 1st Bn to post a guard on aircraft factory 395665 until other action could be taken.	
	0810	4		Maj Hunley reported location of factory to G-4 and also notified them of our guard being posted. G-4 stated he would report it to CCPS and try to get them to send a representative down.	
0830		5		S-3 1st Bn postponed in regards to schedule for rainy day. Maj Hunley notified him of instructions given to 2nd and 3rd Bns.	
	1015	6		Lt Arnold left for range area.	
1025		7		Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at 1100A.	
	1040	8		S-3 notified of enemy ammo dump vicinity 385667. Instructed to post a guard there and turn over to G-4.	
	1050	9		Lt Col Gillette left to inspect area.	
1130		10		Lt Col Gillette returned.	
	1352	11		Lt Col Gillette left for Reinforcement School.	
1530		12		Lt Col Gillette returned.	
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NO. 236

Hq 142 Inf
CP BELLHEIM
27 March 1945

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FROM: 261200A March 1945
TO : 271200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cooler. Visibility restricted 500 yards to 1 mile due to mist and clouds.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT remained assembled vicinity OTTERSHEIM, KNITTELSHEIM, BELLHEIM as Div reserve. Troops reorganizing and rehabilitating with limited training.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: See paragraph 5.a.

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FROM: 2800000 March April 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
 TO : 282400A March April 1945 Place: CP BELLHEIM
 MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000 Date: 28 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0730	1		Col Gillette left for Paris -	
	0820	2		Maj Hunley left for Reinforcement School. Returned at 0855.	
	1040	3		Maj Hunley left for 2nd Bn.	
1115		4		Gen Hess arrived at CP.	
1125		5		Maj Hunley returned.	
	1135	6		Gen Hess left CP.	
1450		7		Lt Edmiston, S-1, phoned Col Lynch that the G-1 just phoned and wanted us to send a quartering party to Div at 1600A today.	
1455		8		Gen Brooks arrived at CP to talk to Col Lynch.	
	1500	9		Maj Hunley called Maj Young, Div, in regard to the move tomorrow. Maj Young states that the area will be around LANDAU and to start to move the Regiment at 0900A tomorrow morning and that we will get an extra 45 trucks.	
	1502	10		Gen Brooks, CG VI Corps, left CP.	
	1505	11		Capt Terrell notified all Bns S-3's, 111 Med Co, AT Co, Tk Co, TD Co, Hq Co, Serv Co to have quartering party here at the CP before 1530A with rations and bedding.	
	1506	12		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn. Returned at 1535A.	
1830		13		Capt Stallings, G-3, phoned and states if crowded for space in new area we can extend to north. If troops from XXI Corps are still in area can not move them however as the area is supposed to be clear of troops.	
	1845	14		Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 2130A.	

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FROM: 280000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 282400A March 1945

Place: CP BELLHEIM

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 28 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2000		15		Capt Stallings, G-3 called. Cannot obtain clearance for motor traffic passing through LANDAU before 0900A. Maj Hunley revised schedule as follows: TDs 0900, Tks 0915, 3rd Bn 0945, 1st Bn 0945, 2nd Bn 0955, Hq Co 1005, Med 1025.	
2230		16		Capt Stallings, G-3 called. Stated LANDAU must be cleared by 1300A. Maj Hunley notified 132 FA Bn and Serv Co (S-4).	
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APO # 36, US Army,
28 March 1945

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FROM: 271200A March 1945
TO : 281200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: No change.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: Training and rehabilitating.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: No change.

JOHN B. HUNELY,
Maj., 142d Inf.,
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Hq 142 RCT
APO # 36, US Army
28 March 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

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1. a. RCT 142:

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Atchd:

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

(1) Moves by motor and marching to new bivouac area vic
LANDAU (Q-2766) beginning 290830A March 1945.

2. a. Destination of all units will be the areas designated to,
and reconnoitered by quartering parties afternoon of
28 March 1945.

b. Movement of troops except armored units, arty, and Co B
111 Med Bn will be on foot. Organic trans (including
kitchens) will be formed and move separately under Bn
control. For schedule of departure, location of IPs,
and routes - see March Table, annex # 1.

c. AT and Cn Cos, in absence of organic trans, will leave
property in present area under guard until return of trans.

d. Reinforcement Training School will remain in present area.

e. Lt. Peters, Hq Co, will mark route to new area beginning
290730A March 1945.

f. Serv Co will move afternoon 29 March 1945

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Hq 142 RCT
APO #36, US Army,
28 March 1945

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Maps: GERMANY, 1/25,000, Sheets 6714 and 6814

UNIT	LOCATION OF IP	TIME CROSS IP		ROUTE
		FOOT COL	MOTOR COL	
3rd Bn 142 Inf	Q-359659	0830	0815	BELLHEIM - LANDAU Rd, Thence by shortest route to bivouac area
1st Bn 142 Inf	Q-391659	0830	0815	"
2nd Bn 142 Inf	Q-391659	0900	0825	"
Hq Co 142 Inf	Q-391659		0835	"
AT Co 142 Inf	Q-374658	20min af- ter 2dBn clears	To be Annou- nced	"
Cn Co 142 Inf	Q-374658	5min af- ter AT Co clrs	To be Annou- nced	"
Co A 636 TD Bn	Q-391659		0730	"
Co B 753 Tk Bn	Q-391659		0745	"
Co B 111 Med Bn	Q-374658		0855	"
Sv Co 142 Inf			1300	"
132 FA Bn	RULZHEIM		1300	RULZHEIM, BELLHEIM, LANDAU

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FROM: 290000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 292400A March 1945

Place: CP GODRAMSTEIN

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 29 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0800	1		Col Lynch left for Div CP. Returned at 0930A.	
	0955	2		Col Lynch and Capt Terrell left for new CP in GODRAMSTEIN.	
	1100	3		Maj Hunley left for new area. Returned at 1520A.	
1115		4		Capt Terrell arrived at CP.	
1145		5		Col Lynch and Maj Hunley arrived at CP.	
1200		6		Regt CP opened in GODRAMSTEIN.	
	1320	7		Col Lynch left CP to make reconnaissance of area.	
	1335	8		Capt Terrell left to check towns in Regt area.	
1430		9		Col Lynch returned.	
	1435	10		Col Simpson, CO 3rd Bn, notified to see Col Lynch at 1600A today.	
	1440	11		CO Co A 636 TD Bn notified to send a platoon leader to Regt CP to report to Col Lynch at 1600A.	
	1510	12		CO AT Co notified to report to CP at 1600A.	
1600		13		A meeting of the above COs held with Col Lynch.	
	1630	14		CO and above party left. Returned at 1715A.	
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Hq 142 Inf
APO # 36, US Army,
29 March 1945

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FROM: 281200A March 1945
TO : 291200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. Information of adjacent and supporting units: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: No change.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT began moving at 0900A to new assembly area vicinity LANDAU. At end of period 1st Bn closed in vicinity HUBDORF; 2nd Bn in SIEBELDINGEN; 3rd Bn and Regt CP in GODRAMSTEIN.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: No change.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: No change.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Maj., 142d Inf.,
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FROM: 300000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A March 1945

Place: CP GODRAMSTEIN

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 30 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0855	1		S-3 1st Bn given an area west to BOCHINGEN - GODRAM-STEIN road and S to LANDAU to train in.	
	0905	2		Lt Arnold left to check area.	
	0915	3		S-3 2nd Bn given area south of E-W road through SIEBELDINGEN to use for marches and training.	
	1245	4		All Bns and separate COs notified that effective at 1400A all civilians will be allowed to travel anywhere anytime during daylight, or when curfew is not on. Curfew hours are 1900A to 0600A.	
	1248	5		Col Lynch notified Maj Spitler that Div Band would be at 2nd Bn for ret eat and entertainment. 1st Bn to have formal retreat formation.	
	1357	6		Maj Hunley left to reconnoiter area for problem.	
	1400	7		Capt Terrell left to check traffic posts.	
	1430	8		Col Lynch left for tour of area.	
1440		9		Maj Hunley returned.	

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FROM: 291200A March 1945
TO : 301200A March 1945

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cooler. Visibility restricted to 1-2 miles due to mist and haze.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT remained vicinity LANDAU reorganizing and rehabilitating with limited training.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS : No change.

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FROM: 310000A March 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 312400A March 1945

Place: CP GODRAMSTEIN

MAP : GERMANY, 1:50,000

Date: 31 March 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0700		1		Received Div OI # 178.	
	0815	2		Capt Terrell left for Div CP. Returned at 1500A.0915A.	
	0840	3		Col Lynch left for area. Returned at 1000A.	
	0930	4		Capt Terrell and quartering party left for new Regt area.	
	1035	5		Col Lynch left CP. Returned at 1440A.	
1100		6		Gen Stack arrived at CP. Left at 1110A.	
	1400	7		Maj Hunley left for Div CP. Returned at 1530A.	
1635		8		Received corrected copy Annex # 3, OI # 173, 36 Div.	
	1830	9		Bns notified to use same schedule for tomorrow as for last 5 days except substitute interior guard duty for 3/4 hour of care and cleaning of equipment and have 1/4 hour military courtesy and 1/4 hour C.O.D.	
	1835	10		AT Co and Bns S-3's notified that a change of training schedule specifies tomorrow off except 1 hour of interior guard duty, 1/4 hour order Military Courtesy.	
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Maps: GERMANY, 1/100,000, Sheets KAISERLAUTERN and WISSEMBOURG.

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2. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

132 FA Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

(1) Moves 2 April 1945 to vic KAISERLAUTERN (R-0394) prepared to garrison, police and support military government in designated sector. (See overlay, Annex # 2).

b. (1) For assigned areas, IPs and routes - See overlay, Annex # 2.

(2) For march order, composition of march serials, schedule of departures - See March Table, Annex #2.

3. a. 1st Bn (March serial # 1).

(1) Moves 2 April 1945 at designated time and by designated route to BOLANDEN (M-1915), WEITERSWEILER (M-1913), MARNHEIM (M-2215) area.

b. 2nd Bn (March serial # 2).

(1) Moves 2 April 1945 at designated time and by designated route to SCHNECKENHAUSEN (M-0004), HEILIGENMOSCHEL (M-0106), SCHALODENBACH (L-9805) area.

c. 3rd Bn (March serial # 2).

(1) Moves 2 April 1945 at designated time and by designated route to LOHNSFELD (M-0805), WINNWEILER (M-0807), LANGMEIL (M-1007) area.

d. 132 FA Bn (March serial # 1).

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- (1) Moves 2 April 1945 at designated time and by designated route to STANDENBUHL (M-1710), STEINBACH (M-1611), BREUNIGWEILER (M-1607) area.
- e. Hq Co (March serial # 3).
- (1) Moves on 2 April 1945 to KAISERLAUTERN (R-0394) under command Capt Scott, AT Co; coordinates arrival at IP as specified on March Table, Annex # 1.
 - (2) Lt Peters will mark route to new area starting 0600 hours D-day.
- f. Sv Co (March serial # 3).
- (1) Moves 2 April 1945 to MUNCHWEILER (R-1103) under command Capt Scott, AT Co; coordinates arrival at IP as specified on March Table, Annex # 1.
- g. AT Co (March serial # 3).
- (1) Moves 2 April 1945 to KAISERLAUTERN (R-0394).
 - (2) CO AT Co coordinates departure of all march units in march serial # 3 as specified in March Table, Annex # 1.
- h. Co B 112 Med Bn (March serial # 3).
- (1) Moves 2 April 1945 to KAISERLAUTERN (R-0394) under command CO AT Co; coordinates arrival at IP as specified in March Table, Annex # 1.
- i. Cn Co.
- (1) Moves 2 April 1945 at designated time and by designated route to OTTERBERG (M-0200), initially under command CO AT Co, reverts to control CO Cn Co after IP has been cleared.
- x.
- (1) After arrival in new area all units will support military government by garrisoning towns, establishing check posts, and patrolling within sector as directed by this Hq.
 - (2) Units will contact elements of 70th Inf Div within sector to coordinate billeting prior to 70th Inf Div moving from area.
 - (3) Truck tops (except in case of inclement weather) will be kept down and air warning guards maintained.
 - (4) Unit guides will meet column at RR crossing (R-010927).

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- (5) All units will be familiar with non-fraternization regulations.

4. a. Transportation.

- (1) Additional transportation will be furnished units as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO. 2$\frac{1}{2}$-T TRKS</u>
1st Bn	20
2nd Bn	20
3rd Bn	20
Hq Co	2
Sv Co	3

b. Rations:

- (1) Kitchen trucks will travel to new area under Bn control.
- (2) Hot meals will be resumed in new area as soon as possible.

5. a. Current SOI in effect.

- b. CPs: 142 Inf at KAISERLAUTERN (R-0394), others to be reported.

- c. Due to distances between units every effort will be made to utilize wire circuits within sector.

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Attached

- Annex # 1 - March Table
Annex # 2 - Route and area overlay

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ANNEX # 1 (MARCH TABLE - 2 April 1945)
TO FO # 42

Maps: GERMANY, 1/100,000, Sheets KAISERLAUTERN and WISSEMBOURG.

Column Comdr: Col. G. E. Lynch

SER. NO.	MARCH UNIT NO.	UNIT	SERIAL COMDR.	APP. NO. OF VEHICLES	TIME LEAVE BIVOUAC AREA	TIME CROSS IP
1	1-2	1st Bn	Lt Col Green	65	1045	1105
	3-5	132 FA Bn		85	1120	1135
2	1-2	3rd Bn	Lt Col Coyle	65	1225	1240
	3-4	2nd Bn		65	1300	1310
3	1	Hq & Sv Co's	Capt Scott	30	See foot note # 1	1400
	2	AT, Co B 111 Med Bn		30	do	
	3	Cn Co		19	1420	1430

NOTES:

1. a. Hq Co: Leave area at 1345 hours.
b. Sv Co: Has column formed and ready in SIEBELDINGEN by 1340 and will follow Hq Co as it passes through.
c. AT Co: Has the head of its column at RJ (213688) at 1345 ready to follow Sv Co at 10 min interval after it has cleared RJ.
d. Co B 111 Med: Will close its column with AT Co in FRANKWILLER by 1335 and follow AT Co as part of that march unit.
2. a. Ten (10) min interval between march unit.
b. March unit will not exceed 35 vehicles.
c. Leading vehicle of each march unit will not exceed 25 MPH.
d. March unit CO's are Bn CO's unless otherwise specified.

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