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- Part II.....Regimental Journal and Supporting  
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HEADQUARTERS 141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. ARMY

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Regimental History and Conclusions of Operations

TO : The Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, APO #36, U. S. Army

1. Inclosed is the history of the 141st Infantry Regiment covering operations in France during January 1945.

2. The following conclusions, based upon operations during January, are made:

a. Whenever our lines become over-extended, the enemy will, despite their supposed defensive employment, infiltrate and build up strong points and tenaciously hold these until driven out by an overall concerted effort.

b. Where elements of many different units are employed in a relatively small sector, one commander must be designated as responsible, on the field, in that sector.

The piecemeal employment of several units in the same sector results in confusion of command, lack of coordination of effort and consequent inefficient use of troops. Units should retain, insofar as possible, their integrity.

c. Where a new unit has been employed within an active sector, the presence of an experienced unit on its flank gives the new unit added confidence and tends to insure the entire sector.

d. Enemy officers and enlisted men taken prisoner from Volksgrenadier divisions indicated that they had been told to merely follow what was described as a general withdrawal by American troops due to over-extension. When unexpected resistance was encountered and a firm front established, the attacking unit, after a strong initial thrust toward the position, changed its attitude completely to one of passive defense. Prisoners believed they were not capable of attacking experienced troops with any hope of success.

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- #1 - Narrative (containing)
- #2 - Casualty Report (containing)
- #3 - Officer Roster (containing)
- #4 - Awards and Decorations Roster (containing)
- #5 - \*Regimental Journal
- #6 - Maps

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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. Army

301900A December 1944

## OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: FRANCE 1/100,000 SHEETS V-1 & V-2.  
1/50,000 SHEETS XXXV 13 & 14, XXXVI 13 & 14, XXXVII  
13 & 14.

1. 36th Infantry Division maintains an Infantry Battalion (XXXX), on 24 hour alert, prepared to move on order CG, XV Corps, to destroy enemy paratroopers, landed within Corps area.
2. 141st RCT, will have during 24 hour alert period, one (1) reinforced Infantry Battalion, prepared to move on 30 minute notice, by motor, to any location in Corps Sector, as designated by order of Hqs, 36th Infantry Division, to destroy enemy paratroopers, landed within sector.
3. Battalions - Attached

Plat, Cn Co (2 M-7s)  
Regt'l I & R Plat

will be alerted for a 24 hour period, as indicated in schedule of alerts, prepared to move on 30 minutes notice, by motor, to any location in Corps Sector, as designated by order of this Hqs, to destroy enemy paratroopers, landed within Corps Sector.

### a. Schedule of Alerts:

- (1) 1st Bn - 311800A December 1944 - 011800A January 1945
- (2) 3rd Bn - 031800A January 1945 - 041800A January 1945
- (3) 2nd Bn - 061800A January 1945 - 071800A January 1945
- (4) Battalions will be notified if alert continues after 07 January 1945.

b. During training hours, alerted Battalion will engage in "close in" training, prepared to entruck immediately for movement. No passes will be permitted during Battalion alert period.

c. I & R Platoon, under alerted Battalion control, will initiate reconnaissance of principle roads into various sectors (W to E) of Corps area, to expedite movement on short notice. If Battalion Commanders will contact this Headquarters, additional information on condition of roads will be furnished. The Corps area most likely to be subjected to enemy air drops, includes area between E.W. line through SARREBOURG (Q5015) and E.W. line through [unclear] from vic DIEUZE (Q2524) to vic BUISSENHEIM (Q7522).

d. I & R Platoon will start their reconnaissance on morning of 31 December 1944.

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x. For XV Corps boundaries, See Attached Overlay.

4. Administrative Details

- a. The following trucks will report to the alerted Battalion and will be maintained on alert in Battalion area, during 24 hour period of alert.
- (1) 15-2 $\frac{1}{2}$  T trucks--for personnel
  - (2) 5-2 $\frac{1}{2}$  T trucks--for kitchens
  - (3) 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$  T trucks--for ammo
- b. Kitchens will be prepared to move two (2) hours after Battalion has been alerted to move.
- c. One (1) ration, "K" or "C", will be issued to alerted Battalions, to be broken down when orders to move have been received.
- d. Ammunition will not be broken down to individuals until orders to move have been received.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS  
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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1200 31 December 1944

To: 1100 1 January 1945 36th

Place: LORQUIN, FRANCE (4-4081)

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| Time & Date       | From   | To        | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Action Taken                                                           |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1310              | S-3    | G-3       | Any limitation on route 141 takes to IP? We will make rcn of routes and choose the best.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No.                                                                    |
| 1320              | S-3    | Regt LO   | Go on rcn and find best route to SARREBOURG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                        |
| 1350              | S-3    | S-4       | How many trks are available for personnel if we leave kitchens back.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 18 trks as minimum, possibly 19 or 20                                  |
| 1743              | G-3    | S-3       | Corps has ordered 36 Div to be especially watchful tonight for any enemy paratroopers that may be dropped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified all units                                                     |
| 1916              | CO     | 1st Bn    | Fres alert is for no immediate move but just for the Bns to be prepared in case of necessity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Also notified 2nd, 3rd Bns                                             |
| 2151              | G-3    | S-3       | A P-47 plane crashed about 6 miles S of SARREBOURG this afternoon; notify Bns to be on watch for it in morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Notified all units                                                     |
| <u>1 Jan 1945</u> |        |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                        |
| 0121              | 2nd Bn | S-3       | One JU-88 flying low over their area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                        |
| 0930              | S-3    | G-3       | Have arranged move in 4 Serials and 4 March Units; is this okay?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                                                                    |
| 0950              | G-3    | S-3       | 141 Inf is on a 3-hr alert effective now. Will send 30 2 1/2 T trks to you immediately; all men will have ammo and supplies available and have their rolls made. Organic transportation to be loaded to move without delay. Complete RCT is alerted. Mission: Not given. Enemy is attacking in 44th Div sector.                                                  | Notified all units, 131 FA, 111 Engrs (Co A) Co A 111 Med, Co B 636 TD |
| 0955              | S-3    | All Units | Come to OP for full instructions on pending move.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Also notified all atchd units                                          |
| 1100              | S-3    | CO        | Msg sent by I&R Flat: We have been put on 3 hr alert and are receiving our trks. I have given info to Bns and attachments to be prepared to move on basis of OI already prepared. G-3 states you are to continue your rcn; there have been some counter atks in 44th Div sector; as far as Div knows movement will be on basis of previous OI and on same route. |                                                                        |

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## JOURNAL

141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1100 1 January 1945

To: 1200 1 January 1945

Place: LORQUIN, FRANCE

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| Time &:<br>Date | From     | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                           | Action Taken |
|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1109            | S-3      | S-3 3 Bn | You will have 15 trks to move Bn.                                                                                                                                           |              |
| 1122            | CO Sv Co | S-3      | 1st Bn has one day's hard rations; as soon as other two Bns receive orders to move will issue them one full day's rations. 600 more gas masks are being drawn for the Regt. |              |
| 1123            | G-3      | S-3      | If alert materializes, 36th Rcn Trp will precede 141 RCT on the move.                                                                                                       |              |
| 1154            | G-3      | S-2      | Visited OP; gave S-2 info on XV Corps.                                                                                                                                      |              |



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## PLANS FOR MOVEMENT:

MRPs: FRANGE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXV-13 & 14; XXXVI-13, 14 & 15; XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. In the event an enemy attack is launched against XV Corps, 36th Inf Div may be assigned to that Corps. In that event, 36th Inf Div will be required to move without delay from present positions to assembly areas by motor and marching on six (6) hour notice prepared to:

- a. Occupy and defend "switch positions" on left of 100th Inf Div.
- b. Counterattack in direction SARRE-UNION (Q5238) - SARRELAIS (Q4844).
- c. Counterattack in direction LORENTZ-EN (Q5939) - RAHLING (Q6143).

2. 141st ROT, with attachments;

131 FA Bn (Incl 443 AAA)

Co A 111 Engr Bn

Co A 111 Med Bn

Co B 636 TD Bn

remains prepared, on a 3 hour alert status, to move by motor from present positions to assembly area vic RIMSDORF (Q5536).

3. a. All units, see March Table.

- b. Kitchen trains and service elements will be shuttled to assembly area, under control of Regt'l 3-4, after personnel movement has been completed. Shuttle movements must be cleared with TCO, 36th Inf Div.

- c. Quartering parties under Regt'l 3-1, will make reconnaissance of assembly areas 01 January 1945.

- x. (1) Troops will be moved on organic transportation plus non-organic which will be furnished. For break down of vehicles, see Annex No 1.

- (2) Vehicles must be loaded and personnel prepared for tactical deployment during this movement.

- (3) All areas presently occupied will be thoroughly policed and inspections will be made to insure this order has been carried out.

- (4) All Officers and NCO's will see that a high standard of march discipline is maintained during movement.

- (5) Serial and March Unit Commanders are responsible that the following passive AA measures are enforced during march.

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- (a) Air guards will be designated for each vehicle. In case of enemy air attack the following alarm signal will be used: 5 short blast on vehicle horn or 3 rifle shots.
- (b) Air identification panels will be displayed on vehicles.
- (c) Attached AA craft vehicles will be deployed in each Serial.
- (6) D-day and H-hour to be announced.
- (7) For routes, IP and assembly area, see Attached Overlay, Annex No 1.

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## ANNEX NO 1.

1. March Table to accompany PLANS FOR MOVEMENT, Hqs, 141st Inf Regt, dated 31 December 1944.

Serial No 1. Maj Bruyeres, Commanding. IP OR-Q514160.

| <u>March Unit</u> | <u>Units</u>                     | <u>No of Vehicles</u> | <u>Time to cross</u><br><u>IP</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No 1              | Regt '1 Hq, Hq Co<br>and Med Det | 30 (-)                | H-Hour                            |
| No 2              | 3rd Bn                           | 30                    | H plus 10                         |
| No 3              | 3rd Bn                           | 30                    | H plus 20                         |
| No 4              | 3rd Bn (10)<br>On Co (15)        | 30 (-)                | H plus 30                         |

Serial No 2. Lt Col Critchfield, Commanding. IP OR-Q514160.

|      |                                |        |           |
|------|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| No 1 | Div Adv CP (10)<br>2nd Bn (20) | 30     | H plus 60 |
| No 2 | 2nd Bn                         | 30     | H plus 70 |
| No 3 | 2nd Bn                         | 30 (-) | H plus 80 |
| No 4 | AT Co                          | 30 (-) | H plus 90 |

Serial No 3. Maj Ciccolalla, Commanding. IP OR-Q514160.

|      |                                        |        |            |
|------|----------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| No 1 | 1st Bn                                 | 30     | H plus 125 |
| No 2 | 1st Bn                                 | 30     | H plus 135 |
| No 3 | 1st Bn (10)<br>Co A, 111 Med (10 plus) | 30 (-) | H plus 145 |
| No 4 | Co A, 111 Engrs Bn                     | 30 (-) | H plus 155 |

Serial No 4. Maj Orich, Commanding. IP OR-Q514160.

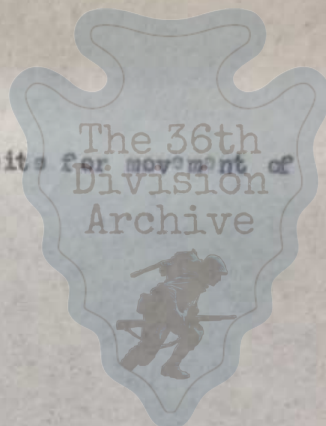
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| No 1 | 131 FA Bn              | 30     | H plus 190 |
| No 2 | 131 FA Bn              | 30     | H plus 200 |
| No 3 | 131 FA Bn              | 30 (-) | H plus 210 |
| No 4 | TD's (10)<br>On Co (2) | 30 (-) | H plus 220 |

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a. Transportation:

The following transportation will be furnished units for movement of personnel:

| <u>Unit</u>  | <u>No of trucks</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1st Bn       | 15-2½ T trucks      |
| 2nd Bn       | 15-2½ T trucks      |
| 3rd Bn       | 15-2½ T trucks      |
| Regt'l Hq Co | 1-2½ T truck        |



b. Conduct of March:

- Vehicles will maintain 60 yds interval.
- Ten (10) minute interval between March Units (head to head).
- Thirty (30) minute interval between Serials (tail to head).
- March Units will not exceed thirty (30) vehicles.
- Serials not to exceed five (5) March Units or total of one hundred and fifty (150) vehicles.
- Leading vehicles of each March Unit not to exceed speed of twenty five (25) MPH.
- Leading vehicle of each Serial will be marked with Serial No on front of vehicle.
- The front bumper of lead vehicle and rear bumper of tail vehicle of each March Unit will be marked with March Unit No and Convoy No. (Convoy No to be announced).

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| To <u>Col MacGraith</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      | The 36th Division Archive                 |
| <p>WE HAVE BEEN PUT ON A 3 HOUR REST AND ARE RECEIVING OUR TRUCKS TIME GIVEN INTO TO RNS AND ATTACHMENTS TO BE PREPARED, ON BASIS OF TAC C.I. WE MADE UP. Maj. Young told me to have one find you and have you informed and to continue your recon.</p> |                      |                                           |
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| To _____                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                         |
| <p>THERE HAVE BEEN SOME COUNTER ATTACKS IN 4TH DIV. SECTOR AND AS FAR AS DIV KNOWS, THE MOVEMENT WILL BE ON BASIS OF THE INFO IN THE OI, AND ON SAME FRONT</p> |                   |                         |
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| S-3            | CO Co B 636 TD | G-3 states Co B 636 TD Bn will move to vic as 141 ROT.                                                                                                                                |                             |
| Trans O        | S-2            | 3rd Bn has all their trks and 2nd Bn getting theirs now.                                                                                                                              |                             |
| S-3            | CO 131 FA      | Request LO be sent to 141 CP.                                                                                                                                                         | Will send on                |
| G-3            | S-2            | 141 ROT is alerted to move at once to WALDHAMBACH to be atchd to 100th Div. CO 141 to report to OG 100th Div without delay. Every effort to be made to reach WALDHAMBACH before dusk. |                             |
| S-3            | All Bns        | All Bns alerted to move at once; send Bn representative to CP at once.                                                                                                                |                             |
| S-3            | Cn, AT Cos     | You are alerted to move at once; send someone to CP at once.                                                                                                                          | Also notif 131 FA; Co Engrs |
| S-3            | Co B 636 TD Bn | Move TDs up main rd to IP and remain there; you will be in 4th Column.                                                                                                                |                             |
| Co A 111 Engrs | S-3            | Have arranged to tie in on end of 1st Bn column.                                                                                                                                      |                             |
| S-2 2 Bn       | S-3            | Getting supplies lined up and ammo broken down. We cannot get all men on transportation we now have.                                                                                  |                             |
| S-3            | S-2 2 Bn       | Give the men you want up fwd priority. AT Co will carry about 20 men for Bn.                                                                                                          |                             |
| S-3            | CO 131 FA      | Head of 141 column will move out in one hr; figure your time on that basis. Send AAA guns to us at once.                                                                              |                             |
| S-3            | 2nd Bn         | Another 2 1/2 T trk is being sent to you.                                                                                                                                             |                             |
| S-2            | All Bns        | Have air guard on each trk; signal for air raid is 3 shots from rifle.                                                                                                                |                             |
| 3rd Bn         | S-2            | We are pulling out switchboard now and all set to move out on time.                                                                                                                   |                             |



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|    | CO       | CO 131 FM      | Pos are all picked for you and wire is in. Contact G-3 100th Div to get more info. Co 141 is atchd to you at pres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |
|    | CO       | AT Co          | Go into a reserve pos, but it will be tactical due to enemy air activity. We may have to reinforce some rd blocks and will use you for this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |
|    | 100 Div  | CO             | Enemy info: 559 German Div has been identified N and E of BITCHE; 10 tks and two Cos Inf reported in MOUTERHOUSE this afternoon; 500 more reported at 813427. PW stated that two Divs were to atk tomorrow from the N in direction of ROHRBACH. Rcn Bn of 21st Panzer Div is reported in BITCHE and one team dispatched to REYERSVILLER. Enemy arty has been light. Enemy air activity hvy with bombing and strafing and using P-47 American made planes. Friendly info: 3rd Bn 255 Inf reported vic LEMBERG; 399 RCT on our left with their rt flank vic 748470. Elements of 19th Armd Inf Bn reported in GOETZENBRUCK. Mission of 141 RCT is to protect rt rear of 100th Div. 3rd Bn with one plat TDs atchd occupies and defends generally line 748470 to 740443 maintaining contact with 399 Inf on their left. 2nd Bn with one plat TDs atchd occupies and defends along 740443 to 745415 maintaining contact with 3rd Bn on left. 1st Bn and one plat TDs in Regt reserve vic MONTBRONN. Co A 111 Med Bn, Co A 111 Engr Bn vic MONTBRONN. |                           |
|    | CO       | Co A 111 Engrs | At pres Bns will not have any Engrs atchd; move Co A 111 Engr into MONTBRONN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                           |
|    | S-3 3 Bn | S-3            | Everything going as scheduled; no trouble so far.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|    | 2nd Bn   | CO             | Moving into pos; everything going okay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                           |
|    | CO       | CG 100         | Our Bns moving into pos without any trouble.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |



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| CO       | CO Cn Co | Get two M-7s in pos in MONTBRONN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |
| CO       | S-3 3 Bn | TDs are on the way to you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| ExO 2 Bn | CO       | Co G in pos; AT guns going into pos. Where are my TDs?                                                                                                                                                                                            | TDs on th<br>you          |
| CO       | S-3      | When TDs arrive, one plat is to go to each Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |
| Co B 636 | S-3      | TDs are in MONTBRONN now on way to Bns.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                           |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3      | PW from 6th Co, 2nd Bn, 447 Regt, 1st Inf Div under the 25th Panzer Div; 90 men to Co. PW believed there will be a big air atk in morning.                                                                                                        | Notified G                |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3      | All quiet. Need supplies badly, especially mortar and MG ammo.                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |
| Cn Co    | S-3      | Now have two M-7s in MONTBRONN about 200 yds up rd from CP.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                           |
| ExO 2 Bn | S-3      | TDs atchd to 2nd Bn arrived at 0503. Two will be sent to the woods NE of ST LOUIS and third TD will be held at ST LOUIS. Friendly elements on rt have 4 TDs in town on rt flank of 2nd Bn. Plat of Inf from reserve Co will go with TDs to woods. |                           |
| Cn Co    | S-3      | 6 M-3s (105mm) in MONTBRONN now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
| G-3 100  | S-3      | PW taken by 399 Inf from 6th Co 2nd Bn 447 Regt says mission of his unit is to take LEMBERG by tomorrow.                                                                                                                                          |                           |
| ExO 3 Bn | S-3      | Some wheeled and tracked vehicle movement can be heard NE of LEMBERG.                                                                                                                                                                             | Notified G-               |
| CO       | ExO 3 Bn | Have TDs arrived?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                       |
| S-3      | G-3 100  | Arty has been falling in LEMBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |



From: 0750 2 January 1945

ST INFANTRY

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Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 5 3rd Bn       | CO      | Our extreme left flank in vic 749471 received a small atk this morning by two pieces of armor and some Inf; have 4 PsW. Believe more enemy behind this original thrust that will be thrown into this atk.                                                                       | Notified 100                                |
| CO             | G-3 100 | We have two TDs and one 57mm gun vic 749471.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                             |
| 5 Co B 636     | S-3     | 4 PsW state a task force of one very light tk, one flak wagon, one medium tk, two half-tracks and two trks filled with Inf have mission of taking high ground 730467 to 742467. Enemy now trying to fill a hole in rd so armor could come through 50 meters NE of RJ at 749472. | Notified who stat being pu Germans 749472 n |
| CO 3 Bn        | S-3     | Co I has not been able to make contact with elements on their left this morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                | CO said to make this                        |
| CO             | CO 399  | Co I 141 has lost contact with the unit on their left                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |
| CO 399         | CO      | Trps on Hill 427 (745483) getting hvy shelling and are possibly withdrawing a little; Co I 141 to watch to N and try to make contact. Co I 141 did not occupy the most fwd pos of 399 Inf last night.                                                                           | Will ch Co I po CO 3 Bn info on             |
| CO             | CO 3 Bn | Co I is to occupy the most fwd pos previously held by 399 Inf we relieved.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                             |
| Asst Div Comdr | CO      | Visited CP; received situation report on 141 pos from CO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |
| G-3 100        | CO      | Our closest Co is at 747476 with another Co at 747480; this leaves quite a gap between us.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                             |
| CO             | G-3 100 | Suggest putting in a reserve Co.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Will check c                                |
| CO             | CO 3 Bn | May put in reserve Co between Co I and elements on left; will notify you.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |
| CO 3 Bn        | CO      | Some movement in front of Co K and to rt of Co L. Co I okay at pres.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             |
| CO             | CO 131  | Are cubs up here yet?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |
| CO 131         | CO      | No, but getting them up here today.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |



From: 1054 2 January 1945

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| OG 100 Div | CO  | Received report that enemy has infiltrated along the 47 grid line between 73 and 74 grid. You had better move reserve Bn to ENCHENBERG and drive this infiltration out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Division will do t<br>notifi<br>Bn to<br>immedi |
| CO 1 Bn    | CO  | Will trks be used on this move?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No                                              |
| ExO 2 Bn   | S-3 | 1st Flat Co B 645th Armored Bn is with Co G. They were originally atchd to 117 Rcn but got separated and atchd themselves to 14th Armd Div. Since it is understood 14th Armd is pulling out, they have atchd themselves to Co G. They have 4 TDs, one jeep but have lost their ammo trk. They need 25 rounds of HE 3 inch, 600 gallons Diesel oil and 10 gallons of gas. Their Flat Ldr wants to get msg to 45th Div that their unit is intact giving their location as GOETZENBRUCK; want supplies if possible. They report two enemy tks near 7542. |                                                 |
| CO 2 Bn    | CO  | Co G reports some enemy activity; Co E in small fire fight. Rcn Co SE of MEISENTHAL pushed back. One Bn 179th Inf in GOETZENBRUCK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                 |
| G-2 100    | S-3 | XV Corps cub planes report enemy tk column at 756435 at 1015 and columns of enemy at 802375 and 788385.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                 |



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3-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 1

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FROM: 011200A Jan 1945

TO : 021200A Jan 1945

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The 86th  
021200A Jan 1945  
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MAPS: FRANCE. SHART, BITCHE XXXVII-13.

1. 141 ROT, with 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn and Co B 63 TD Bn attached. At start of period, ROT remained in training area vic LORQUIN (454081), on 3 hour alert status, prepared to move to forward assembly area to N. Movement orders received at 1400A, and ROT moved by motor, crossing IP, via SARRABOURG, at 1630A, to assembly area vic MONTBRONN (688440). Defensive sector vic 750470-745415, and units tactically deployed on arriving in area, and ROT attached to 100th Div. 3rd Bn reached area at 1930A, relieved elements of 399th Inf and 225th Inf, and took defensive positions. I Co along wood line E of road, vic 747468-748458, L Co vic 746455, and K Co along Eastern edge of LAMBERG (740450). 2nd Bn moved into defensive positions, M Co vic RJ vic 740444, S along high ground S of road to vic 743426 G Co vic 742422 and 744416. F Co in reserve vic ST LOUIS (723432). 1st Bn outposted town of MONTBRONN. Entire ROT had closed in to vic MONTBRONN by 2330A. Sector generally quiet during night. During morning, enemy force, supported by armor, attacked S along road vic 747469. I Co left flank engaged in heavy fight during morning, was forced back onto high ground vic 745467. Remainder of sector received patrol activity during morning, and close of period, attack was developing against right flank, vic SARRABOURG and enemy pressure being exerted against entire sector. 1st Bn was preparing to advance to E along draw, running generally along 47 Northing, to back up I Co on left.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor-Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 40% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, moved by motor from vic LORQUIN, to vic MONTBRONN, taking over defensive sector, vic 750470-745415, attached to 100th Div. Enemy attacked along sector during morning.

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Init: J.E.B.  
Date: 30 Jan 1945

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SUBJECT: Attachment Orders.

TO : See Distribution.

30 Jan 1945  
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1. Effective 1600A hours, 1 January 1945, 141st RCT, 36th Infantry Division, consisting of units listed below, is relieved from operational control of parent unit and is attached to XV Corps for operations:

141 Inf Regt:

Co A, 111 Engr C Bn  
Co A, 111 Med Bn  
Co B, 636 TD Bn  
131 FA Bn

2. The attachment of the 48 Engr C Bn to the 68 AAA Gp, effective 1900A hours, 1 January 1945, and the relief from attachment to 68 AAA Gp effective 1000A hours, 2 January 1945, is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

*W. G. Caldwell*  
W. G. CALDWELL, *J.E.B.*  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
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Place: MONTBROUIN, FRANCE (685440)

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|    | CO              | G-3 100 Div | 141 will do all possible to hold territory we now occupy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Division Archive  |
|    | CO              | CO 1 Bn     | Try to clear enemy from draw where they have infiltrated and reestablish the line.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |
|    | CO              | G-2 100     | All of 141 Cos are in contact now. Enemy has 5 tks vic 749471. One plat of Co I is cut off at pres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | L-100             |
|    | 131 FA LO       | S-3         | 3rd Bn FO now firing on enemy trps and tks atking at 748471.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                   |
|    | CO              | CG 100 Div  | 1st Bn has been committed and all our Cos in contact; think we will be able to hold but the situation is rough. One Bn of 179 Inf in GOETZENBRUCK. A Co of enemy is reported advancing on MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                            |                   |
|    | CG 100          | CO          | 179th Inf will have to take care of MEISENTHAL; also have 179th take over part of the territory 141 now occupies as it is in their sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
|    | CO 2 Bn G-4 100 | CO S-3      | We need ammo badly. Will check with Div dump; 141 can probably get some ammo.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | S-3 called G-     |
|    | S-2 2 Bn        | S-3         | All 2nd Bn kitchens and kitchen trains are in this town and should be moved out; need 5 or 6 2½ T trks for this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Will try the trks |
|    | CO 3 Bn         | CO          | Co I situation is bad; enemy worked into 2nd Plat and they are rather scattered. Trying to work a plat Co I and one plat Co K to help. Cos K and L situation has settled down somewhat now.                                                                                                                                                      |                   |
|    | CO 2 Bn         | CO          | 179th Inf came up through WEISSLINGEN to MEISEN- THAL to GOETZENBRUCK arriving about 0900. 179th states they expect to get orders to atk some- time today in conjunction with another RCT that will atk from the S. Will try to get 179th to atk through Co G pos thereby releasing Co G. Co F reports Germans digging in in front of their pos. | Notified 100 Div  |



Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action Taken                                                               |
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| CO 2 Bn  | S-3      | Co E occupies line from RJ 404 S to first building in GOETZENBRUCK. We have no contact with anyone on our rt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Division                                                                   |
| OG 100   | CO       | Have a report that enemy tks and Inf are in ST LOUIS; if so it will be difficult to get them out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Have no report; think false.                                               |
| S-2 2 Bn | CO       | Have you any info on 14th Armd Inf; they are passing through town coming to the rear. 179th Inf is still here but have no orders to atk. Cos E and G are in contact but losing no ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No info on                                                                 |
| CO       | S-2 2 Bn | Will try to find out if 179th is going to atk. Ammo is leaving now on way to you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                            |
| G-3 100  | CO       | Where are 5 tks previously reported?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Still there advancing.                                                     |
| CO 2 Bn  | CO       | 14th Armd Inf withdrawing from SARREINSBERG going to the rear. Co G cannot hold the town alone. 117 Rcn not deployed there; if a Co is in the town, it must be a small one. 117 Rcn does not have any comm. The Germans hold the nose of ground that sticks in W side of SARREINSBERG but the main effort coming from the NE. We are holding okay at pres. Co F in MEISENTHAL and pushing patrols out. Will try to arrange with 179 Inf to take over Co G pos so we can put them in reserve. | CO notified Div LO we 179 Inf take over Co G notified Div that was pulling |
| CO       | S-2 2 Bn | Co K in contact with enemy by patrol action only. Co L received a big push; 1st Bn advancing to restore line. Co I plat cut off at pres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                            |
| 1st Bn   | CO       | Last report received 25-30 min ago stated 1st Bn had cleared ENCHENBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                            |
| CO 3 Bn  | CO       | Situation has quieted down in Bn sector and we are holding. German patrol came SE out of town, we shot at them and they went in to 2nd Bn area. There is no gap between 2nd and 3rd Bn pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                            |
| TD LO    | CO       | We had a patrol out of SOUCHT into MEISENTHAL; no report except friendly traps in SARREINSBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                            |



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|    | 1st Bn   | CO  | 1st Bn jumped off at 1410; moving slowly without contact. Co A digging in vic 740469, other Cos have passed this pt.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                           |
|    | S-2 2 Bn | S-3 | PW taken in SARREINSBERG from 466 Inf; reports outfit has 100 men to Co, left BITCHE last night and moved into woods, have no support, all wearing British uniforms with light German raincoat on top. Co G area quiet except for a little small arms fire. Engrs going to blow bridge at MEISENTHAL.                         |                           |
|    | S-2 2 Bn | S-3 | Co E receiving small arms fire from their left front, believe 20-25 Germans in the group; enemy pos in front of Co K, have they reported it?                                                                                                                                                                                  | Will ch this              |
|    | G-4      | S-3 | All units will submit requisitions for shoe pacs and two pr of ski socks per man.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
|    | S-3 3 Bn | S-3 | Co I on our left has been spread pretty much, only have 25 men left on pos. Tks overran one plat pos, want 1st Bn up there as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                               |                           |
|    | CG 100   | S-3 | French Officer will be down to 141 CP in about 30 min to discuss contemplated operations to take place tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |
|    | ExO 1 Bn | S-3 | Mag from CO 1 Bn to CO 141: "Have reached Hill 426 (Note: On 1:50,000 this is Hill 427, on 1:25,000 it is Hill 426.8. As there is another Hill 427 in that vic, hill at 741477 will be called Hill 426) and contacted Co I. No contact with units supposedly on left." Co C in contact with Co I, Co B not that far advanced. | Notified Bn               |
|    | 100 Div  | S-3 | Mag from Col OWENS requests a guide and jeep to meet him in SARREUNION.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                           |
|    | CO 3 Bn  | S-3 | Have lost one TD. Believe Co I is being atkd again.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                           |
|    | 1st Bn   | CO  | Co C on Hill 426 (741477); Co B at 740470 still advancing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |



From: 1709 2 January 1945

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|    | CO                  | CO 3 Bn | (cont) get word to 1st Bn to move Cos B and C on out draw to contact Co I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                              |
|    | CO                  | 1st Bn  | Get word to Cos B and C to move out draw to 7547 and contact Co I and back them up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Will do so                                                   |
|    | OG 100              | CO      | New boundary goes into effect immediately; use own judgment about pulling Co G out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
|    | S-3 3 Bn<br>Engr LO | S-3     | Want Engrs to mine rd in front of Co I pos. Have 300 AT mines with me and 1000 more available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notified Engr                                                |
|    | 399 Inf<br>LO       | CO      | Co K 399 reports Co C 141 has tied in with them. Co B 141 going fwd and will try to tie in with Co I 141 on rt and Co C 141 on left.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                              |
|    | G-3 100             | CO      | G-3 100th Div and French LO visited CP and received situation report from CO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                              |
|    | CO 2 Bn             | CO      | 179th Inf is to make a two Bn atk with one Bn in reserve; they do not want to take over Co G pos as orders to atk may come at any time; however they are reinforcing Co G pos. Co E is holding a thin line. Plat Co F plus two squads were brought back into town as reserve. One plat Co F on the left of Co E.. Engrs are in MEISENTHAL ready to blow bridges. Orders to blow bridges will come from me or Regt. Would like overlay showing pos prepared prepared for demolition. | Will send overlay. 2DB may p through u morrow                |
|    | CO                  | CO 3 Bn | Has Co B contacted Co I yet?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | No                                                           |
|    | CO                  | 1st Bn  | Any late word on Co B pos?<br>Co B must make contact with Co I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | None                                                         |
|    | ExO 1 Bn            | S-3     | CO Co C called from Co L 399th CP; stated Co C at 740475. I gave him orders for Co B, to push out and contact Co I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
|    |                     |         | Col OWENS arrived at CP to take command of 141 RCT; Lt Col MAGRATH, who had been CO during the absence of Col OWENS, became ExO 141.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                              |



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|    | S-2 1 Bn | S-3     | At 1630 Co B was at 740469, went up S side of draw and across open ground; was fired on by a 20mm gun located at 742467 and small arms fire; this fight turned into a big one and Co B got pinned down. 15 men and 2 MGs pulled back to triangle where I met them and set up MGs with one firing down draw, one firing S, and riflemen around them. Ordered Co A to send a contact patrol to Co B. CO 1 Bn and S-3 1 Bn with fwd elements of Co B. Hvy enemy resistance is from S draw. Co C is dug in on Hill 415 (734476). | Notified                        |
|    | B-3 3 Bn | S-3     | Co I on N nose of hill at 748462 with one plat Co L on their left. Co I has 25 men and one section of HMGs. One section HMGs believed to have been captured intact. At 1700 150 Germans were assembling in front of Co I pos, arty was fired on them and they withdrew to 748470, were disorganized and arty followed them up.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |
|    | OP       | S-2     | OP located at 725416.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |
|    | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Co F plat in pos with Co E on rt and tied in with 3rd Bn on left at RJ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |
|    | 1st Bn   | Ex0     | Bridge out at 724474. Co C has been ordered to send a patrol to Co B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |
|    | S-3      | G-3 100 | CO plans to pull Co C back from their pres pos into a reserve pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Sent LO with 399th CP           |
|    | S-3      | All Bns | All vehicles except medical, ordnance and QM vehicles are to display identification panels. 12 foot panels will be cut in half; contact Regt S-4 for more panels if needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |
|    | OP       | S-3     | Some trks or hvy vehicles could be heard about 20 min ago in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |
|    | 399 LO   | S-3     | 3rd Bn 399 has heard lot of horse drawn vehicular movement at 735469 at 2100.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |



From: 2230 2 January 1945

To: 0020 3 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| From    | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                      | Action Taken           |
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| 2nd Bn  | S-3      | 2nd Bn outpost at 704433 reports tk move W of outpost; do not know if friendly or enemy.                                                                                               | Notified 10            |
| 824 TDs | S-3      | Situation in MEISENTHAL serious; plenty of small arms fire; if no assistance received Engrs are going to blow bridge and withdraw.                                                     | ExO checked report unt |
| G-2 100 | S-3      | Two Cos of German tks have broken through and have surrounded MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                              |                        |
| 3rd Bn  | S-3      | OP reports gun 700 yds from OP. Small arms fire in front of 2nd plat Co K; believe it is a fire fight.                                                                                 |                        |
| 1st Bn  | S-3      | Shot flares but saw nothing. Patrol to Co B has not returned. Strong pt of Co B and Co D elements report no activity. Patrol did not contact Co C.                                     |                        |
| CO      | CG 100   | Co G being taken out of pos and 4 TDs in ST LOUIS to be atchd to 2nd Bn.                                                                                                               |                        |
| OP      | S-3      | 2 or 3 motors heard near MEISENTHAL; no small arms.                                                                                                                                    |                        |
| S-3     | 2nd Bn   | Notify Bn of 179th Inf that they are now responsible for area covered by Co G 141 and pull Co G back into a reserve pos to watch S flank. Co E 141 to maintain contact with 179th Inf. |                        |
| OP      | S-3      | Tracked vehicles in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                        | Notified AT O          |
| CO      | AT Co    | Place AT guns to cover two approaches into MONTBRONN.                                                                                                                                  |                        |
| CO      | Co B 636 | Alert reserve plat to cover two rds leading to MONTBRONN from MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                              |                        |
| 3rd Bn  | S-3      | Germans digging in at 454448, believed 8-10 Germans. Want to fire a concentration but can not fire with knowledge of 2nd Bn patrols.                                                   | Clear with 2           |
| 824 TDs | S-3      | G-2 100 Div reports one Bn of 45th Div will                                                                                                                                            |                        |



From: 0020 3 January 1945

To: 0225 3 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. The 36th Division

| From     | To     | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| ExO 3 Bn | S-3    | Co K patrol left OP at 2230, went E along RR tracks, went N, recrossed RR tracks and found approx 15 enemy digging in at 748452; patrol not seen by enemy; watched enemy 10-15 min, then E and S to 755444 where heard enemy talking and vehicles moving to S and W but could not discover type, number or direction of vehicles. Returned by RR; found RR bridge unguarded.                                                                                 |
| Regt LO  | S-3    | Co C has been contacted and are returning to Bn CP area; movement will not be too difficult because they are between Co I 141 on rt and Co K 100th Div on left. 15 men from Co B and Section HMGs form strong pt which they have outposted at 728469. No word from rest of Co B but CO 1 Bn and S-3 1 Bn with them. 5 man Co A patrol returned from 738468 and report they saw nothing. CO Co C sent patrols 700 yds S of their pos and did not locate Co B. |
| OP       | S-3    | Small arms fire at 732404 at 0100; few rounds (about 12) light mortar fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1st Bn   | S-3    | Co C ready to move back into ENCHENBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| S-3      | 3rd Bn | Send 3-5 man patrol to your left down stream (744464) to draw, turn right up draw, select a route and reconnoiter to Hill 426; try to make contact with Co B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| OP       | S-3    | At 2400 heard armored vehicle at approx 732404.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| S-3      | OG 36  | Msg: Conditions are approximately as pictured. Progressive evidence of armored and Inf threat is building up in this area; I expect continued atks tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3    | Co K trying to clear two houses to their direct front.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3    | Motor column passed through ST LOUIS and alerted 2nd Bn. Okay now; column consisted of 3 ran cars, 3 tks and 3 jeeps going to GOETZENBRUCK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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| 2nd Bn                    | S-3      | Co G patrol that left after midnight to move up draw met hvy sniper fire and had to draw. 45th Div atk to begin at 0315 with two Bns abreast, one Bn atking N and other Bn NE. | Archive                           |
| 1st Bn                    | S-3      | Co C has closed into ENCHENBERG.                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| S-3                       | 3 Bn 399 | Notify your units Co I 141 sending patrol to Hill 426.                                                                                                                         |                                   |
| OP                        | S-3      | Enemy MG and small arms fire coming into MEISENTHAL from the S; two rounds SP (about 77mm) fell in MEISENTHAL from the SE.                                                     |                                   |
| CG 100                    | S-3      | 44th Div reports its trps have been pushed back into GROS-REDERCHING (622521).                                                                                                 |                                   |
| OP                        | S-3      | Considerable small arms fire in E edge of MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                          |                                   |
| 3rd Bn                    | S-3      | Some activity between Cos K and L, perhaps a patrol, will call back when have more info.                                                                                       |                                   |
| OP                        | S-3      | Friendly tk fire, mortar and small arms fire now coming from MEISENTHAL and vic.                                                                                               |                                   |
| 100 Rcn                   | S-3      | Enemy atkd 100th left flank in 44th Div sector in gap between GROS-REDERCHING and RIMLING; believe this gap is covered now, however.                                           |                                   |
| 1st Bn                    | S-3      | No contact with Co B yet.                                                                                                                                                      |                                   |
| OP                        | S-3      | About 35 rounds light arty fell in MEISENTHAL at 0605 from due E about 3000 yds.                                                                                               |                                   |
| 3rd Bn                    | S-3      | Some movement in front of Co K; have called for Co K defensive fires.                                                                                                          | Notified G-2 Div                  |
| OP                        | S-3      | From 0615-0625 hrs exchange of MG fire SE of MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                       |                                   |
| G-3 100                   | S-3      | Enemy atkd on left flank of Div and now hold REDERCHING; it was necessary to move some units to protect Div flank, CO of left unit says everything under control now.          |                                   |



Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 0  | CO       | CO 3 Bn | Be planning an atk to Hill 397 with Co C; also have AT guns and TDs prepared to meet an armored atk from E and NE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Division Archive                         |
| 0  | CO       | 1st Bn  | Be prepared to extend defenses S from Co A with Co C; also be prepared to put a blocking force on ridge running from ENCHENBERG to LEMBERG or Co C may be used in an atk towards Hill 397.                                                                                                                                                     |                                          |
| 0  | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Co G just reported one Co in draw with mortars and dumps at 745425, another Co in draw with mortars at 749421. Two light tks and 3 mortars with each Co.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                          |
| 0  | ExO      | 1st Bn  | Relief of reserve plat in process now; plat will report to Bn CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                          |
| 0  | S-2 2 Bn | S-3     | Msg from Co G: Enemy supply route crosses bridge at 769437; request fire on it. Msg from Co E: "CO 2 Bn 179th Inf requests we fire on American tks if they approach by way of MEISENTHAL." Co E having quite a lot of trouble, sending Co F to help. Co E has requested all defensive fires. We are trying to get radio contact with Co E now. | ExO said to fire American if 179th reque |
| 0  | S-2 2 Bn | S-3     | Atk on Co E coming from 750434; we are firing all defensive fires and putting mortars on enemy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                          |
| 0  | CO 3 Bn  | S-2     | Patrol to Hill 397 (736465) reached 741462; were fired upon by unknown number of enemy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                          |
| 0  | OG 100   | CO      | Asked situation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                          |
| 0  | CO       | OG 100  | 141 mission is to protect 100th Div rear. Understand mission; if we can hold pres pos, we will be okay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Gave info as                             |
| 0  | ExO      | 2nd Bn  | Have you physical contact with 179th Inf?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No, radio con                            |
| 0  | S-3 398  | S-3     | Enemy on Hill 427 and along 48 grid line.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                          |
| 0  | 1st Bn   | S-2     | Co B moving into Co A position now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                          |
| 0  | ExO      | 3rd Bn  | Can arty be fired on week 5.1.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                          |



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| 10   | CO 325<br>Engrs<br>S-3 | S-3     | CO 325<br>Engrs | Visited OP; inquired what plan we would use in case bridges and blocks need to be blown. Have a pass word for each day; Inf COs are to delegate persons responsible for notifying Engrs to blow these obstacles by giving them this password.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                       |  |   |  |
|      | CO 325<br>Engrs<br>S-3 | S-3     | CO 325<br>Engrs | A block was not blown last night that should have been blown.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                       |  |   |  |
|      |                        |         |                 | This must have occurred in 179th sector. 111 Engrs have taken over all prepared pos in our sector. They laid some AT mines last night and have a squad of Engrs standing by to remove them if necessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Will con<br>A 111 En  |  |   |  |
| 8    | S-3                    | S-3     | 1 Bn            | Keep in close contact with unit on your left; send some rcn patrols to 735465; make this a continuous patrol and notify us if any action takes place in this area. 3rd Bn is also sending patrols to this pt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Notified<br>to send p |  |   |  |
| 4    | 3rd Bn                 | S-3     |                 | A patrol just ran into 15-20 Germans trying to work around Co I at 743463. They were stopped by mortar fire and sector is quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Notified<br>100th Di  |  |   |  |
| 2    | CO 2 Bn                | S-3     |                 | Co E in same pos with 3rd Plat on rt having lots of trouble, 2nd Plat in center and 1st Plat on left. Activity all along Co E front. Co G is around the town with 19th Bn of 14th Armd Div on high ground S of GOETZENBRUCK. Co E receiving small arms and bazooka fire. Some friendly arty fire falling on Co E pos from SW. Co F plat going into pos behind Co E 3rd Plat. Germans worked in between Cos E and G and captured two Co G drivers but drivers escaped and have 15-20 Psw. |  |                       |  |   |  |
|      | OP                     | Ex0     |                 | 10 rounds of 170mm fell at 718408.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                       |  |   |  |
|      | G-3 100                | S-3     |                 | Effective at once all vehicles will display a cerise panel with the 100th and 44th Div Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Notified 3r           |  |   |  |
|      | S-3                    | G-3 100 |                 | We have no priority on these panels and are having difficulty getting them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Will check v<br>G-4   |  |   |  |



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MAPS: FRANCE, 1/50,000. SHEET XXXVII-13.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments; 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn. At start of period, ROT held defensive sector generally from vic 748465 to vic SARR-INSB-RG (742418). 1st Bn was moving into position along Regt's left flank, to strengthen positions after enemy attacks during morning had endangered flank. By 1400A, A Co had dug in vic 727966 and B and C Co's continued to advance thru draw toward L Co Bn, with A Co Plats vic 748438, 745435 and 744432; G Co Plats vic 743426 and vic 746420. F Co in reserve vic ST LOUIS (723433). Thru out first part of afternoon, enemy attacked strongly against G Co right flank, vic SARR-INSB-RG, and in lesser strength against A Co positions. F Co moved a Plat to left flank of G Co position. Lines held, and attacks stopped about 1600A. 3rd Bn had I Co, with one Plat of L Co vic 746462, L Co (-) vic 747456 and K Co around L and S end of LAMB-RG (740446). During afternoon, B and C Co of 1st Bn, continued to advance to L, C Co reaching and digging in along ridge vic 735471. B Co continued to advance along draw, and received heavy fire from hill vic 743467. From that point, Co advanced to vic 743475 and held thru out night. During latter part of afternoon, another Plat of F Co moved into left flank of A Co positions, and tied line in with 3rd Bn, vic RJ 40 (740444). Sector generally quiet during night. During early part of morning, B and C Co's withdrawn from forward positions to vic SARR-INSB-RG (7134) as needed reserve elements. Enemy attacked strongly against A Co position from vic 745435, during morning. Initial attacks repulsed, but attack resumed in strength toward end of period, and a few enemy succeeded in infiltrating into A Co positions, but lines still held at close of period.

2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather factors and approximately a 45% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.

3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, continued to hold defensive sector vic 748465 to 742418. Repulsed two strong enemy attacks within sector during period. 10 prisoners taken during period.

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141st Inf Regt

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1st Battalion

687436

2nd Battalion

724432

3rd Battalion

739451

Regt'l Hq Co

688440

Cannon Co

689439

Anti-Tank Co

693441

Service Co

636396

Regt'l Med Det

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ATTACHED UNITSUNITC. P.REMARKS

Co A 111 M'd Bn

684434

131 FA Bn

689439

Co B 636 TD Bn

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## Enemy Situation at End of Period.

## a. Enemy Front Line.

Hostile forces digging in on N and S line with strong points of 25-30 men as follows: 747415, 750438, 750437, 752446. A larger force, estimated at 100-150 was digging in vic of 744462 at the close of the period.

## b. Units in contact.

5,6,7th Cos, 1126 Regt, 559 VGD, strength 58 men.  
2nd Btry, 257 Arty Regt.  
7th Co 466 Inf.

## Enemy Operations During Period.

## a. General Summary.

Enemy attitude offensive, stressing probing of our line with forces of from 25-30 infantry. Main effort by enemy against our left flank where a strong attack of about 100-150 infantry, supported by 5-7 tanks, forced "I" Co to give way few hundred yards after large part of Co overrun. Our 1st moving into position on the left, was pushing forward to reestablish original positions, without opposition at end of period. However, at the same time another attack of enemy infantry tanks in unknown numbers was reported being taken under art fires at 745465. At close of period enemy was digging in at most of our front.

Hostile artillery very light and believed to be mainly 75 calibre. Probably SP.

## b. Operations of Component Elements.

## (1) Air

One ME109 flew around Regt'l area from 1700 - 1705 but did not attack.

## (2) Armor

Several tanks were reported in operation throughout period. 5 were observed supporting infantry attack vic of 748471. believed KO'd by our TD fire same vicinity. Air OP reported unknown number of tanks at 757436 at 1015A hours. Another report of 2 tanks in vic of 752420 at 1110A hours unconfirmed. One half-track reported at 728406. One SP fired on MEISANTH at 1630A hours from vic of 745410.

## (3) Artillery

One SP fired at MEISENTHAL at 1630A hours from vic of 745410 - 15 rounds.



(5) Infantry

Several determined attempts were made to take our position with main attack on the left flank partially successful. Hostile aimed at probing the defenses and at the same time spoiling any possible attack by us. During latter part of period hostile reinforcements were noted in the vic of 7543-7544 digging in. Recon patrols were observed moving in the GOETZENBRUCH area. 30 infantry ambushed elements of a friendly recon unit at 728 this morning.

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Miscellaneous.

a. Enemy Losses.

(1) PSW

- 4 - 5th Co 2nd Bn 1126 Regt 559 Div, capt'd by L Co
- 4 - 6th Co " " " " " " , capt'd by L Co
- 1 - 7th Co " " " " " " , capt'd by L Co
- 1 - 7th Co " " " " " " , capt'd by I Co
- 1 - 2nd Btry 1st Bn 257 Arty Regt, capt'd by 117th Re
- 1 - 7th Co 466 Gr Regt BAEREN Div, capt'd by G Co

(2) Estimated Killed and Wounded - - 30

b. PW statement - PW from 7th Co 466 Inf stated his entire diary had been issued British uniforms with German insignia on collar and over pockets. PW was wearing such a uniform.

Enemy Capabilities.

- a. Enemy can continue probing attacks with groups of 50 to 100 infantry supported by from 5-10 tanks.
- b. Enemy can reinforce during night with possible 2-300 troops and additional tanks to attack either flank and disrupt our position as a base for possible attack against them.
- c. Enemy can defend from present positions, falling back when forced to do so by pressure from friendly attacks, but prepared to counter attack with a battalion of 2-300 men in direction of:

- (1) BITCHE-ENCHENBERG
- (2) MOUTERHOUSE-LEMBERG
- (3) MOUTERHOUSE-MEISENTHAL

DISCUSSION: Capability C2 is favored.

Enemy attitude continues offensive but limited to small so probing or spoiling attacks. The lack of artillery fires may indicate a displacement of batteries to rear which in turn would signify a defensive trend in the over-all picture.

PSW taken today stated that objectives established for the respective units were the high ground from 732465 to 742463 and 733423. These points represent limited objectives whose capture would destroy the effectiveness of our present positions as springboards for offensive action.

The hostile command has probably learned of friendly reinforcement and will therefore take steps to reinforce his own position either to retain the line he now holds or to maintain a reserve.

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| <p>Conditions are approximately as pictured. Progressive evidence of armored and infantry threat is building up in this area. I expect</p> |                      |                               |
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From: 1200 3 January 1945

To: 1300 3 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (628440)

| From             | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Action Taken                               |
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| 05 S-2 2 Bn      | S-3            | Germans are working behind two TDs at 720430; hear small arms fire around there now. Getting spread out and Hq Co organizing now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| 17 CO            | S-3            | I am at 2nd Bn; situation here serious. Start Co C down LEMBERG rd with mission of stopping any enemy infiltration, occupying pos generally 729444 on ridge to block ridge running E and SE. Notify 3rd Bn enemy has penetrated Co E pos and to withdraw Cos I and L to vic LEMBERG. Co E cannot hold out much longer. Small enemy groups in woods E of ST LOUIS; 2nd Bn is alerted to this. Co G still in pos but no one on rt. Am notifying CO 2 Bn that Co C is atchd to him. | Notif Bn of missi notif 100th situat OG 36 |
| S-3              | CO             | OG 36 Div was here and wanted to come to 2nd Bn to see you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Tell OG not am returnin                    |
| 25 S-3           | CO 3 Bn        | Co E pos has been penetrated; watch your rt flank. Small groups have infiltrated into woods S of LEMBERG. Withdraw Co I and set up defense around town. Co C is moving to ridge SW of LEMBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
| 50 S-2           | OP             | Send two men to high ground to check report of Co E penetrations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| 5 Ammo Driver    | S-3            | I was stopped at underpass (720452) because the guard said there had been a breakthrough and he was getting ready to blow the underpass.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Co C wi passing soon; fr with the          |
| 5 S-3            | Co A 111 Engrs | Gave above info; do not blow underpass unless armor threat comes through.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| 0 Co A 111 Engrs | S-3            | Engr LO reports Engr situation all under control except the underpass; tried to get to it but received some small arms fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |
| 0 S-2 2 Bn       | S-3            | We are sending a TD to Co F. Officer just returned with a detail; reported they could find no one in the woods. The N plat of Co E has been forced back a little.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| 0 IPW            | S-2            | PW from Baeren Div, 466 Regt, 1st Bn, 2nd Co. Co strength 120 men, 16 machine pistols on 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |



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| 1 | 131 FA LO     | S-2                           | 3rd Bn FO reports enemy personnel of pl <sup>t</sup> strength at 748429.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 0 | G-3 100       | S-3                           | CG 100 Div sending a request to CO 179th Inf for assistance in Co E 141 sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7 | S-3           | G-2 100                       | Co E still holding but enemy still putting a lot of pressure on them.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 0 | 2nd Bn        | S-2                           | Two POW at Co G aid station taken at 744423 from 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 466 Regt; 80 men per Co. 5th, 6th and 7th Cos were to be together, 8th Co in vic. Had 6 MGs, mortar and arty support when they tried to take GOETZENBRUCK. Co hiked all night. Co dug in around coord 744423. |
| 3 | 1st Bn        | S-3                           | Co C is now on the rd.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 0 | 131 FA        | S-2                           | We are firing on enemy tks at 774468, counter atk on 2nd Bn 747429, personnel at 748446 and 750461.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2 | CO Sv Co      | S-3                           | All dumps, water pts and APO in RATZWILLER.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4 | CO 3 Bn<br>CO | CO<br>CO 3 Bn                 | Co I has started pulling back as ordered. Hold Co I where it was; situation has cleared up a little now. 2nd Bn getting a lot of pressure but no serious damage yet. Center plat of Co E drew back a little; don't think it serious, however.                                  |
| 5 | CO 2 Bn       | S-3                           | Co E has lost the rt half of their area; one plat must have been captured. Co F was sent to help Co E but they received MG fire and could not get up to Co E pos; Co F in pos on other side of rd in tree line.                                                                |
|   | S-3           | CO 2 Bn                       | Armd Inf in your sector is atchd to you along with any other Inf there.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|   | CO            | Asst Div<br>Comdr<br>100 Div. | Command on rt flank is in somewhat of a muddle, elements of many units are in SARREINSBERG and vic but no coordination among them. Have given CO 2 Bn the authority to take charge of any trps and armor in the area. Please notify CG 100 Div of this.                        |

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From: 1417 3 January 1945

To: 1705 3 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (882440)

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| 440   | CO 3 Bn        | S-3               | Enemy coming in on Co L rt flank; putting line led and mortar fire on them. Co I patrol went to outpost top of Hill 397 and back with no opposition. be manne Found American wire line to a hole but no one tinuous there.     |                            |
| 00    | S-2<br>-S-2    | G-2 100<br>Div LO | Want aerial photos of 141 sector. We want photos immediately.                                                                                                                                                                  | LO has them                |
| 20    | S-2            | G-2 100           | Want overlay showing enemy pos and installations in 141 sector.                                                                                                                                                                |                            |
| 25    | S-3<br>G-3 100 | G-3 100<br>S-3    | Is it possible to get some tks atchd? 100th Div is considering putting the LAFAYETTE plan (A plan to use French armor to take BITCHE) into effect in next 24 hrs; will give full info will give definite info on this tonight. |                            |
| 51    | S-2 3 Bn       | S-3               | Co L was atkd by Germans on their left flank at 1445; atk was stopped by arty and mortar fire. No estimate of enemy dead yet.                                                                                                  |                            |
| 0     | S-2 2 Bn       | 131 FA            | 6 rounds hvy arty fell around QP from due E.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                            |
| 5     | S-3            | Engr LO           | Can you get some gravel or ashes to throw on curves and slippery places on the rds?                                                                                                                                            |                            |
|       | Engr LO        | S-3               | Will try to but do not know where men to do this can be gotten.                                                                                                                                                                |                            |
|       | S-3            | CO                | (CO at 2nd Bn) Have you any info on armor in Cos E and G area?                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |
|       | CO             | S-3               | Enemy armored column reported to be coming toward SARREINSBERG and GOETZENBRUCK. 60 rounds of arty fell in GOETZENBRUCK and ST LOUIS 20 min ago. Give 100th Div our situation.                                                 | Notified                   |
|       | 131 FA         | S-3               | 131 FA now firing on an armd column at 749414; trying to get more arty units to fire on this column.                                                                                                                           |                            |
|       | CO 3 Bn        | S-3               | 3rd Bn receiving quite a lot of hvy arty in town, either 170mm or rockets                                                                                                                                                      |                            |



From: 1705 3 January 1945

To: 1845 3 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| te   | From                | To           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| 17   | Engr LO             | S-3          | Cannot put ashes on rd in town now as a Arden bridge t are doing other work now. Is the bridge S of as long as LEMBERG to remain intact?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                |
| 25   | S-2                 | G-2 100      | 141 Inf has 8 Gendarmes to control civilian traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                |
| 55   | Div Arty<br>100 Div | 131 FA<br>LO | 117 Rcn reports 3 Cos Inf plus armor at 74584148; adjusting arty on this and vehicles at 757408.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                |
| 10   | S-2 2 Bn            | S-2          | 117 Rcn requested arty at 75004008 on enemy tks and personnel. 117 Rcn has liaison with Armd Inf and other trps in GOETZENBRUCK. Fire would have to be unobserved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                |
| 2    | S-2                 | S-3          | 2nd Bn OPs: Co G at 744415 and 739434, Co E at 741442, Co F at W end of ST LOUIS. 131 FA has an OP at 740444.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                |
| 0    | 2nd Bn              | S-2          | 25 PsW taken in GOETZENBRUCK by 179th, 2 PsW taken by Cos E and H. PW taken by Co H at 726427 from 1st Co, 1st Bn, 457 Regt, 257 Div, was a deserter, claims 2nd and 3rd Cos were with 1st Co; 80 men in 1st Co and 5 LMGs. One taken by Co E from 5th Co, 466 Regt reports 50 men in Co, arty casualties high, wear gray uniform quite similar to British. This is a new unit and morale is poor. |                                |
| 0    | G-2 100             | S-2          | Rcn reports 3 tks at RJ at 732404; tks move out to fire and go back.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                |
| 0    | OP                  | S-2          | Can hear activity S of MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                |
| 6    | IPW                 | S-2          | CO 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 466 Regt, 257 Div taken by 179th Inf at 021330 Jan 45 at SARREINSBERG. Mission was to take SARREINSBERG from 746415 with 6th Co to atk simultaneously at 022330 Jan from 750420. 50 men in Co as of 2 Jan; two not wounded, two wounded, rest of Co killed by arty fire. 4 LMGs, 6 HMGs in Bn. Had been with unit 3 days. Route to MLR: Left ZWEI                               |                                |



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| S-3      | G-3 100  | 2nd Bn 141 now in process of moving out of SARREINSBERG to N to strengthen there. 179th Inf and elements of 117th Rcn taking over SARREINSBERG which is now receiving a pretty hvy atk. PW states 7 Cos of Germans with armor is atking the town.                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
| S-3      | S-2 3 Bn | You are to gain and maintain contact with the plat of Co F that is atchd to Co E on your rt by patrolling or however you want to. Be sure no infiltration takes place. Use flares extensively tonight if necessary. CO said to be sure to hold RJ at 740444.                                                                                                                                                  | Also notifi<br>CO 3 Bn    |
| S-3      | CO 3 Bn  | Co F plat left flank is at 745441.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |
| CO 3 Bn  | S-3      | We are tied in pretty good with Co F plat; have a squad of riflemen at 743445 and a plat CP vic RJ 740444. We know exact location of Co F plat and have talked with CO 2 Bn; everything set. We are firing some arty on tks vic 7647 that can be heard but not observed.                                                                                                                                      |                           |
| S-2 2 Bn | S-2      | Co E took a wounded PW from 5th Co 466 Regt. States 44 men in Co; 6th, 7th and 8th Cos in vic 5th Co, 13th Co arty atchd to them. 4 btrys of 3 guns each, 150mm, 8 Kms to rear, last seen 815475 not set up and moved into woods when planes came over at 0900 yesterday. 5-12 mortars at 743427 not far from rd in woods. PW claims 9 SPs, 55 cal, moving up to 5th Co pos; also one Co of Nebelwerfers (4). |                           |
| 824 Rcn  | S-2      | Saw American tks at 725397 cross open field going due N to rd that runs into MEISENTHAL, fire and return.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                           |
| S-2 2 Bn | S-3      | Small arms fight going on here and there; not large and everything under control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
| S-3      | S-3 1 Bn | CO wants you to run a continuous patrol between you and 3rd Bn down the rd to LEMBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-3      | We will send one down one rd and return                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                           |



From: 2007 3 January 1945

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To: 2122 3 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (668440)

| From    | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The 36th Division Archive              |
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| S-3     | 636 TDe | Can TDs be put in pos to fire indirect harassing fire tonight?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
| 636 TDs | S-3     | It will be difficult to get TDs into pos tonight to fire but will do so if this is desired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Will c notify                          |
| S-3     | 2nd Bn  | Do you have any comm with 179th Inf?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes, through but comm is               |
| 1st Bn  | S-2     | At 729468 took two PsW at 1830, deserters from 7th Co, 2nd Bn, 529 VG Div. Co strength 60-160; one joined Co last night, other 3 days ago. 7th Co dug in at 743468, 8th Co 743471, MG at 744469 and 744470. Assault Co of Storm troopers at 741466. At 761481 one 75mm AT gun. 7th Co armed about half with automatic wpns and other half carbines. PsW were on a patrol to 735470, were left on outpost and deserted.                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        |
| CO 2 Bn | CO 2 Bn | What trps are in SARREINSBERG?<br>Co B, 19th Armd (less one plat), Co C 19th Armd, Hq Co 19th Armd, part of three Cos of 179th, elements of 117 Rcn (4 TDs). A major from 179th Inf in charge of these trps. C Trp of 117 Rcn has been alerted to move in the morning. The 179th has no comm with their Div except by radio and this is poor. They are supposed to atk NE with the 180th Inf in the morning toward MOUTERHOUSE. Two Bns of German Inf have been identified as being to 2nd Bn front. In the morning I am going to ask for a 30-min arty concentration using TDs, mortars, and then atk with Co G. |                                        |
| CO 2 Bn | S-3     | Believe Germans are reinforcing their pos tonight; saw one Co of Germans just before dark coming down draw, put some arty on them and have not seen them since. Want some extra hvy harassing fire on these pts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Will try arrange harassing for tonight |
| IPW     | S-2     | 7 PsW taken by 179th Inf through 2nd Bn 141 from 3rd Co, 457 Regt, 257 Div; captured at 732406. Mission: to secure rd to MEISENTHAL. At start had 36 men in Co armed with machine pistols and 4 LMGs. Route: Vic of BITCHE on Dec 31st, contact with enemy on EQUESHARDT-BITCHE rd 31 Dec-1 Jan with 4 SPs brought up to support. On 2 Jan left EQUESHARDT to MOUTERHOUSE to pos vic 732406. arrived there                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                        |



From: 2125 3 January 1945

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| From     | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action Taken                           |
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| S-3      | S-3 398  | Situation unchanged except in SARREINSBERG; believe situation there under control at pres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| S-3 398  | S-3      | All quiet in 398th sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3      | At 2100 6 rounds of 170mm arty landed in town on 85 degree az. Few rounds of lighter arty fell at same time. Co K contacted Co F. Co I has established contact with Co B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
| IRW      | S-2      | Two Psw taken by Co A from 7th Co 2nd Bn 1127 Regt 529 VG Division (see 2050 entry). Were two days in pos at SCHWANGEBACH; followed 1st Bn 1127 to there 1 Jan. Co strength 35 men; 20 of them replacements received last night. 3 81mm mortars, 3 HMGs, 16 automatic wps. 3 flak wagons, one 20mm at 776502 at 2300 Jan 2. 8 75mm SPs, 20 flak wagons assembled 776502 2 Jan at 0500. Regt CP at 776502. 1127 Regt and another Regt held in underground pillboxes until 31 Dec. Bn CP at 752471 021900 Jan in pill box. 1st Bn collecting pt 769497; Teller mines on rd running from N to SW 761481-749471. 12 75mm SPs on rd from 750472-760479. Lost 7 SPs 020900 Jan vic 745475; had 42 casualties S of BITCHE 1 Jan. 7 WIA, 2 KIA on 2 Jan. Marched to pos at 744469 with one MG on 3 Jan. 8th Co dug in with 3 81mm mortars at 743471. PW states 45 American trps were captured on 2 Jan in BITCHE. |                                        |
| S-2 2 Bn | S-2      | Tk firing from vic 698425 over ST LOUIS about 20 rounds in last 10 min; is this friendly fire?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Called<br>will ch                      |
| S-3      | S-2 2 Bn | Is tk fire from vic 698423 falling on your trps? Be on the alert for enemy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No                                     |
| 1st Bn   | S-3      | No arty coming in; Co B patrol moved out 2200. Little rifle fire heard from Co I 100th area. Be on alert for possible enemy infiltration between Co B and 3rd Bn; notify Co B of this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
| S-3      | 1st Bn   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                        |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3      | Co L getting two barrages; 15-20 rounds light and medium arty from NE falling 749347.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notified to<br>alert for i<br>tration. |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3      | 1st Bn reports PW states one Co at                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                        |



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| 15 2nd Bn   | S-3 | At 2210 2nd Flat Co E received a small arms report and called for defensive fires. Co F reports hearing small arms fire in Cos E and G areas. At 2259 Co E reported atk repulsed; all quiet.                                                                                                                               |                           |
| 50 S-2 1 Bn | S-3 | Co B rd patrol left 717455 at 2200, went SE down rd through overpass to town at 737444 (RJ) turned left and contacted elements 3rd Bn at edge of town. Returned along trail 200-300 yds N of main rd; no enemy activity observed either way. Contact patrol from Co A at 729469 made contact with Co I at 2320; all quiet. |                           |
| 5 S-2 3 Bn  | S-3 | Co L received hvy concentration about 2400 in vic 748456 from E; lost light MGs. Received an atk of approx 20 men from left flank; expects counter atk in the morning. Co K reports each time they shoot a flare they get an arty concentration.                                                                           |                           |
| 4 3rd Bn    | S-3 | At 0130 Co K reported approx 15 men digging in on Co L rt at 754454. Co K contact patrol returned from Co F at 0130. At 0150 OP reported small arms fire in 2nd Bn area. Co L received 6-7 rounds arty, approx 105mm, coming from NE, at 0210.                                                                             |                           |
| 3 S-3       | CO  | Have no contact with 2nd Bn by wire or radio. Notify C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | S-3 notified              |
| 5 2nd Bn    | S-3 | At 0208 2nd Flat Co E reported enemy movement and got arty fire on it. At 0200 we got 13 PsW; want Regt to pick them up.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0                         |
| OP          | S-3 | At 0005 12 rounds hvy arty vic MEISENTHAL 3500 yds on az 177 degrees. At 0130 on az 174 degrees heard tk movement. At 0135 1-2 tks moving in MEISENTHAL. At 0345 20 rounds Nebelwerfer fire N of OP on 95 degree az 1 1/2 miles.                                                                                           |                           |
|             |     | 0420-0430 37 rounds of arty fell in vic OP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |
| 2 Bn 179    | S-3 | All quiet so far. Have just gotten two PsW. Notified 13 who state approx 1000 SS troops were forming in ALTHORN (750401) for an atk at 0400; thought                                                                                                                                                                       |                           |



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| 2nd Bn   | S-3      |    | Co F reports 3 white flares and one amber flare vic of ground Co E lost today.                                                                                         | Division Archive      |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3      |    | Co I reports receiving a counter atk; no details yet. Using defensive arty and mortars.                                                                                |                       |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3      |    | 4-man Co K patrol travelled N edge of rd, 400 yds to S along nose vic 752452; observed no enemy. Heard and observed 2 tks firing from az of 30 degrees toward our pos. |                       |
| OP       | S-3      |    | Believe some tk movement E of MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                              |                       |
| ExO 3 Bn | S-3      |    | Atk on Co I has quieted down. Need some mortar ammo; sending back for it now.                                                                                          |                       |
| ExO 3 Bn | S-3      |    | One Co I man captured. Sector now quiet.                                                                                                                               | Notified S-3          |
| S-3 398  | S-3      |    | All quiet in 398th sector.                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| S-3      | 179th    |    | No developments from atk reported earlier.                                                                                                                             |                       |
| S-3      | CO       |    | 2nd Bn wants to use two M-7s as assault guns, is this okay?                                                                                                            | Yes                   |
| S-3      | CO Cn Co |    | Contact CO 2 Bn; they want to use M-7s.                                                                                                                                |                       |
| S-3      | TD LO    |    | Reserve TDs are to tie in with the arty.                                                                                                                               |                       |
| S-3      | 2 Bn 179 |    | Has 2nd Bn 179th any plans for this morning?                                                                                                                           | No, but po this after |
| OP       | S-2      |    | Small arms fire along high ground to the SE of MEISENTHAL, about half enemy. Also some mortar fire.                                                                    |                       |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-3      |    | We would like to put about 20 mines at 732469.                                                                                                                         |                       |
| S-3      | S-3 1 Bn |    | This is okay if an overlay of their pos is sent to Regt; Bn A and F Flat to put them in.                                                                               |                       |
| ExO 2 Bn | S-3      |    | Where are the two M-7s that were to report to Bn?                                                                                                                      | Called                |
| CO Cn Co | S-3      |    | Rcn party on way to 2nd Bn.                                                                                                                                            | Notify 2nd            |
| S-3      | CO Bv Co |    | 2nd Bn going to try to restore pos; keep supplies coming.                                                                                                              |                       |

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To: 1200 4 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From           | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                         | Action Taken          |
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| CO 3 Bn        | S-3     | A small atk or a patrol that hit Co I captured one man; everything quiet now.                                                                             |                       |
| S-3            | CO 3 Bn | Unit on rt to try to restore pos this morning.                                                                                                            | Notified              |
| CO Cn Co       | S-3     | The M-7s have gone to 2nd Bn.                                                                                                                             |                       |
| CO 2 Bn        | S-3     | Everything has been pretty quiet this morning. Plan to atk at 1230 hrs with Co G atking. The two M-7s have arrived; am putting them in pos in town.       |                       |
| Asst Div Comdr | ExO     | Visited CP; received situation report from ExO.                                                                                                           |                       |
| S-3 1 Bn       | S-3     | Out post have reported all quiet; area quiet with no arty.                                                                                                | Notified G and S-3 39 |
| Regt LO        | S-3     | 117th Rcn reports 200 enemy in WINGEN (735355); also some enemy dug in about 1 Km E of MEISENTHAL. In MEISENTHAL there are 117th Rcn, 2 TDs and some Inf. |                       |

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FROM: 051200A Jan 1945  
TO: 041800A Jan 1945

Hq 141 ROT  
688440  
The 36th  
041800A Jan 1945  
Division  
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MAPS: FRANC- 1/25,000. SH--TS XXXVII-13, 5 & 6, 7 & 8.

141 ROT, with following attachments; 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, Co 111 M'd Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn. ROT held defensive sector running generally 724472-748462-740418, with 1st Bn on left, A Co vic 723472, with a Plat vic 727468. B Co Plats vic 727462, 724462 and 726455. C Co was moving to join 2nd Bn, enroute at start of period vic 725447. 3rd Bn held positions with I Co (plus 1 Plat, L Co) vic 749461, L Co (-) vic 749455, and K Co Plats vic 744452 and 743446. 2nd Bn, E Co held forward positions along ridge, vic 748439-742432, F Co had 1 Plat along left flank of E Co, vic 743442 and remainder of Co vic 735427. G Co held positions vic GO-TZ-NBRUOK (742422). During afternoon, enemy renewed strong attacks against E Co positions, vic 745434, attacks lasting thru out afternoon. Enemy force succeeded in gaining positions along edge of wood line vic 743429 and in cutting road to W with fire, but further penetrations stopped. G Co attached to 2nd Bn, was moved into position vic 733427-736422 and F Co held Plats vic 740433 and 743432. Positions stabilized there. Sector generally quiet otherwise during afternoon, with arty fire moderately heavy vic L-NB-RG (740450) and ST LOULS (722432) during late afternoon. During early morning, small enemy force attacked I Co position vic 749462. During morning, no activity in sector. During afternoon, 2nd Bn (plus Co C), attempted to regain ground lost previous day, with G Co attacking from S and F Co from N to join force. G Co succeeded in advancing 400 yds to restore previous positions along top of ridge vic 744430. F Co was unable to advance, however, and gap between Co's not entirely closed. G Co moved to positions in town of GO-TZ-NBRUOK to protect Bn right flank. At close of period (1800), enemy was attacking vic 744430 to regain positions, but attacks were so far unsuccessful. 141 ROT, reattached to 36 Inf Div as of 1425.

Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather factor and approximately a 46% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.

Results of Operations: 141 ROT, retained previous defensive positions, were forced to withdraw slightly vic 738427, due to heavy enemy pressure, during afternoon. 46 prisoners taken during period. Total to date in France, 5203.

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ATTACHED UNITS

### SUPPORTING UNITS

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>SUPPORTING UNITS</u> |  | <u>RE MARKS</u> |
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From: 021800A Jan 45  
To : 031800A Jan 45

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Maps: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheet XXXVII-13

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.

a. Enemy Front Line.

Hostile line runs generally parallel to our front line with a strong concentration in the vicinity of 744415 where 5-7 Cos of infantry (estimated total strength 3-500) were at at close of period.

b. Units in Contact.

1, 3rd Cos 457 Inf 257 Div

2, 5, 7, Cos 466 Inf 257 Div

2. Enemy Operations During Period.

a. General Summary.

Enemy attitude continued offensive on a heavier basis previous period. Steady pressure was maintained against the positions vic of 7443 forcing part of that unit to fall back distance. At 1600A a very strong attack by an estimated 3-5 try supported by an unknown number of tanks struck just East SARREINSBERG and was placed under artillery fires which succ holding off any close contact until end of period.

Some artillery of heavy caliber (est 170) was received in large concentrations of about 60 rds each in ST LOUIS and LE

b. Operation of Component Elements.

(1) Armor.

2340A - Unknown number of tracked vehicles heard in ENTHAL.

0140A - Tracked vehicle heard at 732404.

0430A - SP fired on MEISENTHAL from SE.

1330A - FA fired on tanks at 774468.

1620A - Unknown number of tanks attacked SARREINSBERG in conjunction with infantry.

1720A - Unreported number of tanks at 750400 - fired 117th Ren.

1800A - 3 tanks at 732404 are reported to be American tanks being operated against us by Germans. Two obs have reported this.

(2) Artillery.

A considerable pick up in artillery fires was noted. increase was in size of concentrations and not any great up in number of batteries. One gun of estimated 170 cal on azimuth of 30°

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SARREINSBERG fire fell in vicinity of SARREINSBERG together with some SP fire just prior to attack by hostile tanks. Infantry losses: 15 rds of heavy cal. ant 170 fell in MEISENTHAL coming NE probably from MITCHE area.

40 rds 105 coming from NE fell at 725415.

60 rds 105 coming from NE fell on 720410 from battery two guns.

(3) Infantry

Enemy reinforced sector in front of 2nd Division positions of yesterday's period with an estimated 100 Infantry. Host force of 100 fired on by arty in front of 3rd Bn. Withdraw to 748470 and dug in.

Patrol from L Co located enemy outpost of 3 men dug in 758456 at 2030A.

K Co reported enemy sounds of digging in at 746443 at 2100A.

At 2245A - enemy patrols were active in vic of MEISENTHAL.

At 2306A - Patrol activity fired on by 2nd platoon of 1 M/P fire received.

8 or 10 Germans heard digging in at 745448 at 2400A.

Patrol from K Co located 15 enemy digging in at 748452 heard 15 or 20 more talking at 755444.

Patrol from G Co received heavy rifle fire from vic of 427 at 0240A.

At 0615A - 3rd Bn called for defensive fire against movement heard along front. No further trouble.

Patrol to 741462 fired on from there by several rifles at 0830A.

15 or 20 Germans tried to work in rear of I Co at 74346 at 1054A.

Arty fired at 20 - 25 Germans at 748429 at 1300A.

During daylight a company of about 100 Germans attacked Co's position at 744432 and by continuous pressure forced our line back a short distance in that vicinity. The main hostile effort struck late in the day at 1600A hours in the vicinity SARREINSBERG and was composed of about 3-500 infantry supported by several tanks acting as close support artillery. This attack was taken under heavy artillery fires and was dispersed as close of the period.

(4) Traffic.

At 2159A hours - 399th on our left reported hearing a considerable movement of horse-drawn vehicles at 735469.

Miscellaneous.

a. Enemy Losses.

(1) PSW

- 1 - 2nd Co, 1st Bn, 466 Regt, capt'd by E Co
- 7 - 5th Co, 466 Regt, capt'd by 179th
- 1 - 7th Co, 466 Regt, capt'd by 179th
- 10 - 2nd Co, 466 Regt, capt'd by 179th
- 1 - 5th Co, 466 Regt, capt'd by E Co



(2) Estimated dead and wounded - - 50.

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4. Enemy  
a. Enemy can continue probing attacks with groups of 50 to 100 infantry supported by from 10 to 15 tanks.  
b. Enemy can reinforce positions during night with possible infantry and additional tanks or SPs and attack from the flank created today at 740430 while throwing main attack from the flank either flank vic of 740420 or 730400.  
c. Enemy can defend from present positions falling back when to do so by pressure from friendly attacks, but prepared to attack a battalion of 2-300 men in direction of.

- (1) BITTNER-ENCHENBERG
- (2) MOUTERHOUSE-LEMBERG
- (3) MOUTERHOUSE-MEISENTHAL

### Discussion:

Capability (b) is favored with main attack around our right flank through MEISENTHAL. Capability (c2) would be more likely however, if an attack by friendly forces could get way before attack is initiated; but with the arrival of approximately 3-4 new troops, supported by tanks, late this afternoon an early morning attack can be expected. These troops are from VOLKSGRENADIER units and will probably try some infiltration to-night to avoid artillery fires while closing into our front line positions. 5th and 7th Cos of the 466 Regt Inf have been identified today in the 7442 grid; the 2nd Co, 446 Inf in the 7544 grid; the 1st Co, 3rd Cos 457 Inf vic 732406. Both of these regiments are from 257 VOLKSGRENADIER Div. The other regiment of that div, named 477 Inf, has had elements of its 1st Bn identified recently in the vic of the 7545 grid. The likelihood is great that the entire VOLKSGRENADIER Div is concentrated on our front together with elements of the 529th VGD, identified in the area 7446-7447 yesterday. PW indicate a battery of 150mm guns in vic of 8147 and some mortars 746427.

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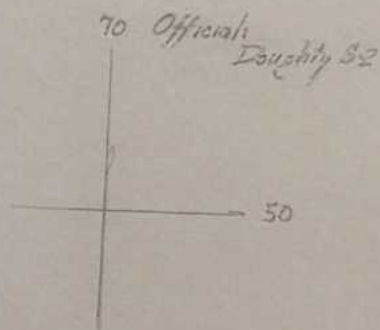
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Enemy Situation Overlay  
As of 040000 Jan 44

Map: France 1:50,000, Sheets 37-13, 14



Owens  
Cnd 21

Underground  
Can hold 8n (PW)

20 Flak Wagons  
2 Jan

II 1127?

Camp

Motors  
(2100)

3-75 AT Guns  
2 Teller

SPs

II 1126

12 SPs  
(PW)

4-150  
? (PW)

15?

466

P?

60rds

120

2 466

I

II

(PW Inf)

NEB

3-500 Inf + Tanks (1600)

457

P?

Assembly Area

3 American Tanks  
Piloted by Gen

80

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1200 4 January 1945

To: 1413 4 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688410)

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| Time & Date | From           | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Action Taken         |
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| 1240        | 2nd Bn         | S-2            | Two PSW taken by Co E 179th Inf at 748421 from 1st Co 1st Bn 457 Regt 257 VG Div; 65 men per Co using SS trps for replacements. 1st Co at 751411, 2nd Co 755417, 3rd Co 745405; 3rd Co supposed to have been wiped out and 10 SS trps filled the gap. Rd blown at 749415 at sharp bend; tk nosed down there. Two 88mm guns and three 120mm mortars along rd at 753405; 8-10 Nebelwerfers at 750395. PSW were runners; CP in ALTHORN (754403). Ammo dump 757408 at edge of woods. |                      |
| 1244        | G-3 100        | S-3            | XV Corps states a small number of Germans got into MEISENTHAL this morning but 179th Inf taking care of them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |
| 1300        | S-2 2 Bn       | S-3            | Atk jumped off about 10 min ago but have not received a report of its progress. Co F receiving some SP fire from the E.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Notified G-3         |
| 1307        | G-2 100<br>S-3 | S-3<br>G-2 100 | Has 141 any word on Germans in MEISENTHAL? No word except what reported by G-3 100th Div. Will check with 179th Inf on this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Called 2nd Bn 179th  |
|             | 2 Bn 179       | S-3            | Co G 179 is in MEISENTHAL and have reported nn trouble.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Notified G-2 100 Div |
| 1310        | 3rd Bn         | S-2            | Bn OP reports mortar on 50 degree az landing S of town. Co I has been receiving mortar and rocket fire all morning. possible location of mortar 763483; put arty on it. Co K believes enemy OP at 749448; received arty on 35 degree az, mortar on 120 degree az. Co L has been receiving light, medium and hvy arty from N and NE, mortar from 753468. SP fire coming from vic 762475.                                                                                          |                      |
| 1334        | S-3            | CO 3 Bn        | Be on alert for a counter atk on your southern flank; be sure to have your FO in pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                      |
| 1400        | 131 FA         | S-2            | 781497 and 784499, 6 guns located by Cub OP; were fired on. Corps fired counter btry at 745438. Concentration received by Co E right after they had finished a preparation; came on az of 39 degrees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                      |
| 1413        | OP             | S-3            | A 179th patrol just contacted us; gave their pos as follows: One Co dug in just W of RR and RJ at 718410 and another Co deployed vic 730410.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |

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From: 1113 4 January 1945

To: 1630 4 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688410) on

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| Time & Date | From       | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Action Taken                  |
|-------------|------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1438        | S-2 2 Bn   | S-3 | Co F plat passed through Co E and are 100-150 yds to E about 745435; in contact and meeting MG and small arms fire. CO 2 Bn reports Co G progressing slowly but surely and have some PSW; believe they are at edge of woods 743433 where CO Co E reports seeing trps. Co E receiving tk fire on 50-55 degree az and some arty falling on RJ 740443. |                               |
| 1441        | S-2 3 Bn   | S-3 | Co I patrol just returned from Hill 397; found no friendly or enemy trps on hill but saw rations and US-type foxholes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |
| 1445        | G-3 36 Div | S-3 | 141 Inf is detached as of now from 100th Div and reverts to 36 Div control. Left and rt boundaries remain the same at pres. No plans for any atk for at least 48 hrs; and some thought being given of 142 Inf relieving 141.                                                                                                                        | Notified G-3 100 Div          |
| 1449        | 131 FA     | S-3 | Cub OP reports some vehicles at 752458.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sent msg with info to CO 3 Bn |
| 1501        | 824 Rcn    | S-2 | Two American tks operated by Germans knocked out by arty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               |
| 1507        | 1st Bn     | S-3 | OP on Hill 397 reports everything okay there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified CO 3 Bn              |
| 1512        | S-2 2 Bn   | S-3 | Cos E and G receiving pretty hvy tk and mortar fire; believe Co G pretty well on Obj but do not know exact location. Co F held in same place by MG and small arms fire. Co E rt plat reports Germans digging in 300 yds to their front firing arty and mortars on them.                                                                             | Notified S-3 142 Inf          |
| 1526        | 3rd Bn     | S-3 | Msg: Situation no change. Hvy arty concentration on our town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |
| 1545        | 636 TDS    | S-3 | One plat Co B TDS that were in reserve at ENCHENBERG is now on edge of MONTBRONN in pos to fire indirect fire through 131 FA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |
| 1546        | 3rd Bn     | S-3 | Msg: Co L observes no vehicles at coordinate given (752 458).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |
| 1550        | CO 3 Bn    | S-3 | patrol going to Hill 397 now. 75mm or 105mm arty falling into town on 50 degree az; everything else quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |
| 1630        | 100 Div    | S-2 | XV Corps Arty reports 4 light guns 75265700; 75715692 2 medium guns; 4 light guns 76455636; 4 light guns 77485182; 3 light guns 78005288; one medium gun 80745076.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |



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From: 1630 4 January 1945

To: 1724 4 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| Time & Date | From     | To     | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Action Taken |
|-------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1558        | S-3      | 1st Bn | CO 1 Bn to report to 2nd Bn CP to meet CO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 1607        | S-3 398  | S-3    | Cos A and B 398th were bombed and strafed this afternoon by 8 planes coming in from N believed to be p-47s.                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| 1617        | CO 3 Bn  | S-3    | Have just received 35-40 rounds 75mm or 105mm arty coming from 50 degree az landing vic Bn CP in LEMBERG.                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| 1635        | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | Gap about 100 yds between Cos F and G; will close gap as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 1642        | 131 FA   | S-3    | Would like 141 to move AT guns and one squad Inf from 702439 so the 132 FA can move into pos there and accept responsibility in that sector.                                                                                                                | Called AT Co |
|             | AT Co    | S-3    | Will put gun and inf on another rd block; okay for 132 FA to move there.                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| 1645        | S-2 2 Bn | S-2    | 30 rounds 105mm arty fell vic Co E CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| 1700        | 131 FA   | S-2    | 3rd Bn has called for defensive fires to repel an atk; number of personnel unknown.                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| 1700        | OP       | S-2    | 1600-1615 75 rounds medium arty fell 723408-725406; area covered. 4 guns 160 degree az at 2000 yds; flash and lot of black smoke 733383. At 1645 hrs 4 rounds SP fire fell in GOETZE BRUCK.                                                                 |              |
| 1715        | S-2 2 Bn | S-2    | Two PSW taken by Co G at 745432 from 1st Co 1st Bn 466 Regt 257 Div.. 1st and 2nd Cos at vic 745432 with 2nd Co on their rt as they face us. 45 men in 1st Co with 8 LMGs. Believe 2 150mm guns about 4 kms to their rear; also one tk with 75mm at 757437. |              |
| 1718        | 2 Bn 179 | S-3    | Co E 179 at 748406 still atking due E.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| 1648        | S-3      | G-3    | Co G pushing to make contact with Co F plat who is pushing down from N. By dark the whole 2nd Bn will be E of the main rd. Co C is taking over Co G's former pos.                                                                                           |              |
|             | G-3      | S-3    | 142 Inf will move into the towns now held by 141 tonight and tomorrow, and will relieve elements of 141 Inf tomorrow night.                                                                                                                                 |              |
| 1724        | S-3      | G-3    | Co G reports receiving lots of pressure on their pos at 742430.                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |



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| Time & Date | From            | To         | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Taken                    |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1730        | CG 36           | CO 141     | Msg: Effective immediately Cos A, B and C 111 Engr (C) Bn revert to support status under control CO 111 Engr Bn. A plat of Rcn Co 636 TD Bn atchd to each TD Co 636 TD Bn. plats to work under command TD Co CO on missions assigned for Co by Regt COS.                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
| 1730        | G-3             | S-2        | All units within arty range will not feed chow in chow lines but in small separate groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |
| 1745        | IPW             | S-2        | Two Co G PSW (see 1715 entry). Supply route from HASPELSCHIEDT to woods at 777487 avoiding BITCHE through forest rd to a fork at 786435.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
| 1845        | 3rd Bn          | S-2        | 40 rounds light arty fell in S half of LEMBERG on 25 degree az. At 1610 30-40 rounds arty landing all over area. At 1645 Co I received 15-20 rounds light arty from 12 degrees; also at 1700. Btry at 815475.                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                 |
| 1850        | G-2             | S-2        | Any reports of Germans wearing American uniforms and equipment. Will check                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |
| 1944        | G-2 100         | S-2        | We are sending a patrol in and around 141 boundary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notified 1st and 3rd Bns        |
| 1755        | S-3             | G-3        | Center Co G pos at 740423 with pos around the town. What towns will 142 occupy?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SOUGHT, ENCHENBERG and ST LOUIS |
| 1805        | CO 3 Bn         | S-3        | Co I fired on some enemy to their rt front; everything else quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                 |
| 1807        | 2nd Bn          | S-3        | Believe everything in hand now but still firing arty on enemy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |
| 1830        | EXO 2 Bn        | S-3        | About 1 hr ago there was a 100 yd gap between Co G and Co F plat. Co G was hit pretty hard on the left flank and was pushed back about 150 yds but still held the ridge line. CO Co E going to take charge of Co F plat and try to close 150 yds of gap and Co G to close other 100 yds. Everything fairly well under control now. Need some 60mm and 81mm mortar ammo; will you try to get some for Bn. | Notified G-3                    |
| 1920        | G-3<br>S-2 2 Bn | S-3<br>S-3 | What are elements on our rt doing?<br>Hq Co, Co B and Co C 19th Armd Inf in SARREINSBERG, 179th CP in GOETZENBRUCK, one plat 179th 731405, one plat 751415-753417, one plat 740410, one Co in ALTHORN and one Co in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                          | Called S-2 2 Bn                 |



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| Time & Date | From     | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Action Taken                           |
|-------------|----------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1933        | CO 2 Bn  | S-3 | Our whole line is tied in now along edge of woods; it is not best line but it is all tied in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                        |
| 1940        | G-3      | S-3 | C Trp 117 Rcn, Co G and AT plat 179th in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Gave info in 1920 entry                |
| 2000        | CO 2 Bn  | S-3 | Have contact all along line now. Have received over 40 casualties today. 2 Bn 179 having big fire fight tonight; have taken some PSW from Germans Wpns plat that have been put in line.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                        |
| 2010        | 2nd Bn   | S-2 | Co G took 3 PSW at 744432 from 4th Co (Hvy Wpns) 1st Bn 466 Regt 257 Div; two were ammo carriers, one a 2nd gunner. 4th Co has 8 HMGS and 6 mortars (3 120mm, 3 81mm), also 4 75 cal howitzers but don't know their pos. Saw 4 TDS with 75mm at 758438. Fired light mortars from 752437, hvy mortars 755435. PSW know of 3 MGS lost during an arty barrage. PSW were in 2nd Co, then 3rd Co; 3rd Co is reserve. 30% Co dead and badly disorganized. |                                        |
| 2027        | CO 3 Bn  | S-3 | Few enemy running around to Cos K and L front; put mortar fire on them. Shelling has let up considerably.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                        |
| 2050        | S-3 1 Bn | S-3 | Co B patrol just returned from LEMBERG; everything okay. Will we take TDS with us if we relieve 2nd Bn tonight?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1st Bn will not relieve 2nd Bn tonight |
| 2130        | S-3      | G-3 | Cos F and G back in original pos; Co G received counter atk on their left flank which pushed them back about 100 yds; 3 Cos were identified in this atk; this ground has been recovered now. Co I has been in contact off and on all day. 2nd Bn going to stay in pos and not be relieved by 1st Bn.                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| 2200        | OP       | S-2 | 1735: 15 rounds medium arty from SE landing 725403. 1855: 30 rounds Nebelwerfer or rocket landing same place. 1910: 20 rounds same as 1855 landing 722410. 1943: 20 rounds medium arty at 725417. 2015: Hvy arty from 66 degree az from about 3000 yds. 2035: Hvy arty from 150 degree az landing in SE part of MEISENTHAL and on ridge SE of town.                                                                                                 |                                        |
| 2207        | 3rd Bn   | S-3 | Co L patrol left 750451 at 2030 and went E to 761457 and at that pt heard 4-7 men talking and rattling equipment; returned at 2135.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |



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| Time & Date   | From     | To     | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action Taken             |
|---------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2250          | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | 2130: Co C reports arty in area; no small arms.<br>2130: Co E reports gap between Cos F and G closed. 2220: PW taken by Co G reports mortars at 755432 and 4 enemy TDS at 755435. 2240: 19th Armd patrol from ST LOUIS to GOETZENBRUCK reported all quiet except occasional round of arty. |                          |
| 2305          | S-2 2 Bn | S-3    | Small arms in S end of ST LOUIS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| 2307          | 1st Bn   | S-3    | Co A strong pt has been contacted by Co I 399th Inf. Co B patrol has not returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| 2315          | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | Small arms fire between ST LOUIS and Regt CP; all American wpns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Also reported by Regt CP |
| 2320          | S-3      | 155 FA | You can fire at 758438.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |
| 2340          | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | 40 PSW at Bn CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| 2400<br>5 Jan | 3rd Bn   | S-3    | About 6 rounds arty in LEMBERG in past hr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |
| 0015          | 1st Bn   | S-3    | Co B patrol reports all quiet; another patrol left 2315. At 2345 8-10 rounds hvy mortar fell vic Bn CP; Co D reports 15 rounds hvy mortar, ammo trk hit and burning in vic Co D; some believe fire may be SP.                                                                              |                          |
| 0040          | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | Co G fired mortar and small arms on some activity to their front; didn't get anything. Quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 0058          | 1st Bn   | S-3    | Receiving harassing fire in town of Bn CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |
| 0102          | OP       | S-3    | No more fire heard to N towards ST LOUIS. Heard small arms fire to NE at 0015 hrs, distance unknown.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |
| 0258          | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | 3 TDS moved into town 5 min ago.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| 0450          | 1st Bn   | S-3    | Co A strong pt reports hearing a track vehicle in draw to S of them at 0400; all else quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |
| 0455          |          |        | Occasional round arty falling in vic Regt CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |
| 0600          | 2nd Bn   | S-3    | Contact patrol from 19th Armd reported rd between 2nd Bn and GOETZENBRUCK all quiet. Co E reported hearing enemy digging in to left front of 1st plat; put 60mm mortar concentration on this and preparing illuminating mortar flares. Co E now reports all quiet.                         |                          |



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From: 0600 5 January 1945

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Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688410)

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|-------------|----------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0635        | 3rd Bn   | S-3     | At 0030 Co I reported hearing track vehicles to their front; at 0300 Co I reported hearing track vehicles to their rt. At 0630 Co I reports small arms to their left which they describe as a small counter atk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Notified G-3; G-2 CG 36 Div                                                           |
| 0655        | 3rd Bn   | S-3     | Small arms fire has ceased; all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notified G-3                                                                          |
| 0700        | OP       | S-3     | At 725416 4 rounds arty at 0645. 0700 on 45 degree az few bursts of MG (German) fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                       |
| 0710        | 3rd Bn   | S-3     | Msg: Small arms fire in Co I area at 0600.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                       |
| 0730        | G-2 100  | S-3     | All quiet in 100th Div sector during night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                       |
| 0816        | CO 2 Bn  | CO      | Everything quiet except small fire fight in middle of sector; do not think it is much.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                       |
|             | CO       | CO 2 Bn | Suggest getting damaged vehicles out of Bn area. Will do so.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       |
| 0824        | CO 1 Bn  | CO      | All quiet now. Quite lot of arty fell vic Bn CP last night and ammo trk was hit. Co K has 1 PW this morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       |
| 0920        | Co B 636 | S-3     | TDs fired on RJ leading into MOUTERHOUSE and vic last night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                       |
| 0952        | S-2 2 Bn | S-3     | Co G took 2 PSW from pioneers 466 Regt; claim they came from the Russian front. Arty and mortar fire has decreased greatly. Can sand be put on ST LOUIS-GOETZENBRUCK rd; several accidents have already occurred.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Called Engrs to put sand or ashes on 2nd Bn rd; said they would try to get this done. |
| 1002        | G-2      | S-2     | Air OP observed some Inf and vehicles at 758408. WINGEN still in enemy hands.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                       |
| 1056        | CG       | CO      | Visited CP; discussed future operations with CO 141, CO 142, Exo 141 and CO 2 Bn 141.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                       |
| 1055        | IPW      | S-2     | PW taken at 745449, a Cpl from 3rd Co 59 VG Regt 19th Div. Mission: To defend in light dugouts. Have 2 1/2 plats, 90 men, no reserve. One LMG, four machine pistols; 2000 rounds per LMG; 150 rounds per machine pistol. Have no Hvy Co. Formerly with 7th Co but that Co annihilated. Had 4 wounded up until last night. 3rd Co at 748457 in one man foxholes at 15 yd intervals, two men to LMG. Rest of Bn back; do not know if they are being brought up; believe they are too weak to atk. Came up on |                                                                                       |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1055 5 January 1945

To: 1200 5 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From   | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action Taken |
|-------------|--------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1059        | OP     | S-3 | An SP firing on RJ 723410. 11 rounds rather hvy arty fell at 1045 coming from N and NE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| 1128        | 2nd Bn | S-2 | Two PSW taken by Co G at 744433 from 466 Regt. Were pioneers from 15th Co (Hq Co) but 60 men from Co were sent as Inf. Were badly disorganized when they were caught in our arty barrage before they could dig in; believe about 15 men left. Saw 19-21 Americans being marched away as PSW day before yesterday; may have been out Co E plat. |              |
| 1130        | 3rd Bn | S-3 | Co L reported 200 enemy to their front on reverse slope at 753460 and 755457.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 1132        | OP     | S-2 | 11 P-47s are flying around; one flew over OP at tree top height from N going SW, yellow nose and red tail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| 1200        | OP     | S-2 | Smoke at 345 degree az; small arms fire on Hill 397.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |



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3-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 4

FROM: 041200A Jan 1945

TO : 051200A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
688440  
051200A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCO 1/25,000. SHOTS XXXVII-13, 5 & 6, & 8.

1. 141 ROT, with 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 M'd Bn, Co A 111 Ingr Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn in direct support. At start of period, ROT remain'd attach'd to 100th Div for defense of sector generally from vic 747465-743419. 1st Bn (-O Co), remain'd in position, in reserve, A Co vic 743471 and B Co vic 727459. 3rd Bn hold'd defensive position, with I Co vic 748462, with a Plat of K Co to left vic 746463 and Plat of L Co on left flank vic 743462. L Co (-) hold positions vic 748451 and K Co was in vic of 745458, tied in with 2nd Bn, vic 743443. 2nd Bn (plus O Co) had - Co vic 745439, with a Plat of F Co on left vic 743443. F Co (-) vic 744435. G Co vic 743426 and O Co vic 735424. During afternoon, 2nd Bn attack'd with F and G Co's and reestablish contact. G Co with strong coordinated fire, succeeded in advancing N along top of ridge to vic 744431, by 1630A, but F Co not able to make progress toward S, and gap remain'd. About 1700A, enemy reattack'd in strength, toward ground regain'd by G Co and - Co positions. Attacks beat'n off, and at 1800A, G and F Co's attack'd again, and succeeded in seizing ground along top of ridge and tying line in, vic 743432. On Plat of Co C, was then mov'd to strengthen positions, at that point. Remainder of O Co mov'd to right flank, vic 741421. Sector remain'd generally quiet for remainder of period.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limit'd by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 46% reduction in Rifle Co Battl strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, continued to hold defensive sector vic 747465-743419. 2nd Bn attack'd and regain'd positions vic 743432, tying entire line together. Strong enemy attack in that sector repuls'd at 1730A. 49 prisoners taken during period. Total to date in Franco, 5252.

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HC 311 INF REGT RIFLE

AF U. S. ARMY

DATE: 0512004 Jan 1945

141st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

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### SUPPORTING UNITS

UNIT

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: FRANCE, 1/50,000. SHEET XXXVII-13.

1. 141st RCT, with present attachments, continues with present mission. In case of enemy penetration, of present positions, 1st Bn, 142 RCT, passes to control of this Headquarters.
2. a. 1st Bn, 142nd RCT;
  - (1) Initiates reconnaissance and formulates plans to:
    - (a) Counter attack in direction ST LOUIS-SCHIREASTHAL-RJ (732404), to repulse any enemy penetration.
    - (b) Counter attack in direction ST LOUIS-GOETZENBRUCK, to restore present front line positions.
    - (c) Counter attack in direction ST LOUIS-LEMBERG, to restore present front line positions.
  - (2) Outposts present assembly position.
  - (3) Upon restoration of present front line, Battalion will be relieved by elements of 141st RCT.
- b. All other units--No Change.

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S-1  
S-2 Periodic Report

From: 031800A Jan 45  
To: 041800A Jan 45

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Maps: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheets 37-13, 14.

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## 1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.

### a. Enemy Front Line.

No change except where G Co forced where elements of the 1st and 2nd Cos of 466 Regt to withdraw about 400 yards in vic of 741426.

### b. Units in Contact.

1st Co 466 - 741426 - was formerly identified on 2 Jan - as 753442. (Psw states 2nd Co 466 on right of 1st Co).

7th Co 1127th Reg't - 734470

5th Co 466 Reg't - vic of 0052300000000000

1st Co 457 Reg't - 750420

## 2. Enemy Operations During Period.

### a. General Summary.

Hostile attack expected to develop this morning toward WEISSENTHAL was apparently diverted South against the 179th Inf in vic WINCKEN although this cannot be corroborated until identification are reported from that area. The situation there is obscure at the time of this report but there are indications that the enemy met with some success, initially. The attack of 2nd SS Div was resisted stubbornly by dug-in enemy supported by artillery, but as of the close of the period our troops had advanced east of the road in the vicinity of 740430.

Generally, throughout the period, hostile activity on our front was confined to strong artillery, SP and mortar concentrations along front line positions.

### b. Operations of Component Elements.

#### (1) Armor -

PW reports concentration of 20 Flak Wagons, 8 75mm SP in BIECHE on 2 Jan 45.

0345A - Tank fired on WEISSENTHAL from S of town.

0330A - Tank or tracked vehicle heard S of WEISSENTHAL.

0530A - 2 tanks fired at K Co from vic of 734451.

0530A - Tank movement E of WEISSENTHAL.

1240A - PW reports 4 Lt SPs in draw 743475.

1438A - Tank fire received at 740443 from vic 734440.

1500A - SP fire from vic of 742400.

#### (2) Artillery -

Increase over previous period.

PW reports 3 guns 150mm vic of 2404500000000000

PW reports 7 SPs 75mm vic 743457

2400A - 6 rds 170mm firing into ENCKENBERG from S of 743457 - probable location 815475.





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and that the mission would be to feel closely attacking isolated groups as they found them. Since we took a firm stand along the present line the general attitude of the enemy has changed from one of offensive nature to one displaying a tendency to avoid any large scale commitment and to hold what they have with determination. This may be corroborated by statements that they now have been told to hold until some unidentified SS unit on its way here from Finland. SS units have been used to make up assault echelons, with less capable troops employed to hold ground once taken. While some artillery batteries (possibly SP) have been firing from positions deep in the salient created by recent operations, the main weight of artillery as such has been directed at us from the BITCHE and EQUELSHARDT areas. This tendency to hold artillery echelons well back may indicate the hostile commands hesitancy in pushing too far forward with present forces through the heavily wooded area to our front until he has sufficient strength to hold salient open at shoulders and flanks.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

To CO 141 INF

NO VEHICLE OBSERVATION  
BY L-CO. AT COOR. GIVEN

Blue

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MESSAGE

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TO

CO, 141, 142, 143, III Engr. 636 TD Bn.

Following STATUS OF ATCHMNTS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

1. Co's A, B, C / III Engr. (c) Bn revert to support status, control CO, III Engr Bn.
2. Plat / Platoon Co, 636 TD Bn atchd to each TD Co, 636 TD Bn. Plats to work under comd. TD Co Comdr on missions assigned for Co by Regt Comdr.

CG 36 Div : 108E | 1550

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JOURNAL

141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1200 5 January 1945

To: 1400 5 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688140)

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| Time & Date | From     | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Action Taken |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1217        | OP       | S-3     | 22 B-24s passed over going NE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| 1220        | S-3      | CO 1 Bn | Msg: Your Bn will be relieved this afternoon by a Bn of 142 Inf. Your Bn will then move by foot to the town of SOUCHT. All installations will be moved today. Institute immediate rcn of routes and contact Bn CO of 142 in SOUCHT (705400). Make arrangements and send quartering party at once. Co C will rejoin you tonight.                                                                                                                       |              |
| 1230        | 3rd Bn   | S-3     | Co I received mortar barrage from 45 degree az.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| 1235        | 3rd Bn   | S-2     | OP reports 5 rounds mortar 45 degree az.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| 1300        | 3rd Bn   | S-3     | Co K received mortar concentration; 6 rounds. Enemy mortar and OP located at 748445; putting arty on it now. Germans laid concertina wire last night from 744448 to 745445. Tk at 762457.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 1310        | IPW      | S-2     | PW from Hq Co 466 Regt reports their Regt CP at 766436 in large house as of 1200 3 Jan and 200 men at 768435; believe CP and 150 of men still there. 50 of men were sent to 744433 to relieve men from 477 (?). 4 LMGs 1800 rounds for each; each man had carbine and 75 rounds ammo; have not received resupply of ammo. Equipment horse drawn.                                                                                                      |              |
| 1345        | 2nd Bn   | S-2     | Co G fired on enemy patrol of 7-8 men on its left flank; were going to W 745433; nothing serious.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| 1400        | S-2 1 Bn | S-2     | Co A patrol left at 1020 from 728468, went to 736469 by way of stream, then N to 739474; observed 8-man German patrol vic 735476. Fired on patrol killing one, wounded three, one taken PW; returned at 1245. PW from 2nd Co 105th Bn 1127 Regt. Co B patrol left 728468 to 735464, followed crest of Hill 397, entered valley to E at 740465, found empty pos around W nose of hill. Patrol observed main highway and saw nothing. Returned at 1300. |              |
| 1400        | 131 FA   | S-2     | Air OP reports vehicles and activity at 750408 at 1000, 4 were hit and left burning. 3 tks went W of MOUTERHOUSE to 775435 and turned off to N at 1400. At 1330 2 guns firing from 782502. At 1115 3 gun btry SW of 8411424; vehicle at 743473.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1400 5 January 1945

To: 1735 5 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688410) The 36th Division Archive

| Time & Date | From            | To              | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action Taken |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1400        | S-3             | AT Co           | You will move today to SOUCHT by infiltrating into the town. Contact 142 Inf and make arrangements for them to take over your pos. AT Co to outpost the town of SOUCHT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| 1432        | S-3<br>S-3 142  | S-3 142<br>S-3  | Have you any Rcn elements SE of SOUCHT? In ROSTEIG two Engr outposts and all trees along ROSTEIG-VOLKSBERG rd prepared for blowing. At RJ 725398 a German SP fires directly into MEISENTHAL. Patrols have gone to 715398 and have found nothing there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 1439        | OP              | S-3             | A B-17 just went over going SW with two left motors out. Three of the crew bailed out SE of GOETZENBRUCK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
| 1508        | S-3 1 Bn<br>S-3 | S-3<br>S-3 1 Bn | Are TDS to move with 1st Bn when we move? TDS are with 131 FA and have already moved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| 1645        | G-3             | S-3             | 2nd Bn 179 in SARREINSBERG; plat at 746410 and 750413. Rd block at 757409; only a few snipers left in WINGEN, elements of 276 Inf there, 276 CP in HOCHBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |
| 1645        | IPW             | S-2             | PW taken by Co A at 738474. Mission: 10 men on outpost. Co to hold Hill 427 (739477). PW from 6th Co 2nd Bn 1127 Regt 559 Div. Co strength 50 men as of 5 Jan, Bn strength 250 men. Two Bns in Regt. Received 20-25 replacements 4 Jan of Luftwaffe personnel. 4 LMGs, 6 machine pistols in Co. One HMG from 8th Co atchd to Co. 5th Co pos 742475-744470. 7th Co at about 745480, Bn CP at 747475 in a bunker (5 bunkers in vic). Reserve plat and 8th Co stay in bunkers during day; out for security at night. 2-3 Nebelwerfers vic BITCHE. Approx 25 casualties since 31 Dec, mostly during atk. Morale and food poor. 1st Bn 1127 is said to be to left of 5th Co. |              |
| 1735        | S-2 2 Bn<br>S-3 | S-3<br>S-2 2 Bn | 3rd Bn 142 is relieving 2nd Bn 141 instead of 1st Bn 142, which is going to ENCHENBERG and relieve 1st Bn 141. OI does not mention Co C; who is it atchd to? Billet Co C with 2nd Bn until tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |



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JOURNAL

141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1735 5 January 1945

To: 1915 5 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)   
 vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)   
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| Time & Date | From            | To              | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action Taken |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1745        | S-3 1 Bn        | S-3             | Relief being made now by relieving units but relieving troops are not in area yet.                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| 1745        | CO 1 Bn         | S-3             | Am going to call 2nd Bn and tell them no matter how late the relief is completed to march Co C to SOUCHT to be billeted with rest of 1st Bn.                                                                                                         | This is okay |
| 1745        | OP              | S-2             | Friendly trps of relieving unit just passed OP going toward GOETZENBRUCK. Fire fight has been going on vic 725400, mostly our MG fire. At 1720 4 flares went up followed by considerable arty and mortar fire; everything has quieted now.           |              |
| 1810        | CO 3 Bn         | S-3             | Relief of 3rd Bn has started. None of our units are out of pos yet but 142 units are moving into pos.                                                                                                                                                |              |
| 1824        | S-3 1 Bn        | S-3             | Bn HQ Co on way to new location, Co A starting out from their pos now, Co B reports no elements of 142 Inf have reached their pos as yet.                                                                                                            | Notified G-3 |
| 1825        | 131 FA LO       | S-2             | 179th has PW from 1126 Regt; PW knows nothing of an atk for his Div. States Div was to hold while units on rt and left atkd. G-2 believes this atk was last night. Flares in his outfit meant: Red-To atk, white-have reached obj, green-cease fire. |              |
| 1830        |                 |                 | Opened new Regt CP at 687423 vic SOUCHT. CP at MONTBRONN remained opened until 2400 hrs when 141 Inf was officially relieved of command of sector.                                                                                                   |              |
| 1904        | S-2 1 Bn        | S-3             | Am in SOUCHT with quartering party. Went to MEISENTHAL to contact elements VI Corps; could only find officer from Co G 179th who reports they had received an atk at dark but things had quieted down now.                                           |              |
| 1910        | S-2 1 Bn<br>S-3 | S-3<br>S-2 1 Bn | What is situation on rt flank of SOUCHT? Situation there not clear; last report put some elements between town and enemy.                                                                                                                            |              |
| 1915        | Air OP          | S-2             | At 1630 three 88mm guns at 787495 on E side of rd. German pos at 783503. At 1600 10-12 vehicles and personnel at 756438. Two guns at 823466.                                                                                                         |              |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1915 5 January 1945

To: 2230 5 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688110)  
VIC SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

| Time & Date | From         | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action Taken                |
|-------------|--------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1916        | S-3 1 Bn 142 | S-3      | AT Co 142 relieved Co K 141 at 1910. Co L 141 should be relieved in 30 min. Relief of Co I will not start until 2000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |
| 1924        | CO 1 Bn      | CO       | Co A has been completely relieved; Co B just about completed. A German was killed right near Co A outpost pos a short time ago; he failed to reply to challenge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                             |
| 1925        | G-3          | S-3      | 179th Inf has reached the 39 grid and plan to atk further N. 3rd Bn 179th at 737387.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                             |
| 1942        | AT CO        | S-3      | We moved into pos at 1600.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                             |
| 1950        | S-3 1 Bn     | S-3      | Co B almost completely relieved; last Co in 1st Bn sector. Do not know about Co C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notified G-3                |
| 2016        | 142 Inf      | S-3      | All of 3rd Bn 141 relieved except Co I, which is being relieved now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Notified G-3                |
| 2022        | 2nd Bn       | S-3      | Msg: Action in progress; not complete yet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Notified G-3                |
| 2035        | CO 1 Bn      | S-3      | Command of 1st Bn sector passed to 1st Bn 142 at 2010. Co C with 2nd Bn had cleared their pos at 2000. Cos A and B will not clear the town until 2100 but are on their way to new area now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                             |
| 2050        | S-3          | S-3 1 Bn | Check with arty LOS and FOS; they are to remain with relieving units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Have notified them of this. |
| 2135        | CO 2 Bn      | S-3      | Co G is relieved; Cos E and F in process now, will be out in next 1 1/2 hrs. Co H is staying in pos as the relieving Co did not get into pos in time to register their hvy wpons.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified G-3                |
| 2222        | OP           | S-3      | Shells falling N of MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             |
| 2210        | CO           | CO 1 Bn  | The 142 Inf has a scheme of outposts and patrols in the area and town of SOUCHT on a daily rotation plan; in that way two Cos will be out for a rest and some training. There should be a combat size outpost on the long ridge to SE of SOUCHT. Patrols leave the town each hr of day, go to fwd edge of ridge and watch the valley to S and SE of ridge. They have a wire line and a 24-hr jeep patrol between SOUCHT and MEISENTHAL. |                             |
| 2230        | 2nd Bn       | S-3      | Cos F and G have cleared pos, Co E is on the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Notified G-3                |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2230 5 January 1945

To: 0745 6 January 1945

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

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| Time & Date | From     | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken                           |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2255        | CO 3 Bn  | S-3     | Relief is about 95% complete; will soon be complete.                                                                                                                                              | Notified G-3                           |
| 2300        | S-2 2 Bn | S-3     | Relief completed; all rifle units in town. Co K 142 relieved Cos G and C, Co I 142 relieved Cos E and F, Co L in reserve, Co M relieved Co H. Mortars staying in pos as fires are all registered. |                                        |
| 2325        | CO       | 155 FA  | Who is going to be in direct support of 141 Inf to their S flank?                                                                                                                                 | 131 FA will support 141 as well as 142 |
| 2335        | CO 3 Bn  | S-3     | 3rd Bn has been completely relieved and 142 Inf is in charge of sector. Co I is still on way from pos to town; will notify when all units have completely closed into billeting area.             |                                        |
| 2336        | CO       | 142 Inf | Relief has been completed and command of sector is now turned over to 142 Inf.                                                                                                                    | Notified G-3                           |
| 2340        | S-3 1 Bn | S-3     | 1st Bn relief completed at 2000; Bn closed in to billeting area at 2330.                                                                                                                          |                                        |
| 6 Jan       |          |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        |
| 0010        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | 19th Armd patrol reports they are bringing up 4 half tracks with personnel to town above 2nd Bn CP.                                                                                               |                                        |
| 0140        | S-3      | G-3     | 3rd Bn in new location at 712460 at 2400.                                                                                                                                                         |                                        |
| 0210        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | A rcn patrol reports Co G 179 occupied a RJ S of MEISENTHAL but had to withdraw.                                                                                                                  |                                        |
| 0302        | 1st Bn   | S-3     | 399th Inf states they are sending a patrol between 0300 and 0600 within 141 sector.                                                                                                               |                                        |
| 0402        | OP       | S-3     | One round arty falling every 5 min from NE in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                         |                                        |
| 0403        | 1st Bn   | S-3     | Co C patrol from MEISENTHAL reports all quiet.                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
| 0500        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | 19th Armd patrol contacted us; reports all quiet in their sector.                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
| 0503        | OP       | S-3     | Germans shelling MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                        |
| 0504        | 1st Bn   | S-3     | Few German shells landing in SOUCHT.                                                                                                                                                              |                                        |
| 0602        | OP       | S-3     | Few enemy shells falling in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                           | Notified 142 Inf                       |
| 0745        | CO       | 3rd Bn  | Are men all in houses?                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                    |



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From: 0745 6 January 1945

To: 1200 6 January 1945

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

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| Time & Date | From           | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                      | Action Taken       |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 0745        | CO             | 3rd Bn         | (cont) as soon as old unit vacates them.                                                                                                               |                    |
| 0921        | S-3            | G-3            | Can detail from 100th Div Rcn near here that is protecting bridge be released now?                                                                     | Will check on this |
| 0932        | CO             | All Bns        | I want a complete on pos strength report by plat, strength of wpns plat, number of MGS and mortars being operated and status of ammo and wpns.         |                    |
| 0952        | Asst Div Comdr | CO             | Visited CP; discussed leaving one Bn in SOUCHT and moving rest of Regt to area designated; asked CO if SOUCHT was town he would want to leave a Bn in. |                    |
|             | CO             | Asst Div Comdr | Will think over which town will use and notify you by 1400; will have to know the tactical situation first. Believe Bn would be better off in houses.  |                    |
| 1001        | CO 1 Bn S-3    | S-3 CO 1 Bn    | Is tunnel to our front prepared for demolition? No, but CO wants you to prepare an obstacle in front of this tunnel.                                   |                    |
| 1037        | S-3            | All Bns        | Have Bn COs come to meeting at Regt CP at 1300. Make an inventory of pyramidal tents and oil stoves available per Co that you have on hand.            |                    |
| 1159        | S-3            | Co B 636       | What is location of your CP?                                                                                                                           | 648408             |



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3-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 5

FROM: 051200A Jan 1945  
TO : 061200A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
687425  
061200A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANG 1/50,000. SH-T XXXVII-13.

1. 141 ROT, with 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Mgr (C) Bn, Co A 111 M'd Bn and Co B 636 TD Bn attach'd. At start of period, ROT retain'd def'nsiv' positions in sector running g'n'rally from 746465 to vic 742420. 1st Bn, (-), positions, A Co vic 724470 and B Co vic 727460. 2nd Bn, (plus Co Co), C Co vic 745439, F Co divid'd on flanks of ~ Co, with Plats vic 744442 and 745435, G Co vic 742428 and D Co vic 743422, with a Plat betw'n G and F Co's, vic 744430. 3rd Bn, I Co h'ld positions vic 749462, with a Plat of K Co on l'ft, vic 745463 and a Plat of L Co on l'ft flank, vic 743463. L Co (-) vic 748457 and K Co (-) vic 745447. Sector g'n'rally quiet during period. Aft'r dark, 141 ROT units w'r' r'li'v'd on position by 142 ROT, all r'li'fs compl't'd and command of sector transf'rr'd to CO, 142 ROT, as of 052330A Jan 1945. 1st Bn mov'd to assembly ar'ea vic SOUHT (705460), 2nd Bn to vic ST LOUIS (720432) and 3rd Bn to vic MOH-NE-AG (710460). R'gt'l CP op'n'd vic at 0800A.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limit'd by combat fatigu', adv'ra' w'ath'r conditions and approximat'ly a 46% reduction in Rifle Co Battl' strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, r'li'v'd on positions, by 142 ROT, r'li'f compl't'd at 2330A. Units th'n assembl'd vic SOUHT (705460), ST LOUIS (723432) and MOH-NE-AG (710460).

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### ATTACHED UNITS

131 FA Bn  
Co B 636 TD Bn  
Co A 111 Eng

### SUPPORTING UNITS

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>C. P.</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. ARMY

051530 A January 1945

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## OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS XXXVII-13--5 & 6, 7 & 8.

1. 141 RCT, with attachments, will be relieved on present positions, by 142 RCT, prior to daylight, 06 Jan 1945.
2. a. 1st Bn, with attachments,
  - (1) Will be relieved by elements of 2nd Bn, 142 RCT, during afternoon 05 Jan 1945.
  - (2) Elements when relieved, will move by foot to assembly area, at SOUCHT (705400).
  - (3) Route reconnaissance will be instituted immediately to assembly area and quartering parties will be sent to SOUCHT to contact 2nd Bn, 142 RCT, for quartering arrangements.
  - (4) Will be responsible for outposting assembly area of SOUCHT and for establishing liaison with elements of VI Corps, in MEISENTHAL.
- b. 2nd Bn, with attachments,
  - (1) Will be relieved in present positions, by 1st Bn, 142 RCT, during night 5-6 Jan 1945, relief to be completed prior to daylight.
  - (2) Battalion when relieved, assembles via ST LOUIS (722432).
- c. 3rd Bn, with attachments,
  - (1) Will be relieved in present positions, by 3rd Bn, 142 RCT, during night 5-6 Jan 1945, relief to be completed prior to daylight.
  - (2) Battalion when relieved, moves by foot to assembly area via ENCHENBERG (710460).
  - (3) Battalion quartering parties will reconnoiter immediately for billets in ENCHENBERG.
- d. A-T Co, infiltrates Co to via SOUCHT (705400), afternoon of 05 Jan 1945 and assumes responsibility for outposting the town pending arrival of 1st Bn.

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e. 131 FA Bn, with Cannon Co attached, remains in present position, in direct support of 142 RCT. HQ's and LO's remain with 141 RCT.

f. Co "B", 636 TD Bn, when relieved, assembles in area selected by CO, Co "B", 636 TD Bn.

x. (1) CO's of relieving units will contact units and make arrangements for relief.

(2) Guides will be furnished to relieving units by all units being relieved.

(3) One (1) Officer from Regimental Headquarters, one (1) Officer per Battalion and one (1) Officer per Company, will remain with relieving unit for 24 hours after relief has been completed or until relieved by relieving unit.

(4) Arrangements will be made to provide men with hot meals upon arrival at assembly areas.

(5) Units will execute the relief with a minimum of noise.

(6) Troops when moving from forward positions to assembly positions, will remain well deployed

(7) Battalions will report to this Headquarters the hour that first and last elements depart present positions.

4. CPs

a. Regimental - Moves to vic (689403), upon completion of relief.

b. Battalions - 1st Battalion - SOUCHT  
2nd Battalion - ST LOUIS  
3rd Battalion - ENCHENBERG

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S-2 Periodic Report  
#25

From: 041800A Jan 45  
TO : 051900A Jan 45

052000A Jan 45  
Hq 141 Inf

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Maps: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheets 37-13, 14

## 1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.

### a. Enemy Front Line.

Positions on hill from 740470 to 747413 found vacated by a patrol from B Co that reconnoitered that area this morning. Otherwise no change from yesterday.

### b. Units in Contact.

1st and 4th Cos 466 Inf from 751437 to 749431. (2nd Co 466 reported by PW to N of 1st Co) Estimated strength of BN 150.

5th Co 466 Inf located just East of SARREINBERG. Co believed destroyed.

1st, 4th and 14th Cos 457 Inf located South of SARREINBERG. 1st Co reported destroyed. Estimated strength of BN 150.

3rd Co 59th VGR, 19th VGD located on hill 748452. Came into line night 3-4 Jan. PW stated 3 Cos in position that vicinity. 200 troops reported by L Co in position on reverse slope vic of 754458 possibly remaining two companies of this unit. Estimated strength of BN 250.

6th Co 1127th Inf located N of our front at 740478. PW states 5th and 7th Cos 1127 also there. BN strength 250.

2nd Bn 1126th Inf formerly reported on hill at 743467 may be withdrawn as positions found vacant.

Total strength on Regt'l front estimated between 7-800.

## 2. Enemy Operations During Period.

### a. General Summary.

Enemy attitude continued passively defensive throughout period with all indications pointing toward a consolidation of positions and reorganization of defenses. The unit heard digging in on the night of 3-4 Jan was identified today as the 3rd Co 59th Inf 19th Div. K Co's OP observed concertina wire running from 744449 to 746446 which is the area where hostile infantry activity was heard during night.

Artillery was very much reduced over previous period as were all other fires. Period generally very quiet.

### b. Operations of Component Elements.

#### (1) ARMOR -

PW reported seeing 4 75mm SPs at 758438 on 3 Jan. These run along road from MOUTERHOUSE West toward our line firing from different locations enroute.

At 0450A 4 Co OP heard tracked vehicle moving vic 734370.

At 0602A SP shelled 725416 from somewhere East of MEISEN-

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0535a - 3rd Bn reported tracked vehicles heard at 0030a forward of L Co probably on RR via 752456.  
Air OP reported 3 tanks moved out of MOUTERHOUSE to 775435 and turned N into draw there.  
(2) Artillery -  
1855A - 30 rds, Nebelwerfer or rocket on 752456, fell due East 3000 yds.  
1910A - 20 rds, same as at 1855A.  
1943A - 20 rds, 150mm on 725417, direction unknown.  
2015A - Hvy arty, estimated 170mm, from via 734521 fell on MEISENTHAL.  
2035A - 170mm, 10 rds from azimuth of 150° fell on MEISENTHAL and ridge SE of there.  
0400A - Several rds of 105mm fell in MONTBRONN, direction unknown.  
1030A - Two guns located by Air OP at 782502.  
- 3 gun btry located by Air OP just SW of 841424.  
(3) Infantry -  
2207 - L Co patrol went to 761457 where 4-7 enemy were heard talking. Probable vehicle crew as that vicinity frequented by SPs and tanks.  
0602 - Hostile patrol vic of MEISENTHAL fired on by elements of 117th Rcn Trp there.  
0630 - Patrol activity vic of 750460 fired on by L Co.  
1130 - L Co reported observing about 200 enemy dug-in on reverse slope of hill at 754458.  
1300 - Mortar position located at 748445.  
1300 - 6 man outpost located at 748454.  
- concertina wire observed 744448 - 745445.  
1400 - 8 man outpost located by A Co patrol at 735476 - and fired on, one German killed, 3 wounded and one captured.  
1400 - B Co patrol found positions on W slope of hill at 744466. Observed route leading NE out of LEMBERG - no activity.  
1720 - 4 red flares observed at 725400 followed by 50 rds of 150mm arty and mortar fire just S of MEISENTHAL.  
(4) Installations -  
CP - 3 Co 59 VGR at 751453 in wooden bunkers dug into hill.  
CP - 466 VGR - 766436, 3 Jan.  
Aid Station - 466 Regt - 756437.  
CP - 2nd Bn 1127 Regt in pill box at 747475 - 5 such pill boxes in that vic.

## 3. Miscellaneous.

### a. Enemy Losses.

#### (1) POW

|    |   |                 |           |           |
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| 3  | - | 4 Co 466 Regt,  | capt'd by | G Co      |
| 1  | - | 1 Co 466 Regt,  | "         | " G Co    |
| 1  | - | 1 Co 466 Regt,  | "         | " 179 Inf |
| 7  | - | 3 Co 466 Regt,  | "         | " 179 Inf |
| 24 | - | 1 Co 457 Regt,  | "         | " 179 Inf |
| 2  | - | 14 Co 457 Regt, | "         | "         |



- 1 - 4 Co 457 Regt, capt'd by 179 Inf
- 2 - 1 Bn Hq 457 Regt, capt'd by 179 Inf
- 1 - 3 Co 59 VGR 19 VGD, capt'd by K Co
- 2 - Hq Co 466 Regt, capt'd by G Co
- 1 - 6 Co II Bn 1127 Regt 559 Div capt'd by 179 Inf
- (2) Estimated dead and wounded - - 20

4. Enemy Capabilities. - No change  
See report this Hq 03 Jan 45

Discussion:

All indications point to defensive attitude of enemy continuing in sector. It is likely that activities heard by enemy during our relief tonight may result in an increase of hostile patrols to determine disposition and to take POW. The installation of wire at 745447 may show a weakness of infantry strength there although this position is naturally strong and should require no large force to hold it. Positions vacated by 2nd Bn 1126 may mean a redistribution to shorten line and to create a reserve, by defending E of the road between 750400 and 750470. This latter position would offer better fields of fire for A/Ws. It is likely that the entire 2nd Bn 1126 has been withdrawn and that the position referred to above has been occupied by Cos of the 59th Inf 19 Div.

The situation to the South of our front has improved for friendly forces.

Friendly bombing and strafing missions were carried out against MOUTERHOUSE and BITCHE today in considerable strength with results unreported at close of period. This air activity probably contributed to lack of enemy artillery fires today.

The possibility still exists for a build-up of infantry in the BITCHE area preparatory to attacking SW toward MONTEROMY to force back W shoulder of salient prior to further attacks South on a large scale.

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To CO, 1st Bn

Your Bn will be relieved this  
 Afternoon by a Bn of RoTate.  
 Your Bn will then move, by Foot,  
 To The Town of Soucht. All  
 installations will be moved  
 Today. Institute immediate  
 reconnaissance of routes,  
 And contact Bn Comdr

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To \_\_\_\_\_

of Rotate (in Soucht - 705400)  
To make arrangements,  
And send quartermaster  
Party at once. C Co will  
rejoin you tonight.

C Co 141

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 4. Signs and Symptoms  
 5. Diagnosis  
 6. Treatment  
 7. Prevention  
 8. Conclusion



Report of actions at night

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| me &: | From      | To          | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Action                                                 |
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| 03    | S-2       | S-3         | Evacuated a civilian to CIC who seemed anxious to give info.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                        |
| 5     | CO        | COs All Bns | <p>Div CG wants 141 to get some training and move to an area where there is no danger of shelling or getting involved with enemy. At 1400 I have to submit a plan to the CG. I am going to try to retain the towns of ST LOUIS and SOUCHT. The 3rd Bn will have to move to this new area, others may have to move. All are to reconnoiter new areas which will be in woods and vic. Squad shelters with logs and boughs over the top will be dug and laid out in orderly fashion in Co groups. Pioneer tools will be delivered to places where these are to be dug; we will get straw and stoves to make the men as comfortable as possible; shelter should be prepared in 5-6 hrs; all men to help prepare their own dug outs. Training is to be of paramount importance, MG, mortar and rifle squads should be trained to work together; squad tactics and problems should be run. These problems should be simple and just walk through them. No live ammo to be used. All areas to be kept in sanitary condition. 3rd Bn to make their rcn at once. If word is received tonight to move in morning, be sure dug outs are ready by night. In the matter of equipment--too much is being lost and left behind when moves are made. In all cases when leaving an area it should be policed for equipment. Trps must be made alert to the fact that equipment is very hard to get and it must not be wasted or destroyed.</p> | <p>The 36th Division<br/>L-1</p>                       |
|       | G-3       | S-3         | Div Engrs are taking over duty of 100th Div Rcn in 141 area by this afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                        |
|       | ExO       | 111 Engrs   | What is situation on pioneer tools?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                        |
|       | 111 Engrs | ExO         | Only picks and shovels the Engrs have are being used at pres by Engr squads. There will be a dozer available to 141 tomorrow however.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Dozer to<br/>to 6624<br/>morning<br/>Bn A&amp;P</p> |
|       | CO        | ExO         | Have 3rd Bn send a quartering party to VOLKS-<br>BERG at once as there is possibility of moving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Notified                                               |



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|             | 1st Bn  | S-3     | One officer and 5 men went on motorized patrol from SOUCHT, rd impassable except for jeeps from SOUCHT to 692383 due to lack of traffic. At 699383 Engrs have taped off a 20 yd stretch of rd--do not know what is wrong--but it can be by-passed. From 698383 patrol took rd to SW and came out on main rd S to 697365 then NE to ROSTEIG. ROSTEIG is friendly territory but no trps stationed there. Returned same route except went to VOLKSBERG; VOLKSBERG-ROSTEIG rd outposted by Co K 276 Inf 70th Div. At RJ 697364 met Engrs from Co B 120th Engrs; they are at important bridges and locations along this rd. Cos I, L and M 276th Inf in WINGEN fighting. On E side of VOLKSBERG they have one sec HMGS, one sec 81mm mortars. | Archive                            |
|             | CO      | C of S  | CG told me it was okay to move a Bn into VOLKSBERG if rd to N from town was okay; I covered the route myself and it is okay. Would like permission to move 3rd Bn into town in morning starting at 0700 infiltrating not more than four vehicles at a time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                    |
|             | S-2     | All Bns | There is a limited supply of maps and we will not get anymore; advise all officers of this fact. Return all maps of other areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                    |
|             | CO      | CO 3 Bn | Move to VOLKSBERG in morning; 10 trks will be there in groups of 2 and have a 20 min interval between them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                    |
|             | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | 19th Armd patrol reports all quiet. 142 reports one of their patrols between their Co's flanks on hill where 2nd Bn had been, met an 8-man German patrol and had a fire fight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                    |
|             | 1st Bn  | S-3     | Several 105 cal shells from 170 degree az landed in vic of Bn. patrols report all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |
|             | CO 3 Bn | S-3     | Everything is going okay on move.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    |
|             | G-3     | S-3     | CG desires the Div rest camp plan remain in effect regardless of situation or type of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ExO and CO<br>to go tod            |



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| G-3      | S-3      | Has 3rd Bn started moving yet?                 |             |
| Co B 636 | S-3      | Are TDS to stay with 1st Bn?                   |             |
|          |          | May exchange plats in order to do some main-   |             |
|          |          | tenance on TDS.                                |             |
| S-3      | Co B 636 | 3rd Bn has moved to VOLKSBERG.                 |             |
| Co B 636 | S-3      | Will make rcn of rds and available pos for     |             |
|          |          | TDS in that area.                              |             |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3      | Everything closed out of ENCHENBERG as of now. |             |
| S-3      | S-2 3 Bn | Notify Regt when Bn has closed into VOLKSBERG. |             |
| CO 3 Bn  | CO       | Msg: Bn closed into new area at 1130 hrs.      | Notified G- |

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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 RCT, with Co "B", 636 TD Bn attached. Units remained assembled in reserve areas, resting, thru out period. 1st Bn, vic SOUCHT (705400), 2nd Bn, vic ST LOUIS (720432), and 3rd Bn, vic LUNENBERG (710460). 3rd Bn moved from vic LUNENBERG at 0700A to vic VOLKSBURG (680387), closing in at 1130A.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 48% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 RCT, remained in reserve position, 1st Bn vi SOUCHT, 2nd Bn vic ST LOUIS and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG.

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| From         | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action Taken                  |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| G-2          | S-2      | Msg: ISUM covering period 070600A to 071200A Jan. No enemy action reported during period. 2nd Bn 179th Inf reports observing enemy patrol infiltration in woods towards MEISENTHAL Q7240. No arty reports.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |
| EXO 2 Bn     | S-3      | 36 Div rcn patrol states they received word from 1st Bn 141 of small German patrol spotted on W side of rd in woods vic 732406.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | patrol has reported cause for |
| CO 636 TD Bn | CO       | Am going to rest camp but can return on 3-4 hrs notice. Exo will be in command until my return.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                               |
| CO Cn Co     | CO       | Would like to form two plats of 3 guns each with the M-7s.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |
| CO           | CO Cn Co | This is okay. Also fire all ammo you have left in the M-3s and then send them to Ordnance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |
| Regt LO      | S-3      | WINGEN clear except for a few snipers. 800 enemy atkd the town and all were taken prisoner, killed or wounded but about 200. 150 Americans that had been captured by the Germans were recovered. PSW report they had orders to withdraw last night. 50 enemy wounded were left in the town. 2nd Bn 179th Inf from 735410 is to secure nose of hill and woods on Hill 369.1, work on and cut rd and meet 180th Inf vic ALTHORN. |                               |
| G-3          | S-3      | Has 141 any installations in MONTBRONN?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | checked all answer is no.     |
| CO 142       | CO       | Msg: Panel AL-140 (Gerise aircraft recognition panel size 12 ft X 2 ft) will be cut in two 6 ft X 2 ft sections for purposes of display on vehicles. Panel AL-141 (yellow aircraft recognition panel) will not be used as substitute.                                                                                                                                                                                          | Notified to notify units.     |
| G-3          | S-2      | Has 141 Inf any vehicles in MONTBRONN?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | checked all answer is no      |
| 2nd Bn       | S-3      | patrol from 14th Armd brought in overlay of 179th Inf pos. Boundary line is 776435. They are receiving fire from 733404. Will send overlay to Regt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |

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| 1st Bn        | S-3      | SOUCHT received 10 rounds 75mm or 105mm arty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| 2nd Bn        | S-3      | 36 Rcn patrol reports all quiet on its regular run.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| S-3 1 Bn      | S-3      | We received one dud in recent shelling; please send Engrs down to clear it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Notified to go to CP     |
| G-3           | S-3      | Send one officer for a demonstration to an OP at Q542259 at 1900 tonight; problem is in use of searchlights and night combat.                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| S-3           | Co B 636 | Do you have any guns firing now?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |
| Co B 636      | S-3      | No. We have 9 TDS, two in shop, seven available for problems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| 3rd Bn Comm O | S-3      | Can I go to WALDHAMBACH, WEISSLINGEN and STRUTH for purpose of recovering wire?                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Believe safe to these pl |
| Co B 636      | S-3      | One plat TDS with 1st Bn, other two plats in reserve at 644409.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |
| CO            | S-3      | When tks arrive, send one plat to each Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| S-3           | S-3 1 Bn | CO will come to Bn CP this afternoon to discuss situation and plans to defend or atk from pres area, with CO 1 Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |
| G-3           | S-3      | We have some whitewash that we are putting on tks, TDS, Cn Co mounts and jeeps as camouflage. 141 has priority on this work to be done by G-4. Find out what vehicles and jeeps you want painted and we will do it; time and place to be decided later. Also find out if Cn Co wants mounts painted. |                          |

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081200A 36th 1945  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000 SHEETS XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with Co "B", 636 TD Bn attached. Units remained assembled in reserve areas, rehabilitation and training, thru out period. 1st Bn, vic JOUCHT (705400), 2nd Bn, vic ST LOULS (720432), and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG (680587).
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 46% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in reserve position, 1st Bn vic JOUCHT, 2nd Bn vic ST LOULS and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG.

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## REMARKS

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

The 141 RCT, will be prepared for movement, on either by motor or by marching, for employment in offensive or defensive combat.

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- a. Battalions will be responsible for the defense of their own bivouac areas. Security will not be accomplished by organizing a defensive position. Security forces, in no case, will be larger than one third (1/3) of the command and for troops on security missions, no more than one third (1/3) can be employed in defensive positions.
- b. Security of bivouac area should be accomplished by lightly held positions, connected by active patrols.

The following measures will be instituted in event of enemy movement against bivouac area:

- a. Delay by security forces.
- b. Movement by the Battalion to expel any penetration of the line of security or to a defensive position covering the bivouac area.
- c. Immediate displacement to a Regimental rendezvous in vic of RATZWILLER, of all kitchens and other Company overhead. Installations to be under control of Regt'l S-4.

Plans for defense and employment for offensive action in the immediate Battalion area will be submitted not later than 082000A January 1945. The present enemy positions will be considered as the probable threats to the Battalion area.

Complete reorganization, including resupply of all deficiencies in equipment, will be effected immediately.

Battalions will devote a minimum of six (6) hours daily to basic Infantry Training, using TM No 21, Hqs 36th Inf Div, dated 29 October 1944, as a guide.

Emphasis in training will be placed upon offensive combat and immediate aggressive action by the individual.

A minimum of one (1) Company problem will be conducted, showing actual placing of weapons, the defense of a position.

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Each Battalion will conduct a problem involving the combined employment of Infantry and Tanks in the attack, to be completed prior to 13 January 1945.

Daily schedule of training will be submitted 48 hours in advance of the work to be accomplished.

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| <b>KLM GOVERNING PERIOD 070600X TO 071200X JAN.</b>                                                                                                                    |                      |                                           |
| <b>NO ENEMY ACTION REPORTED DURING PERIOD. 2ND BN, 179TH INF REPORTS OBSERVING ENEMY PATROL INFILTRATION IN THE WOODS TOWARDS MEISENTHALL Q 7240. NO ARTY REPORTS.</b> |                      |                                           |
| <b>Br HOTA</b> <b>CG 36TH DIV</b>                                                                                                                                      |                      | <b>ED 071215</b>                          |
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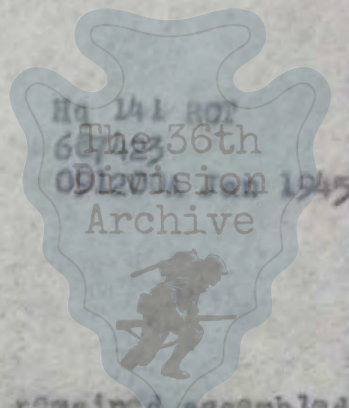
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| S-3    | G-3 | We have 19 vehicles we want camouflaged with whitewash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| G-2    | S-2 | Msg: ISUM to cover period 080600 to 081200 Jan. No offensive activity in Div sector. Patrols during early morning heard enemy groups of unknown sizes on W slope of Hill 366 (754426), on Hill 345 (758437) and encountered booby traps vic 750423. Approx 10 enemy personnel and some mortar flashes observed vic 749469 at 1000. Wounded PW from 2nd Co 1127 Regt captured vic ENCHENBERG 7146 was on patrol mission to locate our arty positions. States 3 barracks in BITCHE vic 772504 may have panzer Grenadiers stationed in them and that there are approx 25 American vehicles, tks and trks in the BISMARCK barracks. PW observed a repair shop of a panzer div in woods vic 807497 as of 5-6 Jan. States 1125 Regt is in line on N flank of 1127 Regt. Enemy arty generally light; one large concentration of light cal fell on 745462 at 0930; remainder has been intermittent and of harassing nature. |
| G-3    | S-3 | Visited CP and received training plan from S-3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| G-3    | S-3 | Demonstration on use of light has been postponed until Wednesday at same time and same place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1st Bn | S-3 | Co B reports white flare 500 yds N of their left flank. 636 Rcn r ports 3rd Bn 179th Inf is moving into WEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| MP     | S-3 | White flare to NE. (Note: Same reported at 2255 and 0130.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2nd Bn | S-3 | 19th Armd patrol reports hearing small arms fire near GOETZENBRUCK at 0300.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2nd Bn | S-3 | At 0410, red flare SE of ST LOUIS; at 0430 two red flares same vic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| G-2    | S-2 | Msg: ISUM to 090700 Jan 45. No enemy activity in Div secept slight harassing arty fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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TO : 091200A Jan 1945



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1. 141 ROT, with Co "B", 636 TD Bn attached. Units remained assembled in reserve areas thru out period. continued small unit training. 1st Bn, vic SCUCHT (705400), 2nd Bn, vic ST LOUIS (720432), and 3rd Bn, vic VOLKSBURG (680387).
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 46% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in reserve position, 1st Bn vic SCUCHT, 2nd Bn vic ST LOUIS and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG.

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Isum to 090700A Jan 45

No eny activity in Div sector except slight harassing arty fire. Patrol to  
ncountered no eny. Lemberg shelled with 5-6 rds 150-170mm arty at 0230A.

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ISUM TO COVER PERIOD 080600 TO  
081200 JAN = NO OFFENSIVE  
ACTIVITY IN DIVISION SECTOR. PATROLS  
DURING EARLY MORNING HEARD ENEMY  
GROUPS OF UNKNOWN SIZES ON WEST  
SLOPE OF HILL 366-754426, ON HILL  
345-758437 AND ENCOUNTERED  
BOOBY TRAPS VIC 750423. APPROX  
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MORTAR FLASHES OBSERVED VIC  
749469 AT 1000A. WOUNDED PW  
FROM 2D CO 1137 REGT CAPTURED VIC  
ENGHERBURG 7146 WAS ON PATROL  
MISSION TO LOCATE OUR ARTY POSITIONS  
STATES THAT THREE BARRACKS IN BITCHE  
VIC 772504 HAVE MANY PANZER  
GRENADEIERS STATIONED IN THEM AND  
THAT THERE ARE APPROX 25 AMERICAN

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FELL ON 74546Z AT 0930A. THE  
REMAINDER HAS BEEN INTERMITTENT  
AND OF HARRASSING NATURE

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Following is a description of a British machine which  
is found in the field.

"Description of some British, made from 1915, 1916,  
and a number of other machines of different types  
of 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923.  
The name of the machine, the full description of  
the machine, and the name of the machine are followed  
by the following data and other information."

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To: 1200 9 January 1945

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|--------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| G-2    | S-2                  | Msg: ISUM covering period 090700 to 091200hive Jan. Enemy attempted to take back ground lost in our atk yesterday. At about 0700 an estimated Bn atkd our trps vic 748456 from the SE generally along axis of BITCHE-LEMBERG rd; repulsed by 1000 with hvy enemy losses. Enemy arty shelling has been of a light nature with about 20 rounds light arty on fwd areas during period. Our fwd areas were also shelled by 120mm mortar from direction of BITCHE during latter part of morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |
| C of S | CO                   | visited CP and received pres situation from CO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |
| G-3    | S-3                  | We are attaching Co A 111 Engrs to 141 immediately; no OI will be put out on it at pres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |
| CO     | S-3                  | 1st Bn will move to RATZWILLER, 2nd Bn to LORENTZEN, 3rd Bn will remain in pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |
| CO     | S-3                  | Have S-1 look for a similar CP on rd from here to RATZWILLER.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |
| CO     | COs, S-3s<br>All Bns | 141 Inf to organize a switch pos. This is to be a defensive pos and fox holes, MGS and all types of wps will be dug in, even to outposts. Our general line runs VOLKSBERG, RATZWILLER and LORENTZEN. Bns are to reconnoiter their areas tomorrow, TD and Tk COs will help pick out location for their tks and defenses of the most likely approaches for enemy tks. I will also reconnoiter the whole area tomorrow. All pos will be camouflaged and wired in. We have a camouflage plat to help in this and Engr plat will do the same. Stakes will be placed in spots where MGS are to be placed; a stake placed where each man in squad is to be and these spots okayed by Co COs, as we do not want holes dug in the wrong places. All approaches will be mined and obstacles placed on all trails and tk approaches. Defense to be set up with two Cos on line and one Co in reserve. The Bn manual has some very good defensive plans in it and can refer to it for a defensive set up. 3rd Bn will remain where they are in VOLKSBERG |                            |



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| CO   | COs, S-3s | All Bns                                                   | (cont) At that time the MLR will be set up and final defensive plans laid. Everyone is to use 1/25,000 map so all overlays will be uniform. Arty is to select places and dig in a defensive pos and plan their defensive fires. All Bns will start working on this project at 0800 11 Jan 45. | Archive                        |
| S-4  | CO        | 10 trks                                                   | will report to Bns to move kitchens and trps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                |
| S-3  | All Bns   | No OI                                                     | will be put out until after tomorrow's meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                |
| S-3  |           | Notified CO Co A 111 Engr Bn, CO Co B 636 TD Bn, CO AT Co | to attend the meeting at 1100 at RATZWILLER in the morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                |
| MP   | S-3       | Local CP area patrol                                      | reports all quiet. Two white flares went up NE of CP. (Note: CP patrol made report of all quiet the rest of night. Also reported two white flares direction of ST LOUIS at 2300 and one white flare at 0450 in same vic.)                                                                     |                                |
| G-3  | S-3       | 111th Engrs                                               | will be responsible for demolitions in pres 141 area after we move out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified                       |
| G-2  | S-3       | 7th Army                                                  | alert against all civilians near installations. There is a wholesale plan of sabotage by persons dressed as refugees--an instance of this S of STRASBOURG.                                                                                                                                    | Notified 2nd Bn                |
| CO   | S-3       | Co B 636 TD Bn                                            | will put Hqs in VOLKSBERG and have one plat with each Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notified al                    |
| S-3  | CO AT Co  | You are                                                   | to move to WEISSLINGEN today; move about same time the 1st Bn moves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                |
| G-4  | CO        | Msg:                                                      | Following is a paraphrase of ETOUSA msg relayed through Seventh Army: Shortage of range finders, short base M7, M9-A1 models, prompts urgent evaluation of elimination from T/O & E 2-28, 7-14, 7-26, 12-16, 12-26 and 12-                                                                    | Notified D, H and              |

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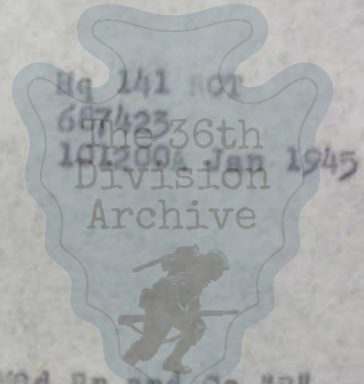
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| 8                                                                              | 1st Bn | S-3    | Part of 443 AAA moved into RATZWILLER this morning and Co B 636 TD Bn CP and Rcn elements are here. Town very crowded and do not know where we are going to put all of Bn. - - - |
|                                                                                | S-3    | 1st Bn | Understand these elements are to move out; will check and notify you.                                                                                                            |



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FROM: 091200A Jan 1945  
TO: 1 101200A Jan 1945



MAPS: RRANGE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 RCT, with Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn, Co "A", 111 Med Bn and Co "B" 636 TD Bn attached. Units remained in reserve areas thru out period and continued small unit training. 1st Bn, vic SCUCHT (705400), 2nd Bn, vic ST LOUIS (720432) and 3rd Bn, vic VOLKSBURG (680387). Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn attached as of 1530A.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 44% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 RCT, remained in reserve position, 1st Bn vic SCUCHT, 2nd Bn vic ST LOUIS, and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG.

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| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>C. P.</u> | <u>SUPPORTING UNITS</u> | <u>RE MARKS</u> |
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No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE JAN 9 - 1945

To CO ATT 5-2 ISLM COVERING

PERIOD 090700A TO 091200A JAN.

ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO TAKE

BACK GROUND LOST IN OUR ATTACK

YESTERDAY. AT ABOUT 0700 AN

ESTIMATED BN ATTACKED OUR

TROOPS VIC 748456 FROM THE S.E.

GENERALLY ALONG AXIS OF BITCH

LEMBERG ROAD. REPULSED BY

LODA WITH HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES.

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**MESSAGE** (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION) \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 9 - JAN - 45

To \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY ARTY SHELLING HAS BEEN

OF A LIGHT NATURE WITH ABOUT

TWENTY ROUNDS LIGHT ARTY ON

FORWARD AREAS DURING PERIOD.

OUR FORWARD AREAS WERE ALSO

SHELLED BY 120MM MORTAR

FROM DIRECTION OF BITCH



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| CO Cn Co       | S-3            | Cn Co has 3 M-7s available; one in ordnance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Archive           |
| G-3            | S-3            | When are Bns going to move?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |
| S-3            | G-3            | Bns have already started and are to be closed in by 2000; will notify you when they are closed in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
| 2nd Bn         | S-3            | Three Cos and Bn CPs are located in DIEMERINGEN. Co E will be located in WALDHAMBACH. We have started shuttling trps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |
| G-3            | S-3            | Demonstration to be held tonight on "Night atk with lights".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 141 offi already  |
| G-2            | S-2            | Msg: ISUM covering period 100600 to 101200 Jan. Enemy continues to harass our fwd elements with small scale atks and arty. At 0600 an estimated 35 enemy atkd our pos vic 0745440 and was driven back by 0700 by small arms and hand grenades after killing at least four of the enemy. At 0920 30-40 enemy were observed moving towards our lines at 755475. At close of period the front was quiet except for occasional harassing arty rounds, some believed to be from SP guns falling on our front. |                   |
| S-3 1 Bn       | S-3            | Are we to send in an overlay of our pos tonight?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| S-3            | S-3 1 Bn       | No, but send in one with complete dispositions in the morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |
| Co A 111 Engrs | S-3            | How will Engrs in area "B" be warned if bridges are to be blown?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Do not contac     |
| Regt Surgeon   | S-3            | Co A 111 Med Bn is located in WALDHAMBACH.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |
| Asst Div Comdr | CO             | Visited CP and received defense plan from CO; asked when 141 was going to start on the plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |
| CO             | Asst Div Comdr | We will start tomorrow afternoon. All holes will be checked before any digging is started.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |
| Asst Div Comdr | CO             | I told CO 1 Bn to dig in his comm. put in as much double apron wire as possible. Do not move Regt CP unless you want to. CO 1 Bn stated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Will che CO 1 B   |



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| S-3             | S-4               | There will be one plat Engrs atchd to each Bn and each Bn will have a dump. We will also receive two bull dozers and Engr tools from 142 and 143 Inf.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Can fu<br>transpo<br>for the<br>if need |
| CG              | CO                | Msg: Each RCT will submit weekly to this Hq reports showing progress of defensive organization within respective sectors. Reports will reach Hq 36 Inf Div, Att G-3 by 1600A each Saturday. Above reports which are forwarded to Hq XV Corps will include all details on organization of pres front line pos and switch pos now under organization by 141st RCT. Defensive overlays to be on 1/25,000 map. |                                         |
| S-3             | All Bns,<br>AT Co | The initial organization overlay of the MLR will be submitted to this Hqs by 2200 tonight. Regt CP will remain at pres location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                         |
| G-3             | S-3               | 141 Engrs will contact 141 unit in VOLKSBERG. Suggest you use Rcn Plat of Co B 636 TD Bn to patrol the area TIEFFENBACH, FROMMUHL, PUBERG and TIEFFENBACH-VOLKSBERG. Mission is to check and protect the rear.                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |
| S-3             | All Units         | Pick up OI at Regt CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                         |
| G-2             | S-2               | Msg: ISUM to 101730A Jan. LEMBERG Q7344 continued to be the principal target for enemy arty and approx 100 rounds of light and medium cal were received there. During the period 30 rounds of like cal fell vic SARREINSBERG Q7441.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                         |
| CO CO E         | S-3               | We have been waiting for about 3 hrs for trks to pick up the rest of trps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Notified 2<br>and S-4 to                |
| Exo 2 Bn<br>S-3 | S-3<br>Exo 2 Bn   | Is BUTTEN to be included in defensive plan? BUTTEN is in another sector so they should take care of its defense.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                         |
| Exo 2 Bn        | CO                | I am of the opinion that BUTTEN is an excellent approach for enemy tks so I want to know about its defense. Tks could approach up rd and creek bed; believe MR would be better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                         |



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| S-3      | CO Sv Co       | We will not be able to get Inf entrenching tools from 143 Inf, however 142 Inf has a set of these tools that you can get and divide between the Bns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| MP       | S-2            | All quiet; two flares observed to NE of CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| S-3      | 1st Bn         | Has 1st Bn closed in as yet?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes, as of 1 |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3            | Co E has not closed in yet; will possibly be 30 min before they close in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| S-1      | Co B 636 TD Bn | Co B 636, the whole Co, is to move to TIEFFENBACH tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| S-3      | Co B 636       | You are to send patrols starting tomorrow as follows: #1 - TIEFFENBACH to FROHMUHL to PUBERG; #2 - TIEFFENBACH to WEISSLINGEN to VOLKSBERG. These patrols will be run by your rcn elements 24 hrs a day. Submit plans on these patrols to this CP for their okay.                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| EXO 2 Bn | S-3            | Bn has closed in. Sending overlay by Msg Center.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Notif        |
| MP       | S-3            | One arty shell landed on hill vic Regt CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| MP       | S-3            | Local patrol reports all quiet. (Note: This hourly patrol gave same report throughout night.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| S-3      | All Bns        | When units go out tomorrow to set up the new pos, be sure they take along ammo for rifles, BARS, MGs and mortars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| S-4      | S-3            | Will pick up tool set from 142 Inf at 0900 and deliver them immediately to 2nd Bn, then 1st Bn and then 3rd Bn. A check within Regt showed 3rd Bn has most of their tools, 2nd Bn about 2/3s of theirs and 1st Bn very few. Will deliver these we get from 142 Inf this morning to the A&P plats of the Bns who will put the BN dump where they want it. Engrs are checking with higher echelons on the tools we have had on requisition since 20 |              |

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| G-3              | S-3     | Effective night 14-15 Jan 1945, 141 RCT moves from pres pos to vic ST LOUIS-ENCHENBERG area, the move starting about 0800 on Jan 14 so that the relief can be accomplished by the 15th. Regular set up on rcn and guides will be arranged between 141 Inf and 143 Inf. 143 will move back to their old pos except one Bn which will be in ST LOUIS. 142 Inf moves from pres pos on 14 Jan at 1000 hrs to occupy 141 pres pos. G-4 will arrange for trks. | The 36th Division Archive |
| CO Rcn Co 636 TD | S-3     | We will start rcn patrols by tonight and will submit overlay today sometimes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |
| CO Co E          | S-3     | What about making contact with 100th Div on our left?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |
| S-3              | CO Co E | This is to be a mock contact just in case the 100th Div was to pull back along side of these pos we are preparing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                           |
| S-4              | S-3     | We could only get 56 pick mattocks and 78 shovels from 142 Inf.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                           |
| S-3 142          | S-3     | CO 142 Inf is going to make a rcn of the switch pos and MLR set up by 141 Inf. He would like a guide to meet him at Div CP in DIEMERINGEN at 1330 to guide him over the switch pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Asst S- contact on this   |



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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXVII-13 &amp; 14.

1. 141 ROT, with Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn, Co "A", 111 Med Bn and Co "B", 636 TD Bn attached. Units remained assembled in reserve areas thru out period. 1st Bn vic SOUCHT (705400), 2nd Bn vic ST LOUIS (720432) and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG (680387). Continued reconnaissance and started working on secondary defense line along line LOREZANTEN (5939) - VOLKSBURG (6838). 1st Bn moved by motor to RATZWILLER (637396) at 1230A closing in at 1430A. 2nd Bn moved by motor to DIRMERINGEN (598383) - WALDHAMBACH (620385) area at 1300A, closing in at 2050A.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Company Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in reserve position and continued to organize secondary defense line, LOREZANTEN-VOLKSBURG. 1st Bn vic RATZWILLER, 2nd Bn vic DIRMERINGEN-WALDHAMBACH, 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG.

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| 141st Inf Regt | 687423 |         |
| 1st Battalion  | 657396 |         |
| 2nd Battalion  | 598383 |         |
| 3rd Battalion  | 681387 |         |
| Regt'l Hq Co   | 687423 |         |
| Cannon Co      | 689439 |         |
| Anti-Tank Co   | 344353 |         |
| Service Co     | 646357 |         |
| Regt'l Med Det | 687423 |         |

ATTACHED UNITS

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SUPPORTING UNITS

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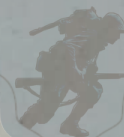
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

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1. 141 RCT, with attachments,

Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn  
Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
Co "A", 111 Med Bn

organizes without delay a defensive position LORENTZEN-VOIKS  
BERG with three (3) Bn centers of resistance; maintains con-  
tact with 100th Inf Div on left.

2. a. 1st Bn, with attachments,

(1) Will organize sector shown on overlay, tying in their  
defense with the 3rd Bn, on the right at 660398 and  
2nd Bn, on the left at 630404.

(2) Moves to RITZWILLER (637395).

b. 2nd Bn, with attachments,

(1) Will organize sector shown on overlay, tying in their  
defense with the 1st Bn at 630404. Right limiting po-  
595393. Maintains contact with 100th Inf Div, on left

(2) Moves to DIEMERINGEN 599383 and WALDHAMBRACH 620365.

c. 3rd Bn, with attachments,

Will remain in its present location, organize sector shown  
on overlay, tying in their defense with the 1st Bn at 660398  
Right limiting point CR 397 (686383).

d. A-T Co CO will conduct a reconnaissance of the Regimental  
Sector, paying particular attention to armored approaches.  
He will coordinate his tank defense plans with the CO of the  
TD's. If a static position is indicated, an AT gun will be  
emplaced. If a mobile AT defense is necessary, TD's will  
be used.

e. Co "B", 636 TD Bn, (Same as above).



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f. Co "A", 131 FA Bn, will establish engineer tool dumps in each Bn area. Bull dozers, power saws and engineer materials (mines, wire) will be available at these dumps. The engineer officer with each Bn will submit recommendations to the Bn CO for the location of mine fields, obstacles, wire, etc. The engineers will assist in the construction of troop shelters, CP's and communication centers.

g. 131 FA Bn, with Cannon Co attached, CO will institute a reconnaissance for positions in the Regimental sector, prepared to deliver defensive fires in front of the MLR. LO's will coordinate with Bn CO's in planning defensive fires for each Bn sector.

h. Co "A", 111 Med Bn, will locate suitable medical installations and report same to this Headquarters.

3. Priority of organization:

- a. MLR
- b. Bn Reserve Position
- c. Regimental Reserve Line

4. Priority of organization of MLR.

- a. Preparing emplacements of weapons and individual shelters.
- b. Clearing fields of fire and removal of objects masking observation.
- c. Preparing obstacles, laying tactical wire (double apron).
- d. Protective wire around platoon strong points.
- e. Providing adequate communication and observation systems.
- f. Preparing routes for movement of reserves and for supply and evacuation.

x. (1) Units will assumed to be at full strength for this operation.

(2) One third (1/3) of the strength of all units (Inf) will be held in reserve.

(3) Positions of individual Heavy Weapons will be selected.

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- (4) Camouflage positions will be completed at all times. Positions will be camouflaged after completion of digging. Dummy positions will be constructed if time is available.
- (5) All holes will be provided with overhead.
- (6) Field Manual 7-20, will be used as a guide in planning operation.
- (7) Initial overlays of MLR organization will be submitted to this Headquarters by 102200A Jan 1945. 1/25,000 maps will be used.
- (8) Units will move to their new locations under command Bn CO's, to be closed in by 102000A Jan 1945.
- (9) Changes in unit CP's will be reported to this Headquarters immediately.
5. For new boundaries, limiting points, MLR, zones of responsibility. See Attached Overlay.

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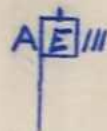
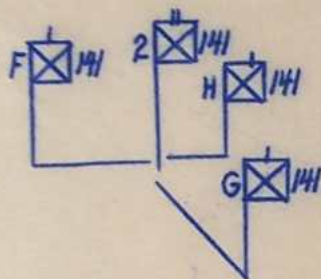
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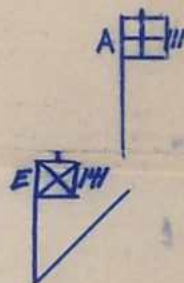
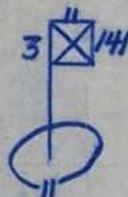
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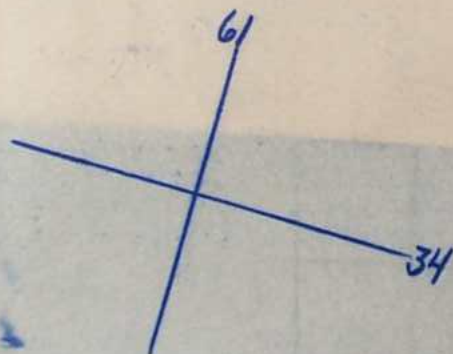
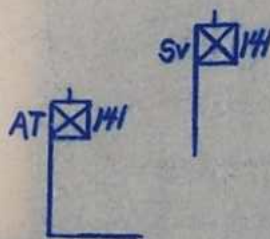
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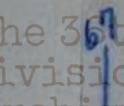
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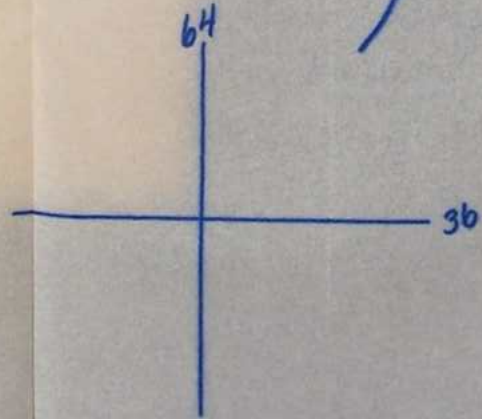
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To

CO 141 INF

ISUM COVERING PERIOD

10 0600A TO 10 1200A JAN. 1945.

ENEMY CONTINUES TO HAR-  
ASS OUR FORWARD ELEMENTS WITH  
SMALL SCALE ATTACKS AND ARTY.

AT 0600A AN ESTIMATED 35  
ENEMY ATTACKED OUR POSITIONS  
VIC Q 795440 AND WAS DRIVEN  
BACK BY 0700 BY SA AND HAND

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To CO 141ST INF

GRENADES AFTER KILLING AT LEAST  
FOUR OF THE ENEMY.

AT 0920A 30 TO 40 ENEMY WERE  
OBSERVED MOVING TOWARDS OUR LINES  
AT 755975.

AT CLOSE OF PERIOD THE FRONT  
WAS QUIET EXCEPT FOR OCCASSIONAL  
HARRASSING ARTY RDS SOME BELIEVED

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To CO 141ST INF

TO BE FROM SP GUNS FALLING  
ON OUR FRONT.

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TO

CO ATT S-2

ISHM TO 101730A JAN.

LEMBERG Q 7344 CONTINUED  
TO BE THE PRINCIPAL TARGET  
FOR ENEMY ARTY AND APPROX  
100 ROUNDS OF LIGHT AND MEDIUM  
CALIBER WERE RECEIVED THERE  
DURING THE PERIOD THIRTY ROUNDS  
OF LIKE CAL FELL VIC SARREWSBERG  
Q 7441

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DATE JAN 11 - 1943

TO CO ATT S-2. ISUM TO 110700A-JAM.

SECTOR QUIET. 143 INF PATROL  
AT Q 746448 DREW FIRE FROM TWO  
MPS AT 0200A. ABOUT THIRTY  
ROUNDS OF LIGHT AND MEDIUM CAL  
FIRE WERE REPORTED RECEIVED  
AT LEMBERG DURING PERIOD.

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JOURNAL

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From: 1200 11 January 1945

1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

To: 0922 12 January 1945

THE JOURNAL WILL RUN FROM 1800 HRS  
1800 HRS BEGINNING WITH THIS JOURNAL.

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

| From     | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action Taken          |
|----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| S-3      | S-3 143  | Guides have been arranged at Bn Cps to guide CO 142 over the MLR.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Will go to then other |
| Div Engr | S-3      | We are going to be able to assist 141 more; will be able to furnish one Co of Engrs per Bn (about 75 men).                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| G-3      | S-3      | If 141 needs any trks for the relief of 143 notify us of the number needed.                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| S-3      | CO AT Co | The 3 guns you have on limiting pt in 1st Bn area can be taken over by 1st Bn AT guns, but leave one plat of AT Co with 1st Bn. Other two plats will be atchd to 2nd Bn.                                                                                             |                       |
| S-3      | G-3      | CO would like to move all trps in the relief of 143 Inf by trks; need 25 trks from Div.                                                                                                                                                                              | Will arrange          |
| Div Engr | S-3      | Two Cos will be with 141, one Co with 1st and one with 3rd Bn, from 163rd Engrs. Co A 111 Engrs will take care of 2nd Bn. These two Cos of 163rd Engrs bivouac close to 141 area, have same type of equipment, dozers, etc. They will have a dump in each Bn sector. |                       |
| S-3      | G-3      | Patrol suggested by G-3 from TIEFFENBACH to PUBERG to VOLKSBERG to protect and reconnoiter our rear is operating tonight.                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| MP       | S-3      | Hvy shelling on fwd areas. White flare in W.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| 36 Div   | S-3      | Send Regt LO to Div for OI.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| MP       | S-3      | 5 white flares W of CP near our front lines. Arty falling in front line area.                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| CO       | S-3      | Have all Bn COs meet me here at 0900.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Notified all          |
| G-3      | S-3      | In OI # 124, para 3 a will be changed to read 13 & 14 instead of 14 & 15 and all dates will be changed to correspond with these dates. An OI change will be sent to 141 later.                                                                                       |                       |



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JOURNAL

ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 0922 12 January 1945

To: 1443 12 January 1945

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

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| CO      | COs All Bns, CO 131 FA | An atk is being contemplated for 36th Div to reduce salient and atk toward MOUTERHOUSE. 141 will atk generally N and NE. Atk will be in column of Bns, 3rd, 1st and 2nd. 142 Inf on rt and 141 Inf on left will make atk. However if 141 relieves 143 and orders are not received to atk prior to night of 13th, 143 and 142 will make the atk. CG has asked XV Corps for a 24-hr notice on this atk and if possible will give us this notice. We are to be prepared to atk without notice, however. 142 Inf will atk from vic GOETZENBRUCK-SARREINSBERG. If word received to atk we will go into an assembly pos vic ENCHENBERG and from there go into an atk pos. There is a possibility we may relieve 143 tonight so all units to make rcn of 143 pos today. Our units will take over corresponding unit pos of 143, 1st Bn on rt, 3rd Bn on left, 2nd Bn in reserve. 3rd Bn will use AT Co is possible and put one Co in reserve. Enemy in this area have been attacking in small groups of 25 to 35 men. Our arty FOs and LOs will take over along with 141. Bns are to keep in mind movement of trps from pres pos, feeding the trps and getting trps into new assembly area. Bns to make plans so they can carry out orders to atk if we receive notice to do so or to be prepared to take over from 143 Inf. |
| S-3     | S-3 143                | Has there been any change in your dispositions?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| S-3 143 | S-3                    | Yes, AT Co now on the rt and 3rd Bn pos have shifted around a little.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| S-3     | All Bns                | Send in your latest set up on defensive MLR this afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| S-2     | S-3                    | There are some anti-personnel bombs at 678444; these bombs not to be touched by anyone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| S-3     | EXO 2 Bn               | 2nd Bn will clear DIEMERINGEN at 1430 hrs tomorrow. You will have one Co of 1st Bn with you that will be dropped off on the way and take up their pos. Your 15 trks will report to you by 1400 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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From: 1413 12 January 1945

To: 1800 12 January 1945

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

| &:  |  | :      | : | :   | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. |                                                                                                                                                                         | The 36th Division Archive |  | Action Taken        |  |
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| e : |  | From   | : | To  | :                                 |                                                                                                                                                                         |                           |  |                     |  |
|     |  | CG     | : | CO  | :                                 | Msg: All mine laying will be suspended immediately. Mines may be stored near sites to be used but laid only upon approval this Hq. Above applies to all types of mines. |                           |  |                     |  |
|     |  | G-3    | : | S-3 | :                                 | Does 141 plan to move Sv Co?                                                                                                                                            |                           |  |                     |  |
|     |  | 2nd Bn | : | S-3 | :                                 | Co F will be the Co that will be atchd to 1st Bn as of 1400 13 Jan 45.                                                                                                  |                           |  | Have Co F port to C |  |

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Hq 141 ROT  
687423  
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2. Combat efficiency: Poor-- Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in reserve position and continued to organize secondary defense line, LOREZENTEN-VOLKSBERG. 1st Bn vic RATZWILLER, 2nd Bn vic DIEMERINGEN-WALDHAMBACH and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBERG.

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RATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

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141 RCT initiates reconnaissance at once of forward position now occupied by 143 RCT; moves by motor and marching to forward assembly areas via ST LOUIS-ENCHENBERG; effects relief of 143 RCT night 13-14 Jan 45; assumes responsibility of present 143 RCT sector upon completion of relief; maintains contact with elements 399th Inf on left and 179th Inf on right.

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a. 1st Bn, with attachments,

(1) Moves by motor to assembly area vic of ST LOUIS. Bn to clear RATZWILLER 131200A Jan 45.

(2) Will relieve elements of 1st Bn, 143 RCT, from their present positions. Relief to be effected prior to daylight 14 Jan 45.

(3) One (1) Co of the 2nd Bn (Co to be designated by 2nd Bn CO) will be attached to the 1st Bn. The Co commander will report to the CO, 1st Bn, for the necessary instructions prior to 131200A Jan 45. This Co will report to the 1st Bn, in ST LOUIS, at 131600A Jan 45.

b. 2nd Bn (less one (1) Co),

(1) Moves by motor to assembly area vic ENCHENBERG. Bn to clear DIEMERINGEN by 131430A Jan 45.

(2) Will relieve elements of 2nd Bn, 143 RCT, during afternoon 13 Jan 45.

c. 3rd Bn, with attachments,

(1) Moves by motor to assembly area vic ENCHENBERG. Bn to clear VOLKSBERG by 131300A Jan 45.

(2) Will relieve elements of 3rd Bn, 143 RCT, from their present position. Relief to be effected prior to daylight 14 Jan 45.

(3) Will establish and maintain contact with elements of 399th Inf on left and 1st Bn on right.



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- d. A-T Co will be attached to 3rd Bn. Company will report to 3rd Bn at VOLKSEBERG at 131230A Jan 45 for move to assembly area. Co Commander will be given time for necessary instructions.
- e. Co "B", 636 TD Bn, will attach one (1) Flat to the 1st Bn and one (1) Plat to the 3rd Bn. The reserve Plat will coordinate with the 131 FA Bn and fire under their control.
- f. Co "A", 111 Med Bn will locate suitable medical installations vic MONTERONN.
- g. 131 FA Bn, with Cannon Co attached, remains in its present positions in direct support of 141 RCT. LO's and JO's will go in position with 141 RCT.
- x. (1) Guides for units of 141 RCT effecting relief will be furnished by respective units of 143 RCT - number, time and place of meeting to be arranged by BCT Commanders concerned.
- (2) 143 RCT, will leave one (1) Officer per Bn and one (1) NCO per front line Plat with respective units of 141 RCT until 141200A Jan 45.
- (3) 143 RCT, will continue patrols to front and flanks from forward positions in sector to secure relief until 140600A Jan 45.
- (4) Hourly reports of progress of relief will be made to this Headquarters by BCT's concerned.
- (5) All units will close into their respective assembly areas by 131630A Jan 45.
- (6) All truck movements will be by infiltration. No more than four (4) trucks to a group and a minimum of one (1) man between groups.
- (7) Bn CO's will immediately contact corresponding Bn CO's of 143 RCT, for purpose of initiating reconnaissance.
- (8) Reconnaissance of positions will be made by Bn and Co CO's prior to 131600A Jan 45.
- (9) Bn billeting parties will immediately make reconnaissance and mark houses for installation of kitchens.
- (10) Vacated areas will be inspected by a Bn officer and a report made to this Headquarters by Bn CO's that areas were left in a proper state of police.

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- a. Supply and Evacuation - SOP.
- b. Fifteen (15) trucks will be furnished 1st and 3rd Bns for move. Trucks to be in Bn areas at 131100A Jan 45.
- c. Upon arrival of 1st Bn vic of ST LOUIS, trucks to be dispatched immediately to DIEMERINGEN, to shuttle 1st Bn to ENCHENBERG. Trucks to report to 2nd Bn by 131400A Jan 45.
- d. Kitchens will be moved under control of Bn S-4. Move to be coordinated by Regt'l S-4.
- a. Existing signal communications will be taken over from 14.
- b. Regt'l forward CP 688740, to open at 13200A Jan 45. Regt'l rear CP 687423, to close at 131630A Jan 45.
- c. Bn CP's will be reported immediately upon opening.

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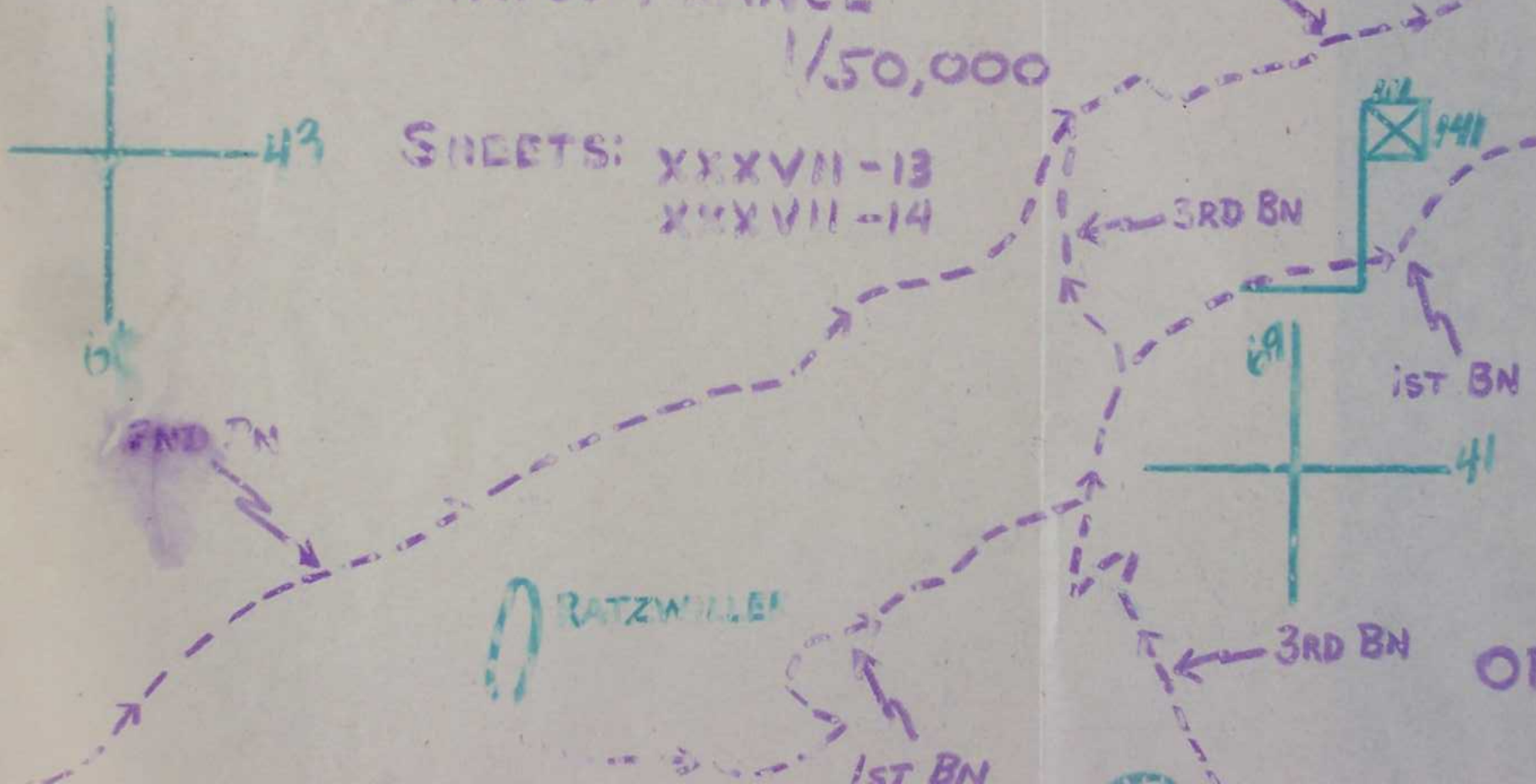
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OVERLAY SHOWING  
ROUTE OF MARCH  
121800 JAN

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OVERLAY of

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Corps C/B

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**MESSAGE** (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 2 JAN 45

To CO 141 INF ATT S-2

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**MESSAGE** (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE JAN 12 - 45

To CO 141ST INF - ATTN S-3. OP

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ALL MINE LAYING WILL BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY. MINES MAY BE STORED NEAR SITES TO BE USED BUT LAID ONLY UPON APPROVAL THIS HQ.

ABOVE APPLIES TO ALL TYPES MINES.

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From: 1800 12 January 1945

To: 1046 13 January 1945

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)

| Name & :<br>Date : From : To : |          |                    | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Action Taken          |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6                              | S-3 143  | S-3                | Would like an overlay of pos and progress made on defensive MLR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
|                                | S-3      | S-3 143            | We already have a complete overlay of the pos and will leave an officer from each Bn to acquaint the relieving unit with what work has been done.                                                                                                                                                                     | 143 Bn visit tomorrow |
| 8                              | MP       | S-3                | Local patrol reports all quiet. (Note: Same report made by patrol throughout night.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| 6                              | S-4      | S-3                | 15 trks will be sent at 1000 hrs to 3rd Bn and same to 1st Bn; 15 trks to 2nd Bn by 1400 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| 2                              | G-3      | S-3                | Send in an overlay of barbed wire 141 put up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Will do morning.      |
| 5                              | G-2      | S-2                | Msg: ISUM to 110700 Jan. Sector quiet. 143 Inf patrol at Q746448 drew fire from two machine pistols at 0200. About 30 rounds of light and medium cal fire were reported received at LEMBERG during period.                                                                                                            |                       |
| 0                              | S-3      | S-4                | Do all Bns have yellow panels?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes                   |
| 2                              | S-3      | All Bns, 111 Engrs | If any barbed wire has been laid, send in an overlay of its pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1st Bn rep laid none  |
| 0                              | S-3      | All Bns            | Request a progress report on defensive MLR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| 2                              | 2nd Bn   | S-3                | Individual foxholes are about 3/4 completed except for tops and overhead cover. 100 yds of barbed wire put up and stakes are in for all of it. AT guns fairly well dug in except for 3 guns. Bn OPs are completed and most of the Co CPs prepared except for tops. HMG and 81mm mortar pos completed except for tops. |                       |
| 0                              | CO AT Co | S-3                | In 1st Bn sector, one 57mm gun emplacement complete, two nearing completion. Foxholes for men blown but not shaped. In 2nd Bn area gun pos about 60% completed.                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| 1                              | 1st Bn   | S-3                | All MG pos dug but not covered. One TD pos completed and others not started. 250 yds of                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |

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To: 1520 13 January 1945

Place: vic SOUCHT, FRANCE (687423)  
MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                   | Action Taken             |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| G-3      | S-3      | Is 141 going to use WALDHAMBACH and WEISSLINGEN as billeting towns?                                                                 |                          |
| S-3      | G-3      | WALDHAMBACH will be clear but plan to leave Sv Co and S-4 in WEISSLINGEN.                                                           |                          |
| G-3      | S-3      | 141 will have priority on town of MONTBRONN. Would like WEISSLINGEN cleared; S-4 could move to TIEFFENBACH.                         |                          |
| Exo 1 Bn | S-3      | 1st Bn has cleared RATZWILLER; I have inspected the area and everything okay.                                                       | Notified                 |
| G-3      | S-3      | Co C 753 Tk Bn will be atchd to 141 and will stay in pos. 753 Tk Bn CP is in ENCHENBERG.                                            |                          |
| CO 3 Bn  | S-3      | On MLR, two TD emplacements dug but no overhead cover. Three 57mm gun emplacements dug but no overhead cover. Foxholes are 75% dug. |                          |
| S-3      | CO Sv Co | Div has asked us to move Sv Co and S-4 to TIEFFENBACH or MONTBRONN.                                                                 | Will notify where we mov |
| S-4      | S-3      | I had not planned to move and will wait for further orders from CO to move.                                                         |                          |
| S-3      | G-3      | 3rd Bn has cleared VOLKSBERG as of 1320.                                                                                            |                          |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3      | Bn has cleared DIEMERINGEN except one trk of supplies.                                                                              |                          |
| S-3      | G-3      | The entire 141 RCT has now cleared all areas. Regt CP closed vic SOUCHT (687423). Regt CP opened at MONTBRONN (688440).             |                          |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-2      | We have closed into new assembly area.                                                                                              | CO notified C            |
| CO       | CG       | 1st and 2nd Bns have moved but 3rd Bn not due for some time yet.                                                                    |                          |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3      | All trps have closed in; kitchens and one trk of supplies still to come in.                                                         |                          |
| CO 1 Bn  | S-3      | Where are Engrs that are atchd to                                                                                                   |                          |



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| S-3                  | CO 3 Bn  | Has 3rd Bn closed in yet?<br>Use yellow panels tomorrow to indicate front lines to bombers.                                                                                          | Yes                          |
| CO Co A<br>111 Engrs | S-3      | At 743447 there are approx 23 AT mines, 1 anti-personnel mine and some flares. At 744449 there are 15 AT mines and wire strung in front of pos so our trps will not cross this area. |                              |
| S-3                  | G-3      | RCT has closed into assembly areas.                                                                                                                                                  |                              |
| CO Co A<br>111 Engrs | S-3      | Men are moving out now to take over blocks. Two squads of Engrs will be available at once for other work. Am sending Engr LO to Regt CP. Engr CP will remain in MACHWILLER.          |                              |
| S-3                  | G-3      | Is camouflage painting going to continue?                                                                                                                                            | Yes.                         |
| S-3                  | CO Cn Co | Make arrangements for your vehicles to be painted and notify us.                                                                                                                     |                              |
| 1st Bn               | S-3      | Co C 141 has started relieving Co C 143.                                                                                                                                             |                              |



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TO : 131800A Jan 45

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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with Co "A", 111 Med Bn, Co "B", 636 TD Bn attached. At start of period units remained assembled in reserve areas, 1st Bn vic RATZWILLER (637396), 2nd Bn vic DIEMERINGEN (598383) - WALDHAMBAOH (620385) area and 3rd Bn vic VOLKSBURG (680387). Unit CG's made further reconnaissance of positions occupied by 143 ROT prior to relief night 13-14 Jan 45. ROT moved to forward assembly areas, 1st Bn vic ST LOUIS (720432), 2nd Bn vic ANCHENBERG (710460) and 3rd Bn vic ANCHENBERG (710460. ROT closed into new assembly areas at 1530A. Units are in process of relieving 143 ROT at close of period.
2. Combat efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue and approximately a 45% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, moved to forward assembly areas, 1st Bn vic ST LOUIS, 2nd Bn vic ANCHENBERG, 3rd Bn vic ANCHENBERG and at close of period were in process of relieving 143 ROT.

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121815A January 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS.

MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS XXXVI-13--5 & 6, 7 & 8  
XXXVI-14--1 & 2, 3 & 4

141 RCT, with following attachments,

Co "A", 111 Med Bn

Co "B", 636 TD Bn

will be relieved from its present positions by 142 RCT, 131200A Jan 45.

One (1) Officer per Bn and one (1) NCO per Co, will remain with the relieving unit of 142 RCT, until 141200A Jan 45. These guys will be responsible for showing relieving unit their entire Co sector, including Heavy Weapons, AT guns and TD's located in the sectors.

Bns will leave a complete overlay of their Bn positions including weapons, AT guns and TD's located in their sectors with the relieving unit.

Relieving units will be shown engineer and tool dumps located in their sectors.

BCT Officer remaining with the relieving unit will assist the relieving unit in finding billets for their troops.

Engr Co's attached for purpose of field work will be informed of changes in RCT's.

Plans of defensive fires by supporting artillery and plans for mobile and mobile tank defense will be given to relieving RCT.

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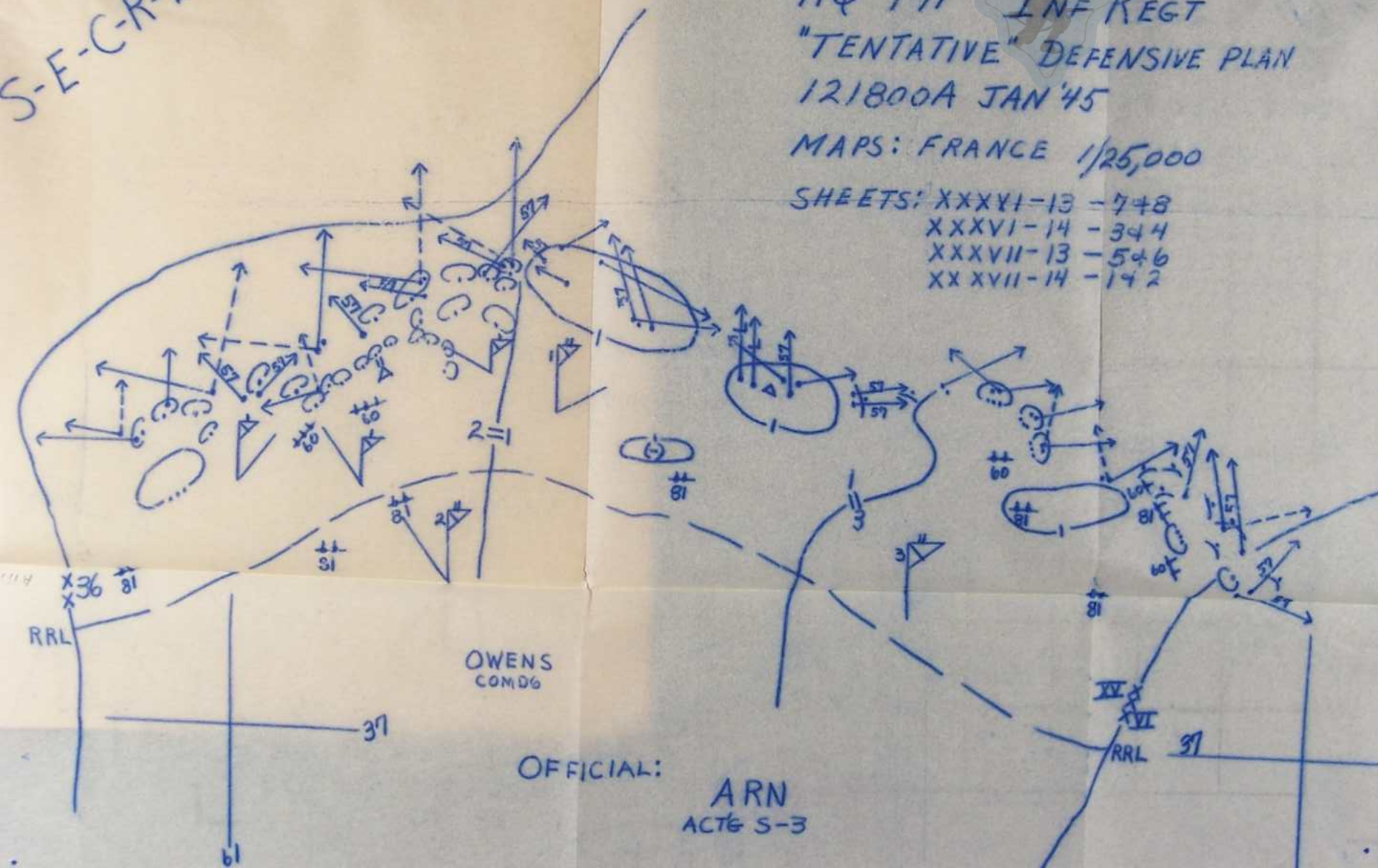
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HQ 141<sup>ST</sup> INF REGT  
"TENTATIVE" DEFENSIVE PLAN  
121800A JAN '45

MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000

SHEETS: XXXVI-13 - 748  
XXXVI-14 - 344  
XXXVII-13 - 546  
XXXVII-14 - 142





3-2 ESTIMATE OF THE ENEMY SITUATION  
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1. Summary of the Enemy Situation.
  - a. Enemy activities in the sector confronting the 36th Division have been restricted to the improvement of defensive positions, some minor patrolling and a moderate volume of artillery fire with LEMBERG and MEISENTHAL receiving most of the concentration. No new divisions have been identified along the front but it is believed that the enemy has been using local reserves to reinforce front line troops in much the same manner practiced by friendly forces. Hostile elements in front of the XV and VI Corps have been fairly active, attacking to gain limited objectives and counterattacking any offensive move made against them.
  - b. There is insufficient information available to discuss in detail the movement of troops or the location of reserve elements that can immediately affect this front. All known reserve units formerly existing in this area have been identified in other sectors of the front except for the 36th Volksgrenadier Division and one Bn previously identified from the 59th Inf 19th Div which is believed to be located in the BITCHE area. There has been some prisoner information which alludes to a fairly heavy concentration of troops and armor in the ZWEIBRUCKEN vicinity but no confirmation of this has been had.

The 36th Volksgrenadier Div has received heavy losses recently and is believed to be refitting while it, also, acts as a local reserve for the BITCHE area. The Bn of the 59th German Inf was recently relieved from positions just East of LEMBERG and is probably a local reserve. This Bn has a strength of about 200 men.

There is a possibility that EQUESHARDT (8246) is an assembly area for troops and a limited amount of armor as well as a position for about a battalion of artillery. For other installations see current overlay of enemy positions.

- c. The terrain under consideration is a tangled, wooded, irregular mass of compartments and corridors criss crossed with trails but supplied by a restricted road net both laterally and in the direction of advance. The railroad running from LEMBERG to the East has been used to a considerable extent by hostile armor and has adapted itself to a route of supply although its location along the steep side of the ridge NE of LEMBERG favors easy demolition and may destroy its value.

The ridge running NE from LEMBERG offers good observation of the surrounding areas but is dominated by the spur ridge that runs South from (758455). This juncture of the ridge and spur is one of the most vital objectives in the initial advance for, once taken, hostile positions facing our present position are exposed.



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Fields of fire in the whole area to be attacked are limited by the irregular nature of the ground and the cover afforded by the trees. Cover and concealment are available everywhere but the presence of snow allows the detection of movement which otherwise would go unnoticed.

Generally, the area of operations does not favor the armor except as close support guns moving along the roads and some trails which may be usable while the ground is frozen.

## 2. Conclusions.

### a. Enemy Capabilities.

(1) The enemy can defend from present positions, dug in to our front, counter attacking locally with small groups of about 50 men to regain lost positions.

(2) The enemy can hold, initially, from present positions, falling back when pressed but delaying all the way until counter attacking force of an estimated 1000 troops supported by not more than 10-15 tanks, SPs and arty can be deployed to take advantage of whatever situation has developed.

(3) The enemy can attack at any time with a battalion approximately 200-250 man strength from any point along the front with a limited objective designed to disrupt our communications and spoil our attacking possibilities.

### b. Discussion.

(1) Capability (2) is favored combined with capability (1) as a method of executing the maximum delay and damage to attacking forces.

(2) A preliminary review of the situation shows a dearth of information concerning recent large scale enemy movements. The situation in the ARDENNES salient has resulted in continued close engagement of most of the German divisions originally committed there. Some divisions are out of the area, however in that area, but it is believed that they will be maintained close by because of the apparent German decision to slug it out with our forces and furthermore because the decision has placed a large hostile force in danger of being cut off. It is not reasonable to believe that the sector will be weakened anywhere to reinforce other fronts until the need becomes more critical.

Since other enemy elements are fairly well located in the general vicinity it is believed that the only counter attacking force available here are two regiments, of the 36th Grenadier Div, whose combined strength is about 1500 men plus a 200 man Bn of the 59th German Inf. The probable action for a counter attacking force of that size is in the vicinity of present positions.



either in the town itself or in nearby Maginot line installations. As a result a large counter attack is more probable. Elements moving the ridge toward Le GRUNHOLTZ or across from Le GRUNHOLTZ to the next ridge East. A counter attack in the latter position could be easily supported by tanks and SPs.

The enemy will defend BITCHE bitterly since it is key to our entrance into the main fortification of the Maginot line. Since the contemplated attack is a direct one directly and give us a good launching site for an attack on that town, very strong enemy reaction can be expected.

While there are numerous known enemy artillery locations the relatively light volume of fire directed at our defenses leads to the conclusion that the enemy is holding his fire until a crucial moment will net him decisive results. An attack such as is presently contemplated can be met with heavier volumes of fire than have been experienced to date. Immediate, accurate shell reports will assist our own artillery in placing effective counter battery concentrations on or all active hostile batteries.

It is believed that the enemy has too limited a number of troops to launch spoiling attacks on any scale. Unusual activity noted by hostile OPs in any sector might bring about such an attack but unless the local German command changes its attitude very radically we can expect a defensive attitude to continue until we make an overt move.

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| No. <u>1</u>                                                            | DATE <u>13 JAN 45</u>                |                                                      |
| To <u>CG 36TH DIV G-3</u>                                               |                                      |                                                      |
| <u>RELIEF PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. CO</u>                          |                                      |                                                      |
| <u>"C" AND CO "B" HAVE COMPLETED RELIEF</u>                             |                                      |                                                      |
| <u>ONE (1) CO 3D BN HAS COMPLETED RELIEF</u>                            |                                      |                                                      |
| <u>OTHER COMPANIES IN PROCESS. RELIEF GO-</u>                           |                                      |                                                      |
| <u>ING WELL</u>                                                         |                                      |                                                      |
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From: 1800 13 January 1945

To: 2115 13 January 1945

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| From                | To                  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                         | Action Taken                 |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| S-3 1 Bn            | S-3                 | Our TDs have replaced all TDs atchd to 143. Co C 141 has completed 50% of their relief and other Cos have started out to relieve 143 units now.           |                              |
| CO 3 Bn             | S-3                 | We have relieved one Co and in process of relieving the other Cos; relief going very well.                                                                |                              |
| S-3 1 Bn            | S-3                 | Co C 143 completely relieved; other Cos in process of relieving other units of 143.                                                                       |                              |
| S-3 1 Bn            | S-3                 | Co B has completed relief of Co B 143. Co F is ready to relieve AT Co 143.                                                                                |                              |
| S-3                 | G-3                 | Msg: Relief proceeding according to plan. Cos B and C have completed relief. One Co 3rd Bn has completed relief. Other Cos in process. Relief going well. |                              |
| S-3                 | CO Co A<br>111 Engr | Want a dozer to work on rd from MONTBRONN to LEMBERG.                                                                                                     | Dozer is in call 111 Engr    |
| S-3                 | 111 Engr<br>Bn      | Want a dozer to work on rd from MONTBRONN to LEMBERG (the one alongside the RR track).                                                                    | Will work on rd tomorrow     |
| 2nd Bn              | S-3                 | Relief completed and rd blocks set up.                                                                                                                    | Notified G-3                 |
| G-3                 | S-3                 | Hourly telegraph reports not necessary now; call in info every two hrs.                                                                                   |                              |
| CO 3 Bn             | S-3                 | Cos I and K have completed their relief, Co L and AT Co now in process.                                                                                   | Send in over relief complete |
| G-3                 | S-3                 | Can I get 5 2 1/2 T trks for 143 at once? Contact 143 Inf for more info.                                                                                  | Called CO Sv                 |
| CO Sv Co<br>143 Inf | S-3                 | Will have trks ready.                                                                                                                                     | Notified 143                 |
|                     | S-3                 | Have trks report to MONTBRONN; will send a guide to meet them at 141 CP.                                                                                  | Notified CO S                |
| S-3 1 Bn            | S-3                 | Co A has completed relief and Co F almost complete. Co A plat has a little small arms fight but it did not amount to anything.                            |                              |
| CO 3 Bn             | CO                  | Relief is completed.                                                                                                                                      | Notified                     |

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From: 2115 13 January 1945

To: 2240 13 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To                | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CO Sv Co | S-3               | Trks on the way to MONTBRONN for 143 Inf                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| S-3      | CO Sv Co          | Be on alert for 100 enemy paratroopers being dropped behind our lines.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| S-3      | G-3               | Only reserve we have left is Regt reserve and we have orders not to commit them unless ordered by CG.                                                                                                                                                     |
| G-3      | S-3               | We know that; just wanted to warn you about flank. Co C 753 Tk Bn atchd to 141 Inf with CP in ST LOUIS; can contact them through 143.                                                                                                                     |
| G-3      | S-3               | Cancel order for trks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-3               | Relief all completed as of 2130.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| S-3      | G-3               | All Bns closed in and completed relief at 2130.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| IPW      | S-2               | 2 psw taken by 143 Inf from 2nd Co 466 Regt report they had about 6 casualties today. Morale low; were told there were mine fields in front of them. Have been in line 4 days.                                                                            |
| G-3      | S-3               | Be sure your rt flank is physically tied in with 2nd Bn 179 Inf. At pres they are in part of our sector and tomorrow we will have to take over to ALTHORN inclusive; this will be about an 800 yd gap. Will talk to CG and give you further orders on it. |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-3               | We have a wire to 2nd Bn 179 and have physical contact with them.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| S-3      | All Bns, CO Sv Co | Cerise panels on vehicles will be removed and stored until further notice.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3               | Co A patrol contacted AT Co. OP reports gun flashes on one hundred degree az; hvy arty landed S and SE of LEMBERG.                                                                                                                                        |
| 131 FA   | S-3               | Regt OP #1-74404175; Regt OP #2-740444; 1st Bn OP-741424; 3rd Bn OP-743453.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| G-3      | S-3               | In case you do not have enough yellow panels, use cerise ones. Space panels at least 30 yds                                                                                                                                                               |

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To: 1155 14 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From              | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action Taken                                 |
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| ExO 3 Bn          | S-3     | All quiet and Cos in pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Notified G-                                  |
| 155 FA            | S-3     | We want to fire on following coordinates: 756436, 763436, 767435, 775435, 779435, 778441, 786454 and 799425.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Checked 1st and                              |
| S-3               | 155 FA  | It is okay to fire at above coordinates, will call back and give you time later.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                              |
| 155 FA            | S-3     | Will fire hvy concentrations from 0830 to 0900 on coordinates listed above and harassing fire from 0900 to 1100.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notified and 3rd                             |
| 1st Bn            | S-3     | OP reports a few mortar rounds landing to their left front a few hundred yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |
| S-3 179           | S-3     | What plans are being made by 141 to take over to new Corps boundary?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |
| S-3               | S-3 179 | Plans not worked out as yet; will call you when they are set.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |
| CO                | Engr LO | Would like you to build two two-squad shelters or one plat shelter for Co C. Also we will possibly want a shelter of same type for the 3rd Bn.                                                                                                                                                                       | No men at just now will check see what done. |
| G-3               | S-3     | Keep contact with 179th on rt physically as long as possible but if they pull out, just keep contact by patrols. We will be responsible for our own rt flank.                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |
| G-3               | S-3     | Corps requires us to send an AT situation map. location of TDs by plats and Tk Cos by Co location. Location of mine fields laid or cleared is required, Individual AT gun pos and pos longer than 24 hrs by overlay. More info in OI this afternoon. Engrs will report mine fields and 753 Tk Bn will report tk pos. |                                              |
| CO Co B<br>636 TD | S-3     | Have one TD in ENCHENBERG now and one other will be there this afternoon in reserve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |
| 3rd Bn            | S-3     | Am checking on yellow panels now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                              |
| 3rd Bn            | S-3     | Have given orders to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |

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| From              | To                        | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken                                          |
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| 131 FA            | S-2                       | 3rd Bn observer reports 6-8 Germans going into woods 754476 in groups of two.                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |
| OP #1             | S-2                       | Nebelwerfer fired 5 rounds from 60 degree az from about 2000 yds (estimated by sound).                                                                                                                                                            |                                                       |
| S-3               | CO Co B<br>636 TD         | TDs that OI stated would go with 131 FA Bn will go to ENCHENBERG instead; we will notify 131 FA.                                                                                                                                                  |                                                       |
| CO Co B<br>636 TD | S-3                       | Have 3 TDs in ST LOUIS, 3 in LEMBERG and 1 in ENCHENBERG with 2 more coming up.                                                                                                                                                                   | Notified                                              |
| S-3               | CO                        | Engrs will be up this afternoon to build the shelter we requested.                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                       |
| S-3<br>G-3        | G-3<br>S-3                | Do not quite understand the OI on raids. OI means you will conduct two raids while you are in the lines or more if 141 desires. Weather has kept the bombers in but leave the panels in pos; will notify you if they wait until tomorrow to bomb. |                                                       |
| S-3               | S-3 1 Bn<br>S-3 3 Bn      | We are to conduct two plat-size raids, one by day and one by night, to find out info, capture PSW and so forth. Be thinking this over and submit a report 24 hrs before you make a raid; we will notify you if you are to go day or night.        |                                                       |
| S-3               | 179 Inf                   | If 179 Inf pulls out we will contact you by patrol because we do not have enough men to extend the line at pres.                                                                                                                                  | Notified 3 to keep co with 179th patrols if move out. |
| S-3               | 1st, 3rd Bns, CO<br>AT Co | Submit an overlay of any AT guns or TDs de- ployed.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                       |
| 2nd Bn            | S-3                       | Have one TD at 728468; no AT guns in pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                       |
| CO AT Co          | S-3                       | No AT guns deployed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                       |
| 2nd Bn            | S-2                       | 3rd Bn 399 report two P-51s with friendly markings strafing trps in their area.                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                       |

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To: 1800 14 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

| &: From : To : |          | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                 | The 36th Division Action Tak |
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| G-2            | S-2      | Area suspected to contain enemy paratroopers has been thoroughly covered by patrols this morning and report no enemy.             | Archive                      |
| OP #1          | S-2      | At 748405 two red smoke shells.                                                                                                   |                              |
| OP #1          | S-2      | Our planes strafing rd in grid square 7541. Our arty landing at 764405.                                                           |                              |
| OP #2          | S-2      | 20 planes bombed MOUTERHOUSE.                                                                                                     |                              |
| OP #2          | S-2      | 15 rounds light cal SP fire fell in town from SE. Can hear gun firing but cannot get az due to wind.                              |                              |
| 3rd Bn         | S-2      | Fire in area light; Co K receiving mortar fire from 755466; putting arty on it. Tk reported at 751448; putting arty on this also. |                              |
| OP #2          | S-2      | 7 more rounds of air burst 500 yds SE from RJ falling at 740444.                                                                  |                              |
| G-3            | S-3      | What are plans on raids 141 is to conduct?                                                                                        | Will notify                  |
| S-3            | G-3      | We are sending you an OI on the raids we are to make. Tonight the only patrols we have are rcn patrols.                           |                              |
| S-3            | CO AT Co | Where are AT guns at pres?                                                                                                        |                              |
| CO AT Co       | S-3      | 5 guns are in storage and 4 guns in ENCHENBERG but not in pos.                                                                    |                              |
| 1st Bn         | S-2      | Mortar fire 1000 yds due W of OP, friendly.                                                                                       |                              |



3-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 13

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FROM: 131800A Jan 45

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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVI-13 & 14, XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT with Co "A", 1st Med Bn, Co "B", 636 TD Bn, Co "C", 753 TR Bn attached. At start of period units were in process of relieving 143 ROT. Relief completed 2130A. 141 ROT sector running generally from 748470 to vic 745413. 1st Bn, (F Co attached), maintained following positions: A Co vic 745438, B Co vic 743427, C Co vic 742436-736431, F Co vic 743420-745413. AT Plat vic 740421. 2nd Bn, in reserve position vic 740421-7410460. 3rd Bn, (AT Co attached), maintained following positions: I Co vic 742455, K Co vic 745470-746464, L Co vic 748459-749455, AT Co vic 744454-742445, AF Plat vic 748462. Sector generally quiet during period. Maintained contact with 399th Inf on left and 179th Inf on right.
2. Combat efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather conditions and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, relieved 143 ROT on position night 13-14 Jan 45, relief completed 2130A. 141 ROT continued to hold defensive position, sector vic 748470-745413.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000 SHEETS: XXXVI-13 & 14, XXXVII-13 & 14

1. 141 RCT, with attachments;

Co "A", 111 Med Bn  
Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
Co "C", 753 Tk Bn (M)

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(1) Occupies and improves defensive positions (LEMBERG-SARRIGNEY)

(2) Conducts, both by day and night, not less than two (2) strength raids during period of occupation of defensive positions. Purpose of raid to gain information and to take

2. 1st and 3rd Bns;

Will conduct one (1) day or one (1) night raid during the period of occupation of present defensive positions.

3. Raids to be in platoon sized strength.

4. Mission of these raids is to probe enemy defenses and;

(1) Capture PsW.

(2) Determine enemy strength and disposition of his units.

(3) Determine positions and FPL's of enemy automatic weapons.

(4) Location of mine-fields, both AT and AP.

(5) Areas subjected to defensive fires of artillery and mortar.

(6) To keep enemy in constant state of fear and confusion.

5. Plans of these raids will be submitted to this Hqs 12 hrs in advance of raid.

6. Platoon leaders conducting raid will have ample time for a daylight reconnaissance of area they will operate in. 1/25,000 maps of area will be made available to them.

7. All men participating in raid will be thoroughly briefed as to mission of raiders, routes to be taken to enemy positions.



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Equipment of raiders will be checked by platoon leader prior to raid.

Mission will be kept in mind at all times and raiders will not permit a different situation from that planned to prevent the accomplishment of their mission.

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Stress will be placed on full and accurate reporting of information gained in these raids. Units will forward complete details to this Hqs immediately after a full picture of the raid has been gained.

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p: CGGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheet 37-13

## Enemy Situation at End of Period.

## a. Enemy Front Line.

See overlay this Hqs dated 121900A Jan 45

## b. Units in Contact.

See above overlay.

## Enemy Operations.

## a. General Summary.

Enemy continues to be passively defensive on our front with no infantry activities reported and very little arty. Sporadic mortar and SP fires.

## b. Operations of Component Elements.

## (1) Armor -

1635 - Tank or SP firing from vicinity of 751448.

## (2) Artillery -

Arty gun flashes observed during night in grid squares 8243 and 7940.

Arty or mortar flashes observed during night in grid square 7740.

1315 - Nebelwerfer posn approx 60°, 2000 yards distant from OP #1 fired 5 rds to South.

1625 - 22 rds of light artillery on AT posns.

## (3) Infantry -

None

## Miscellaneous.

## Enemy Losses -

- - - - -

## Enemy Capabilities.

No Change - See current S-2 Estimate dated 122000A Jan 45, this Hqs.

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Nos. 1,2,3 - 3rd Bn - 4,5,6 - 1st Bn

TO: Determine strength & dispositions of enemy forces in target area shown on overlay.

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SPECIAL ATTN TO: Routes of approach into enemy positions known or suspected mine fields. Types of positions occupied by individual enemy troops.

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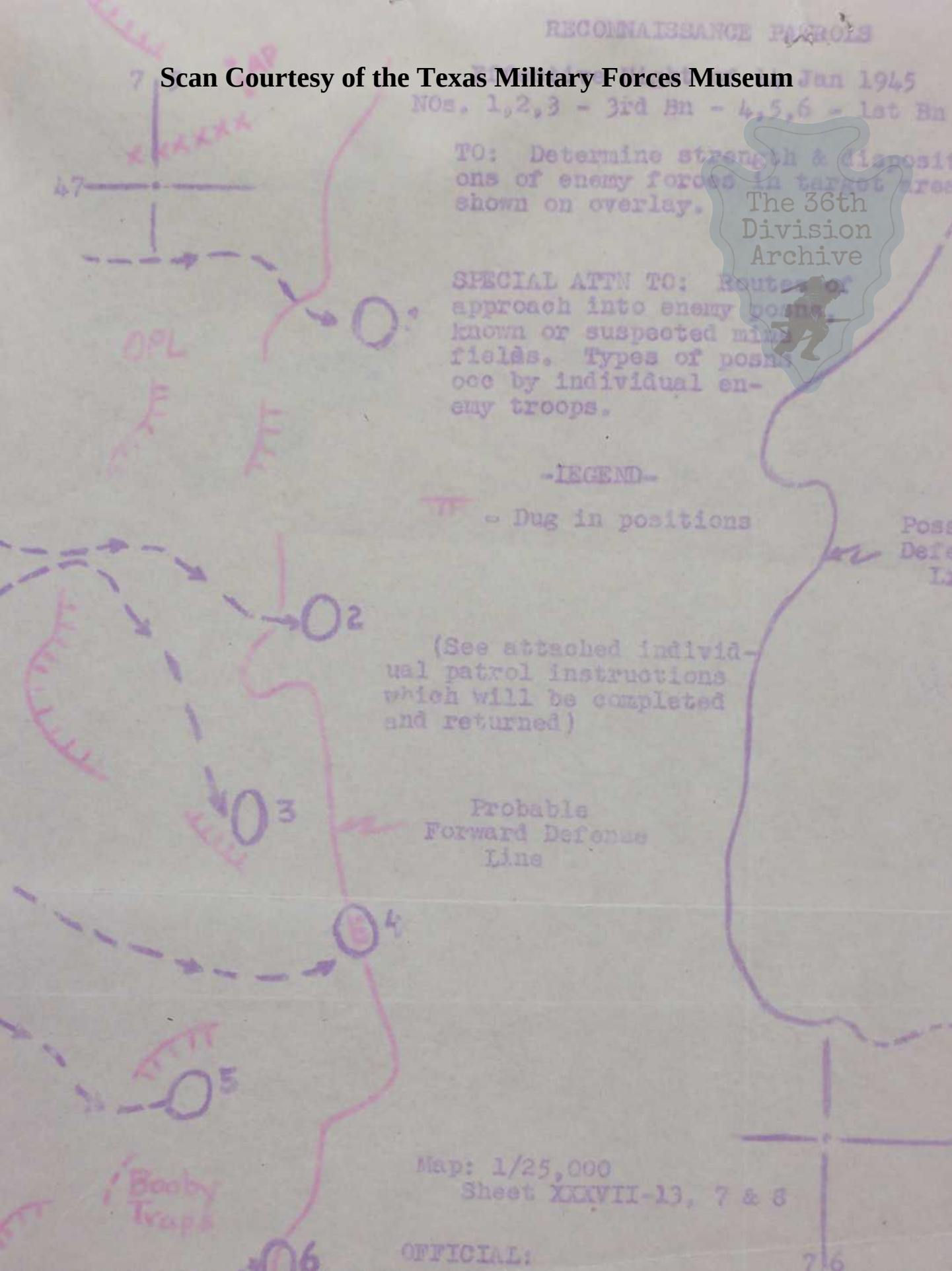
(See attached individual patrol instructions which will be completed and returned)

Probable  
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Line

Map: 1/25,000  
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Effective 12 May 1963

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Probable forward defense line

Map: 1/25,000, Sheet XXVII 13,

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1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 14 January 1945

To: 2040 14 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From     | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action          |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 25          | EXO 2 Bn | S-3     | What is going on in other Bn sectors?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Archivall quiet |
| 25          | 3rd Bn   | S-2     | At 1715 mortar fire on Co K. Movement of track vehicles at 755467 in draw; putting arty on this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                 |
| 37          | CO 3 Bn  | S-3     | Co K reports that elements on left have pulled out and we have no contact with them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
|             | S-3      | CO 3 Bn | Send a patrol out to try to contact them; elements on left believed to be AT Co 399 Inf.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Notif Div       |
| 00          | OP #2    | S-2     | 3 flares about 3 min apart.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |
| 00          | G-3      | S-3     | 399th Inf is effecting a relief right now and that is reason 3rd Bn could not contact. I notified 399 that 141 was trying to contact them and they are also sending a patrol to contact you. 1st Bn 399 is relieving 3rd Bn 399. Believe we can get wire comm with 399 for 141.                                                                                                      | Notifi Bn       |
|             | CO 3 Bn  | S-3     | Do not have wire to 399 and would like to have one.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Notifie         |
| 2           | 399 Inf  | S-3     | 3rd Bn 141 just made contact with us 10 min ago. Co I 399 just received a small counter atk but everything okay now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| 5           | 3rd Bn   | S-2     | OP reports mortar behind Hill 105; can see gun flashes 2000 yds from OP; shelled area immediately.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| 0           | OP #2    | S-2     | On 105 degree az a gun firing from 3-3½ miles. On 90 degree az at 1200 yds a mortar fired; fire was returned by our mortars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 |
| 5           | 1st Bn   | S-2     | patrol started out, ran into two Germans believed to be on a patrol and fired at them. 100-150 yds from starting pt, patrol returned and started over again. NCO reports seeing a man jump out of a hole and another jump in; believe this to have been a relief of outpost. This morning about 300-400 yds in front of Co F pos OP reported hearing SP pulling in; more info later. |                 |
| 0           | 1st Bn   | S-2     | At 747431 patrol observed 3 or 4 enemy running and heard digging; put mortars on this activity when patrol returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |

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From: 2040 14 January 1945

To: 2315 14 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 60 | 131 FA<br>LO | S-2 | 3rd Bn FO is firing on trk and track vehicle movement at 754467 now and going to harass this area all night. In adjusting fire believed to have set an ammo dump afire at 752469. Other fire missions from 3rd Bn FO have been at 0902 mortars at 747470, at 1055 mortars at 748461, at 1150 enemy tks, number unknown, at 755480, at 1315 mortars at 753472, at 1440 enemy in house 744446, at 1630 mortars at 754467, at 1630 enemy tk or SP 742447, at 1825 enemy tk at 752469. |
| 2  | 1st Bn       | S-3 | A flare went off vic 745436, think it was a cluster trip flare. Another flare at 748425. All patrols are out now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|    | 2nd Bn       | S-3 | At 2000 some planes were over; believe they were enemy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|    | CO           | S-3 | Find out from 2nd Bn what plans they have to stop any atk they might receive. Also check what measures would be taken to stop tk atk that would approach SARREINSBERG-MEISENTHAL or LEMBERG routes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|    | 1st Bn       | S-3 | Contact patrol from Co F 141 contacted 179th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|    | OP #1        | S-3 | At 1930 an exchange of small arms at 749421; checked with Co F and they saw 3 Germans there. No arty fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    | G-3          | S-3 | Is any arty falling vic 141 CP; some falling behind Div CP. About 3 shells Regt CP up t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|    | 1st Bn       | S-3 | Mortar fire landing to our front vic 7541.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    | S-3 3 Bn     | S-3 | Tracked vehicles reported by sound to be 1500 yds to front.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|    | 2nd Bn       | S-3 | Air bursts on outskirts of town, one twenty min ago and one two hrs ago.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|    | 1st Bn       | S-3 | Co F reported German trks to their front moving at 2245. Contact patrol with elements on rt (179th), made contact at 2247. No enemy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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From: 2315 14 January 1945

To: 0210 15 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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5 1st Bn S-3 Patrol #5 left 743431 at 1913, went to 747431, about 100 yds to their front heard digging and a flare went up, observed 2-3 enemy and heard others in surrounding brush; fired at some and fire was returned; patrol returned. Started out again at 2100 and at 743431 noticed one enemy crawling towards their pos about 20 yds away, fired at enemy who ran and hit the ground, did not investigate. patrol ldr returned and reported to CO then rejoined patrol and resumed advance at 2230; before they could all assemble MG fired at them from somewhere to the E. patrol returned to Co pos and whole Co got into a fire fight.

5 OP #1 S-3 At 2310 SP or tk fired one round from RJ at 758409 into hill side due N.

1st Bn S-3 Co F 1st plat patrol believes one tk or SP moving in front of them at 2355 (heard noise).

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7 S-3 3 Bn S-3 All quiet except for an occasional tracked vehicle.

5 OP #1 S-3 Sound of tk 747413 moving E away from us.

0 OP #1 S-3 Trk movement vic 745415 continuous in last 45 min; trks seem to come up, stop, wait, turn around and go back. Notified

0 1st Bn S-3 Patrol left 1915 hrs from Co F area 743419, went to 744421, met two enemy and fired on them, patrol ran, then returned fire from 745422. patrol returned to Co, left again at 2030 hrs, reached 745419, heard noises in two houses there. Fired rifle grenades into houses, remained near houses listening, heard sound of wood being chopped at 747417; returned to Co at 2300 hrs.

G-3 S-3 Friendly trps are at 751416, may be 179th. Notified OP

S-3 1 Bn S-3 All quiet except occasional shelling of town.

2nd Bn S-3 Trk movement in distance; believe a tk or tracked vehicle there also.



From: 0210 15 January 1945

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To: 0635 15 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From   | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action       |
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| 0000        | OP #1  | S-3     | Trk movement stopped at 0220; everything quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| 0115        | 1st Bn | S-3     | Cos A, B and C; all quiet. Co F reports at 0302 and 0150 heard tk on 95 degree az from 744418, also heard tk on 60 degree az from 744418. At 0210 heard tk move out of pos, then move back again. At 0135 3 arty pieces fired from 30 degree az from about 1500 yds. MG fire to left flank, tk to left flank at unknown range. |              |
| 0200        | 3rd Bn | S-3     | All quiet. Believe an 1100 yd gap between our left flank and 399th. CO Co K checking now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| 0205        | 3rd Bn | S-3     | CO Co K said at least a thousand yd gap between him and 399th Inf. Takes a patrol 1½ hrs to make a round trip at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Notified     |
| 0200        | 1st Bn | S-3     | 2nd Bn 179 has trps at coordinate you gave; have notified Co F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| 0205        | 155 FA | S-3     | Are shells falling on 141?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No, to rt r  |
| 0210        | 3rd Bn | S-3     | Tk firing to left front.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| 0215        | 1st Bn | S-3     | Unit on left contacted us by patrol; no enemy activity reported by patrol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notified     |
| 0220        | OP #1  | S-3     | Hear a btry of guns firing on 145 degree az but see no flashes. Shells falling vic ALTHORN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| 0225        | 1st Bn | S-2     | Some vehicular traffic to the NE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| 0230        | G-3    | S-3     | Before the raid the plats should have a rehearsal of the raid; a good area would be around ENCHENBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| 0235        | OP #1  | S-2     | One of our shells hit an ammo dump or ammo trk at 110 degree degree az vic 755416.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 0240        | S-3    | Engr LO | What Engrs are available for us? Squad shelters should have priority over wire in 1st Bn area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Only two squ |
| 0245        | G-2    | S-2     | Msg: ISUM to 0730 15 Jan 1945. Enemy activity increased in sector to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |



From: 0855 15 January 1945

To: 1050 15 January 1945

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| 55    | G-2            | S-2            | (cont) vic 749469 and 751461 during night. Arty has been light and sporadic, much of it appeared to be from SP guns.                                                                                                                                              |                         |
| 00    | S-3<br>CO 3 Bn | CO 3 Bn<br>S-3 | Has gap on left been closed?<br>No, but covering area by patrolling. A 57mm AT gun was left in this gap by 399th but no one manning it.                                                                                                                           |                         |
| 17    | S-3            | S-3 399        | Did your units occupy same pos as they did before their relief yesterday?<br>Our 3rd Bn claims there is a 1000 yd gap between you and them and wants to know if this can be closed.                                                                               | Yes                     |
|       | S-3 399        | S-3            | Gap is not this large and is mostly lateral. 399 rt flank is covering RJ 748472 with HMGs. 3 men from 399 with some of 141 men at an outpost and outpost has wire comm with 399 and 141 Bns. patrols can cover gap by patrolling from each unit on alternate hrs. | Notified                |
|       | CO 3 Bn        | S-3            | Will go and check on this gap and call back.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |
| 37    | CO 3 Bn        | S-3            | Some Engrs have just reported to me to dig some dug outs; am sending them to Co K.                                                                                                                                                                                |                         |
| 5     | Munitions      | S-3            | Rations, signal and ammo dump at 688422. Have a new type of ammo for bazooka, rocket type white phosphorous.                                                                                                                                                      |                         |
| 00    | S-2            | S-3            | Evacuated 6 men (civilians) to CIC which 2nd Bn reported hanging around pos.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |
| 0     | S-3<br>G-3     | G-3<br>S-3     | What is boundary between 45th Div and 36th Div?<br>The boundary given on OI of 121200A Jan 45.                                                                                                                                                                    |                         |
| 0     | S-3            | All Bns        | CO will have a meeting of Bn COs, S-2s and S-3s at Regt CP at 1315A.                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |
| 5     | G-3            | S-2            | Two flights of medium bombers will be out, one at 1300 and one at 1400, to bomb BITCHE and CAMP DE BITCHE. Air panels should be out at 1245 on our front lines. Fighter planes will be out at 1200.                                                               | Notified to have out by |



From: 1050 15 January 1945

To: 1310 15 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688410)

| me &: | From    | To                    | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Action              |
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| 55    | Regt LO | S-3                   | New BSL: Q815475, rd NW to Q791498, rd to Q781506, rd NW to Q769572, then as before.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |
| 00    | OP #1   | S-2                   | 4 smoke and 4 HE rounds landed at 744414.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| 00    | Engr LO | S-3                   | Engrs are at 1st Bn constructing dug outs for them; 3rd Bn stated they did not want any dug outs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| 05    | OP #2   | S-2                   | Tk or SP firing at 80 degree az 1000-2000 yds away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |
| 01    | G-2     | S-3                   | What aerial photos does 141 need for raids; number of photos is limited.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| 0     | 3rd Bn  | S-2                   | AT Co reports two tks at 756461 firing into N of town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| 0     | S-2     | G-2                   | We have no aerial photo coverage E from 74 grid to 79 grid or N from 41 grid to 44 grid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| 0     | G-2     | S-2                   | Has 141 any further info on two tks reported at 1210?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Called AT between C |
|       | AT Plat | S-2                   | Only heard tracked vehicles and saw smoke from guns; do not know if they were tks or TDs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| 3     | CO      | Bn S-2s, S-3s and COs | COs to keep overhead personnel down to 12 or 14 persons. Returning officer personnel must be distributed so that Hvy Wpms Cos do not get too many as compared with rifle Cos. Check on loss of property; take care of what you have. M-Ts in Cn Co being taken away from us. Keep record of personnel so when Co CO is needed the right officer can be selected. Co ExO should take over Cos when something happens to CO. periodic reports will be asked for on officers, rating in order of their value. All gas masks will be issued to men. If gas used, will be in a surprise effort; tell Co COs to inform men of this. Gas mask inspections will be held by gas NCO. CG wants two things done while we are in line: (1) developing and improving pos--use wire and booby traps in avenues of approach that enemy would use; gun pos should be improved; sand bags used. Pos for guns |                     |



From: 1318 15 January 1945

To: 1527 15 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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8 GO Bn S-2s, (cont) system; send out combat patrols of plate  
 S-3s and S-3s strength to capture PSW. These raids are to  
 COS COS be worked out carefully and plans made to meet  
 enemy counter action. Work out with arty LOS  
 a plan of fire. Plans for these patrols are  
 to be sent to Regt 24 hrs before they take  
 place. 10-in-1 rations should be fed to men  
 while they are in this pos in most cases. Ro-  
 tate men in fwd pos if at all possible. Salvage  
 all equipment lying around. Our mission in  
 France is to atk and get into GERMANY. We  
 have a tentative plan to atk toward MOUTERHOUSE.  
 Study this plan for we may have to carry it out.

S-3 Same Select an area vic ENCHENBERG to practice raid.  
 We are to be relieved 18-19 Jan and raid has  
 to take place before then. This is a Corps  
 order.

G-2 S-2 Msg: ISUM covering period 150730 to 151130  
 Jan 1945. Sector quiet; no Inf contact reported  
 and enemy arty activity negligible. A tk or  
 SP reported firing from vic Q758448 at 1100.

G-3 S-3 Medium bombers not going over; pull in markers. Notified

OP #2 S-2 All quiet except 6 short bursts of enemy MG  
 fire from vic 757442.

OP #1 S-2 20 rounds arty falling vic 755416 where ammo  
 dump was hit this morning.

G-3 S-3 141 Inf will be relieved night of 18-19 Jan  
 by 142 or 143 Inf.

S-2 G-2 Areas for proposed raids are grid square 7442  
 and square formed by 742443-754443-742453;  
 request photos of these areas.

OP #2 S-2 3 bursts enemy MG fire at 1420 hrs at 757442.  
 Friendly MG fire returned.

CO 3 Bn S-3 Co I has worked out a raid for tonight but they  
 have not had time to practice it.

S-3 CO 3 Bn We want a 12-hr notice on raid and also have  
 a practice raid.

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ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

S E C R E T

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From: 1527 15 January 1945

To: 1800 15 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From              | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Action           |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 155 FA            | S-2 | Has any Nebelwerfer fire landed near SARKINS-ve checked and #2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                  |
| OP #2             | S-2 | Rockets have landed S of OP but no Nebelwerfer. Notified                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
| 131 FA            | S-3 | Have MPs pick up a French Captain who is acting as LO to question him.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| OP #2             | S-2 | Can hear very hvy arty barrage to SE at great range.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  |
| CO CO B<br>636 TD | S-3 | Will it be okay for me and one other officer to go up in a cub tomorrow morning to get info on tks and TDs. Info will be sent to 141; flight will take about an hr. TD Plat ldrs are tied in with the mortars.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Okay to          |
| OP #2             | S-2 | Arty still landing 3500 yds SE of OP. 2 rounds 150 cal fell 200 yds NE of OP. 7 rounds light arty (probably SP) fell at 740444.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |
| OP #1             | S-2 | 3 enemy observed moving at 749413; came from 753441 at 1640 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |
| S-3 1 Bn          | S-3 | CO 1 Bn would like to get a loud speaker system to use tonight, want to use it vic GOETZENBUCK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Notified         |
| C-2               | S-3 | Will try to get loud speaker but don't think it is possible for tonight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Notified<br>1 Bn |
| CO CO B<br>636 TD | S-3 | All TDs are in pos now--3 in ENCHENBERG, 3 in LEMBERG and 3 in ST LOUIS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
| 3rd Bn            | S-2 | Patrol #15-NCO and 3 men left Co L CP 745455 at 1500, moved around left flank of Co L pos to 748458, then NE along slope to 748462; returned along same route. At 748458 saw large supply of German arty shells. At 750464 saw emplacement that has not been occupied since snow fell. Enemy AT gun knocked out at 748460. Picked up PSW in culvert on return trip at 747459. Returned at 1630. |                  |
| C-2               | S-3 | In regard to air photos 141 requested: We have them but cannot get anymore; if we have an operation in this sector we would be without them                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |



3-5 PERIODIC REPORT NO 14

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FROM: 141800A Jan 1945  
TO : 151800A Jan 1945

Hq 141 ROT  
The 36th  
Division Jan 1945  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVI-13 & 14, XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with the following attachments: 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Mgr (C) Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn and Co C 753 Tk Bn. ROT retained defensive positions in sector running from vic 740470-746414. Units disposed as follows: 3rd Bn (plus AT Co), held left sector of Regt'l front. K Co Plats vic 745465 and 746465. Bn AT Plat held position vic 747462. L Co Plats were in position vic 749457 and 749455, with one Plat holding strong points vic 745455 and 743453. AT Co Plats were in position vic 744452, 745449 and 746449. 1st Bn, (plus F Co), held right sector of Regt'l sector. A Co Plats were in position vic 745442, 747440 and 746436. G Co held position extending along from vic 740437 to vic 736432. B Co Plat held defensive positions vic 742426 and 740423. The 3rd Bn AT Plat was in place vic 741420. F Co Plats were in position vic 744418, 745415 and 744413. 2nd Bn (-), was in reserve position, with outpost line from vic 713465-723464 and G Co from vic 713457 around to ridge vic 724463. Sector was generally quiet during period, with moderate heavy enemy activity heard behind enemy lines during night. At 1730A, an enemy patrol attempted to work in between A and B Co sectors, vic 743435. Patrol was engaged with fire, and by close of period, had been driven back.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, retained previous defensive sector. See generally quiet during period. 3 prisoners captured during period. Total dead in France, 5255.

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OFFICIAL:

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141st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

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141st Inf Regt

688440

1st Battalion

720432

2nd Battalion

710460

3rd Battalion

710460

Regt'l Hq Co

688440

Cannon Co

689439

Anti-Tank Co

710460

Service Co

646357

Regt'l Med Det

688440

ATTACHED UNITSUNITC. P.REMARKS

131 FA Bn

689439

Co A 111 Med

606436

Co B 636 TO Bn

VIA MONTROSE

Co C 753 Tk Bn

VIA ST LUIS

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From: 141800A Jan 45

To : 151800A Jan 45

Hq 141 Inf

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152000A

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GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheet 37-13

## Enemy Situation at End of Period.

## a. Enemy Front Line.

No Change - See overlay this Hqs dated 121900A Jan 45.

## b. Units in Contact.

See above overlay.

## Enemy Operations.

## a. General Summary.

There was a slight increase in flare activity during the period but the enemy remained passively defensive with minor patrol activity and light arty, SP and mortar fires.

## b. Operations of Component Elements.

## (1) Armor -

Considerable tracked vehicle movement East and NE of LEMBERG between 2200A and 0230A hours.

SP to left front of K Co fire occasional rds into LEMBERG. SP guns or tanks fired into LEMBERG from Az of 80° 1800 2000 yds range and on Az of 15° 2000 yds range.

## (2) Artillery -

2010A - Flash obsd 105° from OP #2 range 4000 yds.

2207A - Flash obsd 45° from OP #2 range 7000 yds.

0250A - Flashes obsd 05° from OP #2 range 1500-2000 yds.

1650A - 2 rds 150 cal fell in LEMBERG - direction unknown

1650A - 7 rds SP fire fell at 740444 - direction unknown

## (3) Infantry -

2015A - Outpost located by F Co vic 747427

2040A - At 747431 4 enemy were obsd and digging heard in that vic

2155A - 4 man enemy outpost dug in at 750437

2335A - 3 enemy obsd at 749421 by F Co.

Enemy heard digging at 748431

1 enemy obsd at 743432

F Co patrol obsd 2 enemy at 744421, rec'd fire fr 745422. Heard voices in houses at 745417 and chopping vic 747417

0210A - Enemy troop movement heard near 754440 and 754444

0400A - L Co reported talking and digging in vic 750448

0452A - Enemy patrol (no. unknown) reported by F Co to their front.

(4) Traffic -  
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Miscellaneous.

Enemy Losses

PSW

1 - 7th Co 1126 Regt, capt'd by I Co

2 - 8th Co 466 Regt, capt'd by F Co

Dead & wounded - -

None - -

Total - 3

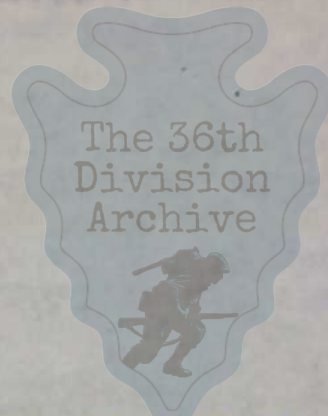
Enemy Capabilities.

No Change - See current S-2 Estimate, dated 122000A Jan 45, th  
Hqs.

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Actg- S-2

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Cmdg





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Pat. 1 Enemy Digging in along the line

Pat. 2300  
d 0130 Patrol rec'd fire from tank

Pat. 2  
t 2300  
d 0050 Heard tank in this vic  
Terrain rough and heavily wooded  
Patrol hampered by trip flares on right  
Heard troops in this vic

Pat. 2230  
d 0030 Heard trip in this vic

Patrol Report  
Reconnaissance Patrols  
14-15 JAN

Hq 141 Inf. APO 36

Map: 1/25000, Sheet 37-13, 7

Pat. 1910  
2100 Challenged by 4 Germans, patrol ret'd

Pat. 1913  
2230 Heard digging also flare went up,  
obsd 3-4 enemy, heard others in  
surrounding brush

OFFICIAL:

BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2

Pat. 6  
t 1913  
d 2000 Patrol obsd 2 men at this pt  
fired on them -  
Recd fire from this pt - ret'd  
to go

Pat. 6  
t 2030  
d 2300 Could hear chopping in this vic

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# 7  
3rd Bn  
Left 0030  
Retd 0230

Heard 10-15 Ger talking  
moving in this vic

rd Bn  
Left 2320  
Retd 0040

Obs'd from this pt. heard enemy voi  
close vic - saw 4 man enemy patrol  
along RR

Obs'd tank firing from t

Enemy mortar

Heard enemy at this pt (possible outpo

Hq 141 Inf

NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS  
Night of 15 Jan 45

Map: 1/25,000, Sheet 37-13, 7 & 8

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BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2

10-15 enemy heard at this pt - enemy fired t  
illuminating flares.

#11  
rd Bn  
Left 1830  
Retd 2045

rd Bn  
Left 1930  
Retd 2230

Heard approx 12 men talking and chopping of tre

Obs'd from this pt - heard 2 trees fall in the  
distance - also 4-5 persons speaking German

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MESSAGE  
DATE  
Isum to 0730A, 15 January 1945

Enemy activity increased in sector to our front during the night.

Three or four tanks or SP guns heard at various points. Tracked vehicle heard at each of the following points - 760478, 758469, 757472, 755460, and 758409. At 0200A foot troops, number unknown, heard moving vic 754440. Enemy reported digging in vic 749469 and 751461 during night.

Arty has been light and sporadic, much of it appeared to be from SP gun.

CG, 36th Div

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| <b>MESSAGE</b> (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) |                      | (CLASSIFICATION)              |
| No.                                                    | DATE                 |                               |
| To                                                     | S-2 141 INF.         |                               |
| 1500 COVERING PERIOD 150730                            |                      |                               |
| TO 151330 JAN 1945 SECTOR QUIET                        |                      |                               |
| NO INFANTRY CONTACT REPORTED                           |                      |                               |
| AND ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY NEG                            |                      |                               |
| LIGIBLE. ATANK OR SP WAS REPO                          |                      |                               |
| RTED FIRING FROM VIC Q-758448                          |                      |                               |
| AT 1400A CG 36TH DIV. REESE G-2                        |                      |                               |
| 36 DIV                                                 |                      | 151330                        |
| OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER                         |                      | TIME SIGNED                   |
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From: 1800 15 January 1945

To: 2035 15 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The 36th Division |
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| 3rd Bn   | S-2      | Co I captured 1 PW at 1615 hrs at 747459 from 7th Co 2nd Bn 1126 Gren Regt 559 Gren Div. Mission: To hold pos 748456-749458 in fox holes. 10 men received 14 Jan from Siegfried Line fort into 7th Co. PW's plat has 2 LMGs, 3 machine pistols, plenty of ammo, 3 panzerfaust AT wpns. 3 plats in 7th Co. Came in line 2 Jan. Mortar, Bn radio comm and aid station at SCHWANGERBACH. 5th, 7th and 8th Cos vic 747459. Pill boxes at VINNINGEN occupied 27 Dec. Left SAARLAUTERN 23 Dec. 2 SPs (75mm) in SCHWANGERBACH at 761480 at 141700 Jan. Small arms ammo in building 761480 141400 Jan. Morale very low; officers inconsiderate. |                   |
| CO 1 Bn  | S-3      | A small German patrol got in between Cos A and B but patrol has been taken care of and a squad searching the area for any Germans that might be cut off. Any info on loudspeaker?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No word yet.      |
| OP #2    | S-2      | At 1910 hrs mortar through 10 rounds just S of town from 1000 yds, 160 degree az. At 1922 and 1925 white flares at 40 degree az, 300 yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |
| 3rd Bn   | S-2      | At 1820 Co I reports enemy personnel moving around in woods at 751440. At 1825 Co I reported hearing vehicular movement, 4 or 5 tks, in draw at 753464; putting arty on this. TDS brought in a PW with civilian clothes on from a VOLKSTURM unit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
| S-3      | S-3 3 Bn | Are TDS and 57mm guns in pos?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |
| S-3 3 Bn | S-3      | No 57mm guns in pos and TDS are in town in mobile reserve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-3      | Co F reports a light tk has a track off of it in their sector at SARREINSBERG; can it be pulled out?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Notified G        |
| G-3      | S-3      | Will notify 753 Tk Bn to salvage the tk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Have them co      |
| Engr LO  | S-3      | At 74754505 vic rd block #6 there is a friendly mine field; gap that was in it was closed at 1815 hrs today.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1st Bn 141        |



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1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2035 15 January 1945

To: 2215 15 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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35 1st Bn S-3 (cont) Germans at 748414 along the trail, patrol pulled back and mortar fire was put on this pt, patrol returned and found no one, but trees were across the trail. Co C observed a 6-man patrol at 735433 but could not tell if it was friendly or enemy; have sent a patrol to investigate it.

00 3rd Bn S-2 PW taken by TDS is crazy; his parents live in LEMBERG and state he is not a Volksturm but crazy. He is being sent back to Regt IPW.

0 IPW S-2 2 PSW taken by Co F, one being kept until tomorrow by Bn to point out pos in morning. PW taken at 745415 from 8th Co 2nd Bn 466 VGR. 30 men as Regt reserve 15 Jan from Westwall, with whole Co. 6 81mm mortars were detached at HORNBACH 28 Dec and 18 men from Westwall to vic BITCHE on 2 Jan as Regt reserve. Co CP and kitchen at ALT SCHMEL 767436. 5th Co dug in at 750415, morale low, officer from Hitler Youth. PW a deserter. Other PW from 8th Co also, been in pos at 748417 for 5 days. Previous to this they were stationed in a fort near ZWEIBRUCKEN in the Westwall for 8 days. Co strength, 31 men, 1 Lt, 1 plat Sgt. Half of Co armed with carbines, rest with automatic rifles. 8th Co CP at 749416. At CP 1 Lt, 5 men; 749418 1 NCO, 4 men. Regt CP and 12 mortars at 757408. Approx MLR 748417-748415. At 753419 31 men. 751418 2 HMGS; 755419 150mm howitzer. 1st Bn 466 at 760438 (4th and 6th Cos). 2nd Bn at 754433 and 746425. One mortar plat with 8 light mortars, 35 men 748424. One SS pioneer unit in MOUTERHOUSE. One SS PG Div in ZWEIBRUCKEN 6 days ago. 2nd Bn to be relieved in 8 days by an SS unit of unknown strength. Morale of unit poor. All PSW state 80% will surrender if given safe conduct.

3rd Bn S-3 AT plat heard personnel moving in vic 749462. We placed one light mortar concentration in area, activity ceased.

1st Bn S-3 Co C patrol has not returned yet.

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From: 2215 15 January 1945

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| From          | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The 36th Division Archive |
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| 45 3rd Bn     | S-3 | Co K recieved mortar and some rifle grenades; all quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                           |
| 57 1st Bn     | S-3 | Co C patrol to vic 736443 has not returned yet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| 00 OP #2      | S-2 | Heard enemy MG estimated to be at 752432 and machine pistol fire vic 752453.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                           |
| 10 3rd Bn     | S-3 | Co I patrol along rd to ST LOUIS. OP reports hearing mortars estimated to be at 762438.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |
| 55 OP #2      | S-3 | 11 rounds mortar 740444 at RJ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                           |
| Jan 02 1st Bn | S-3 | Co F patrol contacted 2nd Bn 179th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                           |
| 10 3rd Bn     | S-3 | Co I patrol on rd to ST LOUIS reports all quiet. Co K heard some enemy activity to their front, fired arty in pos; all quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                           |
| 0 OP #1       | S-3 | White flare seen at 0100 hrs coming from town in which OP is located. Arty fire is intense.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |
| 5 3rd Bn      | S-3 | Co L rcn patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men left outpost at 752456, went to 757461, then 757562. Heard voices there, started to work left when two rounds friendly mortar fire fell to their front. Tried to work around to rt, met 4-man enemy patrol which they let pass and last saw going toward RR tracks. Returned by same route at 0040. |                           |
| 5 2nd Bn      | S-3 | Red flare reported at 0100 on 150 degrees from #4 outpost. Two rounds arty fell vic Bn CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
| 5 OP #1       | S-3 | White flare in SARREINSBERG.. Arty quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |
| 0 3rd Bn      | S-3 | Co K has been firing mortars toward a pos to left of their center plat. Enemy has been heard cutting trees and laying wire.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |
| 0 OP #2       | S-3 | Tk or SP gun fired two rounds on 70 degree az from OP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                           |
| 5 2nd Bn      | S-3 | Two arty shells vic Bn CP, otherwise quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |
| 0 3rd Bn      | S-3 | Co K patrol reports tk firing from NW of Hill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                           |



From: 0600 16 January 1945

To: 1110 16 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688410)

| Date | From     | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken             |
|------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 002  | 1st Bn   | S-3     | Our small arms that OP heard. Co B heard noise to front, fired, but no response.                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| 720  | 1st Bn   | S-3     | A Co C patrol combed area until 0115, found nothing.                                                                                                                                                                              | Notified                 |
| 745  | G-3      | S-3     | Did 141 knock out any tks yesterday?                                                                                                                                                                                              | No                       |
| 130  | G-2      | S-2     | Have panels out from 1430 to 1500 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Notified 1 Bns           |
| 49   | CO Co F  | S-3     | Have you any info on NCOs that were to be requisitioned?                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
|      | S-3      | CO Co F | Have not been able to get any NCOs but will keep trying to get them.                                                                                                                                                              |                          |
| 57   | S-3 1 Bn | S-3     | plans for raiding party have been made and final arrangements being made this morning for a raid in NE corner of 7441 grid square. This party would get into pos before daylight in morning and jump off at daylight on the raid. | Notifi                   |
| 03   | 3rd Bn   | S-3     | Raid will take place early in morning; plan will be sent to Regt this morning.                                                                                                                                                    | Notified                 |
| 26   | G-3      | S-3     | If any changes made in pos of AT guns or TDS for a 24-hr period, please notify us. Also send in telegraph report to G-3 every two hrs, especially at night.                                                                       |                          |
| 1    | S-3      | 3rd Bn  | Has Co I received any small arms this morning?                                                                                                                                                                                    | No, but mortar f ceived. |
| 5    | 3rd Bn   | S-2     | Mortar firing from 80 degree az; possible pos at 740499.                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 5    | S-3      | G-3     | Msg: Sector quiet; 1st and 3rd Bns planning raiding parties for dawn 17 Jan. Details will be submitted later today.                                                                                                               |                          |
| 5    | Engr LO  | S-3     | Mine field that you requested be put in can not be laid without permission from Corps.                                                                                                                                            | Notified S-              |
|      | S-2 2 Bn | S-3     | Will send in an overlay showing exact location of proposed mine field.                                                                                                                                                            |                          |

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From: 1140 16 January 1945

To: 1100 16 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From                    | To                   | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action                                                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 53 Div Engr Officer S-3 | S-3                  | What plans does 141 have about Regt Reserve Line in fwd areas?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                             |
| Div Engr S-3            | Div Engr Officer S-3 | We plan to lay mines, put up wire and have a dug in pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                             |
| Div Engr S-3            | S-3                  | We can plan mine fields and stack the mines without Corps approval, but Corps approval is necessary to lay a mine field. Would like an estimate of amount of Engr work wanted as soon as possible.                                                                                                   |                                                             |
| 00 OP #2                | S-2                  | Plane over MOUTERHOUSE receiving lot of flak.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                             |
| 04 S-3                  | G-3                  | To what extent should a Regt Reserve Line be carried out?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                             |
| G-3                     | S-3                  | A pos should be laid out for one Bn to fall back to. There is only one place tactically that a RRL can be set up in 141 area.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                             |
| S-3                     | G-3                  | CO wants to submit a plan to G-3 for approval before actual work is started to prevent wasted effort by men or have another unit work out a different plan.                                                                                                                                          | Okay to plan                                                |
| G-3                     | S-3                  | On the raids--if the raiding parties are fired on, they should try to determine if it is a defensive fire or not. This info will be valuable if atk plan goes into effect.                                                                                                                           |                                                             |
| S-3                     | S-3 1 Bn             | Is GOETZENBRUCK-MEISENTHAL rd clear?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | As far as we                                                |
| Exo 2 Bn                | S-3                  | What was big barrage or strafing over LEMBERG at 1220?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Called 925                                                  |
| 925 FA Bn               | S-3                  | Holding a dry run on pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Notified Exo                                                |
| CO 1 Bn                 | S-3                  | Are two Engr squads to be taken away tonight? Want to use these Engrs to put up some wire tonight.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No                                                          |
| S-3                     | S-2 2 Bn             | The Regt Reserve Line will extend down to and including ST LOUIS valley. Engrs will be available to you on this work so tracing will have to be laid before Engrs can start work. Plan out how many sandbags you will need, how many emplacements to be dug, wire needed and mine fields to be laid. | Will walk this area afternoon send in o and estim of what i |



From: 1400 16 January 1945

41ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From        | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action           |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1400        | IPW         | S-2      | (cont) 1 150mm gun at 787434, also ammo dump. To be relieved by PG Adolf Hitler within next 8 days according to Bn CO. Estimate 45 casualties since 22 Sept due to trench feet and frozen feet mostly. Morale poor, little food, steady threats from officers.                                                                                                                    |                  |
| 1400        | G-2         | S-2      | 141 can start sending vehicles at 0930 in morning to ST LOUIS for the purpose of being camouflaged. 84th Engrs will do the work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                  |
| 1415        | CG Div Arty | S-3      | Visited CP and received situation from S-3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                  |
| 1416        | S-3         | S-3 3 Bn | Make a special note of any defensive fires Germans may lay down tonight or during raid in morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |
| 1530        | 3rd Bn      | S-3      | Patrol from 3rd Bn, #22, left Co L CP at 745455, observed enemy mortar at 755460, also saw barbed wire at 754459 running SE to 758458. While they were in this pos 5 enemy came from mortar pos and tried to work behind the patrol; patrol had to fight its way back but no one hurt. During fight enemy MG fired from 753462 but our mortars and MGs helped patrol to get back. |                  |
| 15          | G-3         | CO       | Visited CP and received situation from CO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
| 16          | S-3         | 1st Bn   | Has S-3 1 Bn made plans for raid yet?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | yes, but not yet |
| 17          | 3rd Bn      | S-3      | Msg: Situation negative. Small amount enemy arty in Bn CP area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |
| 1800        | OP #1       | S-3      | Small arms fire and one MG firing at 745420 at 1230. At 1225 SP fired two rounds landing at 746415, another round at 1237 hrs. At 1310 two rounds SP fire fell at 740410 coming from NE. At 1335 more small arms fire at 745420.                                                                                                                                                  |                  |
| 1900        | S-3         | G-3      | Msg: Sector quiet except for a few scattered rounds of arty vic LEMBERG at 1400. Two enemy seen moving in woods vic 745425 at 1430; enemy fled when fired on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |
| 2000        | 1st Bn      | S-3      | Msg: Red Bn all quiet. Enemy group 10 men seen vic 756437. (Time 11:20)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |



4-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 15

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TO : 161800A Jan 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SH-TR: XXXVI-13 & 14, XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with following attached units: 151 FA Bn, Co A 111 Mtd Bn, One Plat Co A 111 Engr Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn and Co C 753 Tk(M) Bn. ROT continued defensive mission in sector running from vic 740470-746414. Units disposed as follows: 3rd Bn (plus AT Co), held left sector of Regt'l front. K Co Plats vic 743467, 743465 and 746463. Bn AT Plat held position vic 747462. L Co Plats were in position vic 749457 and 749455, with one Plat holding strong points vic 746455, 745455 and 743453. AT Co Plats were in position vic 744452, 743449 and 743446. 1st Bn, (plus F Co), held right sector of Regt'l sector. A Co Plats were located vic 745442, 747440 and 746436. G Co held position extending along ridge from vic 740437 to vic 736432. B Co Plats held defensive positions vic 744430, 742426 and 74042. The 3rd Bn AT Plat was in place vic 741420. F Co Plats vic 744418, 74541 and 744413. 2nd Bn (-), was in reserve positions, with A Co outposting from vic 713463-723464 and G Co from vic 713457 around top of ridge vic 724463. Sector remained quiet thru out period. Moderate artillery received via LMBRG 1500A. <sup>PATROLS</sup> Ron security active to front during night and thru out sector during period.
2. Combat efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results Of Operations: 141 ROT, retained previous defensive sector. Sector generally quiet during period.

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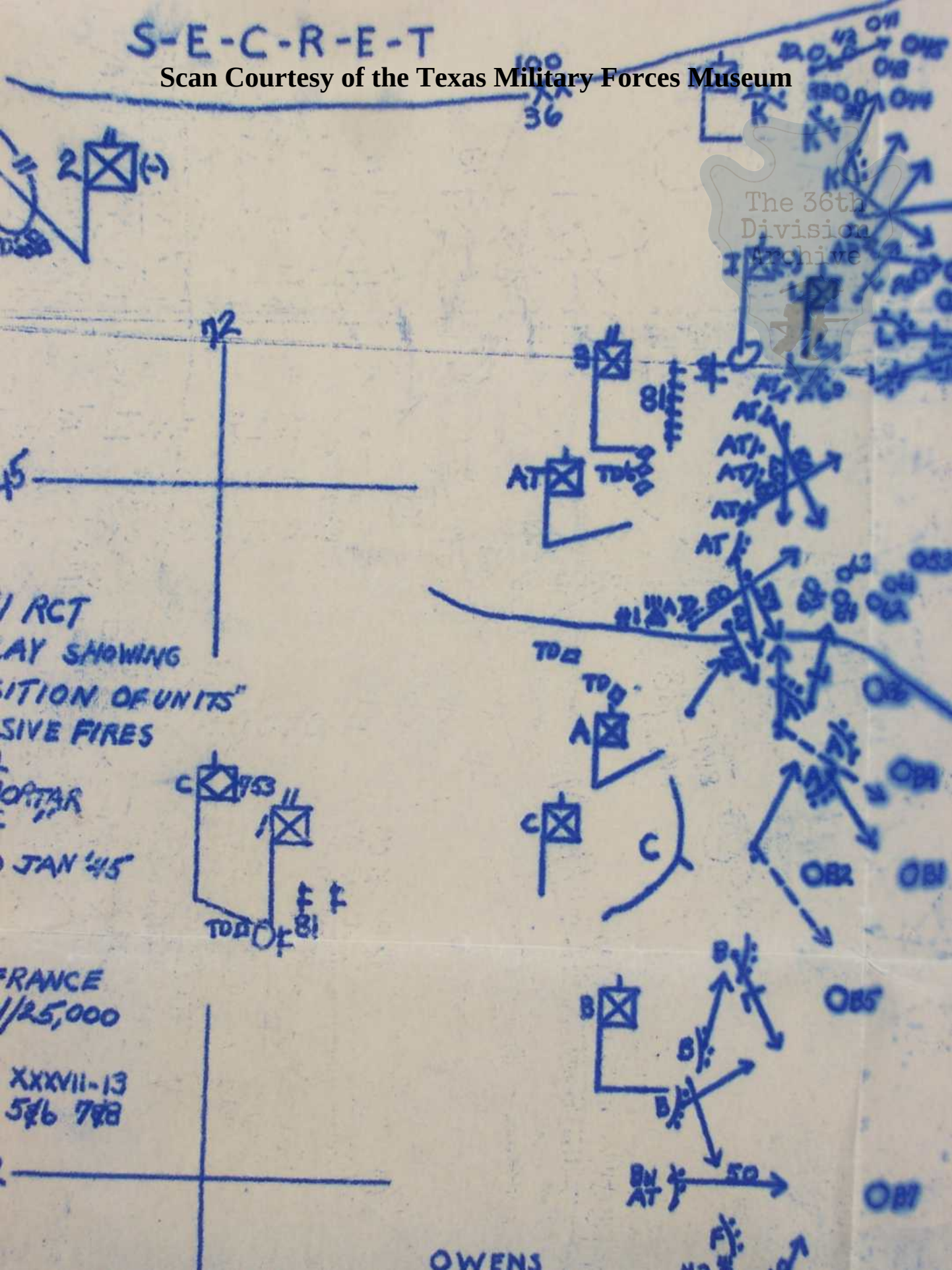




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161100A January 19

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:  
(For Planning Purposes)

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1. a. See Current S-2 Estimate and Overlay.
- b. 36th Inf Div attacks H-Hour, D-Day, to secure Objective indicated on overlay; protects Corp right flank, maintains contact with 45th Inf Div on right and 100th Inf Div on left.
2. a. 141 RCT, with attachments;

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

attacks H-Hour, D-Day, on left zone of action; formation column of Bns, 3rd, 1st, 2nd; seizes and secures successive Objectives X, Y, Z; blocks enemy approaches from N and NW; organizes Objective Line "A", in sector for defense to NW; protects Div left flank, maintains contact with 142 RCT on right and 100th Inf Div on left.

- b. For LD, boundaries, intermediate objective, etc, See Overlay.

3. a. 1st Bn, with following attachments;

1st Plat, Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
One (1) Sqd, Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn

- (1) Moves on order to forward assembly area (See Overlay) initiates necessary reconnaissance for routes forward and terrain study for an attack E of our front line positions.

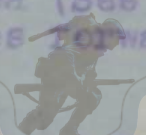
- (2) Follows on order in rear of 3rd Bn, mopping up resistance by-passed by 3rd Bn.

- (3) Prepares to attack S from Objective "I", to seize and clear all enemy resistance from Objective "E".

- (4) Gains and maintains contact with 142 RCT on right.

- (5) Prepares to continue attack to E.





b. 2nd Bn, with following attachments;

2nd Plat, Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
One (1) Sqd, Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn

- (1) Moves on order to forward assembly area (See Overleaf) and initiates reconnaissance for routes forward and positions for supporting weapons.
- (2) Moves on order to positions vic of present front line and occupies positions so as to protect left flank
- (3) Employs supporting weapons so as to deliver support fires as requested by CO, 3rd Bn. Bn CO to be resp for coordination of all supporting fires.
- (4) On order, passes through 3rd Bn and assists 1st Bn fire and movement in seizing Objectives "F", "L", " and "J".
- (5) Prepares to continue attack to E within its sector, seize successive Objectives and clear all enemy res within its sector.
- (6) Gains and maintains contact with 1st Bn on right and Bn on left.

c. 3rd Bn, with following attachments;

Plat, Co "A", 753 Tk Bn (M)  
3rd Plat, Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
One (1) Sqd, Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn

- (1) Attacks at H-Hour, D-Day, to seize Objective "I" as initial Objective.
- (2) Continues attack to seize and clear all enemy resist from Objectives "M" and "R".
- (3) Continues attack on order to seize Objective "O" and seize and secure Objective Line "V"- "W".
- (4) Supporting fires of 2nd Bn and AT Co available to CO request.
- (5) Gains and maintains contact with 100th Div on left.

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- e. AT Co, will reconnoiter and select gun positions near present front lines covering tank approaches from N and E. will be prepared to deliver direct fire on the installations employing 50 cal MG's.
- f. 131 FA Bn, with Cannon Co attached, will be prepared to deliver direct supporting fires on call. Particular attention will be paid to the RR and roads leading into the Regt's sector.
- g. Co "A", 753 Tk Bn (M), (-1 Plat), initially in Regt's RVIC or KNEIBENBERG.
- h. Co "A", 111 Med Bn, will locate suitable medical installation and report location to this Hqs.
- x. (1) Normal loads of ammo will be carried except riflemen carry two (2) extra bandoleers per man. Two (2) fragmentation grenades per man or 150 per Rifle Co will be carried.  
(2) Units will observe strict blackout and camouflage discipline in forward assembly area.  
(3) Each individual will carry one (1)  $\frac{1}{4}$  block of TNT for cap and 15 second fuze for making individual shape charge and fuze to be furnished by Bn S-4 as needed.

4. Supply and Evacuation - SOP.

5. a. Axis signal communication; LEMBERG, ALTSCHMEL.

b. Initial Regt'l CP - LEMBERG.

c. Bns will submit hourly situation reports beginning H-Hour.

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Cmdg

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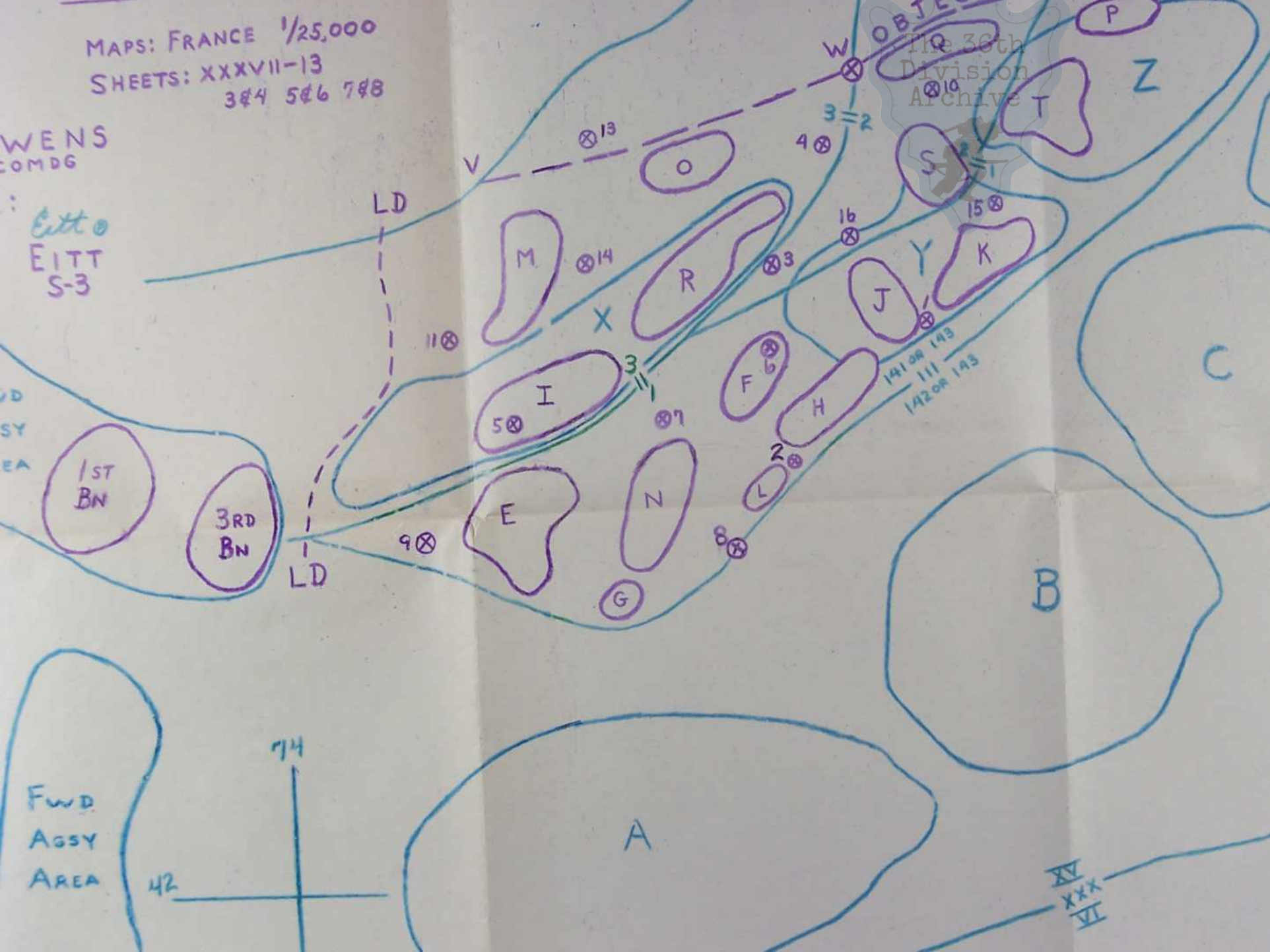
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SHEETS: XXXVII-13  
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Hq 1st Inf

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Map: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheet 37-13

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.
  - a. Enemy Front Line.  
No Change. See overlay this Hqs dated 121900A Jan 45
  - b. Units in Contact.  
No Change. See above overlay.
2. Enemy Operations.
  - a. General Summary.  
Enemy continues to be passively defensive on our front minor infantry activities reported. A slight increase harassing arty and SP fires vicinity of LEMBERG.
  - b. Operations of Component Elements.
    - (1) Armor -  
PW states 2 SPs, 75mm located in SCHWANGELBACH (76114 Jan 45.  
I Co reports hearing 4-5 tanks general vic of 76548 start of period.  
0350A - SP firing from Az 70° from OP #2 (748444)  
0510A - K Co reported SP or tank firing from NW of (758477)  
1530A - SP firing from AZ 45°, range approx 2000-2500
    - (2) Artillery -  
1-150mm How reported at 755419 by PW as of 15 Jan 45  
Arty gun flashes obs'd Az of 95° at range of 2900-3000 from OP #1  
Arty firing from grid square 7842  
Several rds direction unknown fell in SARREINSBERG, 2 rds fell in ECHENBERG from 150° Az from 720453.  
K Co reported about 25 rds, 105 cal on AZ 90° from LEMBERG and vic received approx 1 rd, hvy cal, per m between 1400-1500. 15 rds again at 1558 from approx from 740444.
    - (3) Infantry -  
At start of the period 6 man enemy patrol & 2 MGs at to infiltrate through our lines vic of B Co.  
L Co reported some movement of personnel vic of 7654  
Mortar located at 757458 by patrol  
Enemy observed along trail at 748414 by F Co patrol  
fell over trail at this pt



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Mortar observed at 755460 by patrol  
Enemy barbed wire reported at 754459 running SE to 75  
MGs located at 753462, 752418 by patrol activity  
4th Co 466th Regt of 80 men reported vic of 7945 by P

## (4) Installations -

CP - 8th Co 2nd Bn 466 VGR at 788433  
CP - 2nd Bn 466 VGR at 769437  
CP - 466th VGR at 784434  
CP - SS Regt (NO unknown) 793427

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## 3. Miscellaneous.

Enemy Losses  
None

## 4. Enemy Capabilities.

No Change - See report this Hqs dated 122000A Jan 45.

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Actg S-2

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Patrol obs'd enemy mortar firing

47

#14

3rd Bn  
Left 1800  
Retd 2015

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\*2-Large emplacement - unocc since snow fell

KO'd enemy AT gun

Large pile of live German arty ammo

FW picked up at this pt

#15

Hq 141 Inf

3rd Bn  
Left 1500  
Retd 1630

Patrol Report Overlay  
Daylight Reconnaissance Pat  
15 Jan 45

Map; 1/25,900, 37-13, 7 & 8

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BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2

Ran into enemy outpost at this pt,  
enemy - may have killed him

#16

Dug in posn facing E

2nd Bn  
Left 1420  
Retd 1700

Heard digging and chopping in

Trenches to accomodate 15 men (unocc)

Dug-outs

At this pt patrol fired on by 2 enemy from



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SUBJECT: 141 ROT Raiding Parties.

TO : AG of 3, G-3, 36th Inf Div, APO #36, U. S. Army.

1. 141 ROT will conduct two raiding parties into enemy territory night 16-17 Jan 1945.

## 2. Information concerning Raiding Parties:

a. Raiding Party No. 1.

- (1) From 3rd Bn - 1 Officer and 20 Unlisted Men.
- (2) Mission - Raiding houses via 751447, taking POW and determine enemy disposition and strength in that vicinity.
- (3) Party leaves IP at 170300A and will return prior to 170700.
- (4) Supporting artillery fires on pre-registered targets available on call of Raiding Party.
- (5) If communication is out, red star cluster flare will be used asking for artillery and white star cluster to cease fire.

b. Raiding Party No. 2.

- (1) From 1st Bn - 1 Officer and 32 Unlisted Men.
- (2) Mission - To move thru area indicated and destroy all enemy personnel and equipment. Prisoners to be taken if practical. Area contains known and suspected enemy positions.
- (3) Party will cross IP at 170630A. Artillery, mortars and TD will fire concentrations from 0625A to 0635A, to cover forward movement of patrol.
- (4) From 0640A to 0730A, artillery, mortars and TD's will fire barrage as indicated on overlay. 4.2 mortars are from unit supporting 2nd Bn, 179th ROT.

## 3. See Attached Overlay.

For the Commanding Officer:

HARBERT - . - ITT

# 141 RCT RAIDING PARTIES

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MAP: FRANCE

SCALE: 1/25000

SHEETS: XXXVII-3+4

5+6

7+8

RAIDING PARTY

No. 1

IP

IP

IP

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OBJ. AREA

RAIDING PARTY

No. 2

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81 MM BARRAGE

TD IMPACT AREA

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ARTILLERY BARRAGE

4.2 MORTAR  
IMPACT AREA

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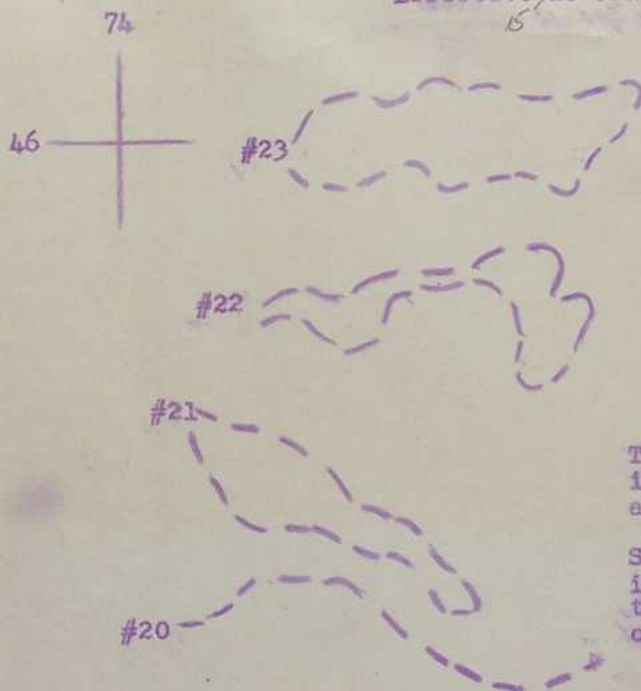


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DAYLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS

Effective 16 Jan 45



Patrols NO. 18, 19 & 20  
1st Bn

Patrols NO. 21, 22, & 23  
3rd Bn

TO: determine strength & di-  
stribution of enemy forces in tar-  
get areas shown on overlay.

SPECIAL ATTN TO: Routes of  
entry into enemy positions, known or sus-  
pected mine fields. Types of re-  
sistance by individual enemy troop

(See attached individual patrol  
instructions which WILL be completed  
and returned not later than 20 Jan 45)

OFFICIAL:

BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2

Map: 1/25,000  
Sheet 37-13, 7 & 8



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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE)

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To

16 JAN 46

CO 141 INF

TRED BN ALL QUIET  
ENEMY GROUP TEN MEN  
SEEN VICINITY 756-437

TIME 1420

TRED *[Signature]*

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1306  
TIME SIGNED

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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No.

DATE

To

1st INF FROM CHEMICAL OFFICER  
2nd INF DIV 16 JAN 1945  
1st INF REG AT

PLEASE PICK UP SUPPLIES AT  
CWS SUPPLY CAMP AS SOON AS  
PRACTICABLE

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TIME SIGNED

AUTHORIZED TO BE  
SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

TO CO 141 INP DATE 16 JAN 45

SITUATION. NEGATIVE SMALL  
AMOUNT ENEMY ARTY OUR  
COMMAND POST AREA

605 BLUE  
1515

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OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

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1425  
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To \_\_\_\_\_

CO 141

DATE

16 JAN

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ALL QUIET

2 BN 2017  
BPAH.

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TO

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(CLASSIFICATION)

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To CO 141 INF

DATE 16 JAN 45

NO CHANGE TIME 1500

BLUE

M/sgt PRDESEL  
1531

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1515

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No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PRECEDENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
To CO 141 INF

OUTPOST #4 reports  
yellow flare AT 1430.  
AT 1456 OUTPOST #3 ALL  
QUIET

2nd BN

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TO CO 141 DATE 16 Jan 1944  
NO.                      CENTER IN DUPLICATE (CLASSIFICATION)

To #Coys, G-3

SECTOR QUIET FOR PERIOD EXCEPT  
FOR A FEW SCATTERED  
ROUNDS OF ARTY VIC LEMBERG  
AT 1400.

AND TWO ENEMY SEEN  
MOVING IN WOODS VIC 745425  
AT 1430H. THE ENEMY FLED  
WHEN FIRED ON

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER  
CO 141

AUTHORIZED TO BE  
SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER  
HC Schwark

1530  
TIME SIGNED

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CENTER IN DUPLICATE)

PRECEDENCE

No. \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

16 JAN

INF

SITUATION ALL ENEMY  
QUIET

~~1 BN~~

~~PPH 71~~

161600

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SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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MESSAGE (ENTER IN DIRECTION)  
(OR WILL TO MESSAGE)

PRIORITY

TO

CO 141

DATE

16 JAN 45

TO

CO 141 TIF

DATE

16 JAN 45

SITUATION

SAME AS

1600

2nd BN.

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

1700

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SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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To: 2015 16 January 1945

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| OP #2    | S-3 | Friendly mortar barrage to our left.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3 | Tk firing from 90 degree az, 5 seconds between time fired and when it lands. Patrol #21 left Co L OP 743449 at 1500, crossed RR and followed SE to 745445 E along slope to 749445 and returned by same route. Observed one German standing near foxhole at 745444 but no other activity seen for 30 min. At 749445 received a mortar barrage coming from E. Patrol #23 has returned with 2 PSW.                                                         |                                        |
| G-2      | S-2 | Msg: ISUM to 161730A Jan 45. Sector remained quiet. About 50 rounds arty fire including 20 of estimated 170mm cal fell in SARREINSBERG and LEMBERG areas. One jet-propelled plane was reported flying W at high altitude at 1350.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                        |
| 1st Bn   | S-3 | Msg: Generally quiet. One round 150mm arty from 757420 at 1655 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                        |
| OP #1    | S-2 | At 1830 hrs small arms fire at 745415.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                        |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-2 | OP reports mortar firing from 80 degree az landing in S part of town. At 1700 Co I reports tk or SP 1000 yds E of OP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Notified                               |
| 1st Bn   | S-3 | Msg: Co B received rifle fire at 744433; returned fire. Quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notified                               |
| OP #2    | S-2 | SP fired 8-10 rounds from 80 degree az from 3000 yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-2 | patrol left Co L CP, went to left plat, worked to 748459, saw a path leading to dug out, saw two helmets and two loaves of bread. Covered dug out with men then called the Germans out; took 2 PSW. Saw baling wire strung between trees vic 748459, also stakes 1 ft high wrapped with straw. Patrol returned to Co CP. At 1952 Co L reported a vehicle with black out light at 764482. At 1955 OP reported track vehicle on 120 degree az vic 750448. |                                        |
| G-2      | S-2 | German pass word for tonight "Bauer-Baden."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                        |



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015 1st Bn S-3 Msg: Co B reported MG firing at their pos; put mortar fire on enemy pos. All quiet. Rcn reports all quiet.

020 1st Bn S-2 Rcn patrol from Co C left OP at 740421 with mission of investigating dugouts and pos on side of hill at 745423 to see if enemy occupied them. Went NE 300 yds into woods, then through woods to pos. Looked into openings and found nothing. Saw many footprints around dugouts leading across hill. Returned by same route.

040 2nd Bn S-3 Msg: OP #1 reports white flares fired due N each time followed by an arty barrage. OP #4 reports quiet.

050 Engr LO S-3 Tracing tape will be delivered to 2nd Bn in morning.

055 S-3 2nd Bn Do you need additional wire or shelters? No  
 Try to ambush enemy in morning in Co B area.

045 OP #2 S-2 10 white flares on 40 and 90 degree az; in wooded area E of OP hvly friendly arty and mortar barrage. Call 2 Bn  
 S-3 2 Bn S-3 Flares and arty friendly. A great number of flares tonight. Arty landing in town now on 35 degree az from CP. 15-20 rounds have fallen; seems to be SP fire.

03 S-3 CO 3 Bn Do you need any more wire strung or dugouts?  
 CO 3 Bn S-3 Want 200-300 yds more of wire; have the wire but need the Engrs to do it. Co K had a little activity in their area but everything quiet now.

S-3 CO 3 Bn Send in an enlarged drawing of area showing wire strung, flares, mines, dugouts and all man made improvements you have put in.

08 3rd Bn S-3 From 1300 to 1500 we are going to fire some  
 399 Inf AT rockets against knocked out German tk at 724474; notify 141 men close to this pt.

0 3rd Bn S-3 We have noticed quite a lot of movement and  
 179 Inf noise vic 757412 and 757413; has 141 any reports of this activity?



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| Time & Date | From   | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | The 36th Division Action Table |
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| 152         | 3rd Bn | S-2 | There was a little activity between Co L and AT Co pos; 3-4 Germans tried to cross over RR, mortar was put on them. At 2013 tk firing from 763471 landing vic E CHENBERG (20-30 rounds).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The 36th Division Archive      |
| 200         | 1st Bn | S-3 | No reports of activity around 757412-757413 except a few flares.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                |
| 212         | OP #1  | S-3 | 19 rounds enemy fire fell vic 747414 from NE at 2135. 5 flashes observed on 140 degree az about 4000 yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                |
| 235         | 2nd Bn | S-3 | Msg: Around 30 rounds arty landed in CP area 2100 to 2115 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                |
| 250         | 2nd Bn | S-3 | Cos and OPs report many flares--red, yellow and white.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| 302         | 1st Bn | S-3 | OP #2 reports AA searchlight vic 748412.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                |
| 310         | IFW    | S-2 | 2 PSW taken by Co K at 751458 from 7th Co 2nd Bn 1126 Regt, 559 Div. Strength of Co 40 men on 16 Jan. Wpns--6 LMGs. 7th Co dug in from 751458 to approx 753465 with mission of securing the hillside. 6th Co from 753465 to unknown pt; 1st Bn 1126 from 751458 to unknown pt. 559 Div CP at 781515 with 50 men from BITCHE at 781515 to 751458 as of 14 Jan; they had been in BITCHE from 31 Dec to 14 Jan as reserve. Pos Co now occupies were prepared previously; food and ammo from BITCHE vic main rd to LEMBERG daily between 1900 and 2100 hrs. 2nd Bn CP 1126 at 758472. One btry 105mm on both sides of rd 744495 on 14 Jan. Tk trap built from tree trunks at 765509. Flare signals are same as at Russian front: Red-enemy atk, white-we are here, violet-tks are approaching, whistle bullet, gas. 6 casualties in 2nd squad due to arty; morale low. Steady rumor of relief which hasn't shown up. Soldiers don't fire at our patrols as war will soon be over. Fire only at night for self-preservation. PW does not know of any rear pos. |                                |
| 10          | 1st Bn | G-3 | Msg: Explosion E of 744432 cause unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                |



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41ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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From: 2317 16 January 1945

To: 0630 17 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From      | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action                                     |
|-------------|-----------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2322        | CO        | S-3 | CG called to say the 179th Inf is pulling out and leaving our rt flank open which we will have to take care of. CG will attach 36 Rcn Co to 141 to cover this gap; have notified CO 1 Bn that Rcn Co will be attached to him and 1st Bn will be responsible for the area. |                                            |
| 2330        | CO 36 Rcn | S-3 | Is 141 Inf being relieved tonight?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | No, you can to CP in mo                    |
| 2333        | S-3       | G-3 | Msg: 19 rounds enemy fire fell in 747414 from NE at 2135; flashes observed at 140 degree az 4000 yds. 30 rounds fell 2nd Bn CP area 2100 to 2118. Explosion E of 744432; cause unknown.                                                                                   |                                            |
| 2400        | OP #1     | S-3 | At 2330 heard someone chopping wood vic 753414; also two light trks moving to NE.                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |
| 7 Jan 002   | OP #2     | S-3 | At 2305 one green flare on 10 degree az. At 2310 two rounds medium arty 100 yds NW of RJ 740444.                                                                                                                                                                          | Notified                                   |
| 003         | 1st Bn    | S-3 | Two more white flares at 749424. Co B reports digging and sawing in front of 1st Plat.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Notified                                   |
| 30          | OP #1     | S-3 | Since 2400 three planes flying low circling over vic MONTBRONN.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                            |
| 00          | G-3       | S-3 | Rcn trps that are taking over pos of 2nd Bn 179th should have someone at their CP at 170800A Jan.                                                                                                                                                                         | Notified 36 send someone in ALTHORN Bn 179 |
| 09          | OP #2     | S-3 | Two rounds light arty 200 yds S of RJ 740444; one round light arty S of same RJ at 0030.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| 20          | S-3       |     | Approx 30-35 rounds arty passed over town seeming to hit on hill to SW where arty is in pos; fire is SP or 105mm going on 90 degree az.                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
| 30          | 3rd Bn    | S-3 | Not talking about raiding party for security reasons but will advise you of any report from them.                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |
| 00          | S-3       | G-3 | Msg: Raiding party #1 moved out at 0300.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| 00          | S-3       | G-3 | No sounds of fire coming from area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |



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41ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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From: 0630 17 January 1945

To: 0842 17 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From         | To           | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action   |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 0632        | EXO 3 Bn     | S-3          | A runner just came in from raiding party, reported party proceeding on mission. Party should have reached mission 30 min ago.                                                                                                                                |          |
| 0640        | S-3 1 Bn     | CO           | Raiding party moved out from Co at 0530 to cross IP at 0630.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Notified |
| 0658        | OP #2        | S-3          | MG fire to S 1000 yds (friendly) from 0615 to 0625; repeated 0640 to 0650.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Notified |
| 0700        | OP #1        | S-3          | Arty prep for second raiding party falling to our front.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          |
| 0730        | S-3 3 Bn     | S-3          | Raiding party accomplished nothing. Left at 0300 and went to 746452 where spotted 3 enemy going to an outpost so party lay in ambush for one hr waiting for enemy relief party which did not show up. It was late so Plat Ldr returned; arrived at 0640 hrs. | Notified |
| 0750        | CO           | CO 3 Bn      | Send patrol out in daylight with limited obj close to front line.                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
| 0800        | S-3 1 Bn     | S-3          | No word from raiding party yet; am sending a runner to find out situation.                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
| 0802        | S-3          | CO 36 Rcn Co | 36 Rcn is atchd to 141 and under 1st Bn control; you will cover about a 1000 yds front.                                                                                                                                                                      |          |
|             | CO 36 Rcn Co | S-3          | 36 Rcn Co has 80-85 men, 22 M-1 rifles and carbines and 9 LMGs.                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |
| 0824        | S-3          | G-3          | 3rd Bn raid accomplished nothing and CO sending it out again in daylight. 1st Bn raiding party hit a mine field, the ldr was wounded or killed, and some other men were wounded; have no definite info yet; will notify you when we do.                      |          |
| 0835        | 2nd Bn S-3   | S-3 2nd Bn   | Can we get Engrs tape we requested last night? Engrs were to bring down tape this morning.                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
| 0842        | S-3 1 Bn     | S-2          | Raiding party ran into a mine field, plat ldr had a foot blown off and another man received powder burns. Raiding party has been called off. Believe mine field is a new one.                                                                                | Notified |

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1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 0842 17 January 1945

To: 1044 17 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| me &: | From   | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | The 36th Division Action Ta        |
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| 912   | CG     | S-3 | On the shift to the rt, temporarily use 36th Rcn. All three Bns of 141 will be employed on the line; however each Bn will have two Cos on the line and one Co in reserve, making six Cos on the MLR and three Cos in reserve. 1st Bn 143 will be atchd to 141 as reserve but will not be committed without my authority; this Bn of 143 will remain in its pres pos. Divide 141 pres sector into three Bn sectors and notify Div of set up. Relief will be complete when the rt unit (179th Inf) pulls out and 141 contacts them for this info. | Notified                           |
|       | CO     | S-3 | Have contacted 179 and we will relieve them this evening. You and CO 2 Bn meet me at Co F CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Notified 2                         |
| 55    | G-3    | S-3 | On 141 request to lay some mine fields--it will be okay to prepare the fields but no mines are to be laid. The mines will be put in a safe place nearby unarmed. 111th Engrs can prepare these fields.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                    |
| 00    | 155 FA | S-3 | 100th Div Arty receiving mortar fire in 7047 grid square they believe is coming from due S. 132 FA reports they are receiving mortar fire in 7045 grid square; check to see if any 141 mortars are firing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Checked 1 3rd Bns reported mortars |
| 0     | 3rd Bn | S-2 | Patrol left Co K outpost at 748472 at 2100 hrs, traveled N to Co B 399 outpost located at 748474, then NE along slopes to 758473. Saw one enemy at 750473 who went into woods to S as patrol approached. Patrol went NE to 758478 without making enemy contact; observed two tracked vehicles, either tks or Sps on rd at 761476. Heard 8-10 Germans talking and moving around veh vehicles and on nose of hill at 760475. Patrol returned along same general route; nothing further to report.                                                 |                                    |
|       | G-3    | S-3 | Corps wants to know 141 plans for relieving 179th Inf; CO 179th reported to Corps that no one had contacted them about relief.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Notified C                         |
|       | CO     | S-3 | I contacted Bn CO of 179th and arranged to re-lieve them tonight; am sending                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Notified                           |



From: 1044 17 January 1945

To: 1322 17 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 55    |       | CO       | S-3      | Have ordered 2nd Bn to move right after lunch. Contact 143 Inf and find out which Bn is atchd to 141. If it is the Bn in ST LOUIS, they can remain there; if not, have them move to ENCHENBERG. Outposts of 2nd Bn will take care of themselves, Engrs are at these pts and will remain there. | Archive                     |
| 0     |       | S-3      | 143 Inf  | Which 143 Bn is atchd to 141? Outposts occupied by our 2nd Bn do not have to be filled by 143 men.                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1st Bn in ST                |
| 6     |       | CO       | S-3      | Plan has changed; notify 1st Bn 143 their men will have to man outposts now occupied by 2nd Bn 141 this afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                             | Notified 143                |
| 7     |       | CO 3 Bn  | S-3      | Want some Engrs to put in some wire tonight. Believe the wire is being sent up now.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Will try arrange t          |
| 0     |       | Asst S-3 | S-3      | 10 vehicles and Cn Co mounts are to be camouflaged; staff decided I&R jeeps and one jeep per Bn to be camouflaged.                                                                                                                                                                             | Notified                    |
|       |       | S-3 179  | S-3      | What progress is being made about relief of 179 units on 141 rt?                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |
|       |       | S-3      | S-3 179  | 141 Regt CO contacted Bn CO 179 and decided relief would take place tonight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |
|       |       | S-3 179  | S-3      | Bn CO 179 reports no one has contacted him except CO 36 Rcn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Will check                  |
|       |       | 2nd Bn   | S-3      | Msg: Everything quiet now; prepared to move forward after dinner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                             |
|       |       | S-3      | S-4      | Send 5 trks to 2nd Bn after lunch to help move 2nd Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Trks will 2nd Bn CP         |
|       |       | Regt LO  | 2 Bn 179 | CO 2 Bn 141 and CO 2 Bn 179 are together now making plans for relief. We are relieving as much of your unit as possible this afternoon and will complete relief tonight.                                                                                                                       | Notified                    |
|       |       | CO 2 Bn  | S-3      | Trks have not arrived yet. Am moving Co G to ALTHORN and relieve units of 179 Inf. One plat of HMGS to go with Co G.                                                                                                                                                                           |                             |



From: 1322 17 January 1945

To: 1530 17 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 30    | 1st Bn         | S-2       | Location of mine field which raiding party ran into is located from 747423 to 749420.                                                |                                |
| 30    | CO 1 Bn<br>143 | S-3       | Am reporting to you as of this time and am also sending an officer to each Bn to get their situation and oriented on pos of each Bn. | Will co<br>you lat<br>any info |
| 7     | CO 3 Bn        | S-3       | What about Engrs who are to put in wire tonight? Also, is there any info on raid 3rd Bn is to stage; would like to stage it tonight. | Notifi<br>about                |
|       | S-3            | CO 3 Bn   | Engr officer on way up to contact you now.                                                                                           |                                |
|       | CO             | S-3       | CO will contact you with info on raiding party.                                                                                      |                                |
|       |                |           | It does not make any difference if 3rd Bn makes raid in daylight or darkness.                                                        |                                |
|       | S-3            | Co B 636  | Have Plat ldr of reserve plat contact CO 2 Bn this afternoon.                                                                        |                                |
|       | CO 36<br>Rcn   | S-3       | Have you received overlay from 179th Inf? 179 Inf CP can be reached through 36 Rcn switchboard.                                      | Yes                            |
|       | CO 36 Rcn      | S-3       | 5 rounds of arty believed to be 150mm fell in MEISENTHAL; could not get az.                                                          | Notified G                     |
|       | S-3            | G-3       | Msg: 141 RCT sector quiet. 2nd Bn proceeding with relief of 2nd Bn 179th.                                                            |                                |
|       | 111 Engrs      | S-3       | Is work to continue on Regt Reserve Line?                                                                                            |                                |
|       | S-3            | 111 Engrs | 2nd Bn 141 will not continue this work and do not know yet if 1st Bn 143 will work on it; will notify you when I find out.           |                                |
|       | S-3 399        | S-3       | We are going to extend our rocket firing to 1600 instead of 1500 as scheduled.                                                       |                                |
|       | S-2 3 Bn       | S-3       | We are receiving about one round of medium arty per min in LEMBERG; OP reports it is coming in on a 70 degree az.                    |                                |
|       | ExO 2 Bn       | S-3       | Co G moved out at 1430; CO 2 Bn and CO Co G have gone ahead to make a rcn. When trks re- turn Co E and rest of Hq Co will move.      |                                |
|       | OP #1          | S-2       | Some small arms fire just N of OP about 600                                                                                          |                                |



From: 1530 17 January 1945

To: 1800 17 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 45    |       | OP #1   | S-2     | Co B patrol in small fire fight 600 yds N of OP but all quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |
| 23    |       | 1st Bn  | S-2     | Number A-3 patrol of 5 men went to check if some known enemy dugouts were occupied; reached 745422 where Germans opened fire on them, patrol returned fire. Killed 2 Germans, lost 1 man. AT had 50 cal MGs set up at 743422; these opened fire and helped patrol to get back. |          |
| 6     |       | CO 2 Bn | S-3     | We have some armor of 179th that will pull out in the morning. After units relieved 179 Inf will not be in ALTHORN. 3rd Bn 179th taking over on rt. Will have AT plat down in morning. Co is coming down rd now and will soon be in pos. Am firing in defensive fires now.     |          |
|       |       | S-3     | CO 2 Bn | Will send some TDS down to you in morning. 2nd Bn also has one btry of 155 FA that you can register in now.                                                                                                                                                                    |          |
|       |       | S-3     | CO 3 Bn | It is okay to put on raid tonight, CO says.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |
|       |       | CO 3 Bn | S-3     | Have contacted Engrs and they are all set for tonight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          |
|       |       | OP #1   | S-2     | SP or tk fired 10 rounds on 130 degree az; shells fell at 746419 believed to be coming from 760410. Part of rounds were 95 cal, rest was of heavier cal.                                                                                                                       |          |
|       |       | 399 Inf | S-3     | We are going to do some test firing tomorrow with small arms, MG and automatic wps fire between 0900 and 1200 hrs in vic RJ 724474.                                                                                                                                            |          |
|       |       | G-3     | S-3     | What is status of relief by 2nd Bn 141?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |          |
|       |       | S-3     | G-3     | Have received no word that relief is complete; will notify you when this word received.                                                                                                                                                                                        |          |

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TO : 171800A Jan 1945

Hq 141 ROT  
688440  
171800A Jan 1945  
36th Division  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments, 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co A 111 Engr Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn, Co C 753 Tk Bn. ROT continued to maintain defensive positions in sector running from vic 740470-746414. Units disposed as follows: 3rd Bn, (plus AT Co), held left sector of Regt'l front. K Co Plats vic 743467, 745465 and 746463. Bn AT Plat held position vic 747462. L Co Plats were in position vic 749457 and 749455, with one Plat holding strong points vic 746455, 745455 and 743453. AT Co Plats were in position vic 744452, 745449 and 743446. 1st Bn (plus F Co), held right sector of Regt'l sector. A Co Plats were located vic 745442, 747440 and 74436. C Co held position extending along ridge from vic 740437 to vic 73643. B Co Plats held defensive positions vic 744430, 742426 and 740423. The 3rd Bn AT Plat was in place vic 741420. F Co Plats vic 744418, 745415 and 744413. 2nd Bn, (-), was in reserve positions, with A Co outposting line from vic 713465-723464 and G Co from vic 713457 around top of ridge vic 724463. 1st and 3rd Bns sent out platoon strength raiding parties with predesignated objectives. 3rd Bn party moved out at 0300A, advanced to vic 753455, encountered enemy positions in that vic and returned. 1st Bn party moved out at 0630A, advanced to vic 751421 where they ran into heavily mined area, and returned. During afternoon, 2nd Bn moved from vic ANCHENBERG to vic JARR-INS and relieved elements 2nd Bn (-), 179th ROT with G Co. G Co taking position vic 749411-756407 and 760407. Relief practically completed at close of period. During afternoon, 1st Bn patrol engaged in fire fight with enemy position vic 745422. Enemy artillery moderate thru out period, heavy vic LAM-BERG during afternoon.

Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.

Results of Operations: 141 ROT continued to maintain defensive sector vic 740470-746414. 2nd Bn relieved elements 2nd Bn, 179th ROT, extending Regt'l right flank to vic 750407.

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No 16

141st INFANTRY REGIMENT BRIEF

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UNITC. P.REMARKS

141st Inf Regt

688440

1st Battalion

720432

2nd Battalion

VIO SARRE-INSBERG

3rd Battalion

710460

Regt'l Hq Co

688440

Cannon Co

689439

Anti-Tank Co

710460

Service Co

645357

Regt'l Med Det

688440

ATTACHED UNITSUNITC. P.REMARKS

131 FA Bn

689439

Co A 111 Mtd

696436

Co B 636 TD Bn

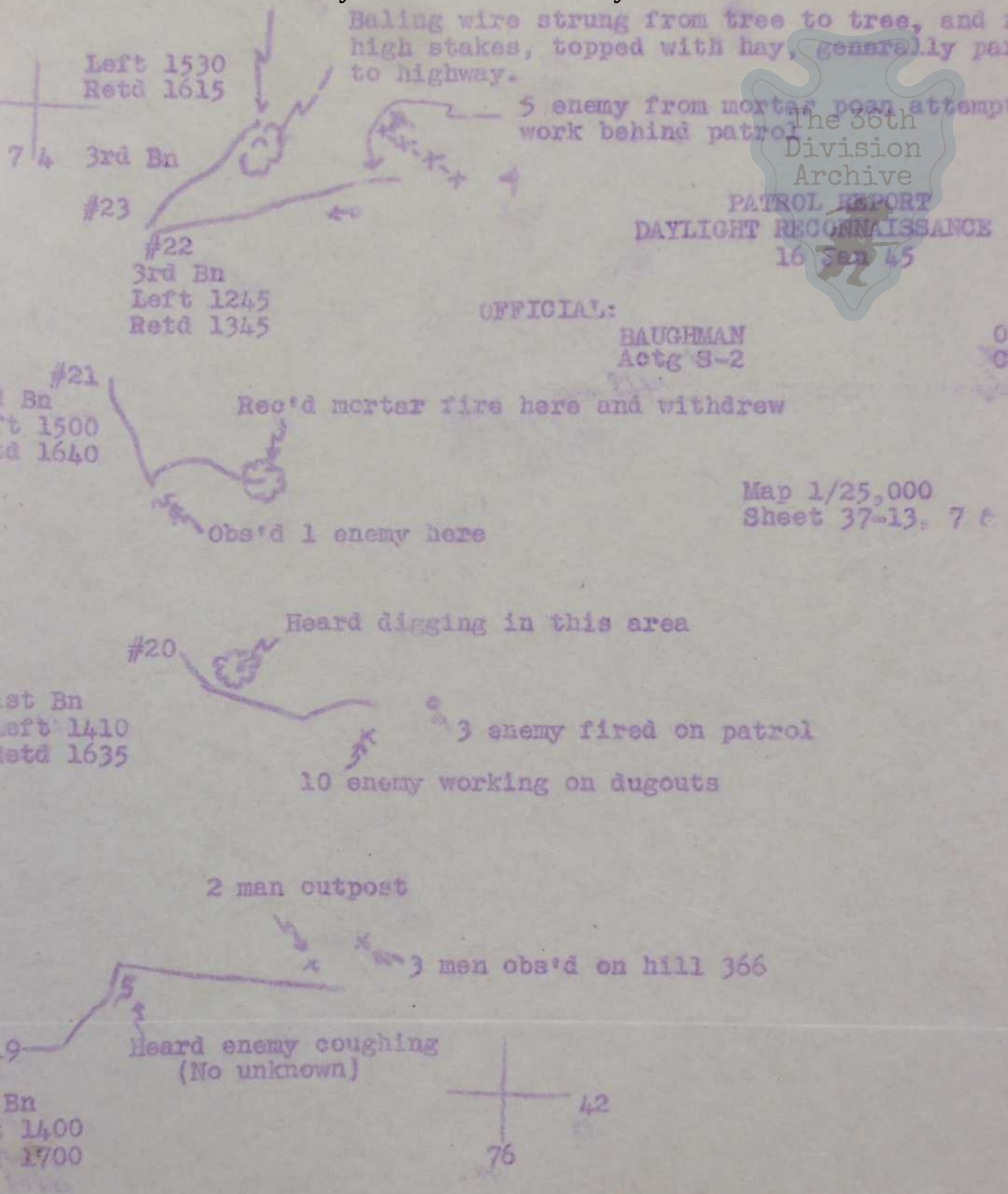
VIO MONTBRONN

Co A 753 Tk Bn

VIO ST LOUIS

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RECONNAISSANCE PATROL OVERLAY

17 Jan 45

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A1, 2, 5 & 6 3rd

A1 & 2 day patrols

A5 & 6 night patrols

A3, 4, 7 & 8 1st

A3 & 4 day patrols

A7 & 8 night patrols

TO: Determine strength & disposition of enemy forces in areas shown on overlay.

SPECIAL ATTN TO: Routes of approach into enemy positions, known or suspected mine fields. Types of positions of individual enemy troops.

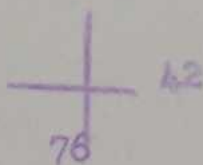
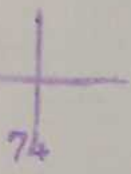
(See attached individual patrol instructions which are to be completed and returned no later than 2000A (day) and 0800A (night) patrol).

Map: 1/25,000, Sheet 37-13 7 & 8

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BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2

OWEN  
Cdr



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From: 161800A Jan 45

To : 171800A Jan 45

172100A 36th 45  
68844 Division  
HQ Archive

Maps: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheets 37-13, 14

## 1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.

- a. Enemy front line.  
See attached overlay.
- b. Units in contact.  
See attached Overlay.

## 2. Enemy Operations During Period.

## a. General Summary.

The enemy attitude throughout the period continued to be passively defensive. Very little infantry activity was reported and arty fires continued to be light. SP fires showed a slight increase over the preceding period with LEMBERG and SARREINSBERG the principal targets.

## b. Operations of Component Elements.

## (1) Armor -

1 Co reported tank or SP firing 1000 yds E of OP at 1840A.

2100A - OP #1 reports SP firing Az 50° vic of 763471, approx 25 rds falling between OP #1 and ECHENBERG.

Patrol obs'd 2 tracked vehicles at 761476 about 2150A.

SP fired 30-35 rds vic 6844, 0320A.

10 rds SP landed vic ST LOUIS, 1000A.

OP #1 reported 3 rds SP fire vic of OP at 1545A from vic 760410 and 10 rds from same SP at 1710A

## (2) Artillery -

PW reports 105mm, 4 guns, posn vic 775496 and 789528.

Pt 740444 harassed from 2300A to 0100A.

28 rds, est 105 cal landed in SARREINSBERG on Az 45° at 0925A.

From 1430A to 1520A 1 rd per minute of med arty fell in LEMBERG area on Az 70° from 745455.

Med arty believed to be located vic 814418.

36th Rcn reported 150mm arty in NEISENTHAL area at 1530A.



(3) Infantry -

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Enemy continued considerable flare activity during hours of darkness, possibly shooting off flares each time activity was heard. In the early part of the period, as in the previous period, B Co again received a small amount of harassing SA fire.

2 man outpost located at 748459 by L Co patrol both men were captured. Baling wire strung between trees and stakes 1 ft high with straw wrapped around them were found in this area.

At 2145A, a 3-4 man patrol was repulsed between L Co and AT Co. Wood-chopping heard vic of 753413 at 2330A.

8-10 enemy obs'd by K Co patrol vic of 76047

Patrol found unocc dug-outs at 745423-745421 noticed fresh tracks leading East over hill at 19

Same dug-outs were found to be occupied by E Co patrol at 1500A. In fire-fight 1 member of patrol was wounded and believed to have been captured by enemy. 2 enemy reported killed.

F Co patrol found dug-outs vic 748416, 750417, 750418, 750415, 748415 and 748416 unocc.

Patrol at 752454 pinned down by rifle fire from 753454. Obs'd 2 enemy vic 756451.

(4) Engineers -

Mine field - AP mine field located between 747423 and 749420, depth unknown.

PW reports tank trap vic 765509.

(5) Installations -

CP - 2nd Bn 1126 Regt - 758472

CP - 559 VGD - 781515

Ration and Ammo dump - 758472

(6) Signals -

Pyrotechnic - PW info

White - We are here

Red - - Enemy attack

Violet - Tanks approaching

Bullet which whistles when shot into the air - GA

3. Miscellaneous.

Enemy Losses.

(1) PSW

2 - 7th Co 1126 Regt, capt'd by K Co.

(2) Estimated dead and wounded - 8

Total enemy losses - 10

4. Enemy Capabilities.

No Change - See report this Hqs dated 122000A Jan 45.

## Tank Trap

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To accompany S-2 Periodic  
Report #29 171800A Jan

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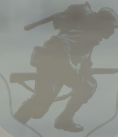
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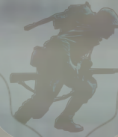


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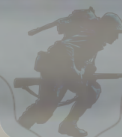


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1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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From: 1800 17 January 1945

To: 2030 17 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From            | To              | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Division Action Taken   |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 24          | 36 Rcn          | S-3             | Motorized patrol left MEISENTHAL at 1630, went to ALTHORN and SARREINSBERG, returned to MEISENTHAL at 1810.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |
| 42          | S-2 2 Bn        | S-3             | Co E and Hq Co have closed into ALTHORN. Co G is in process of moving into pos now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| 48          | CO 2 Bn         | S-3             | Our relief complete. Took over pos including MG strong pt vic 760507 which is just 75 yds from 3rd Bn 179. Contact has been made with 3rd Bn 179. They have armor here for tonight and we will relieve it in morning. Co F 179 to remain in ALTHORN with Co G vic 749441-756407 and 760407.                                           | Notified                |
| 0           | G-2             | S-2             | Msg: ISU to 171730 Jan 45. Enemy activity during period in main confined to arty fire which was generally light except for a concentration of approx 50 rounds on LEMBERG at 1455. At about 1500 hrs 141 Inf patrols drew small arms fire from enemy dugouts vic 745422 and engaged a small enemy group in that vic in a brief fight. |                         |
| 0           | S-2 2 Bn        | S-3             | Bn CP and Co E in SARREINSBERG. Cos F and G are in contact by patrols and Co G in contact with Co K 179th on the rt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Co F is ba<br>2nd Bn co |
| 5           | S-3<br>S-3 1 Bn | S-3 1 Bn<br>S-3 | Is 1st Bn planning another raiding party? CO I Bn is contemplating one but no plans have been laid on it yet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                         |
| 7           | S-3 3 Bn        | S-3             | plan to send raiding party same as the previous one and leaving at 2400 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |
| 0           | 1st Bn          | CO              | 6-man patrol from Co B is out now and in a small fire fight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |
|             | MP              | S-3             | Enemy plane over CP flying SE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                         |
|             | S-3 1 Bn        | S-3             | patrol #8 from Co B got into a fire fight at 744426 from 2000 to 2015. 3 trip flares have been set off between Cos A and B and we have an ambush all set for anyone who might come through. Body of man lost on earlier patrol                                                                                                        |                         |

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From: 2030 17 January 1945

To: 2210 17 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The 36th Division Action Table |
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| 3rd Bn   | S-2 | (cont) E along RR. patrol was pinned down by sniper fire at 752454 coming from nose of hill at 753454; while pinned down heard mortars in draw to S at about 751450 and 753451. They also scanned Hill 405 to E and could see no evidences of fortified pos. Did see two Germans at 756451 going SW down slope into draw.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| S-2 2 Bn | S-3 | Co G relief was completed sometime ago except for one plat which was just relieved 10 min ago. Co G is along top of ridge and have strong pt at RJ and OP between RJ and town. Co F sends patrols to contact Co G; Co K 179 sends contact patrols to Co G.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                |
| S-3      | G-3 | Does Div want 141 to go ahead with Regt Reserve Line?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will call y                    |
| S-3 3 Bn | S-3 | Co K reports Co A 399 states 20-30 man German patrol has gotten through their line and headed S; everything is alerted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Called Div                     |
| S-3 100  | S-3 | Know nothing of above report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                |
| CO 1 Bn  | CO  | A concrete pill box sunken in ground where soldier was hurt this morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| OP #2    | S-3 | Nebelwerfer fire from vic MOUTERHOUSE landing 3000 yds S of OP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3 | One of our men stepped on mine and set off trip flare at same time near water tower 739451. Engr reports PW state there is a mine field there. Co L patrol left 748458 at 1910, went E along slope of hill to 753458, here they heard what they believed a German patrol at 754458, laid low for 15 min, heard someone working around 2 knocked out SPs at 752457, and sound of metal like working an MC bolt. Germans were shooting up flares every 3 or 4 min so patrol withdrew to 752459. 3-4 friendly shells landed where patrol was to reconnoiter so patrol returned. |                                |
| S-2 399  | S-2 | German patrol moving W along E of woods; our Bn firing on them with mortars and have them                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |



From: 2210 17 January 1945

To: 0200 18 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | The 36th Division Action T |
|----------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| G-3      | S-3 | Send an LO to 100th Div immediately; as of time the LO arrives 141 RCT will be atchd to 100th Div. 141 will have following attachments: 131 FA Bn, Co C 753 Tk Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 111 Engr Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Archive                    |
| G-3 100  | S-3 | 100 Div will lay a direct line to 141 in morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                            |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3 | Occasional round of mortar landing in town. Patrol A-1 left Co B outpost at 1400, went to NE, received sniper fire from 752475 and 753472, so returned to outpost. Patrol left Co B outpost 748471 at 1810 hrs, worked NE to 749475 where patrol shot at by sniper, went N to 749479 where heard chopping vic 752482, tried to go E but snipers stopped them. Went SE to 744476 where friendly MG located, then back to starting pt at 2130.                                                                |                            |
| Regt LO  | S-3 | Am leaving for 100th Div now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                            |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3 | From 739451 on az 90 degrees, 3 rounds light arty fell on 748456; SP or tk fire, located by sound.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Notified                   |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3 | Some small arms fire from 754458 but quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3 | Co G OP captured 4 PSW; will send them back as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3 | Report on raiding party. Left Co L CP at 2400, worked their way to RR pass 744451 and W through it. Moved SE and plat was placed in pos along bank while 3 men worked their way down to 746451 where they were fired on by two machine pistols and then rifles. Plat in pos along bank opened fire to enable these 3 men to get back; operation lasted about 1 hr. They believed the reason for the failure of party was due to tracks left last night and this was an attempt to ambush the raiding party. |                            |
| S-2 3 Bn | S-3 | 4-man patrol from Co L left outpost line 743449 at 2300, moved down slope in NE direction to vic 748444 where they were ambushed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                            |



From: 0200 18 January 1945

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Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To                  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                           | Action Taken |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5 1st Bn | S-3                 | Co A heard activity in front of left plat at 745442; put mortar on it, no further activity heard.                                                                                                           |              |
| 0 OP #1  | S-3                 | SP fired one round from 90 degree az landing near OP at 0100 hrs.                                                                                                                                           | Notified 1   |
| 5 36 Rcn | S-3                 | Rd patrol left 2330, returned 0200; reports rds all clear of vehicles; no activity.                                                                                                                         |              |
| 6 OP #1  | S-3                 | Fire vic 746415 at 0200 believed to have started from flare about 800 yds in front of OP.                                                                                                                   |              |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3                 | 5 PSW just left for 141 CP taken by Co G at 757408 from 4th Co 457 Regt atchd to 2nd Bn. PSW state 68 men left out of 200 men. PSW just walked into OP and surrendered; all are Polish.                     |              |
| S-3      | AT Co, 2nd, 3rd Bns | Cancel quartering party detail.                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 1st Bn   | S-3                 | Co A reports Germans eating chow 500 yds to front of 1st plat pos at 0750, put 81mm mortar concentration on them. After barrage could hear crying and yelling; am sending a rcn patrol down to investigate. |              |
| 36 Rcn   | S-3                 | Motorized patrol left MEISENTHAL at 0400 and went to ALTHORN and SARREINSBERG, contact Co F at SARREINSBERG and returned to CP at 0610. All quiet.                                                          |              |
| S-3      | CO 36 Rcn           | Have an officer report to Regt CP this morning.                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| Engr LO  | S-3                 | Engrs laid wire for 3rd Bn last night and going to clear mine fields for them tonight.                                                                                                                      |              |
| S-3      | S-4                 | We are being atchd to 100th Div; move is called off. We will have atchd 131 FA, Btry C 443 AAA, Co A 111 Engr, Co A 111 Med, Co B 636 TD Bn and Co C 753 Tk Bn.                                             |              |
| S-2 2 Bn | S-3                 | Cannot find TD officer to get TDs to relieve 2nd Bn 179 Tns                                                                                                                                                 | Notified Co  |



From: 0910 18 January 1945

To: 1100 18 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From                     | To                               | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The 36th Division Action |
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| Asst Div Comdr<br>36 Div | CO                               | CG believes it absolutely essential that front line units be rotated with reserve units. Also if larger reserve is needed as 143 Bn is being taken away from 141, 141 will have to shift units to where they are needed unless 100th Div will furnish 141 with a reserve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 3rd Bn                   | S-2                              | 3 possible German dugouts at 746446.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Notified G-2             |
| CO                       | All Unit COs and COs Atchd Units | 36th Div has been ordered to HACUENAU and 141 RCT is the only one left in this area; do not mention any trp movement over the phone. Pay attention to local security by patrolling or whatever methods you choose. Rotate front line trps with reserve units, keep up wire, flares, etc, that will hinder the enemy in any way. Wherever possible put up wire and flares to replace a squad of men to be put in reserve. Fire at enemy any time they expose themselves with small arms, MG and automatic wpns. TD activity should be increased. Each Junior officer must lead a patrol while we are here. COs must conduct nightly inspections of Co pos to keep men on the alert that are on pos. Check foxholes and dugouts to see sanitation is carried out. We may stay here for sometime so refuse must be watched; mess kits inspected. See that trps have all the clothing available for them. Regt Reserve Line is being prepared; be sure you know where it is in case we have to drop back to it. This type of weather is okay for armored atks so be sure bazooka teams are organized and everyone knows how to shoot a bazooka. TDs are to get in pos where they can fire direct or indirect fire; they can occupy daylight positions and pull back at night if necessary. Wpns must be dug in. Mortars should be in pos to fire when arty does. Sand bags are available and they are very valuable in a defensive stand; use them. Patrolling must be very active and must accomplish their mission or be sent out again. Patrols must be given definite info and mission, that is, are there mines or booby traps at a certain location? Germans by patrolling are going to know our |                          |



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From: 1100 18 January 1945

To: 1133 18 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| me &: | From   | To            | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The 36th Division Action Table |
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| 00    | CO     | All Units     | (cont) atk. Study where enemy atks might come from and what you would do in case an atk did come from there. Civilian curfews and restrictions to be put into effect and be enforced. Traffic between towns to be prohibited if possible. Civilians on the front to be identified or arrested. Bns to check this through their S-2s or whomever they wish to appoint. I want to impress the fact that <sup>the enemy</sup> could make an effort in this vic and we do not have a lot to stop them, so every available means to protect our interests and security must be used.                                                                                                                              |                                |
| 5     | 3rd Bn | S-2           | OP reports mortar landing in NE edge of town. AT plat at 748461 reports SP firing from 45 degree az, possible location 754469 as smoke seen in that area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| 7     | IPW    | S-2           | 5 PSW taken by Co G at 757408 from 4th Co 457 Notified (Regt. Co has 80 men of which 20 men and 4 HMGs were detached to 2nd Co to hold with 2nd Co from 752415 to 757414 to 758408. 3rd Co from 752415 extending to NW. 1st Co to be reorganized. 4th Co CP at 774415, 1st Bn CP 774414 on 17 Jan. 4 Inf howitzers at 766421 on 13 Jan. One tk at 77054105 and one tk at 765410 on 17 Jan. Food and ammo come from MOUTERHOUSE on main rd to 774415 daily. One HMG at 759409 and another 763410 17 Jan. One AT gun at 759418, another at 759419, one 75mm AT at 760410 17 Jan. 5 81mm mortars, 20-30 meters apart at 767418. One FO 759410, one FO 756413. Shu and ramp mines 759409. 20% of Co non-Germans. |                                |
| 6     | OP #1  | S-3           | At 1135 20 rounds SP fire landed at 741417 coming from E.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| 0     | OP #2  | S-2           | Small arms fire on 170 degree az 2000 yds from OP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                |
|       | S-3    | Tk LO         | Entire tk Co will move to ENCHENBERG and notify Regt whey they close in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                |
|       | S-3    | Rcn Co 636 TD | put your plat in ENCHENBERG area. You are to have a motorized patrol (M-8 or jeep) every                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                |



From: 1433 18 January 1945

To: 1800 18 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| 45    | 36 Rcn   | S-3      | Rcn patrol contacted Co F; all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Archive                    |
| 22    | 2 Bn 179 | S-3      | Is it okay to pull our tks and TDs out of ALTHORN now?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |
|       | S-3      | 2 Bn 179 | Yes; we have two TDs there now and AT guns being set up this afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |
| 0     | S-3      | S-2 2 Bn | Will 2nd Bn need any sand bags, wire or other defensive material?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |
|       | S-2 2 Bn | S-3      | Yes, need lots of sand bags, some barbed wire and concertina wire; will call you for exact figure after I figure needs out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            |
| 1     | Exo 3 Bn | S-3      | Having trouble building up supply of 81mm mortar ammo needed for defensive pos; only have about 350 rounds and need 1200 rounds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Will r<br>CO and<br>get mo |
| 0     | 1st Bn   | S-2      | Patrol went about 200 yds where they received fire from MG vic 746431 and riflemen dug in behind MG pos; more info later.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |
| 5     | 3rd Bn   | S-2      | Co L patrol left outpost line 749456 at 1100, went E to 753457 where ran into German mortar barrage, then N down slope to 753460 where saw two enemy personnel and 7 foxholes at 754459, well used path going NE from foxholes, mortar pos at 755460, saw MG at 753461 which had been observed on previous patrols, but MG did not open fire. At 753461 saw 4-5 enemy working their way around patrol, patrol went generally SW back to Co L pos, arrived at 1250 hrs. |                            |
|       | 36 Rcn   | S-3      | Rcn rd patrol made regular patrol; all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |
|       | 2nd Bn   | S-2      | On 55 degree az from CP between 1500 and 1600, 50-60 rounds arty knocked out one AT gun, two jeeps, one man killed, one wounded. Receiving about one round every two or three min.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |



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MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13--3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

1. 141 ROT, attached, 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn. ROT continued defensive mission in sector 740470-746414, thru out period, disposition as follows: 3rd Bn, (plus AT Co), held left sector of Regt'l front. A Co Plats vic 743467, 745465 and 746463. Bn AT Plat held positions vic 747466. L Co Plats were in position vic 749457 and 749455, with one Plat holding strong points vic 746455, 745455 and 743453. AT Co Plats were in position vic 744452, 745449 and 743446. 1st Bn held right sector of Regt'l sector. A Co Plats were located vic 745442, 747440 and 746436. Co C held position extending along ridge from vic 740437 to vic 736432. B Co Plats held defensive positions vic 744430, 742426 and 740423. The 3rd Bn AT Plat was placed vic 741420. At start of period, 2nd Bn was in process of relieving elements of 2nd Bn, 179 ROT, along Regt'l right flank, G Co going into position, vic 743411-754408, with strong points vic 755405 and 757407. F Co retained defensive positions vic 744418, 745415 and 744413. A Co closed into vic BARR-IN-BERG. Relief was completed at 2030A. As of 172400A, 141 ROT passed to control of 100th Inf Div and following attachments were made effective to ROT: 36 Cav Recon Co, Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn (3P), 1 Plat, Recon Troop, 636 TD Co and Co A 753 Tk Bn replaced Co C 753 Tk Bn. 36 Cav Recon Troop established strong points vic 730405 and 725398, and maintained motorized patrols along Regt'l right flank. Contact maintained with 399th ROT on left and 179th ROT on right thru out period. Sector generally quiet during period, with enemy arty moderate.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, continued defensive mission. Increased sector on right, with 2nd Bn relieving elements of 2nd Bn, 179th ROT. Sector increased to include strong point vic 757407, and was completed at 2030A. ROT attached to 100th Div as of 172400A. 5 prisoners captured during period.

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Enemy Situation at End of Period.

a. Enemy Front Line.

No C. Regt - See S-2 Periodic Report #29 dated 17 Jan 45  
this Hq.

b. Units in Contact.

2nd and 3rd Bns, II Bn 457 Regt, 257 VCD (POW state Cos  
are being reorganized.

II and I Bn, 456 Regt, 257 VCD

I and II Bn, 1126 Regt, 559 VCD

Enemy Operations During Period.

a. General Summary.

The enemy continued to be on the defensive throughout the  
period. The SA and HE fires were light; artillery fires  
continued light and harassing, however increased SP activ-  
ity had destructive effect in LARREINBERG toward the end  
of the period.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Armor -

1125A - SP firing from vic of 754469

1500 - 1600A - SP on 55° Az from 740417 shelling LAR-  
REINBERG.

PW statement - 2 tanks at 77054105 on 172300A Jan 45

(2) Artillery -

2100A - Nebelwerfer firing from vic of MOUTERHOUSE.

PW statement - 4 75mm Inf How at 765421 on 13 Jan

3 AT guns 759418, 759419 and 760410

PO's at 759410 and 756413.

(3) Engineers -

3 trip flares via "A" and "B" Cos

PW statement - "B" and "T" mines at 759409

(4) Infantry -

(a) Installation - confirmed by POW



chopping heard near 752482. Sniper fire was  
rec'd. from E of 752482, via 753454, 752475,  
enemy vic of 754458 and 748444. SA fire was  
rec'd from 744426, 754458 and 743422. PW st  
that 20% of 4th Co, 457 Regt are of non-Germa  
origin.

(c) Machine Guns -

Fire rec'd at 1950A hrs from 743418, at 2030  
hrs from 741418 and at 1640A hrs from 743418. 31.  
Patrol obs'd MG posn at 753461. PW st 4  
are attached to 2nd Co, 457 Regt located at 7  
409 and 763410.

(d) Mortars -

Fire rec'd from 751450, 753451 and 751448. P  
obs'd mortar posn at 755460. PW states 5 81m  
mortars vic of 767418, 10 yds apart.

(e) Supply -

PW states food and ammo transported on road  
MOUTERHOUSE to 774415 at 2100A to 2300A daily

3. Miscellaneous.

a. Enemy Losses

(1) PW

5 - Polish deserters at 0030(vic 757408) capt'd by

(2) Dead and wounded - 1 dead recovered by K Co.

(3) Material -

2 KO'd SPS at 752457 obs'd by patrol.

b. Personalities -

CO - 4th Co, 457 Regt - Lt ALTENSCHMIDT

CO - I Bn, 457 Regt - Capt G'EHLHAUSEN

4. Enemy Capabilities -

No Change - See S-2 Estimate this Hq dated 122000A Jan 45

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Actg S-2

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PATROL REPORT OVERLAY  
RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS

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MAP: 1/25,000 37-13

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Possible MG posn

ed Bn  
ft 1910  
td 2115

Activity heard (5 men)

Activity heard vic of 2 KO'd SPs

td 1430

Sniper fire rec'd from here

Saw two Germans walking SW

Heard mortars firing from this vic

Deployed here, sent scouts out - Scouts fired on by  
2 M/Ps and rifle, withdrew scouts and platoon

Heard voices

Activity heard in these areas

Chopping heard here

Voices and chopping heard here

76

43

MG & 2 rifles fired on patrol

Activity heard here



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Hq 141st Inf  
RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS OVERLAY

18 Jan 45

3rd

~~1st~~ Bn - Day patrols - A9 - A15  
Night patrols - A15 - A16

2nd Bn - Day patrols - A13 - A19  
Night patrols - A19 - A10

1st

~~3rd~~ Bn - Day patrols - A11 - A17  
Night patrols - A17 - A13

TO: Determine strength & disposition of enemy forces in areas on overlay.

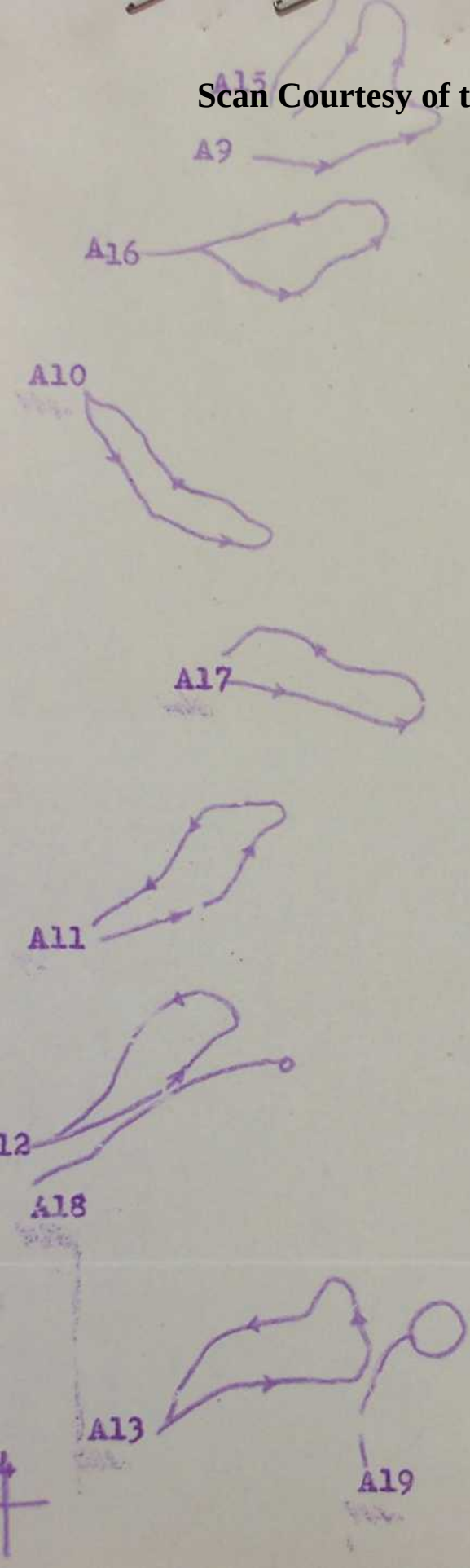
SPECIAL ATTN TO: Routes of approach into enemy posns, known or suspected mine fields. Types of posns and individual enemy troops.

(See attached individual patrol instructions which WILL be completed and ret'd NOT later than 2000 day patrols, 0800A for night patrols)

Map: 1/25,000, Sheet 37-13, 1

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BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2



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17 JAN 45

To

154M TO  
JAN 45

ENY ACTIVITY DURING  
PERIOD IN MAIN CONFINED  
TO ARTY FIRE WHICH  
WAS GENERALLY LIGHT  
~~EXCEPT~~ EXCEPT FOR A  
CALC CONCENTRATION  
OF APPROX 50 ROUNDS  
ON LEMBERG AT 1455H

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

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SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

244A





No. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

AT ABOUT 1500 H 141-INF.  
PATROL DREW SAFIRE FROM  
ENY DUGOUTS VIC. Q  
745922 AND ENGAGED A  
SMALL ENY GROUP IN THAT  
VICINITY IN A BRIEF FIGHT

CG 36 DIV REESE G2

1850

Reese

TIME SIGNED

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1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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From: 1800 18 January 1945

To: 2315 18 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

| From     | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action Taken |
|----------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2nd Bn   | S-2     | Small arms fire in front of Co B; sounded like a patrol clash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| 2nd Bn   | S-2     | 6-8 Germans fired rifles and grenades; Co B replied with rifle and MG fire; drove them off.                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |
| S-3 1 Bn | S-3     | All quiet except in Co B sector. A patrol worked in on left flank and got close enough to our trps so we could use hand grenades on them; patrol had some machine pistols and we think one MG. At pres rt flank of Co B receiving some mortar fire and still a little small arms fire. | Notified G   |
| 2nd Bn   | S-2     | From 745438 on 108-110 degree az, AA beacon 5 miles away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| S-3      | G-3 100 | 60 rounds SP fire fell in SARREINSBERG about 1900 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| Co B 636 | S-2     | Patrol reports no enemy contact.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| 1st Bn   | S-3     | Activity in Co B area has quieted down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| 36 Rcn   | S-3     | Patrol reports all quiet. (This patrol made throughout night).                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| S-2 2 Bn | S-3     | All quiet. Gun flashes on 80 and 100 degree az. Yellow and white flares being shot up along front by enemy.                                                                                                                                                                            | Notified G   |
| 3rd Bn   | S-3     | All quiet except for occasional round of arty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| 2nd Bn   | S-2     | Co G reports hearing tree being chopped vic 761411; 81mm mortar being laid on them.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| OP #1    | S-2     | 749417 rifle fire on 225 degree az. At 2300 saw several men in draw.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Rcn patrol left 744415 at 1745, went along S side of draw to 747414, then due E inside woods to N side of stream 752416, SE across draw to 753414, then back to 747414, then 744415 at 2145 hrs. There is a small trail running parallel to and on N side of stream suitable           |              |

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Notified G

L-100

Notified G



From: 2315 18 January 1945

To: 0908 19 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From   | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action Taken |
|-------------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 00          | 1st Bn | S-2      | At 2310 Co B estimates 3-4 Germans came in to their left flank to edge of woods and tried to toss hand grenades into Co B foxholes. Co B men shot rifles and through hand grenades and enemy retreated. At 2323 enemy activity continued to immediate front of Co B's rt plat resulting in exchange of rifle fire and hand grenades again; no known casualties. At 2340 all quiet in Co B area. At 2332 OP at 740424 reports several trees falling about 95 degree az. |              |
| 05          | 2nd Bn | S-2      | 3rd plat Co F had patrol to front, no contact. Cos F and G report yellow and white flares.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| Jan         | 3rd Bn | S-2      | All quiet except some harassing arty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 00          | 3rd Bn | S-3      | 3-man rcn patrol left at 2100 from 745455, went E to 751456 where heard digging at 754455, went SE to 752454 where heard mortars at 762454, returned by same route at 2345 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| 06          | 3rd Bn | S-3      | Hvy arty coming into town for last 20 min.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 5           | 1st Bn | S-3      | Some small arms fire into Co B area but has stopped now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
| 5           | 3rd Bn | S-3      | Co K made contact with Co on their left.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Notified G-  |
| 2           | 2nd Bn | S-3      | patrol left at 0320 hrs from 744416, went due E to 752416. At this pt met an 8-man enemy patrol headed for our line at 0500 hrs. Our patrol not fired on and worked its way back to alert Co at 0620 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| 6           | 36 Rcn | S-3      | Rd rcn patrol reports a tree blown across rd between ALTHORN and GOETZENBRUCK which patrol had to by-pass.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 0           | OP #2  | S-2      | Some small arms fire scattered off to NE 600-700 yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 0           | S-3    | S-3 1 Bn | Some Engrs being sent to you this morning to look over the S-mine field and see if they can be removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |



From: 0908 19 January 1945

To: 1354 19 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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 ate : From : To : Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. Action T

12 S-3 All Bns Request an overlay by 1200 hrs of all barbed  
 wire and concertina wire laid in Bn sectors.

15 S-3 100 Engrs We have no stock of barbed wire available and  
 any put up will have to be furnished by you.

05 ExO 2 Bn S-3 Have two rows of concertina wire from 748412  
 up over hill for approx 150 yds.

0 G-3 100 S-3 Has any defensive pos been set up vic MONTERONN? No

0 36 Rcn S-3 Rd Rcn patrol reports tree out of rd; no other  
 changes.

1 325 Engrs S-3 Did Engrs arrive this morning? Yes, but we

0 3rd Bn S-2 Germans are throwing mortar fire into Co L  
 pos. Co L reports 4-man German patrol came  
 up to OP to look in old German holes. Co L  
 sent out a patrol to capture them, got into  
 a fire fight and killed one German.

7 179 Inf S-3 We laid a mine field E of RJ and on rd at 758408; this is for your info. Notified S-2

5 G-2 100 S-2 Sector quiet, including 44th Div sector.

3 ExO 2 Bn S-3 Am sending in overlay of wire in this area;  
 only 40 yds of double strand concertina wire  
 at 748412.

0 OP #1 S-2 Large clouds of smoke coming from vic 776415;  
 possibly smoke being generated there. Started  
 at 1135, stopped 1155.

7 36 Rcn S-3 Patrols report all quiet.  
 636 TD

S-3 CO 1 Bn What did Engrs do about S-mine field?

CO 1 Bn S-3 Nothing so far. Engr officer did look it over  
 this morning.

S-3 CO 1 Bn One Co of Engrs will report to you to do what-  
 ever work they are needed for.

S-3 S-2 2 Bn Where do you want the Co of Engrs to report



From: 1334 19 January 1945

To: 1845 19 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| From          | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action T          |
|---------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| OP #2         | S-2      | Some light mortar falling E of OP in edge of woods; believe it is friendly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |
| CG 100        | Exo      | Visited CP and received situation from Exo.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |
| 260 Engr Co A | S-3      | Reported to CP. Co A 260 Engr with 3rd Bn, Co B 260 with 1st Bn, Co C 260 with 2nd Bn. CO Co C 260 Engrs on way to 1st Bn now, CO Co B 260 Engrs is going to Bn in morning as Engr work already laid out in 3rd Bn. Your Engr LO is trying to get equipment from 325 Engrs for 260th Engrs to construct the line.                                                                                                            |                   |
| 3rd Bn        | S-2      | Patrol left at 1210 from outpost line 749457, went E to 751457, to 752459, to 753460 where ran into a German pos where 4-5 Germans were dug in in foxholes. Patrol ldr called for Germans to surrender but Germans threw hand grenades, patrol ldr injured and 3-4 mortar shells fell around patrol. Patrol withdrew covered by Co L fire which was not very effective. Patrol ldr either killed, wounded or taken prisoner. |                   |
| 3rd Bn        | S-3      | TD or tk fire falling on Co L pos vic 751455, believe it is friendly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Called Co         |
| S-3           | CO 3 Bn  | Tks and TDs report no friendly fire falling in that vic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Tk, Co B          |
| CO 3 Bn       | S-3      | Want some Engrs to put up some wire for tonight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Notified          |
| S-3 1 Bn      | S-3      | CO 1 Bn wants an Engr Lt to check trail that leads from pres pos back to defensive pos.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | LO<br>Notified    |
| CO            | S-3      | 2nd Bn receiving some mortar fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |
| S-3           | CO       | 100th Div reports they may push fwd.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| Tk LO         | S-3      | We have 16 tks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |
| S-3           | S-3 3 Bn | Are you planning to try to get the NCO who was wounded on the patrol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes, will get him |
| CO 3 Bn       | S-3      | The report of tks and TDs firing into Co L pos turned out to be 131 FA firing propaganda pamphlets; please notify them. The same sub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |

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41ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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From: 1645 19 January 1945

To: 1800 19 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From         | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action    |
|-------------|--------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 650         | 131 FA       | S-3 | We were aiming 300 yds beyond our front lines so will increase range next time.                                                                                                                                            |           |
| 705         | 100 Div Arty | S-3 | We received a report of 6 rounds of medium arty landing in LEMBERG around 1600.                                                                                                                                            | No info o |
| 759         | 3rd Bn       | S-2 | Co I patrol left 743449 at 1500 hrs, worked SE along slope to 745448 to 748447; returned along same route. At 745448 saw 3 Germans to S vic 746447 at dugouts. Patrol fired on from 749451 where a pos dug in along trail. |           |

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FROM: 181800A Jan 1945

TO : 191800A Jan 1945

Hq 141 ROT  
6th Cav  
100th Inf Div  
1945  
Archive

MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000: SHEETS XXXVII-13--3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Sngr (C) Bn, 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B and 1 Plat, Ren Co 636 TD Bn, Co A 753 TK Bn, 36 Cav Ren Troop and Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn (JP). ROT remained attached to 100th Division thru out period and continued defensive mission in sector from vic 747470-758408. 3rd Bn, (plus AT Co), on left, held following positions: K Co Plats vic 744467, 746465 and 747463. Bn AT Plat vic 747460. L Co Plats vic 748456, 745455 and 748454. AT Co held positions running from 744454-739444. I Co in reserve vic 743435. 1st Bn, in central sector, held following positions: A Co Plats vic 745440, 746438 and 746436, C Co outpost reserve position vic 739437-737432. B Co Plats vic 742425 and 739422. 1st Bn AT Plat vic 739420. 2nd Bn, on right flank, held positions with F Co strong points vic 742420, 740418, 742418, 745418, 742415 and 714414 and Plat position 742411-743407. G Co held line 746408-753405, with strong points vic 754404 and 755405. H Co was in reserve vic 740415. Contact was maintained with flank units, 399 ROT on left and 179th ROT on right thru out period and motorized patrols along flank road nets, by Plat, Ren Co, 636 TD Bn on left and 36 Cav Ren Troop on right. In addition, 36 Cav Ren Troop maintained RJ strong points vic 724398 and 733407. Reconnaissance and construction begun on Regimental Reserve Line running 730470 S to vic 736404. Sector generally quiet thru out period, with enemy artillery moderate. Enemy patrols active against 1st Bn positions, but were repulsed without difficulty. ROT maintained security and reconnaissance patrols to front thru out period.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT remained attached to 100th Inf Division thru out period, continued defensive mission in sector 745467-753405.

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## UNIT

C. P.

REMARKS

## SUPPORTING UNITS

UNIT

C. P.

RE MARKS



181900A January 1945

## OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

PS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS XXXVII-13--3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

141 RCT attached;

131 FA Bn

Btry "C", 443 AAA AW Bn

Co "A", 111 Med Bn

Co "A", 111 Engr (c) Bn

36 Cav Ren Tr

Co "B", 636 TD Bn (1 Plat Ren Co Atchd)

Co "A", 753 Tk Bn (M)

- a. Remains in present defensive position; continues present mission under control CG, 100th Inf Div, effective 172400a Jan 45.
- b. Continues organization of defensive positions within assigned sector in following priority:
  - (1) (a) Present defensive position.  
(b) Regimental Reserve Line.
  - (2) Switch position SE of PETIT REDERCHING along general line MENCHENBERG-LEMBERG.
  - (3) Switch position SE of HERBITZHEIM along general line LORENTZENA-RATZWILLER-VICKSBERG.
- c. Protects Corps R (E) flank.
- d. Maintains contact on left with 399th Inf and 45th Inf Div on right.

a. 1st Bn attached;

1st Plat, Co "B", 636 TD Bn

- (1) Continues to hold present defensive positions.
- (2) Continues organization and improvement of present positions.
- (3) Maintains close contact with enemy by reconnaissance and combat patrols.

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(1) Continues to hold present defensive positions.

(2) Continues organization and improvement of present position.

(3) Maintains close contact with enemy by reconnaissance and combat patrols.

(4) Maintains contact with 179th RCT on right and 1st Bn on left.

(5) Protects right flank of the Regt.

c. 3rd Bn attached;

3rd Plat, Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
AT Co, 141 RCT

(1) Continues to hold present defensive positions.

(2) Continues organization and improvement of present position.

(3) Maintains close contact with enemy by reconnaissance and combat patrols.

(4) Initiates reconnaissance of Bn Sector of Regt's Reserve.

(5) Maintains contact with 399th RCT on left and 1st Bn on right.

d. 131 FA Bn, with Cn Co attached, continues with present mission.

e. Btry "C", 443 AAA AW Bn, continues with present mission.

f. Co "A", 111 Med Bn, continues with present mission.

g. Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn, continues to man prepared road block and assists Bns in improving defensive positions.

h. 36th Cav Ren Troop, protects right flank of Regt by:

(1) Establishing Road Blocks #1 and #2.

(2) Patrolling roads and trails as indicated on overlay (Pat Route #1).

i. Co "B", 636 TD Bn, attached as indicated.

j. Plat, 636 Ren Co, protects left flank of Regt by:



S E C R E T

(2) Patrolling road between OP and LAMBACH (Patrol Route #2 every four (4) hours.

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- k. Co "A", 753 Tk Bn (M), assembles via ENCHENBERG (7148), in Regt'l Reserve, initiates reconnaissance to the three Bns and selects positions to repel an armor attack.
- x. (1) All units will be responsible for furnishing local security for their rear installations.
- (2) Positions should be continually improved, by stringing wire, use of sand bags and laying mine fields.
- (3) Bns will institute a rotation plan so that reserve Co's are rotated with front line Co's.
- (4) Bns will initiate reconnaissance and make plans for counter attacking any penetration within their sectors.
- (5) Alternate positions will be selected and prepared for all automatic weapons and OP's, and personnel should be shifted from time to time.
- (6) Troop movements will not be discussed in telephone conversations.
- (7) For Reg't Reserve Line, Road Blocks and Patrol Routes, S Attached Overlay.

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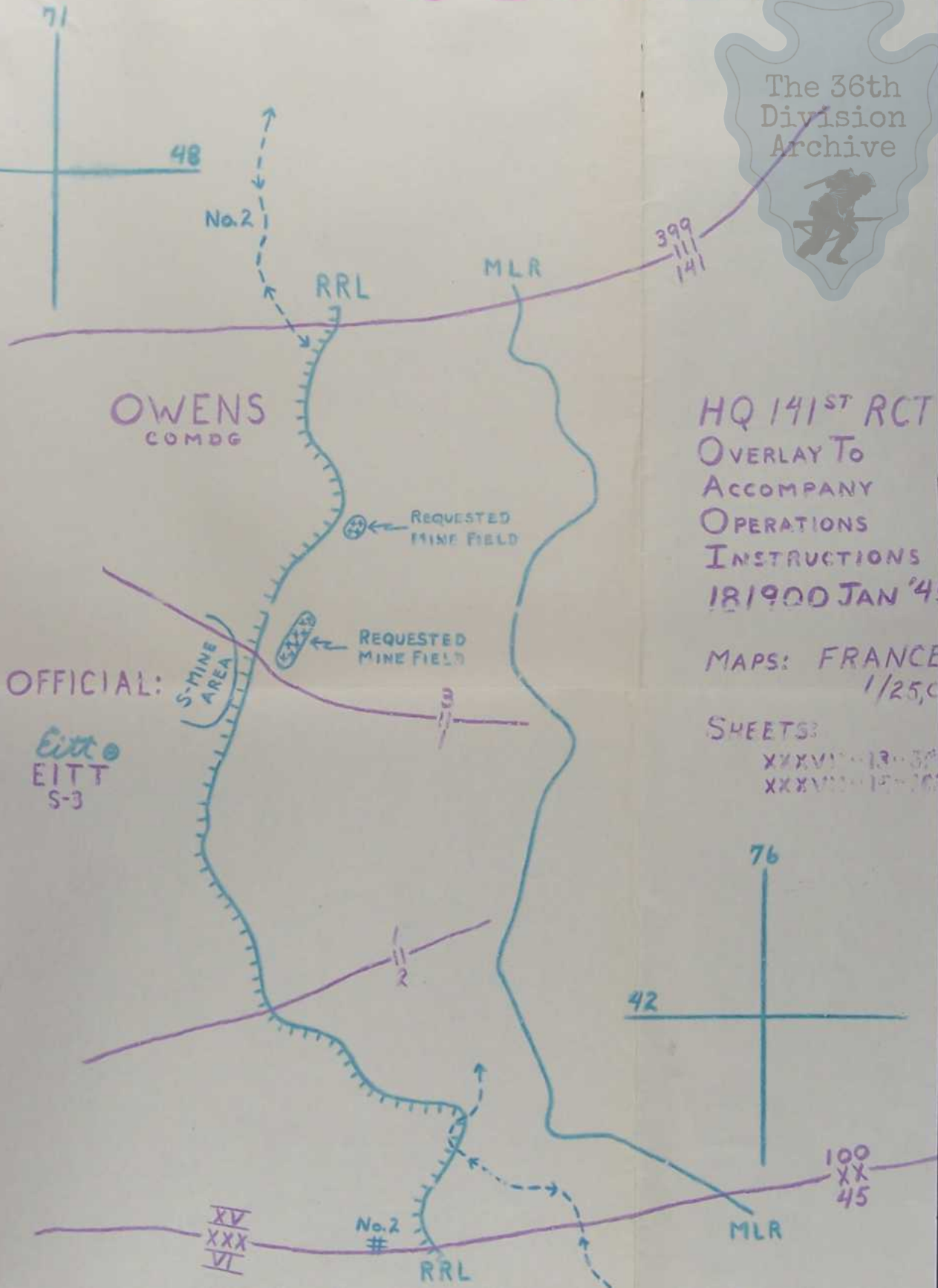


399  
111  
141

HQ 141<sup>ST</sup> RCT  
Overlay To  
Accompany  
Operations  
Instructions  
181900 JAN '45

MAPS: FRANCE  
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SHEETS:  
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HEADQUARTERS 141st INFANTRY  
APO 36 U S ARMY

one man wounded by grenade.  
patrol could not see enemy  
so it withdrew.

3rd Bn  
Left 1745  
Retd 1845

#A15

4 unocc foxholes

3rd Bn Left 1100  
Retd 1250

#A16

3rd Bn Left 2100  
Retd 2345

#A10

3rd Bn  
Left 1530  
Retd 1700

3 enemy obs'd vic of dugout

PATROL REPORT OVERLAY  
18 Jan 45

Map 1/25,000  
Sheet 37-13, 7

Obs'd 2 enemy here

#A17

1st Bn Left 1930  
Retd 2120

2 dugouts - 1 new &  
1 old & a log  
shelter

Sounds of digging heard here

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Actg 8-2

1st Bn #A11  
Left 1520  
Retd 1615

Rec'd rifle fire est'd 4  
from here, patrol ret'd

Rec'd M&M/P fire from here  
Withdrew 100 yds, worked and any

strong pt

Patrol rec'd fire from MG, M/P & 2-3 rifles from here, patrol

Digging and fire & withdrew

Chopping heard here

Voices heard here

Obs'd 8-10 man German patrol going towards F O  
Patrol ret'd to alert outposts

Left 1930  
Retd 2220

1st Bn #A18

#A12

1st Bn Left 1530 Retd 1700

Left 0320

Retd 0620

2nd Bn

#A13

2nd Bn

Left 1745

Retd 2145

Trail suitable for lt tanks

4-5 voices heard at this pt

Obs'd gun flash from here, due E - approx

Well used path, possible supply route

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Hq 141st Inf

RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS OVER  
Effective Friday 19 Jan 194

3rd Bn - #21, 22, 23, & 24  
#21, & 23 Night pat  
#22, & 24 Day patro

1st Bn - #25, 26, 27, & 28  
#26, & 27 Night pat  
#25, 28 Day patro

2nd Bn - #29, 30, 31, & 32  
#29, & 32 Night pat  
#30, & 31 Day patro

TO: Determine strength & dispo  
of enemy forces in areas shown  
ls.

SPECIAL ATTN TO: Routes of app  
into enemy posns, known or susp  
mine fields. Types of posns occ  
individual troops.

(See attached individual patrol  
instructions which WILL be complet  
and ret'd NOT later than 2000A f  
day patrols and 0800A for ni  
patrols)

MAP: 1/25,000, Sheet 37-13, 7 &



# 3-2 Periodic Report

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From: 181800A Jan 45  
To : 191800A Jan 45



Map: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheet 37-13

## 1. Enemy Situation at End of Period

### a. Enemy Front Line.

See overlay dated 172100A Jan 45 this Hq.

### b. Units in Contact.

See above overlay.

## 2. Enemy Operations During Period.

### a. General Summary.

Throughout the period the enemy continued to be defensive on our front with minor patrol activity. Arty fires were generally light as were SP and mortar fires.

### b. Operations of Component Elements

#### (1) Armor -

Throughout the entire period enemy armor was confined to SP or tank fires, with SARREINSBERG the principal target. SP believed to be firing from a road between 760409 and 780414.

#### (2) Artillery -

13-15 rds were reported landing in the vic of SARREINSBERG between 2015A and 2315A from Az 80° and 100°.

LEMBERG received shelling from 0200A to 0220A from hvy arty.

At 1405A the CR at 740444 was the target for 6 rds, est 150 cal - Az 50°.

From 1430A to 1500A 7 air bursts came in the vic of LEMBERG at Az 45° from 740445.

SARREINSBERG received 15 rds, cal 105 at 1305A Az 35°. Believed to have been a battery of 3 guns.

LEMBERG again the target of 18 rds from 1600A to 1650A, est cal 150 - Az 100° from 740445. 7 of these rds were air bursts.

Mortar posn located at 762454 by patrol.

#### (3) Infantry -

At the early part of the period the enemy again probed the defenses of B Co. At 1850A a 6-8 man enemy patrol with 1 M/P worked its way up to the B Co positions vic 746429, firing 3A and throwing grenades.

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At 0500A an 8 man enemy patrol was obs'd at 752416 heading West, however no contact was made. A 4 man enemy patrol came in contact with 1. Co. at 0600A, the enemy killed in the fire fight.

The enemy was heard digging vic 754455, and chopping trees at 761411 and 740424.

Two enemy were obs'd vic 749417 at 2300A and 4-5 men vic 754415. Enemy outpost was located at 753460.

What appeared to be an AA searchlight was obs'd at 2000A at an estimated distance of 5 miles on an azimuth of 109° from 745438. Seen a second time at 2030A appeared 3 times between 2320A and 2350A.

Clouds of dense smoke were obs'd coming from vic 776415 between 1135A and 1155A.

2. Miscellaneous.

a. Enemy Losses.

- (1) PsW - None
- (2) Known dead - 1

4. Enemy Capabilities

No Change - See S-2 Estimate this Hq dated 122000A Jan 45

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Actg S-2

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From: 1800 19 January 1945

To: 2205 19 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From     | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action                 |
|-------------|----------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 0810        | OP #1    | S-3 | 2 or 3 bursts machine pistol vic 746417 at 1755.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |
| 0836        | 36 Rcn   | S-3 | Rd rcn patrol reports all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |
| 0930        | 1st Bn   | S-2 | Have a civilian who offers to give info; came through lines; am sending him to CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |
| 010         | S-2 2 Bn | S-3 | 1st Bn taking their AT guns out and 2nd Bn going to put their AT guns in same pos. 2 TDs in pos in Co G area. Want Engrs tomorrow to put in some AT mines and wire. Everything quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Engrs reported morning |
| 025         | 1st Bn   | S-3 | some friendly arty landing close to Co B but this is under control now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |
| 100         | OP #2    | S-3 | Some flashes on 160 degree az at about 1200 yds. Also some phosphorous shells landing in front of neighboring sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                        |
| 113         | OP #1    | S-3 | At 2015 at 6000 yds on 150 degree az, explosion and flames believed to be ammo dump. At 2035 MG fire 200-250 rounds on 90 degree az firing to SE. At 2045 white flares 755405 followed by small arms, MG and automatic wpns firing to NE.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                        |
| 15          | 2nd Bn   | S-2 | Red and white flares reported. At 2030 tk firing at 55 degree az from OP #1. At 2109 observed smoke at 760410 believed from smoke pots.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |
| 20          | 2nd Bn   | S-2 | Co E patrol of one officer and eight men report hole in rd at 749414 with knocked out tk still there. At 750413 heard digging on or along rd but drew no fire. Co G patrol of 6 men left 750410, went to 751413, heard 5-6 enemy along stream on N side at 752414, went S to 755409 and returned. Machine pistol fired into 2nd Bn town at 1910 hrs. Co G going to establish listening post at 750413 and work 50-75 yds on each side of rd there. |                        |
| 05          | 1st Bn   | S-2 | Co B reports yellow flare over center plat with a few shots fired to S and to front of their pos. No other activity reported.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                        |

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From: 2205 19 January 1945

To: 0944 20 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From              | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action Taken |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 15          | 3rd Bn            | S-3     | One round very hvy arty hit in SW of town. Sound and flash on 80-95 degree az believed to be Nebelwerfer fire landing in GOETZENBUCK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 20<br>Jan   | 36 Rcn            | S-3     | Rd rcn patrol reports all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| 10          | 1st Bn            | S-3     | Friendly arty was falling short but this straightened out through LO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| 22          | 3rd Bn            | S-3     | Co K relief effected at 2320 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| 30          | 636 TD            | S-3     | patrol reported nothing to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| 00          | 3rd Bn            | S-3     | 3-man patrol left Co L outpost line at 748455, went E to 751456, then SE across RR to 753455; listened for 30 min and observed 3 Germans walking back and forth to E up and down slope, also heard men talking to E. Went S to 751455 where they report they believe an estimated 20 enemy dug in along slope. Heard gun firing NE from 753455 and saw flash and heard sound behind Hill 400 (760465). |              |
| 6           | 2nd Bn            | S-3     | Co G reported receiving some mortar fire on 353 degree az (from 752410), believe it to be German fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| 00          | S-3               | G-3 100 | Sector generally quiet during the night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
| 5           | 2nd Bn            | S-3     | One plat Co F received an arty barrage at 0620, no casualties; all quiet now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              |
| 0           | OP #1             | S-3     | At 0623 rifle fire vic 742422, 15 rounds from American wpn; no enemy firing heard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| 5           | OP #1             | S-3     | 3 rounds mortar fell between OP and town during last hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 0           | 636 Rcn<br>36 Rcn | S-3     | Patrols report all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| 0           | S-3               | 1st Bn  | Have Engrs reported yet?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No           |
| 4           | S-3 1 Bn          | S-3     | Co C started relieving Co A at 2100 hrs and relief completed at 0330.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |



From: 0944 20 January 1945

To: 1457 20 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688140)

| Time & Date | From           | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                    | Action Taken                           |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 58          | EXO            | CG 100         | Gave situation report.                                                                                                                                                               |                                        |
| 05          | 2nd Bn         | S-3            | Have 4 PSW.                                                                                                                                                                          |                                        |
| 07          | 36 Rcn         | S-3            | Rd rcn patrol reports all quiet.                                                                                                                                                     |                                        |
| 15          | S-2 3 Bn       | S-3            | Co I began relieving Co K at 1730; relief completed at 2300 hrs.                                                                                                                     | Notified G-                            |
| 10          | 2nd Bn         | S-2            | Co G patrol went along trail to 764408 and saw no enemy. Co F patrol of one officer and 9 men left 744416 at 0615 hrs, went E to 751418, observed for two hrs but no enemy activity. |                                        |
| 20          | CIC 100 Div    | S-2            | Enemy agents are being sent through our lines in div area especially between 0300 and 0400 hrs; alert all Cos.                                                                       |                                        |
| 03          | G-3 100        | S-3            | Our trps going to fire some bazookas at 724474 and some small arms at 713495.                                                                                                        |                                        |
| 5           | OP #2          | S-3            | 3 mortar shells fell 300 yds from OP.                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| 07          | OP #1          | S-2            | MG and some small arms fire at 747422.                                                                                                                                               |                                        |
| 9           | 1st Bn         | S-3            | There are two dead Germans in front of Co C which 143 Inf reported were booby trapped.                                                                                               | Will send En check before them removed |
| 0           | 2nd Bn         | S-2            | 179th patrol reported observing 40 enemy in draw at 763407 at 1100 hrs.                                                                                                              |                                        |
| 0           | S-3            | 1st Bn         | Use Engrs you now have to de-booby trap the German bodies.                                                                                                                           |                                        |
| 5           | 2nd Bn         | S-2            | Believe 40 enemy are trying to surrender but mortar and arty fire placed on them caused hvy casualties.                                                                              |                                        |
| 2           | CO 3 Bn<br>S-3 | S-3<br>CO 3 Bn | What can be done about tying in left flank? This will have to be done by patrolling. Use Engrs you now have to clear the trail to the Regt Reserve Line in Bn area.                  |                                        |
| 0           | 131 FA         | S-3            | Has 141 any info on tks that are to go into                                                                                                                                          | No info on                             |

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From: 11457 20 January 1945

To: 1600 20 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

Time & :  
Date : From : To : Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc. Action Ta

31 2nd Bn S-3 Msg: At 1310 sporadic shelling of Bn OP area.

32 EXO 636 TD Arrange with 131 FA to supplement their fires.

45 EXO 131 FA 3 TDS and at least 4 tks will fire for you; they will contact you.

42 3rd Bn S-3 Msg: Received about 30 rounds of medium and light arty.

58 OP #2 S-2 4 mortar rounds fell 100 yds E of OP; believe mortar to be 400 yds E of OP.

00 OP #1 S-2 Friendly small arms and MG fire at 748408.

45 OP #2 S-2 Nebelwerfer firing from 115 degree az.

45 3rd Bn S-2 5-man patrol left outpost line vic 748458 and went NE to 749461 where observed and listened for one hr. Heard tk firing vic 755467 and mortar firing from vic 752467; saw nothing. Co I reported hearing digging and enemy using a power saw to their rt front, put 25 rounds of mortar on this.

47 Engr O S-3 We received an overlay this morning on requested mine fields; am giving you permission now to lay these fields. Notify this Hq when mines are in place. Notif 2nd B

CO 1 Bn S-3 Plan to put in mine fields as shown on overlay except one is shown a little too far E.

26 398 Inf S-3 Request a representative from 141 to come to our CP to help set up a defense of this town.

3 2nd Bn S-3 36 Rcn reports all quiet. At 1530 Co H OP reports chopping of trees at 746417. At 1550 Co G reports 50mm enemy mortar firing from 764408.

5 OP #2 S-2 At 1705 two Nebelwerfers fired 6 rounds each with shells landing to S. At 1720 on 30 degree az friendly small arms fire lasted 8 min.

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TO : 201800A Jan 1945

Hq 141 ROT  
688440  
The 36th  
201800A Jan 1945  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13--3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B and 1 Plat Ren Co 636 TD Bn, Co A 733 TR Bn, 36 Cav Ren Troop and Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn (JP). ROT remained attached to 100th Division thru out period and continued defensive mission in sector from vic 747470-758408. 3rd Bn, (plus AT Co), on left, held following positions: I Co Plats vic 744467, 746465 and 747463. Bn AT Plat vic 747460. L Co Plats vic 748456, 745455 and 748434. AT Co held positions running from 744454-739444. K Co in reserve vic 743435. 1st Bn, in central sector, held following positions: G Co Plats vic 745440, 746438 and 746436, A Co outpost reserve position vic 739437-737432. B Co Plats vic 742429 740425 and 739422. 1st Bn AT Plat vic 739420. 2nd Bn, on right flank, held positions with F Co strong points vic 742420, 740418, 742418, 745418, 742415 and 714414 and Plat position 742411-743407. G Co held line 746408-753405, with strong points vic 754404 and 755405. E Co was in reserve vic SARREINBERG (740415). Contact was maintained with flank units, 399th ROT on left and 179th ROT on right thru out period and motorized patrols along flank road nets, by Plat, Ren Co, 636 TD Bn on left and 36 Cav Ren Troop on right. In addition, 36 Cav Ren Troop maintained RJ strong points vic 724398 and 733407. Construction begun on Regimental Reserve Line running 730470 S to vic 736404. Sector generally quiet thru out period, with enemy artillery moderate. ROT maintained security and reconnaissance patrols to front thru out period. 1st and 3rd Bns rotated reserve Co's in front line positions, G Co relieving A Co and I Co relieving K Co. Both reliefs accomplished prior to 2400A.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT remained attached to 100th Inf Div thru out period, continued defensive mission in sector 745467-755405. 4 prisoners taken during period.

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| <u>UNIT</u>    | <u>C. P.</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 141st Inf Regt | 688440       |                |
| 1st Battalion  | 720432       |                |
| 2nd Battalion  | 739439       |                |
| 3rd Battalion  | 710450       |                |
| Regt'l Hq Co   | 688440       |                |
| Cannon Co      | 689439       |                |
| Anti-Tank Co   | 710460       |                |
| Service Co     | 645357       |                |
| Regt'l Med Det | 688440       |                |



| <u>UNIT</u>    | <u>C. P.</u>   | <u>ATTACHED UNITS</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 131 PA Bn      | 639439         |                       |                |
| Co A 111 Med   | 626436         |                       |                |
| Co B 636 TD    | VIC MONTBACH   |                       |                |
| Co A 753 Tk    | VIC WICHENBACH |                       |                |
| Co A 111 Engrs | VIC RAEWILLER  |                       |                |

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>C. P.</u> | <u>SUPPORTING UNITS</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|



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20 January 1945

SUBJECT: STATUS OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

TO : Commanding General, 100th Infantry Division, APO #407, U.S. Army  
(Attention: A G of S, G-3).

1. In compliance with paragraph X (7), OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, No 14, Hq 100th Inf Div, dated 191600A Jan 1945, the following Overlay and Report are submitted.

2. The report concerns the status of defensive organization of three (3) separate defensive lines.

a. (1) MLR - The enclosed Overlay shows a detailed breakdown on presently accomplished work on MLR positions.

(2) The following chart indicates the percentage which the presently accomplished constructions form of the total proposed improvements on the MLR.

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Ren of Sites                | 100 |
| Individual Emplacements     | 75  |
| MG Emplacements             | 90  |
| AT & TD Emplacements        | 40  |
| Wire Entanglements          | 15  |
| Mine Fields                 | 50  |
| Road Blocks Prepared        | 100 |
| Road Blocks Executed        | 0   |
| Craters Prepared            | 100 |
| Craters Executed            | 0   |
| Bridge Demolitions Prepared | 100 |
| Bridge Demolitions Executed | 0   |

b. Regimental Reserve Line (See Overlay), has been completely re-commissioned and work is presently being commenced on construction of Tactical Wire Barriers, Mine Fields and Emplacements.

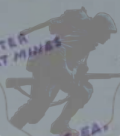
c. Switch Position SE of PETIT REDERCHING along general line ENCHERBERG-LEMBERG. Reconnaissance has been completed, but no construction initiated.

3. See Enclosed Overlay.

For the Commanding Officer:

HERBERT E. EIT  
Major, Infantr

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HQ 141<sup>ST</sup> RCT  
OVERLAY To ACCOMPANY  
LETTER "STATUS OF DEFENSE POS'S"  
201800 JAN. '45

MAP: FRANCE  
1/25,000

SHEETS: XXXVII-13 5#6  
7#8  
XXXVII-14 1#2  
3#4

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From: 191800A Jan 45

To : 201800A Jan 45

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2022 Division 45  
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Map: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheet 37-13

## 1. Enemy Situation at End of Period

## a. Enemy Front Line.

No Change - See overlay this Hq dated 172100A Jan 45

## b. Units in Contact.

No Change - See above overlay.

## 2. Enemy Operations during period.

## a. General Summary.

The enemy continued to be passively defensive along our whole front throughout the period. There were only light infantry activities reported and arty and SP fires were generally light and harassing. There was a slight increase in Nebelwerfer fires.

## b. Operations of Component Elements.

## (1) Armor -

As in the previous period the armor activity concerned tank or SP fires, which were very light. A tank or SP located in vic 755469 fired 30 rds into LEMBERG at 1416A, and from the same posn at 1540A it fired 8 rds. Another SP located vic 764468 by patrol. A civilian, reliability unknown, reported that there were no tanks in BITCHE.

## (2) Artillery -

Between 1300A and 1400A an est 105mm, vic 7746 shelled the area 742442 with about 15 rds.

A gun flash was obs'd at 1850A by OP #1 at 120° other flashes obs'd from OP #1 on Az of 30° and 80°.

At 2215A and 2400A flashes believed to be Nebelwerfer fires were obs'd at an Az of 85° from 743454.

At 1705A 12 rds of Nebelwerfer fell approx 1500 yards South of SARREINSBERG. Gun believed to be in vic of MOUTERHOUSE.

## (3) Infantry -

No enemy infantry action during the period was reported other than by patrols. The enemy continued to shoot up flares during the hours of darkness.

A MP posn was located by patrol at 752475 and outposts were located at 751472, 752460, 746446, 749474, 747430, 747428 and 747422.

Bunkers were reported along South side of  
trail at 773416 to 775414.  
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- (4) RED - - Advance  
WHITE - Here we are  
GREEN - Enemy tanks approach  
(5) Installations -  
CP - 4th Co 457 Regt - 773415



3. Miscellaneous.

Enemy Losses  
PSW

4 - 4th Co 1st Bn 457 Regt, capt'd by F Co

4. Enemy Capabilities.

No Change - See S-2 Estimate this Hq dated 122000A Jan 45.

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Actg S-2

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Left 1210

Retd 1340

74 3rd Bn #A22

3rd Bn #A23

Left 2000

Retd 2200

4 enemy in foxholes, patrol engaged  
fire fight - suffered one casualty

Heard voices, est 20, believe one  
already dug in

3rd Bn #A24

Left 1510

Retd 1616

Patrol rec'd rifle fire from 4-5 rifles in  
dugouts located at this pt.

Obs'd 4 enemy in vic of dugout

Left 1400

Retd 1630

1st Bn #A25

Patrol found American hand grenades wired  
trees waist high - rec'd fire at this pt  
believe it to be friendly

Concertina wire in stream bed

8 enemy obs'd digging here, patrol fired  
at them, may have hit one.

1st Bn #A26

Left 2100

Retd 2305

Heard mortar firing from this vi

2 dugouts on S side of stream - 1 on

Left 2100

Retd 2315

1st Bn #A27

Patrol set off booby trap here, enemy shot up flares  
patrol rec'd SA fire from 747430 - est 6-8  
patrol ret'd fire for 10 min - withdrew, we  
746428 rec'd fire from previous pt ret'd it  
withdrew

#A28

1st Bn

Left 1425

Retd 1600

Obs'd 8-10 enemy here

Obs'd 1 enemy near 3 dugouts, talking to men  
inside.

Obs'd enemy here.

Hq 141 Inf

PATROL REPORT OVERLAY

19 Jan 45

Map 1/25,000

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Heard digging behind KO'd tank

2nd Bn

Left 1750

Retd 2015

Heard 5-6 enemy on N side of stream

Obs'd no enemy  
activity

2nd Bn

Left 1800

Retd 2018

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Hq 141st Inf  
PATROL OVERLAY

Effective 20 Jan 45

1st Bn #36, 37, 38 &  
2nd Bn #40  
3rd Bn #33, 34 & 35

Time to be designated by

See attached individual  
instructions which WILL  
be completed and ret'd NOT la  
2000A for day patrols a  
for night patrols.

MAP: 1/25,000, Sheet 37-13

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#A33

#A34

#A35

#A36

#A37

#A38

#A39

#A40

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DATE

20 JAN 45-1400

To

RCT 141

AT ONE THREE ONZERO  
SPORADIC ARTILLERY SHELLING  
OF Bn CP AREA

2 Bn

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SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

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Handwritten notes on lined paper, including the date "Nov 20 1944" and the phrase "For all from the 36th Division".

Nov 20 1944

For all from the 36th Division

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DATE 20 JAN 45 1643

To

RCT 141

TIME ONE FOUR THREE FOUR  
THIRTY SIX RECON REPORTS ALL  
QUIET. FIFTEEN THIRTY H. CO  
OP REPORTS CHOPPING OF TREES  
AT COORD ONE FOUR SIW SIX  
ONE SEVEN FIFTEEN FIFTY G  
CO REPORTS FIFTY MM ENEMY  
MORTAR FIRING FROM

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

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S E C R E T

JOURNAL

141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 20 January 1945

To: 1930 20 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (6884140)

| Time & Date | From    | To     | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action Taken |
|-------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1827        | OP #1   | S-2    | A vehicle heard moving S at 755410.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
| 1830        | IPW     | S-2    | 4 PSW taken by Co F at 743415 from 4th Co, 457 Regt, 257 Div, but were atchd to 2nd Co. Strength approx 40 men on 20 Jan with 2 HMGs atchd to 2nd Co, 1 HMG to 1st Co. 4 81mm mortars at 768417. PSW and approx 20 other men arrived in Bn sector from ZWEIBRUCKEN and were divided among Cos. 4th Co CP in bunker at 773415; approx 12 bunkers being built along S side of trail from 773416 to 775414. One AT gun 759417. Estimated 100 trps from SS unit in bunkers vic 773415 on 16 Jan; were waiting on arty and Inf howitzers to support them, also an additional 100-150 men. Flares: White--we are here, red--advance, green--enemy tks approach. One of our leaflets was brought in by PW. Civilian brought in by 3rd Bn states he is from Amsterdam, Holland, and has been political prisoner for 1 1/2 yrs, then moved to ZWEIBRUCKEN, then to BITCHE. Reported no tks in BITCHE or tk movement through BITCHE. Could not or would not give info on situation along our front line. Speaks English, French and German. |              |
| 1916        | 2nd Bn  | S-2    | On 65 degree az from 741420 and at a great distance could hear track vehicles moving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |
| 1917        | CO 3 Bn | S-3    | The ENCHENBERG-LEMBERG rd is getting in bad condition due to snow; we may have to get Engrs to work on it tonight. All quiet in sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |
| 1922        | S-3     | 131 FA | It will be okay to leave TD in pres pos and register in in the morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |
| 1925        | 3rd Bn  | S-2    | SP at 761459 being engaged by TDs. Was located by AT plat reporting it on 92 degree az and OP on 70 degree az.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| 1930        | 2nd Bn  | S-2    | 7-man Co G patrol left 754409, went down rd to 754411 where ran into 6 Germans in bunker 30 yds off rd; patrol went to 756409 and on E side of rd heard someone in holes; two holes at 755410. patrol then went to RJ on Co G rt flank and returned to CP. Sending a strong combat patrol to kill or capture these Germans.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |



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S E C R E T

J O U R N A L

141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1930 20 January 1945

To: 2310 20 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From         | To           | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action Taken                |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2002        | S-3          | CO 325 Engrs | Can Engr Cos move to ST LOUIS? Also want some mines and barbed wire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |
|             | CO 325 Engrs | S-3          | Will check on the move and notify you. Can furnish 141 with some barbed wire and mines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |
| 2005        | OP #1        | S-3          | Some heavy arty falling in front of 1st Bn which 1st Bn reports is enemy fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                             |
| 2005        | G-2 100      | S-2          | A German in very neat uniform and shiney boots at 745483 at edge of trees was observed using field glasses scanning our front lines.                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |
| 2018        | CO 325 Engrs | S-3          | Will move two Cos of Engrs to ST LOUIS if we can find room for them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Can use large factory there |
| 2058        | Tk LO S-3    | S-3 Tk LO    | Will plat of tks be atchd to 2nd Bn? Yes, they will move to MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |
| 2105        | S-3 1 Bn     | S-3          | Co B received one casualty from arty fire believed to be friendly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                             |
| 2105        | 3rd Bn       | S-3          | Msg: SP firing from 761459 over Co I into adjacent unit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                             |
| 2125        | 636 Rcn      | S-3          | Patrol returned; all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |
| 2130        | 2nd Bn       | S-3          | Co F is going to shoot a MG between Cos F and B soon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notified 1st Bn             |
| 2135        | 100 Div      | S-3          | Two mine field sketches approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             |
| 2210        | 2nd Bn       | S-3          | MG crew reports trees falling to our front.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |
| 2215        | S-2 3 Bn     | S-3          | Patrol #35 left 743449, crossed RR and went SE to 745445; heard Germans talking at 747444 and a tree fall, one or two hvy trks at 751444. Two enemy 745444 went SE out of sight. patrol was fired on from a pos on hill at 746445 and also few rifle shots from 744444. patrol returned along same route. | Notified G-3 100            |
| 2300        | OP #2        | S-3          | 5 rounds arty from 135 degree az from 5 to 8 miles away. Two rounds mortar also received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |
| 2300        | 36 Rcn       | S-3          | Rd rcn patrol reports all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                             |
| 2310        | 2nd Bn       | S-3          | Co F patrol #1 went to 753420 and found no enemy in holes there. 2nd plat Co F reports red lights blinking 1000 yds to front of LNG pos on 30 degree az. From 744418 on 155 degree az head light at 1500 yds but no motor (cont)                                                                          |                             |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2310 20 January 1945

To: 0937 21 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688410)

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| Time & Date | From   | To                 | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action Taken        |
|-------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2310        | 2nd Bn | S-3                | (cont) movement. Co G reports one white phosphorous shell landed 150 yds from CP at 2210.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |
| 21 Jan 0010 | OP #2  | S-3                | 4 rounds medium arty landed in E edge of town, harassing fire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |
| 0020        | 2nd Bn | S-3                | Msg: Co E patrol #2 reports no unusual activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| 0112        | 3rd Bn | S-3                | Have Engrs check rd to 3rd Bn CP to remove any snowdrifts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |
| 0201        | 3rd Bn | S-3                | 6 rounds light arty in E end of town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| 0300        | 1st Bn | S-3                | A & P plat reported in from laying 25 trip flares and 25 rolls concertina wire extending to AT Co and LEMBERG to left flank of Co C. Had two casualties from mines.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |
| 0630        | 2nd Bn | S-3                | Heard some fire to Co F left front and believe heard a piece of armor on 40 degree az from Bn CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Checked with 1st Bn |
|             | 1st Bn | S-3                | Cos report no activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| 0645        | S-3    | G-2 100<br>G-3 100 | Gave full report of night's activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| 0830        | 2nd Bn | S-2                | Co G patrol left 750410, went N to 751413, traveled along rd SE to 755410 and returned to Co G pos at 0745 hrs. Along stretch of rd S of SARREINSBERG where enemy was reported digging, no enemy found but found fresh holes dug along rd and a lot of foot prints where they had been working. 2nd Bn OP (744418) reports enemy MG firing on 80 degree az from 300 yds.   |                     |
| 0854        | 2nd Bn | S-3                | Msg: On 63 degree az heard small arms, range unknown. Tk fire on 40-60 degree az, 15-20 rounds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     |
| 0937        | CO     | CO, ExO<br>398 Inf | Gave situation report. Suggest 398th Bn COs and Co COs contact 141 Bns to get oriented on their pos in case a relief of 141 is ordered. You can disregard request of 141 to rotate Bns with those of 398th unless 141 remains in the line for some time. Will give overlays to 398th on Regt Reserve line now under construction and overlays necessary to take over area. |                     |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 0937 21 January 1945

To: 1505 21 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (686410)

| Time & Date | From             | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                      | Action Taken    |
|-------------|------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1000        | 3rd Bn           | S-2 | Co I received 15 rounds 81mm mortar.                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| 1050        | S-3              | S-4 | Engrs have sand bags ready for us.                                                                                                                                     |                 |
| 1131        | 131 FA           | S-3 | Latest info is that rockets will be turned over to Inf relieving us.                                                                                                   |                 |
| 1128        |                  |     | CG 100 Div, CG 101 Airbourne Div, Asst Div Comdr 101 A/B Div visited CP; discussed 141 situation and pos with CO.                                                      |                 |
| 1200        | OP #1            | S-2 | At 755416 one enemy, possibly an outpost.                                                                                                                              |                 |
| 1353        | 131 FA           | S-3 | Want clearance to registered on 746414.                                                                                                                                | Okay to fire    |
| 1400        | CO 3 Bn          | S-3 | Want 20 rolls of concertina wire to put up in vic AT Co.                                                                                                               | Will send it up |
| 1400        | OP #2            | S-2 | At 1105 3 rounds mortar fell near OP. At 1115 a short burst of MG fire to left front. At 1150 one round smoke 400 yds E of OP on 45 degree az followed by 4 rounds HE. |                 |
| 1415        | CO 398 Inf       | S-3 | Visited CP and discussed relief. 398 Bn COS are now making rcn in case relief is made tonight.                                                                         |                 |
| 1416        | CO 131 FA        | S-3 | Visited CP. Harassing fire will be 1000 or more yards and defensive fires will be under 1000 yards. No one has contacted us about relief.                              |                 |
| 1430        | CO 443 AAA       | S-3 | Visited CP and received situation report from S-3. Stated had two plats with 8 vehicles in each plat; one plat with arty.                                              |                 |
| 1455        | CO 100 Pcn       | S-3 | Visited CP; received dispositions of 141.                                                                                                                              |                 |
| 1450        | OP #1            | S-2 | Friendly MG fire on 30 degree az at about 1500 yards, also burst from a machine pistol.                                                                                |                 |
| 1505        | CO AT Co 398 Inf | S-3 | Visited CP and received dispositions of AT CO 141 MGs; no 57mm AT guns in pos.                                                                                         |                 |
| 1505        | G-3 100          | ExO | Be prepared to complete relief by 222400 Jan 45.                                                                                                                       |                 |

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1505 21 January 1945

To: 1800 21 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE

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| Time & Date | From           | To                | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                             | Action Taken |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1655        | 2nd Bn         | S-3               | Msg: At 1245 hrs Co G reported tank coming this way along rd from MOUTERHOUSE. Arty advised and fired. At 1225 Co K reported enemy plane over OP flying W one-half mile high. |              |
| 1715        | 2nd Bn         | S-3               | Msg: At 1500 four Germans laying mines in front of pill box on left flank Co F.                                                                                               |              |
| 1715        | G-3 100<br>S-3 | S-3<br>G-3 100    | At 1400 would like AT Co to check pos with me. AT Co is being used as riflemen, but have some Tds deployed.                                                                   |              |
|             | G-3 100        | S-3               | Will be down tomorrow to discuss and look over situation.                                                                                                                     |              |
| 1715        | 2nd Bn         | S-3               | Msg: At 1344 hrs patrols report all quiet. At 1345 our plat tks in MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                |              |
| 1717        | S-3            | CO Co B<br>636 TD | Report here at 1400 tomorrow afternoon.                                                                                                                                       |              |
| 1750        | 36 Rcn         | S-3               | Patrol completed; all quiet.                                                                                                                                                  |              |



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3-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20

FROM: 201800A Jan 1945  
TO : 211800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
688440  
211800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13-3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B and L Plat Ren Co 636 TD Bn, Co A 753 Tk Bn, 36 Ren Troop and Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn (JP). ROT remained attached to 100th Div thru out period and continued defensive mission in sector from vic 747470-758408. 3rd Bn, (plus AT Co), on left, held following positions: I Co Plats vic 744467, 746465 and 747465. Bn AT Plat vic 747460. L Co Plats vic 748456, 745455 and 748434. AT Co held positions running from 744454-739444. K Co in reserve vic 743435. 1st Bn, in central sector, held following positions: C Co Plats vic 745440, 746438 and 746436, A Co out posting reserve position vic 739437-737432. B Co Plats vic 742429, 740425 and 739422. 1st Bn AT Plat vic 739420. 2nd Bn, on right flank, held positions with F Co strong points vic 742420, 740418, 745418, 742415 and 714414 and Plat position 742411-743407. C Co held line 746408-753405, with strong points vic 754404 and 755405. E Co was in reserve vic 348418-348415 (740415). Contact was maintained with flank units, 359th ROT on left and 179th ROT on right thru out period and motorized patrols along flank road nets, by Plat, Ren Co, 636 TD Bn on left and 36 Ren Troop on right. In addition, 36 Ren Troop maintained RJ strong points vic 724398 and 753407. Construction continued on Regimental Reserve Line running 730470 S to vic 736404. Sector generally quiet thru out period, with enemy artillery moderate. ROT maintained security and reconnaissance patrols to front thru out period.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 43% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT remained attached to 100th Inf Div thru out period, continued defensive mission in sector 745467-755405.

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To Accompany Periodic Report (S-3)

APO U. S. ARMY

DATE 2118004 Jan 1949

141st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

C. P.

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720430

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682440

ATTACHED UNITS

C. P.

REMARKS

689439

696436

VIC MONTANA CASH

VLG SCHNIBERG

VIO RATZWILLER

### SUPPORTING UNITS

C. P.

RE MARKS



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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. Army

202000 January 1945

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Unit Commanders will initiate necessary action at once to insure that all Company (Btry or Trp) and Battalion CP's and Supply Installations are prepared for all around defense in event of surprise attack or break-through. These plans will include foxholes for all individuals, gun emplacements, organization of personnel into tactical Companies for defense, warning system, and necessary communications.
2. Rehearsals will be conducted without delay to familiarize all individuals with these defense plans.
3. Written reports will be submitted by unit Commanders to this Headquarters on or before 22 Jan 1945, stating that necessary defensive measures have been completed for all CP's and Supply Installations within their command.

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S-2 Periodic Report  
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From: 201800A Jan 45  
To : 211800A Jan 45

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Hq 1st Inf  
688440  
211900A Jan 45

Map: GSGS 4471 France, 1/50,000 Sheet 37-13

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.

a. Enemy Front Line.

No Change - See S-2 Periodic Report #29 dated 172100A  
Jan 45 this Hq.

b. Units in Contact.

No Change -

2. Enemy Operations During Period.

a. General Summary.

The enemy attitude during the entire period continued to be passively defensive on our front. Infantry activities reported show the enemy to be improving his defensive positions. Artillery fires were unusually light while SP and mortar fires similarly light and harassing.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Aircraft -

One enemy plane observed by K Co at 1255A flying West.

(2) Armor -

SPs obs'd firing from vic of 761495 and 755467 located by patrol.

Tracked vehicles moving at 65° Az from 741420 at very great range.

One tracked vehicle moving 40° from 744416 at range unknown.

1245A - G Co reported tank going SW on road from MOUTERHOUSE.

(3) Artillery -

2300A - 5 rds from 135° Az 5-6 miles distance.

0100A - 4 rds 105 cal on East edge of LEMBERG

1150A - 5 rds, 1 smoke, fell at 740448, med cal Az of 45° from 740445.

1450A - 8 rds 105 cal fell at 746440

1600A - B Co received a few air bursts

1600 - 1700A - 12 rds 150mm fell vic of LEMBERG Az of 30° from 740445.

1830A - 2 Nebelwerfers obs'd firing approx 4 miles distance from 740445 on Az of 90°.

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(4) Engineers -

At the close of the period 4 enemy were obs'd laying mines in front of a pillbox on left flank of F Co vic of 745422.

(5) Infantry -

There was a notable decrease in flare activity during the period. A vehicle was heard moving South vic of 755410 at 1827A and 1 or 2 heavy trucks were heard at 1900A vic of 747444. MG and SA fire was rec'd by a patrol an est 6-8 enemy vic of 745423. A patrol was challenged by a sentry at 2400A vic of 751440. Enemy heard talking by patrol at 747444 and 744428 and chopping on West slope of H 405 (757454). Digging was also heard vic of 752413 at 1930, later investigation found the area to be unocc although evidence of digging was obs'd. Patrols also located enemy outposts, 5-6 men, vic of 745444 and 746445 and mortars at 762453.

Smoke which appeared to be coming from pots vic of 760410 at 2109A.

3. Miscellaneous.  
Enemy Losses -

4. Enemy Capabilities.  
No Change - See S-2 Estimate this Hq dated 122000A Jan 45

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Tank firing from this vic  
Mortar firing from this vic

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Left 1315  
Retd 1600  
3rd Bn

#A33

3rd Bn #A34  
Left 2000  
Retd 0005

Obs'd from this point for an hour

Heard tank firing from  
this vic

Voices - est 15 men

Heard mortar firing in  
this vic

Heard chopping this vic

3rd Bn #A35  
Left 1840  
Retd 1935

Heard a tree fall and some voices

Heard one or two hvy trucks this vic

Saw two Jerries - walking SE

1st Bn #A36  
Left 2355  
Retd 0150

5-6 snow covered mounds this vic - challenged  
by enemy sentry, but could not see him

Hq 141 Inf

PATROL REPORT OVERLAY  
For 20 Jan 45

Rec'd MG & SA fire from this pt, 6-8 enemy obs'd -  
ret'd fire and withdrew.

1st Bn #A38  
Left 1400  
Retd 1500

Heard enemy activity here, est one squad - possibly  
relief.

1st Bn #A39  
Left 0005  
Retd 0140

Map: 1/25,000, Sheet 37-13, 7 & 8

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Obs'd from this pt for hour and twenty minutes  
No enemy information to report.

2nd Bn #A40  
Left 0615  
Retd 0920

Left 2 man listening posts at these pts

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Hq 141 Inf

PATROL OVERLAY

21 Jan 45

75  
+  
43

#A48

#A49

#A50

#A51

#A52

#A53

#A54

1st Bn -

Day patrols  
#48 & 50  
Night patrols  
#49 & 51

2nd Bn -

#52 Night combat  
F Co  
#53 Night combat  
G Co  
#54 Daylight ren  
G Co

3rd Bn - To be designated  
by Bn CO

See attached individual  
patrol instructions which WILL  
be completed and ret'd ~~NOT~~ later  
than 2000A (day patrol) and 0800  
(night patrol)

Map: 1/25,000, 37-13 7 & 8

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BAUGHMAN  
Actg S-2

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ONE SEVEN THREE FOUR  
SEVEN THREE SIX SEVEN  
EIGHT NINE ONE TWO

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UNIT OF THE 36TH DIVISION

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DATE: 10 JAN 1945

TO: 60 JAY INT

SECTOR 30V ALL QUIET

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REPORT OF OBSERVATION

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THE NIGHT IS  
LETTER







MESSAGE

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CENTER IN DUPLICATE)

(CLASSIFICATION)

No.

DATE 21 JAN 45

To CO 14 INF

EVERYTHING GENERALLY QUIET  
AT A2 SIXTHREE DEGREES  
FROM BN CP SMALL ARMS  
FIRE HEARD RANGE UNKNOWN  
TANK FIRE AT A2 FORTY TO  
SIXTY DEGREES ONE FIVE ZERO  
ZERO TO TWENTY ZERO ZERO

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

2d Bn

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SENT IN CLEAR

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER

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SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER

TIME SIGNED

0630



MESSAGE

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(CLASSIFICATION)

No.

DATE 21 JAN 1945

To

CO 141 INF

AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE G  
COMPANY REPORTED TANK  
COMING THIS WAY ALONG ROAD  
FROM MOUTERHOUSE ARTILLERY  
ADVISED AND WAS FIRED.  
TWELVE FIVE FIVE K CO  
REPORTED ENEMY PLANE OVER  
OP FLYING HALF MILE HIGH

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No.

DATE 21 JAN 45

TO CO 41 INF

AT 1300 ROVER PATROL REPORTS

ALL QUIET - 1305 OUR PLATOON

OF TANKS IN MEISENTHAL NOW

WHITE

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER

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MESSAGE

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No.

DATE

21 JAN 45

To CO 141ST INF

AT 1500 FOUR GERMANS LAYING  
MINES IN FRONT OF PILL BOX  
LEFT FLANK FOX COMPANY

20 BN

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 21 January 1945

To: 2120 21 January 1945

Place: MONTRONN, FRANCE (686449)

| Time & Date | From     | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                   | Action Taken    |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1810        | 3rd Bn   | S-2     | Two tks or Sps located by sound at 755467-761459.                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| 1828        | S-3 1 Bn | S-3     | TDs just fired on pill box at 745425 and Germans scattered in all directions.                                                                                                       |                 |
| 1845        | 3rd Bn   | S-2     | SP firing on 122 degree az from 743452 and 130 degree az from 746455.                                                                                                               |                 |
| 1850        | OP #1    | S-2     | 12 rounds mortar landing in SARREINSBERG coming from az of 100 degrees from OP #1.                                                                                                  |                 |
| 1855        | OP #2    | S-2     | SP flashes on 110 degree az at about 3000 yds, also 100 degree az, 3000 yds.                                                                                                        |                 |
| 1921        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Msg: At 1615 to 1645 intermittent shelling in Bn CP area including air bursts. At 1645 36 Rcn reports all quiet. At 1757 3 mortar shells hit near switchboard; knocked out 7 lines. | L-1042          |
| 1930        | CO 3 Bn  | S-3     | Engrs brought us some wire this afternoon; about 400 yds concertina wire has been laid on defensive pos.                                                                            |                 |
|             | S-3      | CO 3 Bn | Two OIs will be out tonight.                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| 1936        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Msg: At 1808 6 mortar shells at 739419.                                                                                                                                             |                 |
| 1945        | OP #2    | S-2     | Friendly MG fire 30 degree az, 1500 yds.                                                                                                                                            |                 |
| 2029        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Msg: Co E rotated with Co G. One plat Co G was left in ALTHORN.                                                                                                                     |                 |
| 2030        | S-3      | S-4     | How many trks will it take to move regiment? Have transportation officer contact me tomorrow.                                                                                       | 83 trks         |
| 2045        | 131 FA   | S-3     | What will be speed of motor column in move? Cn Co tracks can not make more than 12-15 miles per hr.                                                                                 | 25 miles per hr |
| 2050        | S-3 398  | S-3     | How many TDs does 141 have atchd?                                                                                                                                                   | Nine            |
| 2055        | OP #1    | S-2     | Two bursts from MG (747422).                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| 2116        | 2nd Bn   | S-3     | Msg: Between 1800-2000 hrs Co G patrols #1 and #2 report all quiet. Co E all quiet.                                                                                                 |                 |
| 2120        | S-3      | Cn Co   | How many M-7s does Cn Co have at pres?                                                                                                                                              | Four            |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2120 21 January 1945

To: 2400 22 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (685410)

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| Time & Date | From    | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Action Taken |
|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2129        | Regt LO | S-3     | Have S-4 141 contact G-4 100; will notify us about rd clearance and route in 10-15 min.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified S-4 |
|             | S-3     | Regt LO | Get a convoy number and notify us immediately.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| 2133        | S-4     | S-3     | Will contact G-4 100 in person in morning about trks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| 2143        | S-3     | G-3 100 | Co G received some mortar fire vic CP between 1800 and 2000 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| 2154        | Regt LO | S-3     | Route has been approved except convoy must go by BUTTEN as bridge is out on other route. No convoy number is necessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
| 2205        | OP #2   | S-3     | At 2135 two bursts friendly MG fire 35 degree az, 1000 yds. Two white flares 150 degree az 700 yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |
| 2250        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | At 2240 TD to N firing 9 rounds at 745425.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| 2300        | 3rd Bn  | S-3     | Co K patrol left 747457 at 1935, went NE to 749459, found two unoccupied dugouts at this pt. Went NE to 74954600 where ran into a Shu-mine field, stepped on one that flipped over but didn't go off. A wire with sign saying mines on the other side. Went to two houses at 751461 and heard voices at 752461. 35 Shu-mines along trail and 11 trip flares vic mine field. Co L patrol left 748456 at 2045, went SE across RR to 750454 where laid in wait 1 1/2 hrs for enemy to come along trail where tracks showed, but no enemy showed up. Heard SP firing along RR, machine pistol on Hill 405 and some activity in draw to SE. AT Co saw a plat (15-20 men) come in and relieve another group vic 750465 at 1500 hrs. |              |
| 2315        | 1st Bn  | S-3     | Co B received 10 scattered rounds mortar, about 81mm, at 740425. Amber flare over 741425.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| 2330        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | Co E reports German tk firing 767410. patrols report all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
| 2400        | OP #2   | S-3     | One round light arty 300 yds NE of 740445.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| 2400        | IPW     | S-2     | One PW taken by Co F at 747417 from 4th Co, 1st Bn, 477 Regt, VGD Gros-Kirchen. 6-7 prisoners (German soldiers sentenced to hard labor with Enfers), 20 pioneers, 15 bicycles in 4th Co. PW came from BITCHE to 4th Co (cont)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2400 21 January 1945

To: 0924 22 January 1945

Place: MONTEBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

| Time & Date | From    | To      | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action Taken         |
|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2400        | IPW     | S-2     | (cont) prisoner plat, then to pioneers. Co CP 757438. PW was to contact other prisoners in fwd area to lay wire (possibly), reports one row barbed wire two meters behind barbed wire 60-70 meters long. 22 stock mines with trip flares between trees 743423-743424. 4th Co organized two months ago, had 45 horses, 3 75mm Inf howitzers, 5 ammo carriers. |                      |
| 22 Jan      |         |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                      |
| 0100        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | 30 degree az from 744414, mortar flash following our harassing fires.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                      |
| 0107        | OP #2   | S-3     | 3 rounds light arty 200 yds E, 3 rounds mortar 400 yds S.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |
| 0150        | 3rd Bn  | S-3     | 4 rounds hvy arty from 130-140 degree az in Co L area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
| 0305        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | Co E contact patrol to 3rd Bn 179th report seeing no enemy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                      |
| 0500        | OP #1   | S-3     | Rifle fire heard in draw at 747422 at 0415.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                      |
| 0500        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | 4-5 rounds hvy mortar landed vic 752406.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| 0540        | CO      | S-3     | Are any of 141 Bns firing arty?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Checked Bns, ans: No |
| 0555        | OP #1   | S-3     | MG fire in draw 747422 at 0550.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                      |
| 0655        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | Msg: Engrs have finished laying mine fields in front of Co F. All quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| 0755        | OP #1   | S-3     | 3 long bursts our MG fire on 30 degree az.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                      |
| 0815        | CO      | CO 2 Bn | Have you an AT guns that can be put in pos of TD that did firing yesterday? TD CO wants to withdraw it to have some repair work done on it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No AT guns available |
| 0845        | OP #2   | S-3     | 6 rounds mortar 400 yds out, came from 53 degree az. Small arms fire on 30 degree az 1200-1500 yds away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| 0850        | S-3 399 | S-3     | When is Co A 753 Tk Bn going to move from ENCHENBERG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In the morning       |
| 0924        | G-3 100 | S-3     | OI calls for some of 399th trps to be in ENCHENBERG tonight; can 141 tks move out by tonight?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |
|             | S-3     | G-3 100 | Tks will be out of town by 0900 in morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | This is okay         |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 0924 22 January 1945

To: 1515 22 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| Time & Date | From     | To        | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                           | Action Taken                   |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0930        | 1st Bn   | S-2       | Co B now has 2 PSW at OP pointing out pos, will send them in as soon as this is finished.                                                                                                                   |                                |
| 0945        | OP #1    | S-2       | A wood fire observed by smoke vic 749415; small arms fire heard vic 757408 at 0930 hrs.                                                                                                                     |                                |
| 1111        | G-3 100  | S-3       | Just received msg from VI Corps that 141 desti - nation has been changed. You will use same route and time but assembly point will be STEINBOURG (7619).                                                    | Notified S-4                   |
| 1130        | S-3      | Asst S-3  | Have quartering party meet me in DETTWILLER (800170) at main RJ there.                                                                                                                                      | Notified S-1                   |
| 1153        | S-3 1 Bn | S-3       | Bn to relieve us has closed in and part of relief will start about 1300 hrs.                                                                                                                                | Keep Regt notified of progress |
| 1159        | S-4      | S-3       | 1st Bn will have 17 trks plus kitchen trks, 2nd Bn 19 plus kitchen trks, 3rd Bn 18 plus kitchen trks, Regt Hq Co 5 trks (4 for extra personnel). Will see that each unit will get their trks in ample time. |                                |
| 1200        | OP #2    | S-2       | Gun vic BAERENTHAL harassing GOETZENBRUCK.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                |
| 1210        | S-4      | S-3       | Want kitchen trks put under Co control during move in the OI. Am putting sign and guide at RJ just NW of MONTBRONN so trks can go to proper units.                                                          |                                |
| 1237        | Regt LO  | S-3       | 100th Div has received an OI that states 141 will be on the rd tonight by 2400 hrs.                                                                                                                         |                                |
| 1253        | G-3 100  | S-3       | XV Corps just called and said they want 141 to be on the rd by 0001 hrs.                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| 1328        | G-3 100  | S-3       | We will try to complete relief of your units by 2200 hrs.                                                                                                                                                   |                                |
| 1352        | S-3      | 325 Engrs | We would like some sand put on RJ 362 on ST LOUIS rd.                                                                                                                                                       |                                |
| 1400        |          | S-2       | Two P-47s strafed friendly arty; still carrying bombs.                                                                                                                                                      |                                |
| 1508        | S-3      | Cn Co     | Your M-7s will have to move with 636 TDs; contact CO Co B 636 TD Bn on this.                                                                                                                                |                                |
| 1515        | S-3      | 325 Engrs | Has rd been sanded yet?                                                                                                                                                                                     | Working on it now              |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1515 22 January 1945

To: 1800 22 January 1945

Place: MONTBRONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| Time & Date | From                     | To                       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                             | Action Taken                      |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1527        | S-3                      | G-3 100                  | All quiet in sector. Little arty in 2nd Bn sector. Our 1st Bn has started to be relieved.                                                                                                     |                                   |
| 1539        | CO Co B<br>636 TD        | S-3                      | I got two TDS out of ALTHORN but had lot of trouble due to slippery rds; other TDS should be moved in daylight.                                                                               | Rd is being sanded                |
| 1540        | 2nd Bn                   | S-3                      | Msg: Between 1315 and 1330 Bn CP area received 7 mortar rounds and about 15 rounds arty put on them. At 1420 Co F heard small arms fire to their left.                                        |                                   |
| 1605        | G-2 100<br>S-3           | S-3<br>G-2 100           | Has 141 any armor moving vic ENCHENBERG? The armor must be our tks as tk CO stated he was moving some tks.                                                                                    | Checked with TDS                  |
| 1600        | OP #2                    | S-2                      | 22 rounds light arty on 60 degree az, 3 rounds hvy arty 15-17 degree az, 9 rounds 120 mm mortar 743448.                                                                                       |                                   |
| 1624        | G-3 100<br>S-3           | S-3<br>G-3 100           | Corps just received a call from 7th Army to be sure 141 Inf was on the rd by 0001 hrs. Will notify you if move cannot be made for any reason.                                                 |                                   |
| 1630        | S-4                      | S-3                      | Is it okay for my column to join main column at DRULINGEN?                                                                                                                                    | Okay, but coordinate with CO 3 Bn |
| 1630        | G-3 100<br>S-3           | S-3<br>G-3 100           | Have reports of some German armor vic BITCHE; when are 141 TDS going to be pulled out? TDS will be moved out only when relieving unit states they are in pos and it is okay to do so.         |                                   |
| 1631        | 3rd Bn                   | S-3                      | Msg: Situation according to plans.                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |
| 1634        | CO Co B<br>636 TD        | S-3                      | G-3 100 just called and wanted to know if relieving unit has contacted us yet. I told him yes, also that I did not know what time we would be relieved. Are we to stay in pos until relieved? | Yes                               |
| 1724        | 2nd Bn                   | S-3                      | Co G has been relieved and are now on their way to MEISENTHAL.                                                                                                                                |                                   |
| 1754        | CO Co B<br>636 TD<br>S-3 | S-3<br>CO Co B<br>636 TD | Relieving unit is contacting plat now. Has there been any change in time so we can move in daylight? Times for move were set for us; if there are any changes will notify you.                |                                   |



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3-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 21

FROM: 211600A Jan 1945

TO : 221800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141st ROT  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13-3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B and 1 Plat Recon Co 636 TD Bn, Co A 753 Tk Bn, 36 Cav Recon Troop and Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn (3P). ROT remained attached to 100th Div thru out period and continued defensive mission in sector from vic 747470-758408. 3rd Bn, (plus AT Co), on left, held following positions: I Co Plate vic 744467, 746465 and 747463. Bn AT Plat vic 747460. L Co Plate vic 748456, 745455 and 748434. AT Co held positions running from 744454-759444. K Co in reserve vic 743435. 1st Bn, in central sector, held following positions: C Co Plate vic 745440, 746438 and 746436, A Co outpost reserve position vic 739437-737432. B Co Plate vic 742429, 740425 and 739422. 1st Bn AT Plat vic 739420. 2nd Bn, on right flank, held positions with F Co strong points vic 742420, 740418, 745418, 742415 and 714414 and Plat position 742411-743407. G Co held line 746408-753405, with strong points vic 734404 and 755405. E Co in reserve vic JANNESBERG (740415). Contact was maintained with flank units, 399th ROT on left and 179th ROT on right thru out period and motorized patrols along flank road nets, by Plat, Recon Co, 636 TD Bn on left and 36 Recon Troop on right. In addition, 36 Recon Troop maintained RJ strong points vic 724398 and 735407. Construction continued on Regimental Reserve Line running 730470 S to 736404. Sector generally quiet thru out period, with enemy artillery moderate. ROT maintained security and reconnaissance patrols to front thru out period. Relief of ROT in sector by 398 ROT commenced at 1500A and at close of period was partially complete. ROT preparing to move by motor to rejoin 36th Inf Div.
2. Combat Efficiency: Poor--Limited by combat fatigue, adverse weather and approximately a 45% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT remained attached to 100th Inf Div thru out period, continued defensive mission in sector 745467-755405. 3 prisoners taken during period.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: EUROPE ROAD MAP 1/200,000. SHEET 87.

1. 141 RCT, attached:

131 FA Bn  
Btry C (-), 443 AAA AW Bn (SP)  
Co A, 111 Engr (C) Bn  
Co B, 636 TD Bn  
1 Plat, Rcn Co, 636 TD Bn  
Co A, 753 Tk Bn  
36 Cav Rcn Troop  
Co A, 111 Med Bn

moves by motor from assembly areas vic MEISENTHAL-ST LOUIS-ENCHEN-  
BERG-MONTBRONN to vic STEINBOURG, 23 Jan 45, reverts to control  
CG, 36th Inf Div, on arrival in area.

2. All units will move in accordance with attached March Table.
3. For Route of March, IP and Assembly Areas, See Attached Overlay and March Table.
4. 1 Plat, 443 AAA AW Bn (SP), will assemble vic IP prior to 0030A to be distributed in, and fed into the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Serials as they pass the IP, 2 mounts to 2nd Serial, 4 mounts to 3rd Serial and 2 mounts to 4th Serial.
5. Cannon Co M-7's, will move with Co B, 636 TD Bn, in 4th Serial.
- x. (1) Additional trucks for movement will be furnished by S-4, 141 RCT.  
(2) Radio silence will be maintained thru out movement, nets to be reopened on order, Communication Officer, 141 RCT.  
(3) Route will be marked from IP to assembly areas by 141 RCT signs.  
(4) Unit Commanders will make motor reconnaissance from present assembly areas to IP to determine required timing.  
(5) Kitchens will move with their respective units.  
(6) Artillery FOs and LOs will move with units to which they are attached.

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## ANNEX NO 1.

1. March Table to accompany OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, Hqs, 141st Inf Regt, dated 22 January 1945.

| <u>Serial No 1.</u> Maj Orich, Commanding.    IP NEUBAU (633406) |                                          |                       |                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>March Unit</u>                                                | <u>Units</u>                             | <u>No of Vehicles</u> | <u>Time to cross</u><br><u>IP</u> |
| No 1                                                             | 36 Cav Rcn Troop                         | 30                    | 2400A                             |
| No 2                                                             | 131 FA Bn                                | 30                    | 0010A                             |
| No 3                                                             | 131 FA Bn                                | 30                    | 0020A                             |
| No 4                                                             | 131 FA Bn<br>Btry C, 443 AAA AW Bn (-)30 |                       | 0030A                             |
| No 5                                                             | Gn Co (-) (15)<br>36 Rcn Co (-) (15)     | 30                    | 0040A                             |

| <u>Serial No 2.</u> Maj Ciccolella, Commanding.    IP NEUBAU (633406). |                                      |    |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-------|
| No 1                                                                   | Hq & Hq Co (Regt'l)                  | 20 | 0115A |
| No 2                                                                   | 1st Bn                               | 30 | 0125A |
| No 3                                                                   | 1st Bn                               | 30 | 0135A |
| No 4                                                                   | Co A, 111 Engrs Bn<br>1st Bn overage | 22 | 0145A |
| No 5                                                                   | Co A, 111 Med Bn                     | 12 | 0155A |

| <u>Serial No 3.</u> Maj Bruyeres, Commanding.    IP NEUBAU (633406). |                         |        |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| No 1                                                                 | 3rd Bn                  | 30     | 0230A |
| No 2                                                                 | 3rd Bn                  | 30     | 0240A |
| No 3                                                                 | AT Co<br>3rd Bn overage | 18     | 0250A |
| No 4                                                                 | Service Co              | 30     | 0300A |
| No 5                                                                 | Service Co              | 30 (-) | 0310A |

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Serial No 4. Lt Col Critchfield, Commanding. IP NEUBAU (633406).

| <u>March Unit</u> | <u>Units</u>                                                                | <u>No of Vehicles</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| No 1              | 2nd Bn                                                                      | 30                    |
| No 2              | 2nd Bn                                                                      | 30                    |
| No 3              | Co A, 753 Tk Bn<br>2nd Bn overages                                          | 20                    |
| No 4              | Co B, 636 TD Bn (18)<br>Ron Plat, 636 TD Bn (8)<br>Cn Co Mounts (M-7's) (4) | 30                    |

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2. Conduct of March:

- (1) Time Interval: 30 minutes between Serials (Tail to Head).  
10 minutes between March Units (Tail to Head).
- (2) Interval between vehicles: 60 yards.
- (3) Rate of March: At night, without lights - 10 MPH.  
At night, with lights or in daylight - 15 MPH.  
Maximum speed of any vehicle: At night - 15 MPH.  
During daylight - 25 MPH.
- (4) Each March Unit will not contain more than 30 vehicles and  
Serials not more than 5 March Units.
- (5) March Unit Commanders are responsible for passive AA defense  
measures during March, and in asse bly areas until unit closes,  
when responsibility of sector passes to Bn or Regt'l Cmdr.

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HQ 141<sup>ST</sup> INF RCT  
OVERLAY SHOWING  
ROUTE OF MARCH  
TO ACCOMPANY  
OPERATIONS  
INSTRUCTIONS  
221600 JAN '45

MAP: EUROPE (ROAD MAP)  
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APO #36, U. S. ARMY

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## OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEET: XXXVII-13

### 1. 141 RCT, with attachments;

131 PA Bn  
Btry "C", 443 AAA AW Bn  
Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn  
Co "A", 111 Med Bn  
Co "B", 636 TD Bn  
1 Plat, Rcn Co, 636 TD Bn  
Co "A", 753 Tk Bn  
36 Cav Rcn Troop

will be relieved on present positions by 398 RCT, prior to 22 2400A Jan 45 and assembles vic MEISENTHAL-ST LOUIS-ENCHENBERG-MONTBRONN area, prepared to move on order by motor to HAGUENAU area.

### 2. a. 1st Bn, with attachments;

- (1) Will be relieved on present positions by 1st Bn, 398 RCT, prior to 222400A Jan 45.
- (2) Elements when relieved, moves by foot to assembly area at ST LOUIS.

### b. 2nd Bn, with attachments;

- (1) Will be relieved on present positions by 2nd Bn, 398 RCT, prior to 222400A Jan 45.
- (2) Elements when relieved, moves by foot to assembly area at MEISENTHAL.

### c. 3rd Bn, with attachments;

- (1) Will be relieved on present positions by 3rd Bn, 398 RCT, prior to 222400A Jan 45.
- (2) Elements when relieved, moves by foot to assembly area at ENCHENBERG.

### d. AT Co, when relieved by elements of 3rd Bn, 398 RCT, moves by foot to assembly area at ENCHENBERG.

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- e. 131 FA Bn, with Cn Co attached;
- (1) Remains in present positions and continues mission until 222400A Jan 45.
  - (2) Overlays and information pertaining to defensive fires will be turned over to supporting artillery of relieving unit.
  - (3) Prepares to move on order to HAGUENAU area.
  - (4) Lds and FOs will move with the units to which they are attached, remaining with relieving unit until 230700A Jan 45.
- f. Co "A", 753 Tk Bn, remains in present positions prepared to move on order to HAGUENAU area.
- g. 636 TD Bn, with Plat Rcn Co attached, on orders of this Headquarters, assembles at MONTBRONN prepared to move to HAGUENAU area.
- h. 36 Cav Rcn Troop, remains in present positions and continues with mission until relieved on position or ordered by this Headquarters to assemble at MEISENTHAL and prepare to move to HAGUENAU area.
- i. Co "A", 111 Engr (C) Bn, when relieved, assembles at RATZWILLER, prepared to move on orders to HAGUENAU area.
- j. Co "A", 111 Med Bn, remains in present position prepared to move on orders from this Headquarters to HAGUENAU area.
- k. Btry "C", 443 AAA AW Bn, remains in present positions and continues with present mission prepared on orders from this Headquarters to move to HAGUENAU area.
- x. (1) All units will have quartering parties arrange temporary billets in their respective assembly areas.
- (2) COs of relieving units will contact units and make arrangements for relief.
  - (3) Guides will be furnished to relieving units as required by all units being relieved.
  - (4) One (1) Officer from Regimental Headquarters, one (1) Officer per Battalion and one (1) Officer per Company will remain with relieving unit for twenty four (24) hours after relief has been completed or until relieved by relieving unit.
  - (5) Arrangements will be made to provide men with hot meals upon arrival at assembly areas.

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- (6) Units will execute the relief with a minimum of noise and remain well deployed at all times.
- (7) Battalions will leave a complete overlay of their Battalion positions including weapons, defensive fires, wire, mines (friendly and enemy) and work that has been accomplished on Regimental Reserve Line.
- (8) Battalions will report to this Headquarters the hour that first and last elements depart present positions. Hourly reports will also be made.

3. CPs

- a. Regt'l - No Change.
- b. Bns - To Be Reported.

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S-2 Periodic Report  
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From: 211800A Jan 45  
To : 221800A Jan 45

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221830A Jan 45

Map: GSGS 4471 France 1/50,000, Sheets 37-13, 14.

1. Enemy Situation at Close of Period.
  - a. Enemy Front Line - No change - See current overlay.
  - b. Units in Contact - No change - See current overlay.
2. Enemy Operations During Period.
  - a. General Summary.

Sporadic SP and mortar fires marked extent of hostile action throughout period. Infantry remains inactive with every indication of continuing its defensive mission.
  - b. Operations of Component Elements.
    - (1) Aircraft

2 P47s reported as having strafed artillery area, believed to be enemy operated. Were also carrying bombs but none reported dropped.
    - (2) Armor -
      - 1810A - 2 tks or SPs located somewhere along railroad vic 765459, were heard moving.
      - 1845A - SPs fired from vic of 790423 - 778413 upon unknown target area.
      - 1855A - SP fired 2 rds from 790425 - target unknown Same 786437 - probably same gun as time elapsed would allow for movement between points.
      - 2330A - SP or tank fired from 767410 - target unknown.
      - 1600A - Tanks and infantry obs'd by Air OP, 100th Div Arty at 758475.
    - (3) Artillery -
      - 1200A - 4 rds - 150 cal from 1 gun firing from vic of BARENTAL onto GOETZENBRUCK.
    - (4) Engineers -

Schv Mines located at 749460.
    - (5) Infantry -
      - 1800A - 6 rds mortar fire fell N edge of LEMBERG from probable posn at 752452.
      - 1850A - 12 rds mortar fire in SARREINSBERG from probable posn at 758417.
      - 2300A - Patrol heard voices at 752461 and from two houses at 751465, number unknown.

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041 Rifle fire heard in draw at 747422  
0550A - M fire heard in draw at 747422.

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## 3. Miscellaneous.

### a. Enemy Losses

#### 1. PSW

1 - 4th Co 477 Regt, capt'd by F Co

2 - 2nd Co 466 Regt, capt'd by B Co

2. Estimated Dead and Wounded - 5 Total Losses - 8

### b. PW Statement.

Mine fields with trip wires at 743423-743424. Mines similar to "S" mines but have detonating device on side for attachment to trip wires, called "Stock" mines.

## 4. Enemy Capabilities.

a. The enemy can defend from present positions, dug in parallel to our front, counter attacking locally with small forces of about 50 men, if necessary to gain lost positions.

b. The enemy can attack at any time with a Br of 100-150 men reinforced by a Bn of arty and 5-10 SPguns from any point along our front with a limited objective designed to disorganize our positions or spoil a possible attack by our forces.

c. The enemy can reinforce present positions and attack with a possible 3-500 men in direction

1. BITCHE-LEMBERG

2. MOUTERHOUSE-LEMBERG

3. MOUTERHOUSE-MEISENTAIL

Discussion: Capability a. is favored.

Hostile actions continue passively defensive with no indications of any desire to do other than hold present positions as lightly as possible. Heavy friendly patrol action has forced enemy to thicken OPL to prevent deep penetrations by such patrols b. no new units have been discovered nor do PSW know of any troop movements or chances of relief for present defenders.

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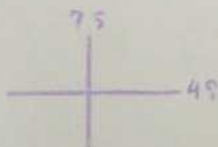


# ENEMY SITUATION

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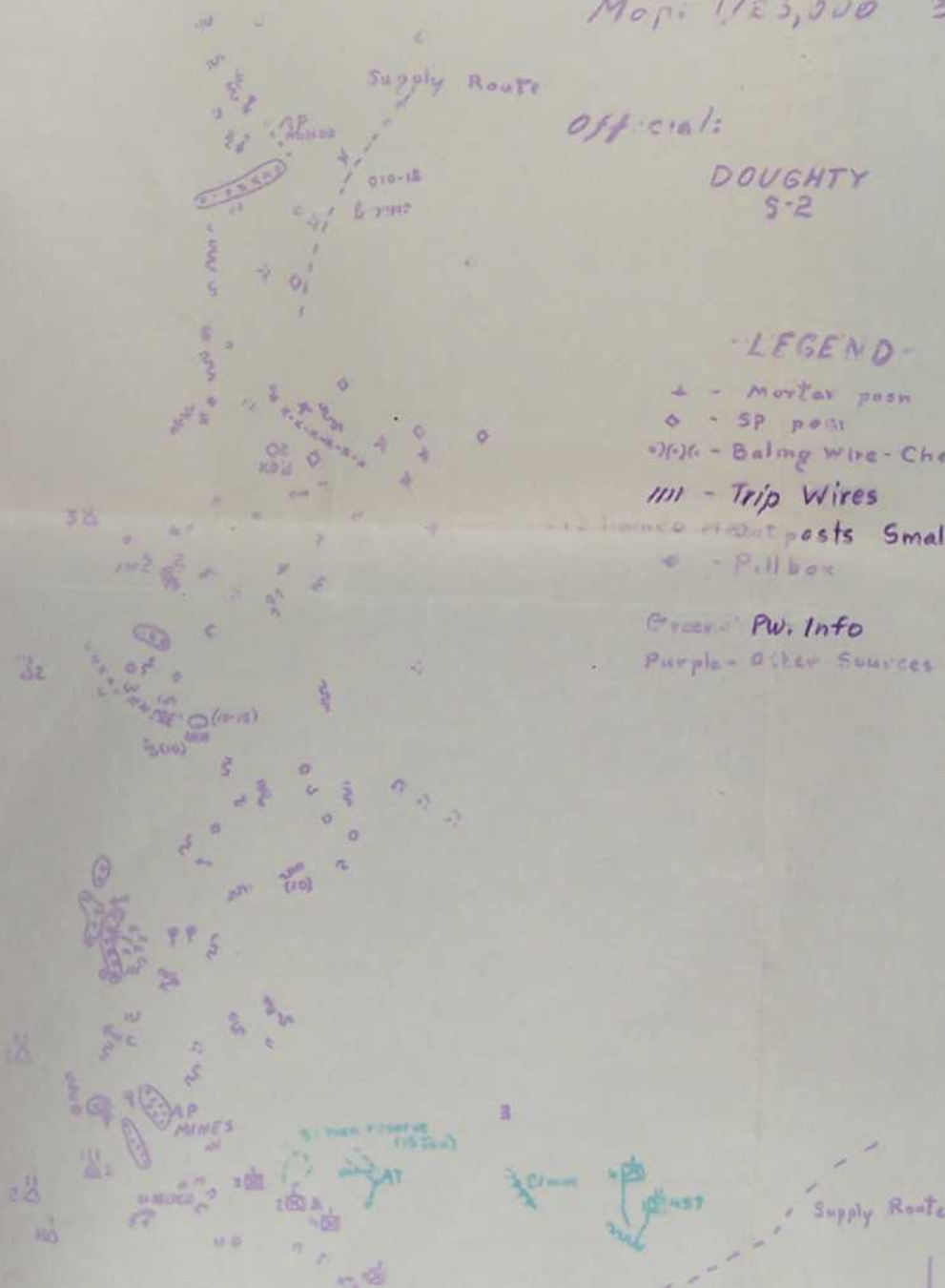
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## LEGEND

- ⊥ - Mortar posn
- ◇ - SP posn
- ⌘ - Balmy wire - Chest high - Stakes
- /// - Trip Wires
- - Pillbox

Green - PW Info

Purple - Other Sources



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Artillery Overlaw

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Hg 141 Int<sup>4</sup>

221400 Jan 45

Map: 1/50,000  
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Official:  
Doughty  
S = 2

Owens  
Cmly



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HQ's. 141 Inf. RCT

Patrol Overlay

Showing routes  
for tonight.

All patrols must  
be back in by

2200 hrs.

22 Jan. 45

Map: France 1:50,000

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Official  
Doughty  
5-2

Owens

#A55 =

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2

78

41

1st Bn. Pats.

# 59

60

61

2nd Bn. Pats.

# 62

3rd Bn. Pats

# 55

56

57

58

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE CENTER IN DUPLICATE) (CLASSIFICATION)

No. DATE 21 January 1945

To CO 141st Inf.

One Six One Five to One Six Four Five  
Intermittent shelling in Bn CP area in-  
cluding air bursts. at One Six Four Five  
Thirty Six recon reports all quiet. At One  
Seven Five Seven Three mortar shells hit  
near switchboard knocked out seven lines.

1800

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER 2d Bn TIME SIGNED

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REPORT OF PLATOON LEADER

DATE: 24 January 1943

TO: THE JAGGER

Platoon was alerted during early morning hours and remained  
ready for action until the enemy was sighted.  
A detailed description will follow.

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Platoon Leader's Report

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REPORT

Platoon Leader's Report

Platoon Leader's Report



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FROM: [Illegible]

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MESSAGE (SUBMIT TO MESSAGE  
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(CLASSIFICATION)

No.

DATE 21 January 1945

To CO 141st Inf

Easy Company reports German tank firing  
Seven Six Seven Four One ZeroOne and two  
G Patrols Three Six Recon and Fox Company  
reports all quiet.

2210

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Two Trenches from 2 Company  
1st Regt. 36th Division, Active

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 22 January 1945

To: 2125 22 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

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| Time & Date | From                    | To          | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                               | Action Taken                                 |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1817        | 36 Rcn                  | S-3         | Are we to continue patrolling?                                                                                                                                  | Yes, until relieved                          |
| 1836        | S-1                     | S-3         | Talked to G-3 VI Corps who stated there is no change in time we are to cross IP; still 0630 hrs in morning.                                                     | CO notified 3rd Bn                           |
|             | S-3                     | S-1         | G-3 100 states we are to leave earlier; will check and notify you.                                                                                              |                                              |
| 1855        | 100 Div Traffic Officer | S-3         | 7th Army just called and stated 141 will clear PHAISBOURG by 1030 hrs in the morning. Another large unit will be on the rd then, so will have to clear by then. | We will move tonight so we can do this       |
| 1900        | S-3                     | All Bns     | The original hour of 0001 will stand for the beginning of the move.                                                                                             |                                              |
| 1903        | S-3 1 Bn                | S-3         | Co A was relieved at 1830 hrs and AT Co at 1805 hrs.                                                                                                            |                                              |
| 1920        | S-2 2 Bn                | S-2         | 2nd Bn is relieved as of now.                                                                                                                                   |                                              |
| 1952        | S-3                     | S-1         | We are moving at 2400 hrs tonight. Cn Co will move and be detached from 131 FA; you are to find billets for them and have guides in SAVERNE.                    | Cn Co will go to EHNOLSHEIM                  |
| 2018        | 1st Bn                  | S-3         | Reserve Co is relieved, 81mm mortars, OPs and AT Co relieved, one other Co almost finished being relieved.                                                      |                                              |
| 2022        | S-4                     | S-3         | All trks are out and everything set up at the Bns. We received larger trks than expected, so Bns are all in good shape.                                         | Contact CO 3 Bn on your move into the column |
| 2030        | S-3 Trans 0             | Trans 0 S-3 | Where is the light line?<br>Do not know, believe it is DIETERINGEN.                                                                                             |                                              |
| 2045        | G-3 100                 | S-3         | CO called about timing at 0630 hrs; Corps says it is okay to cross IP at 0600 hrs.                                                                              |                                              |
|             | S-3                     | G-3 100     | We will cross IP at 2400 hrs as per schedule.                                                                                                                   |                                              |
| 2050        | S-3 1 Bn                | S-3         | Bn all relieved except one AT squad near ALTHORN.                                                                                                               |                                              |
| 2100        | CO 3 Bn                 | S-3         | 3rd Bn is completely relieved.                                                                                                                                  |                                              |
| 2125        | CO                      | S-3         | 398 RCT has taken command of area as of 2045.                                                                                                                   |                                              |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2125 22 January 1945

To: 1800 23 January 1945

Place: MONTERONN, FRANCE (688440)

MONSWILLER, FRANCE (735174)

Time &:

| Date                   | From           | To                            | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Taken       |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2140                   | S-3 1 Bn       | S-3                           | Relief complete and everything okay. Do not know who relieved AT gun in ALTHORN but will check it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| 2200                   | S-1            | S-3                           | Guides will be at Traffic Control Post in SAVERNE. Cn Co will move to MONSWILLER instead ERNOLSHEIM and can get quarters at 0800 in the morning.                                                                                                                                                                                         | Notified Cn Co S-4 |
| 2230<br>23 Jan<br>0310 |                |                               | Regt CP closed vic MONTERONN (688440).<br>Regt CP opened MONSWILLER (735174).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |
| 0545                   | 1st Bn         | S-3                           | Msg: 1st Bn closed in at 0530.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                    |
| 0705                   | 2nd Bn         | S-3                           | Msg: 2nd Bn closed in at 0700.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                    |
| 0710                   | 3rd Bn         | S-3                           | Msg: Closed at 0705.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |
| 0755                   | S-3            | G-3 VI Corps                  | Our regt plus attachments has closed into the new area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |
| 0945                   | Cn Co          | S-3                           | Cn Co closed into area at 0900 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |
| 1100                   | Tk LO          | S-3                           | Co A 753 Tk Bn closed into area at 1030 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |
| 1530                   | G-3 VI Corps   | S-3                           | Is 141 CP in SAVERNE?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No, in MONSWILLER  |
| 1558                   | Co A 111 Engrs | S-3                           | We have been notified by 36 Div that we are detached from 141 as of now and we are moving to vic BRUMATH.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                    |
| 1647                   | CO             | CO 1 Bn<br>CO 2 Bn<br>CO 3 Bn | I have just visited the two divisions that we are interested in and they report no immediate need for us in the next 24 hrs anyway. Have Cos located so that you can round them up in short notice in case we are needed; keep hvy wpns loaded. If the replacements have not fired their rifles, have the Co COs take them out for this. |                    |
| 1725                   | S-3 1 Bn       | S-3                           | Bn CP at 739214.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |



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FROM: 221800A Jan 1945  
TO : 231800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141st  
735173  
231800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/25,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13-3, 4, 5, 6, 7.  
1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13 & 14.  
Europe Road Maps. SHEETS: 7 & 8.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: 131 FA Bn, Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, Co A 111 Med Bn, Co B & 1 Plat Ren Co 636 TD Bn, Co A 753 Tk Bn, Btry C (-) 443 AAA AW Bn (4P) and 36 Cav Ren Troop. At start of period, 141 ROT, was being relieved from defensive mission in sector running generally from 747470-758408, in an on position relief by 398 ROT. 1st Bn relieved in sector at 2030A, 1st Bn then assembled vic ST LOUIS. 2nd Bn relieved in sector at 1915A, 2nd Bn then assembled in MELSANTHAL. 3rd Bn relieved in sector at 2045, 3rd Bn then assembled vic ENCHENBERG. Command of sector turned over to CG, 398 ROT as of 2045A. 141 ROT moved by motor to vic JAVERNE, column crossing IP vic NEUHAU (633406) at 2400A. 1st Bn closed into assembly area vic ENHOLHEIM (740214) at 0530A. 2nd Bn closed into assembly area vic STEINBOURG (763190) at 0700A. 3rd Bn closed into assembly area vic ECKARTSWILLER (723186) at 0700A. Regt'l CP opened vic MONSWITZER (735173) at 0400A. ROT passed from control, CG, 100th Inf Div to control, CG, VI Corps, on arrival. 131 FA Bn, Co B and Plat Ren Co 636 TD Bn, Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn and 36 Cav Ren Troop detached as of 0700A, on arrival in new area. Co A 111 Engr (C) Bn, detached as of 1500A. At close of period, ROT remained in assembly areas, in reserve.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by combat fatigue, lack of training and approximately a 32% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT relieved of defensive mission in sector 747470-758408, by 398 ROT, command of sector transferred at 2045A. ROT moved by motor to vic JAVERNE, passing to control, CG, VI Corps, on arrival. ROT closed in by 0700A. 131 FA Bn, Btry C 443 AAA AW Bn, Co B and 1 Plat Ren Co, 636 TD Bn and 36 Ren Troop, detached as of 0700A.

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HQ 1st INF REGT RIFLE  
APC U. S. ARMY  
DATE: 231800A Jan 1945

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1st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

UNIT

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REMARKS

1st Inf Regt

735173

1st Battalion

740214

2nd Battalion

763190

3rd Battalion

723186

Regt'l Hq Co

735173

Cannon Co

739174

Anti-Tank Co

735173

Service Co

753170

Regt'l Med Det

735173

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141 Inf Regt  
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY  
APO 758 US ARMY

.....The 36th.....  
SEC Division  
Auth: CG 7 Army  
Init: SEP  
Date: 23 Jan 45  
.....  
23 January 1945

AG 370.5 - C

SUBJECT: Attachment Order.

TO : See Distribution.

Effective upon arrival in VI Corps area on or about 23 January 1945, the following units are relieved from present attachment to XV Corps and revert to control of parent unit.

141 Inf Regt  
131 FA Bn (105mm How)  
Btry C, 433 AAA AW Bn  
Co A, 111 Med Bn  
Co A, 111 Engr C Bn  
36 Cav Rcn Tr  
Co B, 636 TD Bn (plus one plat, Rcn Co atchd)  
Co C, 753 Tank Bn

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

*W. G. Caldwell*  
W.G. CALDWELL,  
Col, AGD, *P*  
Adjutant General

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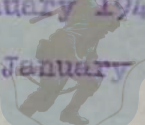
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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. Army

222000A January 1945

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Changes to OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, Hq, 141 RCT, 221600A January 1945.

- (1) Change No 1 - See Overlay.
- (2) Change No 2 - 141 RCT (-), reverts to control, CG, VI Corps, on arrival in assembly area.
- (3) Change No 3 - The following units;
  - 131 FA Bn
  - Btry C, 443 AAA AW Bn
  - Co B, 636 TD Bn
  - Plat, Rcn Co, 636 TD Bn
  - 36 Cav Rcn Troop
  - (a) Will proceed thru SAVERNE to assembly areas vic MORMENHEIM and reverts to control CG, 36th Inf Div, on arrival in areas.
  - (b) Quartering Parties will contact units vic MORMENHEIM and guide them to their respective assembly areas.
- (4) Cannon Co reverts to control, 141 RCT, on arrival in assembly area vic ERNOLSHEIM.
- (5) All other units - No Change.
- (6) There will be no change in the March Table.

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HQ 141<sup>ST</sup> INF RCT  
OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY  
CHANGE No. 1 To  
OPERATIONS  
INSTRUCTIONS  
221600A JAN '45

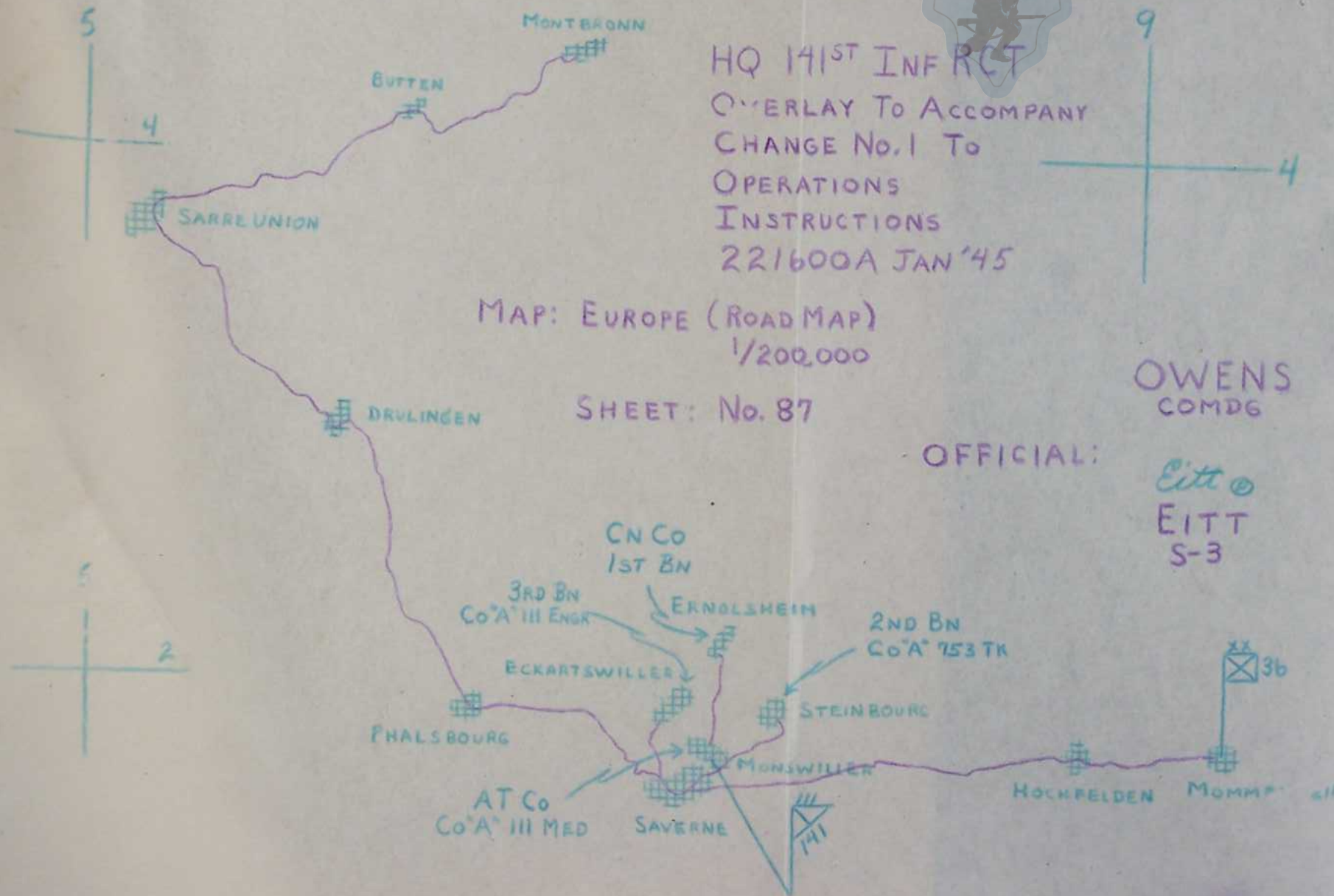
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| No.                                                                     | DATE 23 JAN 45                |                       |
| To C. O. 141 INF                                                        |                               |                       |
| Bn. Closed in at 0530                                                   |                               |                       |
| C. O. 1 BN 141 INF                                                      |                               |                       |
| OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER                                          |                               | 0745                  |
| TIME SIGNED                                                             |                               |                       |
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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 23 January 1945

To: 1800 24 January 1945

Place: MONSWILLER, FRANCE (735174)

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| Time & Date | From     | To                            | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                        | Action Taken                          |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 24 Jan      |          |                               |                                                                                                                          |                                       |
| 0821        | S-3      | All Bns,<br>Co A 753<br>Tk Bn | CO would like each Bn CO and one other officer to report to Regt CP this morning at 0930 to go on a rcn.                 |                                       |
| 0845        | CO 2 Bn  | S-3                           | Would like to bring two other officers on rcn party; is it okay?                                                         | Yes                                   |
| 0955        | S-3      | CO AT Co                      | Co A 753 Tk Bn men are going to bring two new tks around this morning or early this afternoon for your men to look over. |                                       |
| 1115        | S-3      | CO AT Co                      | The two tks for your men to see are here now and will be up to your CP at once.                                          |                                       |
| 1110        | S-3      | 3rd Bn                        | The two tks for your men to look over will be at your Bn in about one hr.                                                |                                       |
| 1146        | Exo 3 Bn | S-3                           | Where to get ammo for new men to fire?                                                                                   | Contact S-4                           |
| 1156        | Trans O  | Exo                           | Have material to camouflage tks with.                                                                                    | Contact Co A 753 Tk Bn direct on this |
| 1533        | S-3      | S-4                           | you can release 40 rounds of bazooka ammo to each Bn.                                                                    |                                       |
| 1546        | CO Sv Co | S-3                           | Need Engrs to put up shower unit.                                                                                        | Contact Corps Engrs to do this        |

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FROM: 231800A Jan 1945

TO : 241800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
735173  
241800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 753 Tk Bn, remained in reserve, under control, CG, VI Corps, thru out period. 1st Bn in assembly area vic ERNOLSHHEIM (740214), 2nd Bn in assembly area vic STEINSBURG (763190) and 3rd Bn in assembly area vic ECKARTSWILLER (723186). Reconnaissance conducted for routes and assembly areas with 79th, 36th Division and 3rd DIA sectors.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by combat fatigue, lack of training and approximately a 35% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in assembly areas vic ERNOLSHHEIM-STEINSBURG-ECKARTSWILLER-MONSWILLER, in reserve, under control, CG, VI Corps, thru out period.

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HC 111 INF REGT RIFLE

U. S. ARMY

DATE:

241800 Jan 1945

No 23

141st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

UNIT

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141st Inf Regt

755173

1st Battalion

740215

2nd Battalion

763190

3rd Battalion

723186

Regt'l Hq Co

755173

Cannon Co

759174

Anti-Tank Co

755173

Service Co

743170

Regt'l Med Det

755173

ATTACHED UNITS

UNIT

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REMARKS

Co A 111 Med

751181

Co A 755 Tr

763199

SUPPORTING UNITS

UNIT

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 24 January 1945

To: 1800 25 January 1945

Place: MONSWILLER, FRANCE (735174)

| Time & Date | From   | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                               | Action Taken |
|-------------|--------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 25 Jan      |        |     |                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |
| 0505        | Cn Co  | S-3 | Foot patrol through town reported all quiet; no activity.                                                                                                                       |              |
| 0847        | Ammo O | S-3 | 1st Bn picked up their bazooka ammo, but also wanted M-1 ammo, rifle grenades and other types of ammo. I did not give this other ammo to them due to the pres shortage we have. |              |
| 1546        | CO     | S-3 | Keep a jeep in front of CP to use as msgr and check the radio to see if it is working. Call for me will be "Alert"; also call me every 10 min to check telephone comm.          |              |



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Hq 141 ROT  
735173  
251800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 753 Tk Bn, remained in reserve, under control, OG, VI Corps, thru out period. 1st Bn in assembly area vic EBNOLHEIM (740214), 2nd Bn in assembly area vic STEINBURG (763190) and 3rd Bn in assembly area vic BOKARTSWILLER (723186). ROT remained under 2 hour alert status.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by combat fatigue, lack of training and approximately a 35% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in assembly areas vic EBNOLHEIM-STEINBURG-BOKARTSWILLER-MONSWILLE, in reserve, under control, OG, VI Corps, thru out period.

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S. P. (P. F. T.)

HC 241 INF REGT RIFLE

U. S. ARMY

DATE: 251800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: KXXVII-13 & 14. *L-1042*

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 753 Tk Bn, remained in reserve, under control, OG, VI Corps, thru out period. 1st Bn in assembly area vic EBNOLSHHEIM (740214), 2nd Bn in assembly area vic STEINBURG (765190) and 3rd Bn in assembly area vic ECKARTSWILLER (725186). ROT remained under 2 hour alert status.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--limited by combat fatigue, lack of training and approximately a 55% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in assembly areas vic EBNOLSHHEIM-STEINBURG-ECKARTSWILLER-MONSWILLER, in reserve, under control, OG, VI Corps, thru out period.

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| Time & Date | From                          | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                  | Action Taken                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 27 Jan 1032 | 2nd Bn                        | S-3      | Are any targets available? Also would like to have 3 cases of M-1 ammo and 50 rounds of 57mm ammo. | Contact Sv Co about targets, S-4 about ammo |
| 1112        | S-3                           | Asst S-3 | Notify Comm O that 101st A/B Div wants to put a line into our switchboard.                         | Notified Comm O                             |
| 1425        | CO                            | S-3      | Notify Bn COs that a meeting of Bn COs will be held at Regt. CP at 1630 hrs.                       | Notified Bns.                               |
| 1630        | CO 1 Bn<br>CO 2 Bn<br>CO 3 Bn |          | Attended a meeting at CP with CO.                                                                  |                                             |

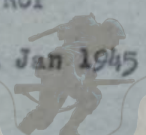
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Hq 141 ROT  
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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments; Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 753 Tk Bn, remained in reserve, under control, CG, VI Corps, thru out period. 1st Bn in assembly area vic ERNOLSHHEIM (740214), 2nd Bn in assembly area vic STEINBURG (763190) and 3rd Bn in assembly area vic BOKARTSWILLER (723186). ROT remained under 2 hour alert status. Range firing, small unit training and general rehabilitation continued thru out period.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by combat fatigue, lack of training and approximately a 29% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in assembly areas vic ERNOLSHHEIM-STEINBURG-BOKARTSWILLER-MONSWILLER, in reserve, under control, CG, VI Corps, thru out period.

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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. Army

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:  
(Tentative Movement Order)

MAPS: FRANCE 1/100,000. SHEETS: V-2 & W-2.

1. 141 RCT attached;

Co "A", 111 Med Bn  
Co "A", 753 Tk Bn

- a. Remains in present assembly areas, under control, CG, VI Corps on a 2-hour alert, prepared to counter-attack within either the 79th, 36th or 101st A/B Division Sectors, to restore the present MLR in case of enemy penetrations.
  - b. Effective on receipt of orders for employment of 141 RCT, the 141 RCT passes to control of the CG in command of the Sector in which the 141 RCT is to be employed and the following March Order goes into effect.
2. a. All units will move in accordance with the attached March Table.
- b. 131 FA Bn, will remain in present positions if 141 RCT is employed in 36th Division Sector. If 141 RCT is employed in 79th or 101st A/B Division Sectors, 131 FA Bn will move to vic BERSTHEIN (955215).
  - c. Regimental MP Platoon will be responsible for traffic control and marking the routes.
  - d. On receipt of orders for employment of 141 RCT, Liaison Officer to Corps will report to G-3 Office of the Division to which the 141 RCT is to be attached.
  - x. (1) For route of March, present MLR, Boundaries, IP and etc, See Attached Overlay.
  - (2) Additional trucks will be furnished for movement by S-4, 141 RCT.
  - (3) Route will be marked from IP to assembly areas by 141 RCT signs.
  - (4) Vehicles will be combat loaded for movement.
  - (5) Radio silence will be observed thru out movement, nets to be reopened on order, Communication Officer, 141 RCT.

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3. Administrative Instructions:

- a. Full ammunition loads will be carried, to include:
- (1) 2 bandoleers of ammo per man.
  - (2) A minimum of 6 grenades will be carried for each grenade launcher.
  - (3) A minimum of 5 rounds will be carried for each bazooka.
- b. Each man will carry 2 days, K-rations.

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262100A JAN '45

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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. Army

261900A January 30 1945

1. March Table to accompany OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, Hqs, 141st Inf Regt, dated 261900A Jan 1945.

Serial No 1. Lt Col Critchfield, Commanding. IP - RJ 173 (766182).  
March Unit                      Units                      No of Vehicles                      Time to cross  
IP

|      |                                  |        |           |
|------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| No 1 | Regt'l I & R Plat                | 5      | H-Hour    |
| No 2 | 2nd Bn                           | 30     | H plus 10 |
| No 3 | 2nd Bn<br>1 Plat, Cn Co M-7 Guns | 30     | H plus 20 |
| No 4 | Regt'l Command Group             | 10 (-) | H plus 30 |

Serial No 2. Maj Ciccolella, Commanding. IP - RJ 173 (766182).

|      |                                  |    |           |
|------|----------------------------------|----|-----------|
| No 1 | 1st Bn                           | 30 | H plus 60 |
| No 2 | 1st Bn<br>1 Plat, Cn Co M-7 Guns | 30 | H plus 70 |
| No 3 | AT Co                            | 18 | H plus 80 |
| No 4 | Co "A", 753 Tk Bn                | 20 | H plus 90 |

Serial No 3. Maj Bruyeres, Commanding. IP - RJ 173 (766182).

|      |                                                                   |    |            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------|
| No 1 | 3rd Bn                                                            | 30 | H plus 125 |
| No 2 | 3rd Bn                                                            | 30 | H plus 135 |
| No 3 | Cn Co (- 2 Plats, Cn Co<br>M-7 Guns) (15)<br>Co A 111 Med Bn (12) | 27 | H plus 145 |
| No 4 | Regt'l Hq Co (-)                                                  | 20 | H plus 155 |

## 2. Conduct of March:

- (1) Time Interval: 30 minutes between Serials (Tail to Head).  
10 minutes between March Units (Head to Head).

- (2) Interval between vehicles: 60 yards.

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- (3) Rate of March: At night, without lights - 10 MPH.  
At night, with light or in daylight - 15 MPH.  
Maximum speed of any vehicle: At night - 15 MPH.  
During daylight - 25 MPH.
- (4) Each March Unit will not contain more than 30 vehicles and Ser-  
ials not more than 5 March Units.
- (5) March Unit Commanders are responsible for passive AA defense  
measures during March, and in assembly areas until closes, when  
responsibility of sector passes to Bn or Regt'l Cmdr.

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

To: 1800 28 January 1945

Place: MONSWILLER, FRANCE (735174)

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| Time & Date | From       | To  | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action Taken |
|-------------|------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 28 Jan 1728 | G-3 36 Div | S-3 | Want you to send a quartering party to BRUMATH, DONNENHEIM and BILWISHEIM. There is a possibility 141 will be released from Corps reserve tomorrow and return to 36 Div control. Have one Bn send rcn party including AT representative to 142 CP tomorrow. Would like for you to visit Div CP tomorrow. |              |

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4-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 27

FROM: 271800A Jan 1945

TO : 281800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT

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MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 753 Tk Bn, remained in reserve, under control, CG, VI Corps, thru out period. 1st Bn in assembly area vic EBNOLSHHEIM (740214), 2nd Bn in assembly area vic STEINBOURG (765190) and 3rd Bn in assembly area vic ECKARTSWILLER (723186). ROT remained under 2 hour alert status. Range firing, small unit training and general rehabilitation continued thru out period.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory—Limited by combat fatigue, lack of training and approximately a 29% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT, remained in assembly areas vic EBNOLSHHEIM-STEINBOURG-ECKARTSWILLER-MOOSWILLER, in reserve, under control, CG, VI Corps, thru out period.

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Cannon Co  
Anti-Tank Co  
Service Co  
Regt'l Med Det

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 28 January 1945

To: 1138 29 January 1945

Place: MONSWILLER, FRANCE (735174)

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| Time & Date    | From    | To           | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                               | Action Taken                                     |
|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1900           | S-3     | CO 2 Bn      | You are to make a rcn of 142 pos tomorrow morning. Report to 142 CP.                                                                                                                            |                                                  |
| 2115           | S-3     | 2nd, 3rd Bns | CO would like for you to put out air guard tonight in Bn areas for your own local security.                                                                                                     |                                                  |
| 2124<br>29 Jan | 3rd Bn  | S-3          | 14 men have been put on air guard.                                                                                                                                                              |                                                  |
| 0855           | Trans O | Asst S-3     | Want info on 30 trks Corps informed me they were furnishing us. Will wait until S-3 returns before getting the trks.                                                                            | Do not have any info on them                     |
| 0957           | S-3     | Asst S-3     | Have Trans O get the trks from Corps. 2nd Bn is to cross IP at 1300, also AT Co and Co A 753 Tk Bn are to go at same time. CO 2 Bn to go to 142 CP. 2nd Bn will detruck at WEITBRUCH. 753 Tk Bn | Notified 2nd Bn; Trans Officer; S-1; AT Co, Co A |
| 1010           | Trans O | S-3          | Will send 2nd Bn 25 trks so they can move kitchens with them.                                                                                                                                   |                                                  |
| 1048           | CO 1 Bn | S-3          | Is 1st Bn moving today?                                                                                                                                                                         | Not that we know of                              |
| 1054           | Trans O | S-3          | Kitchen trks are at AT and 2nd Bn; personnel trks are lining up now and will be at 2nd Bn in a short time.                                                                                      |                                                  |
| 1100           | 36 Div  | S-3          | Today and tomorrow you will have number R-83 for your convoys. Each march unit is to carry this number on the front and rear vehicle in each unit.                                              |                                                  |
| 1104           | S-3     | CO Cn Co     | Cn Co will move out this afternoon at approx 1330; will go to BRUMATH and revert to control of 131 FA.                                                                                          |                                                  |
| 1105           | S-1     | S-3          | 2nd Bn has sent their quartering party on to WEITBRUCH.                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |
|                | S-3     | S-1          | Do not put any units in BRUMATH if possible not to.                                                                                                                                             |                                                  |
| 1132           | S-3     | CO Cn Co     | Cn Co and AT Co will be one march unit and will cross the IP at approx 1320 hrs.                                                                                                                |                                                  |
| 1138           | S-3     | Tk LO        | Co A 753 Tk Bn to cross IP at 1330 hrs, convoy number 83. Co will revert to 753 Tk Bn control as a shuffling of units is coming up.                                                             |                                                  |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1138 29 January 1945

To: 1800 29 January 1945

Place: MONSWILLER, FRANCE (735171)

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| Time & Date | From    | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Action Taken                                     |
|-------------|---------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1200        | Trans O | S-3      | Have asked Corps for 45 trks; they will confirm the number at 1700 today. Will notify you how many we get. Tentative breakdown: 21 trks each for 1st and 3rd Bns, 3 for Regt'l Hq. If I cannot get enough trks Corps G-4 says move is short enough to shuttle one Co. |                                                  |
| 1210        | S-3     |          | Notified 2nd Bn, Co A 753 Tk Bn and Cn Co to pick up OI at CP.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                  |
| 1257        | Tk LO   | S-3      | Will one plat of trks be with 2nd Bn?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Will notify you later; do not know just now.     |
| 1300        | Tk LO   | S-3      | Billeting officer just returned and stated trks would go to <u>DONNENHEIM</u> .                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |
|             | S-3     | Tk LO    | Tks are to go to vic <u>WEITBRUCH</u> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |
|             | Tk LO   | S-3      | There is no room in <u>WEITBRUCH</u> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Will check on this                               |
| 1313        | G-3     | S-3      | Co A 753 Bn is no longer atchd to 141 and should report to 753 Tk Bn and be under Bn control.                                                                                                                                                                         | Notified Tk LO; also Tk LO to remain with 2nd Bn |
| 1400        | S-1     | S-3      | Bns will be quartered in following towns: 1st Bn in MITTELHAUSEN, HOHATZENHEIM; 3rd Bn in WINGERSHEIM and DONNENHEIM. 141 Med Bn in MITTELSCHAEFFOLSHEIM.                                                                                                             |                                                  |
| 1402        | Comm O  | S-3      | Send one wire team, one radio team with one message center man and two operators with switchboard. Have them meet me in WEITBRUCH.                                                                                                                                    | Contact G-1 of Div                               |
| 1730        | Trans O | S-3      | 1st Bn will get 10 DUKWs and 11 2 1/2 T trks; 3rd Bn will get 22 2 1/2 T trks tomorrow at 0500 for hauling personnel. Regt Hq will get 2 2 1/2 T trks. Bns already have kitchen trks.                                                                                 | Notified S-3 1 Bn                                |
| 1732        | S-3     | S-3 1 Bn | Have men take a blanket with them on move tomorrow to keep warm.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                  |



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Hq 141 RCT  
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291800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVII-13 & 14.

1. 141 RCT, with Co A 111 Med Bn and Co A 753 Tk Bn attached. At start of period, remained under control of CG, VI Corps, in reserve in assembly areas, 1st Bn vic EBNOLHEIM (740214), 2nd Bn vic STEINBURG (763190) and 3rd Bn vic ECKARTSWILLER (723186). 141 RCT reverted to control, CG, 36th Inf Div, at 0930A. At 1300A, 2nd Bn, with AT Co attached and On Co and Co A 753 Tk Bn, moved by motor from assembly areas to assembly areas vic WEITBRUCH (Q0517). 2nd Bn, with AT Co attached, arrived in assembly area vic WEITBRUCH at 1430A, and passed to control of CG, 143 RCT, prepared to relieve elements of 142 RCT in defensive positions S of BISCHMILLER (R0918) prior to 292400A. On Co arrived in assembly area vic MITTELSCHEFF-FOLSHEIM (Q9311) at 1500A and passed to control, CG, 131 PA Bn. Co A 753 Tk Bn reached assembly area vic DONNERSHEIM (Q9313) at 1530A, reverting to control, CG, 753 Tk Bn. Remainder of 141 RCT remained in previous assembly areas, engaged in small unit training.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by lack of training and approximately a 20% reduction in Rifle Co Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 RCT, reverted to control, CG, 36th Inf Div as of 0930A. 2nd Bn, AT Co, On Co and Co A 753 Tk Bn, moved by motor at 1300A, to 36th Inf Div area, detached from 141 RCT on arrival.

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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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291230A January 1945

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION

MAPS: FRANCE 1/100,000. SHEETS: V-2, W-2.

1. 141 RCT, with attachments;

Co "A", 753 Tk Bn (M)  
Co "A", 111 Med Bn

- a. Reverts to control, CG, 36th Inf Div, immediately.
- b. Moves from MONSWILLER (Q7317) to assembly area vic BRUMATH (Q9814) on order CG, 36th Inf Div.
- c. Effects the relief with one (1) Bn and AT Co, elements of 142 RCT south of BISCHWILLER (R0918) by 292400A Jan 45.

2. a. 2nd Bn, with attachments;

AT Co, 141 RCT

- (1) Moves by motor 29 Jan 45, from present assembly area at STEINBOURG, to assembly area vic WEITERUCH (Q0317).
- (2) Relieves elements of 142 RCT, south of BISCHWILLER by 292400A Jan 45.
- (3) Upon arrival at assembly area, passes to control CO, 143 RCT.

b. Cannon Company;

- (1) Moves by motor 29 Jan 45, from present assembly area at MONSWILLER, to assembly area vic BRUMATH.
- (2) Upon arrival at new assembly area, passes to control CO, 131 FA Bn.

c. Co "A", 753 Tk Bn (M);

- (1) Moves by motor 29 Jan 45, from present assembly area at STEINBOURG, to assembly area vic WEITERUCH.
- (2) Upon arrival at new assembly area, reverts to control CO, 753 Tk Bn.

d. AT Co - Attached as indicated.

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- e. All other units, No Change.
- x. (1) For route of march and IP, See Attached Overlay.
- (2) All units will move in accordance with attached March Table.
- (3) Additional trucks will be furnished by S-4, 141 RCT.
- (4) Regt'l MPs will guide convoy from present assembly area to HOCHFELDEN and from HOCHFELDEN to WEITBRUCH by 36th Inf Div MPs.
- (5) Radio silence will be observed thru out movement.

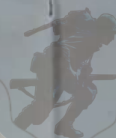
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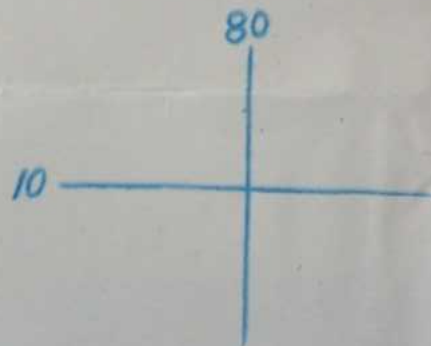
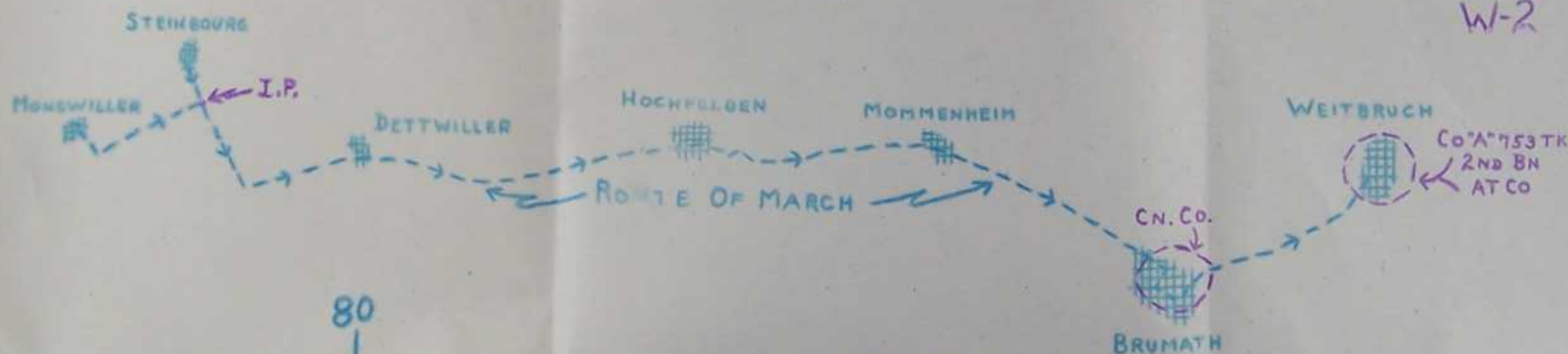


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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS  
291230A JAN 1945

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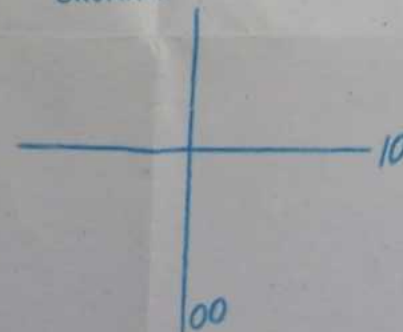
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1. March Table to accompany OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, Hqs, 141st Inf Regt, dated 291230A Jan 1945.

Serial No 1. Maj Royce, Commanding. IP RJ 173 (766182)  
Convoy No - R-83.

| <u>March Unit</u> | <u>Units</u>                          | <u>No of Vehicles</u> | <u>Time to cross IP</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| No 1              | 2nd Bn                                | 30                    | 1300A                   |
| No 2              | 2nd Bn                                | 30                    | 1310A                   |
| No 3              | AT Co<br>Cn Co (-M-7s Mts)            | 30                    | 1320A                   |
| No 4              | Co "A", 753 Tk Bn<br>4 M-7 Mts, Cn Co | 30                    | 1330A                   |

2. Conduct of March:

- (1) Each March Unit must have the convoy No R-83 on first and last vehicles.
- (2) Time Interval - 10 minutes between March Units (head to head).
- (3) Interval between vehicles - 60 yds.
- (4) Rate of March - 15 MPH.
- (5) Maximum speed of any vehicle - 25 MPH.
- (6) Each March Unit will contain no more than 30 vehicles.

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 29 January 1945

To: 1800 30 January 1945

Place: GRIES, FRANCE (057170)

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| Time & Date | From    | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Action Taken                           |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 30 Jan 0730 |         |          | Regt CP closed at MONSWILLER (735174).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| 0915        |         |          | Regt CP opened at WINGERSHEIM (926136).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                        |
| 0956        | CO 3 Bn | S-3      | 3rd Bn closed into WINGERSHEIM at 0955.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                        |
| 1100        | 636 TD  | ExO      | One plat Co B 636 TD Bn (3 M-10s) are atchd to 141 Inf as of now. They are with 2nd Bn and will remain with 2nd Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        |
| 1230        |         |          | Regt CP closed vic WINGERSHEIM (926136).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                        |
| 1420        |         |          | Regt CP opened vic GRIES (057170).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
| 1510        | CO      | S-3      | All TDS that are atchd to 141 have camouflaged immediately.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Notified plat 636 TDS                  |
| 1512        | S-3     | S-3 1 Bn | Do you have contact with TDS?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No; no one had contacted us.           |
| 1620        | S-3     | Tk LO    | Co A 753 Tk Bn will be atchd to 141 as of 1800.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                        |
| 1635        | CG      | CO       | 142 Inf had a patrol to the MODER River and encountered nothing. Send a patrol to HERRLISHEIM to see if the Germans have pulled out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | CO notified S-2                        |
| 1645        | S-2     | S-2 2 Bn | Get a patrol ready to go to HERRLISHEIM. 142 patrol that went to river reports seeing fresh tracks; believe enemy has pulled out. Will check with 142 to see where their patrols went.                                                                                                                                                                                                | Notified 142 of patrol to HERRLISHEIM. |
| 1650        | S-3 143 | S-2      | 143 patrol left at 1010 from 085151, went to 091151 to stream which is a tk obstacle but can be waded, then to 097147 to house but no activity observed there, went through woods (096146) which they believed mined at 095145. There is a mine field on E side of woods. Heard 3 tks or 1 tk motor started up three times in HERRLISHEIM; patrol then went to 110144, then returned. |                                        |
| 1700        | 143 Inf | S-3      | 2nd Bn 143 is going to send a patrol at 1800 from 093171, going S to 094168, E to 126163, then N to 130168.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Notified 2nd Bn                        |
| 1800        | S-3 143 | S-3      | We are ready to turn over command of this area to you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
|             | S-3     | S-3 143  | 141 will take command of this sector as of now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified C-3                           |



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4-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 29

FROM: 291800A Jan 1945  
TO : 301800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
057170  
301800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: KKKVIII-14, KKKVIII-15,  
KKKIX-14, KKKIX-15.

1. 141 ROT, (-2ndBn, AT Co, On Co), with Co A 111 Med Bn attached. At start of period, remained in assembly areas vic MONSWILLER (Q7317)-ECKARTSWILLER (Q7218)-ERNOLHEIM (Q7321). 2ndBn and AT Co, under control, CO, 143 ROT, during night relieved elements, 142 ROT in defensive sector 3 of BISCHWILLER (Q0918). On Co vic KURTZENHAUSEN (Q0515), under control, CO, 131 FA Bn. 141 ROT (-), moved by motor at 0730A, to assembly areas, 1st Bn vic MITTELHAUSEN (Q9212) and HCHATZENHEIM (Q9112), closing in at 0845A. 3rd Bn vic WINGERHEIM (Q9213) and DONNENHEIM (Q9413), closing in at 1000A. Co A 111 Med Bn, closed into vic MITTELSCHAEFFELHEIM (Q9311) at 1015A. Regt'l CP opened vic WINGERHEIM at 0915A and forward CP opened vic GRIES (0617) at 1415A. 1 Plat, Co B 636 TD Bn attached to ROT as of 1100A. 2nd Bn and AT Co to revert to control of CO, 141 ROT and command of defensive sector 3 of BISCHWILLER to pass to CO, 141 ROT as of 1800A. Plat, Co B 636 TD Bn and Co A (-) 753 Tr Bn, to be attached as of that time. 1st Bn prepared to move out with 143 ROT (-), in event 143 ROT, as VI Corps reserve, ordered to move.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by lack of training, adverse weather and approximately a 20% reduction in Rifle Co Battle strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 ROT (-), moved by motor to assembly areas vic WINGERHEIM-DONNENHEIM-HCHATZENHEIM-MITTELHAUSEN. Regt'l CP opened vic GRIES. 2nd Bn and AT Co and control of defensive sector 3 of BISCHWILLER, to revert to CO, 141 ROT, as of 1800A.

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D. 301800A Jan 1949

No. 29

141st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

UNIT

C. P.

REMARKS

141st Inf Regt

057170

1st Battalion

923123

2nd Battalion

082152

3rd Battalion

926137

Regt'l Hq Co

057170

Cannon Co

049157

Anti-Tank Co

092152

Service Co

032174

Regt'l Med Det

057170

ATTACHED UNITS

UNIT

C. P.

REMARKS

Doc 111 A 00

959112

Plat, 636 TD

082152

GO A 733 TK

035171

SUPPORTING UNITS

UNIT

C. P.

RE MARKS



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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. ARMY

291930A Jan 45

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAPS: FRANCE 1/100,000. SHEETS: V-2, W-2.

1. 141 RCT (-), with Co "A", 111 Med BN attached, moves by motor from present areas at 300730A Jan 45, to assembly areas vic WINGERSHEIM (Q9213).
2. a. All units will move in accordance with the attached March Table.  
b. Regimental MP Platoon will be responsible for traffic control and marking of routes.  
x. (1) For route of March, IP, assembly areas, etc - See Attached Overlay.  
(2) Additional trucks for movement will be furnished by S-4, 141 RCT.  
(3) Route will be marked from IP to assembly area by 141 RCT signs. Unit guides will meet units at RJ (Q21133).  
(4) Radio silence will be observed thru out movement, nets to be reopened on order Communication Officer, 141 RCT.  
(5) Each vehicle will be marked with convoy number R-83.  
(6) Kitchens will move with their respective units.
3. CPs - - Regt'l - Vic WINGERSHEIM (Q9213).  
Bns - To be announced.

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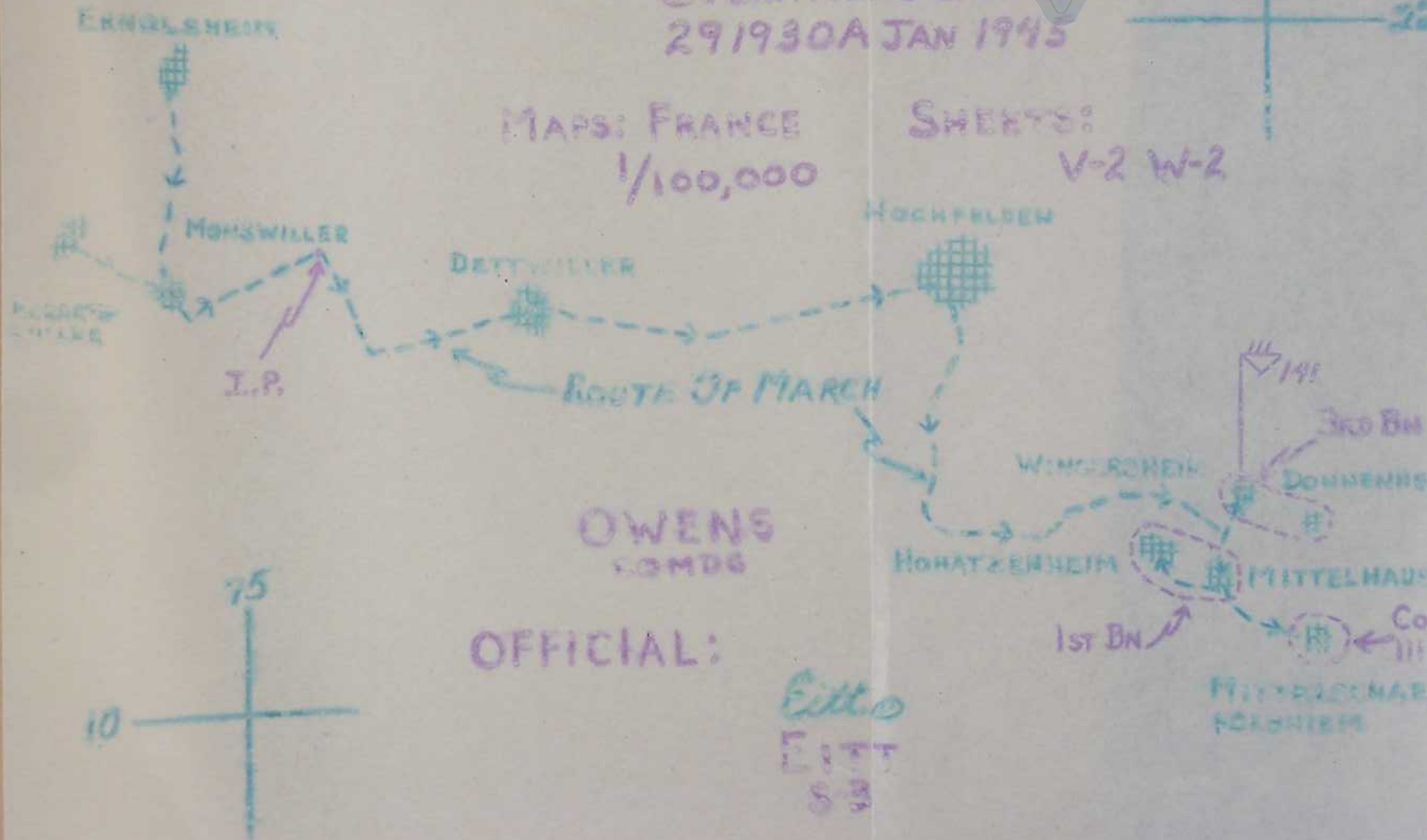
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HQ 141<sup>ST</sup> INF REGT  
OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY  
OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS  
291930A JAN 1945

MAPS: FRANCE  
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SHEETS:  
V-2 W-2





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HEADQUARTERS, 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT  
APO #36, U. S. Army

291930A

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1. March Table to accompany OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS, Hqs, 141st Inf Regt, dated 291930A January 1945.

Serial No 1. Maj Ciccolella, Commanding. IP - RJ 173 (766182).  
Convoy No R-83.

| <u>March Unit</u> | <u>Units</u>      | <u>No of Vehicles</u> | <u>Time to cross IP</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| No 1              | 1st Bn            | 30                    | 0730A                   |
| No 2              | 1st Bn            | 30                    | 0740A                   |
| No 3              | Regt'l Hq & Hq Co | 25                    | 0750A                   |

Serial No 2. Maj Bruyere, Commanding. IP - RJ 173 (766182).  
Convoy No R-83.

|      |                    |    |       |
|------|--------------------|----|-------|
| No 1 | 3rd Bn             | 30 | 0830A |
| No 2 | 3rd Bn             | 30 | 0840A |
| No 3 | Co "A", 111 Med Bn | 15 | 0850A |

## 2. Conduct of March:

- (1) Maximum speed of any vehicle - 25 MPH.
- (2) Interval between vehicles - 60 yds.
- (3) Rate of March - 15 MPH.
- (4) Time Interval - 10 minutes between March Units (Head to Head).  
30 minutes between Serials (Tail to Head).
- (5) March Units will not contain more than 30 vehicles.

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From: 1800 30 January 1945

To: 2250 30 January 1945

Place: GRIES, FRANCE (057173)

| Time & Date | From            | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action Taken                           |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1809        | 1st Bn          | S-3            | We closed in this morning at 0845. CP located at 923123.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        |
| 2015        | S-2<br>2nd Bn   | 2nd Bn<br>S-2  | Has your patrol been sent out?<br>Yes, patrol left after dark from vic 085151.                                                                                                                                                             |                                        |
| 2145        | S-3 117<br>Rcn  | S-3            | We have taken over from 143 Inf, relieving their 3rd and 4th Bns (4th Bn 143 composed of AT Co, AT plats, and Cn Co) in place. What arrangements to be made on contact point?                                                              |                                        |
|             | S-3             | S-3 117<br>Rcn | Contact Co G as they are on our rt flank. We will decide on contact pt tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                           |                                        |
| 2157        | 143 Inf         | S-3            | Our units have been relieved and 2nd Bn 141 and AT Co 141 revert to 141 control.                                                                                                                                                           |                                        |
| 2200        | G-3             | S-3            | How much of 2nd Bn is employed or committed? Almost whole Bn 141 may have to occupy woods vic 0914 that we are patrolling; should use a reinforced Co to hold it. Tks and Tds can use this area to fire from if stream is not an obstacle. | Will check on stream. (Called CO 2 Bn) |
|             | CO 2 Bn         | S-3            | There are two streams to cross; the first one has a good bridge that will carry tks but second stream is a tk obstacle. The woods is full of S-mines and there is no means of supplying trps out there.                                    | Notified G-3                           |
| 2240        | CO 636<br>TD Bn | S-3            | Two bursts friendly MG fire heard in distance and arty fire going both ways. Has there been any raids?                                                                                                                                     |                                        |
|             | S-3             | CO 636         | No raids, nothing planned just now. Some enemy arty coming and we are firing counter btry.                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
| 2245        | 2nd Bn          | S-3            | A vehicle moving out through woods with black-out lights. A few flares going up but no MG fire. We are putting arty on woods.                                                                                                              |                                        |
| 2250        | G-3             | S-3            | OG wants woods "R" (0914) occupied by a plat with telephone comm. Does 141 have patrols out there?                                                                                                                                         |                                        |
|             | S-3             | G-3            | We are putting arty on the woods at pres, but planning to send patrols.                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |
|             | G-3             | S-3            | We will have a plat of Co A 111 Engrs report to 141 CP to go with plat that will outpost woods, providing your patrol finds woods unoccupied. 141 to send patrols to vic HERR-LISHEIM and GAMBSHEIM to see what is in these areas.         |                                        |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

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To: 0045 31 January 1945

Place: GRIES, FRANCE (057174)

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| Time & Date | From           | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action Taken                                       |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 2300        | Exo 2 Bn       | S-3            | Two shells landed 100 yds in front of Co E OP while concentration was being put on woods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                    |
| 2310        | G-3            | S-3            | At 1900 142 Inf sent a patrol to OFFENDORF.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                    |
| 2315        | S-3            | CO 2 Bn        | Send plat with wire to outpost woods "R". Div gives you until dawn to do so. You can send a patrol out first if you want to and send in reports by phone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                    |
|             | CO 2 Bn        | S-3            | Last patrol #3 ran into some MG fire from rt (S) side of woods. There have been quite a few flares from vic house by woods. Can not take vehicles fwd from here without bridging. I will talk to patrol personally.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                    |
| 2335        | Co A 111 Engrs | S-3            | Want info on what 141 is going to use Engr plat we are getting from Co A 111 Engrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                    |
|             | S-3            | Co A 111 Engrs | They are to clear mines in woods 141 is to occupy. We do not have any place to put the men at pres and may not use them right away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Engrs are in BRUMAT will send an LO to 141 Regt CP |
| 2345        | CO 2 Bn        | S-3            | #1 patrol went to woods. From house 200 yds to N a white flare shot over them, few min later vehicle with blackout lights came from vic house going to vic woods; few min later one white flare followed by two amber flares shot up from house toward creek, later another vehicle came from house towards woods. Co F OP reports 2 MGs opened up from N edge of woods later. Do not believe one plat can hold woods; they have to wade a stream 1 1/2 feet deep and no bridges. Enemy can pick them off from two directions. | Notified G-3                                       |
| 2400        | 117 Rcn        | S-3            | Have OP at 075142. At 2320 at 078145, red flare.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| 31 Jan      |                |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                    |
| 0035        | 2nd Bn         | S-3            | Patrol #3, a 3-man rcn patrol from Co E, got as far as 200 yds N of woods. Saw a vehicle move from house S to woods using dim out lights. Another parachute flare went up over patrol. Before patrol left OP we put harassing fire on the woods and at end of firing Germans opened up with 2 MGs located in S third of woods, also 4-5 single shots. MGs estimated to be 200 yds apart by sound. Patrol was not fired on directly, however.                                                                                   | Notified G-3                                       |
| 0045        | S-3            | G-3            | We are not going to send a plat to woods tonight as it is occupied.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                    |



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|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 0210        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | 1st plat Co G reports two groups of red and white flares at distance of 1500 yds. One amber flare 175 degree az, 500 yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        |
| 0245        | 117 Rcn | S-3     | patrol that was to go to OFFENDORF left 2115 and reached 093126; no enemy contact but ran into deep snow. Observed red and white flare due N in woods 09114. Heard small arms fire from direction DRUSENHEIM. Returned 0230 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        |
| 0300        | 2nd Bn  | S-3     | Harassing small arms fire from edge of woods. Co G contact patrol contacted 117 Rcn OP; reports all quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                        |
| 0815        | G-2     | S-2     | Msg: ISUM to 310600 Jan 45. Enemy continues on defensive. Our patrol to 095150 at 2230 hrs drew MG fire from S edge of woods. At 0100 our patrol received MG fire from vic 122173. Our patrol to OFFENDORF reached 093126 and met very extensive mine field consisting of double Teller mines from 077119 to blown bridge at 088119. No PSW taken. Very light harassing arty fire reported in WEYERSHEIM R0513 during night.                                |                                        |
| 0850        | G-3     | S-3     | What plans does 141 have to occupy woods vic 09114?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                        |
|             | S-3     | G-3     | We are planning to send patrols there today. Looks as if Germans occupy these woods at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                        |
|             | G-3     | S-3     | 141 should try to infiltrate into these woods tonight and if Germans try to come back into woods, you will be set for them. Tomorrow night one Bn of 141 would possibly take over sector now held by 117 Rcn; send a rcn party to their sector today. One trp of 117 Rcn will be atchd to 141 after this change. 141 will have atchd two Cos TDs, all of tks and 4.2 mortars, less one plat. Remainder of 141 RCT will probably be moved up tomorrow night. | Will try to infiltrate a Co into woods |
| 0900        | OP      | S-2     | Line in to Regt OP (090185).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| 0906        | S-3     | CO 2 Bn | Was the woods occupied by Germans last night? You are to infiltrate Co out into these woods today if patrols find no one there in daylight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                                    |
|             | CO 2 Bn | S-3     | Do not know exactly what type mines are in woods; will call Engrs when I find out. Would like to have Co C 111 Engrs pick up friendly mines that have been laid by them. Will make a further rcn on tk route to these woods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |



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|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0920        | S-3      | EXO 1 Bn | Have CO 1 Bn and rcn party come to Fwd CP at 1300 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                              | EXO has already notified us |
| 1010        | 117 Rcn  | S-2      | We are sending a patrol out along E-W rd and then to OFFENDORF. French are in GAMBESHEIM; found town heavily mined and booby-trapped but no contact made. We are sending an additional patrol to reconnoiter woods N of GAMBESHEIM. |                             |
| 1035        | OP       | S-2      | Between 126150 and 126160, relief of outpost. 2-3 men moving; arty is taking them under fire.                                                                                                                                       |                             |
| 1105        | OP       | S-2      | Probable ammo dump at 128114; 3 vehicles going to and from same pt.                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |
| 1115        | S-2      | G-2      | OP and French report occupation of GAMBESHEIM.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |
| 1150        | S-2      | 2nd Bn   | Send a combat patrol under an officer to vic HERRLISHEIM tonight with the mission of capturing PSW; size of patrol to be decided by Bn CO.                                                                                          |                             |
| 1215        | OP       | S-3      | 10 rounds light arty on NE corner of BISCHWILLER, long range, 105mm. Movement out of HERRLISHEIM; one-two soldiers going in and out.                                                                                                |                             |
| 1215        | G-3      | S-3      | Div order 137--D-Day will be 2 Feb 45. 142 executes plan on Obj "A" tonight 31 Jan 45.                                                                                                                                              |                             |
| 1216        | CO 2 Bn  | S-3      | Would like the 142 A and P plat to take up the anti-personnel mines they laid to our front. We don't need them and they can do the job as they laid them.                                                                           |                             |
| 1225        | S-2 2 Bn | S-3      | In ROHRWILLER vehicles and personnel inside the town, reported by AT Co. Two patrols are in woods; one from N and one from S. Heard few riflsshots, do not know if enemy or friendly.                                               |                             |
| 1248        | G-2      | S-3      | The French had a cub plane over OFFENDORF this morning which observed many Germans in the town and entrenchments to the S and SW of town were occupied.                                                                             |                             |
| 1308        | 2nd Bn   | S-2      | patrols have not returned as yet but they can see one patrol returning through glasses with 5-6 PSW. Patrol entering the woods from S are engaged in fire fight.                                                                    |                             |



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|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1308        | S-3<br>G-3 | G-3<br>S-3 | Is 141 to relieve 117 Rcn?<br>No, Div OI #137 in effect, D-Day 2 Feb 45.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |
| 1330        | 2nd Bn     | S-2        | 7 PSW taken by patrol were from 2 SS unit; have no identification in Soldbuch, but claim they are from 10th Co 2 SS unit. Bn says rcn unit may have some PSW. PSW from S edge of woods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                             |
| 1340        | S-2        | S-2 117    | Did your patrol take any PSW?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | patrol has not returned yet                 |
| 1341        | S-2 2 Bn   | S-2        | 7 PSW taken in S tip of woods from 10th Co Police SS Bn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |
| 1345        | OP         | S-3        | At 1250, 13 rounds light arty fell in SE part of BISCHWILLER on 35-40 degree az. At 1310 several bursts of friendly MG fire on edge of town. At 1320 tk and 4-5 men in SCHIRRHAIN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                             |
| 1350        | G-2        | S-2        | Msg: ISUM to 311200 Jan. Enemy inactive in Div sector. Two PSW from Begleit Co 10 SS pz Div captured in position by patrol at 130190; stated there were paratroops to NW and regular army trps to SE. Patrol received MG fire from 098193. Enemy apparently executed a relief of outpost line from 126150 to 126160 during morning. 3 DIA reports GAMBSHEIM (1110) clear of enemy and patrols sent toward STAINWALD and E towards RHINE River. Many booby traps encountered in town. |                                             |
| 1438        | S-3<br>CG  | CG<br>S-3  | One patrol to woods returned with 7 PSW, other patrol has not returned.<br>Want the woods occupied even if you have to fight for it. Be sure to put an arty FO out there to register in defensive fires.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |
| 1442        | CO 2 Bn    | S-3        | patrols have returned; patrol to N edge of woods found nothing there. A plat of Co E is on its way there now and rest of Co will follow. Engrs are here and will be ready for any work necessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Notified CG                                 |
| 1449        | S-3<br>CG  | CG<br>S-3  | Is there any bridging material available?<br>Yes, have Engrs atchd to you arrange for it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             |
| 1452        | G-3<br>S-3 | S-3<br>G-3 | Engrs and bridging material will be available so tks can move into woods. Has 1st Bn moved out as yet?<br>Yes, but do not know where the Bn will be billeted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Will have other units close up to make room |



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|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1502        | CO 636 TD<br>S-3 | S-3<br>CO 636 TD | Visited CP and discussed plan of atk with S-3. Suggest putting TDs in woods where CO E is going.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Think this a good idea |
| 1520        | 2nd Bn           | S-2              | 3-man AT patrol left 092175 at 1030, went to 095171, then along 17 grid to 110170; saw 3 Germans W of patch of woods, Germans fired one round of smoke at them. Route is entirely passable by tks. Co E patrol left 084152, bridge at 089153 partially blown but foot trps can cross and planking will get jeeps over. Went to edge of woods at 093147, could see house which had been hit but saw no activity and no tracks; went down W side of woods to stream at 092416, then into woods. Observed trip flares, excavations for SP located 150 yds from center of E edge of woods. No emplacements on E edge of woods; on N side near NW corner, one foxhole. A jeep knocked out vic 093147-093144. 092145 tree with ladder against it, probably OP. Middle of N edge of woods is an American half track and American tk knocked out. Co G patrol left 083151, went to 083148 to S tip of woods. Discovered 7 Germans putting on camouflage in holes and captured all of them. Returned same route. Saw no tk obstacles. |                        |
| 1529        | S-3              | S-4              | 1st Bn is moving to GRIES; 3rd Bn will move up tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| 1542        | CO 131 FA        | S-3              | Visited CP and received a situation report from S-3; stated he had sent 2nd Bn another FO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |
| 1545        | CO 2 Bn          | S-3              | Need 142 A&P plat to pick up mines they laid, Engrs cannot locate them. Heard a little small arms in woods a few min ago. Am sending 3 TDs and light tks fwd, believe we can get them to woods but will need a bridge to get them any further. Will move TDs up as soon as possible; Engrs are working on rd now. After dark, going to make a rcn with TD officer. Have physical contact with 117 Rcn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |
|             | S-3              | CO 2 Bn          | Last report states 117 Rcn moving into the STAINWALD woods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                        |
| 1550        | S-3              | 142 Inf          | We have Engrs trying to find mines that 142 A&P plat laid. Request a guide be sent to 141 Regt CP to lead Engrs to them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| 1555        | EXO              | S-2              | Will not move 3rd Bn until further orders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |



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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1555 31 January 1945

To: 1800 31 January 1945

Place: GRIES, FRANCE (057174)

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| Time & Date | From           | To             | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Action Taken           |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1600        | 142 Inf        | S-3            | We will send an NCO to 141 CP immediately to act as guide to locate mines.                                                                                                                                                                      |                        |
| 1605        | S-3            | EXO            | 3rd Bn is to move to KURTZENHAUSEN by foot; let them pick route. Have them send quartering parties up. Unit in that town is moving out tomorrow.                                                                                                |                        |
| 1630        | S-3 117        | S-2            | One patrol went to 104122, received fire from approximately 10 men dug in, retreated to SW under mortar fire; returned at 1700. Another 3-man patrol left GAMBESHEIM to go to the STAIN-WALD woods to meet first patrol which has not returned. |                        |
| 1645        | 2nd Bn         | S-3            | All of Co E is in woods vic 0914 and phone is in.                                                                                                                                                                                               | Notified C-3           |
| 1700        | S-2            | 2nd Bn         | Organize a combat patrol to go to 115169 to take PSW.                                                                                                                                                                                           |                        |
| 1715        | S-3<br>S-3 143 | S-3 143<br>S-3 | When will the Bns in KURTZENHAUSEN move? 2nd Bn 143 will move out in the morning and should clear the town by 1200 hrs. 4th Bn 143 will move but do not know just when.                                                                         |                        |
| 1750        | CG             | S-2            | Believe the enemy is pulling out so patrol that is to go to HERPLISHEIM must not be sent out early; any time after 2400 will be okay. Object of patrol will be to check to see if Germans are pulling out.                                      | S-2 notified<br>2nd Bn |
| 1755        | S-3 143        | S-3            | Both 2nd and 4th Bns 143 will clear KURTZENHAUSEN by tomorrow night; 2nd Bn will move out by 1200 hrs and 4th Bn will move after dark.                                                                                                          |                        |



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4-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO 30

FROM: 301800A Jan 1945  
TO : 311800A Jan 1945

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Hq 141 ROT  
037173  
311800A Jan 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVIII-14, XXXVIII-15.  
XXXIX-14, XXXIX-15.

1. 141 ROT, with following attachments: Co A 1st Med Bn, 1 Plat Co B 636 TD Bn. As of start of period, CO, 141 ROT, assumed command of defensive sector 3 of BISCHWILLER (0918) and 2nd Bn and AT Co reverted to control, CO, 141 ROT. Defensive sector organized as follows: AT Co with platoons via 090176, 095177 and 092172. F Co platoons via 085165, 085133 and 084151 and G Co along edge of wood line via 077149-082149, with one platoon via 174148. E Co was in reserve. 1st and 3rd Bns remained in reserve in assembly areas, 1st Bn via HCHOLZWEISM (09113) and MITTELHAUSEN (09212) and 3rd Bn via WILHELM (09213) and BONNENHEIM (09413). Sector remained quiet thru out period. During afternoon, one platoon from E Co infiltrated into wooded area via 094144. No opposition encountered and remainder of E Co moved into woods, occupying defensive positions, at 1630A. During afternoon, 1st Bn moved by foot from areas to assembly area via GRUES (0617), at close of period, OP was established in GRUES, and foot elements were enroute to assembly area. 131 FA Bn, Co B 636 TD Bn (-), Co A (-1 Plat) 755 Tk Bn and 1 Plat Co D 755 Tk Bn attached to ROT as of 301800A. 2nd Bn patrol to woods via 094142, captured 7 prisoners.
2. Combat Efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by lack of training, adverse weather factors and approximately a 30% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: CO, 141 ROT, assumed command of defensive sector 3 of BISCHWILLER, as of 301800A. 1st Bn moving, at close of period, to via GRUES. 7 prisoners captured during period.

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ANNEX No. 1

To Accompany Periodic Report (S-3)

NO 141 INF REGT RIFLE

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## 141st INFANTRY REGIMENT RIFLE

UNIT

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REMARKS

141st Inf Regt

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1st Battalion

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2nd Battalion

03170

3rd Battalion

03170

Regt'l Hq Co

03170

Cannon Co

03170

Anti-Tank Co

03170

Service Co

03170

Regt'l Med Det

03170

## ATTACHED UNITS

UNIT

C. P.

REMARKS

Co A 111 Td

03170

Plat, 676 Td

03170

Co A 733 Td

03171

## SUPPORTING UNITS

UNIT

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REMARKS

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S-2 Periodic Report  
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From: 301800A Jan 45  
To : 311800A Jan 45

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Hq 141 Inf  
057170  
312000A Jan 45

Map: France 1/50,000, Sheet 38-14, 15

1. Enemy Situation at End of Period.
  - a. Enemy Front Line - Outpost line believed to run generally along the ZORN River with centers of resistance at HERRLISHEIM & ROHRWILLER. Relief of small unit observed on line of road from 126150 - 126160 this morning.
  - b. Units in Contact - PSW taken from 099140 from 10th Co 2nd SS Police Bn. No known change.
2. Enemy Operations During Period.
  - a. General Summary.

Enemy remained passively defensive throughout period. Inf reacted only when prodded by our patrols. Arty fires negligible.
  - b. Operations of Component Elements.
    - (1) Armor -

Patrol reported hearing 3 tank motors, or 1 motor 3 times, in HERRLISHEIM early in period.  
One tank observed in SCHIRREN (1222) at 1500A hrs.
    - (2) Artillery -

1 cone of 13 rds, east 105mm, SE end of BISCHWILLER 1215A
    - (3) Engineers -

Minefields located at: (a) 092140 - PW info  
(b) 095144-095147 - Patrol info
    - (4) Infantry -

30-40 infantry effected relief along line 126150-126160 this morning.  
Combat outpost at 092140 of 11 men contacted by 117th Ren and G Co 141 patrols - 10 captured.  
1100A - 3 inf observed by AT Co patrol at 113168 - probable Outpost position.
3. Miscellaneous.
  - a. Enemy Losses.
    - (1) PSW  
7 - 10 Co 2nd SS Police Regt, capt'd by G Co patrol
    - (2) Estimated dead and wounded - 5
  - b. PW Statement -

Total Losses 12

3rd Bn 2nd SS Police Regt reported absorbed by 2nd Bn same regt. 2nd Bn now stated to have 250 men, total strength of Regiment 6-700. 10th Co may have strong point vicinity of island formation centered at 105137.

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4. Enemy Capabilities.

No change see S-2 Estimate of the Enemy Situation this Hq dated 31 Jan 45.

Conclusions:

French observation plane noted a considerable hostile strength in OFFENDORF and vicinity today. 2nd Bn of 2nd SS Police Regt believed located mainly in HERRLISHEIM with a total strength according to PSW of 250 men some of which may be used in outposting N and S of HERRLISHEIM. Indications are that main delaying points will be in towns, accomplished by fairly light forces and heavy mine and boobytrapping deep in the salient, with a reversal of the ratio of mines to men in the towns near the mouth of the salient. Late in the period, the 117th Recn Squadron was moving a troop from GAMBSHEIM into the STAINWALD woods to occupy that sector south of the central E-W road. This taking of the entire wooded area there should force any hostile installation along the ZORN River NW of there to be vacated.

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ESTIMATE OF THE ENEMY SITUATION

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1. Summary of the Enemy Situation.

a. Since his determined attempt to cross the MODER RIVER West of HAGENAU, the enemy has reverted to strictly defensive measures along the entire front in this area. The losses sustained in that assault, together with the apparent German need of troops to bolster the Eastern front probably contributed to this change of attitude, in large part. Poor visibility, limiting land and air observation over a relatively long period of time, has enabled the hostile command to shift troops about without much knowledge on our part as to probable reliefs, withdrawals and redispersions. Based on inconclusive information, it is believed that the 533rd Div., with some elements of the 405th Div., are defending the positions from HERRLISHEIM (1214), OFFENDORF (1312), GAMBSHEIM (1110) and may even extend as far North as RONRWILLER (1217). Identifications from bodies of German patrol members indicate the possibility of the Eastern section of the MODER RIVER line being held by 7th Para Div with the 47th VG Div to its West.

b. Constant movement of small numbers of vehicles have been heard in many sectors recently, particularly at night. This is probably a redistribution and regrouping made necessary by losses in the last offensive move as well as the possibility of withdrawal of some previously identified units. A further interpretation of such movement is that it is a demonstration put on to further confuse the situation although limited gasoline supplies would reduce this possibility to a negligible item. Generally, it is expected that any sizeable reserve will be so disposed as to counter any northward thrust by our forces rather than to repel an eastward move. The salient between BISCHWILLER and the RHINE toward the south, can scarcely be exploited by further offensive action and, therefore, is of secondary importance to the German command as compared to the need of defending against a possible thrust to the north by our troops. If the salient is to be defended in any strength, local reserves will probably be located in the vicinity of DRUSSENHEIM and possibly OFFENDORF. A threat by our forces along the line RONRWILLER - DRUSSENHEIM should result in the withdrawal of most of the troops South of that line to avoid their destruction or the hazardous withdrawal East across the RHINE under fire, once the salient is closed at DRUSSENHEIM.

Indications are that most of the mobile German units have moved out of the area entirely. This would include the 21st Pz Div, 10th SS Pz Div and the 25th PG Div, leaving as a general reserve the 245th Div so far as can be determined. Should these units have been completely withdrawn from action on this front, it is reasonable



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able to expect but slight resistance to an attack within the salient from all but artillery units, which can and probably will fire heavy concentrations from positions east of the RHINE as well as from North of the salient.

c. The terrain is flat, frozen, snow covered and interlaced with stream lines most of which form anti-tank obstacles. There are no hills of any consequence in the area under consideration. Observation can be obtained from some of the higher buildings of the towns located in the sector. Cover and concealment are poor particularly because of the snow which backgrounds any movement. Use should be made of white camouflage by foot troops. Fields of fire are unlimited in any direction except for small patches of woods and in towns. Towns, streams, canals and small patches of woods form tank obstacles. Normal stormy weather will favor the defenders since it will prohibit use of our observation and attack planes

2. Conclusions.

Enemy Capabilities:-

a. Enemy can defend from present positions with relatively light forces taking advantage of long fields of fire.

b. Enemy can counterattack locally to re-establish lost positions from direction:

(1) OFFENDORF - HERRLISHEIM

(2) DRUSSENHEIM - HERRLISHEIM

c. Enemy can delay while falling back to fixed defenses of SIEGFRIED Line.

Discussion: Capability a. is favored and with c. to be put into effect as soon as we make strong northward attack. Probable withdrawals, failure to try further to exploit the salient and general lack of activity, all indicate weakened hostile forces whose best alternative is to withdraw to the SIEGFRIED Line when threatened with strong measures.

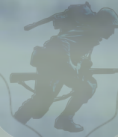
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31 Jan 45

To

CO. 141 ATT S-2

FIELD CONSISTING OF DOUBLE TELLER  
MINES FROM 077119 TO BLOWN  
BRIDGE AT 088119. NO PRISONERS  
TAKEN. VERY LIGHT HARASSING  
ARTY FIRE REPORTED IN WEYERS  
HEIM R 0543 DURING.

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C.O. 44L FTT S-2-34457-

ISUM TO 3442000 ENEMY INACTIVE IN  
DIV SECTOR TWO PWS FROM BEGLEIT CO 40  
SSP2 DIV CAPTURED IN POSITION BY PATROL  
AT 430190 STATED THERE WERE PARATROOPS  
TOWARD AND REGULAR ARMY TROOPS TO SE.  
PATROL RECEIVED MG FIRE FROM 490193.  
ENEMY APPARENTLY EXECUTED A RELIEF  
OF OUTPOST LINE FROM 424450 TO 426460  
DURING MORNING. 3 DIA REPORTS

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 1800 31 January 1945

To: 2138 31 January 1945

Place: GRIES, FRANCE (057174)

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| Time & Date | From    | To       | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Action Taken                    |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1810        | IPW     | S-2      | 7 PSW captured at 099140 from 10th Co 2nd SS Regt. Mission was to occupy 11 man outpost and report enemy activity to plat ldr, outpost relieving 1st and 3rd plats. Co strength 80, Bn strength 250, Regt 600-700. 1st Bn at FREISTETT, GERMANY, the 3rd Bn merged with 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn CP in HERRLISHEIM, Co CP 129152. Co has 9 MGs vic 109140, 8 81mm mortars at 102132. 2nd Bn came from OFFENDORF to HERRLISHEIM on 30 Jan, leaving a small amount of Engrs and AT trps. AT gun at RR 127139. Ammo dump at 125144 in HERRLISHEIM, but there is a scarcity of ammo. There were guns in DRUSENHEIM, also possibly a Regt of paratroopers, on 18 Jan. 5 tks seen W of HERRLISHEIM two days ago in grid square 1114, also quite a few tks in OFFENDORF. Prepared pos along canal; deep covered foxholes with open foxholes on GAMBESHEIM-HERRLISHEIM rd. Foxholes on canal from 096131 to 119142. Do not know of any route of withdrawal beyond HERRLISHEIM. From pres pos to HERRLISHEIM a rd at 100140; know of no others. PSW came in army in October; are all Police Troops. |                                 |
| 1943        | S-3     | EXO      | 3rd Bn not to move until tomorrow afternoon, but send quartering party in morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |
| 2020        | IPW     | S-2      | Further info from 7 PSW: Plat Sgt escaped in woods at 0914. 9th Co dissolved 7 Jan in DRUSENHEIM. 12 LMGs in Co. 6 men from supply trains came by ferry at 142105 on 29 Jan from FREISTETT and from RHEIN-BISCHOF-SHEIM. Kitchen in DRUSENHEIM. Main ammo dump in RHEIN-BISCHOF-SHEIM. Casualties: 4 men from 11 on 31 Jan with trench foot; replaced from HERRLISHEIM. Food between 1800 and 2200, once a day. 11th Co on rt flank; have wire comm to the rear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
| 2104        | 117 Ren | S-3      | Does 141 have any activity on extreme rt flank? There is a fire fight going on 700 yds to their left and red and green flares going up in that vic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | None reported<br>Called CO 2 Bn |
| 2108        | CO 2 Bn | S-3      | No activity has been reported from woods vic 0914 except some red and green flares. Am sending a carrying party with ammo out to Co E now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Notified C-3                    |
| 2138        | S-3     | S-3 1 Bn | What time did 1st Bn close into GRIES?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2030 hrs.                       |

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141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

From: 2138 31 January 1945

To: 2400 31 January 1945

Place: GRIES, FRANCE (057174)

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| Time & Date : | From : | To : | Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.                                                                                           | Action Taken |
|---------------|--------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2210          | 2nd Bn | S-3  | Co G patrol contacted Co E at 2115. Co G patrol passed through Co F area returning. One white and one amber flare reported. |              |
| 2300          | 2nd Bn | S-3  | Co E reports small arms fire to rt front at 500 yds. AT Co patrol reports receiving small arms fire just short of obj.      |              |
| 2340          | 1st Bn | S-3  | Are FFI patrolling this town?                                                                                               | Yes          |



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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 31

FROM: 311800A Jan 1945  
TO : 011200A Feb 1945

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Hq 141 RCT  
057174  
011200A Feb 1945

MAPS: FRANCE 1/50,000. SHEETS: XXXVIII-14, XXXVIII-15,  
XXXIX-14, XXXIX-15.

1. 141 RCT, with following attachments: 131 FA Bn, Co B (-1 plat) 636 TD Bn, Co A (-1 plat) 753 Tk Bn. At start of period, 1st Bn was enroute by foot and motor to assembly area vic GRIES (0617), closing in at 2030A. 2nd Bn, with AT Co attached, held defensive positions as follows: AT Co with platoons vic 090176, 095177 and 092172. F Co platoons vic 085165, 083153 and 084151 and G Co along edge of wood line vic 077149-082149, with one platoon vic 174178, and E Co in woods vic 094114. 3rd Bn remained in assembly area vic WINGERSHEIM (Q9213) and DONNENHEIM (Q9413), thru out period. Defensive sector remained quiet thru out period, with enemy artillery light. Rcn patrol sent to vic HERRLISHEIM (Q1214) during night.
2. Combat efficiency: Satisfactory--Limited by lack of training, adverse weather factors and approximately a 30% reduction in Rifle Company Battle Strength.
3. Results of Operations: 141 RCT retained defensive positions S of BISCHWILLER with 2nd Bn and AT Co. 1st Bn moved to vic GRIES (0617), closing in at 2030A.

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ANNEX No. 1  
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Hq 141st Inf Regt  
APO 36 U. S. Army  
Date: 011200Z Feb 1945

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141st INFANTRY REGIMENT

| <u>UNIT</u>          | <u>C.P.</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 141st Inf Regt ..... | 057170      |
| 1st Battalion .....  | 058173      |
| 2nd Battalion .....  | 082152      |
| 3rd Battalion .....  | 926137      |
| Regt'l Hq Co .....   | 058170      |
| Cannon Co .....      | 049157      |
| Anti-Tank Co .....   | 082152      |
| Service Co .....     | 032174      |
| Regt'l Med Det ..... | 057170      |

ATTACHED UNITS

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Co A 111 Med Bn ..... | 939112 |
| 131 FA Bn .....       | 049157 |
| Co A 753 Tk Bn .....  | 035171 |
| Co B 636 TD Bn .....  | 082152 |

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